

# Sandhills Libertarian Gazette

A NEWSLETTER FOR LIBERTARIANS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MIDLANDS

## Fed Up with the Republicans? Had It with the Democrats?

You are not alone! Millions of Americans - including many of your neighbors - are switching to the Libertarian Party this year. The Libertarian Party stands for the American ideals of liberty, tolerance, responsibility, and voluntary solutions to problems.

For too long, the Republicans and Democrats (the More Government Party) have made our lives miserable. They believe that government has the right to interfere in the personal and economic affairs of peaceful persons. They see nothing wrong with the government seizing your property, regulating your business, restricting your personal freedom, or sending American troops all over the globe. Elected officials are acting like public masters, rather than the public servants they are supposed to be. Under the More Government Party, the government is out of control.

Fortunately, the Libertarian Party provides a common-sense alternative. We stand for less government, period. Government's only proper function is to assist us in defending our rights. As long as people are peaceful and respect the rights of others, the government should leave them alone.

Sure, the More Government Party can out-tax, out-spend, and even out-vote us for awhile, but their ideas simply do not work. Individual liberty does work. We know that a free society is both possible and practical, and we are committed to work for liberty for as long as it takes to achieve it.

Your vote can make a difference - when you use it to tell the politicians what you think is right. The Libertarian Party is the only political party that is standing up for you and your rights.

> Support a REAL two-party system! Vote Libertarian

#### Libertarian Candidates

President - Andre Marrou

Vice-president - Nancy Lord

U.S. Senate - Mark Johnson

U.S. House of Representatives

Second District - Geb Sommer Fourth District - Jo Jorgensen

#### S.C. Senate

Dist. 7 - Rick Watson

20 - Richard Kinsey

21 - Bill Brooks

25 - Wayne Henderson

33 - Richard Quillian

#### S.C. House of Representatives

Dist. 69 - David Morris

71 - Yvonne Parkhill-Moore

75 - Julian Griffith 89 - Tim Moultrie

113 - Rodney Travis

114 - Drew Amendola

Aiken County - Auditor - Ronald McCoy R.M.C. - Davis Cheek

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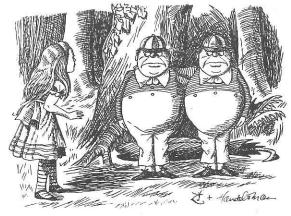
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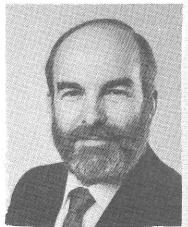
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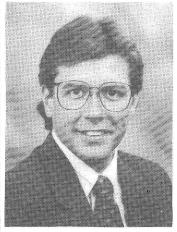
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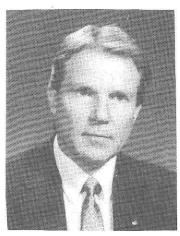


"I beg your pardon," said Alice, "but which of you is the Democrat?"









Andre Marrou

Nancy Lord

Mark Johnson

Geb Sommer

### Let's Tame The Trillion-Dollar Government Monster

The federal government is out of control. In 1992, it will spend \$1.45 trillion! That's almost \$4 billion each and every day of the year. The cost to the average household is \$291 per week, an increase of \$41 per week over the record-high 1992 budget.

The more government grows, the more of your money and freedom it will demand. It will grow and grow, until the all-powerful government monster demands, and then seizes, almost everything.

Can the government monster be caged before it devours us? Congress is the key to solving this problem. The U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives decide how to spend federal money, and they have the power to stop runaway spending. However, most members don't have the backbone and grit to cut taxes and spending. These guardians of America's purse strings bounced thousands of checks on their personal bank accounts, then they gave themselves a \$548 per week pay raise.

Since taxpayers won't tolerate large tax increases, they pay for their projects by borrowing. The result is a national debt that is approaching \$4 trillion. Just the interest on the debt will cost the average household over \$2,000 this year.





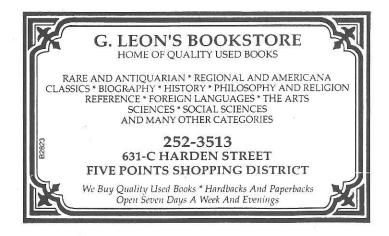
Jo Jorgensen

The only way to stop this nonsense is to elect Libertarians like Mark Johnson, Geb Sommer, and Jo Jorgensen to Congress. They oppose <a href="mailto:any legislation">any legislation</a> that would increase taxes or government spending.

It is equally important to support Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord. As President, Marrou would veto every single bill that would increase taxes or spending, and he could refuse to enforce unconstitutional laws which violate the rights of American citizens. Even if they do not win the election, a strong show of support for Libertarians will send a message to Washington that Americans are fed up and have had enough!

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#### Editorial

### It's Time to Stop Government Gestapo Tactics

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, a 43-year-old man returned home to find it had been raided by government agents. It was

"like something out of Nazi Germany."

Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms had broken into his house, using a battering ram to open the front door. They scattered papers and other things throughout the house, and cut two locks off a gun vault. All the guns in the vault were registered and legal. None of the guns were taken, but ammunition and gun clips were left strewn all over the floor.

The only thing the BATF agents left behind was a

copy of a search warrant, a note saying nothing was taken,

and a big mess.

According to the Feb. 15th RON PAUL POLITICAL REPORT, a lady named Christy Wadsworth watched five IRS agents throw her husband to the ground and try to choke him. She ran to assist him but was shoved away brutally, causing her to go into premature labor with her twins. One child died at birth, and the other one suffered severe physical injuries.

Were the Wadsworths dangerous criminals on the loose? The IRS agents didn't even have a warrant, and the

couple's taxes were not in question.
Closer to home, Trish Ewing, 42, owner of Trish's Treasures and Pawn Shop in Lexington County, was arrested last year because an employee made a drug deal in the pawn shop. The government seized \$250,000 in merchandise, including jewelry, stereos, and televisions.

This past February, Ms. Ewing was found not guilty of conspiracy, and her merchandise was returned to her. However, she had been put out of business for almost a year because of a misguided and oppressive government

anti-drug crusade.

These three examples are but the tip of the iceberg. They reflect the government's tendency to violate the rights of innocent citizens and to ignore due process. We <u>must</u> stop this kind of Gestapo mentality and abuse of our rights. Just think - you could be the next to be assaulted or to have your home, business, or property taken from you without just cause.

The best way to preserve our precious rights is to elect Libertarians to office. Libertarians recognize that government must be restricted to its only proper function - the protection of each individual's right to

life, liberty, and property.

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

George Washington





## BREAK THE CHAINS OF BIG GOVERNMENT



### Legislature Refuses to Cut Waste

According to John Harllee, the S.C. Legislature could have avoided a \$200 million deficit if it had listened to a report from the Legislative Audit Council last January, and eliminated some of the \$514 million in useless spending. Among the larger items were:

Downsizing the state's air fleet and restricting commuting payments - \$14 million Retirement incentives to phase out unneeded state employees - \$100 million Not paying nursing homes more than actual building costs - \$45 million Ending subsidy to out-of-state students at state colleges - \$195 million Fewer temporary employees and voluntary furloughs - \$34 million

This adds up to a lot more than the deficit, but the legislature refused to enact any of these recommendations.

While jobs in the private sector have decreased during the recession, government jobs have continued to increase. South Carolina has a very high proportion of state employees, compared to other southern states.

A few Libertarians in the legislature would change the spectrum of political discussion and make it more likely that tax and spending cuts would receive serious consideration.

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Thomas Jefferson

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AS Libertarians, we seek a world of liberty; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives, and no one is forced to sacrifice his or her values for the benefit of others.

We believe that respect for individual rights is the essential precondition for a free and prosperous world, that force and fraud must be banished from human relationships, and that only through freedom can peace and prosperity be realized.

Consequently, we defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. The world we seek is one where individuals are free to follow their own dreams in their own ways, without interference from government or any authoritarian power.

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