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■ Daniel Smith, Chairman of the District of Columbia LP, and Virginia LP member Noelle Stettner join several hundred other people at a rally on the Ellipse outside the White House against the war in Yugoslavia on May 1.

LP works for peace with new StopTheWarNow.com website

More than 13,000 sign petition against Yugoslavian War during first three weeks

The Libertarian Party has turned to the Internet to try to end the American military attacks on Yugoslavia — by creating a new website to flood Congress with anti-war e-mails.

Launched on April 26, the site — StopTheWarNow.com — had generated 13,412 signatures against the war by May 17, or almost 600 e-mail lobbying messages a day.

“Our goal is to bombard Congress with e-mails in the name of peace — just as the American government is bombarding Yugoslavia with missiles in the name of war,” said Steve Dasbach, national director of the Libertarian Party.

People who visit the website can sign a personalized e-mail petition against the war, which is immediately forwarded to their U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Visitors can also send an e-mail message about the

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site to friends, and find links to other anti-war websites.

The website generated immediate praise, including one message from Padre Guillo, a Catholic priest in Tucson, Arizona.

Guillo writes: “This is a wonderful service. I plan to mention you from the pulpit on Sunday. Thank you!”

Bring an end

The Libertarian Party launched StopTheWarNow.com because “we need to do what we can to bring an end to this war as quickly as possible,” said Dasbach.

“Every day that this unde-

clared war continues, it becomes more likely that American ground troops will be deployed, and that we will find ourselves in another Vietnam-style quagmire,” he said. “As the war escalates, it will become increasingly difficult for politicians to admit that they made a mistake, end the war, and bring our troops home.”

Support eroding

Dasbach acknowledged that a slim majority of Americans currently support the U.S.-led NATO bombing campaign in Yugoslavia, but “that support seems to be eroding, and we expect it to plummet as the war drags on and casualties mount,” he said.

“If the American people don’t speak out, the war will continue to escalate, ground troops will eventually be deployed, and American casualties will rise. If we don’t want that to happen, we must persuade our representatives in Congress to stop the war now.”

The Libertarian Party opposes the American-led attack on

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LP mails million-piece recruitment barrage

The Libertarian Party shifted its Project Archimedes into high gear in late April, mailing out one million membership recruitment letters to potential LP members across the USA.

Over the next two months, the mailing is expected to generate “over 7,000 new members/contributors, and over 10,000 additional inquiries,” said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

The massive mailing — the largest ever in LP history — will

cost about \$330,000 for list rentals, printing, postage, and mail-house charges. If successful, it should increase the size of the Libertarian Party by about 20%.

Being targeted by the mailing are 900,000 names on previously tested direct-mail lists and 100,000 names on new lists, said Dasbach.

National Taxpayers

Lists being mailed to again include subscribers to *Reason*, *National Review*, *Gold Stock Report*, *Strategies and Forecasts*, and *The American Spectator* magazines; members of the National Taxpayers Union; supporters of U.S. Term Limits and Citizens Against Government Waste; and customers of Laissez Faire Books. Also being targeted are registered Libertarians in several states.

Lists being mailed to for the first time include subscribers to *American Sentinel* and *Phillips Investor*; and supporters of Americans for Balanced Budget, Citi-

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SPECIAL FEATURE PRESENTATION

The best quotations about liberty

Here are 74 of liberty's best aphorisms, insights, and soundbites

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “I hate quotations. Tell me what *you* know.” At the risk of arguing with such a distinguished writer, Mr. Emerson is in a distinct minority when it comes to hating quotations.

In fact, for Libertarians, quotations from such famous figures as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Thomas Paine, P.J. O’Rourke, Milton Friedman, Robert Heinlein, Mark Twain,

and H.L. Mencken (to name just a few) make up an indispensable part of our debating arsenal — furnishing us with a satisfying mix of aphorisms, distilled wisdom, pithy retorts, and just plain common sense.

Good quotations are the mortar that can bind a speech



■ Ben Franklin

together; the gunpowder that can ignite a press release; the flashlight that can illuminate the darkness of ignorance; and the chocolate sprinkles that can make a newsletter or book more appealing.

Whether making a concise argument for the merits of liberty, or poking fun at government or its programs, or simply reminding us of the eloquent libertarian principles of our nation’s

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NEWS BRIEFS

Libertarians: A force on talk radio

Libertarians continue to play a major role in talk radio, with 22% of listeners describing themselves as "fiscal conservatives/social liberals," says a new study by *Talkers Magazine*.

According to a report published in the March 1999 issue, 51% of talk radio fans are politically independent — but "an amazing 10% are fans of the Libertarian Party."

The study, part of an ongoing "Talk Radio Research Project," is based on interviews with listeners, programmers, and hosts.

Talkers Magazine also noted: "The Libertarian Party is one of the most successful third parties in American history, and one of talk radio's favorites."

Daniel Smith leaves National LP office

Libertarian Party Affiliate Services Manager Daniel Smith has left his position at the LP National office to attend law school — but said he will continue to "fight the power" by playing an active role in the party.

Smith resigned in late April, having been an employee of the LP since 1996 and Affiliate Services Manager since 1997. In that role, he provided assistance to the LP's state and local affiliate parties, answered public queries about the party, and assisted in office projects.

"After some long, hard thinking, I decided it was time to move on with my life," he said, explaining his decision. "I am planning on going to law school in the fall of 2000, and would like to spend some time within the legal profession before making any final decisions about law school."

Smith said he will take with him great memories of his years with the party: "Every day I went to work, I was working to increase the freedom of all Americans. In many ways, there is nothing better than working for everybody's rights, all of the time, on every issue, and getting paid for it."

And Smith said he will still play a leadership role in the LP.

"I plan on remaining active within the LP of the District of Columbia," he said. "I would also like to figure out some ways to increase the LP presence within some [minority] communities which are not currently well represented. And I plan to, in the words of [rap group] Public Enemy, 'fight the power.'"

Gary Nolan forms new lobbying group

LP member and syndicated radio talk show host Gary P. Nolan has formed a new organization to "remind Americans of the Founding Fathers' principles" and to fight for individual liberties.

Called Americans for Freedom and Independence (AFI), the Virginia-based, non-profit, non-partisan group will serve as a citizens' lobby — and "believes that federal, state, and local governments have chipped away at the fundamental human rights that the Framers had attempted to guarantee," said Nolan.

AFI will oppose "government intervention in our daily lives and the whittling away of individual liberties," he said.

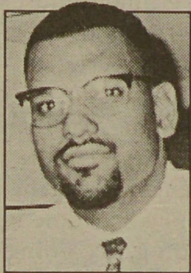
Nolan, syndicated on the Radio America Network on 45 stations, joined the LP on the air on January 12.

For information about AFI, write: 7526-B Diplomat Drive, Manassas VA 20109. Call: (800) 304-4USA. Fax: (703) 257-4758.

Parenting the "libertarian" way

What's the best way to raise kids? The "libertarian" way, says syndicated columnist John Rosemond, whose "Parent and Child" column is printed in newspapers around the USA. He wrote that advice on March 28th in response to requests about his parenting philosophy.

"Where parenting is concerned, I'm a staunch libertarian," explained Rosemond. "Politically, a libertarian believes in the smallest possible government. I believe parents should exercise as little government as possible. Granted, a very young child needs lots of government, but as the child gets older, parent-government should yield to self-government."



Daniel Smith:
To law school.

New website lobbies against war

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Yugoslavia because it "has reduced our military preparedness, reignited Cold War tensions with Russia, inflamed anti-American sentiments around the world, and made us a more tempting target for terrorists," said Dasbach.

Dasbach said Libertarians do "acknowledge the terrible human suffering" of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

"However, our military attacks appear to have made that suffering worse, by killing hundreds or thousands of refugees and innocent civilians through a series of bombing mishaps, and by giving Yugoslavians an excuse to accelerate their ethnic cleansing," he said.

Inflated budget

"But the bottom line is that the human tragedy in the Balkans does not justify American intervention that puts our nation at risk, gives politicians an excuse to meddle around the globe, and saddles taxpayers with an inflated budget for our military," he said.

"Remember, the job of the American military is to defend the United States and to keep Americans safe — not act as the bomb-slinging policeman to the world."

The party decided to launch the new StopTheWarNow.com after "a flood of requests from Libertarian Party members," said Dasbach — with most of them pointing to the previous success of the party's DefendYourPrivacy.com site.

That site had generated 171,000 e-mail messages in opposition to the FDIC's Know Your Customer regulation earlier this year. In reaction to that onslaught, the FDIC withdrew the controversial "bank spying" regulation. [See DefendYourPrivacy.com update on page 21.]

Now, the LP wants to repeat that success with StopTheWar-

Now.com, said Dasbach.

"This decade has seen the rise of the Internet into a major force. With StopTheWarNow.com, we hope to put the power of the Internet to work for peace," he said.

The complete address of the LP's website to lobby against the war in Yugoslavia is: <http://www.StopTheWarNow.com/>

Libertarian views on the war

■ The United States has no more business in Yugoslavia than it had in Vietnam. Like other U.S. military interventions supported by both Democrats and Republicans, this one has only made the situation worse, especially for the Kosovar refugees. The United States has no business being the world's policeman.

— JACOB HORNBERGER, Future of Freedom Foundation

■ If we have a moral responsibility to fight every evil in the world, you'd better kiss your children goodbye and prepare for wars in Rwanda, Zaire, China, Russia, Croatia, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Turkey, the Sudan, Algeria, Kashmir, Angola, Sierra Leone and many other countries. Our voluntary military can't handle them all, encouraging a return of the draft — and your children and grandchildren probably won't be exempt next time. Air strikes can't do the job, so your children will be slogging through the mud of Europe, Asia, or Africa — sleeping in filthy foxholes, risking their lives as they become hardened killers. Is that what you want?

— HARRY BROWNE, 1996 LP candidate for President

■ Clinton has always said he would use the presidency to show Americans what government can do. With this undeclared war against Yugoslavia, he has. Ludwig von Mises used to say that government is not compassion. It is beating, killing, hanging. To that we must add bombing, lawlessness, and mass wreckage. Ladies and gentlemen, your tax dollars at work are being used to murder in cold blood and to demolish an entire society.

— LEWELLYN ROCKWELL, Ludwig Von Mises Institute

Ron Paul files lawsuit against 'illegal' war

Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) and 16 other members of Congress have filed a federal lawsuit, charging that President Bill Clinton has violated the Constitution and the 1973 War Powers Act by waging an undeclared war in Yugoslavia.

The lawsuit, filed on April 30 in Washington, DC, asks the court to order Clinton to end hostilities by May 25 and withdraw all American troops no later than June 24, 1999.

"The president has violated the law and must be taken to task," said Paul. "It is a shame that Congress has not done more to stop the president from this destructive course. So it is therefore incumbent on us to resort to the courts to force Mr. Clinton to follow his Oath of Office and uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States."

Specifically, the lawsuit states that the president violated Section 1, Article 8, Clause 11 of the U.S. Constitution by engaging in war without a formal declaration from Congress. The suit also charges that Clinton violated the 1973 War Powers Act by failing to officially report to

Congress his military strikes against Yugoslavia within the mandated 48 hours.

Paul, a long-time critic of American military intervention in foreign nations, was the LP's presidential candidate in 1988, before returning to the U.S. House as a Republican in 1996.

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Hornberger launches exploratory committee

Head of Virginia-based think tank is second major Libertarian figure to start presidential bid

Jacob G. ("Bumper") Hornberger has announced that he has formed a presidential exploratory committee, his first step towards possibly seeking the Libertarian Party's 2000 presidential nomination.

Hornberger made the announcement at the Massachusetts LP state convention in Bedford on April 17, and said if he does run, he would reach out to the poor and to immigrants with a "guerrilla-style" campaign that "would constantly be on the attack."

"Since I love to argue and debate, a guerrilla campaign would suit my style perfectly," he said. "A Hornberger campaign would constantly be on the attack."

Hornberger, 49, is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation, a non-partisan libertarian think tank in Fairfax, Virginia.

English & Spanish

He is a popular speaker at LP conventions, delivered the televised keynote speech at the Libertarian Party's 1996 national convention, and is the author of numerous pro-freedom essays in both English and Spanish.

His announcement makes him the second major LP figure to form a 2000 presidential exploratory committee, along with the party's 1996 presidential candidate, Harry Browne, who said he may run again.

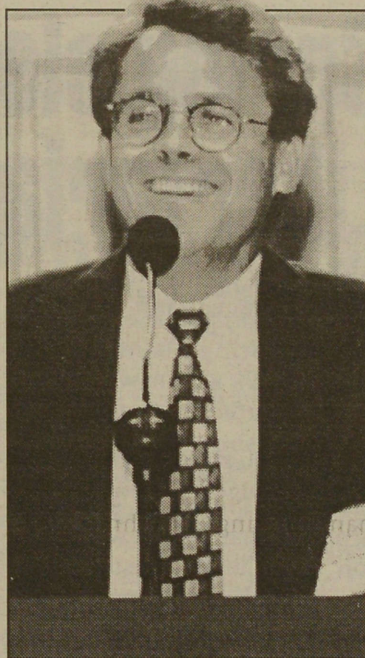
In addition, Jim Burns, a past State Chair of the LP of Nevada and five-time candidate for public office; Dave Hollist, a 1998 Libertarian candidate for U.S. House; and LP member Larry Hines [see "Political News" item on page 4] have all announced they are seeking the party's presidential nomination.

Energetic race

The possibility of an energetic, contested race for the LP's presidential nomination was welcomed by LP activists.

"A Hornberger-Browne competition for the 2000 nomination would make the Y2K convention a classic," said Keith Edwards, the editor of the *Michigan Libertarian* newsletter. "Unlike Republicrats and Dumbocrats who can't develop anything resembling an articulate, moral, principled candidate, the LP could have the luxury of choosing between two such people."

If he ends up deciding to



■ Jacob Hornberger (shown here at the 1998 LP National Convention): "A Hornberger campaign would constantly be on the attack."

move his campaign from the "exploratory" to "official" status, Hornberger said he would use a very different strategy from Browne's 1996 presidential campaign.

"Browne's strategy was to try to run a major-media campaign modeled on those waged by the major-party candidates," he said. "By Browne's own admission, that required a minimum of 200,000 LP members and millions of dollars in campaign contributions. My campaign would wage a guerrilla, insurgency, person-to-person campaign, and that would require only 30,000 LP members."

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California LP debuts new Prop 215 website

The Libertarian Party of California has launched a new website — www.215Now.com — designed to pressure government officials into fully implementing Proposition 215, the medical marijuana initiative passed by California voters in 1996, LP State Chair Mark Hinkle announced in late April.

"[More than] two years have passed since Prop. 215 went into effect, but patients and physicians continue to be harassed, arrested, and prosecuted," said Hinkle. "Enough is enough. The government must stop ignoring the will of the voters."

The first phase of 215Now.com — dubbed "Reschedule Marijuana NOW!" — will urge federal officials to change marijuana's legal status from a Schedule I to a Schedule III drug. According to the federal government, Schedule I drugs have no medical benefits.

"Marijuana's status as a Schedule I drug is the biggest obstacle to implementing state medical marijuana initiatives like Prop. 215," Hinkle said.

To accomplish that goal, 215Now.com features an online petition that allows visitors to send e-mail messages to key federal government officials.

Targets of this first petition are Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Ad-

MARK HINKLE:

"The government must stop ignoring the will of the voters."

ministration; Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General; and General Barry McCaffrey, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director.

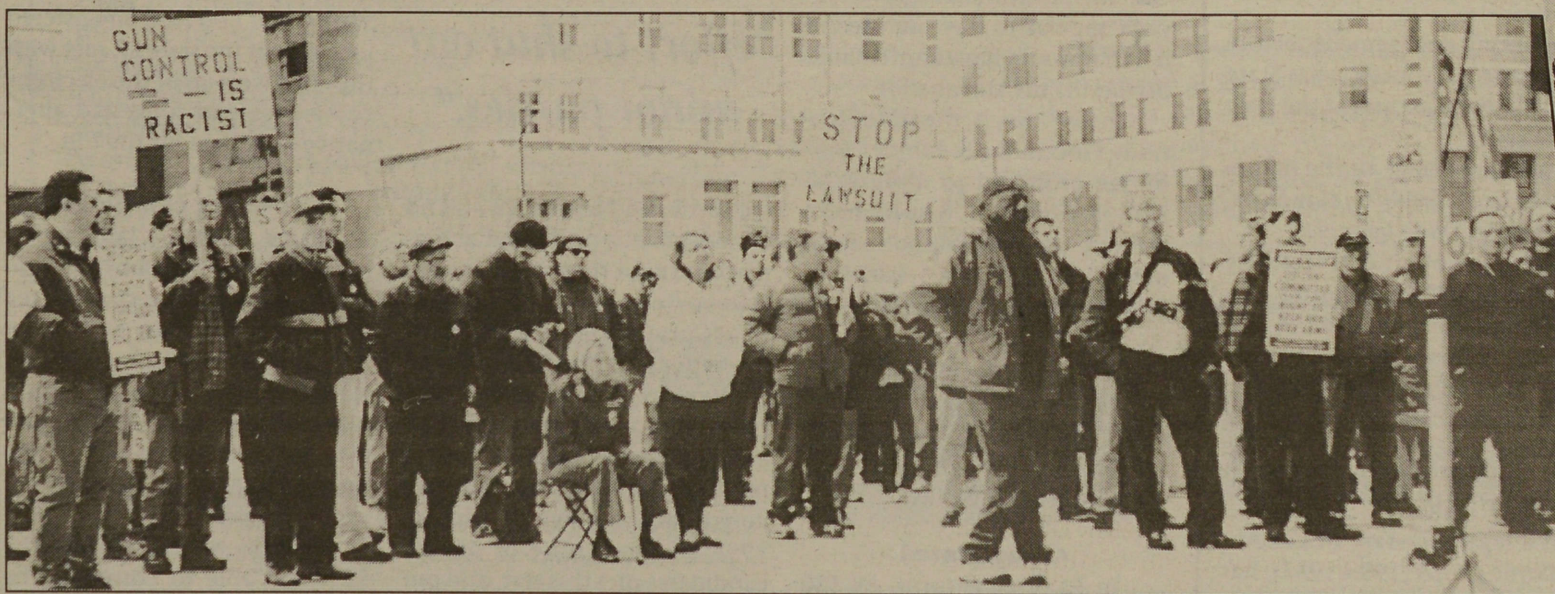
Although specifically targeting California's Proposition 215, the website is open to residents of all 50 states, said California LP Executive Director Juan Ros.

Customized

"You do not have to live in California to sign [the petition]," he said. "In fact, your petition will be customized depending on your state of residence. The objective of this campaign is to change the status so that doctors in all 50 states can legally prescribe marijuana for their suffering patients."

California is one of six states where voters have legalized medical marijuana; the others

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Chicago Libertarians host rally for Second Amendment rights

A pro-Second Amendment rally co-sponsored by Illinois Libertarians drew more than 100 people to Daley Plaza in Chicago on March 27.

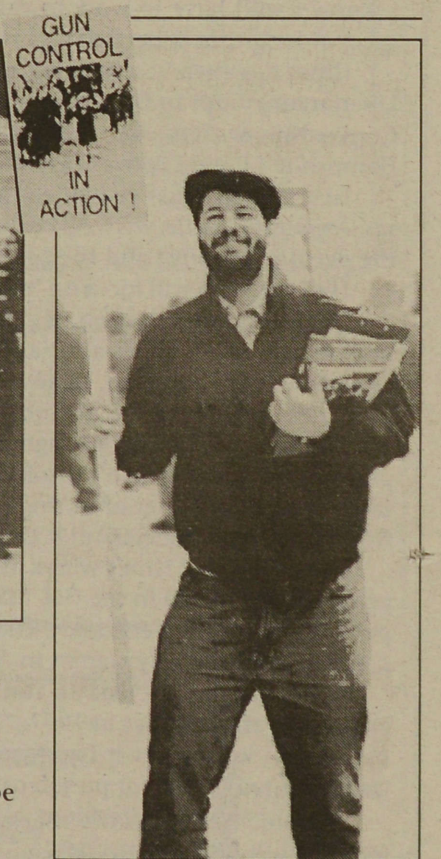
The Chicago Rally for Citizen Safety was designed to show public support for passage of a proposed concealed carry law, and to protest "Mayor Daley's ridiculous lawsuit against gun distributors and manufacturers," said Matt Beauchamp, chairman of the LP of Chicago.

Speakers at the rally included Paxton Quigley, author of the book *Armed and Female*, Joe Waldron of the Second

Amendment Foundation, and Beauchamp.

In addition, Bruno Kosinski, an elderly resident of Chicago who defended himself with a gun against a would-be attacker late last year "received an honor for his bravery" from the LP of Chicago, said Beauchamp.

The event was arranged by the Libertarian Party of Chicago and Concealed Carry, Inc., and was endorsed by the LP of Illinois, the LP of DuPage County, the Illinois State Rifle Association, Jews for the Preservation of Firearm Ownership, and the Second Amendment Foundation.



■ Rockford Libertarian Tim Huwe makes a historic point about the dangers of gun control at the rally at Daley Plaza in Chicago.

POLITICAL NEWS

Jury rights: Kriho conviction overturned

Laura Kriho, a juror who became a national rallying point for the jury rights movement when she was convicted of contempt for arguing against drug laws, had her conviction overturned by an appeals court in April.

Kriho, 35, should receive a new trial because the judge who sentenced her "improperly invaded the sanctity of the jury's right to secrecy," ruled a Colorado appeals court in a 62-page decision.

In 1996, a Denver-area judge had ruled that Kriho obstructed justice because she did not reveal her opposition to Drug Prohibition when she was selected to a jury in a 1994 Colorado drug case.

During deliberations, Kriho told her fellow jurors that "drug cases should be handled by families and not by courts," reported Reuters News Service. The case ended in a mistrial when Kriho refused to vote to convict.

When the judge learned about Kriho's actions, he found her in contempt of court, and ordered her to pay a \$1,200 fine.

The incident made Kriho a *cause celeb* for the jury rights movement and for Libertarians, who rallied around her and argued that the American criminal justice system was threatened if jurors were not allowed to freely state their opinions.

The appeals court agreed on a 2-1 vote, and ruled that if Kriho is tried again for contempt, her opposition to drug laws cannot be considered because it was offered during secret deliberations.

Larry Hines announces presidential bid

A new Libertarian Party member has announced that he is seeking the party's nomination for president.

Larry Hines, 34, said he is running to "introduce to society the idea that one day there will be an openly gay president [and] to bring to the forefront not just gay issues, but issues that affect us all."

Hines, who joined the LP in March 1999, said, "Since I am new to the Libertarian Party, I [know I will] have to work to earn the respect of long-time Libertarians."

Hines has already scheduled speaking engagements before Libertarian groups in Los Angeles, at the Missouri/Kansas State Convention, with the UCLA Bruin Libertarians, and at the New Hampshire LP state convention, he said.

His campaign has generated media coverage in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, www.NH.com, the *Philadelphia Gay News*, the *Bay Area Reporter*, and the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*.

His campaign will focus on "separation of Church and State [and the] decriminalization of drug use and prostitution," he said. As president, Hines also said he would privatize the U.S. Department of Education, remove the military from all foreign countries and revoke U.S. membership in the United Nations.

"I think a lot of people agree with Libertarian ideas and philosophy, but they don't think the country's ready for it," he said. "It's just a matter of setting out plans and proposals that will help people understand it can be a reality."

Professionally, Hines works as a legal secretary in Los Angeles. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps (1983-1987), has performed at the Diversionary Theater in San Diego, and competed in the 1998 Gay Games in Amsterdam.

Hines said he decided to run for president when he was exposed to the Internet in 1997: "I saw the power of the Internet. I don't know how it happened, but all of a sudden I realized I wanted to run for president."

A campaign for president also presents a "phenomenal opportunity for self-expression," he said. "There are a lot of things I want to accomplish [during the campaign]. Probably the biggest reason is for myself. . . I want to express myself."

For information about the Hines campaign, visit: www.gaywired.com/larryhinesin2000. Write: 8581 Santa Monica Boulevard, #445, W. Hollywood CA 90069. Call: (818) 771-8003.



Larry Hines: "Earn respect."

Spring election update: 14 Libertarians win local races

The number of Libertarians who won public office during Spring elections has jumped to 14, with new victories being reported in Oregon and New Hampshire.

In the "Live Free or Die" state, Paul Pinette of Kingston "reported that he had won election" as a Library Trustee in an uncontested race "almost as an afterthought," said State Chair Danielle Donovan.

Seven winners

The Pinette victory boosted to seven the number of Libertarians elected in N.H. during the March 9 local elections.

Also in the winner's circle were John Babiarz (Grafton Cemetery Trustee); Rosalie Babiarz (Town Auditor); Gene Donahue (Marlborough Budget Committee); Steve Davis (Wentworth Town Moderator); Steve Bacon (Greenland Budget Committee); and Don Gorman (Deerfield Trustee of the Trust Fund).

Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, Don L. McDaniel was elected to the Port

NEW VICTORIES were reported in Oregon and New Hampshire.

of Astoria Board of Commissioners in Oregon.

"Once he takes office, Don will represent about 50,000 constituents [and] his first priority will be to privatize the port," reported LP activist Jerome Cole.

McDaniel joined fellow Oregon winners, Richard Burke (Tualatin Valley Water District Board of Commissioners); Beth King (Aloha High School Local School Committee); and Robert King (Beaver Acres High School Local School Committee).

McDaniel's win — like the other local victories — proved "that we can win contested non-partisan races, no matter how large the district," said Oregon LP State Chair Bruce Alexander

Knight. "We need to build on that, electing more and more local officials."

In other races in March, Minnesota LP member Felicia O'Brien was elected Township Clerk in Wrenshall.

In Massachusetts, Benjamin Rivard-Rapoza didn't just get elected as a Dartmouth Town Meeting member — he also made history as the board's youngest member.

Rivard-Rapoza, 17, is a senior at Dartmouth High School and wasn't old enough to legally vote — just was old enough to get elected via a write-in campaign.

And in Vermont, Hardy Macia was elected to the Grand Isle Selectboard.

The sidelines

"It is easier to complain about what government should or shouldn't do from the sidelines than it is to actually do something about it," said Hardy. "But to turn around the big government mentality, even in small towns, requires Libertarians to run for office."

Nevada LP defeats bad ballot bill

Through forceful lobbying and a public relations blitz, the Libertarian Party of Nevada appears to have defeated a bill that would have kept smaller parties off the state ballot.

In late March, the state Elections Procedures & Ethics Committee promised to modify AB 520, a bill that would have pushed "virtually all our candidates off the ballot," said Dan Fylstra, state party Treasurer.

But the new version of the bill, drafted with the help of Nevada Libertarians, "actually made it easier for minor political parties to qualify for ballot access," said Fylstra.

Complicated

In its original form, AB 520 would have required political parties to have at least 10% of the statewide registered voters in order to place candidates on the ballot. It would have also introduced a complicated signature-gathering formula involving political conventions in each voting district.

The bill would have limited "the voices of everyone who is not a major party candidate," said Chris Azzaro, the State Di-

AB 520 WAS AN "effort to shut out minor parties."

rector of the Nevada LP — and would have represented a dramatic turn for the worse for state law.

"Currently, Nevada is one of the better states for ballot access: To stay on the ballot we must have 1% of voters registered Libertarian, or one of our candidates must receive 1% of the statewide vote total," said Fylstra. "In the 1998 election, nine of our 24 candidates met this test, and our top vote-getter received 10% of the statewide vote."

When Nevada Libertarians learned about AB 520, "they

jumped in [it] prior to the first committee hearing," said Fylstra.

James Dan, former Nevada State Chair and now a registered lobbyist for the state LP, met with the chairwoman of the elections committee and suggested alternative language for the bill.

Lobbying campaign

Party members launched a phone and e-mail lobbying campaign directed at committee members, and Dan and *Ballot Access News* publisher Richard Winger testified before the committee against the bill. The party also publicized the bill to the media as an effort "to shut out minor parties."

Thanks to this effort, "the LPN was able to convince the committee to adopt our proposal," said Fylstra — and he also promised that state Libertarians would continue "to track this bill and maintain pressure" as it moves through the process.

But for now, the bill's bad provisions look dead — which state Libertarians say is a victory for democracy.

"Nevada voters were the big winners," said Fylstra. "They deserve a choice on Election Day."

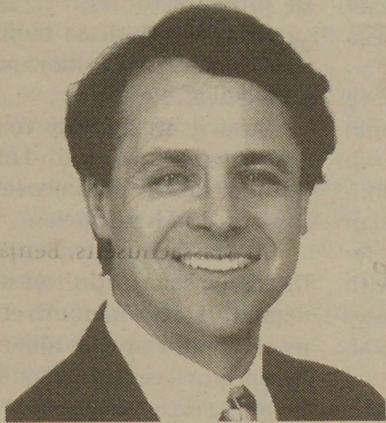
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The Minimum Wage: Enemy of the Poor

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Whenever politicians wish to score political points, they recommend raising the minimum wage. Parading as champions of the poor and downtrodden, they cry out against all those selfish and greedy employers who are paying less-than-subsistence wages to their employees.

The truth is that whenever public officials enact or raise a minimum wage, the only people who get harmed are the very people who are supposedly helped — those at the bottom rungs of the economic ladder.

In every voluntary economic exchange, both parties benefit. Each party to the transaction gives up something he values less for something he values more. If such were not the case, he wouldn't enter into the transaction.

The principle applies to labor relations. When an employer and employee voluntarily enter into working relationship, both of them benefit. The employer values the employee's work product more than he values the money he is paying

the worker. The employee values the money more than he values the time and energy he is devoting to the business.

Let's assume that a certain employer offers to pay a job applicant \$2 an hour and that the applicant refuses to take the job. We can assume that the applicant values his time more than he values the money.

What if the applicant offers to work for \$5 an hour and the employer refuses? Here, the employer values his money more than he values the work product of the employee.

All of sudden, politicians step in with a law that requires employers to pay a minimum wage of \$5 an hour. Is poverty alleviated? Is "exploitation" eradicated? Is the worker helped?

No. After all, a minimum-wage law does not force an employer to hire an applicant. The law simply says that *if* an employer hires an applicant, he must pay the legally established rate of \$5 an hour. Which applicants will get hired? Only those workers whom an employer would have been willing to pay \$5 an hour anyway.

In other words, if an employer values the money (\$5 an hour) less than he values the work product of the employee, he'll hire the employee. But in such a case, the minimum-wage law is superfluous because the employee would have been hired

in the absence of the law.

What if an employer values the money (\$5 an hour) more than he values the person's work product? Then he doesn't employ him and, thus, the minimum-wage law has accomplished nothing.

So, what's the problem? The problem is that *the minimum-wage law locks out of the labor market all of those people whose labor is valued by employers at less than the legally established minimum wage.*

For example, suppose an employer and a worker both wish to enter into a working relationship at \$4 an hour. The minimum-wage law prohibits them from doing so. Thus, the worker is condemned to unemployment and the employer loses the value of his labor services.

So, how would wages ever rise in the absence of minimum-wage laws? There is one and only one way that wages can rise in a society: through the accumulation of capital. With capital, workers become more productive. A farm worker who uses a tractor will produce more than his counterpart who uses a hoe. And more productivity means more money with which to pay higher wages.

Doesn't this mean then that employees are at the mercy of the kindness and benevolence of employers to pay them higher wages when they produce more? No. What motivates even the

most self-seeking, profit-grabbing employers to pay higher wages is the prospect of competitors' bidding away their workers.

After all, if in the absence of minimum-wage laws, employers would pay only subsistence wages or less, then why do so many businesses today pay their employees *more* than the minimum wage? Competition in the labor market, not kindness or generosity, forces employers to pay the higher wages.

The key to raising standards of living then, especially for those at the bottom of the economic ladder, is (1) to prohibit governments from "helping the poor" by confiscating massive amounts of income and capital from the rich and middle class and (2) to prohibit government from "helping the poor" with economic regulations like the minimum wage.

If poverty could be eradicated with minimum-wage laws, everyone in the world would be rich. All that legislators would have to do is raise the minimum wage to match what they make. Come to think of it, why haven't they?

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TALKINGPOINTS

Clinton, the caring warmonger & why the AARP wants your wallet

War: For the kids

I suppose it was too much to expect Bill Clinton to bomb the Serbs without asserting that this policy decision, like all others, was for "our children."

"You may not know a great deal about Kosovo," said the president, but here's the thing: "I want our children to have a Europe, I want this young girl here" — he waggled his finger at some Monica-in-waiting he'd spotted in the crowd — "to grow up in a world that is safer and more secure and more prosperous."

Clinton is a caring, humanitarian warmonger: He wouldn't be able to bomb all these countries — Iraq, Sudan, Afghanistan, Serbia — if he didn't have the endorsement of that little girl. It takes a child to raze a village.

— **MARK STEYN**
The American Spectator,
May 1999

Regulatory "high tide"

"Ten Thousand Commandments: An Annual Policymaker's Snapshot of the Federal Regulatory State," is a great source of regulatory trivia or a screed that indicts the Clinton administration for going overboard on regulation and Congress for lacking the guts to take responsibility for the rules it orders up.

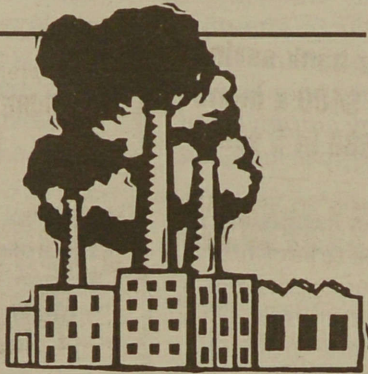
"Streaming out of Washington now are sometimes bizarre regulations covering, among other things, workplace ergonomics, flammability rules for upholstered furniture, emission limits for sport-utility vehicles, and energy-efficiency standards for consumer goods," said Clyde Wayne Crews Jr., director of competition and regulation at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and author of the report.

By the CEI's accounting, the public pays \$700 billion annually for what Crews calls a "regulatory high tide."

The report calculates there are 117 rules in the works that will cost businesses and consumers more than \$100 million annually; 38 of those will come from the EPA. Another 70 rules costing more than \$100 million were finalized last year.

— **THE WASHINGTON POST**,
April 9, 1999

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WHILE THE environmentalists rail against fossil fuels, the federal government spends tens of millions of dollars subsidizing their use.

Why are prisons so full?

■ Number of Americans arrested in 1997 for murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault (combined): 717,720. Number of Americans arrested for marijuana offenses: 695,200. Percentage arrested for possession: 87.

■ Percentage of federal prisoners incarcerated on drug charges: 59. For violent crimes: 2.5.

■ Number of Americans in federal and state prisons in 1980 for violating drug laws: 23,900. Number of people in federal and state prison in 1996 for violating drug laws: 292,794

— **PLAYBOY MAGAZINE**,
April 1999

AARP: We want your \$\$\$

As the mammoth American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) convenes its Board meeting to discuss its future agenda, a study by the non-partisan National Taxpayers Union Foundation has determined that AARP's existing agenda — for federal legislation — would bloat the fed-

eral budget by \$944 billion per year, if enacted all at once. This amounts to a federal spending increase of over 50%, and could require a permanent annual tax hike of \$7,801 per taxpayer.

"With its large lobbying arm and over \$70 million annually in federal government grants, AARP is easily the most formidable special interest group in the nation," observed NTUF policy analysts Tom McClusky and Jared Adams. "Unfortunately for seniors and the taxpaying public, the organization dedicates these resources to lobbying for bigger government."

NTUF's findings appear in a paper released [in April], with a foreword by former Senator Alan Simpson. Among the findings:

■ AARP's 13-chapter agenda would raise annual federal spending by a minimum of \$944 billion annually.

■ Over the next five years, federal budget surpluses are projected to top \$600 billion; AARP's agenda would swallow this windfall in less than one year.

■ AARP's costly proposals stray far from its perceived image as a "noble benefactor" of seniors. Among the causes it has addressed are long-term care for all age groups, rural highways, secondary education, gun control, global warming, and campaign finance.

The entire paper is available online at http://www.ntu.org/aarp_intro.htm.

— **NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION FOUNDATION**,
April 28, 1999

How to make kids sick

After the Children's Defense Fund, a lobbying group, claimed that 10 million American children were not covered by health insurance, the federal government responded by committing \$40 billion over five years to provide Kidcare, with the White House vowing to sign up 5 million uncovered children by 2000.

But since the program's enactment in 1997, fewer than 500,000 children have enrolled, leading the administration to launch a \$1 billion "outreach" effort, complete with a toll-free telephone number, to sign up more children.

But a survey conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services showed that even among families with incomes of \$10,000 or less, 97% of children get all the health care they need, and less than 2% cite lack of money or insurance as a reason for not getting care.

And as Robert Goldberg notes, a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research even found that uninsured children tended to be healthier than those covered by Medicare regardless of income or race, with notable *increases* of illness rates among low-income children after starting to use Medicare.

— **THE WEEKLY STANDARD**,
March 22, 1999

Subsidized pollution

While environmentalists rail against fossil fuels, the federal government spends tens of millions of dollars every year subsidizing the use of fossil fuels.

For instance, in fiscal year 1997, fossil energy research and development at the Department of Energy received \$365 million. The Clean Coal Technology Program (CCTP), which subsidizes additional coal-related research, has cost taxpayers approximately \$1.5 billion since its inception.

— **INTELLECTUAL AMMUNITION** (The Heartland Institute),
March/April 1999

Jesse "The Spender"

[Governor Jesse] Ventura is widely considered not just a conservative but a libertarian. He certainly talks like one, [but] the mystery begins when you try to detect any connection whatsoever between Ventura's principles and his proposals for state fiscal policy.

Ventura's budget recommends an 11% hike in state spending in the next millennium, with hundreds of millions of new dollars for education including such "nice" touches as expanded free breakfast programs. Ventura is also eager to invest hundreds of millions in

light rail [public transit].

As for \$1.3 billion in upfront tobacco settlement payments, Ventura doesn't see that as "the people's money," available for tax rebates or ordinary spending. He proposes to use it to set up various foundations to direct more dollars to the poor and the public health industry.

Add it all up and Ventura may have set a new record for the distance he has put between his rhetoric and his policies.

Ventura is authentically, reflexively libertarian on social regulation. He's all for liberating jet-skiers and snowmobilers and hemp growers and ticket scalpers and a dozen other oppressed populations. This freedom-fighting, boys-will-be-boys agenda obscures his statism elsewhere.

— **D. J. TICE**,
St. Croix Review (Minnesota),
April 1999

Bumper crop of cash

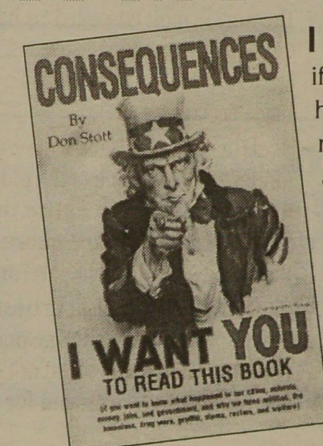
In west Texas last year, 200 farmers obtained federally subsidized insurance on a type of cotton that wasn't feasible to grow in their arid region. They paid \$4.4 million in premiums and then claimed nearly \$15 million in benefits when most of the crop failed.

Farmers in North Dakota and surrounding states recently rushed out and bought seed for durum wheat, even in areas not suited for the crop, to take advantage of a new insurance policy offering benefits far higher than they could earn if they grew and sold ordinary wheat.

The [crop insurance] program has been costing the government more than \$1.5 billion a year, and Congress is considering doubling that to improve the coverage and make it less costly to producers — [even though] government auditors say the system is riddled with abuse, conflicts of interest, and errors.

— **PHILIP BRASHER**
Associated Press,
April 1, 1999

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Party mails one million Archimedes letters

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zens for a Sound Economy, Yes to Congressional Term Limits, and the Heritage Foundation.

If the mailing generates the expected response, it should raise enough money to cover its cost, said Dasbach, which the party will "roll over" into the next Project Archimedes mailing, tentatively scheduled for August.

"We expect it to return most of the cost, so that we will be able to send out another mailing in a few months," he said.

The April million-piece mailing went out later than the party had hoped, acknowledged Dasbach, because it took longer than expected to test various versions of the recruitment letter, learn which lists responded best, and raise the money needed.

"We had to build a large enough capital fund to finance the mailing, and complete enough testing of lists and letters to be confident of success," he said.

Increase response

Over the past year, said Dasbach, the party tested several dozen combinations of recruitment letters and membership "premiums" — such as books about libertarians and free political newsletters — in an effort to increase the response rates and contribution levels.

"When you mail out a million pieces, a difference of one-tenth of a percent in the response rate or a few dollars in the average contribution can make an enormous difference," he said. "It can literally be the difference between breaking even financially, or losing tens of thousands of dollars.

"This mailing is an enormous roll of the dice for the party, and we had an obligation to do everything we could to make sure it was successful."

If this mailing — and subsequent Project Archimedes mailings — perform as expected, the party could triple in size by the 2000 convention, said Dasbach.

"I expect to have about 50,000 [members and subscribers combined] by the end of 1999, assuming that we are able to complete our mailing schedule," he said. "I expect to have 100,000 contributors by the July 2000 convention."

The million-piece mailing in

April followed more than 1.5 million Project Archimedes recruitment letters that mailed last year, noted Dasbach.

In 1998, the party did six Project Archimedes mailings — in February (229,000 pieces), April (252,000), June (422,000), September (195,000), October (221,000), and November (150,000).

Project Archimedes is the Libertarian Party's direct-mail

STEVE DASBACH:

"This mailing is an enormous roll of the dice for the party."

membership growth campaign. Using extensive testing, the party is locating mailing lists that contain relatively high numbers of natural libertarians — and is using those lists to tap into the millions of latent libertarians that pollsters say exist in America.

"Numerous national polls indicate that there are 50 million people who already hold essentially libertarian views," said Das-

bach. "In addition, many other polls indicate a large public demand for a new party.

"Therefore, our recruitment efforts are concentrating on people who have both of these characteristics: They already agree with most of our positions, and they are disgusted with the Democrats and Republicans and want an alternative."

The project is named "Archimedes" for the Greek philosopher/mathematician's quote: "Give me a lever long enough and I shall move the earth."

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AFFILIATE NEWS

Charging loquacious Libertarians & making a gun buy-back backfire

■ California

The Libertarian Party of California has taken a bold stand in favor of deregulation — of hairbraiding, that is.

"This is no joke," said State Chair **Mark Hinkle**. "It's a serious sign that government has gone too far trying to micro-manage our lives."

In early April, the state LP endorsed two bills to "separate hair and state" — Assembly Bill 132 and Senate Bill 235, which would exempt hair braiding from regulation under the state Barbering and Cosmetology Act. Currently, hair braiders are required to spend upwards of \$9,000 on cosmetology training and a licensing exam.

The state party also criticized a rash of other "foolish" bills introduced this year, including legislation requiring gas station owners to provide free air and water; a bill that would prevent the release into the wild of live bullfrogs and turtles imported into California for use as food; and a bill that would add cigarette-style health warning labels to cigars.

"Our legislators have gone hog wild — like kids in a joke shop — introducing foolish bills covering almost any subject," said Hinkle.

■ California

Libertarians in Vista and La Mesa — fresh from a victory over a library tax — are now trying to save taxpayers even more money by killing a \$129 million school bond issue. Just before the filing deadline for the June 8 election, they submitted ballot arguments against the tax hikes.

"To throw more and more money at education is not the solution," said **Bob Whalen**, a leader of the Vista LP. "This is an expensive, anti-democratic special election specifically intended to keep voter turnout low."

LP anti-tax guru **Richard Rider** also pointed out that school bonds, supposedly intended for construction costs, are often a scheme to funnel more money into teacher salaries.

The LP may have its work cut out: Their pro-tax opponents include a number of high-profile politicians, including the mayors



Photo by Jeff Chase

Congratulations from Gene Burns

■ Legendary radio talk show host Gene Burns (left) congratulates Elias Israel after his election as State Chair of the LP of Massachusetts at the state convention in Bedford on April 17. The event was one of the largest state conventions in the history of the Libertarian Party, attracting more than 250 attendees, and generating media coverage from the Associated Press and the *Boston Globe*. "With this many people and this much enthusiasm, it's no wonder that we're the fastest-growing party in Massachusetts and the nation," said Israel.

of Oceanside and Vista, and former U.S. Senate candidate Darrell Issa.

■ California

Libertarian tax-fighter **Richard Rider** has come up with a new way to strike fear into revenue-happy politicians: He's started a new San Diego taxpayers' organization to battle bond issues, tax increases, and subsidized stadiums.

On April 14, Rider announced the formation of San Diego Taxfighters, which he hopes will replace the current San Diego County Taxpayers Association (SDCTA) — a "bogus" anti-tax group he said "championed the interests of local politicians and the commercial interests of the group's directors" instead of the taxpayers.

The SDCTA supported the new government-subsidized Padres baseball stadium, expansion of the city's convention center, a \$423 million library initiative, and at least five school bond increases, charged Rider.

"They really don't represent the taxpayers," he said. "Any organization that comes out in favor of an increase in sales taxes, that favors multi-million dollar subsidies for million-dollar ballplayers and team owners, is not a taxpayers' association. It's time for a *real* taxpayers' group to come forward."

■ District of Columbia

District Libertarians publicized the link between two acts of government aggression — the current air assault on Yugoslavia and the 1993 attack on the Branch Davidians — by erecting 82 crosses in the Ellipse, outside the White House, on April 18.

The event, organized by the Committee for Waco Justice (CWJ), commemorated the 23 children, 36 women, and 34 men killed during the FBI's fiery attack in Waco, Texas.

Protesters also displayed a banner reading "The FBI Killed a Village and Its Children" and carried signs "linking Clinton's aggression against Davidians and

in the Balkans today," said **Carol Moore**, LP member and coordinator of the CWJ.

"Waco was just a warning of the kind of Holocaust that may face the world because of Clinton's selfishness and recklessness," she said. "NATO bombings have killed hundreds of Albanians and Serbs and may yet lead to accidental nuclear war between Russia and the U.S."

■ Florida

Leaders of the Florida LP have expressed support for an effort by Ward Connerly to bring an "anti-preferences" initiative to Florida.

On March 15, Vice Chair **Tom Regnier**, LPF At-Large Director **Jim Alsis**, Palm Beach County Chair **Frank Longo**, and Broward County Chair **Brian Bustamante** met with Connerly after a speech in Miami Lakes.

"Mr. Connerly, a black businessman and member of the university Board of Regents in California, explained his goal of a color-blind society, where, as Martin Luther King said, people should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin," said Regnier.

Connerly led the drive to end "affirmative action" in California and Washington state, and will make Florida his next battleground for ending government-mandated preferential treatment based on race, gender, or ethnicity.

"[Connerly] pointed out that government discrimination against one group is still discrimination," said Regnier. "[He said] we didn't fight [so] Rosa Parks could sit anywhere on the bus, but so that *any* person could sit anywhere on the bus."

■ Iowa

The state LP experimented with an innovative way to raise money at its May 1 state convention: Selling microphone time to long-winded Libertarians.

"Have you ever wished you could give the keynote address at a Libertarian convention, or any convention, for that matter?" asked organizer **Roger Fritz**. "Here's your chance to replicate that — and help the LP of Iowa at the same time."

For \$3 a minute, Fritz invited attendees to step up to the mike "and speak about what's right or wrong about the world. But it's

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your mike, so maybe you just want to talk about your dog Billie — or even tell fish tales. The Constitution guarantees us freedom of speech — so let's use it while we still can!"

The talkathon was labeled the first-ever "LP of Iowa Soapbox," with the party issuing speaking slots on a first-paid, first-awarded basis.

■ Montana

The State Chair of the Montana LP has spoken out against a proposed measure to license landlords in the city of Missoula — but faces a decidedly uphill fight on the issue.

On May 4, State Chair **Mike Fellows** was the only person to speak against the measure at a public hearing before the Missoula City Council.

"[The] city government has no business regulating landlords, and increased licensing costs would make affordable housing more difficult to find," said Fellows.

The proposed ordinance would require anyone renting out duplexes, single homes, apartments or rooms to get a license from the city government.

■ Montana

County health officers and nonprofit groups are gearing up for a "money grab" as state legislators decide how to divide the revenue from the tobacco settlement, warns LP State Chair **Mike Fellows**.

"Groups like the American Lung Association continue to ask political candidates not to accept tobacco money, but they're the first to line up for a grant from the tobacco settlement," Fellows charged in an April 12 press release. "Let's end this cookie-jar madness."

Noting that tobacco taxes fall disproportionately on people with incomes below \$30,000, he also chided tobacco tax supporters for backing a regressive tax.

"Democrats who oppose regressive taxes don't mind sticking it to this despised minority, and of course Republicans who claim they oppose tax hikes are joining in too," he said.

■ New Jersey

A \$30,000 "gun buy-back" program sponsored by the local police department backfired on March 19 — with a little help from Monmouth County Libertarians.

"A small group of us showed up and distributed leaflets blasting the program for being a waste of taxpayers money which would neither remove guns from the hands of criminals nor promote public safety," said LP County Chair **Pat Bontempo**. "We also carried a sign that summarized

our position quite nicely: 'More Guns. Less Crime.' "

The protest even triggered media coverage for the LP in three local newspaper articles, one of which included a color photo displayed prominently on page one.

Needless to say, protests are being planned for upcoming buy-back programs as well, said Bontempo.

■ North Carolina

The government should not be able to steal your land and give it to big business, say state Libertarians — so they are opposing a dangerous new bill that would expand the power of eminent domain.

On April 12, the LP of North Carolina publicly blasted the Economic Development Eminent Domain Act (H119), which would allow local governments to condemn and take any real estate for "economic development" reasons.

"It's bad enough that government can pave over your neighborhood for a new highway," said State Chair **Sean Haugh**. "At least under the current law, governments must claim some public purpose for this action. But stealing property from people just to hand it over to favored businesses is a whole new level of corporate welfare."

Instead, Haugh urged legislators to abolish state-sponsored corporate incentives — not expand them.

"We believe that the people are a much better judge than government of what businesses deserve support," he said. "Our government is supposed to be a democracy that protects individual rights, not some misguided public/private partnership. There are words to describe such a form of government, but democracy isn't one of them."

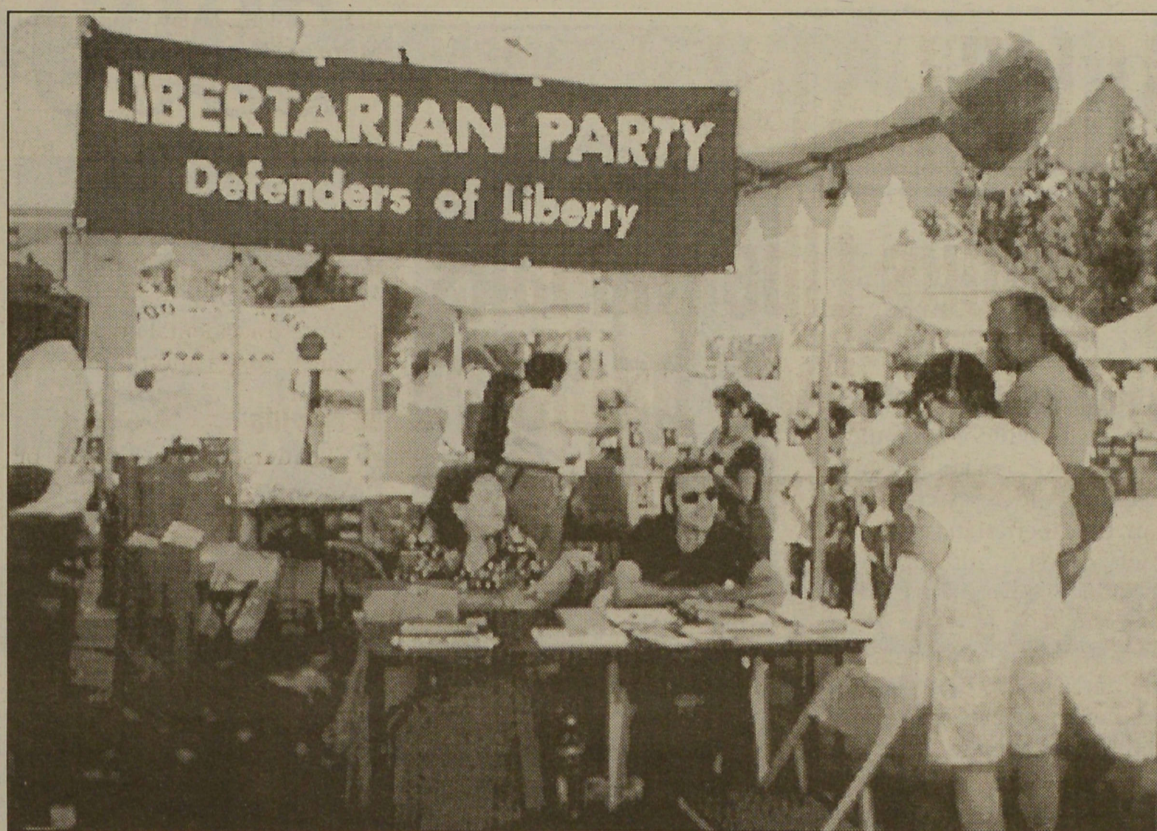
■ North Carolina

Restaurants in Thomasville went through a "sobering experience" recently when their right to serve certain kinds of alcoholic beverages was put to a public vote.

"This is not an alcohol issue; this is a free enterprise issue," said **Ken Younts**, Treasurer for the LP of Davidson County, which campaigned vigorously for the measure. "In a country that adheres to free-market principles, it is confusing why a referendum is taking place at all."

And although the liquor-by-the-drink referendum was approved by 54% of voters on March 9, Libertarians say the only law that should have come into play was the law of supply and demand.

"If a business owner wants



Earth Day: Another Libertarian outreach opportunity

■ Libertarian Party activists Renee Christy and Dan Wisnoski staff an outreach booth at the Earth Day festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 17. "They were passing out Dr. Mary Ruwart's pamphlet, *The Pollution Solution*, and selling her book *Healing our World*," said Chris Azzaro, State Director of the LP of Nevada. "They found people were very receptive to the Libertarian approach to protecting the environment." The booth was sponsored by the LP of Clark County.

to serve mixed drinks, that should be up to him or her," said LP member **Jim Todd**. "Ultimately the decision to continue selling alcohol should be up to the people of Thomasville — they will either patronize the business or they won't."

"That is a true referendum, the free-market way."

Younts acknowledged community concerns about drunken driving, but said, "The way to make our streets as safe as possible is to enforce the laws we already have. The morality of drinking is solely an individual choice — not something you should be voting on."

■ Ohio

The state LP's Executive Committee voted unanimously in March to endorse an initiative petition drive designed to end bipartisan gerrymandering and make it easier to oust "entrenched incumbents."

"This is an immediate and critical issue because district lines will be redrawn following the 2000 Census," said State Chair Emeritus **Jack Matheny**. "If this petition drive succeeds, the political process in Ohio will present a much higher degree of fairness and impartiality."

If the League of Women Voters collects enough signatures to place the issue on the November ballot, Ohioans could vote to abolish the bipartisan Apportionment Board, which draws the boundaries for all Congressional and state legislative seats.

That way the districting would be decided by a mathematical, rather than a political, formula.

"If the state can't come up with a better way of drawing district boundaries, then it's time for citizens to take action," said **Dena Bruedigam**, a past Libertarian campaign manager.

RICHARD PEARL:

"It's things like this where we Libertarians can really shine."

■ Ohio

Libertarians appeared at a legislative hearing on April 27 to denounce Governor Bob Taft — "a man who lives in a mansion with a security system and a private police force" — as a hypocrite for refusing to sign a concealed-carry bill.

"Refusing to sign this law is a mistake that could cost innocent people their lives," said Ohio LP Vice Chair **Scott Smith**. "The people who benefit most from concealed-carry laws are the working class. They're the ones who make their way through crime-ridden streets — and they're the ones the governor leaves in danger if he refuses to sign this bill."

Smith and LP Political Direc-

tor **Phil Procaro** were lobbying for the Personal Protection Act, a Vermont-style law that would allow every resident to carry a concealed weapon.

"This bill is modeled after Vermont's hugely successful law, which simply states that law-abiding citizens may carry a firearm for any reason except the commission of a crime," Procaro said. "In Vermont, there are no restrictions to carrying concealed: No state permission slip, no fee for the permit, no fingerprints and no government-imposed waiting period. With such a law, Vermont is consistently rated one of the safest states in the country."

■ Oregon

Charging residents a state income tax on top of the federal income tax amounts to double taxation, say Libertarians — so they launched a statewide campaign on April 15 to ease the burden.

"The 100% Deductibility" initiative is a constitutional amendment that would make every Oregonian's federal taxes deductible on state tax returns," said **Richard Burke**, chair of the Mainstream Liberty Caucus.

The LP and Oregon Taxpayers United have embarked on a campaign to promote the measure, starting with mailing initiative petition forms to Oregon's 15,000 registered Libertarians.

Burke noted that 100% deductibility was in place when the state first taxed income in 1929.

"Since then, the legislature has consistently defied the will of the voters on this issue," he said. "For example, the Legislature tried to eliminate it in 1959, but voters overturned the decision. Passing 100% deductibility as a constitutional amendment will prevent future legislative tampering."

■ Tennessee

Libertarians in Rutherford County are participating in an effort to force the city government of Murfreesboro to put a \$45 million commerce center bond issue to a public vote.

County Libertarians have joined forces with Referendum Now! to collect the 4,000 required signatures — despite the fact that "Murfreesboro City Council is firmly determined to go through with this project at taxpayers expense," said **Richard E. Pearl, Sr.**, Chair of the Rutherford County LP.

But fighting for the right of citizens to vote against a multi-million-dollar expenditure is an issue that's tailor-made for Libertarians, he said.

"It is things like this where we Libertarians can really shine — and bring our name into the public eye [with] a pocketbook-type issue," said Pearl.

The enthusiastic support by Libertarians also won the praise of Referendum Now! leaders.

"Referendum Now is grateful for the support given to us by the Libertarian Party of Rutherford County," said Terri Carlton, the group's co-founder. "It is organizations such as the Libertarian Party which are going to make all the difference in the success of our petition drive."

■ Tennessee

A proposed state income tax seems to have been defeated this year — and Libertarians want to keep it that way.

"The voters of the state of Tennessee sent a very clear message to the General Assembly — we do not want a state income tax," said **Jonnelle Rein**, the Tennessee LP's Secretary.

On April 22, the Assembly adjourned a special session on taxes without passing a 4% state income tax proposed by the governor, despite a barrage of "scare tactics" and a looming \$400 million budget shortfall.

"They tried their scare tactics on the public by threatening to cut health care and education — and the public didn't buy it," said State Chair **Charles Wilhoit**. "[But] we can't let our guard down: It will be only a matter of time until an income tax will be introduced again. Next time, we will be ready to fight for real tax reform and against the income tax!"

THE ISSUES

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Stop government's "baby registration" plan

A new federal law encouraging states to build a computerized database of infants with birth defects is a chilling proposal that smacks of government eugenics research — and should be opposed by every American, the Libertarian Party said.

"Only a politician with a morality defect would support a database of babies with birth defects," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director.

Under the so-called Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998, the federal government will provide states with \$70 million to identify all infants born with a birth defect, label them by race and gender, enter them into a government database, and track and monitor them for five years.

Supporters of the bill claim such a database will allow researchers to better understand birth defects.

But the Libertarian Party opposes the plan, said Dasbach, because the government should not be in the "baby registration" business — especially when it involves infants who are struggling with life-threatening medical conditions.

"This proposal is not only unconscionable, it also opens the door to frightening abuse by the federal government of our most vulnerable citizens — tiny infants who are already handicapped by genetic bad luck," he said.

Hotel spying program: "Police state tactics"

State troopers in New Jersey are paying hotel employees \$1,000 to spy on their guests and anonymously snitch on them to the police — a practice Libertarians call a "shocking police state tactic" that threatens the privacy of hotel guests.

"For the price of an overnight stay on the New Jersey Turnpike, you get a clean room, a comfortable bed — and a government informer," said Dasbach. "Thanks to this spy-on-your-guest program, the next time you enter a Holiday Inn to check in, you may end up checking into a jail cell."

Under the NJ State Police's Hotel-Motel Program, troopers have been conducting "surveillance seminars" to recruit hotel employees to inform on overnight guests who fit a "profile" of drug smugglers, according to an expose in *The New York Times*.

Indications of drug trafficking can include paying for your room with cash, taking too many phone calls, or pulling a trailer behind your vehicle, according to police.

"Thanks to these kinds of programs, you can be stalked by state troopers, interrogated, and arrested — all based on information from a hotel clerk who was bribed into invading your privacy," said Dasbach.

Lawsuit is really attack on First Amendment

A new lawsuit that seeks to hold movie directors, video games, and Internet sites "responsible" for the slaying of three high school students is an assault on the First Amendment that could cripple free speech, the Libertarian Party warned.

"This lawsuit attempts to murder the First Amendment, just like a deranged killer murdered innocent high school students in Kentucky," said Dasbach. "This is censorship by lawsuit."

A lawsuit filed in April in federal court in Kentucky seeks \$130 million in damages from 25 companies, arguing that media violence inspired 14-year-old Michael Carneal to shoot three students at Heath High School in 1997.

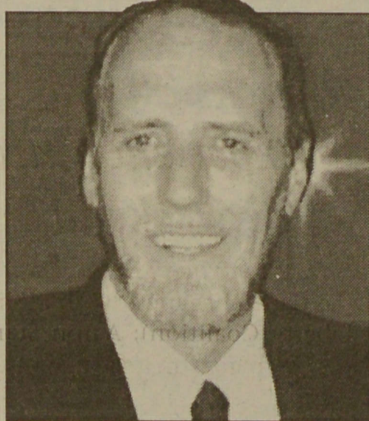
Filed by parents of the slain children, the lawsuit targets Time Warner, producers of the movie *The Basketball Diaries*; Nintendo and Sony, manufacturers of *Mortal Kombat* and *Doom* video games; and Meow Media, an Internet pornography site.

"These lawyers are gunning for the First Amendment," said Dasbach. "If the court holds that movie directors, video game creators, and Internet operators are guilty of murder — just because one out of the millions of people who enjoy their products commits a horrible crime — there will be a chilling effect on movies, books, and every other form of artistic expression."

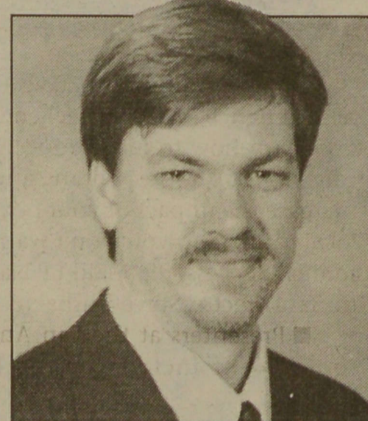
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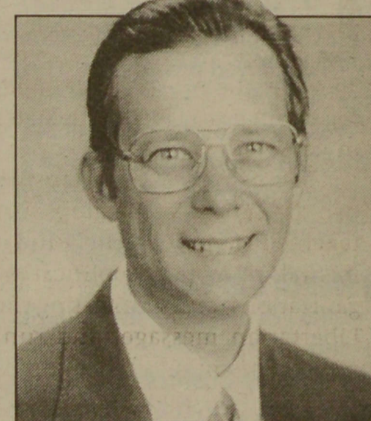
PROFILE



■ **Richard Friend:** Will be going "whole hog" for liberty in Michigan race for Congress.



■ **Doug Krick:** First candidate in Massachusetts to take the "Taxpayer Protection Pledge."



■ **John Babiarz:** Hopes to use governor's campaign to build the New Hampshire party.

Three Libertarian candidates get early start for 2000 campaigns

Off and running in Michigan, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire

By **Ron Crickenberger**
LP Political Director

While many Libertarians are running hard for election to local offices this year, some are already running active campaigns for the 2000 election season.

Richard Friend decided in the closing days of his '98 campaign for Michigan's 10th Congressional District that he was going for it again in 2000, but in a bigger and better way.

"Most of my campaign staff in '98 did not come on board until the closing weeks of the campaign," said Friend. "Once they got started, they found they enjoyed the hustle and bustle of running a campaign, and wanted to keep the momentum going."

"We had our first meeting for Campaign 2000 just four days after the '98 elections, and got six people on board for a beginning staff. The campaign has already raised three times as much in contributions as we did in the entire '98 campaign."

Friends' early efforts included a campaign kickoff barbecue on May 26.

Whole hog

"We'll be going 'whole hog' for Liberty to let people know that if it's pork you are looking for, come to our BBQ, don't go to the federal government."

Friend is also starting a Walk for Liberty project to distribute campaign literature door to door in his district.

"We are going to take literature to every apartment in my complex once a month until the

election, to try and create a local Libertarian enclave," he said. "As we recruit more volunteers, we'll expand to more and more areas."

■ **Contributions to the campaign may be sent to:**
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Following the political maxim of "find a crowd and get in front of it," Doug Krick held his campaign kickoff for Massachusetts State Representative (District 14) at a science fiction convention.

"We had over 200 people attend, and another couple of hundred wore Krick2000 stickers during the convention," said Krick. "The Operation Politically Homeless Booth that we ran had over 50% of the people taking the World's Smallest Political Quiz fall into the Libertarian category, and we also recruited several volunteers for the campaign from the event."

Krick was also the first Mas-

sachusetts legislative candidate to take the Citizens for Limited Taxation and Government's taxpayer protection pledge.

"Signing CLT&G's No New Taxes pledge means I will never vote to raise taxes on Massachusetts citizens," he said. "We already have a one billion dollar surplus — we do not need additional funding."

While one of his first campaign actions was to take a stand against taxes, Krick plans to focus much of his campaign activities on civil liberties issues.

"In Massachusetts, Libertarians tend to be considered closer to the Republicans than the Democrats, due to our platform for a smaller government," he said.

Strategic approach

"Because Massachusetts, and particularly the 14th Suffolk District, tends to lean towards Democrats, I am taking a different strategic approach. I will be focusing on the freedom of the individual, and how government has encroached upon our basic rights as American citizens."

"It is by fighting for the rights of the individual that I will show how it is necessary for government to be cut, and how everyone will be better off as a result."

In the coming weeks, Doug Krick will be making appearances at gun shows and parades, and participating in lobbying efforts to pass legislation that he helped write.

"I've also secured something very important to the success of

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■ **Interested in running as a Libertarian candidate?**
The Libertarian Party offers a free campaign manual, *Libertarian Political Action*, to any party member considering a run for public office. To get a copy, contact Ron Crickenberger via e-mail: RonCrickenberger@compuserve.com. Call him at (202) 333-0008, ext 227.

Success '99 skill-building seminars visit Texas, Pennsylvania

Libertarians in Texas and Pennsylvania will be able to take advantage of Success '99 when the political skill-building seminars roll into those states in June.

Success '99 — an intensive, two-day series of workshops that teach LP members the fundamentals of building political organizations, communicating the Libertarian message, and running successful LP campaigns —

will be in San Antonio, Texas (June 12-13), and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (June 26-27).

“If you want to pack 20 years of experience into one weekend, and learn how to make your local LP group more vibrant and increase the impact of your next local campaign, you won't want to miss Success '99,” said LP National Director Steve Dasbach.

Presenters at the San Antonio event include Jim Lark

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“Packs 20 years of experience into one weekend.”

(LNC member and advisor to the Liberty Coalition); Aaron Starr (LP campaign manager for nu-

merous campaigns), and Ken Bisson (former chairman of the Advocates for Self-Government).

Presenters at the Pittsburgh event include Ron Crickberger (LP Political Director), David Bergland (LP National Chairman), and Jim Lark.

In July, Success '99 events will be held in Montgomery, Alabama (July 10-11) and Cincinnati, Ohio (July 17-18).

Each Success '99 event con-

sists of 12 hours of workshops, conducted all day Saturday and on Sunday morning. The registration fee for the seminar is \$79, and includes a Saturday lunch. Participants pay for their own transportation and lodging.

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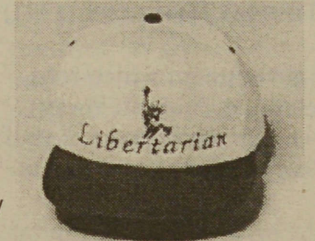
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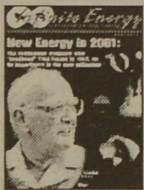
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— Thomas Jefferson

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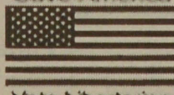
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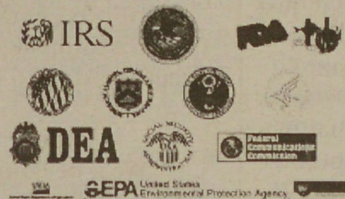
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Founding Fathers, quotations allow us to "recycle" the wisdom of others. They're instructive. And they're fun.

His alleged "hatred" aside, even Emerson had to acknowledge that he, too, was not immune to the charms of a good quotation, writing: "By necessity, by proclivity, and by delight, we all quote."

So, for your necessity, for your proclivity, and for your delight, here are 74 of the best quotes about liberty.

■ I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it.
— **THOMAS JEFFERSON** (1791)

■ A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
— **GEORGE BERNARD SHAW**

■ The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.
— **WINSTON CHURCHILL**

■ There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you damn well please. And with it comes the only basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences.
— **P.J. O'ROURKE** (1993)

■ Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.
— **RONALD REAGAN** (1986)

■ I was guilty of judging capitalism by its operations and socialism by its hopes and aspirations; capitalism by its works and socialism by its literature.
— **SIDNEY HOOK**

■ America needs fewer laws, not more prisons.
— **JAMES BOVARD**

■ Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.
— **ALBERT EINSTEIN** (1950)

■ War is just one more big government program.
— **JOSEPH SOBRAN**

■ War is the health of the State.
— **RANDOLPH BOURNE** (1917)

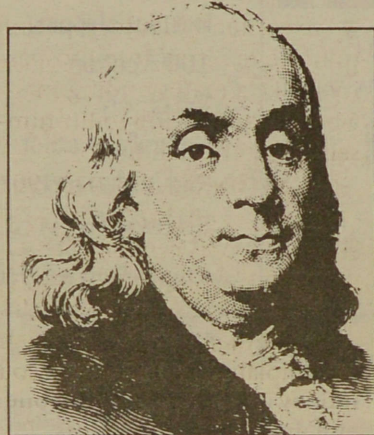
■ Remember, democracy never

lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.
— **JOHN ADAMS** (1814)

■ Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.
— **DOUGLAS CASEY** (1992)

■ He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression.
— **THOMAS PAINE** (1795)

■ Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
— **THE BIBLE**, II Corinthians 3:17.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN:

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

■ If you want government to intervene domestically, you're a liberal. If you want government to intervene overseas, you're a conservative. If you want government to intervene everywhere, you're a moderate. If you don't want government to intervene anywhere, you're an extremist.
— **JOSEPH SOBRAN** (1995)

■ One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils in this world are to be cured by legislation.
— **THOMAS B. REED** (1886)

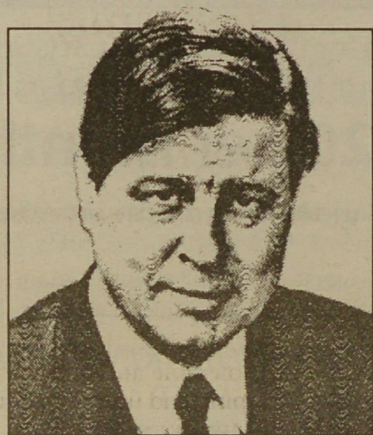
■ In general, the art of government consists in taking as

much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.
— **VOLTAIRE** (1764)

■ Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.
— **WILLIAM PITT** (1783)

■ If you are not free to choose wrongly and irresponsibly, you are not free at all.
— **JACOB HORNBERGER** (1995)

■ I heartily accept the motto, "That government is best which governs least."
— **HENRY DAVID THOREAU**



JOSEPH SOBRAN:

"Ask not what you can do for your country; ask what your government is doing to you."

■ Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.
— **P.J. O'ROURKE**

■ When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators.
— **P.J. O'ROURKE**

■ A government that is big enough to give you all you want is big enough to take it all away.
— **BARRY GOLDWATER** (1964)

■ Politicians are the same all over: they promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

— **NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV** (1960)

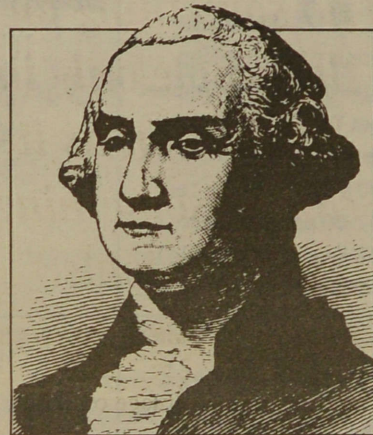
■ I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.
— **WILL ROGERS**

■ The more corrupt the state, the more it legislates.
— **TACITUS**

■ The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and hence clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.
— **H.L. MENCKEN**

■ Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.
— **JOHN BRADSHAW**

■ Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others.
— **WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE**



GEORGE WASHINGTON:

"Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

■ There are just two rules of governance in a free society: Mind your own business. Keep your hands to yourself.
— **P.J. O'ROURKE** (1993)

■ The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire.
— **ROBERT A. HEINLEIN**

■ Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you.
— **PERICLES** (430 BC)

■ There is no virtue in compul-

sory government charity, and there is no virtue in advocating it. A politician who portrays himself as "caring" and "sensitive" because he wants to expand the government's charitable programs is merely saying that he's willing to try to do good with other people's money. Well, who isn't? And a voter who takes pride in supporting such programs is telling us that he'll do good with his own money — if a gun is held to his head.
— **P.J. O'ROURKE**

■ The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.
— **HERBERT SPENCER** (1891)

■ More laws, less justice.
— **MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO** (42 BC)

■ No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session.
— **MARK TWAIN** (1866)

■ The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.
— **THOMAS JEFFERSON**

■ There is no worse tyranny than to force a man to pay for what he does not want merely because you think it would be good for him.
— **ROBERT HEINLEIN**

■ The true danger is when Liberty is nibbled away, for expedients.
— **EDMUND BURKE** (1899)

■ I have ever deemed it fundamental for the United States never to take active part in the quarrels of Europe. Their political interests are entirely distinct from ours. Their mutual jealousies, their balance of power, their complicated alliances, their forms and principles of government, are all foreign to us. They are nations of eternal war.
— **THOMAS JEFFERSON** (1823)

■ Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.
— **FRÉDÉRIC BASTIAT**

■ America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She well knows that by one enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication in all the wars of interest

Liberty's best quotations

and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standards of freedom.

— JOHN QUINCY ADAMS (1821)

■ God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.

— DANIEL WEBSTER (1834)

■ The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.

— JUSTICE LOUIS BRANDEIS (1928)

■ The era of resisting big government is never over.

— PAUL GIGOT (1998)

■ Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none.

— THOMAS JEFFERSON

■ Not a place upon earth might be so happy as America. Her situation is remote from all the wrangling world, and she has nothing to do but to trade with them.

— THOMAS PAINE (1776)

■ Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies.

— HONORE DE BALZAC

■ Whoever prefers life to death, happiness to suffering, well-being to misery must defend without compromise private ownership in the means of production.

— LUDWIG VON MISES (1920)

■ The triumph of persuasion over force is the sign of a civilized society.

— MARK SKOUSEN

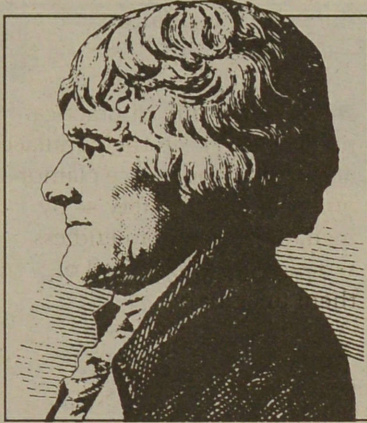
■ Good intentions will always be pleaded for any assumption of power. The Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to be masters.

— DANIEL WEBSTER

■ Let the people think they govern and they will be governed.

— WILLIAM PENN (1693)

■ If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government that is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed;



THOMAS JEFFERSON:
"Government can do something for the people only in proportion as it can do something to the people."



and in the next place oblige it to control itself.

— JAMES MADISON

■ In 1940, teachers were asked what they regarded as the three major problems in American schools. They identified the three major problems as: Littering, noise, and chewing gum. Teachers last year were asked what the three major problems in American schools were, and they defined them as: Rape, assault, and suicide.

— WILLIAM BENNETT (1993)

■ The threat posed by humans to the natural environment is nothing compared to the threat to humans posed by global environmental policy.

— FRED L. SMITH (1992)

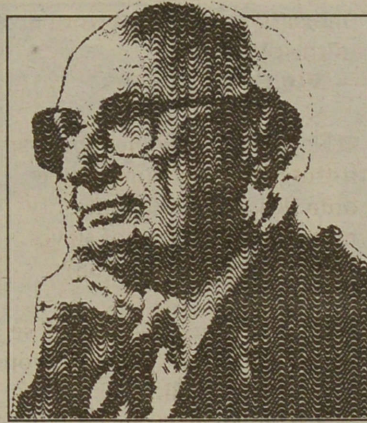
■ The great virtue of a free market system is that it does not care what color people are; it does not care what their religion is; it only cares whether they can produce something you want to buy. It is the most effective system we have discovered to enable people who hate one another to deal with one another and help one another.

— MILTON FRIEDMAN

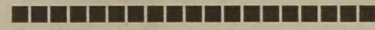
■ The spirit of truth and the spirit of freedom — they are the pillars of society.

— HENRIK IBSEN (1877)

■ Government is actually the



MILTON FRIEDMAN:
"Nothing is so permanent as a temporary government program."



worst failure of civilized man. There has never been a really good one, and even those that are most tolerable are arbitrary, cruel, grasping and unintelligent.

— H. L. MENCKEN

■ Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he,

then, be trusted with the government of others?

— THOMAS JEFFERSON (1801)

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— LUDWIG VON MISES

■ This country is a one-party country. Half of it is called Republican and half is called Democrat. It doesn't make any difference. All the really good ideas belong to the Libertarians.

— HUGH DOWNS (1997)

■ Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

— LORD ACTON (1887)

■ Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.

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■ We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

— WINSTON CHURCHILL (1903)

■ If you have been voting for politicians who promise to give you goodies at someone else's expense, then you have no right to complain when they take your money and give it to someone else, including themselves.

— THOMAS SOWELL (1992)

■ War has all the characteristics of a socialism most conserva-

tives hate: Centralized power, state planning, false rationalism, restricted liberties, foolish optimism about intended results and blindness to unintended secondary results.

— JOSEPH SOBRAN (1991)

■ A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.

— THOMAS JEFFERSON (1801)

■ There never was a good war or a bad peace.

— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1773)

■ The saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch forth a saving hand while yet there was time.

— JUSTICE GEORGE SUTHERLAND (1938)

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Libertarians use April 15th to protest taxes

Tax Day 1999 generates dozens of rallies as Libertarians spread anti-tax message

Carrying signs and distributing "Million-Dollar Bills," Libertarians turned out in force on Tax Day — April 15 — to spread the party's anti-tax message.

From coast to coast, Libertarian Party members rallied in front of Post Offices to show support for over-taxed Americans who were filing last-minute IRS forms, and to attract media attention to the LP's demand that taxes be reduced, simplified, and eliminated.

In all, dozens of state and local LP affiliates conducted events on Tax Day — ranging from large rallies with participants in Revolutionary War costumes, to solo Libertarians handing out literature.

As in previous years, the most popular literature was the Million-Dollar Bill, a fake currency note that explains that the federal government spends \$1 million every five seconds, and points out that the LP is the only party working to change that.

And, in most cases, Libertarians said they got a warm reception from last-minute tax filers.

"[People] were much more enthusiastic about our message than ever before — honking horns, smiling, waving, showing thumbs up much more frequently and exuberantly than we had ever seen them," said Tom Regnier, an LP activist in Florida.

"Many, many people, when they saw our signs, rolled down their windows to shout things like 'I agree!' or 'Down with' — and other unprintable things about — 'the IRS!'"

Highlights from around the country included:

■ **Indiana:** "Libertarians from across the state braved the wind and rain to protest taxes at area post offices, generating lots of interest from taxpayers and the media," said Sara Cotham, State LP Executive Director.

Activists held events in Indianapolis, Hancock County, and Vanderburgh County — where "Dan Steward dressed as Jason from the Friday the 13th movies and called himself the Tax Man!" said Cotham.

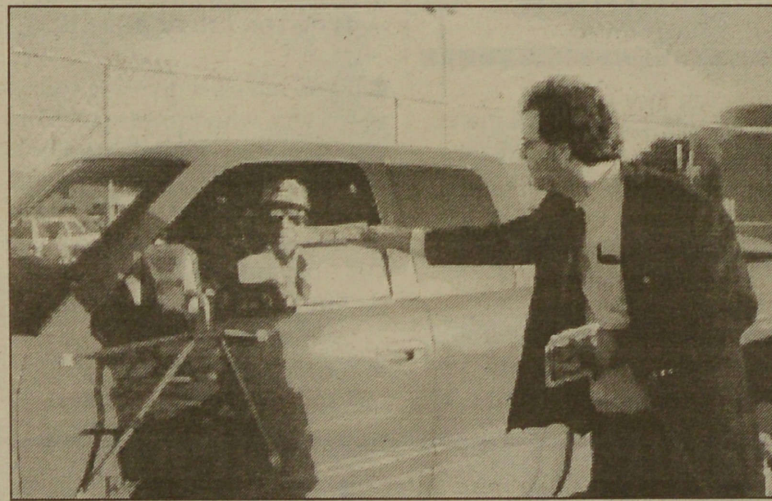
■ **Georgia:** Two Libertarians were threatened with arrest after a policeman ordered them off Post Office property.

Tom Peary, who had protested taxes every April 15th for 10 years at the same Post Office without incident, said, "Repeated attempts to show [the

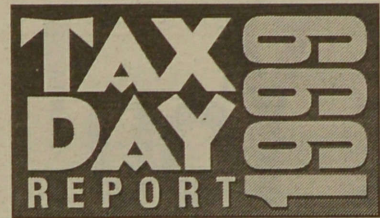
police officer] the law and court decisions supporting our First Amendment rights were refused. It's a sad night, not only for the American taxpayer, but also a sad night for the First Amendment."

■ **Maine:** "Tax Day 1999 found Libertarian outreach events in more cities than ever," said State Chair Mark Cenci. "Successful protests were staged at three Post Offices, Bangor, Auburn, and Portland. Making their first appearance were a variety of signs reading 'Honk If You Are Overtaxed' [and] 'Honk If You Hate Taxes.' Lots of honking was reported from vehicles at all three Post Offices."

■ **Utah:** State Libertarians handed out more than \$3 trillion



■ How to make money without gambling: Lewis Roesberry, Clark County LP Chairman, distributes LP literature—explaining how the party would end the income tax—in Las Vegas, Nevada.



worth of customized \$1 million bills in five locations: Salt Lake City, Sandy City, Provo, Park City, and Layton, reported State Chair Jim Dexter.

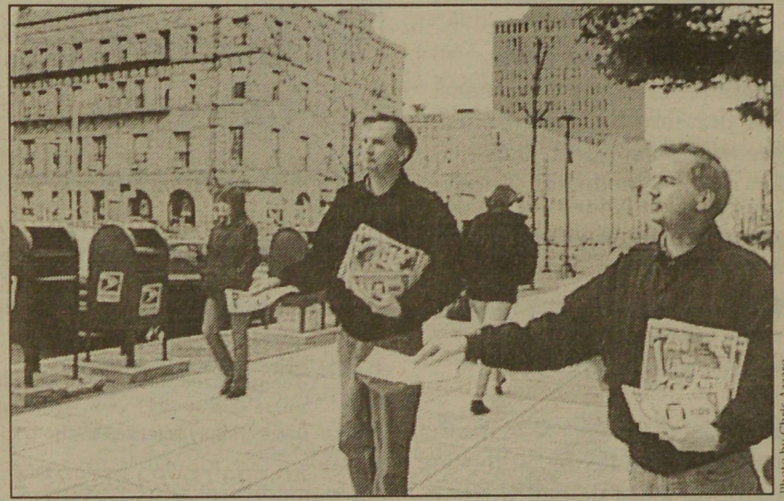
The Utah-specific money "helped highlight the outrage of Governor 'Slick Mikey' Leavitt's \$6.5 billion budget," he said. "Next year the LP of Utah will print \$5.6 trillion, to match the national debt."

■ **New York:** Last-minute tax-filers in the "Big Apple" got a taste of Libertarian-style activism at what may be the largest Post Office in the United States: The facility across from Madison Square Garden.

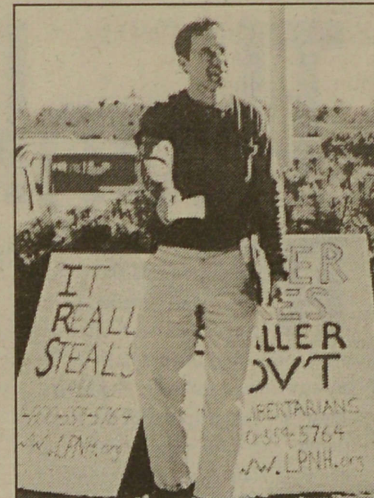
Competing with models hired by Pitney Bowes to publicize new postal meters and the "usual host of bizarre characters



■ The Broward County (Florida) LP's seventh annual tax protest, which featured colonial uniforms and three-cornered hats, "received prominent photographic coverage on the front page of the local section in the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel," said local activist Tom Regnier.



■ In the birthplace of American liberty: Chris Maden and Charles Cox distribute a special anti-tax hand-out at the Cambridge Post Office near Harvard Square in Massachusetts.



■ In front of a sign that reads "Lower Taxes, Smaller Gov't," John Babiarz hands out a million-dollar bill in Manchester, New Hampshire.

seeking attention," New York Libertarians handed out more than 400 \$1-million bills, reported LP activist Blay Tarnoff.

■ **South Carolina:** Approximately 20 LP members from the Libertarian Society of the Lowcountry (LSL) rallied in



■ In "the belly of the beast" itself — Washington, DC — Howard Kenyon discusses the party's anti-tax position with a last-minute tax filer.

front of the downtown Charleston Post Office, capturing the attention of the local Channel 4 TV News.

"There was considerable support from passing motorists (in the form of honking if you hate taxes) and pedestrians," said

Timothy Moultrie, state party Press Secretary.

■ **New Jersey:** In Edison, Libertarians held a small rally despite being threatened with arrest if they violated stringent rules about where they could stand, said activist John Paff.

"We protested within the areas they told us to stay in. However, [when we] held up signs directly in front of the Post Office doors" they were ordered to leave. "We complied because we believe we would have been arrested if we hadn't," he said.

■ **Florida:** Libertarians across the state — in Broward, Hillsborough, Lee, Leon, Pinellas, Okaloosa, Orange, and Seminole counties — staged Tax Day events, said Tom Regnier, and "noticed a marked increase in public enthusiasm for the Libertarian position of repealing the Income Tax."

For expanded Tax Day coverage, see the LP News online edition at www.LP.org/lpn.

Candidates for 2000

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 a political campaign — free pizza for my volunteers," Krick quipped.

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"I'm tired of seeing our freedoms traded away as political footballs, and I'm not going to take it anymore."

That's the answer John Babiarz is giving to the media if asked why he's seeking the New Hampshire Libertarian Party's nomination for Governor. But Babiarz will also focus on building a party infrastructure with his campaign.

"I want to build a base of support for all of our candidates to run as a team," he said. That's why his campaign decided to assist the state LP with the more difficult 10,000 signature full party petition process.

"We could have qualified my campaign alone with only 3,000 petitions," he said. "But you can't run just a candidate for Governor and be taken seriously. You need a full slate of candidates to be considered a real political party. I'm hoping the full party petition will bring a lot more Libertarians onto the ballot."

The party's official nominee will be decided at the state convention in October.

Elected official

Babiarz knows that Libertarian campaigns at all levels are important. He's not only running for Governor, he's also a local elected official — and so is his wife. Babiarz was recently re-elected as Grafton Cemetery Trustee, and Rosalie was re-elected to her post of Town Auditor.

It was over a year ago that Babiarz first announced within party circles that he would seek the nomination.

"I'm hoping to get all of our candidates to think further

ahead," he said. "We've got to take a long-range attitude toward campaigning to be able to catch the other parties. We can't keep trying to reinvent the wheel at the last minute each campaign."

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The importance of early campaigns

"Time is the one resource you cannot get more of during a campaign. I hope these early-bird campaigns will inspire other Libertarians to begin their plans for a successful 2000 campaign now. Running for office gives you increased access to the media, it funnels more money to Libertarian* activities, it builds the party, and most importantly, moves the political debate in a pro-freedom direction."

— RON CRICKENBERGER, LP Political Director

Prop. 215 website started

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 are Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington state, and Alaska. However, the federal government has refused to recognize state law, and continues to prosecute medical marijuana patients under federal drug laws.

215Now.com also contains a section devoted to Prop. 215 "Heroes" — individuals who face legal or criminal action because of medical marijuana.

"They are heroes to anyone

who values compassion and health freedom of choice," said Hinkle.

Hinkle said the real focus of 215Now.com will be on patients who need medical marijuana.

"We urge anyone who cares about providing medicine to suffering patients to visit www.215Now.com, sign the petition, and pass the word along to their friends," he said. "Hopefully we can force politicians to start putting patients before politics."

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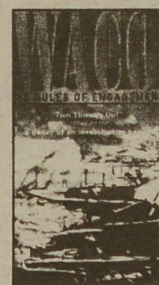
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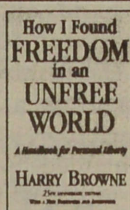
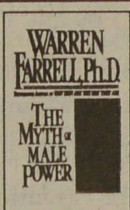
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POLITICAL NEWS

Federal medical marijuana bill filed

A new bill has been filed in Congress to stop the federal government's harassment of states that have passed medical marijuana laws — and to end the persecution of medical marijuana patients and their doctors.

On March 2, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) introduced HR 912, which "would allow states to determine their own medical marijuana policies without federal interference," said Robert Kampia, the Director of Government Relations for the Washington, DC-based Marijuana Policy Project (MPP).

Although five states have passed medical marijuana laws, the federal government refused to honor them, and continues to arrest medical marijuana patients such as LP member and best-selling author Peter McWilliams and 1998 California LP gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby.

HR 912 is pending before the House Commerce Committee, and the MPP is organizing a lobbying campaign to get the bill passed. For more information, visit the MPP website: www.mpp.org.

FFF publishes book blasting income tax

Want some more reasons to dislike the income tax? Read the new book published by the Future of Freedom Foundation — *Your Money Or Your Life: Why We Must Abolish the Income Tax*.

Written by Future of Freedom Foundation senior fellow Sheldon Richman, the book "shepherds the reader through the twisted history of lies and deceit that preceded and followed the passage of the Sixteenth Amendment and hence the direct taxation that the Framers of the Constitution feared so much," wrote nationally syndicated columnist Walter E. Williams.

"In the centuries to come, when scholars want to know how America evolved from a free society to a totalitarian state, Richman's book will provide them with the answer," wrote Charles Adams, author of *For Good and Evil: The Impact of Taxes on Civilization*. "This book is a must-read for every person who loves liberty."

The book is 136 pages long and costs \$22.95 (cloth) or \$14.95 (paperback). It includes introductions by Walter E. Williams, Jacob G. Hornberger, and Richard M. Ebeling.

For ordering information, write: The Future of Freedom Foundation, 11350 Random Hills Road, Suite 800, Fairfax VA 22030. Website: www.fff.org.

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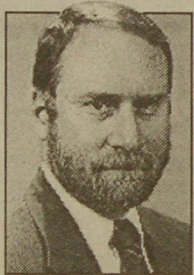
The Libertarian Party's innovative DefendYourPrivacy.com website has earned the sincerest form of flattery: Imitation. On March 30, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) announced that it was launching a "Fight for Financial Privacy" website linked to its home page: www.aclu.org.

The new site, said the ACLU, would feature "public education about the fact that banks are coerced by regulators to adopt Know Your Customer programs; an endorsement of Rep. Paul's bill, HR 518, to sunset the Bank Secrecy Act; [and] a convenient mechanism to help people fax their representatives about financial privacy."

The ACLU's announcement came just six days after a *New York Times* story credited the LP's DefendYourPrivacy.com website with generating 171,000 complaints against Know Your Customer.

Libertarian Party officials said they were "pleased but bemused" by the ACLU's new website.

"Of course, we appreciate any help we can get to fight the government's violations of our privacy," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "And since they say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, I would have to say that our DefendYourPrivacy.com site has been flattered by the ACLU!"



■ Sheldon Richman: New book exposes "lies and deceit."

VT House rejects Rep. Neil Randall's bill to give homeschoolers tax credit

An effort by Libertarian State Representative Neil Randall to pass a tax credit for Vermont homeschoolers was shot down by the Vermont legislature — but did considerably better than he had expected.

"I have learned more about how government really works," said Randall, after his bill was rejected by a 58-80 vote in late March, following some legislative shenanigans by the Ways & Means Committee.

But the relatively close vote left him "quite pleased" despite the loss, he said. "We are within striking distance, as another 20 yes votes would do it."

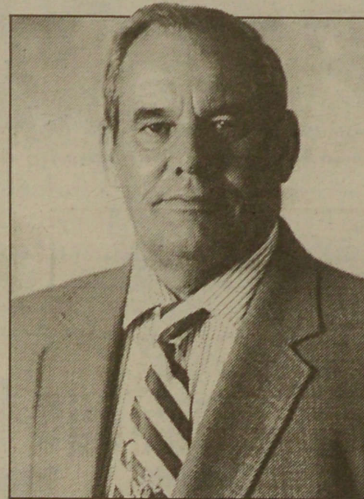
In February, Randall had introduced H-257, a bill to give Vermont homeschoolers an \$800 tax credit for each child that is homeschooled.

Excellent issue

"I feel this was an excellent Libertarian issue as it doesn't ask for any expenditure by the state," said Randall. "It only asks that parents be able to keep some of their earnings, to be responsible, and educate their children."

Other legislators apparently agreed: Randall was able to get 39 co-sponsors.

However, when the bill was assigned to committee for study, it took an unexpected detour.



■ Neil Randall: "How naive of me to think that parents might be smart enough to spend \$800 on the education of their own child!"

"I expected it to be assigned to the Education Committee," he said. "Instead, it was assigned to the Ways & Means Committee because the big question was, 'How much is this going to cost the state?' [Republican and Democratic state legislators think] it's the state's money, so anything they don't take away from you is a cost to the government."

When the Ways & Means Committee refused to consider the bill or schedule testimony about it, Randall waited until another education bill — the so-called "Equal Education Oppor-

tunity Omnibus Act" [H-548] — was submitted to the full House for action.

"Because they had not considered the home schooling tax credit bill, I offered it as an amendment to H-548. After some discussion on pros, cons, and cost, the Ways & Means Committee said they could not support the amendment because they had not had time to study it," said Randall.

Hire an inspector

The chairperson of the Education Committee spoke out against the amendment, said Randall, arguing "that no funds had been appropriated to the Education Department to hire an inspector to see how the \$800 [tax credit would be] spent. Therefore, their committee did not support the amendment."

"How stupid and naive of me to think that maybe parents might be smart enough to spend \$800 on the education of their own child without government bureaucrats overseeing and approving every penny spent!" he said.

Because of the committee opposition, the bill failed by a 58-80 vote — a tally that was close enough to convince Randall that "we should be able to get it [passed] in the next year or two."

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HowTo

Make your first local LP meeting successful

■ **Editor's note:** How do you plan, publicize, and conduct the very first meeting of a new local LP? Here's is a first-hand account of how Ken Bisson in Steuben County, Indiana, did it.

First I'll tell you a bit about my county. Steuben County has 30,000 people, with 7,727 voters in November 1998. Of these, 49 voted straight-ticket Libertarian while 1,517 cast straight-ticket Republican and 1,006 straight-ticket Democrat ballots. The LP statewide candidates matched the statewide averages: 2%-4%.

There has never been a Steuben County meeting of Libertarians before. The first non-Bisson Steuben County resident joined the LP after I did an OPH [Operation Politically Homeless] booth in July 1997. As of February 1999, there are seven LP members here (four of them Bisson family members!).

In advance of the meeting, I mailed letters to the three LP members (not in my family), nine folks whose names I had collected at the '97 OPH booth, and six other friends or prospects. I had the meeting listed in the "Community Calendar" of the local daily and weekly newspapers. A reporter from each paper called back and did a story, which they also printed this week. The night before the meeting, I phoned nine of the above invitees. I was told eight would be attending and I expected six.

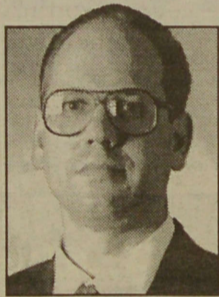
I arrived at the meeting site (Pizza Hut) 10 minutes early and found two people already there. One of the LP members had brought a friend! Within the next eight minutes there were 11 of us there. Everyone was actually early! Of the seven Steuben Co. LP members, five attended. (Only my two teenagers were missing.) The six non-members were a diverse group. That was perfect for the meeting I had planned.

I used the Advocates "Seminar 1" technique of starting with a few passes around the table with each person answering easy, getting-to-know-you type questions. Everyone gets involved and gets to share a bit about their interests. I then explained the growth of the Libertarian Party, and stated that as more and more people joined us, they should find an active group they could "connect" with. The group at the meeting represented the type of folks that would be joining in the next few years — politically interested people with a respect for individual responsibility.

I told them that by learning what type of group they would like to join, I could develop a type which many new members would enjoy. Our purpose at the meeting would be to explore the opportunities. I then asked Ellen (my wife and fellow Libertarian) to lead 20 minutes of "brainstorming" to collect ideas about successful local groups they had joined in the past and suggestions of what they would enjoy in a Steuben County LP.

We then selected five of their ideas for more discussion. They included concepts like the timing of meetings, subject matter, goals, and locations. Everyone felt comfortable sharing their ideas and contributed. After a brief Q & A opportunity, I closed with a final "roundtable" asking each attendee to share a "highlight" of the evening. This is another valuable Advocates technique: It gives the meeting a clear ending and everyone leaves with a focus on something they enjoyed as a result of their attendance.

On the way to the car, I had three people offer to help man a future OPH booth and two other general offers to help in the future. Most importantly, Ellen and I had fun. We are eager to move on from here and build a Libertarian group in our community! I think we're off to a great start.



By Ken Bisson

Two Florida candidates top 20% in campaigns for mayor & city council

Unleashed by Revision 11, the Libertarian Party of Florida has run four candidates for public office in the last few months — with two of them garnering better than 20% of the vote.

Since March, Florida Libertarians have run for mayor, city council, and in special fill-in elections for State Representative and State Senate.

The reason for the spurt of candidates: Revision 11, the Constitutional Amendment passed in 1998 that made ballot access laws equal for all parties. Previously, Florida had among the harshest election laws in the nation.

"In the past, it was rare to hear about an actual Libertarian campaign in Florida because restrictive ballot access laws made it so difficult to get on the ballot," said Brian Collar, State Chair of the Florida LP. "Now, however there has been a new flurry of campaign activity."

Recent campaigns include:

■ In Boyton Beach, Don Fenton won 20.4% of the vote for mayor, placing a close third, and missing a run-off election by 187 votes — despite entering the race just four weeks before election day.

"With the lessons we learned from this race and [with] an earlier start, we could come back



■ Libertarian Don Fenton (right) greets voters in his campaign for mayor in Boynton Beach, Florida. Despite entering the race just four weeks before the election, Fenton won 20.4% of the vote — missing a run-off by just 137 votes.

and win it next time," predicted Jim Alsis, Fenton's campaign manager.

■ In Tampa, Joe Redner won 25% of the vote in a race for City Council, falling short in a two-way to unseat the District 3 incumbent. Redner ran on a platform of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

■ In District 35, Janet Hawkins won 3.4% in a partisan race for the state legislature.

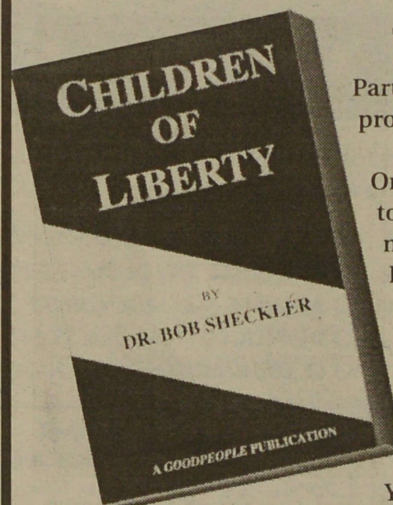
■ In District 8, Cyndi Calvo won 2% in a partisan election for State Senate — in a race that saw the Libertarian outspent \$572,000 to \$5,000 by the winning Republican.

"All four campaigns provided much-needed experience for campaign managers and volunteers, and a great deal was learned that will be useful in future campaigns," said Collar. "This is just the beginning."

Corrections

■ In the April issue of *LP News*, an incorrect website address was given in the article, "LP member John Paff uses FOI to pry records from NJ governments." The correct Web address for Paff's organization is: www.cjnj.org.

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Advocates honors activists with Lights of Liberty award

Over 150 libertarian activists from 35 states have been honored by the Advocates for Self-Government — winning the new Lights of Liberty Award for “outstanding libertarian activism.”

The Georgia-based, non-partisan educational organization used the award to recognize activists who wrote libertarian-themed letters to the editor, spoke in public about libertarianism, or ran Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) booths in 1998.

“We wanted to reward hard-working, grassroots libertarian activists who are taking the message of liberty to the public,” said Sharon Harris, president of the Advocates for Self-Government, who announced the awards on May 5.

Face-to-face

“And we also wanted to stimulate and encourage a lot more such vital libertarian activism. And we did! Our winners took libertarian ideas to literally millions of Americans in 1998 — and met many thousands of people face-to-face.”

First announced last year, the Lights of Liberty Award is given to anyone who:

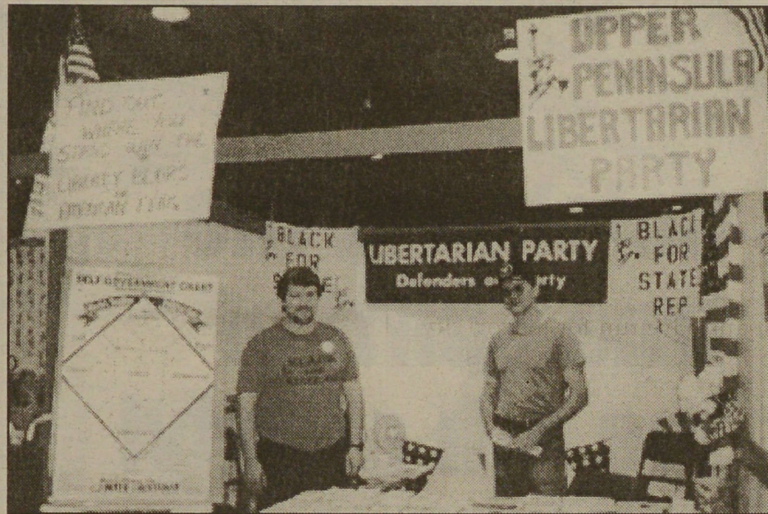


Photo by Christine James

■ A “Triathlon” winner: Robert Black (left) of Crystal Falls, Michigan is one of only five libertarians who qualified for the Lights of Liberty awards in all three categories. He’s shown here with John Loosemore at an OPH booth at a county fair.

1) Got three or more letters-to-the-editor published in newspapers or magazines that use the words “libertarian” or “libertarianism” in a positive light.

2) Delivered three or more prepared speeches to a predominantly non-libertarian audience.

3) Participated in three or more Operation Politically Homeless booths — an outreach tool that allows the general public to take a short quiz to determine their political beliefs.

The Advocates selected those

three activities because “all three focus on communication — on reaching the public with libertarian ideas,” said Harris.

“They are also extremely effective and valuable activities. A single letter-to-the-editor can reach thousands or hundreds of thousands of people — and each letter is like a free ad for libertarian ideas, an ad that would cost hundreds or thousands of dollars if purchased,” she said.

“Also, these are activities that any libertarian who wants

to spread libertarian ideas can do, if motivated. They aren’t beyond anyone’s capabilities, but they are important activities that require a significant level of time and commitment. We hoped our awards would spur a lot more such activity.”

Lights of Liberty winners ranged in age from 12-year-old Katie Millionie of Maryland, 14-year-old Nikki Pate of Alaska, and 16-year-old Jason Miller of Michigan, to frequent letter writer Ray Hooper of Georgia, who said he is “well past 70.”

Five libertarians — Paul Frankel (AL), Robert Black (MI), Lloyd Russell (GA), Aaron Anderson (HI), and Tom Ender (WI) — even won the so-called “Libertarian Triathlon,” winning awards in all three categories.

Lights of Liberty award winners received an honorary certificate, coupon worth 20% off purchases from the Advocates, year’s

subscription to *The Liberator*, and had their names posted on a Web page.

The Advocates will honor libertarian activities again in 1999, Harris said.

Inspired

“We hope that every libertarian who won this year will do so again,” she said. “And we hope that many more people will be inspired by their example to become winners themselves.”

For more information about the Lights of Liberty Award, contact the Advocates at (800) 932-1776. Or visit the Advocates’ website: www.self-gov.org.

The Advocates for Self-Government is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization that helps libertarians become more effective communicators. It is perhaps best known as the distributor of the popular “World’s Smallest Political Quiz.”



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48,000 sign new petition at DefendYourPrivacy.com

More than 48,000 people have logged onto the Libertarian Party's "retooled" DefendYourPrivacy.com website in its first month, and signed an electronic petition to permanently kill the Know Your Customer regulation, LP national Director Steve Dasbach reported.

"The FDIC may pretend that Know Your Customer is dead, but the American public knows better," he said. "They are still eager to take action against the federal government's attempt to spy on Americans' bank accounts — as the continued popularity of the DefendYourPrivacy.com website proves."

E-mail lobbying

The website allows people to send e-mail lobbying messages to their Representative in the U.S. House and two U.S. Senators in support of HR 516 and HR 518, two bills filed by Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX).

The proposed legislation

STEVE DASBACH:

The public is "still eager to take action" for bank privacy.

would prohibit any federal agency from implementing any kind of Know Your Customer [KYC] regulation, and would "sunset" the federal banking laws that gave the federal government the power to propose such rules.

As of May 17, a total of 48,638 people had signed the cyber-petition in favor of HR 516 and HR 518.

The signature count is growing slower than for the original e-mail petition against the Know Your Customer regulation, said Dasbach — probably because the

circumstances are different.

"With the original Know Your Customer regulation, there was a strict time limit for public comments [March 8], and our goal was straightforward and simple: Tell the FDIC to squash their proposed regulation," he said.

"Now, there isn't that same sense of urgency, and the goal is a little more complicated: Trying to convince members of Congress to co-sponsor and support two pieces of legislation."

False sense

The petition is also hampered, he admitted, by the fact that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation [FDIC] did withdraw the Know Your Customer regulation — which may have given people a false sense of victory.

"The problem is, even though the KYC regulation was withdrawn, most banks are still being pressured to implement it

as a 'policy,' and there is strong evidence that the regulation itself may be reintroduced," he said.

"Even worse, a recent study revealed that over 88% of U.S. banks already had some kind of Know Your Customer policy in place, thanks to informal pressure from the FDIC. All the evidence suggests that KYC is down, but not out."

That's why the Libertarian Party will keep promoting the DefendYourPrivacy.com site, and continue lobbying for HR 516 and HR 518, he said.

■ HR 516 ("The Know Your Customer Sunset Act") would prohibit the FDIC, Federal Reserve, and other agencies from implementing any Know Your Customer-style regulation.

■ HR 518 ("The Bank Secrecy Sunset Act") would scrap the Nixon-era Bank Secrecy Act,

which provides the regulatory excuse to monitor individuals' banking habits. The bill would require Congress to either rewrite the law, or devolve regulatory power to the states.

Text of bills

The DefendYourPrivacy.com website offers the text of the two bills, allows people to contact their Congressional representatives, and provides the means to send messages to other interested people about the campaign.

"Our previous campaign against Know Your Customer put the regulation on hold," said Dasbach. "Our new campaign in favor of HR 516 and HR 518 could kill it for good — by taking away the government's power to sneak such spying laws in the back door."

To visit the website, go to: www.DefendYourPrivacy.com.

Jim Tobin files \$5 million lawsuit over 'wrongful' Illinois ballot access ruling

Jim Tobin, the 1998 Libertarian Party candidate for governor in Illinois, has filed a \$5 million lawsuit against the state, charging that he was illegally kicked off the ballot by the state Board of Elections.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago by Tobin and four Illinois voters on April 26.

Tobin charged that the Board of Elections violated his First Amendment rights when it removed him — and seven other Libertarian Party statewide candidates — from the November 1998 ballot by invalidating 4,285 ballot access signatures.

He also argued that the Board's "capricious and wrongful" decision deprived voters of their Fourteenth Amendment right to vote for the legally valid candidate of their choice.

Punitive damages

Tobin asked the court to declare the board's decision "unconstitutional and void," and demanded \$5 million in punitive damages from the state.

"My campaign organization spent money to promote my candidacy, but the board's unconstitutional and illegal actions prevented Illinois voters from casting their votes for me," said Tobin. "As a result, all the money



■ Jim Tobin: "The state board's unconstitutional actions prevented Illinois voters from casting their votes for me,"

we spent was wasted. That is why we are also asking for punitive damages of \$5 million."

The lawsuit also asks the court to strike down a section of the Illinois Election code that requires ballot access petition circulators to be registered voters in Illinois.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a requirement like that violates the First Amendment of the United States Constitution," said Tobin's lawyer, Steve Merican. "The Illinois statute is unconstitutional for the same reason."

In October 1998, the state Board of Elections invalidated

4,285 signatures Tobin had collected, leaving him short of the required number.

That decision came after the board's Hearing Officer and General Counsel declared that Tobin had submitted more than enough valid signatures to be placed on the November ballot.

61,009 signatures

The Libertarian Party had filed a record 61,009 signatures to meet a 25,000 signature requirement, but the Board of Elections ruled that more than 36,000 signatures were invalid because of "unregistered voters, forgeries, and other petition irregularities."

After the election, a story in the *Chicago Tribune* revealed that at least 73 state employees — including dozens from the Secretary of State's office — had illegally participated in the effort to keep the Libertarians off the ballot, many while drawing state salaries. And a television show reported that Republicans spent up to \$1 million in bribes to keep Tobin off the ballot, much of it paid to members of the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Tobin, the head of the National Taxpayers United of Illinois (NTUI), had promised to take aim at "tax-and-spend Republicans" during his campaign.

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Hornberger forms exploratory committee

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During the primary season, Hornberger said he would concentrate on the states where LP presidential candidates can compete in primaries.

"My political goal would be to garner more votes than the lower-echelon Republican candidates in the geographical areas where we concentrate our efforts — the way Andre Marrou did in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire in 1992," he said.

Such an opportunity was missed in the last presidential election, charged Hornberger, because Browne "dropped out" of the N.H. primary in 1996.

"By dropping out of the primary three months before the election, Browne gave up a golden opportunity for himself and for the party," he said. "In my opinion, it was the turning point in the Browne campaign."

In the policy area, Hornberger said his campaign would stress economic liberty, free markets, and voluntary charity and would reach out to the poor and immigrants — two constituencies often overlooked by the LP and that have suffered the most from the policies of Democrats and Republicans.

The biggest price

"The poor have paid the biggest price for the war on drugs, occupational licensure, economic regulations, the IRS and federal income taxation, trade restrictions, and immigration controls," he said. "My campaign would call for the repeal, not the reform, of those government programs."

Moral principles would also play a key role in his campaign, Hornberger promised.

"We must recommit ourselves to the principles that made our nation great — free markets, self-reliance, and voluntary charity," he said. "Why shouldn't people be free to live their lives the way they choose, so long as their conduct is peaceful?"

Hornberger's exploratory committee includes Mike Rodrigues (CA); Jackie Bradbury (MO); John Brown (WV); LeRoy Lloyd (OH); Marc Beauchamp (DC); Ken Sturzenacker (PA); and Elizabeth Macron (NJ).

In his role as president of the

Future of Freedom Foundation (FFF), Hornberger has given speeches on libertarianism in the USA, Latin America, Canada, England, and Eastern Europe.

He has contributed to six books: *The Dangers of Socialized Medicine*; *The Case for Free Trade and Open Immigration*; *Separating School & State: How to Liberate America's Families*; *The Failure of America's Foreign Wars*; *The Tyranny of Gun Control*; and *Your*

HORNBERGER:

"Why shouldn't people be free to live their lives?"

Money or Your Life: Why We Must Abolish the Income Tax.

Many of his essays can be

found at: <http://www.fff.org>.

Hornberger was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. He is a 1972 graduate of Virginia Military Institute and a 1975 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. He was a member of a Laredo law firm from 1975 to 1983. He served on the board of trustees for the Laredo Legal Aid Society and was the local representative for the ACLU.

In 1983, he served as adjunct

professor of law and economics at the University of Dallas.

In 1987, Hornberger left the practice of law to become program director at The Foundation for Economic Education in New York. He founded The Future of Freedom Foundation in 1989.

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How I became a Libertarian columnist

What is your idea of a "government subversive"? Mine is simple — I want people to think "outside of the box." I want them to look at their government critically and without the warm fuzzies of protectionism and helpfulness.

By changing the way that people think — by inspiring them with the ideas of freedom and self-governance — we can relate to that independent American spirit that is latent in each member of our community.

How can we as individuals inspire that?

I'll tell you first how you can do it, and how I did it.

Expand awareness

The process is distinct, it is simple, and it is measurable. It will help you to not only get the Libertarian message across, but to expand awareness of freedom in your community.

The greatest number of responses to my technique has been, "I thought I was the only one who felt that way!" As Libertarians, we can relate to that feeling. This is how we can nurture it, expand it, and make compatriots feel that they are not alone . . . and bring them closer to our party.

Here are the steps to take to put your Libertarian answers to your local problems in the forefront of public opinion.

■ **First**, you have to have knowledge.

What are the issues facing your community? Zoning? Gambling? Smoker's rights? What is the Libertarian position on these issues?

What is the local opinion on them? Research is not just in books; go down to your local watering holes and listen to what the small-business owner, the individuals who pay property taxes, whose children are in public school, are really thinking and saying.

Don't talk. Don't preach. *Listen.*

Then, go home and write them a viable alternative: Freedom. Send it in.

Next week, send in another, on another topic. Try to anticipate what the next week's news may be on the stories that are developing today. If you are cur-



By Bea Jones

rent, you will be printed.

■ **Second**, remember that political education, like any education, is a system of building blocks, one on top of the other.

Don't slam them with "the only real solution" — yet. Make suggestions. Ask questions that make the reader think for herself. Get them talking about freedom. Make them think about politics on a personal level.

■ **Third**, remember that the purpose of a paper is to sell advertising. As more people pick up the paper to read what you have to say, or to respond to it, more papers are sold. As more papers are sold, you are a larger asset to that paper.

It will take them a while — but they'll figure it out.

■ **Fourth**, remember that humor is a tool that wakes people up, makes them more responsive, eager to read what you say next.

Don't be so intense. Write — not to educate — but to inspire thought.

Don't be profound . . . be open and honest and full of joy about Liberty.

If an elected official does something that promotes the

cause of Liberty, compliment her! She'll be more apt to do it again.

■ **Fifth**, be prepared. You will receive heavy opposition from some quarters. Have you ever stirred a rattlesnake's nest? They will strike out when you assault their ingrained beliefs. Don't be intimidated.

I have received many vicious responses and even subtle threats. You know that you have accomplished something when your local County Administrator



calls the paper and demands that you not be permitted to write. In my case, I not only have received this response, but the Administrator even demanded at one point to know what I was being paid! (We agreed to tell him that he couldn't afford me.) Why is

he afraid? Because people are starting to think for themselves!

Wait a minute. I can hear you now. "But, Bea, I can't write!" "They never publish my letters!" "When they do publish my letters, they cut the devil out of them!"

Yes, you can write. You have an opinion about what's happening in your community, haven't you? If you knock long enough at the door, the letters eventually slide under the door.

You will improve

And the more persistent you are, the more to the point you are, the more they will listen to you. The editor will cut your letters . . . at first. As you write more, you will improve, you will learn to be more precise, and you will make it more difficult for them to cut your letters. Don't take it as an insult — use it as a learning process.

When I first moved to my tiny community (pop. 700), we were served by two distinctly separate newspapers. One was a weekly local paper, one was a daily. The weekly paper had a definite Democrat viewpoint: "What can we get from the federal and state government?" The daily paper, out of Savannah, had a definite Republican viewpoint: "We must enforce Family Values!"

This area was ripe for a little insurrection.

I began by writing letters to the editors of both papers. At first, if my letters were printed at all, they were printed weeks after the particular topic I was

How to communicate Libertarian ideas more effectively

When it comes to "selling" liberty, respect beats arguing and preaching

When I first discovered the Libertarian Party and came to understand libertarian solutions, I embarked on a one-person mission to convert everyone I came in contact with.

Libertarianism was so logical, I thought, that all I had to do was explain it to people and they would agree.

I soon found out that it wasn't that easy. Many of our positions are perceived as "extremist" and even with logical arguments to back them up, people sometimes have trouble accepting them.

Because of this, the way we present our ideas is very impor-

tant. Whether you are working in a fair booth, calling prospects, or just talking to friends, a few simple strategies can make you a better Libertarian communicator.

■ **Don't preach:** One common mistake overzealous Libertarians make is to preach to people with religious fervor. It doesn't work and tends to turn people off.

Instead, ask them to explain



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their views — and make an effort to understand why they believe as they do. Then tailor your comments to their individual needs. Rather than expecting them to buy into the entire Libertarian platform at first sight, wait for the right opportunity to present Libertarian views in a positive light and focus on the ways in which Libertarian solutions can benefit them.

■ **Don't argue:** No one benefits from heated political arguments, and the chance that you will change someone's mind by arguing is slim. Many people have strong emotional reasons for their beliefs, even though they may not be logical, and will be hesitant to admit they are wrong. Rather than argue, calmly state your position and explain why you hold it.

If an arguer persists, it may

be best to simply end the conversation by saying, "We obviously don't agree on this point," and move on to one you can agree on. Most of all, never take comments personally and never respond to an insult with an insult. Remember that your purpose is to promote the Libertarian Party and to win *converts*, not arguments.

■ **Find common ground:** Always look for areas where there are common goals and objectives and build on them.

It's better to begin a conversation on education by agreeing that education is important and public schools aren't doing a very good job of it (few would disagree with that) instead of by stating that state-run education is evil and should be abolished. With the former statement, you are recognizing that you have a

common goal with the prospect. With the latter, you run the risk of alienating him completely.

Once you agree on the goal you are then in a much better position to discuss the best way of achieving it.

■ **Treat others with respect:** If you're working in an LP outreach booth, you may be the first contact some people have with our party and our movement. Remember that everything you say and do will affect their opinion of us — as well as their decision to join our party.

Always be polite and gracious and thank them for taking the time to learn more about the party. First impressions are powerful and not easily forgotten.

■ **Editor's note:** Dena Bruedigam is the Editor Emeritus of the Ohio Libertarian newsletter.

addressing had occurred. When they were printed, my letters were edited and cut "for space" (you've heard that one, haven't you?).

Being a dogged sort, I kept on. The daily would only print my letters once a month; being a generous individual, I wrote at least two a month to give them a choice.

Write a column

The weekly, after receiving at least one letter a month, and seeing the responses and sales that I provoked, asked me if I would write a column for them — for free, of course. This I was happy to do. Meanwhile, I kept sending letters to the editor of the daily paper.

The daily paper decided to expand their coverage into our area, with what they called a "wrap" — our area's news and advertising in a separate section, wrapped around the Savannah edition. This idea went over well in our rapidly expanding community.

Because of my reputation for addressing local issues in a way that stirred comment (and sold papers) I was asked to write as a weekly, paid columnist for the 'new' daily.

This was perfect, as my volunteer column in the local

weekly caused so much furor that the editor had decided to put a rider on my column, affirming that my column was not news but "simply opinion," and did not reflect the editor's views. The daily not only wanted me to comment on local issues and stir responses, but would actually pay me to do so!

I can't take the credit for the rapid expansion of the daily's circulation in our area; but the more local stories my paper covered, and the more I wrote about those stories, and the more responses I received — the more rapidly our paper grew. I used to write on Tuesday or Thursday; I now write in the much-coveted Sunday edition.

The answer

You can do it, too. You have the fire. You have the belief that liberty, free and unfettered, is the answer to all of the problems in government, in bureaucracy, in personal lives.

Share the fire. Share the joys of liberty. Don't be discouraged. Be persistent.

Be a real government subversive, by teaching people to think outside of the box.

Editor's note: *Bea Jones is a weekly columnist for the Carolina Morning News in Hardeeville, South Carolina.*

Turning blank stares into agreement

We've all been in this situation before. You're at an office function, dinner party, or hanging out at a bar with friends when the subject of politics comes up. If you mention you're a Libertarian, the crowd gives you a blank look or perhaps a scowl of utter disdain. Here's the dilemma. How do you project your libertarian views without coming across as a crackpot, or worse?

We all have at least one major reason we became Libertarians. For some, it's the strict adherence to the tenets of the U.S. Constitution, to other people it may be how we object to the wasteful way our government spends our money. For me, it's the freedom of individual liberty and personal responsibility — that no person or government has the right to tell me what I can't do if what I'm doing doesn't cause anyone harm.

Find your libertarian belief and think it through. Visualize all the things in the government that could be changed if your ideals were made reality. You don't have to memorize the entire Libertarian platform to be an effective promoter of liberty, you just need to be strong in your

convictions.

Here are a few tips when engaging in discussions that will make you seem less "frightening" to non-libertarians:

■ Speak clearly and calmly. Nothing inflames a person more than someone spouting political beliefs at high speed and even higher volume. State your case in

By Robert Giedt

"NEVER, NEVER get into an argument; it will only hurt the cause of liberty."

..... a calm voice and in a rational matter. Even if they're being loud themselves, a levelheaded person speaking calmly will usually defuse a potential situation.

■ Don't try to force your beliefs down someone's throat — if your reasons are sound, they'll sell themselves. Unless people are in church, folks don't like being preached to.

■ Show that their arguments are your points as well. Many people have libertarian ideals within them, they're just not fully aware of them. If they're in the NRA, mention that libertarians are completely for the "right to bear arms." If they're pro-choice, mention that most libertarians respect a woman's right to choose. If they complain about their taxes, bring up the Libertarians' position on paying for your own goods and services.

Show that libertarians aren't as "fringe" as people misconceive them to be.

■ Think your statements through before answering. Check the demeanor of the parties involved in the conversation, weigh your words carefully, and put forth a clear libertarian statement. Odds are that someone in the group will agree with you. And never, never get into an argument—it'll only hurt your cause and the cause of liberty.

Remember, if we come across as rational, intelligent thinkers, we're more likely to gain new allies and achieve political gains.

Editor's note: *Reprinted from the February 1999 issue of the San Mateo Libertarian (California).*



The Power of Just One Signature

Do you think that our government has gotten too big and too powerful? Do you think a maze of bureaucrats and politicians are chipping away at the freedoms Americans used to take for granted? Do you think the Bill of Rights is being silently repealed — one precious freedom at a time?

You can help change that by joining the Libertarian Party! We're the only political party that is fighting — with 100% of our energy — to lower taxes, to reduce the size of government, and to defend the Bill of Rights. With your support — and your proud signature on this membership form — we can work harder than ever to build a powerful political force for freedom.

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From THE DIRECTOR

7,000 reasons for you to get involved

The Libertarian Party's first ever million-piece outreach mailing is out the door! By the time the returns are all in, we expect over 7,000 new LP members and contributors, in addition to the 35,365 members and contributors we already have. That's a 20% increase!

And, with your continued support, we intend to continue these mailings every few months, towards our goal of reaching 100,000 members and contributors by the 2000 Presidential Nominating Convention next July in Anaheim, California.

These mailings are an important part of Project Archimedes; our long-term effort to use growth in our base of members as a lever to increase the visibility and political clout of the LP, and get more Libertarians elected to public office.

As our base of support increases, we have a larger pool of potential candidates, campaign managers, local party chairs, contributors, and other volunteers. We can run more campaigns that have complete campaign teams, plenty of volunteers, and sufficient money to win! Also, as we grow, more and more local communities will reach the critical mass needed to establish an effective local LP organization.

So, what kind of Libertarian Party will these new members and contributors find in your community? Will they find an active local Libertarian Party engaged in politics? Will they be asked to volunteer to help your local candidates, or maybe asked to be candidates themselves?

Right now, you can help make certain that the answer is yes.

If you aren't already active in your local LP organization, now is the time! Give your county chair a call and volunteer to help. He or she will really appreciate your call.

Not sure if there's a local party in your community? Call your State Chair or Executive Director. There's a complete directory in this issue of *LP News* (see page 22).

Of course, it's possible that you may get a response similar to the one Joe Hauptmann and I got just after we joined the LP back in 1979. Joe made the call to the national office, and asked, "Who's running the Clark (for President) campaign here in Indiana?" The person replied, "Funny you should ask" — and before we knew it, we were organizing Indiana for Clark.

If something like that happens, don't worry. I've never regretted jumping in and getting involved, and I'm certain you won't either.

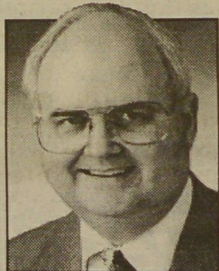
If you're not sure what to do to get a local party going, or to help an existing organization become more active, don't worry. There's plenty of help available. Your State Chair or Executive Director can probably put you in touch with other active local organizations. You can learn from their successes — and their failures. (You won't have to reinvent the flat tire!)

You can also give us a call at the national office.

We've all been where you are: We've been local and state chairs, run for office, managed campaigns, raised money, recruited volunteers, and dealt with the media. We know the problems you face — and we want to help you succeed.

The 2000 elections are only 19 months away. If we want to see Libertarians on the ballot locally, and we want those candidates to win, we have to be building our local LP organizations and recruiting those candidates now.

Thanks to this first million-piece Archimedes mailing, 7,000 new Libertarians have just found a political home. Let's all do what we can to welcome them and get them involved. Together, we can make it happen!



By Steve Dasbach

LP National Director

The Pollution Solution: Stopping the environment's worst enemy

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



By Dr. Mary Ruwart

Who's the greatest polluter of all? The oil companies? The chemical companies? The nuclear power plants?

If you guessed "none of the above" you'd be correct. Our government, at the federal, state, and local levels, is the single greatest polluter in the land. In addition, our government doesn't even clean up its own garbage!

In 1988, for example, the EPA demanded that the Departments of Energy and Defense clean up 17 of their weapons plants which were leaking radioactive and toxic chemicals — enough contamination to cost \$100 dollars in clean-up costs over 50 years! The EPA was simply ignored. No bureaucrats went to jail or were sued for damages. Government departments have sovereign immunity.

In 1984, a Utah court ruled that the U.S. military was negligent in its nuclear testing, causing serious health problems (e.g. death) for the people exposed to radioactive fallout. The Court of Appeals dismissed the claims of the victims, because government employees have sovereign immunity.

Hooker Chemical begged the Niagara Falls School Board not to excavate the land where Hooker had safely stored toxic chemical waste. The school board ignored these warnings and taxpayers had to foot a \$30 million relocation bill when health problems arose. The EPA filed suit, not against the reckless school board, but against Hooker Chemical! Government officials have sovereign immunity.

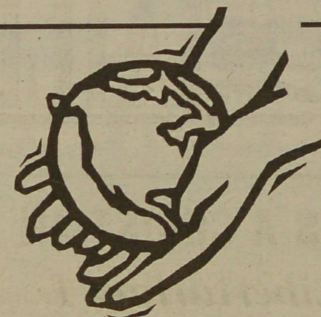
Sovereign immunity

Government, both federal and local, is the greatest single polluter in the U.S. This polluter literally gets away with murder because of sovereign immunity. Libertarians would make government as responsible for its actions as everyone else is expected to be. Libertarians would protect the environment by first abolishing sovereign immunity.

By turning to government for environmental protection,

we've placed the fox in charge of the hen house — and a very large hen house it is! Governments, both federal and local, control over 40% of our country's land mass. Unfortunately, government's stewardship over our land is gradually destroying it.

For example, the Bureau of Land Management controls an area almost twice the size of Texas, including nearly all of Alaska and Nevada. Much of this



QUESTION:
What would Libertarians do to help protect our environment?

land is rented to ranchers for grazing cattle. Because ranchers are only renting the land, they have no incentive to take care of it. Not surprisingly, studies as early as 1925 indicated that cattle were twice as likely to die on public ranges and had half as many calves as animals grazing on private lands.

Obviously, owners make better environmental guardians than renters. If the government sold its acreage to private ranchers, the new owners would make sure that they grazed the land sustainably to maximize profit and yield.

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Indeed, ownership of wildlife can literally save endangered species from extinction. Between 1979 and 1989, Kenya banned elephant hunting, yet the number of these noble beasts dropped from 65,000 to 19,000. In Zimbabwe during the same time period, however, elephants could be legally owned and sold. The number of elephants increased from 30,000 to 43,000 as their owners became fiercely protective of their "property." Poachers didn't have a chance!

Saved the buffalo

Similarly, commercialization of the buffalo saved it from extinction. We never worry about cattle becoming extinct, because their status as valuable "property" encourages their propagation. The second step libertarians would take to protect the environment and save endangered species would be to encourage private ownership of both land and animals.

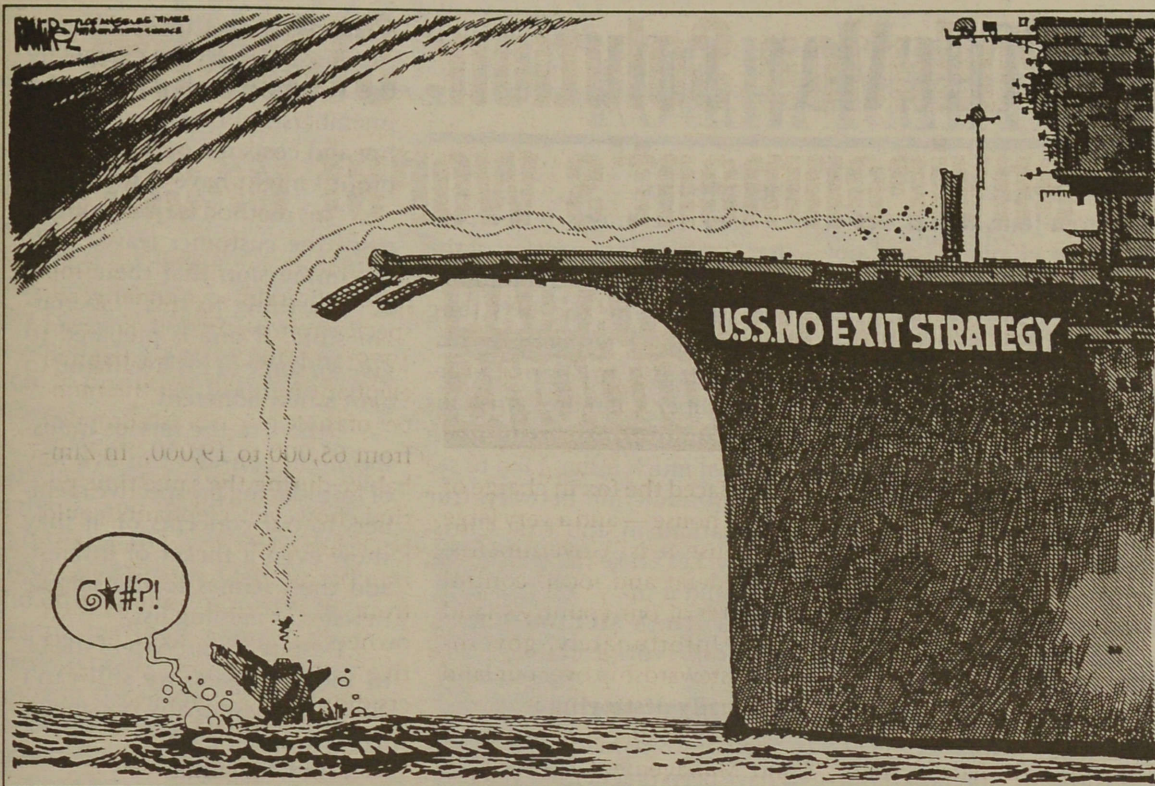
Environmentalists were once wary of private ownership, but now recognize that establishing the property rights of native people has become an effective strategy to save the rain forests. Do you remember the movie, *Medicine Man*, where scientist Sean Connery discovers a miracle drug in the rain forest ecology? Unfortunately, the life-saving compound is literally bulldozed under when the government turns the rain forest over to corporate interests. The natives that scientist Connery lives with are driven from their forest home. Their homesteading rights are simply ignored by their own government!

Logging roads

Our own Native Americans were driven from their rightful lands as well. Similarly, our national forests are turned over to logging companies, just as the rain forests are. By 1985, the U.S. Forest Service had built 350,000 miles of logging roads with our tax dollars — outstripping our interstate highway system by a factor of eight! In the meantime, hiking trails declined by 30%. Clearly, our government serves special interest groups instead of protecting our environmental heritage.

Even our national parks are not immune from abuse. Yellowstone's Park Service once encouraged employees to trap predators (e.g., wolves, fox, etc.)

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THE MAILBOX

The Guilt Approach

This is in response to the article and responding letters concerning how to convince people to vote Libertarian [*LP News*, April & May 1999].

Michael Cloud's idea was to compare votes to the lottery, and [show] how insignificant a vote is, and how it's wasted anyway — so why not vote for a third party? I think this is a decent argument for non-voters who don't think a vote is worth much, but for people who do vote, they already feel that their vote is worth something.

So, to convince people who share most or all of Libertarian views but still vote Republican or Democrat, I think it would be best to use the "guilt approach." My question to these individuals would be: "Why would you vote for something you don't whole-heartedly believe in, simply because you think they'll win?"

By the way, I'm a rock musician and a big Rush fan. It was good to see Neil Peart's picture in the March 1999 issue as a celebrity Libertarian. Hopefully, one day I'll grace the pages of *LP News* as a celebrity Libertarian.

— NICKY J. ALLISON
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

The Socialist Approach

A cogent reply to the "But I don't want to waste my vote" excuse is Norman Thomas. He was the Socialist Party's candidate for president for four or five elections. He didn't win, but when he abandoned the field he explained that his candidacy was

"AS A CHRISTIAN Libertarian, I see 'Christ the Communist' as Christ the Choice-giver."

no longer necessary because the Republicrats and Demicans had adopted all his platform planks.

Furthermore, when you don't vote, or vote for someone you don't want, [that's] when you really waste your vote.

— GRANT HANSEN
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Christ the Choice-giver

In her letter to the editor [*LP News*, May 1999], Charlotte Poe admits she's baffled by Christians who "interpret the Bible to say whatever they want it to say." I counter that it's no more baffling than non-Christians who do the same.

It's not erudite to pull something out of context and lay claim to a new interpretation. As a Christian libertarian who's also read the Bible, I see Christ the

Communist as Christ the *Choice-giver*. The rich man wanted to follow Jesus; Jesus allegorically shows the man that "following him" takes way more than simply saying you want to, an idea admittedly lost on many Christians. Taken literally and out of context, even I can see traces of communism. Kept in context, I see a choice.

Should I give my life savings to a panhandler? To say "yes" unreservedly is to miss the point. Pennilessness is not commensurate with godliness. How do I know? Other biblical lessons teach me that if I'm poor I can't help the poor.

Jesus wants me to think and make responsible choices as each life situation warrants. My Christian goal isn't to seek black/white answers for a gray world. Perceived biblical "contradictions" to non-Christians are actually "tensions" to thoughtful Christians: Use the answer that manifests the most love.

The main reason Christianity is libertarian: Without dark, there's no light; without valleys, there are no mountains; without evil, there's no good. God "allows" evil because without it, we have no *choice* in the matter.

Sounds libertarian to me.
— STEPHANIE YANIK
Arlington, Virginia

Christ: Anti-Libertarian?

In the letter from Charlotte Poe, she tries to dissuade all Christians from being libertarians by supposedly showing that Jesus was anti-libertarian. The

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THE PULSE

Hulk Hogan gets body-slammed

In professional wrestling, they would call what *LP News* readers did to "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan a "body-slam." Asked in this month's unscientific survey whether the LP should approach the flamboyant wrestler about running as the party's presidential candidate in 2000, two out of three Libertarians gave the idea a thumbs down.

Fully 65% of the respondents gave answers ranging from "No" to "HECK NO!" when asked whether Hogan could follow in the successful political shoes of fellow wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura. Chief among the objections: Hogan isn't serious when he says he wants to run for president; he's not a Libertarian; and a professional wrestling candidate would diminish the LP's credibility.

On the opposing side, 13.3% said the party *should* approach Hogan, and 10% said Hogan should be invited to seek the LP's nomination *only* if he is a Libertarian. Another 11.6% gave answers that were ambiguous.

A number of respondents also gave unsolicited suggestions about which celebrity the LP *should* approach about seeking the party's nomination: Clint Eastwood was the leader with 13.3%, with Charlton Heston coming in second with 3.3%. Also mentioned were Drew Carey, Howard Stern, Congressman Ron Paul — and, continuing the wrestling theme, Vince McMahon (president of the World Wrestling Federation).

Here is a representative cross-section of responses:

■ Hulk Hogan is no more interested in an actual run for the Presidency than I am. If you like Hogan's act, fine. Enjoy it. I enjoy wrestling as entertainment, and as the highly skilled athletic exhibition it can sometimes be. However, don't trade the LP's reputation for a short-lived publicity gain which will leave us a laughingstock.

— JIM SULLIVAN, Watertown, Massachusetts

■ Absolutely you should approach Hulk Hogan. It will take a celebrity to get peoples' attention, and who knows, he may make a great president.

— BETTY RUNGE, Lawrenceville, Georgia

■ If the LP were to back Hulk Hogan in a race for President it would be the laughingstock of the race. The media would have a field day. Besides, we don't know his stance on free markets, limited government, or any other concept that may be relevant to our positions.

— WESLEY MILLER, Golden, Colorado

■ No, no, no, no, no. Intelligence isn't a prerequisite to fame. Hogan is merely jealous of Ventura and has stated as much. Is that a good reason to elect someone President? President of the *junior high student council*, maybe.

— STEPHANIE YANIK, Arlington, Virginia

■ The Libertarian Party absolutely should not ask Hogan to run for president. He's too goofy, and he seems to just want to go for all the marbles without running for and serving in a lesser office first.

— DAVID DONOVAN, Brea, California

■ Not only no, but HECK NO! There is no comparison between Jesse Ventura's political success and Hogan's so-called run for president. Ventura had previous political experience as mayor, while Hogan has none. He would be a terrible choice for president.

— DAVE WHITAKER, Danville, Georgia

■ Hogan should be the Party of Principle's candidate only if he is truly committed to honestly and sincerely representing those principles; otherwise, putting such a candidate forth would be selling out our integrity for publicity we wouldn't deserve.

— MATT VEST, Dallas, Texas

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- Sure. As long as he shares our values, he's just as good a candidate as anyone else we can find.
— FRANCIS KLINKNER, Mankato, Minnesota
- Go ahead, nominate him, and kiss good-bye every bit of credibility so many people have worked so hard for these many years.
— JAMES LAWRENCE, Greenville, North Carolina
- Yes, if the Hulk takes it seriously enough that the LP doesn't become a joke. We are finally beginning to be a serious force to deal with.
— STEPHEN D. HILLS, Spooner, Wisconsin
- No offense to Hulk, but I think he would get more laughs than votes.
— LARRY CLEVER, Meadville, Pennsylvania
- Short answer: No! Longer answer: *Never!* Ventura was a respected mayor, not just a former wrestler, and he had serious ideas. Hogan is a joke, even as a wrestler.
— PAT BONTEMPO, Asbury Park, New Jersey
- NOTE: This question was for entertainment only. For the record, the national LP does not approach or "recruit" presidential candidates. The party's 2000 presidential candidate will be selected by the delegates at the LP National Convention in Anaheim (CA) in July 2000.

August question: Best 'libertarian' group?

As a libertarian, you are not alone. There's the Cato Institute, the most influential libertarian think tank in Washington. The Advocates for Self-Government, busy teaching libertarians how to be better communicators. The Reason Foundation, which publicized the concept of privatization.

And don't forget the Future of Freedom Foundation; the ACLU; Laissez Faire Books; FEE; the Ludwig Von Mises Institute; CEI; the International Society for Individual Liberty; and so many more. . . And what about single-issue libertarian-leaning groups? There's NORML; FEAR; Citizens Against Government Waste; DPF; the Institute for Justice; FIJA; GOA; EFF; and PERC (to name just a few).

■ QUESTION: What ONE "small-I" libertarian organization (either named above or not) does the best job, or is just your favorite? Why? (Keep answers to 100 words.)

■ DEADLINE: July 5, 1999

July Question: Should we change our name?

It's shorter. It's easier to pronounce. The initials won't change. And it won't be confused with the word "libertine." In a nutshell, those are the reasons why some LP activists suggest that the Libertarian Party should be renamed the "Liberty Party."

Since the LP was formed in 1971, some members have argued that the word "Libertarian" is too long and too confusing for voters. Their solution: Change our name.

Not so fast, say others. "Libertarian" has become a well-known, well-understood, and well-respected word. Besides, the party has built up "brand-name" equity, which would be wasted if we suddenly changed names.

■ QUESTION: Should we change our name to the Liberty Party? Why or why not? (Keep answers to 100 words.)

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quotes from Jesus that she cites about being charitable and not worshipping money, however, do not show this at all. Being libertarian is about being against the initiation of force, not about being uncharitable or worshipping money.

Jesus taught that charity, along with all other moral actions, should be a voluntary decision made by each individual, not forced upon anyone. What is anti-libertarian about that?

And what is the point of alienating others from the LP just because they think differently than you do, so long as they espouse the basic libertarian principle?

— BRADLEY BOBBS
Van Nuys, California

Confusion?

Some letters in The Mailbox show that some libertarians confuse Libertarianism with Objectivism and/or confuse voluntary socialism with state socialism.

The essence of Libertarianism is freedom of choice and the absence of government coercion.

The government should not impose taxes or otherwise compel persons to redistribute money to the poor. Nor should the government subsidize collectives or compel persons to live collectively.

But donating money to the poor is not anti-Libertarian. Nor is living collectively. Indeed, the traditional nuclear family is a collective.

— LEONARD SCHWARTZ
Oak Park, Michigan

Don't be antagonistic

The Christian/Libertarian letters [LP News, March-April 1999] have missed one important point. That point is that we do *not* advance the cause of liberty by making derogatory statements about another's religion.

If we are antagonistic with Christians, they will only fight back. We need to show them that Libertarians pose no threat to their values. In fact, we defend their right to hold any values they choose, as long as they grant that right to others. With liberty, we all win because we are all free to live as we each see fit. We need to show Christians that

they win too.

Jack Gardner's letter says that "large-scale expansion of the LP . . . by 'Christian Libertarians' will undermine the LP's long range goal." I respectfully disagree. Many Christians do believe in liberty. If more Christians were won over, we would reach our goal much faster. I fail to see any contradiction between true Libertarianism and true Christianity. Let's take the wall down, not build it up.

— JONATHAN MCCORMICK
Gardnerville, Nevada

Free memberships

In my one-man service shop, I have been practicing a variation on Josh Silva's suggestion [The Mailbox, LP News, April 1999] to offer to pay first-year memberships by offering customers patient enough to listen to some libertarian philosophy a no-cost

incentive. I do this by offering to reduce their service charges by the \$25 membership fee, so the [membership] costs them nothing and costs me only whatever profit I might have made.

This method is two-pronged since the customer leaves with the impression that there must be something to this "Libertarian stuff" if one is prepared to give up some of his livelihood to gain a new adherent.

Others in the service industry might consider this as a way of introducing prospective members to our concepts or, if they show even a flicker of interest, add their names to the sample newsletter mailing list.

Despite the growth of the LP in the last years, we still can't afford to pass up any possibility to expand our ranks.

— STEVE ALLISON
Ramona, California

One-sided advice

Libertarian Party Chair Dave Bergland gives curiously one-sided advice in his column titled

Jurassic Horde Whisperer of Madness County



This new novel by Titus Stauffer is a wacky tale of lawyersaurs, Quart Low Trackers, Ale Run Hubba-Bubba and His Church of Omnology, Panderwood, and officials at THEMNOTUS and NADGRAB run amuck. A tale so utterly bizarre as to defy all rationality. A tale beyond belief. But then we get to the annotated end portion of the book and we see that *Jurassic Horde Whisperer of Madness County* is based on FACTS - facts too irrational, crazy and destructive to be pure fiction. Church, State, Media, and Hollyweird have provided all the madness spoofed here. Fun, yes, but also a disturbing warning about how destructive irrationality runs rampant in our modern, supposedly enlightened scientific age.

Other works by Titus Stauffer: *Bats in the Belfry, By Design* is a near-future hard science fiction novel about a U.S. weapons designer who regrets helping a freedom fearing government.

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"Libertarianism 101" [From the Chair, *LP News*, May 1999]. While it was an act of kindness to try and relieve the party regulars of the gut-wrenching fear that new members might actually change things around here, it would have been an act of wisdom to turn some of that advice around.

Instead of only making calming noises to the "long-time activists" and "old-timers" while exhorting the newcomers to "learn from these experts," he should have also considered suggesting to "these experts" that there actually might be something in the world left for them to learn too. And it might be the newcomers who will teach them.

— **TOM BRENNAN**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Right on the money

Bob Dostal's letter on ending abortion [*The Mailbox*, *LP News*, May 1999] was right on the money. The only things I would add to his solution of mounting a public education campaign for male sexual responsibility is a similar campaign for female sexual responsibility, and the repeal of all laws requiring the use of tax money to pay for or promote abortion.

I also give a thumbs up to James McCawley's letter on the death penalty ("Irresponsible"). He expressed for me what I have always thought and said about the death penalty. The possibility of executing even one innocent person through a miscarriage of justice is enough to make me draw back from supporting this all-too-final solution. Those two letters were solid hits.

— **LORENZO GAZTANAGA**
Baltimore, Maryland

Moral judgments

I would like to address two items in *The Mailbox* [*LP News*, May 1999].

First, regarding Mr. Bob Dostal's letter about abortion: I want to thank him for graciously making the moral judgment for me, that abortion is evil. He saved me much time and independent thought, protecting me from my own stupidity, no doubt.

Secondly, shame on the edi-

tor for taking the easy way out. The "Editor's Note" about the "Friends of Liberty" letter noted that "the only criteria for inclusion was that the individuals had described themselves as 'libertarian' or voiced support for libertarian concepts."

Shame, shame, shame. That would include the Statist William Jefferson "little-L" Clinton — who described some of his

own ideas as "pretty libertarian."

That's enough to make me want to declare that I am anything *but* a Libertarian — and I'm a pretty determined Libertarian!

— **MARC VISCONTE**
Chester, Virginia

Stop being timid!

This is an open message to all Libertarians, since many election deadlines are now quickly approaching. The best way to grow the movement is to run for political office. Stop being timid! It is not that difficult.

All you must do is answer

any media calls promptly, fill out and return all candidate surveys, get a good head shot [photograph] taken, fill out legal paperwork, and attend any candidate forums for which you receive invitations.

So you won't win office but you will make contact with people concerned about issues. You will help other Libertarians to take the step [to party activism] by handing out Libertarian literature [for your campaign]. People who share your value for freedom will find the courage to come forward and defend Liber-

tarian ideas.

Some people will agree with you but will refuse to vote for you, so ask them to at least donate some money. Some people have no money but will be willing to vote for you or help volunteer. Some people may only agree with some Libertarian ideas, so encourage them to speak kindly of the Libertarian Party when they agree with us.

This can't happen without you, so please consider running for office.

Contact your party's State
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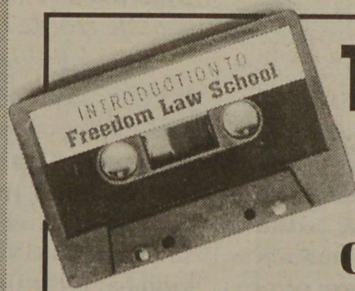
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■ July 24-25, 1999

Success '99 Libertarian Leadership Training Seminar, Chicago, Illinois. Speakers include David Bergland (LP National Chairman), Jim Lark (Libertarian National Committee member & Liberty Coalition advisor), and Michael Cloud (Libertarian communications guru). For information or to register, call the Balcom Group at (202) 234-3880.

■ August 7, 1999

Virginia LP Convention, Richmond. Exact location and speakers TBA. For information, contact Marc Montoni via e-mail: ambassador@bigfoot.com. Website: www.lpva.org.

■ August 14-15, 1999

Libertarian National Committee, Inc. meeting, Marriott Hotel, Anaheim, California. Open to all party members. For information, call (202) 333-0008 Ext. 228.

■ August 22-27, 1999

International Society for Individual Liberty World Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica. Speakers include Enrique Ghersi (Peru), Otto Guevara Guth (Costa Rica), and Carlos Alberto Montaner (author of the *Manual of the Perfect Latin American Idiot*). For information, call (707) 746-8796. E-mail: 71034.2711@Compuserve.com.

■ September 24-26, 1999

Advocates for Self-Government's 15th Anniversary Celebration, Atlanta, Georgia. Speakers include Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), Charles Murray (author of *What It Means to Be a Libertarian*), Harry Browne (1996 LP Presidential candidate), Michael Cloud (creator of the "Essence of Political Persuasion"), Karl Hess Jr. (libertarian environmentalist), Walter Block (author of *Defending the Undefendable*), and Dr. Mary Ruwart (author of *Healing Our World*). For information, call (800) 932-1776. E-mail: advocates@self-gov.org. Website: www.self-gov.org.

■ October 8-10, 1999

Florida LP Convention, Sheraton Hotel, West Palm Beach. Speakers include Michael Cloud (1998 LP National Convention Keynote Speaker). For information, call Frank Longo: (561) 883-3357. E-mail: FLongo@bellsouth.net.

■ October 23, 1999

New Hampshire LP Convention, Holiday Inn, Nashua. Speakers include Larry Hines (candidate for the LP's presidential nomination). For information, contact Tom Kershaw at (603) 424-0100. E-mail: kersha19@IDT.net.

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California LP Convention, Doubletree Hotel San Diego-Mission Valley, San Diego. For information: (818) 506-0200.

■ June 30-July 3, 2000

Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention, Anaheim, California. Speakers and events TBA. For information, call (202) 333-0008 Ext. 228.

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Chair today to find out what elected offices come up in the next election.

— **ANDREW SULLIVAN**
State Chair, Nebraska LP
Omaha Nebraska

Unwise judgment

The decision by the California LP to use Steve Kubby as the poster boy for its usually honorable campaign to protect ill people's access to marijuana [*LP News*, April 1999], was an extraordinarily unwise judgment. LP News also was delinquent in its favorable reporting of Kubby as a "law-abiding citizen."

The Kubby case must be seen in its overall context. Proposition 215, passed by the people in California, allows physicians to prescribe marijuana for patients who benefit from its use. There is no doubt but that Kubby's illnesses fit that description.

However, Kubby disobeyed the provisions of Prop. 215 by growing hundreds of marijuana plants, which he claimed were intended entirely for his own use. By all indications, Kubby intended to distribute marijuana, in violation of Prop. 215.

For the LP to gain credence in the eyes of the general voting public, it must not condone or otherwise support civil disobedience among its members against repressive laws, unless they are prepared to readily accept the consequences of their actions.

DISABILITY ACT:

"Mind you, I don't like it, but I can't deny the positive benefits."

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The California LP's wrongful defense of Kubby will cause future LP candidates in that state to lose votes.

— **PATRICK GROFF**
San Diego, California

ADA: Beneficial?

Subject: "The Boomerang Effect" [*LP News*, May 1999].

I generally agree with the theme of this article. However, with regard to the American With Disabilities Act, I fear the opposition will argue with some credibility that no law is perfect and the overall benefits outweigh the negatives. The statistical significance of a two-point drop in handicap employment doesn't appear to be that great.

On the positive side, the

handicapped now have ramps for access to buildings, bathrooms to accommodate their wheelchairs, reserve parking, and a host of other benefits that it seems reasonable for society to provide. It seems unlikely that these improvements could have been achieved without a federal program.

Mind you, I don't like it but I can't deny the positive effects. Were I a handicapped person, I would be most grateful.

— **GARY D. JONES**
Belvidere, Illinois

■ **Editor's note:** There's no doubt that many handicapped people would agree they have "benefited" from the ADA. Indeed, many Americans benefit by using the coercive power of government to get subsidies, preferential treatment, and so on. Why else would so many people lobby the government for so much?

But the point of the article was simply that, in many cases, laws harm the very people they were supposed to help (even if those same people benefit in some other way).

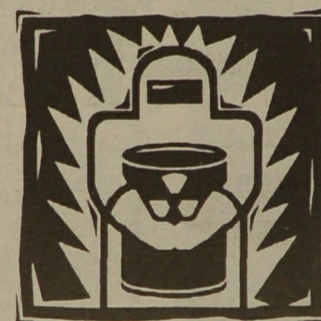
However, "The Boomerang Effect" isn't the real reason why Libertarians oppose such government programs. The real reason is that Libertarians believe people should work together in a voluntary way, and not use government coercion to get what they want. The Boomerang Effect is just the pragmatic flip side of our moral argument.

Pollution: What Libertarians would do

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so that the hooped mammals favored by visitors would flourish. Not surprisingly, the ecological balance was upset. The larger elk drove out the deer and sheep, trampled the riverbanks, and destroyed beaver habitat. Without the beavers, the water fowl, mink, otter, and trout were threatened. Without the trout or the shrubs and berries that once lined the riverbanks, grizzlies began to endanger park visitors in their search for food. As a result, park officials had to remove the bears and have started bringing back the wolves.

Wouldn't we be better served if naturalist organizations, such as the Audubon Society or Nature Conservancy, took over the management of our precious parks? The Audubon Society's Rainey Wildlife Sanctuary partially supports itself with natural gas wells operated in an ecologically sound manner. In addition to preserving the sensitive habitat, the Society shows how technology and ecology can co-exist peacefully and profitably.



"A COURT RULED that the U.S. military was negligent in its nuclear testing."

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The environment would benefit immensely from the elimination of sovereign immunity coupled with the privatization of "land and beast." The third and final step in the libertarian program to save the environment is the use of restitution both as a deterrent and a restor-

ative. Next month's column will feature the second part of the "Pollution Solution," answering the question: "How would libertarians keep our air and water clean?"

■ **Editor's note:** Mary J. Ruwart, Ph.D., is the author of *Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle, a liberty primer for liberals, Christians, New Agers, and pragmatists*. She also wrote *Short Answers to the Tough Questions: Sound Bites for the Libertarian Candidate*, based on her Internet column (www.self-gov.org) of the same name.

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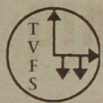
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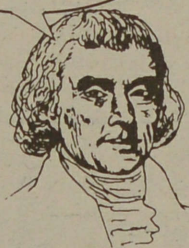
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June 5, 1999

New Mexico LP Convention, Shady Brook Inn, Taos. Speakers include James Lark III (Libertarian National Committee member & Liberty Coalition advisor). For information, call Ron Bjornstad at (505) 891-4541. E-mail: tintoys@RT66.com.

June 12, 1999

Nevada LP Convention, Best Western Mardi Gras Hotel, Las Vegas. Speakers include Vin Suprynowicz (author of *Send in the Waco Killers*), Nancy (Lord) Johnson (1992 LP Vice Presidential candidate), and Dan Hall (comedian). For information call (702) 260-8328. E-mail: caazzaro@aol.com.

June 12-13, 1999

Washington State LP Convention, Doubletree & Best Western hotels, Bellevue. Speakers include Jacob Hornberger (Future of Freedom Foundation), Mary Ruwart (author of *Healing Our World*), Michael Cloud (1998 candidate for U.S. Senate in Nevada), Michelle Malkin (*Seattle Times* columnist), Brian Thomas (WA legislator), James Buchal (author of *The Great Salmon*

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— Mona Lipschitz, *Talkers Magazine*, March 15, 1999

"The whole dynamic of left/right is fading away and I think we are entering a sort of libertarian phase against big government."

— Matt Drudge, C-SPAN's *Washington Journal*, March 19, 1999

"The Libertarian message — live and let live — itself is appealing."
— Mary Moore, *The Daily Breeze* (Torrance, CA), February 4, 1999