Dear Supporters of Liberty,

Liberty Pledge News is an internal publication, your “insider’s” line to what’s in the press concerning your party. Some of this material is not for the faint of heart, but those of you who receive it are the core - the “inner circle”, so to speak - of the LP, and if you don’t know what’s going on, who does? Last month’s issue drew a little negative feedback, so I’m asking you: Do you think major contributors, National Committee members, and State Chairs need to know what Libertarians are doing around the country, and what kind of coverage they are getting? Where would you get the news, if not here? I want to know what you think; feel free to write and share with me your feelings on this.

It looks like the lawsuits are piling up around the country as the State LP’s are taking the ballot access laws to the courts. Michigan is starting to tighten the ballot-access screws again, and the state LP isn’t going to let this go unchallenged. Go for the throat, Michigan LP!

Robert LeFevre died last month. A sad loss. I’ve heard that the character, Professor De La Paz, from the Heinlein novel *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*, was based on his personality. Good-bye Robert; you’ll be missed.

In New York state, some county LP’s are concentrating their efforts on “winnable” races, and leaving the “educational” candidacies to the State LP. We wish all NY LP’ers well in ‘86.

From California, an interesting article, somewhat critical of Libertarian politics and candidates. (see: Odd Thing About California Politics) The author makes some observations that we should pay attention to. As a Party we have fielded wide variety of candidates, some of whom are “barely libertarian”, others who do not express their principles as clearly to reporters as to friends, neighbors and nominating conventions. The talk of “abolition” of government, it’s agencies and/or programs, is alienating to a population that has grown up dependent on crutches; but “replacing” or “privatizing” those same programs means a “new and improved” future. Example: “coercive taxation” could be “replaced” with a voluntary “use-specific” funding of those programs that don’t more rightly belong to the private sector. (I personally would willingly contribute to help feed the hungry, if my discretionary dollars were not already forcibly taken from me to build fighter-planes and then give them away!) At any rate, Marshal Fritz and David Bergland are holding individual programs designed to “polish” the image and rhetoric of would-be candidates, or other prosletizers of Libertarianism. I think that every Libertarian desirous of putting their name on a ballot or going in front of the media should attend these programs; if for no other reason - the good of the Party. We’re not kooks or dreamers. Let’s be sure we express ourselves as principled and practical.

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As long as we’re taking media, here’s a couple of new books every would-be office-holder, candidate or executive committee member would do well to read:

**Talking Back to the Media**
author: P. Hannerford
publisher: Facts on File

**Good-bye to the Low Profile**
author: Herb Smertz
publisher: Little Brown

Thanks for all your clippings. Keep in touch.

See you next month!

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

We’ve just received word that the Libertarian City Council of Big Water, Utah, has put their Libertarian philosophy to work by doing-away with the city’s property tax! Now we’re cooking!
Oregon needs it to make its elections easier for minor parties.

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### Minor party ballot access debated

**By MICHELLE WOROBEC**

Stevenson found himself in the same position as other parties. He ran smack into his state's arbitrary election law.

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### State news

**BY KRYSTIN MILLER**

The Libertarian Party, said yesterday. Libertarian candidates were unwarranted and would invite future litigation.

Yesterday was the deadline for the Indiana Libertarian Party to file its signatures to run for office in the 1986 state legislature.

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Santa Ana, CA / Register / May 16, 1986
Tempe, AZ / Tempe Daily News / April 12, 1986

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HEADQUARTERS SURVEY / REPORT CARD

In a constant effort to improve the efficiency and productivity of your National Headquarters, we ask you to complete this survey and return it to us ASAP.

Please feel free to answer these questions in as detailed a manner as you wish. We will be studying your responses, criticisms and suggestions with an eye toward ending problems, streamlining procedures and improving wherever possible. Thank you.

1. Do you believe the HQ has enough staff to meet its commitments?

2. Do you believe that HQ receives enough money to carry out its tasks?

3. What do you think is our greatest expense:
   A. rent  B. utilities  C. postage  D. salaries

4. Are HQ employees:
   A. overpaid  B. underpaid  C. paid just enough

5. What do you think the average salary of HQ personnel is?

6. Have you ever asked to have your pledges automatically transferred from your bank account to the Party's account each month?

7. If you have requested such transfers:
   A. Was there an unnecessary delay in starting your Pledge?
   B. Do you prefer it over sending monthly checks?

8. Were you ever contacted about renewing your Pledge? If so, when:
   A. Before it expired
   B. After it expired
   C. Way after it expired

9. When you order materials from us, are you usually:
   A. Satisfied with what you receive
   B. Feel that the materials are dated or poorly designed
C. Frustrated by the time it takes to receive what you ordered
comments: ____________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

10. In regards to your State or local LP's problems, do you believe that the HQ staff is:
   A. Genuinely concerned
   B. Indifferent
   C. Could care less
comments: ____________________________________________

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11. When you talk to us on the telephone, are you treated:
   A. Courteously
   B. Informally
   C. Given the "bum's rush"
comments: ____________________________________________

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12. When you send contributions, do you like to receive "Thank-yous" or other acknowledgements?

13. Do you think "Thank-yous" are a waste of money?

14. How many, of each of the following, do you think we receive monthly:
   A. Phone calls _______
   B. Requests for information _______
   C. Changes of address _______
   D. Membership renewals _______
   E. Changes in Pledge status _______
   F. Orders for supplies _______
   G. Prank phonecalls _______

15. What improvements could you suggest to make dealing with HQ more efficient:

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____________________________________________________________________________________
16. Why do you think the Headquarters office was created?

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17. Do you think the HQ has become too bureaucratic? ______

18. Do you think that there are too many computer related problems at headquarters?

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19. Describe what you think goes on at HQ:

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20. Describe what you believe the offices of LP HQ look like:

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21. How do you think staff personnel dress?

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22. What project(s) do you think the HQ should give the highest priority?

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23. What project(s) do you think the HQ should give the lowest priority?

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24. On an A thru F scale, what grade do you think the HQ staff deserve:

A- Excellent
B- Good, considering what they have to work with
C- Better get their act together
D- Doing a poor job
F- Failing miserably

25. What, in your opinion, could or should be done to improve efficiency of LP HQ?
Every year millions of our state tax dollars are spent to regulate nearly every aspect of our lives—by people we usually don't even know. These are the government-appointed members of the 110 boards and commissions currently in existence. One potential problem, is that a governing body consisting of hundreds of political favoritism for favoring people to these positions.

There are several legal flaws with the concept of boards and commissions. One, for instance, is that these members, selected as legislators and thus can't be removed by the voters. Second, since the members themselves are these useful locales, they literally cannot be freed.

Therefore, they serve almost as judges do—with a guaranteed term despite any wrongful acts. The members tend to stay on the board or commission for at least four years, if not for a whole four-year term and in some cases for years on end. This gives them immense power in writing legalized law—without fear of anyone ousting them or, in deciding who gets which licenses and permits and for what kind of activities in which locations. By and large, their decisions are not appealable except by filing a lawsuit.

Not only are there lots of boards and commissions, they also have their own rules and regulations, but they also spend lots of money on travel, meals, hotel stays...not to mention billions in direct effect on the state budget. (The other 57 generally have appropriations hiked in the state budget, which is currently spending $57,600,000 yearly on the 110 boards and commissions. This is not even counting passed through funds for the many governments they control.) As an example of excess boards and commissions, the education field takes the cake.

Block Grants Advisory Committee
School Bond Advisory Committee
Education Commission of the States

In my opinion

Indiana Libertarians

Rep Andre Marrou

Proposed bill bad news for working people

On April 15, members of the Libertarian Party presented a petition to Sen. Dave Jones. Joe Whittington and Jarvis Klappan that contained more than 2,000 signatures of persons opposed to the Local Government Finance Act. This press conference was covered by two local TV stations, but there was no mention of the petition in the State, which claims to cover news "in depth, in detail."

Local Government Finance Act would authorize cities and counties to impose numerous types of fees and taxes (sales tax, use tax, direct social sales tax, admissions tax, etc.) on their citizens. The Libertarian Party has spearheaded a campaign to defeat this bill, which has little support among individual South Carolinians. The bill has both Republican and Democratic sponsors, but as lost of these sponsors backed down after a Libertarian Party member pointed out that the bill would raise taxes.

Supporters of the Local Government Finance Act claim that it is a "property tax reduction" bill, but this is a myth and a lie. The bill does not even mention property taxes and does not reduce to any kind of tax. If passed, it will increase the tax burden on the working people of South Carolina because it does more tax revenue for small businesses to offer new jobs. It will hamper economic development because it will lead to even more unwieldy bureaucracy.

In summary, the Local Government Finance Act is bad news for South Carolinians.

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Libertarian joins race for U.S.

Liberals and Progressives

SOUTH CAROLINA

When it comes to politics, the Libertarian Party is often overshadowed by the more mainstream parties. However, in recent years, the Libertarian Party has been making significant gains at the national level, and many libertarians are now running for federal office.

One such individual is the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate seat in South Carolina. This candidate, who goes by the name of John Rasmussen, has been formally announced as a candidate for the U.S. Senate seat in South Carolina.

In addition to running for U.S. Senate, the Libertarian Party has also nominated candidates for other federal offices, such as the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. These candidates are often seen as outsiders to the traditional political establishment, and they often run on a platform of smaller government, lower taxes, and greater individual freedom.

While libertarians may not always have the same level of support as the major parties, they are still an important force in American politics. By running for office, libertarians can help to shift the political discourse towards a more limited government and more individual freedom.