LP's 1990 Budget Nears Half-Million Dollars

Members of the Libertarian National Committee approved a 1990 budget of $497,000 at its recent meeting, giving major budget boosts to outreach activities, public relations and media affairs, and servicing state and local parties.

Details on the 1990 budget and other actions taken at the National Committee meeting will be included in the upcoming issue of LP News; however, as a sneak preview for Liberty Pledge members, some of the highlights follow:

- **LP News** will begin publishing monthly, effective immediately. In addition, to insure more timely delivery of **LP News**, the publication will be mailed 2nd class (approx. one week delivery time), as opposed to the previously used 3rd class (up to a month delivery time). Making **LP News** a more timely publication will allow us to focus more on current affairs, offering libertarian analysis of current political issues and, hopefully, inspiring more Libertarians to become active on these issues.

- The **LP Headquarters staff** is adding two new positions, a mail room manager and a mailroom assistant/bookkeeper. These positions were added based on expectations of a large increase in incoming mail. There are currently mailings out to three different lists.

- The **College Program** received $10,000 in the 1990 budget to fund organizing swings, continue literature distribution (Project "Care Package"), and fund college newspaper advertisements.

- The **Advertising and Public Relations Committee** (one of several self-funded committee) has produced five new advertisements which will be available in assorted sizes for Libertarians to use. In addition, the committee will be producing two television advertisements by the end of March. The National Committee approved funding in the 1990 budget to test-market these ads when complete.

- The NatCom budgeted $50,000 to the **Affiliate Parties Committee**. This will include funding for Campaign '90 activities, literature, and activist handbooks for use on the grassroots level. The Affiliate Parties Committee will also be hiring a number of coordinators for organizing swings through some of the states with the weakest Libertarian Party organizations, designed to strengthen these state parties.

- The **LP's Membership Committee** has been reinvigorated under the leadership of its new chairperson, Karen Allard of Washington. Ms. Allard presented an ambitious program to the national committee aimed at increasing LP membership.

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**Keep Those Clippings Coming!**

Many thanks to the Libertarians around the country who have been sending us clippings. These are a much-appreciated supplement to our clipping service. We are particularly interested in libertarian op-ed columns, news articles covering Libertarian Party activities or of particular interest to Libertarians, and Letters-to-the-editor.

Obviously, we cannot use them all, but they are still appreciated, so keep them coming!
Libertarian Party, Ignored in Races, Has Own Remedy For City Affluents

BY WALTER SKOLD


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From poll-to-poll, voting rates and voter turnout can vary significantly. In recent years, voter turnout has been declining in many states. The decline in voter turnout has been attributed to a variety of factors, including increased use of mail-in ballots, decreased interest in elections, and economic factors.

There are various ways to calculate the number of votes cast in an election. The most common method is to count the number of votes received by each candidate or party. This method is used in most states, but there are some variations.

The process of counting votes is not always straightforward. In some cases, the results of an election may be contested or challenged. In such cases, the court system may be used to determine the winner.

The results of an election are certified by the state's secretary of state or a similar official. In some states, the results are certified by a board of canvassers, which is composed of representatives from the major political parties.

The results of an election are important because they determine who will hold public office. In the United States, the president is elected by the electoral college, which consists of representatives from each state. The candidate who wins the most electoral votes becomes the next president.

The results of an election are often used to shape public policy. For example, if a particular issue is approved by a majority of voters, lawmakers may consider enacting legislation that addresses that issue.

In recent years, there has been concern about the integrity of the election process. Some have raised questions about the accuracy of vote counts, the fairness of the election process, and the potential for fraud.

It is important to remember that the election process is complex and that there are many factors that can influence the outcome of an election. As such, it is important to be informed and to understand the process.