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## Sobran Says:

Joseph Sobran, nationally syndicated columnist and speaker at last year's LP national convention, recently addressed the federal government's abuse of the U.S. Constitution, focusing on the recent FBI raid on five Indian reservations in Arizona to crack down on gambling. The following two paragraphs of his column are of particular interest to Libertarians:

Americans who still remember their authentic tradition are known as "libertarians," and the media treat them as an odd splinter group. But it's worth noting that the Libertarian Party was the only party that rallied to the Indians' defense in Arizona. The Libertarians don't have much money, and they may not get even a million votes this fall, but they have a near monopoly of political principle.

If America can still produce a few such people, all is not lost. Maybe we should give libertarians a reservation of their own, where they could live under the U.S. Constitution. It should be an option for consenting adults.

## LP Gains Victories in California

Two Libertarian Party candidates were victorious last month during local elections in California.

Tom Tryon was re-elected to a third term as Calaveras County Supervisor, and Bonnie Flickinger easily won a seat on the Moreno Valley City Council.

Tryon, a 47-year-old rancher from Angels Camp, defeated his opponent, a Republican, in a relatively close race, 53 percent to 47 percent. Tryon will begin his new four-year term in January on the five-member board.

Tryon said that as a supervisor he focuses on "the libertarian themes of limited government, capitalism, private property, and civil liberties." The specific issues he regularly deals with are growth and private property rights and the freedom of movement.

"I've taken positions on other issues. I'm strongly pro-choice, I voted against the resolution supporting a constitutional amendment banning flag burning, and I voted against the Tri-County Narcotics Task Force, because I'm strongly for re-



Bonnie Flickinger

legalization."

During the campaign, Tryon was attacked by his opponents for his stand on property rights and civil liberties issues.

His opponents also continue to assert that Tryon does not represent the people and that he needs to be held accountable for his political philosophy. "But I keep winning, so I guess I represent [the people] better than they do," Tryon said.

In a stunning victory, Bonnie Flickinger, treasurer of the California LP, received 40 percent of the vote in a six-way race. Although a non-partisan election, Flickinger was well-known in the area as a Libertarian Party member, having run for U.S. Congress in the past two elections.

The six candidates in the race included two Republicans, two Democrats, and two Libertarians. Flickinger said one of the candidates was a registered Libertarian, although he was not active in the state party and was unknown to local Libertarians. Flickinger was the only woman in the race.

Flickinger's 40 percent of the vote easily out-distanced her opponents. The two closest competitors received 25 percent and 12 percent of the vote. One of the

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## LP Member/U.S. Airman Protests Military Policy

**T**wenty-three-year-old Paul A. Sheehan is a senior airman in the United States Air Force stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California. Sheehan, a Libertarian Party member, has placed his career and future in jeopardy by actively speaking out against the military's involvement in the Persian Gulf War and other U.S. actions.

While an active duty airman, Sheehan has worked for The Commission of Inquiry for the International War Crimes Tribunal, an international anti-war network with active coalitions in 22 countries. He

has also worked with the War Resisters League and Citizen Soldiers.

At 18 years old, Sheehan entered the Air Force and was "very gung-ho," as he puts it.

During his early military service, Sheehan became very interested in issues concerning the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

"Then a campaign came on television for the California Libertarian Party and I got some information from them and learned about how the government was misinforming people about the statistics on the right to bear arms," Sheehan recalled.

"When [the U.S. invasion of] Panama happened," Sheehan said, "I noticed they were using certain types of tactics, certain types of manipulation, that were similar to those they used in the right to bear arms and free speech issues. At that point I started catching on a little, but it wasn't until the buildup for the war with Iraq that I understood the full capability and reasoning as to why they were doing it."

Sheehan said that he thinks what happened in Iraq is now going on in Libya. The U.S. has increased its military presence in the area of Libya, according to Sheehan, even to the point of a larger presence than the U.S. had when the U.S. bombed Libya last time. "So there is a real question as to whether Libya will be bombed again or not," Sheehan said.

He also said that it is an interesting fact

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## Supreme Court Upholds Ban on Write-In Votes

On June 8, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling in *Burdick v Takushi*, the Hawaii case over whether states must permit write-in votes. The 6-3 opinion, written by Justice Byron White, not only upholds the ban on write-in voting, it also undermines previous favorable Supreme Court ballot access rulings.

Never before had the Supreme Court upheld any law which permits an election for an office, yet which tells the voter that he may not vote for someone who meets the constitutional requirements to hold the office. Although the Court has upheld laws in some states which keep certain candidates off the ballot, all of the states in the Court's ballot access cases permitted write-in voting.

White's decision made no reference whatever to the plight of voters who wish to vote for candidates of political parties who aren't able to get on the ballot. This was so, even though there were three *amicus* briefs mentioning that voters who support candidates of small political parties have a special need to cast a write-in vote.

White's decision ignores Article I of the Constitution, which sets forth the requirements to be a member of Congress (age, citizenship, residency). The Supreme Court ruled in *Powell v McCormack* in 1969 that Congress may not add to these requirements. Presumably, the states may not either (dozens of courts, going back to 1918, have said that they may not).

However, if a state is free to abolish write-in voting, then no one in such states may be elected to Congress who does not comply with state ballot access laws, including "sore loser" laws. Write-in voting, at least for Congress, is a logical corollary if Article I is to retain its vitality. Four members of Congress since 1954 have been elected by write-in votes; one of them was a "sore loser."

In addition to Hawaii, three other states—Nevada, Oklahoma, and South Dakota—completely ban write-in voting.

Justices Rehnquist, O'Connor, Scalia, Souter, and Thomas voted with White.

In dissent, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote: "The majority's approval of Hawaii's ban is ironic at a time when the new democracies in foreign countries strive to emerge from an era of sham elections in which the name of the ruling party candidate was the only one on the ballot. Hawaii does not impose as severe a restriction on the right to vote, but it imposes a restriction that has a haunting similarity in its tendency to exact severe penalties for one who does anything but vote the dominant party ballot."

Justices Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens joined Justice Kennedy in the dissent.

Portions of this article are reprinted from *Richard Winger's Ballot Access News*, 3201 Baker St., San Francisco, CA 94123.

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# Beyond Ballot Status: *Local Activities— The Lifeblood of the LP*

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We are emphasizing this theme in our fund-raising pitches. The recent "I know we can do it . . ." letter signed by 1980 presidential candidate Ed Clark has been one of the most successful letters in LP history.

And yet we need still more money. Two other recent letters have emphasized different themes: The threat of Perot's candidacy, and the revolutionary spirit of freedom in America. Both letters conclude that 50-state ballot status this year is crucial, and ask members to contribute in order to make sure we have the resources to achieve this goal.

We are coordinating paid petitioners in 10 states: Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Florida, and Iowa. Two more drives, New York and D.C., will begin shortly. By mid-September the national LP, with help from regional fund raising by Ballot Access New England (BANE), Illinois' Libertarian Fair Ballot Access Committee (LiFBAC), and the Marrou/Lord campaign, will have paid for about 150,000 more signatures at a cost of over \$100,000.

This work, together with significant volunteer efforts in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, Pennsyl-

## ✓ From the Chair

Mary Gingell, LP National Chair

vania, New York, Florida, Oklahoma, Illinois, Missouri, Washington, and Minnesota, will hopefully give us our 50 states. As I said before, this is crucial. BUT IT ISN'T ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH to make sure the LP grows, elects candidates, and influences public policy.

The real work of our party takes place at the state and, most importantly, the local level of political activity.

The national LP and the Marrou/Lord campaign can present a nationwide presence, via ballot status, active campaigning, and a strong media program. We can prospect to sympathetic mailing lists, take 800-number calls, and respond to inquiries with basic information. We can provide field organizing assistance to state, local, and campus groups, and we may even be able to help finance a few potentially winnable races.

But reaching the minds and hearts of potential Libertarians around the country, and convincing them to join the LP and get active, must be done primarily by one-on-one contact at the local level.

- The person who helps staff a fair booth this summer identifies likely prospects with a political quiz and chats earnestly with those likely prospects . . .

- The local Libertarian or non-partisan candidate who uses every opportunity af-

forded by her campaign to spell out our ideas and talk about how our solutions are better than those of our opponents . . .

- The person who walks door-to-door through his precinct, meeting with neighbors and handing out literature about local LP candidates and Marrou/Lord . . .

- The person who makes Libertarian ideas come alive by talking with local reporters, testifying at city council meetings, penning letters to the editor, and calling in to radio talk shows to express the Libertarian slant . . .

- The unsung hero who works behind the scenes, writing, collating, stuffing, and stamping newsletters, keeping mailing lists up-to-date, and attending to the many other administrative functions of an active local organization . . .

. . . these people are the ones working in the trenches, the ones who are most instrumental in making the party grow and become successful.

I hope you are one of these people. If you are, THANK YOU.

If not, if you always meant to get active but other things have kept you busy, or if you weren't sure what to do after you signed on as a member, now is your chance. This is the most opportune time in the next four years to help us leverage our national campaign, help us capitalize on our ballot presence throughout the country, help us activate thousands of people who will find us for the first time this year.

Please, get involved with LP activities in your city or town. Join up with your local group, and get busy spreading the Liber-

tarian word to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. But, you say there is no local LP group that you know of in your area? Call your state chair (see listing on page 11 of this issue) and find out how you can start a local group, or run in a local race, or work on a local campaign.

You say you're still too busy with other parts of your life, even though you recognize the importance of local activism? For the most part, local groups have to raise their own funds to pay the costs of their activities. State groups are eligible for a dues split with national on those members recruited by the state party, but beyond that they are on their own to find funding. Make sure you have joined the LP at the national, state, and local levels, and support each level to the best of your financial ability.

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# Former GOP Congressman Predicts LPNH Victories

Former New Hampshire 2nd District Congressman Chuck Douglas, as one of four commentators asked to offer a political prediction for the year in the closing moments of WMUR-TV's "Close-up on New Hampshire" program in May, responded by saying, "I predict the Libertarian Party is going to pick up a lot of house seats in November."

Earlier on the political talk show, Douglas said in connection with the race for governor, "This man that jumped in this

week from Milford, [Republican] Mr. [Mervin] Newton, as well as the Libertarian Party, which takes a very hard line on taxes, and they're going to be on the ballot—we don't seem to mention them, but I think we owe it to mention the fact that they will be running on a true no-tax pledge. [Republican candidate Steve] Merrill's running on a no broad-based tax pledge, but Mr. Newton and the Libertarians will be

out with their message, which is zero, none, no new taxes, and I think that is going to scramble the thing up a little bit."

Program moderator Jack Heath has frequently dismissed suggestions that he should give Libertarians more coverage, both on his talk show and as WMUR news director.

Douglas had promised in his May 13 appearance before an LPNH meeting in

Concord that he would "see what I can do" in terms of ending the silence about the LP on the weekly talk show, where he has been a favorite guest commentator in recent months.

"You can't ask for a better follow-through than that," said LPNH vice chair Greg Westgate, whose complaint on WMUR's coverage prompted Douglas to offer his help.

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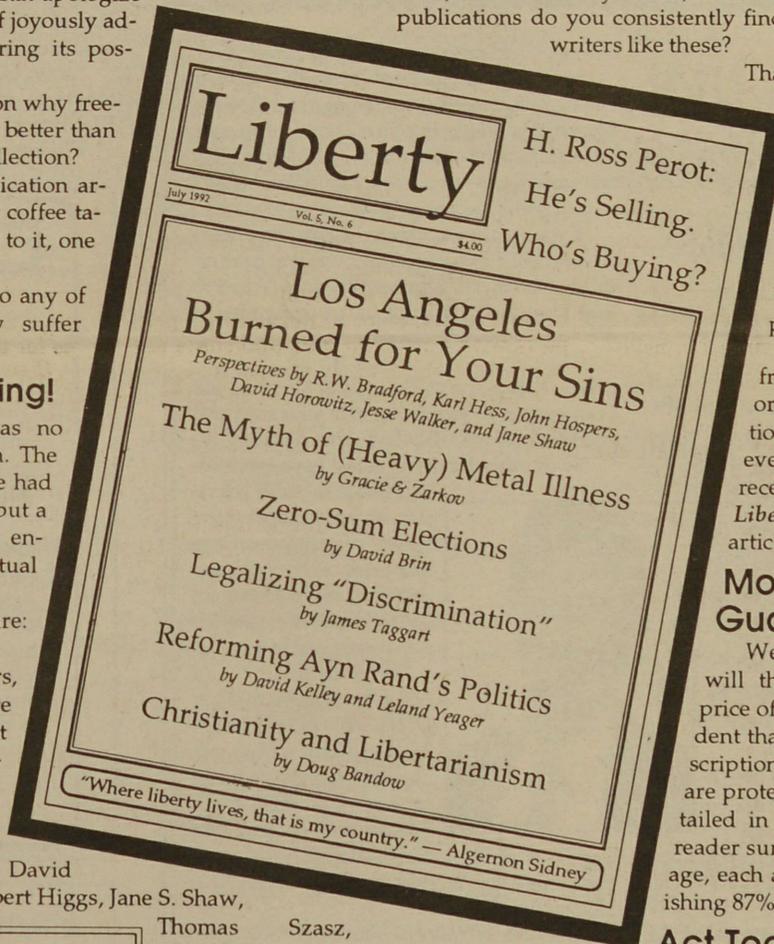
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Who says one Libertarian can't make a difference. In Arizona, LP member Eric Ewing, who was elected to the Marana School Board (northwest Tucson) in 1990, had been encouraging his fellow board members to consider a merit pay system for teachers. Recently, the full board voted 3 to 2 in favor of setting up a merit pay system, despite opposition from teachers, unions, and administrators. The merit pay system for Ewing's school district will be a model for other districts in the state, since no others currently have such a system. Ewing's success proves that one elected Libertarian can make a difference.

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State chair Mike Neligh has announced he will be running for state

senate in the South Anchorage area. Neligh is running to win this new seat which was established by redistricting. Neligh said the final factor in deciding to seek the seat was the fact that the district is bounded on one side by Mooseturd Avenue. You'd have to run for a seat like that, wouldn't you?

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Libertarians in Pima County, led by ballot access coordinator Herb Johnson, turned in over 5,700 signatures to get the LP on the ballot in the county for the first time. Last year, Tucson Libertarians gathered signatures to get on the ballot in the city, and the LP now has ballot status there thanks to the showing by Gay Lynn Goetzke in her race for mayor.

## How to get that New Hampshire "magic" in your own state LP!

**M**y name is Bill Winter. I've been the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire since 1988. In that time, the LPNH has gone from being *almost dead* to being one of the most active and successful state parties in the country. We've got two Libertarian State Representatives, "major party" status, 14 Libertarians in public office, and the highest density of LP members in the U.S.A.

The national newspaper *The Christian Science Monitor* was so impressed they said we were "at the forefront of the ... Libertarian movement in the United States."

But now, even though I am satisfactorily employed, my wife and I have decided it's time to seek new professional challenges in a new part of the country — perhaps out west or down south. (We're

flexible — and eager for something different!)

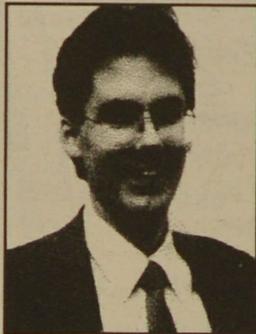
Since the only national "network" I have is among Libertarians, I'm making the following request: If you'd like to help me find a job in your state (and we end up moving there), I'd like to help try to create some of that New Hampshire "magic" in your own state LP.

If you own or work for a company that needs an excellent graphic designer/writer, or have inside knowledge of someone who does, I'd love to hear from you! If it works out, I could plan to move to your state by late this year.

Of course, I can't promise that what happened in New Hampshire will happen in your state. But I can promise to join the team in your state, and contribute what I've learned about success.

By the way, on the LP side, I have extensive experience in radio, television, and newspaper interviews; running meetings and press conferences; setting goals and planning activities; and creating LP newsletters and brochures.

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## California Victories

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opponents was well-known and well-connected in city politics and had finished second in the last election. The other Libertarian candidate received 5 percent of the vote.

Moreno Valley is a city of about 130,000 people located about halfway between Los Angeles and Palm Springs, near Riverside. The election was a special election to fill the last two and one-half years of a regular four-year term of a recently deceased councilman.

"It's a very hard working team that deserves the congratulations," said Flickinger.

Aaron Starr was the campaign consultant. Starr also helped run the Sandi Webb campaign in 1990, when Webb was elected to the Simi Valley City Council. Webb and her husband Dan Wiener also played important roles in the Flickinger victory. Many other Libertarian activists from the area helped in the campaign, including Ron Holman, Phil Turner, Fritz Ward, and many others.

"Any candidate could have won this election with that team behind them," Flickinger noted.

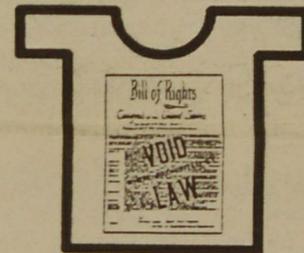
Flickinger said that personal contact

was the deciding factor in her victory. "I personally visited over 1,200 homes," she said. "It got us a lot of support. It also gave me a chance to hear directly from the people in the neighborhoods what the problems of the city are. The fact that so many people got to meet the candidate, and they got a personally signed letter from the candidate" made the difference, she explained. "My guess is that got their attention—something unusual that politicians don't usually do. All they got from the other people were some glossy mailers and Xerox fliers. We were different."

Now that she is a city councilperson, Flickinger hopes she can have an impact on the local government. She said she hopes to address "the waste in government, the throwing away of taxpayers' money, the excessive taxation. I just want to start protecting the taxpayers' pocket."

Just days before the election, unknown persons distributed a "hit piece" illegally into voters' mail boxes. The flier said in part that "Libertarian candidates mask their full agenda," and urged voters not to "make our neighborhoods a testing ground of the Libertarian experiment." The piece focused on legalized drugs, gambling, and prostitution, as well as open borders and no zoning requirements. Flickinger said that the piece apparently had little effect on the voters, as the results from the election show. "Maybe we proved that dirty politicking doesn't work," she said.

Flickinger, 51 years old, is a public finance secretary for a law firm, is married ("my husband worked dawn to dusk and then some on the campaign"), and has four grown children.



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# Who Is Boss Ross and . . .

## What Does He Have to Do With the Riots in L.A.?

By Richard Boddie

**If you have been watching the extensive news coverage of the Ross Perot campaign, you have probably seen the Ross Perot hats and T-shirts proclaiming a simple, but dangerous message: "Ross for Boss."**

It is a sure sign that the people supporting Ross Perot are not just dissatisfied with the current Democrat and Republican leadership. They are looking for a messiah to lead them to the promised land. Someone to tell them what to do. Someone to answer all their questions for them. Someone who will relieve them of the responsibility of thinking for themselves.

It's this same kind of reliance on our leaders that gave us the current budget problems, the S&L bailout, a failing public education system, along with thousands of other governmental abuses. In short, putting our trust in politicians is a recipe for the destruction of the republic.

People have a lot of reasons for turning to H. Ross Perot. About three billion reasons. The main appeal seems to be that Perot will do a "better job." He has, after all, done a terrific job of getting those lucrative government computer contracts we all have paid for. As a potential president, we have to ask ourselves the question: At just what will Perot do a "better job?"

In a recent issue of the NEWS, George O'Brien clearly delineated the authoritarian tendency of Ross Perot. Williamson Evers, in an article printed in the April 7, 1992, issue of the *Christian Science Monitor* echoed the same sentiments. Hugh Downs, in a nationally televised commentary, lamented the rise of authoritarianism as experienced in recent Supreme Court decisions and the Rodney King beating fiasco.

The connection between Ross Perot and authoritarian ideas is not news. Those who have been following him, those who have worked for him, and those who listen to him see it clearly. His proposals have involved beefing up of IRS computers to improve tax collection, limiting free speech through shortening political campaigns, sending troops into the inner city to conduct house-to-house searches for guns and drugs, controlling the dress and personal lives of employees, and making broad, simplistic statements about the unsuitability of homosexuals and those that cheat on their wives to serve at high levels of government or in the military.

Lest we blame Perot personally for this, we must recognize that Americans have a nasty predilection, almost a tradition, of calling for overwhelming force to deal with things (and people) they don't like. This is why we have a storm in Kuwait's desert that doesn't even depose a Saddam Hussein, and why so many are willing to put up with an oppressive war on drugs. It is why we have thrown hundreds of billions, even trillions of dollars, at social problems, regardless of the results. Have a good intention, back up your agenda with enough force, and pray it comes out all right.

It should come as no surprise, then, that the melody of Ross Perot's message has a strong nationalistic chord: Keep business here in America, get every American a job, get everyone paying taxes, get government functioning like a business—lean, mean, and efficient. Strong words, strong talk, strong action. The stuff Americans, the true Americans, are made of. The right stuff. The right program.

On the surface, this sounds good to most Americans. Perhaps they fail to hear the ominous undertone of a million drumbeats marching in step. Hugh Downs recalled a quote from Huey Long who said: "If fascism came to America, it would be on a program of Americanism." One thing about Perot—he will certainly make the trains run on time.

Authoritarianism is nothing less than the abrogation of individual rights, sacrificing them to the "benefit of the



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people.” When a government adopts authoritarianism to achieve its goals, it is a sure sign that a government can no longer protect and defend the rights of its citizens. It shows that a country has lost the voluntary threads of individual activity that have bound it together in a voluntary legal fabric. It shows a breakdown of the rule of law, in favor of rule by certain men.

Which brings us to the breakdown of law we experienced in Los Angeles and other cities following the Rodney King verdict. Of course, the breakdown had started long before April 30. It started with a Congress, a president, and a government stealing from and abusing the people, voting themselves huge salaries and perks, and bowing time and time again to special interests. Is it any wonder that when the opportunity arose, looters felt free to “get some for themselves?”

The breakdown is also evident in the fact that America has more blacks in prison than South Africa. It isn't because they walk in voluntarily. And while some can certainly be attributed to a higher rate of real crime in the inner city, and even among blacks, a great deal of it can be attributed to the authoritarian attitude of police, and the unequal administration of justice.

Let's face it, any young man at the peak of his testosterone levels, be he black or white, is going to boil with anger when he is stopped by police and abused, harassed, or otherwise antagonized, especially when there is no cause for being pulled over. Some will say the wrong thing, and others will react physically to the initial violence perpetrated on them.

I think Nancy Lord hit it right on the head when she said that such abuse of police power has its roots in the war on drugs. This war has been supported by Supreme Court decisions which have upheld the legality of the beating of a suspect to coerce a confession as “harmless error.” Would Perot object to these kinds of police tactics? Racist attitudes of some police exacerbate the problem, especially when disproportionate numbers of black men are pulled over and harassed, often based on a “search” for drugs or weapons, based on a “profile” of what a drug dealer looks like.

It should come as no surprise that as a result of these constant authoritarian tactics, respect for police and by

extension, respect for government, has been lost among many in the black community. Add to that the unwillingness of the courts to punish those who abuse police power, and what is left is an explosive ready for detonation.

Most Americans are clearly dissatisfied with the current state of affairs. Unfortunately, instead of realizing that their dissatisfaction stems from the increasing authoritarianism, many Americans follow the tradition of throwing more gasoline on the fire in the hopes that it will burn itself out faster. Enter Ross Perot.

Politicians come and go, but the inner city and its myriad problems survive. We all know that the authoritarian “solutions” to inner city problems might oppress the problems (and the people) for a little while, but ultimately, all it will do is spread the problem of authoritarianism well beyond the inner city. It is like trying to destroy a drop of mercury by smashing it with a hammer.

A much better approach, of course, would be to collect the mercury and sell it. In a speech a few weeks ago, at the African American outreach event at the Pacifica Hotel in Los Angeles, I voiced my strong support for the establishment of “free zones” in the inner city, where all federal income tax, state income tax, sales tax, property tax, licensing, and regulation are suspended for a period of not less than 10 years. The concept of the “free zone” is based on Libertarian principles. It perked the ears and interest of many of the listeners. I will continue to use it along the campaign trail. I urge each of you who reads this article to push the same idea in your own city. A little voice, oft repeated, sometimes becomes a roar. And we can use that combined voice to take advantage of the golden opportunity with which Perot has presented us.

And that opportunity is one thing about the Ross Perot candidacy that pleases me. Being neither a Republican nor a Democrat, Perot should further erode the bulwarks of power held by those two political battleships. This leaves openings for Libertarians to exploit that dwindling power. For that reason, and that reason alone, I signed the petition to put Perot on the ballot here in California. For Perot does something for the Libertarians that may prove invaluable: He rounds out the corners in the diamond chart of political attitudes. Until Perot, we only had living examples of Liberals like Jesse Jackson and Conservatives like Patrick Buchanan. Now, we can place Perot's name squarely down in the bottom of the chart next to “Authoritarian,” right next to the man he “reincarnates,” Benito Mussolini.

It is a law of physics that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. This often works in politics as well. As the political season marches on, as Perot sticks his foot in his mouth more often, and Bush and Clinton let loose their dogs to tear Perot down, our clean opposition to the political “philosophies” of Democrat, Republican, and Perotian everywhere could prove to be a strong advantage. It is an advantage we must exploit.

Of course, there is a danger, one we may not be able to stop, which lies in the popularity of authoritarian solutions to social problems. Nonetheless, we must hold our dedication to freedom and individual rights, for it is the only counterbalance short of armed resistance available to us. It is time for all Libertarians to go and meet their neighbors, hand them a diamond chart, talk about some of these things, and get them thinking for themselves. To paraphrase Bob Dylan, “The times, they are a-wasting.”

There is a further danger, and that danger lies in abandoning principles for the sake of political expediency. That is something we must guard against for obvious reasons.

In late May, Don Meyer, who mans the LP of Los Angeles County office, received a phone call from someone in Perot's “organization” who expressed Perot's interest in finding a political party that he could “take over.” He was exploring Libertarian interest. Unless Perot signs the pledge of non-initiation of force, he should not expect support from Libertarians. We can, however, play “footsies” with Perot and ride on his coattails as far as it goes toward weakening Republicans and Democrats. It promises to be quite a ride.

Richard Boddie is a Libertarian Party candidate for the U.S. Senate in California.

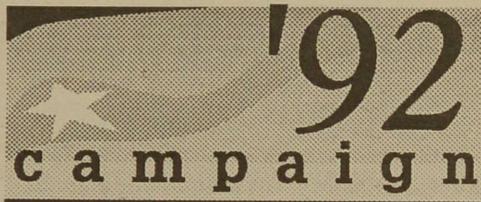
# Modine: 'Live Long and Prosper With Less Government'

With a purpose as definite as that of his ancestors who settled the Land of Deseret, Maury Modine, LP candidate for U.S. Senate in Utah, has set campaign goals which appear attainable.

The goals of Modine's campaign are: to educate about the principles of self government; to increase LP membership in Utah tenfold; to politically organize all 29 counties in the state; to promote the Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA); and to assist with the Marrou/Lord Campaign.

The Modine campaign began in the summer of 1991. Having co-founded a non-profit educational hemp organization, Mood For A Day, several years ago, Modine began staffing a hemp booth at fairs last summer. He has distributed thousands of fliers about the many uses of hemp, the Libertarian Party, and FIJA. Those efforts have garnered about 500 registered voters, 900 signatures for FIJA, and 5,000 signatures on the nationwide TEACH (Therapeutic & Ecological Applications of Cannabis Hemp) petition, promoting the legalization of marijuana for medical use.

Announcing his candidacy on an icy cold Dec. 15 afternoon, Modine and more than 85 supporters were the only Utahns to publicly celebrate Bill of Rights Day. Modine spoke of the three options we have to choose from to govern ourselves—the status quo, more government, or less government. "If we want to benefit from how we choose to govern ourselves, then we need to practice safe government, which is less government," Modine said. "Taxation



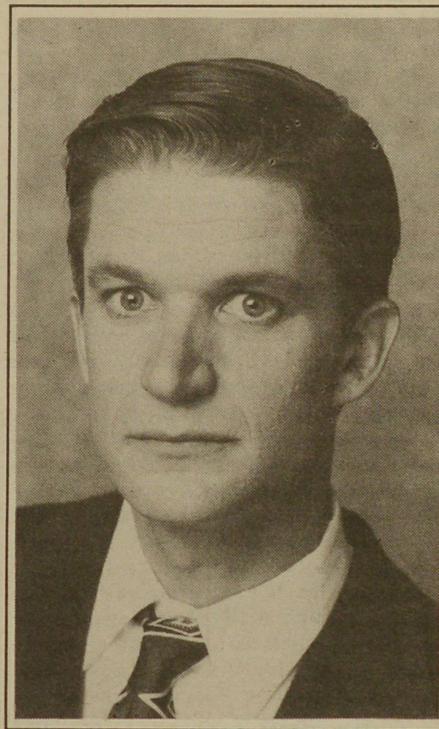
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and bureaucracy must be discouraged and replaced with the rewards of personal responsibility and the ambition to live long and prosper from the fruits of our own efforts."

From his campaign theme of "Live Long and Prosper With Less Government," Modine's "Big 5" campaign issues are health care, responsible use of the environment, judicial reform, taxation, and a balanced budget.

Modine has been campaigning actively since last summer. When the Salt Lake County Commission wanted to raise property taxes, Modine spoke out at a hearing. "By the time the city, state, and feds get their cuts, and then you guys take yours, the working man doesn't have enough money to build a nest egg to start his own business or invest in his family's future security... We're being raped!" he said.

Modine's campaign has received major media coverage throughout his campaign. He has appeared on numerous radio talk shows, been covered by the major state newspapers, distributed thousands of fli-



ers, and appeared on numerous university and high school campuses. His campaign has already targeted his travels throughout the state through Nov. 3. All of these efforts are providing a viable alternative to socialized government, according to Modine. This alternative is now receiving national attention, as evidenced by a call

from The New Yorker magazine requesting an interview from Modine.

In February, Modine attended the Drug Peace Summit, held in conjunction with President Bush's Drug War Summit. At that event, Modine said, "The government must lay down its weapons and agree to peace talks to end this ill-advised war on peaceful people." His role at the Summit was highlighted in Utah's statewide daily newspaper, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, with Libertarian involvement at the Summit receiving twice the column inches devoted to President Bush's activities.

Modine's schedule has been extremely full as he continues to work full time while campaigning. "When we're working seven days a week in Washington, that would be a vacation compared to the campaigning we're doing to get there!" Modine said.

"The founders of this territory were freemen. The original message they preached was self government (libertarianism). I may not be able to sit in a restaurant and eat without stares of recognition any time soon; but, if all my work brings back the original intent of spiritual determination, then I feel I will have done my very best to return to the ideals my ancestors would have died for when they settled this Land of Deseret."

For more information, write the Vote Maury Modine Committee, P.O. Box 903, West Jordan, UT 84084. You also can call the campaign's voice mail to receive the latest information at 801-461-5027.

## Active Duty Airman Works in Anti-War Movement

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that both Libya and Iraq were about to become industrialized. These countries will or would not only be able to produce goods for their own country, but they would also have been able to produce goods for other countries in the region, losing millions and millions of dollars in business to U.S. and English corporations, Sheehan explained. "There is a consistency with U.S. targeting of countries," he said.

In late February, Sheehan took part in The Commission of Inquiry, headed by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who held the Tribunal in New York City.

"They found evidence to prove that not only did the U.S. manipulate the circumstances which caused Iraq to invade Kuwait, but also the fact that the U.S. had committed war crimes during the war as well," Sheehan said.

The Commission of Inquiry is in possession of Soviet satellite photographs from civilian Soviet satellites that show that the U.S. government did lie about the build-up of Iraqi forces prior to the war, Sheehan said. "When George Bush initiated the first 200,000 [American] troops, we believe, under 8,000 Iraqis, not 200,000, were on the border. There was no Iraqi buildup. In fact, the roads that led to Kuwait from Iraq were full of sand and not cleared," he said.

Sheehan's active duty military status and his involvement in the anti-war movement have put him in a very tight position.

"Technically I could be put in prison for a lot of the stuff I've done," he said, "and there are others who have been imprisoned for the same things I have done."

"During the [Gulf] War there were over 10,000 GI's who refused to fight. Eight

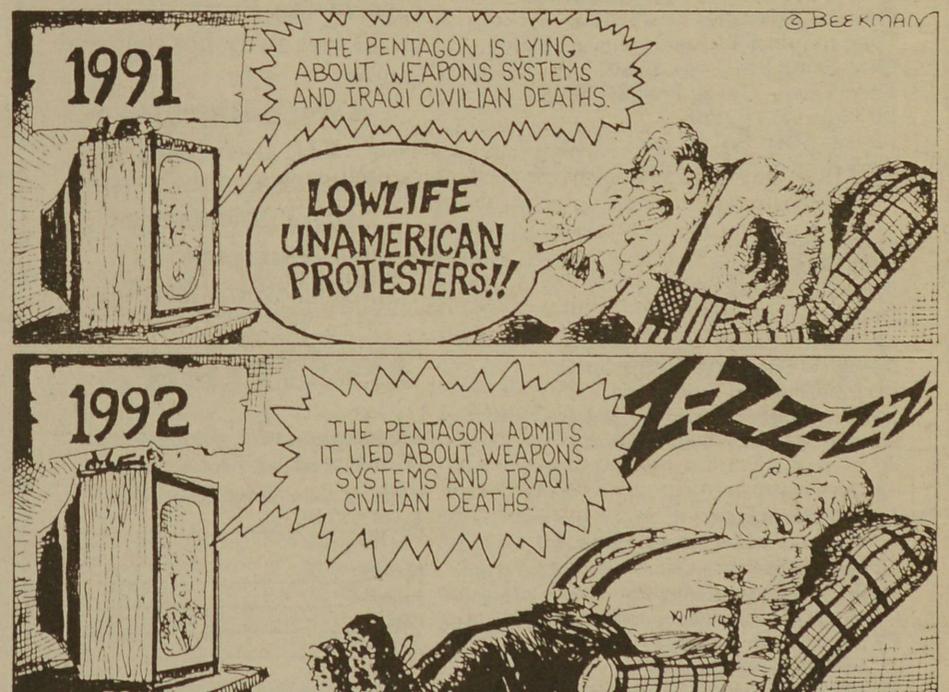
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thousand of them deserted, the other 2,500 filed for conscientious objector (CO) status. The people who filed for CO status and spoke out and didn't just go AWOL (Absent Without Leave), received much harsher sentences than those who just deserted, because of the statement that they were making," Sheehan stated. "The government felt that it was a threat that might spread throughout the military."

Sheehan himself has been the recipient of certain forms of harassment. While no one has directly come out and confronted him, he said his mail had been tampered with, among other things.

"I don't think they really want another political battle around a GI now because in October they are reviewing the entire CO status in front of Congress," he explained. "I think they are hoping that I will get out in October before I become a real problem." Sheehan's four-year tour of duty ends this fall, and at the present time he plans to leave the military.

Sheehan said that after he leaves the Air Force he would like to go to work for The Commission of Inquiry in New York. "I also want to get more involved in Libertarian politics and try to motivate the party to a clear understanding of the problems the people in this country have and how our government's foreign policies not only hurt people overseas, but how they also agitate the situation in this country. I think the outcry in this country was over-



whelming during the war but the media did so much to subvert it."

Sheehan said he believes the anti-war movement in the U.S. is actually a lot stronger now than what it was in the '60s and '70s. He sees a lot of different groups and organizations finally sitting down and agreeing to consolidate, and, "I don't want the Libertarian Party shooting by and missing all these people—potential allies for the Libertarian Party in the future."

The LP should take a strong stand on defending the free speech issue and making sure that the anti-war groups have a

chance to speak in the media. He would also like to see the LP continue its strong support for the GI war resisters, a position taken during the war by Libertarians but not highlighted today.

Sheehan said he hopes the LP leadership will become involved with some of these anti-war groups in the near future, and he offered to provide his knowledge and advice on the different groups.

Sheehan encourages Libertarians interested in these issues to contact him: PFC 3 Paul A. Sheehan, Box 6664, TAFFB, CA 94535.

# Dave Says Congress Is Deficitly Stupid

By Dave Barry

Being an ordinary citizen, you are, no offense, way too stupid to understand the federal budget. This is why you are very fortunate that you have the U.S. Congress (motto: "We Can't Agree On a Motto, So We're Going To Hold Hearings") gnawing away on the deficit problem for you, like a colony of busy beavers who have somehow

## Quote of the Month

A Dallas, TX, police officer addressing the rising crime rate, on the Bill Moyers' PBS series "Listening to America":

**"Sometimes I think we're just a victim of our own Constitution. We have a lot of freedom here and we don't understand, sometimes, the limits we need to put on it."**

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obtained blue suits, red ties, and checking accounts.

The federal deficit is creating a monstrous, crushing burden of debt that will be placed on the shoulders of future generations. This has a certain appeal. It could be seen as revenge for all the times that our future generations failed to pick their possessions up off the floor even after we asked them 62,000 times. If you walked into the future generation's room in my house, you'd think a 15-megaton Garment Bomb had exploded in there. And I still occasionally get a ringing in my ears from the time, several years ago, when I fell in the bathtub after stepping on a missile from a Voltron robot left there by the same future generation, who denied all responsibility, as though Voltron suddenly got a case of robot b.o. and decided to take a shower on his own.

So it's tempting to pass along a crushing burden of debt. It's tempting to make the deficit even WORSE by dreaming up deliberately wasteful federal programs, such as establishing Dairy Queens in space. But this would be wrong. We need to eliminate the deficit, which is why we're so lucky that we have Congress.

One member of Congress working on the problem is Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), who by the way was a member of the "Keating Five" group of lawmakers who did so much to resolve what could have been a serious savings-and-loan problem

at a cost to the taxpayers of only 973 bazillion stomptillion dollars, not that there is any need to dredge that up here. Sen. DeConcini recently held a press conference on the deficit, during which he said—I am not making this up—"We're going to finally wrestle to the ground this gigantic orgasm that is just out of control."

So we see that the root cause of the deficit, like the cause of so many other national problems, is: sex. This is also true in the case of urban unrest, as was pointed out last month by Vice President In Training Dan Quayle, who observed that the Los Angeles riots were caused by Murphy Brown's having a baby. The Vice President took a lot of heat from the bleeding-heart-liberal-Democratic-communist-lesbian-pervert-pro-death-anti-family-Satan-worshipping media for saying this, but the evidence backs him up. Consider the sequence of events:

April 30—Los Angeles had riots.

May 18—Murphy Brown had a baby.

As we can see, this sequence clearly proves that Murphy Brown caused the Los Angeles riots. Wait a minute! Upon further review, we see that this sequence proves that the Los Angeles riots caused Murphy Brown to have a baby. Quick, somebody inform the Vice President! Better use the Emergency Putter Phone!

But getting back to the deficit: If there is one lesson that history teaches us, it is that a nation that has high federal officials promising to wrestle gigantic orgasms to the ground is a nation that needs to take the cold shower of budgetary restraint while wearing the condom of fiscal responsibility. This is where Congress comes in.

Let's play a little game: Let's pretend that you readers are the Congress, and you wish to do something about the deficit. Bear in mind that:

1. You have the power to balance the budget.

2. You have ALWAYS had the power to balance the budget.

3. So any time you want, you can balance the budget.

4. Legally, nobody can stop you from balancing the budget.

OK! So what would you do? Did you answer: "Balance the budget"? You did? Ha ha! This is why you are lowlife working scum, as opposed to a member of Congress.

Congress is not balancing the budget. What Congress is doing, amid much fanfare, is talking about passing a constitutional amendment requiring itself to balance the budget. Really. This amendment will become effective in a few years, if three-fourths of the states ratify it. Meanwhile, this year Congress will produce the largest deficit ever.

Everybody got that? Congress is like a doctor who finds a knifing victim lying in the street, bleeding to death, so the doctor opens his medical bag, takes out a scalpel, stabs the victim a few hundred more times, then writes himself a stern note that says: "DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BLEEDING! BY 1997 AT THE LATEST!" Then he goes and builds a Dairy Queen in space.

But I'm not worried. I'm confident that three-fourths of the states will ratify the balanced-budget amendment.

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# Marrou/Lord Campaign Needs Full-Time Help

As the season for state LP conventions draws to a close, the Marrou/Lord campaign is entering a new phase.

During the months of July, August, and September, Andre Marrou will be touring midwest and western states, while Nancy Lord will tour eastern and southern states during August and September.

One new feature of the campaign during this period will be the use of full-time volunteers doing advance work one month ahead of the candidates' visits. Adam Dick will be doing advance work for Marrou, while Alic Franklor will be doing advance work for Lord.

These staffers visit all the media outlets in each market, determining the contact persons and distributing media packets. In many markets, they establish the first impression of our candidates and our party. They also meet with local libertarians to plan campaign events, one of which is usually a "town meeting."

The information obtained is provided to the candidates' national scheduler, Me-Me King, who books the actual appearances and makes the logistical arrangements.

Beginning June 30, Dick will be travel-

ing with Marrou, while LP field organizer Joe Knight takes over the advance work. In August, Franklor begins traveling with Lord.

The goals of this phase of the campaign are to generate extensive grassroots media coverage of the Libertarian ticket, strengthen local organizations, and have the candidates addressing growing crowds of non-Libertarians. Already, Dick has worked with local organizers in Missouri to have Marrou address the Columbia School of Journalism, one of the nation's top journalism schools.

The Marrou/Lord Campaign is looking for additional volunteers to do advance work for candidates, travel with the candidates, and/or work at the headquarters in Washington, DC. All expenses will be covered by the campaign. The campaign is also looking for people who can work as full-time volunteers at the state and local level.

If you would like to volunteer to become a part of the Marrou/Lord campaign team, contact Director of Operations Bruce Baechler at 202-546-6095 or Operations Committee Chair Steve Dasbach at 219-432-7145.

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|               | required<br>(valid) | collected<br>(raw) | est. to go<br>(raw) | deadline |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Pennsylvania  | 37216               | 10300              | 34700               | Aug 1    |
| Illinois      | 25000               | 5900               | 29100               | Aug 3    |
| Missouri      | 20860               | 5000               | 26000               | Aug 3    |
| Oklahoma      | 35132               | 32000              | 20000               | Jul 15   |
| Florida       | 60312               | 68000              | 18000               | Jul 15   |
| Virginia      | 13920               | 2000               | 18000               | Aug 21   |
| Connecticut   | 14620               | 5000               | 16000               | Aug 14   |
| Massachusetts | 10000               | 5000               | 10000               | Jul 28   |
| Ohio          | 5000                | 1000               | 6200                | Aug 20   |
| North Dakota  | 4000                | 0                  | 5700                | Sep 4    |
| Colorado      | 5000                | 2000               | 5200                | Aug 4    |
| Rhode Island  | 1000                | 0                  | 1400                | Sep 4    |
| Alaska        | 2035                | 4200               | 800                 | Aug 24   |
| Iowa          | 1000                | 1100               | 500                 | Aug 14   |
| New Jersey    | 800                 | 900                | 300                 | Jul 27   |
| Tennessee     | 275                 | 100                | 300                 | Aug 20   |
| West Virginia | 6534                | 11880              | 0*                  | Aug 1    |

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Other states where petitioning will be needed:

|            | required | collected | est. to go | deadline |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Washington | 200      | Jun 27    | 250        | Jul 4    |
| Minnesota  | 2000     | Jul 7     | 2800       | Sep 15   |
| New York   | 15000    | Jul 7     | 22000      | Aug 18   |
| D.C.       | 2600     | Jul 12    | 3700       | Aug 18   |

28750

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(\* indicates petitioning complete but additional work may need to be done if the number of valid signatures is found insufficient)

## Campaign Sound Bites

The FBI's invasion of the sovereign Indian nation at Fort McDowell (AZ) and its subsequent theft of Indian property is not unlike the government's invasions of other foreign countries. The U.S. has a long and unbroken history of violating treaties with Indian nations. . .

The Indian nations are sovereign nations. The federal government has no right to enter their territory without permission, no right to steal their property, and no right to tell them what they can and cannot do.

The government raided the Indians because it wanted to eliminate competition with its own Lotto and other government approved gaming.

Nancy Lord

The government should not interfere with a women's right to choose her own lifestyle, including having a child out of wedlock.

Vice President Quayle is talking about "Murphy Brown" to distract attention away from the real issues—the longest recession since World War II, the growing budget deficit, the corruption in Washington, the still-awaited peace dividend, the need to bring our troops home from abroad, the failure of our public education system.

This is what the Bush-Quayle campaign did in 1988 when it talked about the Pledge of Allegiance and prison furloughs instead of the savings and loan crisis and the other real issues. . .

Andre Marrou

## Karen Huffman

By Steven Alexander

On May 25, 1992, in Carson City, Nevada, Karen Huffman died of respiratory failure due to Lou Gehrig's disease. She is survived by her husband Brian Esterson and her daughters Moya and Aleece Huffman.

Karen Huffman was the first Californian Libertarian I met. She worked for Doug Hoiles in the Freedomworks bookstore, in the basement of Doug's Sunnyvale home. The bookstore and Karen also served as the Libertarian Party's presence in Santa Clara County. Karen was like a breath of fresh air to me, after some of the strange people I had met elsewhere in the LP. She was reasonable, friendly, and had a pleasant, not bitter, sense of humor.

Later, the LP opened its own office. Karen bought the Freedomworks and subleased part of our office. In one stroke, she brought us money we needed to afford the rent and a person, herself, to work full time in the office.

For years, Karen sold books and supported the Libertarian Party. Many old-time members met her first, and the first impression she made attracted them into the Party. She answered the phone and maintained the membership database. She cleaned the office and hosted the monthly meetings. She managed the volunteers and organized the monthly newsletter mailings—which were premier social events.

Karen was chair of the LP of Santa Clara in 1977. She helped to run the LP of California's conventions in 1979 and 1985. She managed the LP of California's database system for years, handling the difficult merger of the Liber-

tarian Party of California (the "official" organization recognized by the state of California) and the California Libertarian Council (the national LP's California affiliate) in the early 1980s. She was an early winner of the respected Karl Bray Award for volunteer activity. She served for many years on the LPC's executive committee.

While Libertarians are often brought together by philosophy and politics, we are kept together by friendship and mutual respect. Our companionship strengthens us against the slings and arrows of the political battlefield. So, while politics may outrage us, our sorrow is of more personal nature.

Statists boast that two things are inevitable: death and taxes. They elevate their artifice of legalized theft to a law of nature. Ayn Rand commented in "Atlas Shrugged" that the connection of taxes to death is more revealing and meaningful than those speakers intend.

We Libertarians focus on taxation as one of the most obvious, consistent transgressions of coercive government. Perhaps because we expect ultimately to defeat or at least minimize taxation.

Against death, we are helpless. We can sometimes delay it, but we cannot deny it. And although people have died for as long as people have lived, we don't get used to it.

The people we have lost, we will never have again. But their lives, starting on one date, ending on another date, will always be there in the past and in our hearts.

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# Letters: Humor, Trade, Riots, and Emotions

**Pro Barry**

I would like to make a couple of points regarding the presence of Dave Barry columns in the NEWS.

First, I disagree with the readers who say that Mr. Barry is not a libertarian or that he is not sufficiently "intellectual" to be published in our newspaper. I think his columns very clearly advance the libertarian point of view, and his style should not make us underestimate the quality of his ideas.

Second, humor has always been a powerful weapon in the struggles of ideas. An effective joke is often worth more than a lengthy speech full of philosophical jargon. And in a battle for a cause as worthy as ours, we should not discard any possible tool.

Third, as a practical matter, humor may be the most convenient way to spread our message. A funny article is easy to share with a friend or a relative or a co-worker. Thus, more people would be exposed to libertarian ideas, and some of them will want to know more, on a deeper level. In short, I am asking you and all the readers of the newspaper not to be swayed by pseudo-intellectual rhetoric and to keep humor permanently in our ideological arsenal.

**Marina Kogan**  
Teaneck, NJ

**Flying Pigs and Turkeys**

The letter and illustration of The Winged Pig in the June NEWS sent my mind on a flight of fancy of a fierce turkey in boxing attire. After a few moments of laughter, I remembered that Benjamin Franklin did suggest the turkey over the eagle as our national symbol. I am almost serious and would love to see the artist take a shot at illustrating Franklin's turkey for the benefit of the LP.

Laughter is an important element in our fight. Please keep Barry.

**Charles N. Rutledge**  
N. Olmsted, OH

**Fair Trade**

I read with interest George O'Brien's article "The Curious Mr. Perot" (May, 1992, NEWS). Perot is criticized for calling for "fair trade" instead of "free" trade and "free" markets. Free trade works wonderfully in a level playing field, which is not the world condition today. I cannot compete with a Mexican working for GM for \$8.50 per day, nor with an Indonesian

## From You

*Letters from members and readers*

worker making 13 cents an hour. If O'Brien can, will he please write another article and explain his system to the rest of us.

**Edwina Johnstone**  
Port Orange, FL

**Macho Flash**

Many thanks for the article by Michael Emerling in the April NEWS. It is high time that someone pointed out that it is not necessary to be prickly and obnoxious to be "politically correct" Libertarians. Discussions I have heard or participated in with some other Libertarians have turned me off. What effect must they have on those only learning our views?

I was also delighted by an article outlining efforts to recruit non-WASPS to the cause. It will be hard to overcome the brainwashing of the last 30 years, but even conservatives (especially Thomas Sowell) are pointing out the adverse effects on the Black and Hispanic communities of the spending and social-engineering programs since Kennedy was president.

**Mark Gaston**  
Brooklyn, NY

**Emotion**

Congratulations of the production of an honest, hard-hitting newspaper. I have embraced the basic libertarian philosophy for a goodly number of years and have been a member of the party around four. For a time my votes went mostly to Republican candidates—even though I thought the LP was right—on the basis that I didn't want to waste my vote. Then I asked myself, "Do you mean to say that you haven't BEEN wasting your votes on Republicans and Democrats?"

Using that argument, my efforts at evangelizing have won a number of converts. But one person's contacts are limited and it takes time for efforts to multiply. We need to reach more people. Yes, if you can get them to listen to reason, you've got it made; and good progress has been made reaching thinking minds—scholars and those who will give some thought to economics. Still, if all

the scholars in the nation voted one way, it is not likely that they would swing even a close election. The numbers aren't there.

Reason has a hard time changing mind sets. We need to find a way to get emotions stirred. Albert Einstein once said: "Reason and emotion. When they are opposed, emotion will win every time, hands down." If we can get both reason and emotion on our side, we should have a powerful weapon.

The May NEWS told of an effort to reach African Americans. Great! But they are going after the "upper crust" of that group. These intelligent minorities—black, white, and otherwise—can have a positive effect; but unless we can find an emotional appeal to the masses, we will remain a nice, quaint, elite study club. Electoral change requires big numbers.

I don't pretend to have the answer, but I surely hope someone finds one, and soon!  
**William B. Williford, D.D.S.**  
Houston, TX

**Presidential Campaign**

Thanks for the superb May NEWS. I appreciated Mary Gingell's open and complete coverage of "the Business at Hand," and the Perot Watch especially.

It is an election year. What happened to news about what our presidential candidate, Andre Marrou, has been and will be up to? Other campaigns are of interest, but our major exposure will come, if it is going to, from the presidential campaign.

**Peter Baker**  
Barnet, VT

**State Solutions?**

Who's dumber: liberals or conservatives? Democrats or Republicans? Both have recently made strong claims to this honor with some familiar "solutions" to problems revealed in the L.A. riots.

"Liberals" whined for yet more "resources." Please don't remind them of \$2.6T in Great Society "resources" "employed" since 1965—more than a half million dollars for every man, woman, and child of the poorest 20 percent of our population! What additional resources are necessary?

"Conservatives" demanded yet more force. Please don't remind them that the prison population has tripled in the last 12 years. America is now first in the world in per capita prison population, recently overtaking

both the old Soviet Union and South Africa! How much more force is necessary?

Over the years the major parties have built consensus on a single political principle: "Increase state power at the expense of the individual citizen."

The public has bought the canard that the state must do still more to solve our problems. The opposite is true. The government must first get its foot off the people's throats. It is clearly out of control.

The people must gain control of their own government, again. We can only solve our big problems with public policy that promotes liberty, policy that moves decisive power into the hands of individual citizens. Anything else is intrigue.

**Mike Binkley**  
Los Angeles, CA

**Rodney King**

The Rodney King trial.

How could the jury acquit in the face of the video evidence? I, along with millions, had seen the television "clips" dozens of times in the saturation coverage of this incident. This "defenseless" black man "brutally" beaten by white establishment police officers.

Three days after the verdicts and the burning and looting, I saw for the first time, the "complete" video.

Rodney King, stopped after a high speed chase, not only resisted arrest he attacked the police officer. The difference in physical size of King and the officer is striking. Once King complied with instructions, submitted to arrest, the beating stopped. Immediately!

I, along with millions, had been victimized by the most blatant instance of biased reporting. I have no way to gauge the contribution of this biased view of events to the riots that followed. I think it was considerable and was calculated to be.

The media built the tension, played on the frustrations, distrust, and alienation people feel with the "system." The verdict came in and confirmed the worst. The media even planted the seeds for the riot predicting the outcome if the verdict was acquittal!

They got a hell of a story. The media had more fun than the rioters. When will there be an accounting? Where is truth in journalism? There is a conspiracy of silence on this issue. "Yellow Journalism" at its finest.

**David Coville**  
Kailua, HI

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- November 11-14, 1992:**  
Drug Policy Foundation's Sixth International Conference on Drug Policy Reform, Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC; 202-895-1634.
- April 24-25, 1993 (tentative):**  
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