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STERN FOR GOVERNOR? IT'S BAD NEWS

John Munteer

The press coverage and phone calls have been overwhelming. I've been a party member for 14 years, active locally for the last 10, and have never seen anything close to the hoopla this candidacy has generated. The state convention has been reported on the local news at least 4 times in the past week, covered in all the local papers, and on the front page of the New York Times. Much of the coverage has been balanced, actually giving some idea of the platform, and not just covering Howard.

So why am I unhappy? I don't like Howard Stern, and I don't like the idea of him representing me as a Libertarian. Howard may be more Libertarian than Thomas Jefferson, but I don't like the way he treats people in general and women in particular (have you ever heard him talk about his wife?) I don't want to be at a Politically Homeless booth or carrying a petition, explaining that Libertarians aren't followers of Lyndon Larouche **OR** Howard Stern.

Will any of the Stern supporters turn out to be true Libertarians? (I'll take even 75% pure.) I'm not sure. Will any of the anti Stern public (he had 70% negatives in a recent poll compared to 36% for Cuomo) vote Libertarian if we reject Howard? I doubt it. With Stern as our candidate we will most likely gain ballot status, but then what? How will people think of the party, how will they vote in the future?

Will they be more open to libertarian ideas, or will we be dismissed, not just a fringe party, but as the lunatic fringe?

One reporter described the dilemma as choosing between being ridiculed or ignored. I don't mind ridicule for a stand I can defend; I can't defend the choice of Howard Stern for Governor. I'll be backing James Ostrowski for Governor.

A VOTE FOR HOWARD

Letter to the Editor

Albany Times Union 4/8/94

When I first heard Howard Stern announce on his morning talk show that he is a candidate for governor on the Libertarian ticket, I thought, "Finally, this is the big name our party has needed for years." A small party with name recognition has the potential for a very interesting race.

Being a Libertarian Party member for years, I've witnessed bad organization with a powerless party. The party, which was formally structured in the 1970's, has a horrendous track record for growth and recruitment.

The lack of political clout is the Libertarian leaders' own doing. We have longed to have a candidate that can put us on the political map. I as well as so many other Libertarians am confident that Howard Stern is our man. If the freedom to choose in every aspect of one's life is the basis of libertarianism, Howard Stern definitely adheres to that principle.

Howard Stern's platform of three issues - the death penalty for murderers, repairing highways during nighttime hours and the staggering tolls on pay roads - are first class ideas, although they may not evolve directly from libertarianism. Make no mistake about it, though: Howard Stern has the loyal followers, the savvy and the levity to make libertarianism a formidable alternative. That is no joke.

TERM LIMITS MOVEMENT IS ON!

*This was sent to Liberty4u
by Scott Armstrong*

In the November 1992 elections 14 different states had term-limits initiatives on their ballots. ALL 14 WON. In November 1993, New York City, Glens Falls, and Plattsburgh joined with Syracuse and added their names to the list of cities in New York State that impose term limits to prevent "career politicians." New Yorkers for Term Limits, the group that successfully got term limits on the ballot in New York City, now wants to sweep the state -- city by city. Headed by businessman Ron Lauder, New Yorkers for Term Limits identified which cities in the State are eligible for initiative and referendum. Through I&R, term limits can be enacted in each of these cities: Albany, Amsterdam, Auburn, Batavia, Beacon, Binghamton, Buffalo, Canandaigua, Cohoes,

Corning, Cortland, Dunkirk, Elmira, Fulton, Geneva, Glen Clove, Gloversville, Hornell, Hudson, Ithaca, Jamestown, Johnstown, Kingston, Lackawana, Little Falls, Lockport, Long Beach, Mechanicville, Middletown, Mount Vernon, Newburg, New Rochelle, Niagara Falls, N.Tonawanda, Norwich, Ogdensburg, Olean, Oneida, Oneonta, Oswego, Peekskill, Port Jervis, Poughkeepsie, Rensselaer, Rochester, Rome, Rye, Salamanca, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Sherrill, Tonawanda, Troy, Watertown, Watervliet, White Plains, and Yonkers. CHANGE-NY will be working with New Yorkers for Term Limits on this project. If you would like to volunteer for a term limit effort in your city, contact Matt Stathis in CHANGE-NY's Field office at: 1-800-274-7586.

If you have any information on how to get in touch with New Yorkers for Term Limits Please post them to : Liberty4u@aol.com you are urged to let your friends know about this list. As a side note, you will want to call your local elected official and try to get them to vote no on any tax increase budget. The Governors proposed budget increases taxes by \$1.5 billion this year. CHANGE-NY is also pushing a "Taxpayer Protection Pledge", where your local official signs a form promising not to vote for any taxes. They are doing this with the United We Stand, America people. Yours in Liberty, W. Val Ginsberg

46TH ANNUAL TULIP FESTIVAL PINK STERFEST

SATURDAY, MAY 7th AND SUNDAY, MAY 8th

We will be enjoying another weekend at the Tulip Festival in Albany's Washington Park next month. Volunteers are needed to staff an OPERATION POLITICALLY HOMELESS booth.

Call 518 861 5009 or 518 371 3641 to join the fun!

CONVENTION BULLETIN!

Due to sudden growth in membership, the Saturday morning business meeting will be held at the Italian American Community Center on 257 Washington Ave Ext., Albany, NY. The rest of the schedule will remain at the Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave, Albany, NY.



NEW YORK LIBERTARIAN PARTY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CONVENTION

We need help staffing registration tables, Politically Homeless booths, etc.

Call 518 399 1293 or 212 966 5772

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

- SAT 4/23/94 (starts at Italian American Community Center)**
- ◆9:45> Opening remarks Rebecca Wilber
 - ◆10:00> Business Meeting - Gubernatorial candidates debate
 - ◆11:30> 1st ballot, Governor
 - ◆12:00> Lunch, Speaker - Robert Ward
 - ◆1:30> Speaker - Carole Ann Rand
 - ◆2:15> Continuation of business meeting, 2nd Ballot (if necessary)
 - ◆5:00> Break
 - ◆6:00> Cocktails
 - ◆7:00> Dinner - Introduction of gubernatorial candidate
 - ◆8:30> Speaker- Robert Schulz

SUN 4/24/94

- ◆9:00> Business meeting
- Order of business
- 1: **Nominations** - Lt. Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, Senate,
 - 2: **Elections** - State Party Chair, 2 Vice Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary, 5 at large members of state committee
 - 3: Bylaws
 - 4: Other business

SPEAKERS

Rebecca Turmo-Wilber is a Town Board member in Woodstock, NY She is the first in New York to win an election in which the candidate appeared under "Libertarian" on the ballot. Rebecca gained the support of local Republicans and Democrats to win her race for office.

Robert Ward is Director of Research for The Public Policy Institute, an affiliate of The Business Council of New York State. His most recent project is **The Comeback State**, a book that identifies the causes and recommends solutions to New York's current malaise.

Carole Ann Rand is the President of Advocates for Self Government and long time libertarian activist. The Advocates introduce people to the ideas of self government through small group seminars and Politically Homeless booths at fairs and festivals.

Robert Schulz is the founder of All County Taxpayers Association (ACTA.) He has been fighting waste and abuse of power by state and local government in the courts since 1979, winning his first case before the State Court of Appeals in 1982.

Annual Membership in the Capital District Chapter is \$12
To join both the State and Local Party the fee is \$21

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
at The Branch Restaurant on Maiden Lane in downtown Albany.

Letters to the Editor or articles are appreciated and can be
sent to: John Munteer Box 309A1 Bond Rd. Altamont, NY 12009

Phone Numbers

Local Chapter: 518 399 1293 ----- State Party: 212 966 5772

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Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one.

Common Sense [1776] Thomas Paine

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