

# Success '97

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**T**he National Libertarian Party will conduct a series of leadership training conferences around the country, LP Chair Steve Dasbach has announced—designed to give party activists the “political tools they need to succeed.”

The conferences, called Success '97, will kick off with a New England event in Boston, MA, on June 7-8.

Each event will consist of a two-day, intensive weekend workshop, with a dinner event each Saturday night. Participants will have a choice of workshops on party-building or campaigning.

“Success '97 is an opportunity to learn the technology of Libertarian political success,” Dasbach said. “It’s a chance to master the tools activists need to build LP membership and affiliate parties, or run effective campaigns.”

Upcoming events include: Mid-Atlantic (June 28-29 in Northern Virginia); Mid-West (July 19-20 in Indianapolis,

IN); Mid-America (Sept. 6-7 in Kansas City, MO); Southwest (Sept. 27-28 in Austin, TX); West Coast (tentatively Oct. 18-19 in northern Los Angeles); Rocky Mountains (Nov. 8-9 in Denver, CO); and Southern States (Jan. 10-11, 1998, in Atlanta, GA).

The Success '97 concept was “field-tested” in February and March in Washington, DC, Dasbach said, when more than 70 LP state chairs, LP National Committee members, and state party activists participated in the prototype conferences.

“We got a great response,” he said. “So we decided to take it on the road, and make it available to every Libertarian—whether you’re a state, county, or local officer; an LP activist; a candidate or potential candidate; or just someone interested in learning the secrets of political success.”

The party-building portion of the Success '97 will cover: A long-term strategy for LP victory; state party organizing; secrets of winning Libertarian communication; public speaking **Success** on page 6

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## Why Republican politicians keep selling out freedom

By Jo Jorgensen

From a speech

**R**epublican Politicians give us the political equivalent of 1-900 Phone Sex. They tell us that we’re special. They ask us what we really want—and tell us that they want it, too. Then they start breathing heavy and getting excited by what we want. They tell us their fantasy for us. They tease us and tempt us. They arouse our passions. They tell us how much they want it and how good it’s going to be.

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More individual freedom means less government.

Voting for more government is voting for less freedom. Republican Politicians regularly vote for more government.

see **Republican sellout** on page 8



Jo Jorgensen

## Federal court order shields NJ LP protest

On Tuesday, April 8, Federal Judge Joseph A. Greenaway signed a consent order preventing Officer George Kaltenbach and other East Brunswick police and court officials from “arresting, detaining, prosecuting, or threatening to arrest, detain, or prosecute” Libertarian Party members who engage in an income tax protest planned for the night of April 15.

The order also prevented the officials from “advocating the imposition of excessive bail,” interfering with the Libertarians’ right to speak with a lawyer, and “detaining them without a bail hearing in the event they are arrested for any reason.”

The injunction was issued approximately a month after two Libertarian Party members—John Paff of Franklin and Tim Konek of Spotswood—filed suit against Kaltenbach and the township because of Paff’s and Konek’s arrests for conducting a peaceful tax protest in front of the East Brunswick Post Office last April 15.

The two Libertarians were charged with defiant trespassing for distributing mock \$1,000,000 bills to see **Injunction** on page 3

## LP says GOP backpedaling on cuts

The Republican Revolutionaries of 1994 have turned into the Big Government Appreciation Society—with “deceitful” GOP congressmen threatening to increase federal spending for the arts, education, and foreign aid, the Libertarian Party charged recently.

“Republicans seem to be taking their political cues from Jim Carrey’s new movie—‘Liar, Liar,’” said Steve Dasbach, LP national chair. “After promising to deliver a smaller, less expensive government to American voters, they are now working overtime to concoct new ways to waste our money.”

“In fact, why hasn’t the Federal Trade Commission charged Republicans with violating Truth-in-Advertising laws?” he asked rhetorically. “It’s such a clear example of consumer fraud—since deceitful Republicans promised voters one thing, but are brazenly delivering the exact opposite.”

Over the past two months, GOP leaders have backpedaled furiously on numerous government-cutting promises, Dasbach noted.

• **The Department of Education:** Two years ago, Republicans vowed to slash federal involvement in education, which currently encompasses 760 programs sprawling over 39 agencies. Now, numerous Republicans have embraced President Clinton’s request for \$10 billion in new spending—and are even proposing new programs of their own.

For example, Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH) advocated more federal spending for disabled students, Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA) demanded \$450 million more for school vouchers and other programs, and Sen. James Jeffords (R-VT) supported billions more for scholarship programs.

“How pathetic, yet predictable,” Dasbach said. “On the issue of federal education spending,

Republicans aren’t content to gleefully support every budget increase proposed by the White House—they’re scrambling to invent new wasteful programs of their own.”

• **The National Endowment for the Arts:** Two years ago, Republicans promised to abolish the “art welfare” agency. Now, House Majority Leader Richard Armey (R-TX) admits they don’t have the votes, because more Republicans—including long-time NEA foes like Rep. Zach Wamp (R-TN)—support the agency. So, the NEA may get a budget increase of 37 percent next year, to \$136 million.

This abrupt reversal caused William Bennett of the Empower America foundation to sputter: “If the Republican Party will retreat on this issue, where will they stand firm?”

Dasbach responded: “The answer is obvious: The Republican Party won’t stand firm anywhere.”

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# Hugh Downs praises Libertarian Party

One of the country's most respected television newscasters says that America has become a "one-party country"—and that all the good political ideas "belong to the Libertarians."

Hugh Downs, co-host of the highly rated "20/20" news program, made those comments on the March 31 broadcast of "Politically Incorrect," ABC TV's sardonic, late-night look at current events.

The program, hosted by comedian Bill Maher, features a panel of four generally non-political guests who discuss a wide range of controversial topics. Downs appeared on the show with actor Jeffrey Tambor, Internet talk show host and comedian Judy Tenuta, and Traditional Values Coalition spokesperson Andrea Sheldon.

While the suggested theme of the March 31 show was the Heaven's Gate cult, a spirited four-way debate quickly developed about abortion, education, and politics.

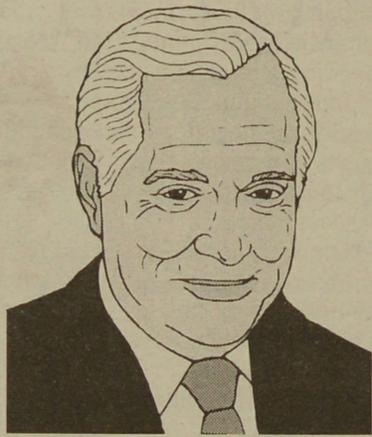
When Tambor made a comment about the Republican Party, Downs retorted: "I think it might be important to point out that this country is a one-party country. Half of that party is called Republican and half is called Democrat. It doesn't make any difference. All the really good ideas belong to the Libertarians."

The discussion returned to politics again later when Andrea Sheldon tried to defend the Republican Party as the "party of freedom" because it abolished slavery.

Downs responded: "They always point back to the party of Lincoln—you know, as though Lincoln would be a Republican [today]. He wouldn't. He'd be a Libertarian."

Libertarian Party National Director Perry Willis said Downs' televised comments appeared to be part of a growing trend.

"First it was John Laroquette, then Clint Eastwood, and now comes Hugh Downs. I



believe we'll see more and more of this kind of statement as we grow larger and larger," he said.

Interestingly, Downs' "Politically Incorrect" comments were not the first time the newsman has praised the LP and criticized the Republicans and Democrats.

In a July 7, 1996, radio commentary, Downs said, "It's more difficult to tell a Republican from a Democrat than it is to tell a Tutsi from a Hutu—millions of Americans can't tell them apart. The Democrats and the Republicans act like antipodes of a single entity."

About the Libertarian Party, Downs said: "The Libertarian Party is, by far, the very largest political party after the Republicans and Democrats. Elected Libertarians serve

in various offices all over the country. Every year, Libertarians gain more registered voters—defections from the two big parties. They also offer an alternative to (what many people see as) the tired twosome."

Downs' distinguished career in radio and television spans nearly 60 years. In 1985, he was certified by the Guinness Book of World Records as holding the record for the greatest number of hours on network commercial television.

## Judgment against LP in NJ

In late March, a superior court judge in New Jersey dismissed the lawsuit brought by Diane Adler, chair of the LP of Somerset and Middlesex Counties, against the Franklin township police chief for failing to issue a gun permit within 30 days of the application.

The judge ruled that it would be con-

trary to the "spirit" of the gun control statute to require the chief to "blindly" issue permits within 30 days—without receiving fingerprint reports from the FBI.

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# Injunction

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last-minute income tax filers. They were jailed for about six hours until they could each raise \$5,000 cash bail. After four court appearances, East Brunswick Prosecutor Michael Richmond conceded that the state didn't have a case against Paff and Konek and dismissed the charges.

The mock bills contain language critical of the Internal Revenue Service and federal spending levels. Libertarian Party chapters conduct similar protests every April 15 at many post offices nationwide.

"It's good to know that I won't be arrested next week," Paff said in early April. "But people shouldn't have to get a court order to protect their First Amendment rights."

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# Backpedaling

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• Foreign aid: Two years ago, Republicans pledged to cut foreign aid by 39 percent over six years—now they're rallying around a 7 percent budget increase proposed by President Clinton. Their argument: America needs to spend more U.S. taxpayers' money overseas in order to remain a "superpower."

For example, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) called for more money for Latin America, Rep. John Linder (R-GA) urged more

spending for the former Soviet Union, and Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) endorsed spending \$488 million more for the Agency for International Development.

All these new Republican spending requests demonstrate a clear pattern of intentional "voter fraud" by the GOP, Dasbach charged.

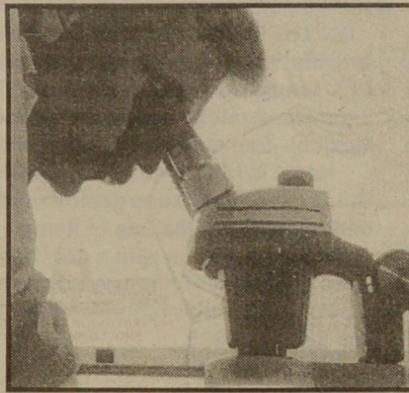
"On every issue—arts funding, education, and foreign aid—it's now obvious that the 1994 Republican Revolution was a case of bait and switch," he said. "The Republicans advertised a smaller, less expensive government, but the product they're deliv-

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### Arkansas

Cliff Biedenharn, former state party vice chair, was elected LP chair, and Rodney Wimberly was elected vice chair. Kerry Kerstetter was re-elected treasurer.

"Membership, organization, and communication are my three top priorities for the state LP," Biedenharn said. "We've only just begun to scratch the surface of what we can achieve in Arkansas, and now it's my job to take the LP in this state to the next level."

Source: affiliate officer

### California

The following new officers were elected for the LP of Santa Clara County: Sam Severs, chair; Brad Walker, vice chair; Jon Petersen, secretary; and Allen Rice, treasurer.

Source: affiliate newsletter

### Colorado

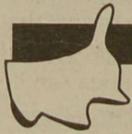
Boulder Libertarian Nathan Schomer, 21, announced his desire to run for Boulder City Council in November, but his bid has hit a snag—he is too young. Schomer plans to petition the council to lower the eligibility age from 25, and he also plans to present a proposal to the council concerning medicinal marijuana.

Source: affiliate newsletter

### Illinois

The Rockford Area Libertarian Club elected the following officers for 1997: Dave Kelley, chair; Bruce Fields, vice chair; Mike Simon, treasurer; Tim Huwe, secretary; and Jim Durand, communications director.

"The club is organizing efforts to have candidates on the ballots—despite the Republican's efforts to keep us off—for the forthcoming local, state, and federal elec-



### National pulse

#### News from the states

tions," Durand said. "The goal is to achieve permanent ballot status at all levels."

Source: affiliate officer

### Maine

In November, the voters of Maine passed the Reform Campaign Finance Act. Now the state LP wants to do something about it—challenge the constitutionality of the new measure.

"The Libertarian Party of Maine is participating in this challenge because we are philosophically opposed to government regulation and funding of campaigns," said Richard Eaton, state LP chair. "Under this measure we are punished for our political positions."

One part of the measure offers a "clean" endorsement by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to candidates who qualify for and accept public funding for state legislative or gubernatorial campaigns. Those candidates who do not qualify, or who do not wish to accept public funding of campaigns, have limits placed on the size of contributions they may receive.

In addition, candidates not certified by the commission also may be required to meet burdensome reporting requirements. Any dollar spent by or on behalf of an "unclean" candidate over the amount of the public subsidy given to the "clean" candidate is matched with public funds and paid to the "clean" candidate.

Joining Eaton and the state LP as plaintiffs challenging the law are two non-Libertarian state officeholders and the Maine Civil Liberties Union.

Source: affiliate newsletter



**ON THE TRAIL** - Ed Nagel of Santa Fe, NM, attracts attention on the campaign trail with his "traveling billboard." Nagel is running as the Libertarian candidate in a special U.S. House race in New Mexico's District 3. The election, to be held May 13, features eight candidates. "The main reason I'm running is to spread Libertarian ideas in New Mexico—free minds and free markets," Nagel said.

Nagel is hitting all of the Libertarian issues in his campaign, from abolishing the IRS and reducing troop deployment overseas to legalizing marijuana for medicinal use and relegalizing the use of hemp.

"A single person with a good idea can make a change in this country," Nagel said. "The government has been overstepping its bounds and should be reined in."

For more information, contact Ed Nagel, Rt. 20, Box 29A, Santa Fe, NM 87501; or call 505-471-6928.

### Michigan

Dan Marsh, chair of the LP of Western Michigan, announced his intention to seek the LP's nomination for governor.

"Jon Coon's U.S. Senate campaign showed that a Libertarian can run a state-wide campaign, and run it well," Marsh said. "In 1994 and 1996 we made tremendous gains, both in membership and organization. Now we need to capitalize on those gains and keep the momentum that we have built the last couple of years."

Source: affiliate newsletter

### New Jersey

On March 22 the New Jersey LP held its

convention and nominated finance professor Murray Sabrin of Ramapo College for governor. Dr. Sabrin, one of the nation's foremost advocates of free enterprise and limited government, stated in his acceptance address: "I'm running for governor because the people of New Jersey need a 'Common Sense Government' in Trenton. Both Democrats and Republicans are beholden to numerous special interests. My campaign will represent a broad coalition of hundreds of thousands of citizens who want to reduce the size and scope of government."

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Sabrin further stressed, "During the 'Common Sense Government' campaign I will pledge to the people of New Jersey that I will enact the following in my first term: Create an unpaid citizen-legislature, overhaul public school financing, secure stable financing for state colleges, rein in the state bureaucracy, reform automobile insurance once-and-for-all, save billions of taxpayers' dollars by rooting out waste, fraud and abuse and eliminating unnecessary programs, and end the federal government's 'colonization' of New Jersey."

For more information about the Sabrin for Governor campaign, call the headquarters at 201-222-0404, or write P.O. Box 6087, Hoboken, NJ 07030.

Source: affiliate officer

## Pennsylvania

The following are the new state party officers: **Tim Moir**, chair; **Howard Bloom**, eastern vice chair; **Chuck Gilch**, western vice chair; **John Famularo**, treasurer; and **Tony Shepps**, secretary.

Source: affiliate officer

## South Carolina

A group of downtown Charleston residents, spearheaded by Bill McIntosh of McIntosh Travel, endorsed LP candidate **Rodney Travis** for Charleston County Council in a special election that was to be held April 22.

The group gathered because of opposition to a new judicial center. The center is planned as a very large building, totally out of keeping with the historical flavor of downtown Charleston.

McIntosh had contacted all three council candidates about their position on the building, and Travis mentioned his longstanding opposition to building the new judicial center in downtown Charleston. In general, Travis said that county government should focus on the essentials like police and fire protection and that he sup-

ported keeping taxes low. He said the direction the Republicans and Democrats were taking local government scared him.

Apparently, the current county council members and mayor had been "cold shouldering" this group of residents, and they welcomed Travis's outspoken opposition to the judicial center and willingness to listen.

The group, which distributed buttons with the Gadsden Flag and slogan "Don't Build on Me," planned a reception for Travis to meet neighborhood residents.

Source: affiliate officer

## South Dakota

A judge ruled that voters should decide bond issues for building a new city hall in Huron by declaring that a state law defining administrative and legislative acts is unconstitutional. This likely means that proposals by municipalities on how to spend "second-penny" sales tax revenues can be referred to a public vote.

**Jim Christen**, the 1996 Libertarian candidate for state public utilities commissioner and current state party chair, was one of 15 petition circulators who were sued and

harassed by the city. As a result of this battle, he was the candidate of a reform coalition in the nominally non-partisan election for a city commission seat in April. As of this writing, Christen had a lead in the polls of 53 percent to 47 percent over the incumbent.

The issue went to court after a group of 15 citizens circulated petitions referring a city commission vote to use sales taxes to pay for bonds to be used to construct a new city hall. The city commission claimed that the action was "administrative" and not see **Affiliates** on page 6

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ing; and fund raising. Specific advice will be given on newsletters, press releases, outreach activities, public meetings, speeches for college groups, budgeting, and recruiting volunteers.

"Ever wonder why some LP organizations recruit more members, run more candidates, and win more elections?" asked Dasbach. "Success '97's party-building seminars will answer that question, and reveal proven techniques for political victory."

LP National Director Perry Willis, who is hosting the fund-raising session, said, "During non-presidential election years, the National LP raises about \$100 per member. State parties can do even better—and we'll tell you how."

The campaign portion of Success '97 is being coordinated by Ron Crickenberger, the LP's new political director.

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Want to attend a Success '97 conference? "There's a full-page ad in this issue of the NEWS (see page 9), with more infor-

mation and a reservation form," Dasbach said. "Sign up now; you'll save money if you register in advance. You'll be sent complete information about your conference—location, directions, schedule, speakers, and so on—four to six weeks before the conference."

Want more information? "Tell us which conference you're interested in, and we'll mail you information," Dasbach said. "Details are being finalized for later conferences; but information will be sent as soon as it becomes available. Or, watch future issues of the NEWS—each issue will highlight an upcoming conference, and give deadlines."

*Speakers scheduled for the Success '97 conferences include:*

★ **Steve Dasbach**, national LP chair and former Indiana LP state chair.

★ **Perry Willis**, LP national director.

★ **Bill Winter**, LP communications director and former New Hampshire LP state chair.

★ **Ron Crickenberger**, national LP political director.

★ **Barbara Goushaw**, campaign manager for Jon Coon.

★ **Michael Cloud**, the LP's all-time champion fund raiser.

★ **Jerry Russell**, professional campaign consultant with a 70-plus percent winning record in 200 campaigns for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, governor, etc.

(The line-up of speakers at different Success '97 events may vary.)

# Affiliates

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"legislative" and sued the 15 citizens because they were interfering with city government by "frivolously" petitioning for a vote on the issue. After the court ruling, city officials backpedaled quickly, claiming "it was never the city's intent to deprive the citizens of the right to vote." The 15 who had to fund their defense and spend days defending themselves against both the legal action and a series of harassing actions, differ with this claim.

Many cities in South Dakota have ignored petitions by citizens to bring city decisions to a vote of the citizens, but this is the first time the constitutionality of such actions has been addressed in court. The South Dakota Constitution establishes that the ultimate legislative authority rests with the people in the form of the initiative and referendum, but other court rulings have recently eroded that power by refusing to allow votes on various items, such as taxes "essential" for the operation of state government.

*Source: affiliate officer*

## Vermont

**Chris Costanzo**, a Bethel business consultant, recently was elected state party chair, and **Pat Richmond** was chosen as state party treasurer.

*Source: affiliate newsletter*

## Washington

Recently officers were elected for the newly formed LP of Island County state affiliate: **Dave Maas**, chair; **Mary Maas**,

secretary; **Craig Smith**, treasurer; **Brett Wilhelm**, membership; and **Reece Casey**, publicity.

*Source: affiliate officer*

## West Virginia

**Richard Kerr**, former Monongalia County Republican vice chairman, has resigned his office and Republican Party membership and joined the Libertarian Party. Kerr, a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist, is concerned particularly about the taxes doctors and other health-care providers pay to generate more money for the state to use as a match for federal Medicaid dollars.

Kerr already has grabbed media attention saying he will work hard for Libertarian principles.

Kerr was quoted as saying that if every Republican running for public office had been elected last year, the changes in government would still be miniscule.

*Source: newspaper article*

## Wyoming

The following new state party officers were elected recently: **Steve Richardson**, chair; **Rod Heil**, vice chair; **Rhonda McCune**, treasurer; **Kevin Burt**, secretary.

New officers also were elected for the Laramie County LP: **Kevin Burt**, chair; **Craig McCune**, vice chair; **Rhonda McCune**, treasurer; and **Rob Mitchell**, secretary.

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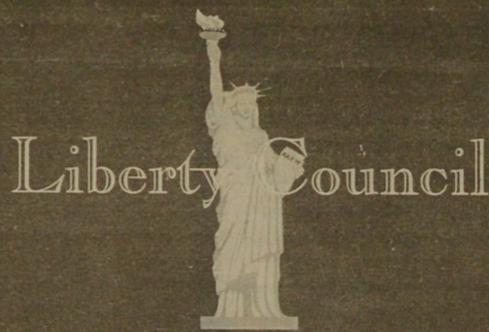
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# Go ahead, fight city hall!

BY IRMA BACKELANT

You can't fight City Hall! Why not? Well, there's the good ol' boy system for one, and then you need a lot of money and a crew of people helping you. And don't forget the biased media, and, most importantly, there's voter apathy.

I recently ran for a city council in Florida, city population about 5,000, with about 3,700 registered voters and about 30 percent voter turnout. I garnered 10 percent of the vote—the winners got 20 percent and 17 percent.

I lost. I won. Let me explain.

Florida is considered by many to be a microcosm of American political expression. John Naisbitt identified Florida in "Megatrends" as a bellwether state and many focus groups come here to fine tune age-based media messages. We mirror the nation.

So let's look at my grassroots effort, my win/lose optimism, and examine the most critical factor—apparent voter apathy.

Although I lived in the community about five years, I lived a quiet, almost reclusive existence. My home was my sanctuary. I did not want to be involved in politics (although I do political commentary for radio), and I wanted to turn off my brain when at home. I did not know 15 people to sign my petition for candidacy, but after four weeks with a campaign committee of one, myself, and little money (I spent hundreds while my opponents spent thousands), with no one having a coffee for me, nor one club or group having me as a guest speaker, 367 people voted for me, a newcomer. Why?

Because I took my campaign to the people, knocked on doors, even ones that displayed an opponent's sign. I talked to them face-to-face, armed with data to support my stance on an issue. I had copies of Florida statutes, local ordinances, proposed ordinances, letters from the state attorney or the city attorney. I had creative, money-saving solutions—many came from the people themselves. I disagreed with them when their views opposed my principles of the limited role of government, the fiscal responsibility of government, and protection of property rights, even when I knew it would cost me a vote. I told them I couldn't protect the welfare of the community if the rights of even one individual that makes up that community were violated.

I listened. They listened. It's not that people are apathetic. In many cases they are just tired of, or frustrated with, politics at work—who got promoted, who got downsized, who just got regulated out of business by the government, why taxes are increasing and quality of life decreasing. The voters suspect motives. They yearn for credibility. The local newspaper endorsed my opponents, as they stated, for "no particular reason."

How did I win when I lost my bid for the

council. Because 367 people said "yes" to the principles of individual sovereignty and responsibility, that the government should have a limited role as defined by the Constitution, and that the government needs to have fiscal responsibility and must be answerable to the people. They supported my candidacy based not on whim, or promises, or because I belonged to the same club or went to the same church or because the media endorsed me. The sleepy giant of apparent apathy will awaken when candi-

dates are credible, sincere, and reflect the principles of the Constitution. The power of the government comes from the people. Give them the right principles and they will use that power. Give them a viable choice that reflects their values and the silent majority will be heard. Anyone can "fight city hall." Take your fight directly to the people. Remember, we mirror the nation politically. That's why I'm optimistic. Given three more weeks, I would have had a win/win.

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Rep. Ron Paul's (R-TX) legislative initiatives.

# Republican sellout

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Republican Politicians regularly voted for the Nixon Federal Budgets, the Ford Budgets, the Reagan Budgets, and the Bush Budgets. Each budget was larger than the previous year's federal budget.

Ronald Reagan's lowest deficit was higher than Jimmy Carter's highest deficit.

In eight years as President, Ronald Reagan never even proposed a balanced budget.

In eight years as President, Ronald Reagan proposed higher federal spending every single year.

And Republican Politicians voted with Reagan. They voted for higher federal spending and higher federal debt.

Then, for four more years, Republican Politicians supported George Bush's spending hikes, increases to the federal debt. . . and even the Bush TAX HIKES.

Republican Politicians voted for more government power. More government power means less individual freedom.

Why do Republican Politicians sell out freedom?

**FIRST**, We do not sell out our most precious values.

Since Republican Politicians are selling out freedom for government power, we know that freedom is not sacred to them.

In "Dead Right," David Frum says:

"Conservatives are not libertarians. They do not believe that maximum personal liberty is a good in and of itself, without regard to its consequences. The effect of liberty to individuals is, that they may do what they please," wrote Edmund Burke, the hero of American conservatives, "We ought to see what it will please them to do, before we risk congratulations."

Libertarians always put freedom first.

Republican Politicians sometimes put "National Security" first. Sometimes they put "Public Order" or "the Public Interest" first. Sometimes they put "Character" or "Virtue" first. Sometimes they put "Western Civilization" or "Religion" or "American Values" first.

Sometimes Republican Politicians put "Special Interests" in their districts first.

We cannot add to government programs, we cannot add to government priorities without subtracting from freedom. When Republican Politicians give government responsibility for other values, they take away freedom.

**SECOND**, Politics is priorities. Although many Republican Politicians evangelically preach the doctrine of cutting taxes, cutting back government and cutting out government waste—they go Brain Dead when you ask them exactly what they'll cut out of the Federal Budget.

In 1992, Policy Review, a publication of the Heritage Foundation, asked 20 moderate-to-conservative Republican Senators what they would do to cut \$25 Billion from the federal budget. That was less than 2 percent of the budget.

Only 5 of the 20 Republican Politicians responded. And only Hank Brown of Colorado could find \$25 Billion to cut from the federal government.

Republican Politicians now have more important priorities than cutting back Big Government.

Conservative author George Will wrote, "A conservative doctrine of the welfare state is required if conservatives are even to be included in the contemporary political con-

versation."

Years ago, Irving Kristol said, "The welfare state is with us, for better or worse, and. . . conservatives should try to make it better rather than worse."

Newt Gingrich personally added a revealing sentence to the 1992 Republican platform. Gingrich said that Republicans must try to, and I quote, "transform the bureaucratic welfare state into a government that is customer-friendly, cost-effective and improving constantly."

Think about a 'customer-friendly, cost-effective and improving constantly' Internal Revenue Service. How about the Drug Enforcement Administration? Or a lean and mean Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms?

Republican Politicians think we are badly taxed, not over-taxed. Badly regulated, not over-regulated. Badly governed, not over-governed.

If you back them into a corner, Republican Politicians will say they want to cut waste from the budget. I've been through the federal budget. There is no line item labeled 'waste'.

I have a message for the Republican Politicians: Stop trying to be all things to all people. Stand up and tell the truth. Exactly what are you going to cut out of the budget?

They have higher priorities than freedom. They are trying to make government efficient and effective. They are streamlining statism.

In the words of Fred Barnes, these Republican Politicians are "Big Government Conservatives." They no longer seek to dramatically reduce the size and power of government. They seek to use that power to re-shape America in the image of their conservative values.

**THIRD**, the Republican Political Strategy is to slow down or stop government growth, not turn it around.

Decades ago, William F. Buckley, Jr. said, "A Conservative is a fellow who is standing athwart history yelling 'Stop!'"

George Bush said, "Read my lips: no new taxes."

Nancy Reagan said, "Just say 'No'." Slow-growth statism or even stand-still statism is a loser strategy. One expands and empowers the government. The other preserves and protects government.

"Holding the line" on taxes and government is a prescription for failure. On D-Day, we didn't want to "hold the line" at the English Channel. We wanted to move the line forward. To free Europe of Nazi domination.

"Holding the line" on government means protecting and respecting all the new taxes, new spending, new bureaucracies, new laws and new policies that have been added to government since the Constitution was first ratified.

"Holding the line" means letting the Big Government advocates keep what they have stolen from us.

We must begin by dramatically cutting the size and scope and power of government. We must move the line forward to freedom.

We've had enough negativism. We don't want politicians who only say 'No'.

Libertarians just say 'Yes' to huge budget cuts, 'Yes' to dramatic tax cuts, 'Yes' to fiscal restraint. We say 'Yes' to significantly reducing government power. We say 'Yes' to restoring individual freedom and respon-

sibility.

If government growth were a videotape, liberals would be pushing the 'Fast Forward' button, moderates the 'Forward' button, Republican Politicians would talk about hitting the 'Pause' button, while they left the tape on 'Forward'. Libertarians are the only people trying to push the 'Rewind' button.

**FOURTH**, as Randolph Bourne wrote, "War is the Health of the State." Government grows dramatically during war time. Martial Law is instituted, curfews imposed and civil liberties are curtailed. War fuels government growth.

In days bygone, we had World Wars, brushfire wars, and Cold Wars.

Today we have Trade Wars against Japan or Mexico. We have to protect our borders against this invasion of foreign goods.

We have a Drug War. Certain liberties have been suspended to help the government win this conflict. Bank accounts are looked into. Privacy must take second place to victory. Properties of suspected drug traffickers are seized to bankrupt the enemy.

And let's not forget Pat Buchanan's Cultural War.

Truth is not the first casualty. Freedom is.

If the War metaphor doesn't work, there's the old fallback position: "National Security."

"Our 'National Security' depends on strong and vibrant industries. America's security requires good jobs and strong businesses. We need trade protection and tariffs for our basic industries."

"Our 'National Security' requires secure borders. We must beef up our Border Patrol and protect our southern border."

Republican Politicians litter their speeches with this War Rhetoric. War talk contributes to government growth in the name of preparedness. War talk justifies the growth of government. War talk erodes freedom.

**FIFTH**, campaign contributions affect political priorities. As detective novels advise: Follow the Money.

Bob Dole votes for farm subsidies and crop price supports. How much support do you think he gets from the agricultural industry?

Jesse Helms champions the rights of smokers. Do you think he has trouble raising money from the tobacco industry?

Orrin Hatch fights the FDA for the right to freely use vitamins. Which state has the lion's share of vitamin companies? Do you think Senator Hatch has trouble getting campaign contributions from them?

Special interests take care of the politicians who take care of them.

There's one problem: most special interests thrive at the expense of taxpayers or the competitors that they're protected from. Most special interests don't want a level playing field. They want to fix the game so they always win.

Government favors to special interests cost us tax dollars, higher consumer prices and freedom.

**SIXTH**, until recently, no one challenged Republican Politicians for the freedom section of the political spectrum. No one cared enough about freedom to make it the first and last priority.

Libertarians are challenging the weak,

watered-down, compromising Republican Contract with America.

When Republican Politicians say they're for "Limited Government", Libertarians will ask:

- Limited to what?
- Limited by what?
- How big will your limited government be? Bigger than what we have today? The same size? Smaller? How much smaller? What are you going to get rid of?

When Republican Politicians say they're for "Personal Responsibility", Libertarians will ask:

- What do you mean by "personal responsibility"?
- Responsible to whom?
- Responsible for what?
- Since there's no responsibility without authority, how much personal authority will your government recognize and respect?
- How much individual liberty and personal responsibility will your government not interfere with?

When Republican Politicians say they're reducing the federal deficit, Libertarians will ask:

- How much are you over-spending this year?
- How much are you adding to the federal debt this year?

Republican Politicians don't deserve the support of pro-freedom Republican voters. They haven't earned it.

Now America has a real choice: Libertarians.

We'll either succeed our way to success, or fail our way to success.

We may well elect hundreds of Libertarians across America in 1996 and beyond. Our elected Libertarians will dramatically cut taxes and hack back government.

Or opportunist politicians may co-opt our ideas, hijack our government slashing policies and do it for us.

We will either succeed our way to success, or fail our way to success. But the eclipse of freedom is almost over. We'll soon stand in the bright sunlight of freedom in our time.

Let me be blunt: I believe that we will have to succeed our way to success. If we really want to be free, we have to do it ourselves.

In the past, voting Libertarian was a way of sending Washington a message. Well, their phone's off the hook, they're not reading the mail and their fax machine's out of paper. They are not getting the message.

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# Talking points

## A look at the Internet, Social Security, and virtue

### Digital politics

The members of the Digital Nation are not representative of the population as a whole: they are richer, better educated, and disproportionately white. They have disposable income and available time.

Some of their common values are clear: they tend to be libertarian, materialistic, tolerant, rational, technologically adept, disconnected from conventional political organizations—like the Republican or Democratic parties—and from narrow labels like liberal or conservative. They are not politically correct. The digital young are bright. They are not afraid to challenge authority. They take no one's word for anything.

The Communications Decency Act of 1996, an effort to control the nature of speech on the Internet—making “indecent” language a federal crime—was the Net's own Stamp Act. Like the colonists, the online community saw the law as an arrogant act by an alien entity seeking to force its will on a new world that it had lost any moral right to control. The Digital Nation's reaction showed that the digital world was creating not a radically new value system, but that it was now the champion for a venerable old one: the notion of individual liberty. It made them heirs of a great tradition.

Here is a growing elite in control of the most powerful communications infrastructure ever assembled. If they choose to form a political movement, they could someday run the world.

*Jon Katz in Wired, April 1997.*

### Nothing new

Cyberspace, many of its defenders suggest, is uniquely unknown to the political leaders who claim dominion over it. “We have a government by the clueless, over a place they've never been, using means they don't possess,” says John Perry Barlow, co-founder of the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Quite true, but hardly unique to cyberspace. How many politicians understand financial markets, hospital administration, or polymer chemistry? Yet in all these fields, and countless more, they exercise enormous power. There is nothing special about their ignorance of the Internet.

Protecting cyberspace could become the catalyzing issue for a broader dynamist coalition. But that can happen only if digerati begin to see their experiences as typical rather than unique, their dynamic network as part of a world of many evolving social and economic webs, their cause bound up with others. Cyberspace is not the first dynamic, creative system that technocrats have tried to thrust into a stasis field; it is only the most recent.

*Virginia Postrel, editor of Reason, in Forbes ASAP, April 7, 1997.*

### End Internet free ride

Believe it or not, Internet users have fallen in love with big government. Back in the early '80s, the Federal Communications Commission established rules that exempted “enhanced service providers”—

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**Marc Beauchamp**

Editor

including computer and electronic data companies that use telephone networks—from usage-sensitive fees telephone companies charge other firms. The provision, known as the ESP exemption, is tantamount to a federally enforced price control on America's telephone companies.

Internet service (companies) love the ESP exemption and want to keep it on the books, since it allows them to offer unlimited service to their customers at a low, flat monthly rate. Local telephone companies have never been very happy about these price controls. If the rapid growth of the Internet continues, it seems only logical that the limitations of the old telephone network will begin to appear and usage-sensitive pricing will eventually become economically rational.

A workable compromise might allow the ESP exemption to continue for two to three years while Internet providers find innovative new ways to deliver services, perhaps by bypassing the local telephone networks. . . . to evade the higher prices some local telephone companies might charge them in an unfettered marketplace—a beneficial development for consumers who are in dire need of more options in the local telephone market.

If Internet entrepreneurs continue to plead for federal price controls while opposing all other cyber-regulations, they will rightly be viewed as opportunistic hypocrites. An unqualified call for Internet freedom is the better path to follow.

*Adam D. Thierer of the Heritage Foundation in the Wall Street Journal, March 7, 1997.*

### The Net strikes back

CBS's “60 Minutes” recently ran a short piece about alarming myths propagated on the Internet. But the great virtue of the Internet, as opposed to the big networks, is that anyone can get a piece of the action. You can actually talk back, contradict, argue, without buying your own network. There is far more interaction—real communication—than was ever possible on the big networks. On the Internet, falsehood is harder to spread, and easier to correct, than on the centralized media of the recent past.

In a way the grassroots media now are rising up against the elite media. Of course the new media have their own absurd fads, but because of the actual diversity of those media—and we all want “diversity,” don't we?—absurdity can't get a monopoly. Just as important, it can't create the illusion of consensus. To listen to some of the network talk shows, you'd think America was populated exclusively by liberals (and “responsible” conservatives who might as well be liberals).

The real trouble with the media age is that there haven't been enough media. Fortunately, that's no longer true. And lib-



eral fads are no longer likely to pass for “official” truths.

*Joseph Sobran in the Washington Times, March 7, 1997.*

### Social Security fraud

Imagine for a moment that Social Security was a product offered in the marketplace. The pitch would go something like this: “Here's the retirement insurance plan for the 21st century. We take 12 percent of your income now and spend it. In exchange you get, at some future time (we won't guarantee exactly when), our promise to pay you an undefined rate of return—that may be negative—which you will get only if you live long enough to collect. When you die, your heirs won't get a cent. Plus, we can raise your monthly payments by any amount at any time.”

Who would buy such a product in the first place? If Social Security were a private product, consumer advocates would be falling all over each other to denounce such a risky, deceptive, low-paying scheme.

Liberals would be demanding government intervention to halt blatant consumer fraud were it private enterprise, rather than the federal government, that dared to offer Americans this lousy a deal.

*Maggie Gallagher in the Washington Times, March 12, 1997.*

### Taking responsibility

Stock ownership among the general public has doubled in the past seven years to stand at 43 percent of American adults. A survey by Peter Hart Research found that investing is no longer the exclusive province of the elderly, affluent or male. Forty-seven percent of investors are women—a majority are under 50 and half are not college graduates. The encouraging news is the degree to which Americans are realizing that they hold the key and bear the responsibility for the own financial futures.”

*Alfred R. Berkeley, president Nasdaq Stock Market, Washington Times, March 24, 1997.*

### Government and virtue

The mere fact that a law may benefit families doesn't justify forcing everyone else in “the village”—including singles and childless couples—to pitch in. If so, there is no end to the duty. If family leave is justified, then why not a family wage? Why not subsidized housing tied to family size? Although the ends of promoting morality and family are desirable, they do not warrant any means. Neither moral nor constitutional principle justifies government conscripting co-workers, employers and taxpayers to pay for other people's families.

Government does a hideous job of molding souls. The state is good at simple tasks, like killing people and seizing their wealth. It has far more trouble reaching inside individuals and making them good—turning morality over to the government risks having the same effect as turning charity over to government—reducing the role of private people and institutions. Concentrated power in the hands of sinful man is more likely to produce sin than anything else. To encourage virtue, we must protect freedom.

*Doug Bandow of the Cato Institute in the Wall Street Journal, March 19, 1997.*

### Power and money

As it happens campaign money is too abundant—for Republicans as well as Democrats. There is a reason: The modern-day federal government, and the people who run it, enjoy colossal power, especially over the economy. Given all that power, where is the surprise that outsiders want some of it? The rock-bottom answer to the problem—cut government power sharply, repeal laws, repeal regulations—doesn't receive much of a hearing. Though it should, and we ought to get back to it.

*William Murchison, Washington Times, March 15, 1997.*

### The “right” to education

Most people would agree that the Sec-

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ond Amendment to the Constitution guarantees citizens the right to keep and bear arms. Yet not even its most zealous defenders would construe this right to mean that the government should supply everyone with a carbine. Not so, it seems, with education. Most people agree that children have a right to an education, but we have come to accept that the government itself should do the educating, compel all children to attend, and require all citizens to pay for it."

*Douglas D. Dewey, president, National Scholarship Center, November/December 1996 issue of Policy Review.*

## Sleeping with Hayek

Edward H. Crane, president of the Cato Institute, doesn't have a Lincoln Bedroom with which to entice donors, but he did send the following memo to Cato's board of

directors, sponsors, and friends:

"We've instituted a series of coffees here at the Cato Institute for individuals of means whom I would like to get to know better. Those who contribute \$50,000 or more to the Institute will be invited to spend the night in the F.A. Hayek Auditorium (granted, auditorium chairs are not the most comfortable to sleep in, but it's the best we can do)."

*The Washington Times, March 24, 1997.*

## Tax abuse

The IRS budget more than doubled between 1980 and 1990. The IRS now spends more than \$7 billion and employs more than 112,000 people to collect the federal government's taxes—this amounts to 55 cents for every \$100 collected, (versus 41 cents in 1981). Of course the real collection burden falls mainly on the taxpayer. Ac-

ording to the IRS's own figures, it costs taxpayers \$8.67 just to pay \$100 in taxes. This is equivalent to an additional, invisible levy of 8.7 percent on top of our tax rate.

*Bruce Bartlett, National Center for Policy Analysis, in the Washington Times, March 24, 1997.*

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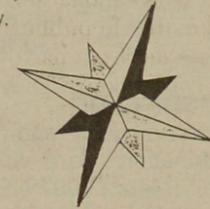
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# Letters

## Readers on outreach, Social Security, and more

### Correction

I salute MaryAnn Eggert on her recent appointment as a Justice of the Peace in Bethlehem, CT (April 1997 NEWS), however, she is not the first Libertarian JP in the state.

A member of the national LP since 1992, I was appointed a Justice of the Peace in Guilford, CT, in January 1995. I was recently reappointed to a four-year term through the year 2001.

**Hugh A. Baird**  
Guilford, CT

### Inspiration

Congratulations on your lead feature, "Winning Combination: Hard work and common sense," (March 1997 NEWS).

Brian Christeson's profile of Selectman Steve Davis was well-paced, informative, comprehensive and, yes, downright inspirational. Davis is living, working proof of what we all so fervently believe: Libertarianism works.

**Taylor Rhodes**  
Beverly Hills, CA

### Wake up

The following should be considered in conjunction with some knowledge of the Browne campaign, the Marrou, Paul, Bergland, Clark, and MacBride presidential campaigns from 1976 to 1996.

Consider: "You can observe a lot just by



### Staying in touch

#### Letters to the editor

looking," said Yogi Berra.

"The leader is one who climbs the tallest tree, surveys the entire situation, and yells, "Wrong jungle!"

But how do the busy, efficient producers and managers (as well as too many national LP members, activists, and contributors) often respond?

"Shut up! We're making progress!"

Are we really?

Once again—remember that if you always do what you always did, you always get what you always got.

It is obvious to some few among us, that too many apparently like what we got and like the way it is and the way it's been. It appears that a lot of folks have been making a lot of money over the years, "guaranteeing" the status quo.

Karl Hess said it best: "You generally hit what you aim at," and he was right, too!

Wake up and smell the reality.

**Richard B. Boddie**  
Huntington Beach, CA

### Outreach

As president of the Advocates for Self-Government—the creators and marketers

of "The World's Smallest Political Quiz" and "Operation Politically Homeless"—I was delighted to see the article "How to Run a Successful Voter Registration/Outreach Table" (Jan. 1997 NEWS).

I have personally operated outreach booths for years, and also constantly hear from people who've run successful ones. I believe the potential of this idea has barely been scratched.

The article focused on setting up a successful outreach booth at shopping malls. I'd like to add that there are many, many other places where successful outreach booths can be set up. LP members have used our Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) booth kit for years to reach tens of thousands of libertarian-leaning folks at sites including: state fairs; science fiction conventions; drug re-legalization rallies; music festivals; political rallies. Anywhere people are gathered, OPH will get names. In fact, a few years ago, some enterprising libertarians even had successful results at a national Socialist Scholars' Convention!

In addition to making your booth a lot more interesting and fun, there's another benefit to using "The World's Smallest Political Quiz" in your outreach (as OPH does). Because the Quiz is designed to accurately identify libertarian-leaning people, it acts as a filter—it helps you identify those people who are genuinely interested in libertarian ideas. This makes the names and addresses you gather far more valuable—they're already shown to be sympathetic to our ideas.

We regularly run stories and pictures of OPH booths in our quarterly magazine *The Liberator*. (We'll send a free copy to any NEWS reader.)

The late, great Jim Lewis (1984 LP vice presidential candidate and author of "Liberty Reclaimed") probably did more OPH booths than any other person, and he was an enthusiastic supporter of the idea. Jim once told us: "Operation Politically Homeless is undoubtedly the movement's most valuable tool. My personal experience with this activity was the most rewarding thing that I have done in my 15 years with the Libertarian Party—and that includes the six televised debates for U.S. Senate that I did in 1982 and the Vice President's nomination and year of campaigning in 1984."

Finally, I'd point out that over and over again, people who've used OPH have told us that it is *fun*—for both booth operators and the public. It's a great activity for new members, and a great way to get a local or state organization energized and organized.

To find out more about OPH and the World's Smallest Political Quiz, just e-mail us at <advocates@self-gov.org>, or call us at 800-932-1776.

**Sharon Harris**

President, Advocates for Self-Government

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Wanted: Libertarians who don't know they're Libertarians.

Perry Willis, the LP's national director, spoke to the Northern Virginia party convention in March about a new, common-sense approach to boost party membership. There are about 22,000 dues-paying LP members today;

membership has doubled in the past two years, in part due to the Harry Browne candidacy, in part from "mining" movement mailing lists (Reason magazine, the Cato Institute, etc.). By contrast the Republicans and Democrats have between half a million and a million dues-paying members.

Yet opinion polls indicate there are millions and millions of Americans who share our fundamental beliefs about personal responsibility and the limited role of government.

The challenge is how to reach these people. Willis believes we've spent too much time, money, and effort trying to convert and recruit Republicans, Democrats, conservatives, and liberals. He suggests it makes more sense to focus on "discovering" people who are already Libertarian and don't know it. Obviously the Nolan Chart is a terrific tool to do this.

But how do you find these natural Libertarians? On the Internet? On college campuses? In Silicon Valley? In the backwoods of Montana?

Half a million people voted for Harry Browne. If we had that many members, Willis argues, we would have the resources to move into the "persuasion phase"—with advertising, professional staffs at the state and local levels, and candidates in all districts across the country.

Willis is a bright guy—as a "super volunteer" he built the San Diego LP into the third-largest organization after national and California—and he's onto something here. Discovering and harnessing the power of these unconscious Libertarians would transform our party and forever change the political debate in this country. We need to put our collective heads together to find a cost-effective strategy to do it.

**Marc Beauchamp**  
Falls Church, VA

### Balanced budget

I have long been opposed to those who tout a balanced budget amendment. Many people seem to overlook the serious implications of such an amendment. I was pleased to read, in the March 1997 NEWS, the piece on this subject. At first the article concerned me, but as I continued to read, I found what lacks in many arguments, the limitations. Without limitations, what is to keep Congress from taxing us even more heavily to cover their expenditures? I think this should really be the focus in articles and discussions on the subject, because I have come across many who never remotely considered this possibility.

**Jeffrey G. Anderson**  
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### The oath

Regarding the controversy over whether party membership should mandate the signing of the "no initiation of force" oath, might I suggest an alternative? Even though I personally favor the principle, I realize that this may be keeping out liberty-motivated people who otherwise qualify as Libertarians on David Nolan's political compass. Maybe the requirement should be changed to state, "I currently score in the Libertarian quadrant of the World's Smallest Political Quiz" (with a copy of the

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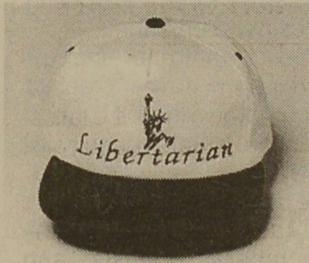
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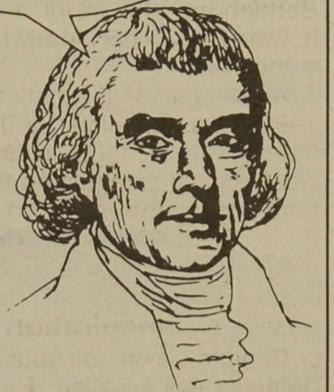
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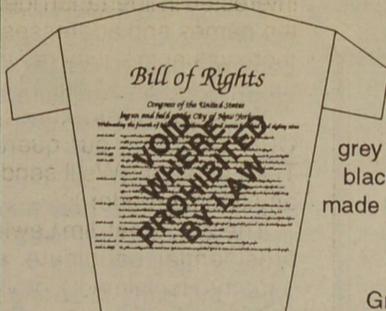


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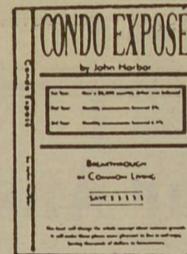
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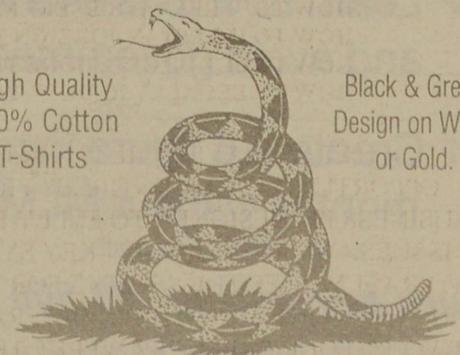
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quiz included on the oath, of course). This would allow people with genuine Libertarian leanings to join our efforts without feeling so placed into a box. Such an oath should still be signed every year upon renewal to filter out people who "backslide" into another quadrant. The oath would have the additional advantage of providing statistical data on how the membership scores on the 10 quiz questions.

**Luther R. Setzer**  
Cocoa, FL

## Exciting trend

Reading the NEWS over the last few years, I have noted what I consider a very exciting trend—libertarian in-fighting over principles. The good news is that libertarianism is attracting intelligent and passionate people from diverse backgrounds. I hope that your readers remember that arguments between people of several irreconcilable philosophies within our party is what we have asked for. More than any other political organization, we should be willing to embrace individuality amongst our membership—and exclude liars, thieves, and murderers (everyone knows there's room for them in other political organizations).

To all who joined this party in the last few years, like myself, I hope that we continue to build freedom for all of us, no matter our differences. And remember that this is where we truly have an advantage over the parties which pit people against one another for property and

privilege.

**W.T. Buller**  
bill\_buller@amron.com

## Vote counts

Although I haven't read "VoteScam", I believe that Tom Stahl (April 1997 NEWS) is onto something with his implication that there may be a great deal of undercounting of vote for non-mainstream parties.

In '92 and '96, I voted for the LP presidential candidate in a rural precinct in Virginia (about 60 total voters). Although precinct results were reported in local newspapers, only numbers for Democrat, Republican, and Perot were noted.

In my precinct, the voting conditions were always outrageous. In a room the size of a small bedroom, three to four local women manned a table in a remarkably unprofessional manner, chatting and gossiping constantly (even about me!) while I voted in pencil behind a curtain. The complete lack of privacy and reverence for the occasion were quite painful for me, and I despised voting there, though I did so for all elections, as I consider it a civic duty.

I could only assume from the lack of decorum that there was nothing standing in the way of my ballot being examined. Under similar circumstances, it is easy to see how many "unusual" ballots might be discarded or misreported.

I am not asserting voter fraud in Virginia or anywhere else, but am concurring that vigilance in this matter is and always will be important.

**Paul Evans**  
Asheville, NC

## Pragmatic

If we wish to separate religion and politics, then Harry Browne's pragmatic approach is the only way to sell freedom. Mr. Hornberger wishes to discuss the "moral case for advancing liberty," but apart from the presupposition that there are eternal (next world) consequences for our temporal acts, there is no moral case for anything because the only case for morals is then pragmatic.

**Bill Wald**  
billwald@juno.com

## Enough is enough

This month's (April 1997 NEWS) double-dose of Jacob Hornberger was quite enough for me.

First was his commentary: "Should Libertarians Save Social Security?" In this dishonest attack on Harry Browne's Social Security proposal, Hornberger blasted Browne's plans to "save Social Security," never informing the reader that Browne's actual stated goal was to avoid disaster by ending the Social Security system. The only "saving" to be done was to purchase annuities for those who have become dependent on the system. There were no guarantees after that. This was no secret. Browne's plan was clearly to end Social Security.

But that wasn't the last of Jacob's blather. I turned the page and there it was: Hornberger's letter to the editor. Hard to believe, but it was an even lower blow, hypothesizing that a President Browne would have resorted to "killing libertarian citizens" who refused to pay taxes.

What is this? And will we be subjected to even more of this mudslinging? Browne certainly has never, and would never, stoop to such infantile tactics.

Harry Browne has proposed real plans that I'd love to see come to pass. He campaigned like no one else could've. And I don't care how many votes came in—a lot of people liked his message. I hope to see the day in the near future when the party is strong, and the plans laid out in "Why Government Doesn't Work" have been implemented. Harry is a hero and there will certainly never again be anyone quite like him.

**Dan Litwin**  
San Diego, CA

## Friction

Someone—Joe Lusardi, I believe—once made a remark to the effect that the greatest friction is not between people who absolutely disagree, but between those who almost completely agree.

Two of my absolute favorite people, Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger and Harry Browne, are giants in the libertarian movement, and it is to be hoped that their differences of opinion don't cause a rift between them or in the LP.

In reading Harry's book, "Why Government Doesn't Work," the only part I had trouble with was the section on Social Security. I found pretty much the same faults that Bumper did, although not as many of them. Like Bumper, I tend to be on the absolute, idealist side on such issues, and I believe that—all else being equal—Harry would, too.

My feeling is that Harry's handling of the Social Security problem reflects more political reality than idealism. Milton Friedman used a term that applies here: not a good solution, but the *least bad* one I can think of. And, as David Bergland emphasized in "Libertarianism in One

Lesson," Utopia is not an option.

So, while I agree with Bumper on this issue (actually, we agree on just about everything), maybe Harry's plan won't be catastrophic if put into effect. At least, it would be limited to the life span of the remaining elderly.

**Bill Williford**  
Houston, TX

## What we need

I think the ongoing debate between Mr. Browne and Mr. Hornberger is an indication of the uniqueness of the Libertarian Party. Never before has a political party been so intertwined with a basic philosophical doctrine in American politics. Mr. Browne is the leader of the Libertarian Party, and at the same time, Mr. Hornberger is a voice for libertarianism.

Right now, the Libertarian Party needs a successful politician more than it needs another obscure philosopher touting the principles of libertarianism.

**Jacob J. Sheber III**  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

## Sick of it

I find it very disturbing that just as in the statist press, the only group that it is safe to repeatedly and generically condemn in the letters of the NEWS are Christians. I am both a devout Christian and a devout Libertarian, and I find absolutely no contradictions in that. Anyone who believes that his views should be enforced by a government on other people is wrong whether he is a Christian or anything else. I do not advocate the formation of a theocracy, nor do any of the Christians that I know. I am an unequivocal supporter of free speech, but I am sick to death of seeing myself generically maligned in every single issue of the NEWS.

**Kevin J. Mahan**  
Pleasant Prairie, WI

## Harassment

I was the owner of the Pure Pleasure Book & Video adult store in Mesquite, NV. Prior to opening our doors, and even before I bought the property, I researched and thoroughly made sure that we followed and complied with all of the building, planning, and zoning codes and regulations of the City of Mesquite. I also realized that there would be opposition to my type of business from the "city." But I had no idea as to what atrocities the City of Mesquite would stoop to accomplish their goal of getting rid of "Satan's Bookstore."

Calls told of customers being harassed at home or at work with phone calls demanding to know what they were doing inside a "dirty book store," and of police waiting down the hill, stopping customers who had just been at the store.

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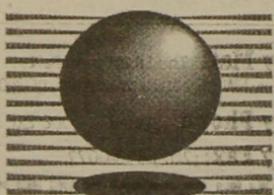
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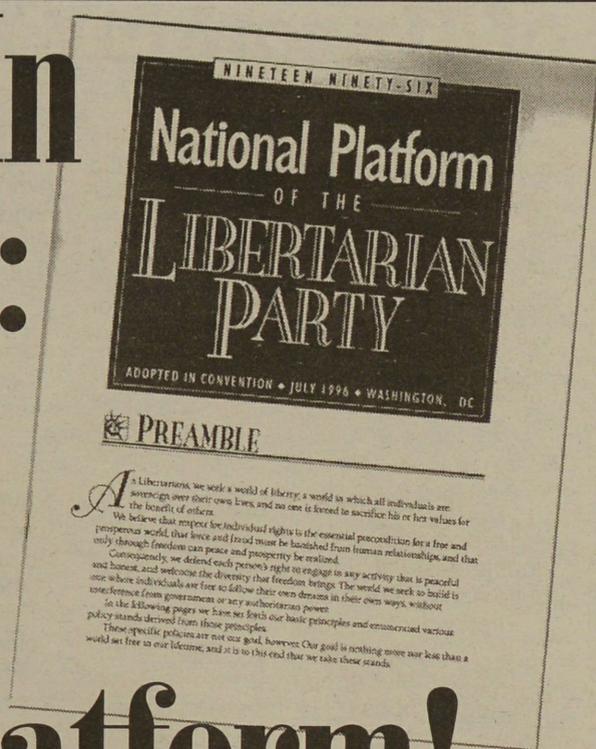
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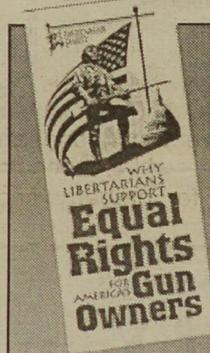
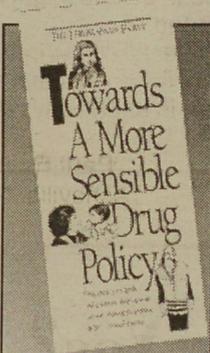
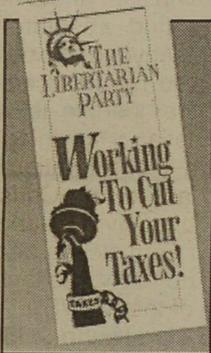
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#### June 14, 1997:

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#### June 28-29, 1997:

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#### July 10, 1997:

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#### Oct. 18-19, 1997:

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