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David McCann, Libertarian candidate for a California state assembly seat in a special election last month, received a record 37.8 percent of the vote, in a two-way race with the Governor's hand-picked man.

McCann's results set a record for the best showing by a third party candidate in a two-way race since 1936, and the best showing ever by a Libertarian Party candidate in a two-way race.

McCann's impressive results are being credited to hostility against the Governor and his tax hikes, among other things.

McCann, a Sacramento dentist, spent about $15,000 during the campaign.

The campaign apparently injected some energy into the Sacramento LP organization, which saw a membership increase of more than 50 percent between July and September.

Marrou/Lord To Run TV Ads In New Hampshire

32 Ads Scheduled Pre-Thanksgiving

The Marrou/Lord presidential ticket will soon begin running television ads in New Hampshire. Thirty-two ads are scheduled to run before Thanksgiving on the one major network affiliate that covers the entire state. No other candidates have yet booked ads.

A recent poll in the Manchester Union Leader, showed Marrou placing second after President Bush, with all Democrats trailing. The NHLP has been very high profile, recently announcing the defection of Republican Rep. Calvin Warburton, who now serves as a Libertarian legislator.

Blake Wins 4% for Mayor In Short, Active Campaign

Dr. Jimmy Blake, Chairman of the Alabama Libertarian Party, received four percent of the vote and placed third among six candidates for mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, in the October 8 primary election. The incumbent won overwhelmingly.

Blake decided last month to make a late entrance into the race for mayor. Although the results weren't as good as he had hoped, Blake said he was pleased that they had done what they had set out to do—highlight important issues: school choice, privatization, tenant management of public housing, and tax cuts. Blake called the campaign "a real class act."

Frank Monticelli, a campaign spokesman, said the campaign was disappointed in its treatment by the media. Despite Blake's showing of third in pre-election polls, the Birmingham News invited the second and fourth place candidates to write op-ed pieces for the paper and refused to allow Blake to do the same.
Libertarians Establish New Hampshire Base

By Elizabeth Levitan Spaid

BOSTON

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By DON TIBBETTS
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crats in special elections Oct. 8 to fill state representative seats in New Hampshire.

"The day is over when Repub-
licans and Democrats are the only game in town," said Libertar-
ian Party of New Hampshire chairman Bill Winter yesterday, as Libertarians Craig Gould and Alan Groupe filed for the Derry and Milford contests respectively.

Former three-term state Rep. Phyllis Katzakiores, R-Derry, seeks a return to the Legislature after being unsuccessful in the 1990 GOP primary for state Senate.

She intends to "emphasize my strong support for the New Hampshire Constitution and my concern with people's is-

Democrats Victor A. Jubinville, a Derry machinist and active with the Derry Taxpayers Asso-
ciation, is making his first bid for elective office. "Everybody should do something to get in-
volved in government," Jubin-
ville said.

Gould, 42, a computer pro-
grammer from Derry, has run for three times as a Libertarian hopeful for the New Hampshire House.

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Katzakiores, Jubinville and Gould will face off in the Oct. 8 special election. Derry Mayor John Dowd requested the special balloting, although the Derry Council has yet to approve the re-

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It's instructive to note why the Libertarianär are meeting about a year ahead of the others, incidentally. In the 50 states, the two major parties collide with one another to restrict access to the ballot, making it difficult for other political parties to be listed without time-consuming and costly petition drives.

If two dominant corporations were to monopolize access to the market, these corporations would certainly be charged with antitrust violations. But no one has ever sued a political party because the amalgamated Democrats and Republicans do it, and the problem is by no means as bad as we think.

Meanwhile, as Alabama's George Wall-
ace put it, there isn't a dime's worth of difference between the major parties. Since he said that, in the late 1960s, the differ-
ence that once existed has almost cer-

tainly diminished. It's not surprising that the primary voters are finding it difficult to muster presidential candidates for near-

year's race. The latest dropout is Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee. What are the political and philosophical differences be-

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democracy has become so corrupted by the redistribution of tax dollars. So many people are now on the take—whether defense contractors, or law enforcement or senior citizens—that there is a large and apparent loss of any conscience for maintaining the status quo.

It doesn't have to be permanent, as Moscow and Leningrad had to be. All Americans must first bestir themselves from their somnolence. The only game in town is the Libertarians this week. These are some of the issues they will be discussing. Only if enough of us register our approval with the current system, can it be changed.

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