

# Growing and growing...

## PA tops 1,000; radio host signs on

**F**or the first time in the 25-year history of the Libertarian Party, a state party affiliate—other than California—passed the 1,000 national membership level when Irv Homer, popular Philadelphia radio talk show host, joined the party.

On March 2, at the Pennsylvania state LP convention at Valley Forge, eight attendees, who were not yet members of the national party, joined, pushing the national party membership in the state to 1,004.

The Pennsylvania LP increased its national membership by several hundred in 1995 and doubled the number of registered Libertarians in the state as well.

Late last year, the state party devised a plan whereby each of 10 county affiliates was given a quota to increase their own membership, bringing the total national membership mark to 1,000.

Although the membership plan worked, and more than

enough new members joined to bring the level above the 1,000 mark, about 100 national members in the state failed to respond to the renewal process from the national office. The end of December arrived with state party membership at 955.

State party officers were still determined to build national membership by the March state convention.

Local meetings stressed national membership growth, local mailings were made to inquiry lists, and tables were set up at gun shows and political events.

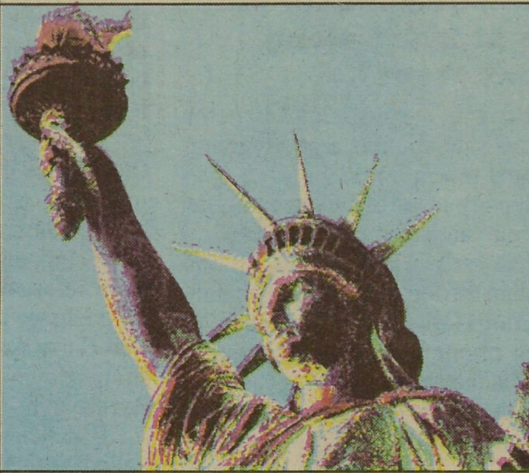
As the Pennsylvania state convention opened on March 1, total national membership stood at 996. Attendance at the state convention hit record numbers. Then, at the afternoon business meeting on March 2, three individuals joined the national party.

At the opening of the convention banquet that evening, Libertarian National Committee member Don Ernsberger approached Irv Homer, the most popular radio talk show host in Philadelphia, and encouraged him to join the national party.

Homer, who broadcasts on radio station WWDB, "has for years promoted the Libertarian cause and helped the LP gain widespread recognition in the Philadelphia area," Ernsberger said. For the past six years, "Homer has always remained a subscriber to the Libertarian Party NEWS, but never formally joined the party," he said.

Ernsberger talked with Homer and told him the state party was about to reach the 1,000 membership mark. Homer responded, "Give me a membership form. I'll join right now." Homer became the 1,000th member of the Pennsylvania LP.

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## MD party pays for LP primary

When Maryland's primary elections were completed in early March, taxpayers got the bill for the Democrat and Republican contests. But Libertarians in Montgomery County's 8th Congressional District paid for their own primary.

"This shows how the big parties in power keep new ideas out of the process; they make us pay for primaries and petitioning while they don't have to," said Jesse Markowitz, LP state chair. "We don't think the taxpayers should be paying for the Republican beauty contests or Bill Clinton's one-man-show."

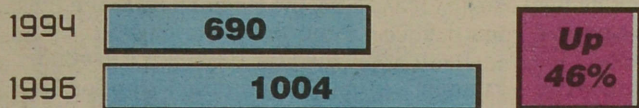
Burtonsville Libertarian Bob Creager won the state party nomination in the primary. According to Markowitz, Creager out-pollied his opponent, Terry Atwood of Bethesda, 39-12, with one vote for None Of The Above.

Because of quirky election laws, the state's only legal third party was not allowed to participate in the full primary. But current rules required them to hold a primary. So the Libertarians paid for their own primary. Creager now hopes to face off for the seat held by Republican Constance Morella. But there's another catch.

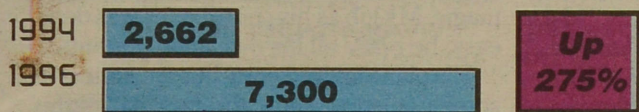
According to Markowitz, the state still plans to force the LP candidates to gather thousands of petition signatures, even though that requirement does not apply to Democrats and Republicans who go through a primary.

"It's pretty unfair when you think about it," said Markowitz. "The Democrats and Republicans get a see **Primary** on page 7

### PA national membership



### PA registered Libertarians



## Political judo

### LP leaders at campaign seminar

**T**op Libertarian Party leaders attended a campaign training seminar in the heart of Washington, DC, to learn "political judo"—how to use the political strategies and tactics of Republicans and Democrats to beat them in 1996.

"We're arming ourselves with the weapons of our opponents," LP National Chair Steve Dasbach said. "The 1,000 candidates we'll run for office this year will use this knowledge to conduct more successful and winnable campaigns."

Dasbach said the LP and its candidates are adopting increasingly sophisticated techniques of fund raising, voter outreach, and issues selection—formerly the sole province of the older parties. "We used these strategies to win two important city council races in Georgia last year," he said. "Now, we will disseminate them to all our candidates."

But even better than the nuts-and-bolts political lessons,

Dasbach said, were the good news/bad news revelations Libertarians heard at the Campaigns & Elections magazine-sponsored seminar, held March 1-3.

"Good news for us, bad news for Republicans and Democrats," he said. "Leading consultants for the two older parties had to admit how unhappy Americans are with the job their clients are doing. They also revealed many of the weaknesses we will be able to exploit in 1996."

For example:

☆ Supporters of the two older parties are dying off.

Dan Morgan, chief fund raiser for the Bob Dole for President campaign, admitted that the average Dole contributor is in his 70s. "He said they have to constantly replenish their donor list to make up for the people who are dying," Dasbach said.

☆ Voters don't trust the Republicans and Democrats—and, surprisingly, trust them even less when they collabo-

see **Seminar** on page 6

## Surveys show time is ripe for LP

A number of new surveys reveal a growing opportunity for the Libertarian Party to succeed in 1996 and beyond, said National Chairman Steve Dasbach.

"Public opinion continues to move in our direction," he said. "Besides the growing libertarian sentiment among voters, these surveys also demonstrate an upsurge of distrust of government and an increased willingness to support third-party candidates. That's good news for us."

As evidence, Dasbach cited:

◆ A December 1995 questionnaire of PriceCostCo. customers, which revealed that 82

percent think America would be "better off with a third political party."

◆ A February poll of 18- to 30-year-olds by Youth Vote 96—a non-partisan coalition of youth organizations—which discovered that 67 percent would be "likely" to vote for a third-party candidate in November.

"The youth vote is up for grabs and the nation's twenty-somethings will base their decisions on issues, not party politics," wrote the Associated Press. According to the study, 48 percent of the 800 young people polled said a candidate's position on the issues would influence their vote, compared with 5

percent who said the political party would be the deciding factor.

◆ A January public opinion study by the *Washington Post*, which said that 75 percent of Americans no longer "trust the government in Washington to do the right thing most of the time."

◆ And finally, a study in January by the Techtel Corporation, which found that 36 percent of Americans believe that "100 personal computers could solve the country's problems better than 100 politicians."

"If these surveys are accurate, 1996 could be the Libertarian Party's year," Dasbach predicted.

# Campaign '96: Presidential nomination

## Browne campaign picking up steam; oddsmaker puts Browne at 200-1 along with Ross Perot

Harry Browne's campaign director Sharon Ayres said she has a good feeling about the next few months.

"The intensity level of the Browne for President campaign just ratcheted up another notch in early March," she said. "It's hard to explain the feeling. It comes mainly from little things—the quantity and quality of incoming phone calls, the increase in serious media inquiries.

"It probably hit me the strongest on the day before 'Super Tuesday' [March 12] when we booked 11 upcoming radio and TV appearances for Harry all in one day—a record. Undoubtedly, Bob Dole's sweep of the Republican primaries the week be-

fore had something to do with it."

Also on that Monday, *Los Angeles Times* business columnist James Bates featured a profile of Harry's "On the Campaign Trail" column, which he had noticed on the Browne for President web page.

"He referred to it as 'a unique diary on the World Wide Web' and cited several quotes, mostly humorous," Ayres noted.

The campaign launched its national publicity campaign at the end of March, "but even before we started our external publicity push, we began to see promising signs that Harry was going to get more attention than previous Libertarian candidates," Ayres said.

"For example, a multi-media CD-ROM called 'Vote America' was published in February and included Harry. It's now being distributed across the country through a variety of computer stores and other retail

outlets, as well as through direct mail. Because it's interactive with Vote America's web page, it can be updated as the campaign progresses and people log onto the web site. It should be an excellent way to get our message out to people who are obviously interested in politics.

"Also in February, we were surprised to receive word that Harry was going to be placed on Nebraska's primary ballot in May without us even asking," she added. "It seems that Nebraska law automatically puts presidential candidates on the ballot if they are discussed in the media, and according to ballot law expert Richard Winger of San Francisco, Nebraska's Secretary of State used a LEXIS search to determine which names to list. As reported in the March issue of *Ballot Access News*, Harry was the only Libertarian candidate whose name appeared in newspapers often enough to satisfy the state."

But the most intriguing indicator that Harry Browne was already making an impact on the public consciousness came by way of London, according to Ayres.

"We were extremely startled in early February to learn that a London oddsmaker was issuing odds on Harry for the November election along with [Bill] Clinton and the Republicans. He placed Harry at 200-1, the same as Ross Perot. Republicans Dornan and Keyes were only 500-1."

Ayres called and asked a spokesperson for the oddsmaker, Ladbroke Group PLC, why Browne had been included.

"He said it was at the request of some of their customers, especially in the U.S.

Ladbroke looked at our web site and saw the results of some of the cyber-polls, plus [the spokesperson] mentioned the fact that the LP's candidate will be on the ballot in all 50 states. Then they came up with 200-1, which is where they placed Perot when he first came on the scene in 1992."

Ladbroke is generally regarded as the world's #1 oddsmaker.

With the campaign pace continuing to accelerate, it has become "a real challenge" to keep supporters informed of Harry's hectic media and travel schedule, Ayres noted, so a new 24-hour campaign "Hotline" has been installed that will provide a recorded summary of upcoming campaign activities. The number is 703-541-6415.

*This article was provided by the Browne campaign.*

## Schiff active during New Hampshire tour

By JIM DAVIES

Irwin Schiff hit New Hampshire ground running on Feb. 1, and didn't stop for 13 days. He has amazing energy and optimism—a one-man powerhouse of knowledge, persuasiveness, humor, and even magic. My job as his coordinator was dead easy; he made all his own appointments.

His plane arrived early but the indicator screen failed to show the fact, so by the time I caught up with him he was already at the Avis desk in Manchester. During a minor delay there he had already opened see **Nomination** on page 10



NEW HAMPSHIRE VISIT - After being recognized on the floor of the New Hampshire State Assembly, Harry Browne, right, and his wife Pamela met with Libertarian State Rep. Don Gorman, left, and President of the State Senate Joseph Delahunty.

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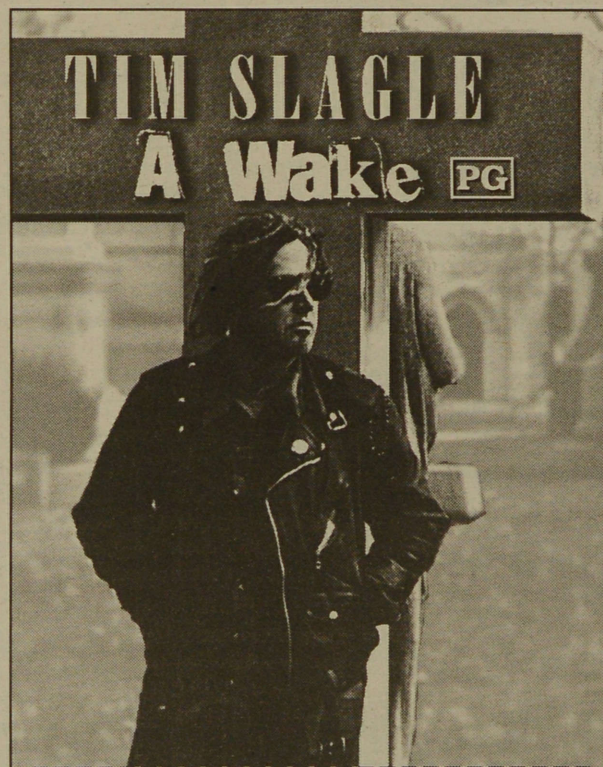
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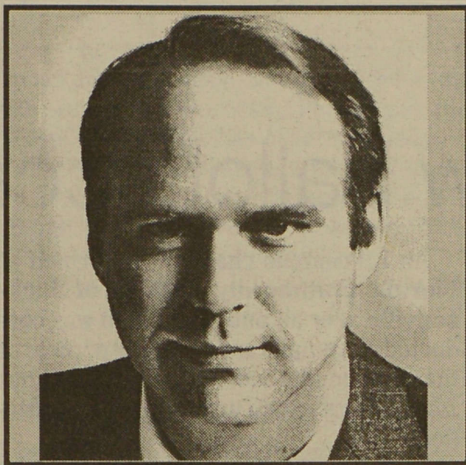
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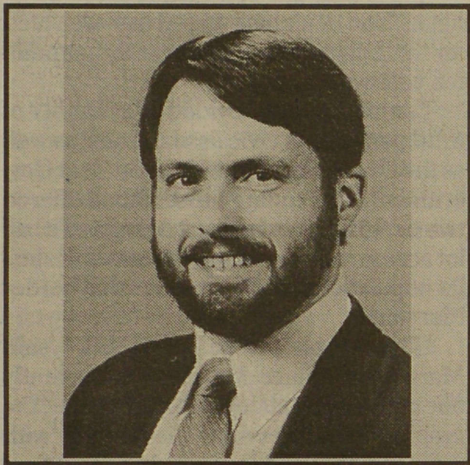
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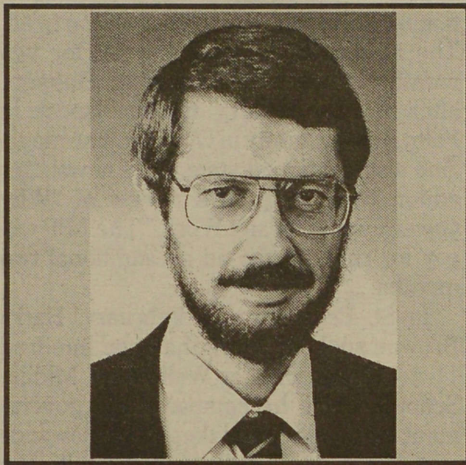
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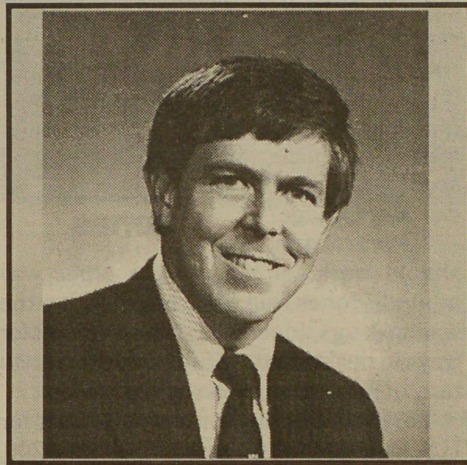
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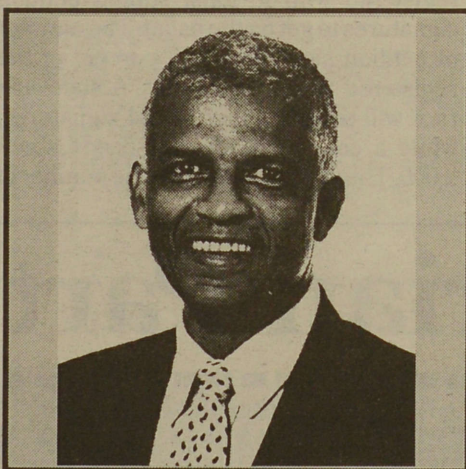
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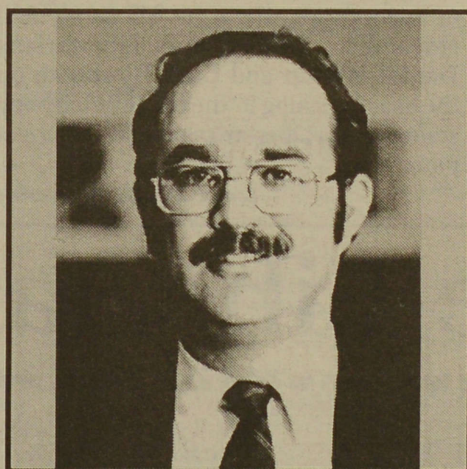
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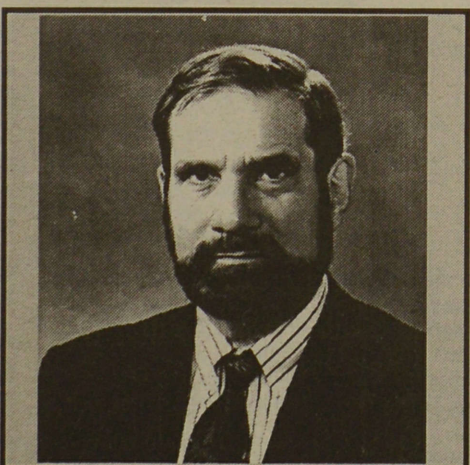
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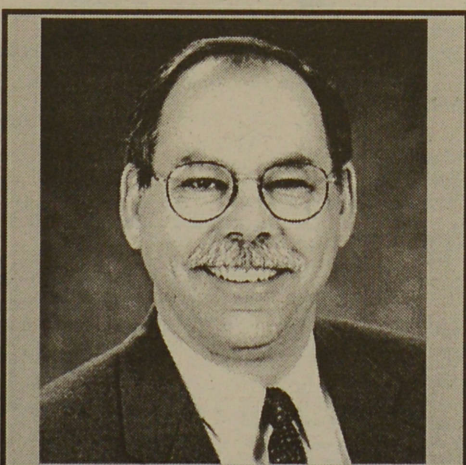
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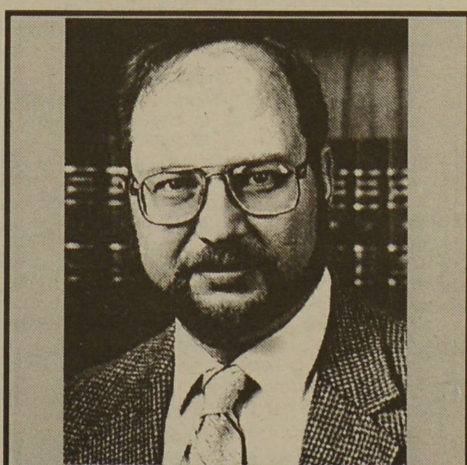
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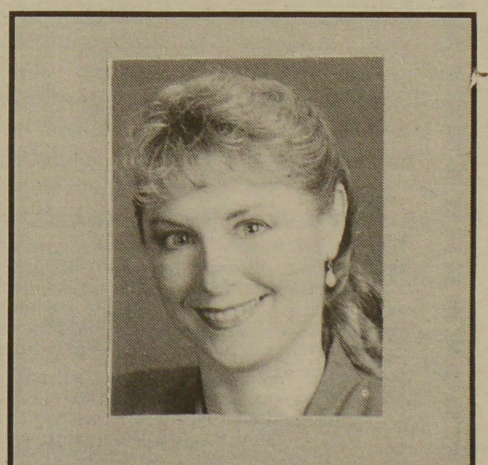
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## MD Libertarians push new ballot access bill

### Alabama

Montgomery area party members turned out recently to conduct an Operation Politically Homeless outreach effort. The booth was set up at the Auburn University at Montgomery campus and was manned by ALP members **Michael Probst**, state chair, and **Jessica Wilson**. Survey participants (38) were asked to take the World's Smallest Political Quiz. The results showed 18.4 percent of the respondents were libertarian.

Source: state chair

### California

The following San Francisco LP officers were re-elected recently: **Mark Read Pickens**, chair; **Michael K. Dunn**, vice chair; **Anton Sherwood**, secretary; and **Jim Elwood**, treasurer.

Source: state affiliate newsletter

The following LP of Santa Clara officers were elected recently: **David Bonino**, chair; **Brad Walker**, vice chair; **Marianne Petersen**, secretary; and **Ed Wimmers**, treasurer.

Source: state affiliate newsletter

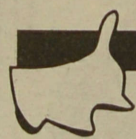
### Colorado

Libertarians in Routt County, led by **Robert Jahelka**, helped defeat a \$104 million school bond issue. Although early polls showed an even split among pro, con, and undecided, at election time 60 percent voted against the bond issue. Those in favor of the bond issue, with big contributions coming from the Colorado Education Association, outspent those opposed 6 to 1.

Source: state party newsletter

### Delaware

LP member **Mark Jones**, 31, is running for U.S. Senate against incumbent Sen. Joe



### National pulse

#### News from the states

Biden.

"Sen. Biden was about my age when he was elected in 1972," said Jones. Jones has a Ph.D. in computer science and is an assistant professor of computer science at Goldey-Beacom College.

"Government should work for us, not the other way around," Jones said. Also highlighting the war on drugs, Jones said, "There are better ways to deal with the drug problem than to turn our country into a war zone."

For more information, contact Jones for U.S. Senate, 4251 Concord Pike, Suite 200, Concord Square, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Source: candidate

**Jack Dalton**, Sussex County LP chair, was sworn in as a town commissioner for Bridgeville in early January.

**Burke Morrison** has announced that he is running for mayor of Wilmington.

Source: state party newsletter

### Florida

**Steven B. Perfect** was appointed to fill a vacant slot on the Ochlockonee River, Soil, and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, where he will serve until November. Perfect joins Libertarians **Daniel Walker** and **Dick Bjornseth** on the board, making it "the only elected body staffed with a Libertarian majority," Perfect noted.

Source: national headquarters



Jones

An LP campus chapter was formed at **Florida Community College of Jacksonville** after an outreach booth was conducted on campus and nearly 48 percent of the respondents scored libertarian. About 20 members signed up to join the organization.

Source: state affiliate newsletter

The January issue of Florida Rod & Gun Trader, with a circulation of about 25,000, featured a two-page Libertarian Party ad. The ad was donated to the LP for two months by the publisher, **Alan Hassett**, after he heard **Harry Browne** speak in Palm Beach County in October. The magazine also contained state party newsletter editor **Tom Regnier's** review of "Why Government Doesn't Work." The LPF will pay for running the ad an additional two months.

In St. Petersburg in February, Harry Browne spoke to more than one hundred 11- to 13-year-olds at Wellington Middle School, where he compared the government to "a bully who takes your allowance away from you." Following the talk, the children swarmed around Browne for autographs.

Source: state newsletter editor

### Maryland

State Senate Bill 330, the Fair Ballot Access Bill, is being considered in the state legislature. The current law requires political parties to submit 10,000 valid signatures to be 'recognized'. All independent candidates, and candidates whose party has less than 10 percent of the state voters registered with it, must submit petition signatures to get on the ballot. The number of petition signatures is 3 percent of the registered voters in district. A statewide race will require about 72,784 signatures, while a congressional race needs about 9,000. This bill would reduce the number of

signatures to zero for recognized political parties and to 1 percent with a cap of 20,000 for independents.

Hearings were held recently on the bill and "went very well," according to **Jesse Markowitz**, LP state chair.

"There were three pages of people to testify in favor of the bill, and no one opposed," he said. "The chairman asked people to limit the comments, since, as he put it, 'You don't have to sell us—we voted for this bill last year.' Last year the committee vote was 9-2 in favor."

Testimony was provided by a number of third parties and civic associations, as well as the University of Maryland Student Government. The ending presentation offered two bar graphs comparing Maryland's ballot access requirements with states of similar populations, and with states that border Maryland.

"The graphs were a big hit," said Markowitz. "Since Maryland is currently one of the worst states on ballot access, the graphs showed the dramatic disparity with an impact that a table of numbers could not match. One senator requested that I leave a copy with the committee staff so that it could be held/presented during the debate of the full Senate. That senator voted against this bill last year, but I think we have his vote this year."

Source: state chair

### Massachusetts

**George Phillies** has accepted the LP nomination for U.S. Senate. This fall, he will face incumbent Sen. John Kerry and Republican Gov. William Weld. Weld's campaign rests in substantial part on his claimed libertarian leanings; the presence of a real Libertarian will substantially impact this close race.

The LP is one of Massachusetts' three

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Phillies plans to focus his campaign on low taxes, small government, and The Bill of Rights—"the whole Bill of Rights, not just the convenient parts," said Phillies.

"If elected, I will work to repeal the Internet censorship bill," said Phillies. "I will work to repeal victim disarmament bills, such as the Clinton Crime Control Bill and the Brady Bill. I will work to end export controls that cripple America's computer export industry, software and hardware. My opponents have failed to oppose Internet censorship; I expect this to be a major issue in the Fall campaign.

"I don't hate Uncle Sam, I just want to put him on a stiff reducing diet. I want to teach him to stay out of our bedrooms and out of our pocketbooks."

Phillies earned a B.S. in physics and life sciences, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Phillies has taught in Cali-

fornia and Michigan, and now teaches at the prestigious Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Phillies, 48, has never married.

For more information, contact George Phillies, Massachusetts Libertarian Association, 87-6 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA 01605, or e-mail: phillies@wpi.edu.

Source: candidate

## Michigan

The state party recently filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a new law that prohibits LP members from serving as election inspectors.

If the bill takes effect, local election commissions will be required to appoint election inspectors from only the two old parties.

"An election inspector's job is to ensure fair, non-partisan procedures in the polling place," said David Raaflaub, attorney for the state party. "If only Democrats and Republicans can work at the polls, how will the state guarantee impartiality for independents, Libertarians, and other minor parties as the Michigan constitution's purity of elections clause requires?"

The new law will affect LP member Alan Robertson of Ann Arbor. "Since 1981, I've served as an election inspector at the polls," Robertson said. "Now, just because I'm a Libertarian, the Lansing politicians say I can't be trusted. I suppose the city clerk will have to try to find someone to replace my experience. I wish she didn't have to."

A court hearing is expected in the lawsuit.

Source: state party news release

In January, **Martin Howrylak** was appointed to the Troy Historic District Commission.

Source: national headquarters

## Minnesota

**Eric M. Johnson** was appointed by the Lake St. Croix Beach City Council as an alternate on the park commission.

"I'm learning more about local government and very seriously considering running for City Council after attending several of the meetings," he said.

Source: national headquarters

## Nebraska

State party members **Keith Kafka**, **Jerry Kosch**, and **Andy Miller** all played important volunteer roles in gathering signatures to gain ballot status for the state LP.

Source: personal contact



NEWS photo by Tony Kantz

**BALLOT ACCESS** - Maine LP State Chair **Richard Eaton**, left, and **Karen and Gary Fincher**, gather signatures at an Auburn grocery store to put **Harry Browne's** name on the presidential ballot. The state party contacted each of the candidates seeking the LP presidential nomination asking for financial help in achieving ballot status. The **Harry Browne** campaign agreed to fund the drive. Maine does not allow substitution of names on the ballot access petition. The state party hopes to gather the necessary 6,000 signatures by the end of April.

## New Hampshire

In February, **Roland Maheu** was elected Ward 6 Councilman in Laconia. Maheu became the 28th Libertarian serving in office in the Granite State.

Also, **Mark Tuniewicz** was appointed to the Milford Conservation Commission. His goal on the commission is "to encourage more private, non-governmental solutions to conservation problems, and discourage unilateral [government] intrusions in the use of private property." Tuniewicz will serve a one-year term in the non-partisan office.

Source: national headquarters

## New Jersey

In New Jersey, **Adam Reed** was added to the list of Libertarian officeholders as an elected member of the Marlboro Township School Board. Reed is serving a three-year term in the non-partisan office.

"During his term, he has [already] helped hold the line on school taxes while upgrading educational quality," said New Jersey LP State Chair **Len Flynn**.

Source: national headquarters

Four candidates have already announced for the U.S. House: **Janice Presser**, District 3; **Bob Figueroa**, District 4; **Keith**

**Quarles**, District 6; and **Virginia Flynn**, District 12.

Source: affiliate party newsletter

## New York

**Audrey Capozzi Pappaeliou**, **James Harris**, and **Robert Goodman** of The Project for Better Schools (PBS), a committee of the state LP, developed a questionnaire to screen candidates for election to school boards. Although similar to questionnaires developed by other groups such as the Christian Coalition, "our questionnaire was designed to allow clear-cut choices for endorsements," said Goodman. "In a few months we hope to have news that some LP endorsees have been elected."

Source: personal contact

## North Carolina

The Committee for Party Renewal (CPR) recently filed an amicus curiae brief with the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the Court to hear the LP's North Carolina ballot access appeal. The CPR consists of leading political scientists.

**Richard Winger**, editor of *Ballot Access News*, worked hard to have this brief filed. The brief was written by Libertarian **Brad Smith**, a law professor in Ohio.

"The case," Winger said, "involves our challenge to: 1) the 10 percent requirement for president or governor for a party to remain on the ballot; 2) the law that no voter may register into a party unless it's a qualified party, which means that when we go off the ballot for failing to get 10 percent for president or governor, all our registrants are forcibly changed to 'independent.'"

Source: personal contact

In February, **Mark Seiler** was appointed to a three-year term on the Gaston County Economic Development Commission.

Seiler, a long-time Libertarian activist, said he'll use his new position to put the brakes on "disastrous government meddling" in the economic growth of his re-

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# Affiliates

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gion. "My goal on the Development Commission is to allow the freedom to achieve prosperity," he said.

Source: national headquarters

## Ohio

In January, state party Secretary **Donald Gallick** was a panelist in a Portsmouth forum entitled "Is the Party Over?", which focused on the decline of the two major parties. Panelists included a Republican, a Democrat, and the state director of Ross Perot's Reform Party. The forum was sponsored by the Scioto County League of Women Voters.

In February, Gallick participated in a three-way debate at Ohio University in Athens for a political communication class. The debate focused on the principles of three political parties—Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian.

In late February, **Jo Jorgensen**, candidate for the LP vice presidential nomination, participated in a debate on drug legalization in Columbus. Other advocates of drug legalization on the panel included Capital University Law Professor David Mayer, and retired Franklin County Judge Ronald Solove. The public debate was organized by state party Central Region Chair **Scott Smith**, Central Region Rep. **Dena Bruedigam**, and longtime Libertarian attorney **Tom Zuber**.

Also in late February, Jorgensen spoke to Ohio University students in Athens. Jorgensen's visit grabbed front-page newspaper coverage and local television news air time. The Athens visit was organized by

Gallick and Libertarian activist **Jonathan Bebb**.

Source: state party officer

## Pennsylvania

There were 244 registered Libertarians in York County as of Feb. 27. One year before, the total of registered Libertarians was 117. That's more than a 100-percent increase.

"We had a goal of 250 registered Libertarians in York by the end of 1996," said **Karl Spangler**, the affiliate party secretary. "I think we need to raise our goal. How does 500 sound?"

Source: state affiliate party

# Seminar

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rate.

Campaign consultant Mark Mellman, who ran the campaigns of two dozen Democratic U.S. Senate, House, and gubernatorial candidates, said, "People are now no more enamored with the Democratic Party, and are a lot less enamored with the Republican Party."

And Ed Goeas, former political director of the Republican National Congressional Committee, cited a poll showing that 57 percent of Americans believe that when Republicans and Democrats agree on something, it is bad for the public.

"People prefer gridlock to the corrupt and dangerous deals that the Republican and Democratic politicians make," Dasbach

## Tennessee

LP member **Jennifer Leonard**, a student at Belmont University, recently participated in a political forum on campus. Leonard answered questions on where the LP stood on critical voter issues and took questions from the audience.

Source: state party newsletter

## Texas

The following LP candidates in Collin County have announced already for the fall elections: **John Davis**, U.S. House; **Randal Morgan**, state senate; **Lou Imholt**, state house; **Chuck Miller**, county sheriff; and

**Glen Warnstaff**, county commission.

Source: state affiliate newsletter

## Utah

State party volunteers operated an outreach booth at the Salt Lake City Gun Show recently where more than 250 people completed the World's Smallest Political Quiz. LP volunteers who participated in the effort include **Dan Brown**, **Jon Dansie**, **Jim Dexter**, **David Jensen**, **Ken Larsen**, **Juel Robinson**, and **Dwight Steffner**.

Source: state party newsletter

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said.

☆ The older party politicians have created a climate of cynicism among voters.

Republican Goeas quoted a poll revealing that a 2-1 majority of Americans think it's more likely that a cure for cancer will be found than that the federal budget will be balanced within the next 20 years.

And Democrat Mellman noted that 49 percent of Americans think special interests control the political process.

☆ Finally, there was across-the-board agreement that old political rules no longer apply in 1996—"creating a unique opportunity for a nationally organized third party like the Libertarian Party," Dasbach said.

Bill Kristol, publisher of the conservative Weekly Standard, said, "We are in a

new era of politics. And the rules of the new political era haven't settled into place yet."

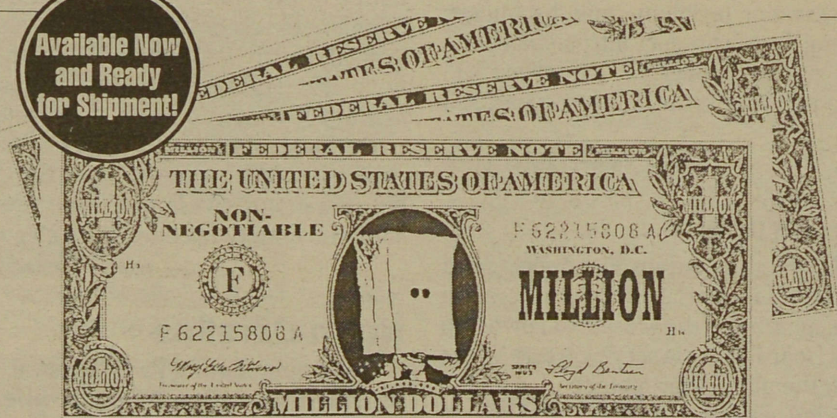
"The Republican and Democratic parties are the dinosaurs from that old era of American politics. And the Libertarian Party is the future," Dasbach said.

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# SAFE

## Member forms group to fight 'big government' AARP

**A long-time Libertarian activist in Delaware wants to make the future SAFE for senior citizens—and is prepared to battle one of the nation's most powerful special interest groups to accomplish that goal.**

William Morris, 75, has helped form a new organization called Seniors Against Federal Extravagance (SAFE) to "counter the big government lobbyists" of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

"Most members do not realize the harmful nature of the political activities of the AARP. We believe the legislative agenda of the AARP is a disaster for this country," Morris said.

"As senior citizens, we are very concerned about the growth of the federal government, and the huge debt being left

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monopoly on most of the registered voters, then they passed laws making everybody else jump through legal hoops before we are even allowed to compete."

Creager plans to fight. He has received the endorsement of the American Civil Liberties Union to challenge the ballot access laws in court. Attorney Lawrence Greenwald of the Baltimore firm of Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger, and Hollander will represent him.

Creager, 46, lives with his wife, Jane, and children in Burtonsville. With a B.S. degree from the University of Maryland and an M.B.A., he is a senior staff member for BDM.

The Libertarian Party became Maryland's official third party when it submitted petitions containing the signatures of more than 10,000 voters last June.

for our children and grandchildren to pay. We believe this country is risking a financial disaster which would hurt everyone, including senior citizens. The AARP is part of the problem—[it] has consistently pushed for more government spending, and not just for senior citizens," Morris said.

A 1993 National Taxpayers Union study confirms his accusations. According to the taxpayers' group, the AARP "is advancing policies that would increase annual federal spending by at least \$1 trillion over the next decade—equal to an additional tax bill of almost \$10,000 per American family."

NTU's study identified more than 100 separate tax and spending hikes in the AARP's 400-page federal legislative agenda, including higher income, gas, alcohol, and tobacco taxes, and a new consumption tax.

Morris said SAFE has two principal goals: "Number one, push for decreasing government spending with fewer dollars spent every year than the prior year. Number two, dilute the lobbying effort of AARP to help achieve purpose number one."

Morris started the non-partisan SAFE with three other disgruntled AARP members last year. Already, more than 200 people have signed a petition in support of SAFE's goal of shrinking government spending.

"I believe the time is ripe for SAFE to have a beneficial effect on this country," he said. "The problem is big government and the solution is to actually decrease the size of government. Slowing down the growth of the government is not enough."

Morris said SAFE already has received publicity in the Conservative Caucus newsletter and the *Wilmington News-Journal*.

"We realize that to become [more] newsworthy we must show more strength, or do something dramatic or controversial," he said. Among the proposals being consid-

ered is "some kind of action" at the AARP's convention in Denver, CO, in May.

However, Morris doesn't underestimate the money and clout of his foe—which has more than 33 million members and has been described as the most powerful lobbying force in America.

"The AARP is a non-profit organization, but it is profitable indeed for those in charge. The annual operating budget is more than \$300 million, and cash reserves are more than \$600 million," said Morris, who also points out that the AARP receives more than \$80 million annually in government

grants.

Morris said his fledgling group is starting to branch out, and held organizing meetings in Kent/Sussex County and New Castle County, DE, at the end of February.

Now, Morris said, he is looking for support among Libertarians. "I encourage 60-year-old-plus Libertarians from all states who are willing to start a SAFE or similar organization in their state to call me at 302-475-7060," he said.

Morris is a retired DuPont chemical engineer and the founder of the Libertarian Party of Delaware.

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## 'Points' editor Poe dies

Charles D. Poe, editor of the popular "Talking points" column in the NEWS, died Feb. 6 in Houston, TX, of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Poe, 39, earned a B.A. from Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge and an M.A. in political science from Rice University. A professional researcher, he

was co-owner of Research, Etc.

At the time of his death, Poe also was employed by Exxon in the legal department.

Poe had edited the "Talking points" column in the NEWS since February 1995.

He will be missed.

# 1996 LP convention delegate allocation

The following is the list of delegate allocations to the 1996 Libertarian Party National Presidential Nominating Convention. These numbers are determined by national party membership figures from each state—as stated in the national party by-laws.

In accordance with the national party by-laws—in addition to the state delegates—26 other delegate slots will go to Libertarian Party national officers, LNC members, and past presidential and vice presidential candidates.

California	112
Pennsylvania	48
Texas	38
Michigan	35
New York	29

Florida	28
Washington	25
Illinois	25
New Jersey	25
Ohio	23
Colorado	23*
Virginia	20
Maryland	19
Massachusetts	18
Arizona	17
Georgia	16
Indiana	13
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Tennessee	10
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Oregon	9
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South Carolina	7
Kansas	7
Maine	6
Alabama	6
New Mexico	6
Kentucky	6
Utah	5
Louisiana	5
District of Columbia	5
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Arkansas	3
Delaware	3
Nebraska	3
Idaho	3
Mississippi	3
Hawaii	3
Rhode Island	2
Montana	2
Vermont	2
Wyoming	2
South Dakota	2
North Dakota	1

\* These totals reflect the fact that Colorado, New Hampshire, and Alaska get one additional delegate each because the LP presidential vote total in those states in 1992 rounded up to 1 percent.

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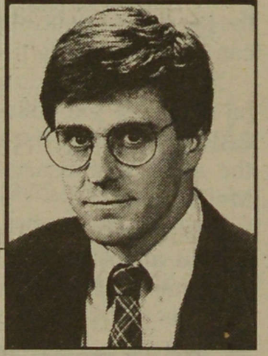
### Grover Norquist

**Grover Norquist**, president of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), one of the most effective lobbying organizations in Washington, will discuss "The Best Way to Lower Taxes in America." ATR is the organization that asks candidates to pledge opposition to tax increases. Norquist, who holds M.B.A. and B.A. degrees from Harvard University, writes for the American Spectator and co-hosts a cable television show. He also has advised free market political parties in Albania, Romania, South Africa, Angola, and other countries. He was chief speechwriter and economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, advised the Bush/Quayle campaign in 1988, and was executive director of the National Taxpayers Union.



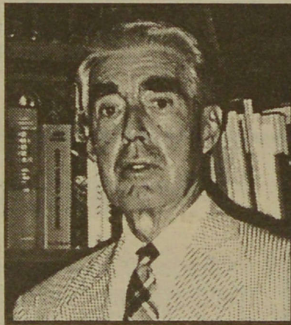
### Stephen Moore

**Stephen Moore**, director of fiscal policy studies at the Cato Institute, will be joining Grover Norquist in discussing "The Best Way to Lower Taxes in America." His approach is to abolish the IRS and the income tax. Prior to joining Cato, Moore was a senior economist at the Joint Economic Committee as an assistant to Rep. Dick Armey and was a principal architect of the Armey flat-tax proposal before Congress. Moore has served on two presidential commissions, is a contributing editor to National Review, and is one of Rush Limbaugh's "favorite economic analysts in Washington." He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and completed his graduate studies in economics at George Mason University.



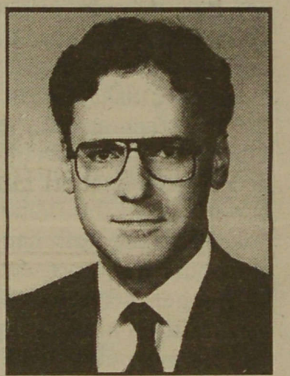
### Richard Timberlake

**Richard Timberlake** is well qualified to speak on "Gold Standards and Free Market Money." He is professor emeritus at the University of Georgia, where he taught monetary economics for more than 25 years. Notable students included Sen. Phil Gramm and Robert McTeer, current president of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. Timberlake has degrees from Kenyon College and Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He has authored five books on monetary policy, including "Origins of Central Banking in the United States," and "Gold, Greenbacks, and the Constitution."



### James Ostrowski

**James Ostrowski**, a practicing attorney in Buffalo, NY, will lend his expertise to the discussion entitled "The American People: Casualties of the Drug War." He has lectured and debated widely on issues related to the law, is a guest lecturer at SUNY Buffalo Medical School, and is an adjunct scholar at the Ludwig von Mises Institute at Auburn University. A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, he served as research assistant to Associate Dean Henry Mark Holzer. As vice chairman of the law reform committee of the New York County Lawyers Association, he wrote two widely quoted reports critical of the law enforcement approach to the drug problem.



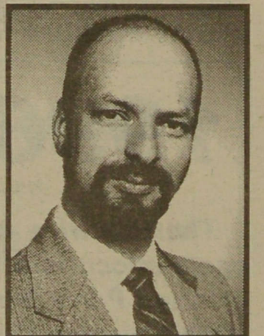
### Richard Vedder

**Richard Vedder**, distinguished professor of economics at Ohio University, will head a panel discussion on "Reforming Welfare." Vedder is the author of more than 100 scholarly articles dealing with American economic history, labor issues, and matters of public policy. His latest book, co-authored with Lowell Gallaway, "Out of Work: Unemployment and Government in Twentieth-Century America," was recognized as one of the best books in economics in 1994 in the Antony Fisher Prize competition. He writes frequently for opinion magazines. He and Gallaway are currently writing a book on immigration for the Independent Institute in Oakland, CA.



### Michael Tanner

**Michael Tanner** will lead the panel discussing "How Government Meddling Caused the Medical Crisis." Doing double-duty, he also will speak on "Privatizing Social Security." Tanner is director of health and welfare studies with the Cato Institute and director of Cato's Project on Social Security Privatization. Before joining Cato, he was director of research for the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and served five years as legislative director with the American Legislative Exchange Council. Tanner is an adjunct scholar with the Mackinac Institute and the Alabama Family Alliance.



## Colonial home tour set for convention

On Wednesday, July 3 (before the official start of the 1996 convention), attendees will have the option to join an all-day excursion visiting George Mason's Gunston Hall estate and George Washington's Mt. Vernon estate. This will be a great opportunity to visit the colonial homes of the "Father of the Bill of Rights" and the "Father of Our Country" in the company of fellow libertarians.

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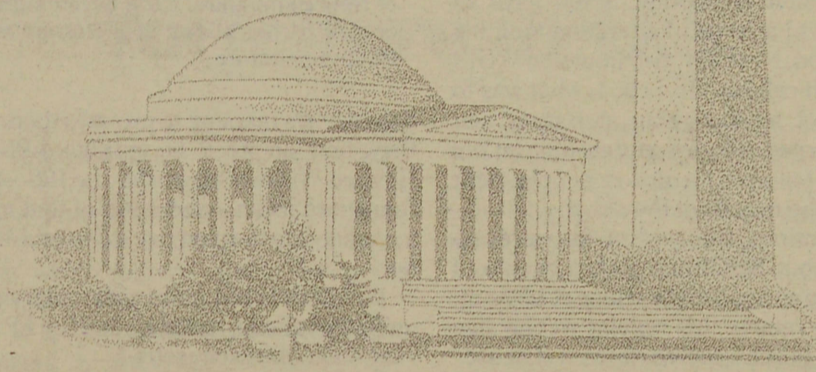
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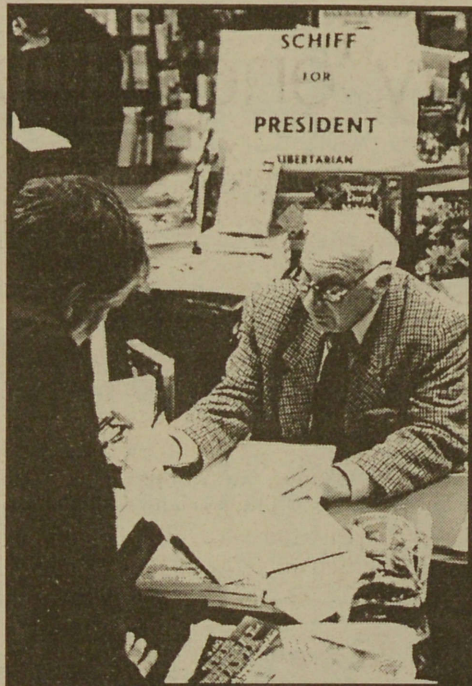
At first I could see the skepticism on their faces; too polite to tell a customer to his face, they obviously thought, 'We have a right one here.' Ten minutes later, the expressions had changed. They beckoned to a colleague, 'Hey, Jack, come over here, you gotta hear this!'

That exchange set the tone for his whole tour. Whenever he saw a pair of ears not moving, he offered them the good news that the feds have swindled us all for 80 years. That not only is the income tax unconstitutional, but almost certainly because the feds know that perfectly well, they never did write a law to make us pay it, or to file—they only pretended to do so, with words that look as if they mean one thing but which, when you really start digging, actually mean something quite different.

Right after unpacking, Schiff gave an interview to a Jewish Federation monthly publication. Next day, two hours on WGIR radio with call-ins. On Feb. 4, what was to be a quiet book signing at Barnes and Noble turned into a spontaneous unTax Seminar for about a dozen people right there in the middle of the store.

By bedtime, the rest of us were exhausted, but Schiff just took a couple of hours' nap and got on the phone at 1:30 a.m. doing, by remote, his regular weekly live radio call-in show to five western states for the next two hours.

The next day Schiff came to an Andover



**ON TOUR** - During his campaign tour of New Hampshire, Irwin Schiff signed copies of his books at a Barnes and Noble bookstore.

Selectmen's meeting to prove to them that they had no need to garnish LPNH Howard Wilson's wages for the IRS—they refused to listen—and news of that meeting made it to the next day's *Concord Monitor*.

[Schiff then did more radio interviews, unTax Seminars, and attended the LP convention in Massachusetts.]

Feb. 13 was reserved for Libertarian Rep. Don Gorman. Bob Dole was to ad-

dress the state legislature in Concord, and Gorman saw a chance to get Schiff on nationwide television for a few seconds. Worth the try, but it didn't happen. However, it was not a wasted day, for I found Schiff in the visitor's room in the state house, explaining to the hostess that she had no obligation to pay federal income tax. He also passed some time demonstrating how he would cut the federal budget—he accepted my \$20 bill, and in plain sight of five pairs of skeptical eyes, magically transformed it into a \$1 bill.

Whoever the LP chooses to represent us all in November, Irwin Schiff has left behind what could become an even more powerful force than the publicity of a run at the White House; he took the time to show us that in any one town, even one single person if elected police chief could terminate the illegal enforcement of the income tax in all his jurisdiction. That is an arrow for the quiver of any local election LP candidate that we probably never realized before that we had. If we seize the opportunity, such an offer to the voters could be the winner we've been looking for, the missing piece of the puzzle.

Done often enough, the tax would then implode everywhere, as more and more came to see it's all a gigantic con job. And from those simple grassroots upwards, we would have rolled back at least a third of the federal government. Now, to borrow from Churchill, that would not be the end. It would not even be the beginning of the end. But it would certainly be the end of the beginning.

*This article, although edited for length,*

*was provided by the Schiff campaign.*

## Jorgensen's VP campaign active across the country

By DAVID WINDHORST

With her March 30 speech at the Maine LP convention, vice presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen has now made campaign stops in 26 of the 50 states and has plans to campaign in 12 more before the national convention in July.

The South Carolina businesswoman, who ran against Republican Bob Inglis in a 1992 U.S. House race, has kept a packed schedule, featuring numerous appearances on TV, talk radio, and in academic settings, as well as at party functions. Jorgensen has broken the mold of past Libertarian vice presidential campaigns, which have traditionally focused on securing the nomination within the party, and has taken the LP's message of limited constitutional government, individual liberty, tolerance, and peace to non-libertarians all over the U.S.

A look at her itinerary from Feb. 15-23 gives an idea of the scope and variety of her activities:

Thursday, as a preliminary to the California LP Convention, she spoke at a party function and fund raiser in San Francisco hosted by Terry Floyd and other members of the California LP.

Departing from her usual campaign pace a little on Friday, Jorgensen addressed libertarian issues and ideas with students at a Bay-area high school. Friday evening see **Nomination** on page 11

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The seminar covers all aspects of campaigning, including strategy, election regulations, advertising, issue selection, media relations, time management, planning, budgeting, and fundraising.

"As an added bonus, since the seminar is being held in Washington, DC, Guzzetta expects to invite an expert friend or two for special presentations," said Crickenberger.

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# Cops are robbers

## Court makes private property 'endangered species'

**Private property? Thanks to the Supreme Court, it's an "endangered species" in America, warned the Libertarian Party recently.**

"The Supreme Court's ruling [recently] on property forfeiture means the government can seize your property whenever it wants, even if you're innocent of any crime," LP Chair Steve Dasbach said.

"Cops have become the robbers with a license to steal, under this new ruling," he said.

The Supreme Court ruled that the government can seize property used to commit

a crime, even if the owner is innocent of any wrongdoing.

The case involved a Michigan woman whose family car was confiscated when her husband used it for sex with a prostitute. The Court rejected her argument that as an "innocent owner" she was entitled to compensation for her half-interest in the automobile.

"Innocence and fairness are beside the point, the chief justice [William H. Rehnquist] said in the ruling," the *Washington Times* reported.

Dasbach said Libertarians view all property forfeiture laws as unjust—"but this

new ruling is an outrage, and a blatant violation of the Bill of Rights," he charged.

"This ruling obliterates the protections of the Fifth Amendment, which states that private property shall not 'be taken without just compensation,' and demolishes the 14th Amendment, which adds 'neither shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law,'" he said.

"This Supreme Court ruling shows why we need to elect Libertarians to high office—before it's too late. Only Libertarians are committed to protecting the private

property rights of all Americans," Dasbach said.

On the subject of property forfeiture, the Libertarian Party Platform states: "We condemn the wholesale confiscation of property prior to conviction by the state that all too often accompanies police raids, searches, and prosecutions for victimless crimes. We call for the repeal of anti-racketeering statutes such as the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), which punish peaceful behavior by freezing and/or seizing assets of the accused or convicted."

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through Monday, she attended the California convention.

Monday, speaking via phone from her home in South Carolina to Columbus, OH, radio personality Steve Hansel, she advocated ending drug prohibition, warming up for a panel debate on the subject later in the week at Ohio State University.

Tuesday, another Columbus radio program talked with her and a proponent of continuing drug prohibition, continuing to build interest for the upcoming event. Fred Anderle, the host, was on our side and demonstrates the penetration of our message.

Thursday, Jorgensen spoke at Ohio State University at a speech sponsored by the school's capitalist, libertarian, and objectivist clubs. The students were knowledgeable about the basics and quite interested in the details. Later in the day she was one of four taking the anti-prohibition side in an eight-person panel debate on drug legalization, sponsored by the university, featuring various prominent jurists and academicians.

Friday was a packed affair, consisting of an appearance on a Columbus radio station, a speech at Ohio University in Athens, a local television interview with WOUB, then a flight to Delaware, where she spoke at the LP state convention. Jorgensen, a private pilot herself, flew her private plane on this leg of the campaign. Near zero visibility at the airport in Wilmington necessitated a landing in Philadelphia and race down I-95 to make the Delaware convention in time for her remarks. The crowd had been following her plane's progress (or lack thereof) and erupted in applause as she finally made her entrance.

Jo's discourses have been marked by the kind of catchy dialogue that got her quoted on G. Gordon Liddy's "Radio Free D.C." talk show. ("Republican 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 is going to be. When we hang up from the 1-900 Republican Tax Cut Fantasy Line, we realize three things:



Jo Jorgensen

they cost us a lot of money, the real thing is a lot more satisfying, and they're never going to come over.")

One especially well-received observation illustrates her penchant for distilling facts into concise, pithy verbiage: "The Democrats want to increase annual spending by \$55 billion. The Republicans want to up the total by \$45 billion. That \$10 billion dollar difference works out to 10.5 cents daily from every American. So whoever said there isn't a dime's worth of difference between Democrats and Republicans was wrong; there is a dime's difference. One dime!"

Jo Jorgensen's campaign manager, Howard Scott Lichtman, addressed Americans for Tax Reform's (ATR) Conservative Coalition meeting on March 6. The coalition is made up of some of the biggest names in the conservative movement including the NRA, CATO, U.S. Term Limits, and GOPAC, as well as conservative members of Congress and their staffs. Lichtman spoke to a group of more than 70.

Grover Norquist, president of ATR, in his introduction announced that the members of the coalition were mostly libertarian. The chief of staff of a Florida congressman echoed the same sentiment later, "We're all libertarians, we just work for Republicans."

*This article, although edited for length, was provided by the Jorgensen campaign.*

## Facts about property forfeiture in U.S.

- Number of Americans whose property has been seized under property forfeiture laws by federal, state, or local government since 1985: **200,000+**
- Number of different statutes under which federal agents can seize property: **200+**
- Dollar value of private property seized by state and federal law enforcement agents under "civil forfeiture" laws: **\$4.1 billion**
- Dollar value of private property stolen by criminals in 1992: **\$3.8 billion**
- Percentage of asset forfeiture cases where the property owner is never charged with a crime—yet the government can and usually does keep the property: **80%**
- Percentage increase, from 1985 to 1991, of the number of federal seizures of property: **1,500%**
- The race of individuals whose property is seized in airports and on highways, because they fit the police profile of a drug courier: **75-90% Black or Hispanic**
- In New York, legislators have considered a law letting local officials confiscate "cars, boats, and planes" used in connection with any misdemeanor.

- In Georgia, FBI agents seized three Mercedes-Benzes from a businesswoman after alleging that her husband placed illegal bets on sporting events from the car phones.
- In Texas and Florida, property forfeiture now applies to any criminal activity.
- In New Jersey, it applies to any alleged criminal activity.
- In Massachusetts, the state can seize the assets of corporations that violate environmental laws.
- The Immigration and Naturalization Service has seized more than 30,000 cars and trucks since 1990 from people helping illegal immigrants enter the U.S.
- In New Jersey, officials confiscated home office equipment from a man charged with practicing psychiatry without a license.
- In Washington, DC, police routinely stop pedestrians and confiscate small amounts of cash and jewelry, even when no drugs are found and no charges filed.

*Examples and statistics from:*

*Lost Rights by James Bovard, St. Martin's Press (1994)*

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# Letters

## Readers comment on term limits, use of force, more

### Term limits

Some libertarians think of term limits as authoritarian or a limitation of individual liberty or choice. This may involve a misunderstanding of the relationship between elections and liberty.

Voting is a potential means to individual liberty, not a part of it. We do not possess freedom in that we may vote for whomever we wish. We are free only when the people who are voted into office successfully defend liberty. As a thought experiment, if a perfect libertarian society could maintain individual rights without any elections at all, we would not lack for liberty due to their absence.

Term limits do not restrict the same kind of choice that authoritarian laws do. The two should never be conflated. As long as term limits are properly aimed at enhanced liberty, they remain a safely libertarian option.

**Mark Sulkowski**  
Buffalo, NY

### Taxes

As a veteran of two campaigns for local office, I would like to make several points concerning the debate over Harry Browne's sales tax and an earlier discussion on land value taxation.

First, Libertarians will not get elected to office in large numbers enough to make a difference if we peddle crypto-anarchy. We must offer practical transition plans that show the voters we take their problems seriously. The cancer of big government has eaten away much of the healthy tissue of society. Merely eliminating the cancer does not restore the patient to health. Replacing the federal income tax with a temporary, retail sales tax will reduce government and give private organizations the time they need to fill the vacuum and meet the needs of people.

Second, Americans vote for candidates they believe to be trustworthy, practical, and caring. Condemning state tyranny while appearing to be propagandists for corporate America will not endear us to the average person. Corporations are creatures of the state and should be suspect!

Third, a land value tax is the only just way to provide for minimal government because it taxes unearned revenue. Other libertarian sources of revenue such as lotteries would not provide sufficient revenue in our high tech, mass society. While the spirit of Thoreau moves me, I do not think my fellow citizens would settle for a simpler society that could dispense with government.

It is time to move from "ivory tower libertarianism" toward an effective strategy.

**Paul E. Gagnon**

Chairman, LP of Fairfax County, VA  
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### Search committee forming

As a party member since 1976, I call upon like-minded Libertarians to join me in (1) the formation of a National Search Committee to find and draft a viable 1996 presidential candidate, and (2) make it a standing LP committee.

Why now and why you and me? The LP as presently structured cannot undertake to recruit a presidential candidate with



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name recognition. And that policy, based on the model of the two major parties that have plenty of money and name-recognition candidates, has not served us well.

Fifty-state ballot access is not enough. Only when our standard bearer registers double-digit support, as Ross Perot did in 1992, will he/she, like him, be a player in the presidential debates with Clinton and Dole.

Could Milton Friedman be refused such a forum? Before he dropped out of the NY governor's race, LP candidate, talk show host Howard Stern was 10 percent in the polls. How much more credibility and national recognition would the former mayor of Carmel, CA, Clint Eastwood, a self-described libertarian, have? In this TV age they need not travel as national media would seek them out. Any of the presently announced LP presidential candidates would make a splendid vice presidential candidate. Let the winner continue to stump the country courting the local media as he now is doing.

Suppose we can't draft such stars? We still need to ask whether P.J. O'Rourke, now at the Cato Institute, sells more books than Harry Browne. And shouldn't our committee prevail on our 1996 nominee to run in 2000, even as Eugene Debs from 1900 to 1912 built the Socialist Party vote.

Who do you think would command double-digit recognition in 1996? Let's together try to get him/her. Even a draft refusal would get our July national convention more than C-SPAN coverage.

Inquiries about serving on this committee, which will continue beyond 1996 to reform our party's selection process, should be addressed to: William F. Robinson, III, 2865 S. Colorado Blvd., #300, Denver, CO 80222; 303-758-1066 or 303-758-4191 (fax).

**William F. Robinson, III**  
Denver, CO

### Farewell

The Libertarian Party lost a great man recently when long-time La Mirada resident Larry Litwin died of cancer. I feel cheated that I was only able to know him less than two years.

It was during the 1994 La Mirada City Council race when I got a call out of the blue from a stranger. Larry had received my rather amateurish council-race synopsis, The La Mirada Watchdog, and he wanted to help improve my future work.

Larry was a printer who owned a shop in La Habra for practically forever. I was more than grateful for his offer. I didn't hesitate to take him up on it.

When called upon to become editor of the Los Angeles Libertarian, I immediately accepted the position because I now had Larry to lean on. He printed, with a smile and grace, every issue I published.

Then when State Sen. Frank Hill was canned, I was able to run a decent campaign because Larry had so patiently

showed me what a computer and a good laser printer could accomplish. Without Larry's influence, I never would have run for political office, let alone twice. Ahem, I suppose some people in La Mirada might curse Larry for that.

Larry, in fact, once ran for office. He told me he barely missed getting elected to the Norwalk-La Mirada School Board years ago. If there ever was a candidate that the public missed out on, it was Larry Litwin. He would have been a heckuva public servant.

This was a man who earned a Ph.D. A man who would tape talk radio shows all day long, so when he came home from a hard day's work he could relax and improve his knowledge.

I miss this man. Larry actually took my City Council endorsements from the Watchdog seriously and punched out those names in the ballot box. Like I said before, he was a smart man.

He was also smart in choosing women. Evelyn Litwin, also a Libertarian, has to be the sweetest woman in La Mirada. I suppose having 45 years together with Larry would put a constant smile on any woman's face. If I feel his loss, can you imagine the emptiness Evelyn must have to endure?

You have eternal liberty now, Larry. May your soul help restore the sweet gift of true freedom to our citizens.

**Matt Piazza**  
La Mirada, CA

### LP and PBS

Last night, with some anticipation, I tuned in the program on Third Parties on PBS. I slogged through Ben Wattenberg's history of political parties, Lincoln's third-party success, Bryan, Teddy Roosevelt, Eugene Debs, George Wallace, John Anderson, and Ross Perot. "Any minute now, they'll get to the good stuff," I thought. Should I have been surprised that nowhere in the 55 minutes did the Libertarian Party get mentioned once? Surely it couldn't have had anything to do with our position on tax-funded broadcasting, could it?

**Richard Jones**  
Las Vegas, NM

### Use of force

The "correct" Libertarian position becomes more obvious if we do two things: (1) Reduce nebulous entities like "the government" and "society" to individuals, like "me" and "you"; (2) Remember that Libertarians oppose the use of force, except in self-defense.

It is good to hear us discussing what constitutes use of force. If we could turn the national debate to this topic we'd be halfway to our goal.

What if I point a gun at you and demand you give me a "loan". Does the word make it OK? Of course not. You have still been robbed and you are still entitled to use force to get your money back.

What if I robbed you and then spent it? I still owe you your money back. You can continue to use whatever amount of force you need (but no more) to compel me to repay you somehow.

What if I robbed you and gave it to a poor person? I still robbed you, and it is still wrong. How I spent it is not relevant.

Suppose I approach you one day (*without my gun*) and say, "I am an accomplished robber. Give me \$1,000 today, and I will spend it. But next year, I will rob \$1,200 from someone else and use it to pay back your loan, with interest."

If you willfully give me the \$1,000, that is your choice, and as with any investment, you should realize that there is some degree of risk. I may not ever give you your money back. After all, I'm a thief, and you know it. Yes, we may have a contract, and, yes, you may be entitled to enforce it. However, we must hope a Libertarian jury would make me pay back everyone I stole from before I start repaying people who freely chose to loan me money.

Thus, Social Security and other monies that have been taken by force should be fully repaid, with interest, before any voluntary loans to the government are considered for repayment. And if the assets run out before the loans can all be repaid, starting another round of theft to repay the voluntary loans would do more harm than good, it seems to me.

**Marvin Simkin**  
Phoenix, AZ

### Keep it simple

The main reason we're a marginal party is that we waste too much time/energy/money in a silly attempt to imitate our enemies.

Our main strength is the difference between us and them. Viva la difference!

Our by-laws and constitution should fit on the back of a business card: We believe in our venerable Constitution and liberty. The shame in contemporary society is because the politicians ignore both.

Once that's done we'll begin to win elections, until then the status quo prevails.

**Harvey Gould**  
Glenview, IL

### Get active

Regarding the "letters" debate over Harry Browne's proposal to eliminate the income tax—I was thrilled by the quality of the debate. As a political junkie there is nothing more boring than having nothing to disagree over. Hell, one of the unattractive features of the LP is we offer very little to debate over until you go way down the road from where we are today as a country.

Unfortunately, an ugly little voice inside reminds me no objective of the LP will be gained by debate in the NEWS. So I would ask all who read and especially all who wrote to recommit to the marriage of action and philosophy. For some this will mean sending copies of Harry Browne's book to friends and neighbors, others will support project 'each one reach one,' and some will choose to run for office as Libertarians. The key choice is not which action to take, but action over inaction.

**Doug Anderson**  
Denver, CO

### Convention costs

Ads for the LP convention in July fail to mention that delegates have access to the floor for voting, etc., *without* paying any fees. Delegates should know that they may not be able to attend other

see **Letters** on page 14

# Late-breaking news: High-profile candidates to vie for LP U.S. Senate nomination in GA

Two high-profile candidates have been chosen for the U.S. Senate nomination of the Libertarian Party in Georgia to replace retiring Sen. Sam Nunn. The names of Georgia entrepreneur Jack Cashin and WSB radio talk show host Neal Boortz were placed in nomination at the party's convention March 16.

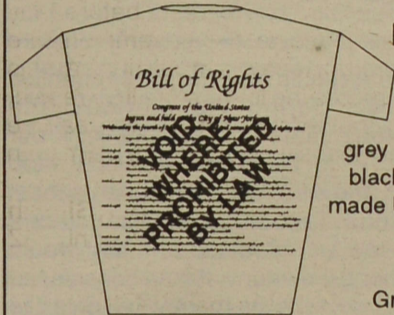
The convention was then recessed until April 29, when the party's delegates will make the final decision, creating what amounts to the first LP primary in Georgia. Georgia law does not allow the Libertarian Party to hold taxpayer-funded primaries, but the party opposes such primaries anyway, preferring to select its candidates by convention at no cost to taxpayers.

Cashin, whose personal motto is "live life like a cavalry charge," said he is running to show "government just doesn't work anymore, and it needs a drastic cutback at all levels." Boortz, who was highlighted in the March NEWS, did not attend the convention, but said on the air on March 18 that while he didn't think he could afford the

pay cut, he was not ruling out a run. As president of Cashin's restaurants, a chain of the nation's first "fern bars," Cashin was named Georgia's Restaurateur of the Year in 1982. He also has had a successful career in the publishing industry. Cashin and his wife Helen have been married for 48 years and have six children and 10 grandchildren.

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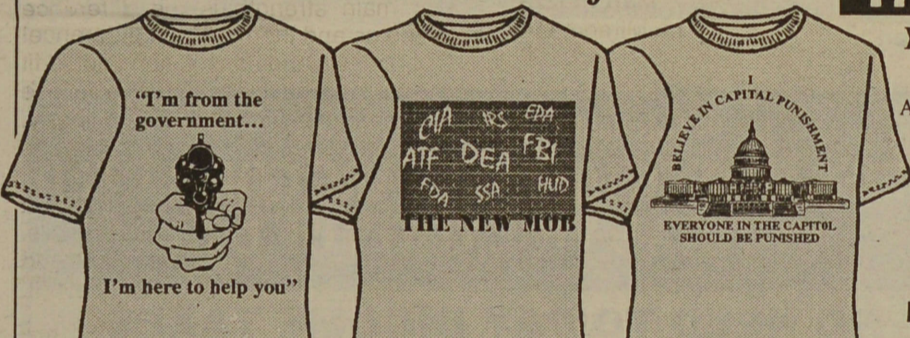
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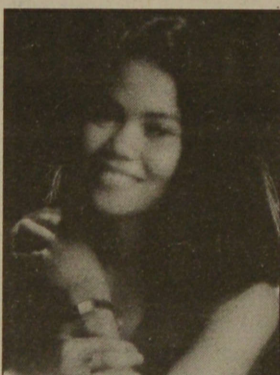
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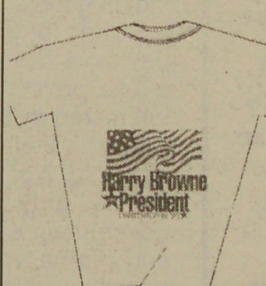
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# Letters

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take care of convention business.

**Gerald Schneider**  
Kensington, MD

## Voting procedures

Dana Johansen brings up some interesting and valid points in his letter (Feb. 1996 NEWS). However, there is nothing in the natural rights philosophy that dictates we are all entitled to binding public elections, i.e., the voters in the majority have no natural right to control the lives of the voters in the minority.

This being understood, we must realize that the very existence of such a system is a violation of natural rights; any attempt, such as term limits, to reform an already illegitimate system, cannot be construed as a violation of rights which we do not even possess.

The real idea of election reform (such as term limits or even fair ballot access) is to tilt the system in such a way that results in the maximum possible enhancement of libertarian policy in government.

Our idea, as long as we're going to have a democratic system to reform, seems to be the best yet that might effectively be sold to the mainstream electorate: abolish all state-sanctioning of any candidates on the ballot and level the playing field entirely by having all candidates for all offices, regardless of party, compete for write-in votes. This would solve the problems that both ballot access reforms and term limits have been attempting to correct.

**Gary and Karen Fincher**  
Portland, ME

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Dana Johansen (Feb. 1996 NEWS) writes that he would like a voting system in which he could vote against a candidate that he strongly opposed. The system he is looking for is known as "approval voting."

Under approval voting, voters vote for as many of several candidates on the ballot as they like, regardless of the number of offices to be filled. Voters indicate all the candidates they "approve" of, or find acceptable, as defined by the voter. The candidate with the highest number of votes wins.

The advantage of approval voting is that it enables voters to cast finely-tuned ballots which express their opinions very precisely. Those who wish to vote against a candidate simply vote for all the others. Strong supporters of one candidate will vote only for that candidate, while others may vote for their preferred candidate

plus a second or third choice. Voters can express their views with flexibility and precision.

Approval voting eliminates the need for primaries, as they can be combined with the general election (this saving millions of taxpayer dollars), and guarantees that the winner will be acceptable to the largest number of voters. It eliminates the "wasted vote" argument, and small parties can thrive, provided, of course, that we are allowed to appear on the ballot.

Approval voting has been used by some associations, but not, to my knowledge, in elections for public office. Its only major problem is that with a small electorate (even thousands of voters), similar candidates receive exactly equal numbers of votes with much greater frequency than under our present system, sometimes forcing elections to be decided by lot.

I neither advocate nor oppose the use of approval voting, but it certainly has some interesting properties.

**Douglas E. McNeil**  
Baltimore, MD

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**Jan Loomis**  
Enfield, CT

## Theft

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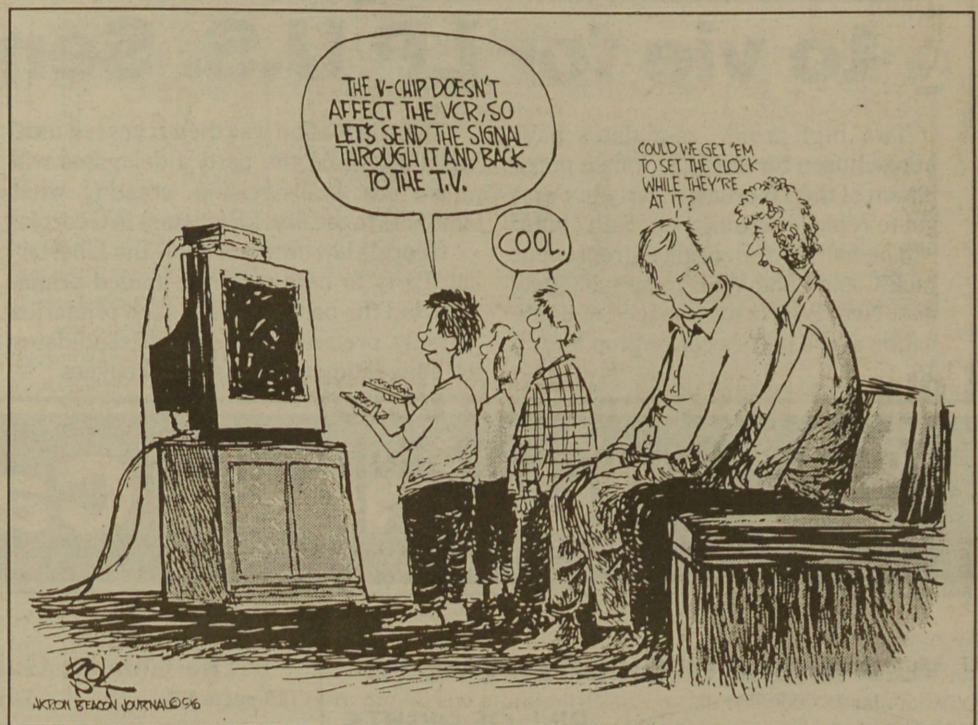
Every dollar in government benefits one person receives represents more than two dollars stolen from taxpayers.

The biggest theft is Social Security, which takes from the young to support the old. The myth that we elderly paid for our Social Security is obviously false. If Social Security had been actuarially sound the system wouldn't be using today's taxes to pay for yesterday's retirees. Every dollar paid into the Social Security system more than a year ago has already been spent. And every dollar paid into it since has been loaned to a bankrupt government that can repay the loan only by more taxes on the young.

Welfare is the stealing of money from productive people and giving it to unproductive people. They are receiving stolen goods.

Voting for your city to tax its citizens to pay for a baseball stadium or any other public project that benefits only those interested in that particular endeavor is voting for theft from those who don't want to pay for it or use it.

The only legitimate function of government is to protect us from external and internal enemies. Everyone benefits from these things except criminals; and, if they paid restitution for the crimes they commit, even our police force could be supported without taxes.



What we need is an amendment to the U.S. Constitution and to the constitution of every state prohibiting each government entity from taking from some in order to give to others. Any law authorizing redistribution would be unconstitutional. There would be no need to debate the flat tax versus the income tax versus a sales tax. None would be needed.

Most of the good things the government does could be done better and cheaper by privatizing them, but, until privatized, user fees, such as gasoline taxes to pay for roads, would place the cost on those who benefited.

Welfare should be up to private charities as it was during the glorious and prosperous years of our republic. If our republic is to be saved we must stop stealing and stop receiving stolen goods. But not now. Take all the benefits you can. Only a few would refuse and that would just prolong the agony. If your conscience bothers you, take the money and give it to the only political party that understands the problem and is working to solve it—the Libertarian Party. But don't tell them it was stolen or they won't accept it.

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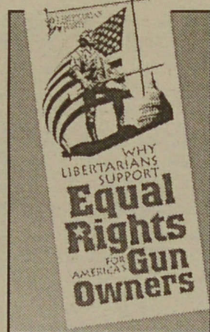
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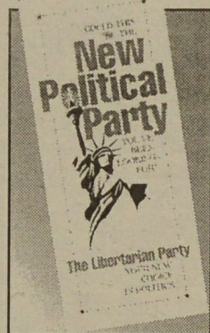
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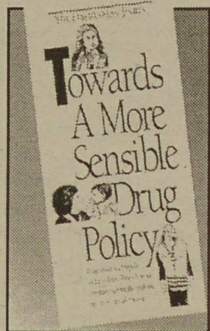
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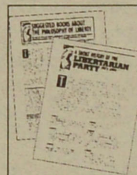
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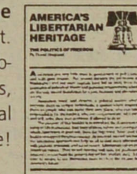
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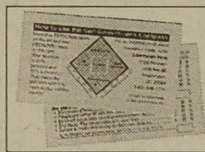
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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### April 13, 1996:

Wisconsin LP Convention, Country Inn and Convention Center, Pewaukee; for information call 800-236-9236. Speakers include Rick Tompkins and Harry Browne.

### April 13, 1996:

New Mexico LP Convention, Pinnacle Four Seasons, Albuquerque; for information call State Chair Attila Csanyi at 505-873-4272.

### April 13, 1996:

Thomas Jefferson Birthday Party, Century House, Washington, DC; for information call 202-462-4390. Speakers include Richard Boddie.

### April 15, 1996:

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### April 19-20, 1996:

Indiana LP Convention, Indianapolis.

### April 19-21, 1996:

Illinois LP Convention, Best Western Midway Hotel, Elk Grove Village; for information call 708-776-8090. Speakers include Nancy Lord and James Bovard.

### April 19-21, 1996:

Michigan LP Convention, Georgian Inn, Roseville; for information call 810-784-8783. Speakers include Thomas Hazlett, Harry Browne, Rick Tompkins, Irwin Schiff, and Jo Jorgensen.

### April 26-28, 1996:

Colorado LP Convention, The Coach House Resort, Loveland; for information call 303-837-9393. Speakers include Rick Tompkins, L. Neil Smith, Michael Cloud, and Jo Jorgensen.

### April 26-28, 1996:

Ohio LP Convention, Holiday Inn North, Sharonville; for information call 800-669-6542. Speakers include Marshall

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### April 27, 1996:

Alabama LP Convention, River Front Inn, Montgomery; for information call 334-265-1770 or 800-207-1770.

### April 27-28, 1996:

New York LP Convention, Westchester; for information call 914-679-8340 or e-mail: Audgeo@aol.com.

### April 27-28, 1996:

Washington State LP Convention, Ridpath Hotel, Spokane; for information call 800-353-1776.

### May 4-5, 1996:

North Carolina LP Convention, The New Convention Center, Charlotte; for information call 701-518-1889. Speakers include Harry Browne, Rick Tompkins, and Jo Jorgensen.

### May 4, 1996:

Utah LP Convention; for information call 801-534-8872.

### May 4, 1996:

South Carolina LP Convention, Quality Inn, Columbia; for information call 803-552-9991 or e-mail: Liberty@csra.net. Speakers include Jo Jorgensen, Irwin Schiff, Rick Tompkins, and Harry Browne.

### May 11, 1996:

Kansas LP Convention, Wichita; for information call 316-775-0303. Speakers include Irwin Schiff.

### May 18, 1996:

Virginia LP Convention, Best Western Admiral's Inn, Manassas; for information call 703-920-4023. Speakers include Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen.

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Florida LP Convention, Sheraton Orlando North, Orlando; for information call 407-578-3797.

### June 7-9, 1996:

Texas LP Convention, Best Western Lubbock Regency, Lubbock; for information call 806-495-3884 or 806-495-2816. Speakers include Roger Gary, Larry Becraft, Larry Pratt, Jacob Hornberger, Harry Browne, Irwin Schiff, Rick Tompkins, and Jo Jorgensen.

### July 3-7, 1996:

1996 LP National Presidential Nominating Convention, Hyatt-Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

### Aug. 19-24, 1996:

ISIL World Conference, Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, British Columbia, Canada; for information call 604-224-4628. Speakers include Leon Louw, Frances Kendall, Ken Schoolland, and Jarret Wollstein.

### Sept. 8, 1996:

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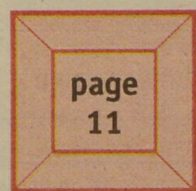
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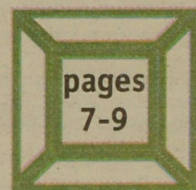
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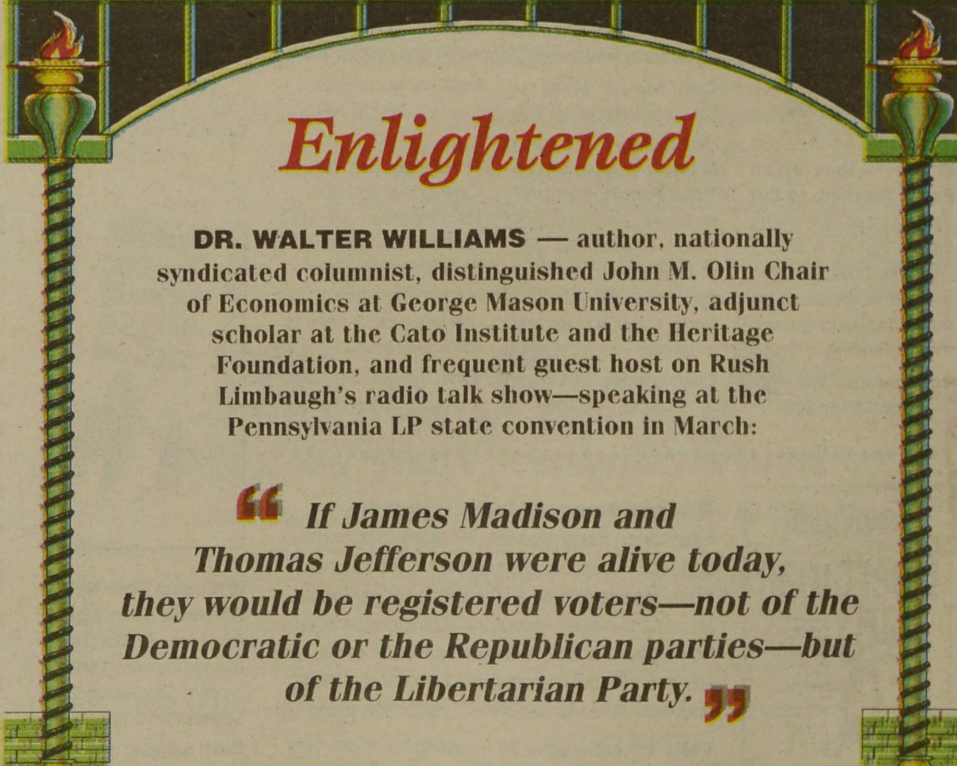
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