Dear Supporters of Liberty,

Well folks, National LP Headquarters has moved -- not to some distant island (complete with a bleached white beach), but just across Houston to an area known as “The Heights.” The new address and phone number are in this issue’s “Thank You” box.

The new Party HQ was until recently a private residence. One of the great things about being headquartered in Houston is that we didn’t have to get an Act of Congress to locate in a residential neighborhood; there’s no zoning here.

The move itself was the kind of stuff that adventures are made of. The weather was on our side -- almost 80°, bright and sunny. Harris County’s LP conjured up 21 energetic masochists, who rolled up their sleeves and worked like demons for nine hours. The local Chair, Sharon Freeman, was the only woman who participated and believe you me, she held her own with all the macho types. The National Staff was also huffing and puffing that day, in addition to trying to keep the move orderly.

The massive outpouring of local LP energy and cargo transport kept the cost of the move down to an incredibly low $100. Not too shabby, if you ask me. These guys even sprang for their own beer! Heroes of the Revolution, all.

The new HQ is quite appealing, both inside and out. The house is about 25 years old and in very good shape, complete with porch swing, manicured lawn, and landscaping. Recent modifications have made it a hedonist’s paradise with (in what was the master bedroom) a nitch in the wall for a large TV, an atrium, and a Jacuzzi. We have joked many times already about the luxury of having a Jacuzzi at our disposal, but we stay so darned busy around here that no one has had the time to use the thing -- not even on a weekend! But we keep hoping.

The living room has a wood-burning fireplace and there are hardwood floors throughout. The place came equipped with a refrigerator, so now we have two at our disposal (LP HQ already owned one). We’ve designated one for meat-eaters and one for vegetarians.

On a more serious note, there’s also a sophisticated alarm system to protect the computer and other valuable resources owned by the LP.
School dropout Perry Willis rallies to head the nation's 3rd largest political party

By KEN LANTERMAN
Post Reporter

Some high school dropouts try to get back into school for education from their employers, colleagues and friends as though it were an ugly wart.

Not Perry Willis. Willis, who dropped out of high school with three years to go in his senior year, is actually proud of his education.

“I wear it as a badge of honor,” Willis says. “Government schools were interfering with my education, so I dropped out and found my own education.”

Willis says he became interested in libertarianism when he was hired to run its national headquarters in Houston.

“The Libertarian Party is coming out of the slump, national leaders say,” Willis said. “It’s been tough under the Reagan administration, because a lot of our ideas have found their way into policy, or at least rhetoric of the administration. A lot of people are more sympathetic to our point of view than they were before...”

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In the last few months, the Libertarian Party has lost some of the brand recognition that it once had, but it has gained some new members.

By the next year, 1984, he was ranked in the state from eighth to second. And except for a seat in the Alaska Legislature, the Libertarians have failed to win any public offices.

Increasingly, he said, opinions no longer tend to cluster along traditional liberal and conservative lines.

For example, people tend to be conservative—or free-market oriented—on economic issues, but liberal—or individual rights oriented—on social issues. Turney noted, issues like school vouchers and death penalty, have become more controversial in recent years.

The generation will become even more skeptical of the party’s appeal when it learns there is no Social Security system, or that the party’s platform has been reduced to a series of slogans and catch-phrases.

The Libertarian Party is coming out of the slump, national leaders say.

By Larry Peterson
The Register

The Libertarian Party is coming out of the slump that relegated it to obscurity in the early 1980s, party leaders say.
You're probably thinking that we must have taken all your money and poured it down the tubes for mere comfort and visual appeal, so let me tell you the rest of the good news: This place leases for $800 per month! Unbelievable! Our last HQ was going for $2,200 per ... which means that, even allowing for utilities, we are realizing substantial savings every month. A good deal any way you look at it!

OUTREACH ISSUE LP NEWS!

I'm sure that by now most of you have either heard about or have received a copy of the special Outreach Issue. If you haven't, the issue will focus on libertarian philosophy in general and tax issues in particular -- the perfect literature for handing out at this time of year. For those of you who are active with a local or state LP, extra copies are available. A nicely printed insert, advertising the presence of your local group would be a plus. The price is $70.00 per thousand, and we request that you phone your orders in, so we can figure the postage fees right then.

I don't know what your opinions on the Outreach Issue are, but personally, I think that it may prove to be one of the most effective tools we've used so far. Especially if the local LP's use it to their best advantage.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with an excerpt from Atlas Shrugged that, although written roughly forty years ago, says it all, in regard to life in today's society.

“There's no way to rule innocent men. The only power any government has is the power to crack down on criminals. Well, when there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws. Who wants a nation of law-abiding citizens? ...But just pass the kind of laws that can neither be observed nor enforced nor objectively interpreted --and you create a nation of lawbreakers -- and then you cash in on the guilt ...”

See you next month!

Terry Von Mitchell
National Finance Director