The Debates

At the beginning of June, the Headquarters initiated a campaign to contact all members and donors since 1985 in order to have them sign a specially printed petition to the League of Women Voters. This petition simply states that we, as interested voters, request that Ron Paul be included in the Presidential Debates; it emphasizes that he meets the League’s own criteria for participation.

This effort was researched and headed by the local D. C. Chair, Scott Kolhaas. These petitions will be personally presented by Scott at the August board meeting of the League (the exact date is not yet set).

Because of the time constraints involved and the expensive initial cost of a mass mailing, the campaign was done by phone, using the Party’s inexpensive “bulk-rate” service via M. C. I. The response was overwhelming! The confirmation letter sent with each petition suggested that each person write a personal letter to the League, in addition to signing the petition. This makes the campaign twofold: first, the League will receive a huge load of signed petitions at the August board meeting; secondly, they will already have received many personal letters regarding Ron Paul.

Since Liberty Pledgers do not need to be included in phone campaigns (you receive a regular mailing), the petition is enclosed. Please sign it and return it as soon as possible. Also, please write a personal letter to the League; the address is:

Vicki Harian
Presidential Debate Chairperson
League of Women Voters
1730 M Street
Washington, DC 20036

Try to time your personal letter to arrive during the first week of August. The Liberty Pledge program is at its highest point yet this year, which means that the League should receive over 400 letters in 1 week; and this just prior to their board meeting!!

Remember: John Anderson was included in 1980; and Ron Paul will garner at least the percentage of votes that John Anderson got. If the League includes Ron Paul in the debates and the Republicrats drop out because of this, a single message will be sent loud and clear to the American people: the older party candidates are afraid to debate Ron!

This year we’re in the mainstream more than ever before! This year, we’re going to do it!

In Liberty,

Kirk McKee
Acting National Director
For Libertarian, ‘less is more’ has relevance for ’90s

BY PATRICIA MONTEMURRI
Free Press Staff Writer

Leaving it to the Libertarian Party and Americans could legally indulge in drugs and prostitution. The United States would have no federal income tax, no public school system, no welfare system, and no IRS.

Leaving it to the Libertarian Party and government would “LEAVE US ALONE.”

So trumpets the campaign literature of Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul, a 52-year-old Texan who has delivered babies as an obstetrician, and blistering attacks on the government as a former renegade Republican congressman.

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Paul believes that won’t happen because they’re not reducing the federal bureaucracy and budget.

The Libertarian Party’s “less is more” philosophy has made it the biggest of the small political parties. Libertarians lag behind Democrats and Republicans in election votes, and Paul believes that won’t change in November.

But Paul measures success in other ways — by a steady stream of callers when he appears on radio talk shows, as he did Friday in Detroit, and by his first telephone call from Newsweek, which asked for his opinion on the drug problem. He’s also been interviewed on C-Span and the “Larry King Live” talk show.

“Where I get the most fun is to go on a college campus and get 100 kids together and talk about these things and then get about 35 of them to sign up and want to do something,” Paul said in a Free Press interview last week, “because then I know we’re making inroads into another generation.”

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Libertarian says party's day coming

BILOXI (AP) — Andre Marrou scoffs at Republicans who say they want to reduce the federal budget deficit and take government out of people's lives.

"We're the only party that talks about getting rid of a large part of government," said the 49-year-old former Alaska state representative, who is seeking the vice presidency on the Libertarian ticket.

Marrou toured the Mississippi Gulf Coast Monday.

He said the party's presidential candidate, former U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, quit the Republican Party in the early 1980s after he became disgruntled with the GOP and particularly with President Reagan's deficit-raising budgets.

Marrou said past classifications of Libertarians as conservatives because of their anti-government stances are incorrect.

He said Libertarians essentially favor letting people do just about anything as long as it doesn't directly hurt anyone else, physically or financially.

For instance, they favor the legalization of marijuana, cocaine and prostitution.

Libertarians also want to ban compulsory education and dissolve many federal agencies, such as the departments of education and the interior.

Marrou admitted the party's chances of winning the presidential election this year are slim but remains optimistic about the future.

According to campaign literature, the party, founded in 1971, will be on the ballot in November in all 50 states.
Libertarian candidate striving to cut government’s role in life

By Carmen Brutto
Patriot-News

Andre Marrou wants to get back into government so he can get government out of people's lives.

Marrou is a transplant Texan who served in the Alaska Legislature after earning a chemical engineering degree in Massachusetts, and is now pursuing graduate work in Nevada.

He is also the Libertarian Party candidate for vice president.

Heading the party’s ticket is presidential candidate Ron Paul, a Pittsburgh native who did undergraduate work at Gettysburg College and received his medical doctor degree from Duke University. He’s a practicing obstetrician in Texas who served four terms in Congress.

The Paul-Marrou ticket will be on the ballot in all 50 states and expects to spend up to $7 million to make itself known. Actually, said Marrou, the party has raised $700,000, of which he will use $65,000 as his budget for getting around the states and talking to reporters.

Paul and Marrou were picked at the party’s convention last September in Seattle.

Marrou was in the area Friday for a talk with about 200 supporters at the Sheraton Harrisburg East. He was escorted by Michael Slaughter of Harrisburg, his midstate coordinator, and John Famularo of Philadelphia, state party chairman.

The Libertarian Party, founded in Denver in 1971, has 200,000 registered voters — 75,000 in California — and describes itself as the nation’s “third-largest and fastest-growing political party.”

“Libertarians believe that being free and independent is the only way to live,” the party explains in its brochures. “We want a system which encourages all people to choose what they want from life; that lets them live, love, work and play and dream their own way, at their own pace, however they wish, and with whom they wish, win or lose.”

Marrou was asked whether this doesn’t seem anarchic.

“The extreme Republican is a fascist; the extreme Democrat is a communist and, yes, the extreme Libertarian is an anarchist,” Marrou replied. “But I am not extreme.”

“We need a defense system of sorts, but less than we have,” he said. “We need courts and police, but police who go after murderers, rapists and robbers instead of after people going five miles over the speed limit or growing marijuana behind the door.”

Marrou is one of three Libertarians elected to the Alaska House where, he said, other legislators “would come to me and ask me to speak on things they were afraid of.”

The party claims to have 90 of its members elected to county and local offices, with that increasing at the rate of one a week, in “villages and school boards and things of that nature,” Marrou said.

“You must remember that in a number of states, 15 or 20, it is illegal to register as a Libertarian,” he said, noting that the high point of the party’s elections was in 1980 when its presidential candidate, Ed Clark, received 700,000 votes.

“The underlying issue in politics today is individual liberty vs. government power,” Marrou said. “Full liberty means a small, severely limited government. America’s large, powerful government has grown by taking away individual freedom. There is an inverse relationship between these two positions: As one grows, the other shrinks.”

Fight rigged election laws

The Libertarian Party of Illinois has embarked on a lonely quest for which it deserves support. It is fighting rigged election laws that make it as cumbersome as possible for anyone to get on the ballot unless he or she is nominated as a Democrat or Republican.

The Libertarians usually manage to get onto the Illinois ballot because they are able to raise sufficient funds locally to survive the legal merry-go-round designed to frustrate independents and third-party candidates. However, progressively stricter ballot-access laws in other states are jeopardizing the party’s ability to mount a national campaign.

To help chapters in states that are tightening the squeeze on non-major-party candidates (North Carolina, for instance, has raised its signature requirement 350 percent), the Illinois party’s political-action committee has decided to share surplus funds earmarked for ballot access in other states. It’s a worthwhile endeavor to assure fair treatment for the party’s presidential nominee, Ron Paul, former four-term congressman from Texas, and his running mate, Alaska legislator Andre Marrou.

Organizations devoted to voting rights should pay far more attention to election codes that discriminate because of political affiliation or lack of it. Their neglect fosters the growing domination of the electoral process by the marriage-of-convenience alliance of the two major parties.
Libertarian candidate tells why other parties fall short

By Jerry Needham

Democrats and Republicans are bedfellows perpetuating big government, and many Americans are ready for an alternative, Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ron Paul said Tuesday in Dallas.

Paul, a Houston doctor and former Republican who served four terms as a U.S. representative, called for decriminalization of drugs, cuts in all areas of the federal budget and a return to a monetary system backed by gold.

“We should immediately balance the budget at a much lower level,” Paul told reporters at Thanks-Giving Square after a 20-minute speech to about 250 employees of Atlantic Richfield Co.

“Everything should be cut,” he said. “Domestic welfare is out of control, and so is defense spending. Seventy percent of the military budget is spent overseas. We could spend less money and still protect the liberty and property of the American people.”

Paul said decriminalization of drugs “is one of the most exciting political ideas around.”

“Drug laws create crime on the street and corruption,” he said. “Seventy percent of the people arrested for serious crimes are drug users. And all the evidence shows that they commit these crimes to support a habit made extremely expensive by government prohibition.”

Paul said decriminalization “won’t solve the problem with drug usage,” a problem he said must be addressed with education, as alcohol abuse is now.

“Accepting that a law is going to improve the moral character of the nation is insane.”

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Libertarian candidate vows to eclipse Howard

By James E. Stanton

Donald Ernsberger, the Libertarian candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat, on Monday told a group of supporters that he intends to replace Republican challenger Edward L. Howard as the principal challenger to Democratic incumbent Peter H. Kostmayer.

“In the upcoming debates, you will see two people going at one another — Kostmayer, representing the status quo, and a Libertarian offering the alternative of innovative ideas,” said Ernsberger of Warminster, a social studies teacher at Council Rock High School.

Ernsberger, describing Howard, a former state senator, as “laid back,” said the latter would not present a threat to Kostmayer, who is seeking a sixth term.

“He spoke before a group of about 35 campaign workers at a dinner held at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville.

Ernsberger said that he was “ahead of Howard” in what he hoped to accomplish.

He said he expects to raise more than $30,000 during the campaign — twice the amount he hoped to raise when he announced his candidacy over the winter.

“Our goal then was 30 newspaper articles and we’ve had 66 al-
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Libertarian presidential candidate would like to gut the government

By Steve Wise
Herald Staff Writer

A presidential candidate who wants to dismantle most of the federal government brought his message to Grand Forks on Wednesday.

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