



From the Chair

By Dave Walter

Since my last report, there has been considerable good news regarding progress in many areas of the party's activities. Naturally, we cannot be satisfied with these achievements because many are procedural and administrative and solving them is not the reason we have a Libertarian Party. Spreading the message of libertarianism, using the format of the political process, is what we are all about and should be the principal concern of NatCom, the state chairs, and our members and activists. As we can see in the new Libertarian Party NEWS feature, "Around the States," there is a lot going on. People are seeing an active LP between elections again. Yet we all agree, don't we, that this increased LP activity is only a tiny portion of what should be going on?

I give credit to Russell Means for helping to open my eyes on the need for this party to redirect our efforts. As he has observed, the party is terribly weak in the community. For a party in its eighteenth year, we have generally failed to do anything positive to convince the average American voter that our ideas have any practical value in providing a better life for them or those they care about.

To take the Means analysis one step further, the LP is in the community but not of the community. It is as if we were aliens who blend in, meet, work, shop, etc. in the community but are not part of it in the sense that we are concerned and interacting with the other members of the community. Imagine how prominent the Jaycees would be if their members concentrated on structuring their state board, issuing news releases on international problems, and selecting software for their national computer, instead of marching in the community Fourth of July parade, collecting toys for disadvantaged youngsters, and sponsoring a patriotic essay contest for the local high school. Until we are principally known for our good works and concern for our neighbors, our neighbors are not going to seriously consider the merits of our arguments. Most won't even be aware of them.

In any community, there are numerous opportunities for the LP to spread the libertarian message by getting involved in the current problems. There are always dissatisfactions that affect average people and that average people can locally solve. There are always petty officials trying to cram their views down the throats of others, whether it be zoning decisions, the library, the town park, mass transit proposals, or the government schools.

The LP has to be involved in such matters whenever there is a significant number of people dissatisfied with the decisions being made in their community. Most people are pragmatic: they want to see ideas successfully applied. We can demonstrate that in the community. We can show how libertarianism allows people to regain self-esteem and a

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Louw and Kendall Receive Nobel Peace Prize Nomination

Big news for libertarians this year is that the libertarian superstar team of Leon Louw and Frances Kendall has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for their benchmark work to bring about a peaceful end to the racial turmoil in South Africa. This is the first time that a libertarian has been nominated for this particular prize. Work to expedite this nomination was initiated by Norwegian Dr. Kai Stensrod after he attended Libertarian International's world conference in Swaziland last August.

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Alain Dumait, LI's representative for France, has been successful in his bid for reelection to the post of mayor of the Second District of Paris. Dumait is also a vice mayor of that city and is president of his own publishing company. Dumait, along with Henri Lepage and Alain Laurent, founded *Le Mouvement Libertarien* in 1987.

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Le Mouvement Libertarien will be hosting a special Libertarian International European Conference to be held in Paris from July 9 to 13, 1989. The theme will focus on human rights and a wide range of speakers from Europe and the U.S. will be featured. There will also be public outreach sessions (with simultaneous translations) held on the first two days of the conference. Fee (includ-

ing conference registration, accommodations, breakfasts, lunches, and one banquet) is \$320 U.S.

For more information write or phone: Libertarian International, 9308 Farmington Dr., Richmond, VA 23229, 804-740-6932.

Libertarian Richard Foss of Ladera Travel in El Segundo, CA is offering discounted airfares to the Paris conference, as well as specially prepared historic travel packages of interest to Libertarians. Contact Foss at 1-800-624-6679, or 213-640-0527 for California residents.

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Meantime, one of Libertarian International's most useful publications, its directory of freedom-centered groups around the world, is now available through CompuServe Information Service (CIS). Libertarian Pat Fallon, one of the most active participants in CIS political forum activities, entered the 28-page list. (Fallon's CompuServe address is 74766,1150.) To download the list, or just access it, type GO ISSUES at any prompt. The issues area you want is Data Library 2, Politics. Then type D-12 at next prompt. The file you want is Liberty Dir. People started downloading the CIS file within one hour of its being posted. Regular copies of the directory are available for \$2.45 from Libertarian International.

It's Springer in North Carolina

In 1971, after having been deeply moved by reading the works of Ayn Rand, Craig Springer did what seemed to him an obvious thing. He moved to Alaska where there appeared to be plenty of room for Rand-scale heroism and enterprise.

Actually it was a bit more cramped. Stuck in Anchorage, he worked as a security guard, pumped gas, and worked in a motel among other places. He also started spreading the word, even in classified ads, that he'd like to meet other students of Objectiv-

ism. One response urged him to attend a Libertarian Party meeting. A year later he was chair of the Anchorage party and, among other things, had the pleasure of taking John Hospers, LP presidential candidate and philosopher, on a dog sled ride.

Returning to his native North Carolina, Springer settled in Raleigh and almost immediately got a mailing from the Libertarian Party that was sent to subscribers to Reason magazine. It asked if anyone would be interested in starting a statewide LP?

Springer was—but with an additional idea that could be of interest to libertarians everywhere. After helping organize the state party, he rented a spacious brick home and began placing ads every week in a local paper, announcing a discussion group every Sunday between 4 and 6 pm. Although Springer called it an Ayn Rand discussion group, anyone else interested in the idea could try another focus.

Since then, every Sunday, there has been an average of a dozen people at each meeting. The state LP also meets there when meetings are called for Raleigh. On the Fourth of July there is a wide-open libertarian picnic. Each December there is a celebration of the founding of the Libertarian Party in North Carolina.

Springer's idea is that anyone could rent a similarly large house, get some other folks in to help share the rent (Springer has four "boarders" only one of whom is a libertarian).

In the finished basement of the house, Springer has collected a libertarian library of several thousand volumes, plus video tapes and, as he says, "you name it, if it's libertarian I've got it."

Coincidentally, the Libertarian International,

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Rumors... And Reality

Since the end of the Libertarian Party's presidential campaign, rumors of the misapplication of funds from the campaign, or from the Ron Paul investment newsletter enterprises, or from the party's Ballot Access Fund have been grapevine specials coast-to-coast.

Few facts have attended the rumors.

A major rumor was that the person responsible for the fund problem was being white-washed by Ron Paul and his associates and by members of the party's National Committee and its auditor.

Wrong.

So far as the NEWS has been able to learn from direct and, to the editors, convincing inquiries and answers, here is what happened.

Just a week before the national election, accountants for Ron Paul's business enterprises discovered that over the past few years more than \$100,000 had been improperly taken from the investment newsletter accounts. The person accused of doing it was Nadia Hayes, a long-time Paul employee lately elevated to be the chief Ron Paul for President campaign strategist.

Paul associates Burt Blumert and Lew Rockwell questioned her immediately.

With his associates pressing for prosecution, Ron Paul hoped to find a way to effect restitution from his old and formerly trusted employee.

Nothing worked along those lines.

Meantime, Blumert announced confidently that not a penny had been misapplied from the Ballot Access Fund for which he is responsible.

Another rumor arose immediately. Some \$22,173.96, intended for Ballot Access, was said to have been sent to a Ron Paul account.

It had. Immediately upon detection, the full amount was returned to the Ballot Access Committee and Blumert's position that the LP had not suffered financial loss in the entire affair remained solid. Blumert also immediately segregated Ballot Access funds to protect them from future possibilities of mix-up.

Now, what about the whitewash and what about prosecution?

The case, in proper order, has been turned over to the Nassau Bay, TX, police department. Subsequently, if the case is strong enough, it will be presented to the Harris County Grand Jury.

A terrible irony in the case is that unless the substantial amount of money involved is finally proven to have gone someplace other than to Ron Paul's enterprises, it will be counted as income and, despite never having had the money available, Paul's enterprises would have to pay full taxes upon it!

Libertarian Profile



Wyoming/McCune Breakthrough

Although there was no miraculous Libertarian Party vote total in Wyoming's special election to fill the Congressional seat vacated by Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, there was a real breakthrough in the press.

For probably the first time, a libertarian running for a major seat got the endorsement of his state's largest newspaper.

Craig McCune, running in the four-man race, was solidly endorsed by the *Casper Star Tribune* as well as by two other smaller but influential papers, the *Cody Enterprise* and the *Sheridan Press*.

The Republican winner got 74,000 votes, the Democrat 61,000, and McCune got more than four percent—5,921. The fourth contestant, a white supremacist, got 500 votes.

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Kansas and New Hampshire State Parties Flourishing

Recently, in commenting on the state of the party, national chair Dave Walter singled out Kansas and New Hampshire as outstanding performers. The following stories are descriptive of what the parties in those states have been up to, what and how they did it—their good work and ideas may well help others as we all struggle in our own ways for liberation of the individual.

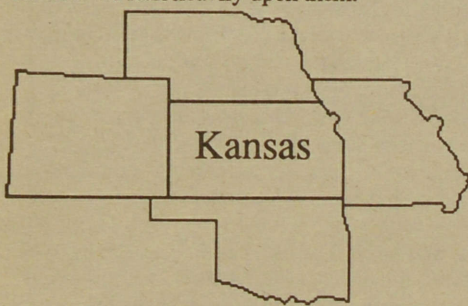
Kansas's Secret: Absence of Acrimony

By Douglas N. Merritt

I have been told that Kansas is one of the top states in the Libertarian movement. I have been asked why that is so. Being without modesty I wholeheartedly agree with the statement, but I fear I cannot fully explain the "why" of our success.

I can say only that we have been blessed with the absence of acrimony. We have been able to function without the internecine strife so prevalent with libertarians. I want to stress that point up front because I am certain it is the most important point I can make.

Secondly, we have, in Wichita, a dedicated cadre of about twelve stalwarts who have persevered through the years and have not quit when quitting was easy. When it comes to manning the trenches we lean heavily upon them.



Third, I need to mention the quality and abilities of the state executive committee. They have met five times each year with a serious, no-nonsense agenda and have committed themselves and their money to the many projects that I shall more fully explain forthwith. Incidentally, that committee consists of: a housewife, a banker, a registered nurse, a lawyer, an orthopedic surgeon, a factory representative, and a cattle rancher, all of whom are talented and dedicated.

Fourth, as chair of the Kansas Party, I, being immodest, claim some of the credit.

In 1988, Paul/Marrou gained 1.2 percent of the state vote. That placed us fourth in the nation. I think we did well because:

- Of an extensive large sign program over the state, mostly in Wichita. The 100 signs were four feet by eight feet in size and were placed only on well traveled routes.
- We spent some \$1,500 on television at Wichita and Topeka stations during the campaign.
- We held five rallies and dinners in Wichita and Kansas City where both candidates appeared.
- Both Ron Paul and Andre Marrou were escorted about the state and were interviewed by numerous reporters. They generally received very good press.
- We have a Libertarian booth at the state fair every year manned by volunteers constantly for eight days.

To achieve ballot access for Paul/Marrou, we went to the federal court in 1987 and won the right to gather signatures in our counties. Previously, we were restricted to the precinct in which we lived. Without that ruling, Paul would not have been on the Kansas ballot. In gathering signatures we used 40 people in 16 counties; paid solicitors cost about \$1,500.

In the same court case we won the right to register as Libertarian Party members. In the one year since that time we have a total of 342 registered Libertarians in the state. I think that if we can

get that number to 1,000 we could force recognition of the party for permanent ballot status. Perhaps not, but just maybe. Two strange things about registration: 172 of those people are not known to us and they do not respond to our inquiries; worse yet, many of those listed as members of the national party and some in the state party are not registered. (I pester them unmercifully.)

The third point of the 1987 case was to set the filing date for independents on the day of the Republicrats' primary. That will be helpful when we want to run one of ours as an independent.

Another thing we do in Kansas is communicate. While our output of "letters to the editor" is not yet enough, we do make it up with radio. Presently the Wichita group has a regular Libertarian program on local radio. Additionally, for about a year we had a regular "Libertarian Viewpoint" column in the *Atchison Daily Globe*, a newspaper of about 5,000 circulation.

In Wichita they have a monthly brunch meeting that has been very successful in keeping the gang together—attendance of 10 to 30 people is usual.

We have 90 paid state members—plus 172 members, registered only. There are 80 national members who get all our mailings and 49 volunteers who are not members but have helped with petitions or have bought banquet tickets and are generally sympathetic to the cause.

There are 260 additional names whom we write occasionally. They should be classified as "possibles." They have made some inquiry and given their names.

There is a newsletter six times a year that goes only to paid members, and all members get three personal letters a year from the chair. Finally, each member gets an annual letter announcing the convention and banquet. Our convention banquets are well attended by 100 to 150 persons.

For three years running we have had ballot access bills introduced into the legislature, but to no avail. It is thought to be a good idea to keep up the pressure.

In 1988 we had a second lawsuit in the federal court. We lost on three counts but won on the fourth which would lower the number of signatures for local independents to no more than needed for the governor (2,500). Actually, we lost that one too because the legislature this month raised the number of signatures for the governor to 5,000. On the plus side of that change, they lowered the five percent requirement for locals to three percent and lengthened the life of a petition from 90 days to 180 days. How do they say it? You win some and you lose some. But you keep trying.

We had four candidates for local city government this month—two lost and two won. Blake Huber lost but received 25 percent of the vote for Topeka City Commission in a two-way race, while I lost but received 35 percent of the vote in a six-way race for three seats on the Atchison City Commission.

But in Wichita, John Foster and Karl Peterjohn were elected to city council advisory positions. Each will represent an area roughly the size of a legislative district. They will have access to the city commissioners as official advisors. **That is success!**

Douglas N. Merritt is chair of the Kansas Libertarian Party.

Hard Work Pays Off in New Hampshire

By Bill Winter

Several months ago, libertarian talk-show host Gene Burns addressed a large group of New Hampshire Libertarians and told them that the way for a state party to succeed is for every Libertarian to "start a ripple" of activism.

"Very few of us can start a tide, but every one of us can start a ripple," he said.

Over the past 15 months, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire has certainly demonstrated the truth of that statement. Since the early days of 1988, the LPNH has succeeded in starting dozens of ripples that are building into a slow but steady tide of activism and success in the "Live Free or Die" state.

In the process, the LPNH—once a struggling organization with few members—has become the third fastest growing state party in the country, boasting an impressive 157 percent membership increase in the past year.

In addition, New Hampshire Libertarians more than doubled the state's previous vote total for an LP presidential candidate in 1988, generated a record number of information requests about the party, and created many new activists for freedom.

How was all this accomplished?

Interestingly, the answer doesn't involve glamorous, high-profile political action, but rather some mundane, behind-the-scenes changes in how the party operated. However, these nut-and-bolts improvements paid big dividends.

The turnaround in the LPNH can be dated back to the early days of the Ron Paul for President campaign, when a small group of old and new members began upgrading some important—but neglected—party functions. Improvements were made in four areas:

1) **Newsletter.** *Libertarian Lines*, the NH party's newsletter, was completely overhauled with the help of a professional graphic designer. Both content and design were improved, and, for the first time in years, it was published on a regular monthly schedule.

The benefits were immediate, since a good newsletter is vitally important to any organization. Besides merely keeping old members informed, it also inspires new members, impresses prospects and the media, and builds a sense of community among party members. The upgraded *Libertarian Lines* accomplished all this, as indicated by a surge in membership and activism.

2) **Outreach.** Through dozens of letters to the editors of newspapers, press releases, booths at state fairs, and speeches to groups and organizations, the LPNH amassed hundreds of requests for information over a period of many months.

As in every state, there was a large pool of freedom-minded individuals in New Hampshire who didn't know that the Libertarian Party existed. Through vigorous outreach efforts, the LPNH flushed out many of them, and got them active in the party.

3) **Information packages.** Don't forget: getting prospects is only the first step in creating new members—they still have to be convinced to join. To do this, the LPNH created a slick, professional outreach package for prospects. Included in it was David Bergland's superb "America's Libertarian Heritage" brochure, a copy of the newsletter, and a personally addressed, hand-signed letter from the state chair inviting prospects to help "work for freedom" by joining the state party. The package was promptly mailed to the hundreds of people who expressed curiosity about the LPNH, and a record-breaking percentage sent in their membership dues.

4) **Membership and prospect lists.** Admittedly, this is an area of politics that doesn't make headlines, but is nonetheless of pivotal importance. Using personal computers and commercially available database software (which organizes and sorts information), the LPNH began

keeping up-to-date records of prospects and members. With the punch of a key, information was available about phone numbers, addresses, contact dates, membership payments, donations, expirations, and so on. This state-of-the-art computer technology allowed the LPNH to keep track of—and in touch with—the constantly expanding membership base.

With these improvements in place, the LPNH was ready for the 1988 presidential elections. Buoyed by three campaign swings through the state by Ron Paul and one from Andre Marrou, the LPNH marshalled their forces for the election.

Although the LPNH had limited resources to work with, they were put to good use. Throughout the long months leading to the November election, the LPNH continued to hammer home to an expanding list of prospects the virtues of voting Libertarian. Also, party activists continued to write letters to newspapers, and outreach events continued.

In addition, the LPNH distributed hundreds of "Ron Paul for President" bumperstickers, displayed several large Ron Paul signs on main roads, and, in the last week of the campaign, ran 16 radio spots for Ron Paul around the state.

When all the votes were tallied, LPNH members were delighted. Paul had won 4,502 votes—one percent of the total vote—more than twice as many as Ed Clark had received in 1980.

Of course, the LPNH cannot take full credit, since there were outside factors at work. For example, Gene Burns's Massachusetts radio talk show—with its constant drumbeat of support for libertarianism—blanketed the southern half of New Hampshire, and was undoubtedly responsible for many of Ron Paul's votes.

While pleased with the election results, the LPNH has not rested on its laurels since then. Instead, they have been concentrating on getting more members active in the party, and building a base for increased political activity in the future.

One of the first steps was to begin scheduling regular—and more professional—general meetings. Instead of meeting in members' homes, the LPNH began renting a meeting hall in a central location in the state, and started scheduling interesting guest speakers. Over the past several months, LPNH members heard the Secretary of State of New Hampshire talk about ballot access laws; an activist from the New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights discuss libertarians and gay causes; and a baptist minister talk about God and politics. This line-up of speakers has helped double the average turnout at meetings.

The LPNH has also been encouraging, supporting, and coordinating an increased presence at state house and senate hearings. In the past several months, LPNH members have testified before state legislative hearings on a whole range of issues including a proposed new "obscene" bumpersticker law, the use of Social Security numbers on drivers licenses, and restrictive drug paraphernalia laws.

On the local front, one LPNH member has started a citizens lobbying group to fight a tax-financed civic center in his home town. The group, which has attracted both libertarians and non-libertarians, has already generated widespread publicity. Other LPNH members are active in the home schooling movement and in the fight against rising property taxes at the town level.

Make no mistake about it: the LPNH still has a long way to go before it can flex any real political muscle in the state. The membership must be vastly increased, more publicity must be generated, fundraising must be dramatically increased, and organization must begin at the local and county levels. In addition, the LPNH must start running (and throw some real support behind) viable candidates for office at the local level.

But in the past year or so, the LPNH has been taking the steps needed to make these ambitious goals possible. In Gene Burns's words, the ripples have begun. The tide will surely follow.

Bill Winter is chair of the New Hampshire Libertarian Party.

Kansas Libertarians Go on the Air

By Karl Peterjohn

In late October and early November 1988, Kansas libertarians spent close to \$7,000 on radio and TV commercials in the Wichita and Topeka media markets advocating the election of Ron Paul for president. This money translated into 40 TV and approximately 150 radio spots. All were 30 seconds in length.

They were lost in a sea of ads for Republi-

cans and Democrats.

This year the Libertarian Party is on the air on KNSS-AM 1240, the only news-talk radio station in the Wichita market. Every Saturday, starting March 11, a three-minute commentary entitled "Libertarian Perspective" is broadcast from this station. The first seven programs recorded have covered: an introduction to the program and to libertarianism;

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Tools of Technology are Tools of Liberty

By Karl Hess

Never has it seemed more clear that the tools of technology are indeed the tools of liberty.

Look at the major advances swirling radiantly on the edge of our futures: cold fusion, superconductivity, practical space travel, nanotechnology, genetic engineering, and the endless bounty of information storage, retrieval, and transfer.

The list alone is enough to cause a libertarian to cheer.

Every one of those advances has come farthest in those places where people are the most free to pursue independent and individual research. None has emerged specifically because of a socialist or command economy or social system. The space travel item, admittedly, is a bit iffy. It has, in fact, been a socialist enterprise so far even in this country. But what of *practical* space travel, the sort of technology that will get the next century's pioneers out into the asteroid belt to mine and build?

The age of non-state space travel is just beginning. There's no reason to believe that the efforts of independent people will not exceed the efforts of bureaucratized people in space travel as they have in every other area where the two have contended.

National Convention Delegate Allocation

The following is the official delegate allocation list for the 1989 National Libertarian Convention:

State	Total Delegates
Alabama	5
Alaska	8
Arizona	9
Arkansas	3
California	92
Colorado	11
Connecticut	6
Delaware	2
Dist. of Columbia	3
Florida	12
Georgia	7
Hawaii	4
Idaho	4
Illinois	15
Indiana	5
Iowa	4
Kansas	7
Kentucky	3
Louisiana	4
Maine	2
Maryland	8
Massachusetts	12
Michigan	15
Minnesota	8
Mississippi	2
Missouri	5
Montana	4
Nebraska	3
Nevada	5
New Hampshire	7
New Jersey	11
New Mexico	6
New York	18
North Carolina	6
North Dakota	2
Ohio	9
Oklahoma	5
Oregon	10
Pennsylvania	19
Rhode Island	2
South Carolina	5
South Dakota	2
Tennessee	5
Texas	24
Utah	6
Vermont	3
Virginia	10
Washington	10
West Virginia	2
Wisconsin	5
Wyoming	3

Think of the libertarian implications of the whole array. Cold fusion opens up a vast energy base that should end the politics of petroleum and uranium and put energy squarely back into the free market. Superconductivity envisions ways to use and move energy efficiently, everywhere and anywhere—perhaps dealing new blows to the increasingly useless notion of national boundaries.

Nanotechnology, manufacturing at the atomic level, envisions a world in which purpose can quickly and materially turn into plan by rearranging and redirecting basic particles of the inorganic world, in ways roughly comparable to the already burgeoning processes of doing that in the organic world through genetic engineering.

The wonderfully "subversive" impact of information-spreading, even in socialist lands, or in

the private and public bureaucracies of democracies, is well known and does not seem stoppable.

For members of the Libertarian Party, whose work, by definition, is political, these matters may seem uselessly distant from the immediate concerns of repealing bad laws, defeating worse ones, and getting our neighbors even to listen.

Everyone certainly senses how greatly the world is changing, and how rapidly. Libertarian common sense is more and more a shared common sense. Yet it certainly cannot hurt to have at least in our own minds a vision of the future that takes all of the magnificent technology into consideration.

Libertarians can surely and passionately expand on the old adage and proudly say that we "think galactically and act locally."

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responsible attitude, how the poor can benefit if our ideas are adopted, how charitable acts are more uplifting than the welfare dole, how private property and free speech rights aren't esoteric matters argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. We can show that we are more than a collection of intellectuals, yuppies, and achievers who are concerned only with protecting the money and goods they have accumulated. While we know darn well that libertarianism isn't the same as "hooray for me and the hell with everyone else," we will have a hard time proving it until we are active in and of our community. We ignore the need to refocus our efforts to the local arena at our own peril.

I mentioned in the first paragraph that there was good news to report in many areas. The first is that the party is on a sound financial footing, with all external debt paid off. We are so confident in this area that the party began, on May 1, to pick up our budgeted half of field coordinator Paul Jacob's salary. This happy situation means that more of the Ballot Access Committee's fund can go for lobbying and petitioning.

Also, at the April NatCom meeting, the budget was increased, and activities "defunded" in December 1987 were, once again, given attention: Outreach Literature, Media Relations, Affiliate Party, Campaign '90, Outreach Committee. As the party's finances continue to grow, more and more of the increase can be directed away from the admin-

From the Chair

istrative functions that, while necessary, don't excite contributors.

Our "Tax Protest '89" was ably conceived and directed by Andre Marrou this year. Approximately 80 events were held from April 13—Jefferson's Birthday, to April 17—final filing day. Thanks to Andre, and congratulations to all those who held a media-covered event.

Affiliate Party Committee chair, Mary Gingell, has done a tremendous job since December. An Expert Talent Bank has been assembled, state organizations have been surveyed, new literature is in the pipeline, and work has begun, in conjunction with Paul Jacob, to rebuild several state parties that had lost momentum and leadership. Future projects include a packet of materials to help new state chairs hit the ground running, use of our summer interns to build state party membership rolls, and an organization kit for new local chapters.

At the April NatCom meeting, Paul Jacob presented a four-year plan for LP Ballot Access. The goal for 1990 is to retain ballot status everywhere we now hold it, and to get on the ballot wherever we have a good chance to keep it for 1992. Substantial ballot drives in 1989 include North Carolina, Maryland, and Nevada. The BAC will also be lobbying extensively in states such as Florida, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Oregon, North Carolina, Missouri, and Indiana to have legislation

passed that will significantly lower the number of signatures needed and the number of votes necessary to retain ballot status. Restrictive laws are likely to fall as the major parties realize that barriers to legitimate third parties such as the LP also cause nut-cases like David Duke to infiltrate the old parties. The BAC's goal is to realize Ron Paul's dream that the 1992 candidate be presented with nationwide ballot status, freeing up the \$600,000 savings for a TV advertising campaign.

Membership has recovered to nearly 7,000, an all-time high, thanks to six or seven states that organized membership drives. This was only eight percent above the November 1988 level as, unfortunately, non-renewals mostly offset new members gained from the first mailing to the Ron Paul contributors and the efforts of the state parties. In fact, 17 states lost members from November to the end of March. The best efforts were put forth by Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. Information on how these successful drives were conducted has been gathered and will be circulated to all the state chairs.

If you've been sitting on the sidelines, or are a newcomer to the LP, now is the time to get involved in activities in your area. If there aren't any, please write your state chair to ask how you can help. And soon we will all be so busy rowing the boat we won't have time to rock it!

Supreme Court Victory

By Richard Winger

The U.S. Supreme Court has handed down a unanimous victory for the California Libertarian Party in its lawsuit on party structure. This is the first case in which a state Libertarian Party has ever won a victory in the U.S. Supreme Court (although Paul Grant, a former Libertarian state chair in Colorado, won a case there last year, the Colorado LP was not a co-plaintiff).

The decision was unanimous. It held that California election laws which dictate that the LP organize itself according to the election code plan written for another party (the Peace and Freedom Party) are unconstitutional. The Court said that the party has a right to write its own bylaws and determine its own organizational structure.

The case was filed in 1983 by attorneys James Brosnahan and Cedric Chao, of the prominent San Francisco law firm Morrison and Foerster. The law firm handled the case without charging for its services, and the costs have been huge, since the case has been argued and briefed five times.

The co-plaintiffs in the case, with the state Libertarian Party, were several Democratic County Central Committees, and one Republican County Central Committee. The name of the case is San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee, et al v. Eu. The case also won the right for political party central committees to endorse candidates in primaries. An auxiliary lawsuit, Geary v. Renne, now pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco, is expected to win the right for party central committees to endorse candidates in non-partisan elections.

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"Proclaim Liberty," 1989 National Convention Set for Philadelphia, August 31-September 3

They say that a change of scenery is good for the soul. After four of the last five national conventions being held West of the Mississippi, the 1989 convention returns East to Philadelphia.

The dates for the **PROCLAIM LIBERTY** convention are Thursday, August 31 to Sunday, September 3. By-Laws and Platform Committees start their proceedings several days earlier.

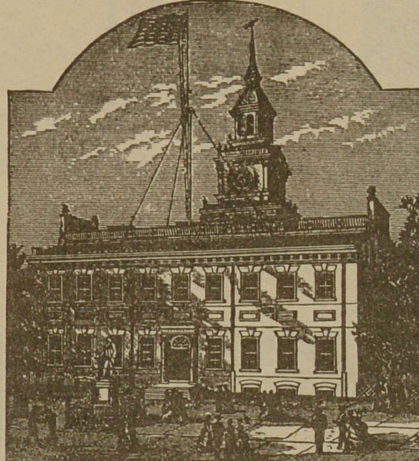
While the convention will have the usual business sessions (beginning Friday, September 1), speakers, workshops, and special events, it will be much more. The convention organizers have structured it so that there will be panels on the future of the Party held before the entire assembly. This is being done in response to numerous requests that this convention be used to determine the direction of the LP for the next decade.

In the aftermath of the 1988 election, many Libertarian activists have called for new directions for the Party. Some want to de-emphasize the presidential campaigns in favor of grassroots elections. Others want to concentrate on five "significant" congressional races. Some want to trim the National Committee and make it more of

a management body. Others want NatCom to have a representative from every state. Some fear a Party that will reach out more to the hard-money, anti-Federal Reserve crowd. Others fear that the Party will try the approach suggested by the so-called *luftmenschen*. Some seek an emotional, loving Party; others call for uncompromising advocacy of laissez faire capitalism. Such questions will be addressed in a "Strategies for the Nineties" panel to be held on Thursday. Spokesmen for the various views will be invited to participate on the panel.

Some are calling the national Chair election, and the election of other officers and the new National Committee, "the most significant in years." Rumors about potential candidates are already sending various activists to their typewriters, telephones, and lists of members with whom they might have influence.

PROCLAIM LIBERTY is, of course, inscribed on Philadelphia's Liberty Bell. Nuts-and-bolts techniques will be featured but those who crave speeches on issues and ideology will not be forgotten. The Convention Associates will sched-



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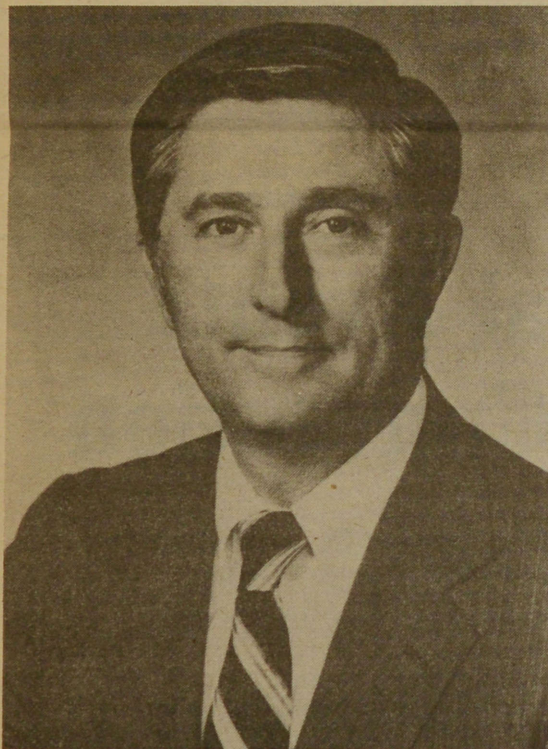
ule several sessions designed to attract non-libertarians from the Delaware Valley area. While some speakers will be the Libertarian celebrities and personalities delegates expect to hear, there will also be speakers who aren't Libertarians but who have a message Libertarians will be excited

to hear. At this early date, a schedule of speakers is still being assembled. The next LP NEWS will carry a more detailed program and speakers list.

All-in-all, this is the convention to attend if you want to participate in setting the Party's broad agenda for the 1990's. If you have never been to one, ask those who have. It's a great chance to debate with, learn with, socialize with, and enjoy life with men and women who agree with your basic views on liberty. Don't be one of those who will be saying, in October or November, that they missed one of the all-time great Libertarian events or that they wished they had been there to lend their voice to one of the goals and strategies not chosen.

A great historical city of interest to Libertarians. A great program that will have you eagerly anticipating each event. A great chance to choose the new leaders who will lead the Party in the direction you favor. A great price that won't cause you to seek a second mortgage. A great time to be had by all, whether you are a delegate, an alternate, or just a visitor.

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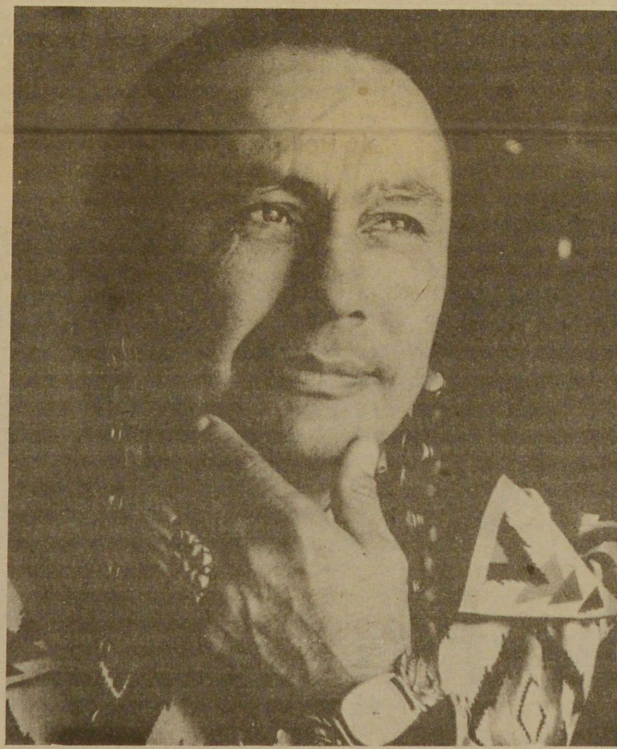
Atlantic City Excursion

The first special event of the convention is scheduled for Thursday night: an excursion to Atlantic City, New Jersey!

The casinos are the major attraction, of course, but far newer than the famous Atlantic City Boardwalk with its Steel Pier and Miss America parade, not to mention wide sandy beaches, saltwater taffy, Atlantic Ocean, and rolling chairs.

For those into games of chance, the casinos offer all the popular games—slots, roulette, blackjack, craps, and baccarat. The Associates are bargaining with a number of casinos to give \$10 in quarters free to our attendees and possibly a free food coupon, too.

After your big score at the tables, there will even be time to walk barefoot in the surf while the moon shines down on you and your honey.



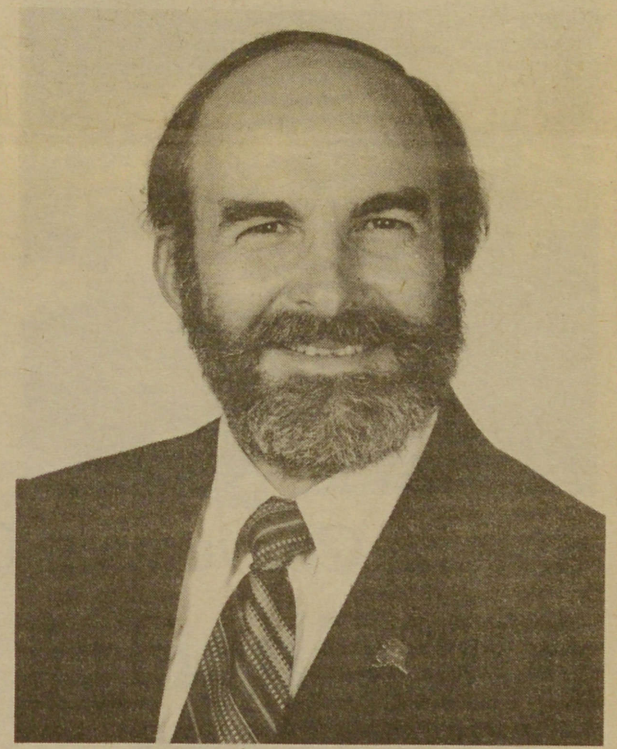
Russell Means

Exhibitors Welcome

The convention will feature the traditional Exhibit Hall where purveyors of libertarian goods, special interest groups, and think-tank educational groups can meet delegates and display their products.

Table prices are not yet available but are expected to be reasonable. PLCA believes exhibitors are an Attraction and should not "pay through the nose" in order to meet the delegates.

Choice table locations will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. To be sure of receiving information on prices and locations, those interested in exhibiting should write PLCA at P.O. Box 338, Warminster, PA 18974.

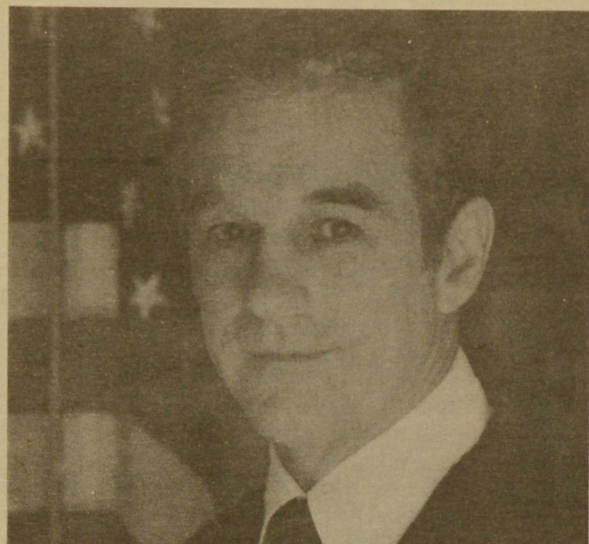


Andre Marrou

Special Torch Club Luncheon

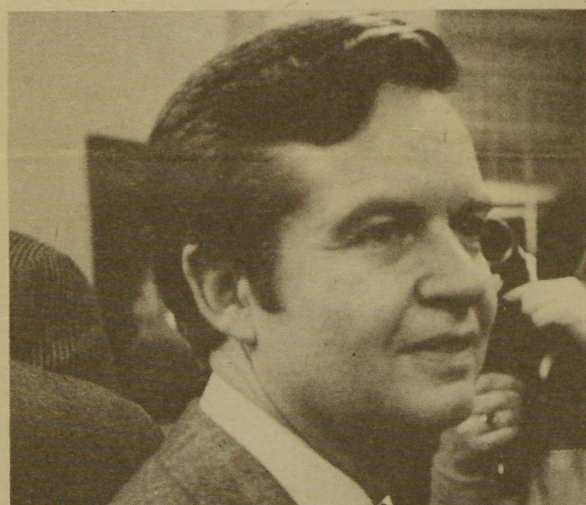
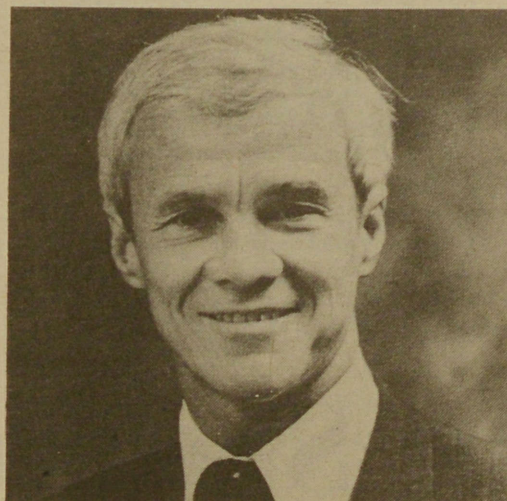
One of the special features planned for this year's national convention will be a private luncheon for the members of the Torch Club (contributors of \$1000 or more to the LP in the past year). This luncheon will feature guest appearances by a number of libertarian "luminaries" and will be held at an elegant restaurant in downtown Philadelphia near the convention site.

The "Torch Club Luncheon" has become one of the outstanding features at national party conventions and this year's promises to be a continuation of that tradition. Invitations will be mailed to "Torch Club" members from the Finance Committee.



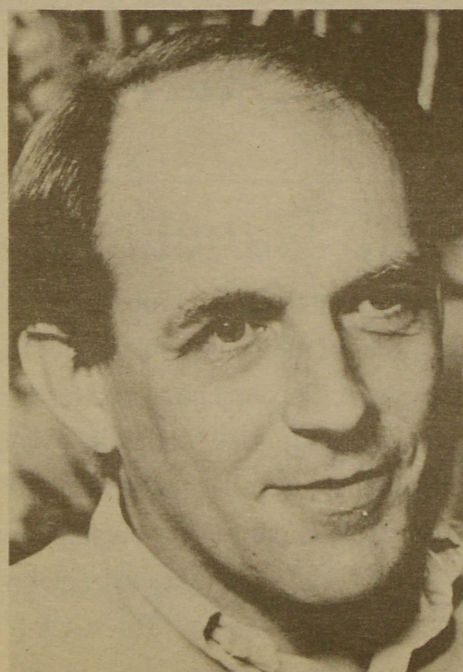
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Special Convention Guest: Mr. Charles Murray



Charles Murray

At 11:00 on Saturday the Libertarian Convention will be addressed by a man who has made a major mark in the social sciences during the 1980s. Mr. Charles Murray will speak to the entire convention and to hundreds of Philadelphia region academics and citizens on the topic "Liberty, the State, and the Poor." The author of Losing Ground, the explosive work which challenged the orthodox view of the welfare state, Charles Murray, more than any other libertarian social scientist, has become an everyday citation in the debate over U.S. domestic policy. Since 1984, it has become virtually obligatory for any book on social policy to begin by stating where the author stands on Losing Ground. Dr. Murray will also touch on the themes of his most recent book, In Pursuit of Happiness and Good Government.

The Business Of the Convention

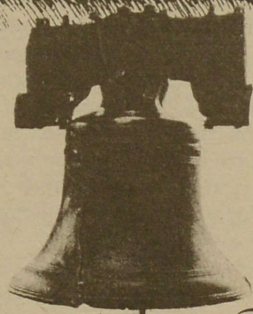
Tuesday, August 29	Meetings of the Platform Committee, and Constitution/By Laws Committee
Wednesday, August 30	Meetings of the Platform Committee, Credentials Committee, and Constitution/By Laws Committee
Thursday, August 31	Keynote Panel Presentation by the Constitution/By Laws Committee Presentation by the Platform Committee Presentation by the Program Committee
Friday, September 1	Opening of the Business Session Report of the Constitution/By Laws Committee Debate and Adoption of By Laws Proposals Report of the Platform Committee
Saturday, September 2	Debate and Adoption of Platform Special Guest: Charles Murray Adoption of Convention Program
Sunday, September 3	Election of the National Chair Election of the National Officers Election of the At-Large National Committee Members Selection by Delegates of Regional Representatives Resolutions of the Convention

Special Events Of the Convention

Wednesday August 30	Council of State Chairs Meeting National Committee Meeting SIL Banquet "Karl Hess Roast"
Thursday August 31	"War on Drugs" Panel "The Libertarian Roots...the 60's" THE ATLANTIC CITY TRIP
Friday September 1	"Our Allies in the Movement" Panel "Religion and Liberty" Panel "Libertarianism & The Media" Panel "Issues" Panel INDEPENDENCE HALL & DINNER ON THE TOWN
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Ballot Access: Petitioners Active, New Program Started

By Paul Jacob

The Battle has begun! Petitioners are already working on the ballot drive in Maryland. At the grocery stores, the colleges, the shopping centers, the parks, and the post offices there is a Libertarian presence—and this just a matter of months after the 1988 elections!

Moreover, we are now sending petitioners to begin North Carolina. We can do the North Carolina ballot drive for about \$40,000—far below the \$60,000 (or higher) price tag which has been discussed. This will qualify us for North Carolina ballot status in both 1990 and 1992. Best of all, we can do it while building both the state party and the national LP Ballot Access team. We expect to finish by Thanksgiving 1989.

Lobbying is underway in a number of states. The best news is that the Oregon ballot access bill passed out of committee and through the Oregon House unanimously! The bill will cut the petition requirement by about 25 percent, and, better yet, it reduces the vote percentage needed to retain ballot status from five percent to one percent. (The Oregon LP retained status by getting over five percent for Fred Oerther, our attorney general candidate in 1988.)

Thanks go to Paul Smith for organizing the lobbying effort and to Martin Buchanan for getting the bill introduced. As always, Richard Winger was a driving force. Additionally, Andre Marrou did a great job of testifying at the April 7 hearing.

I made calls to Oregon Libertarians to urge them to attend the April 7 hearing and to contact members of the House committee. I got an excellent response. We will contact Oregon Libertarians again to mobilize their lobbying efforts in the Senate.

A better ballot access future is not only being planned, it's being created right now.

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Let me share with you a new idea we're implementing as part of ballot access. The Ballot Access Committee has a new program that will: 1) reward party organization and activism; 2) save money; and 3) use our money twice—once for ballot access and then again for our campaigns.

The program is simple. We will pay 25 cents

per signature for signatures gathered strictly by volunteers without any other compensation. The money will be paid to the state party (15 cents as collected and 10 cents upon ballot certification.)

We will reward the very states that deserve it most, the states that go out and do the petitioning work. In the past we have done little to reward those states that do their own ballot drive without national help or at least do a large part of it. By rewarding good organization and hard work we create the very market incentives we believe in so deeply. Soon we'll have even more organization and hard work in response to this incentive.

Also, under this system we can count on the wise "second use" of ballot access funds because they will be allocated to the state parties that have already demonstrated through their ballot drive accomplishments the ability to put these resources to efficient and productive use. Isn't the market great!

Our new program will likely save money because every new volunteer signature will cost only 25 cents while paid petitioner signatures are about 65 cents each. A savings of 45 cents per signature. For every additional 1,000 signatures a state collects via volunteers, we pay them \$250 and yet we save \$400. In large states we can save as much as \$10,000.

Best of all, we can now use our ballot access dollars twice. We can purchase access to the ballot (at lower cost) and then allow our state parties to use that same dollar again to campaign and raise awareness. In the past, ballot drives too often drained funds away from campaigns, but now they can actually better our campaign and state party funding.

Needless to say, I'm very excited about this program.

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I'm also very excited about our opportunity to build a ballot access operation that will not stop and start around elections but will continually better our crucial ballot access situation. A full-time, long-term LP ballot access effort is essential and will greatly help to build the party.

The Libertarian Party has a highly successful track record in ballot access. Our all-state status in 1980 and our 47 state status in 1988 gave us

additional credibility and raised party morale. We can exploit our strength in petitioning and it's my job to see that we do. I need your help. We cannot afford to leave ballot access up to someone else.

A strong ballot access team is essential because:

1) We can't be dependent on outside petitioning companies.

In the heat of the 1988 petitioning season the reputable petition firms were stretched too thin to do any more states for us, while the Georgia Libertarian Party was robbed of over \$4,000 by an un reputable petition company. Hiring companies to petition can be a wise course in some circumstances, but it is unwise as an exclusive strategy and it's certainly not a panacea.

2) We can save money by getting on the ballot with our own people.

Our costs are virtually always lower when we use our own people as opposed to hiring an outside firm. And the savings are significant as in the case of North Carolina. Even in some states where in 1988 we flew in dozens of outsiders at great cost to beat an approaching deadline, we still had costs in line with what a company would charge.

3) We need experienced people under any ballot access scenario.

We have hired companies in the past with both success and failure. When we had no one with experience to monitor outside companies, we had failure. When we had people with ballot drive experience monitoring them and working alongside, we had 100 percent success.

Most of all, by having our own petition capability we could step in to pick up the slack when the company fell short, and where they surpassed expectations we could shift our manpower elsewhere. Petition companies can be useful and have often been used in tandem with the Libertarian Party Ballot Access team, but they are not a viable replacement.

Furthermore, a strong ballot access team builds the party because:

1) We find, train, develop, and test our own people.

Today, our national director, Nick Dunbar, and national headquarters staffer, MeMe King,

hold positions of leadership and responsibility. We felt they would do a great job because they coordinated six state petition drives between them and we saw their excellent ballot access work firsthand. In many other cases, petitioners have become campaign managers or state party executive directors following their ballot drive work.

Ballot access has been the primary way we find, train, develop, and test party leaders. There is no other LP mechanism that serves this vitally important function.

2) Libertarians do better outreach as part of petitioning.

We have found that Libertarian petitioners are much more apt to mark the names of people who want more information and get these leads to the state and national party for contact and recruiting. They are also more willing to help with other outreach or media efforts by the state parties.

3) We spend funds within the party so that dollars can be used twice.

Our volunteer petition reward system (detailed above) helps to use our ballot access dollars again to get the Libertarian message out to the public. Additionally, our paid petition effort often accomplishes a similar goal because candidates and their supporters work on ballot drives and can earn money to use in the campaign.

Many of our petitioners are college students or people between jobs who would not otherwise be able to contribute financially. I know from experience that a high percentage of petitioners do indeed contribute in this way.

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We have been petitioning for over ten years. The time has come for us to build the structure and organization necessary to tackle our ballot access restrictions. We have taken the first step by beginning now for ballot access in 1990 and 1992 and beyond.

The LP Ballot Access effort is mobilizing—petitioners are in the field and the team is coming together. We are sounding the call, not surrendering our clipboards.

We are going to give people everywhere a Libertarian choice. We need you to be a part of it.

Paul Jacob is the Libertarian Party's field coordinator.

The Program Debuts

By Steven Givot

At its 1985 national convention in Phoenix, the Libertarian Party adopted a proposal which provided for the drafting of the Libertarian Party Program for submission to each national convention.

From its inception, the Program was viewed differently from the party's Platform. The Program is to be reviewed and approved anew at each convention; the Platform is an enduring document which survives each convention unchanged unless amended. The Program is limited to no more than ten current issues; the Platform covers scores of issues, many deemed of little interest by the media. The Program is aimed at providing a libertarian approach to the issues already in the news; the Platform covers matters which are less likely to be on the minds of voters. The Program can present transitional or interim steps toward a libertarian solution; the Platform presents only the ultimate goal which a libertarian would seek.

While the Platform presents the enduring libertarian philosophy, the Program is designed to answer the questions that voters and journalists most often ask. The purpose of the Program is to provide support to our political candidates rather than to those who would study our philosophy.

The Program deals only with issues which have already been "made" important by virtue of frequent, high profile news coverage. By focusing on a few key issues, the Program relieves our candidates of the burden of convincing an audience that a topic is worthy of discussion. The candidate's limited resources are freed to present what the audience really wants to know: "What would you do in regard to this issue?"

The Program also advocates interim or transitional measures to achieve the libertarian goal. Transitional steps toward greater freedom can provide a sense that libertarians are caring people. All too often I have found that our desire to return

to a society where people are responsible for themselves is misunderstood. We are assumed to be uncaring individuals because we do not want our government to mandate that we be collectively obligated to care for others.

Transitional steps toward greater freedom can enhance our image as caring people who wish to evolve into a society where people are free and able to assume responsibility for themselves. This helps to change the image many have created of a libertarian society—one in which those who are unprepared to provide for themselves on one day find themselves starving the next.

For the past two years I have been privileged to chair the Program Committee appointed to draft the 1989 LP Program for submission to the National Committee and then to the 1989 national convention.

This summer, in Philadelphia, delegates to the national convention will have an opportunity to discuss, debate, and (hopefully) adopt the first Libertarian Party Program as a tool to help our candidates in the 1990 elections.

On behalf of the Program Committee, I urge you to get a copy of the draft LP Program at your earliest convenience. (All state chairs soon will have copies.) Read it. Understand what it is intended to be and, more importantly, what it is *not* intended to be. Discuss it with others, particularly those who are not libertarians. Gauge their reactions in order to assess its potential effectiveness.

Those who worked to adopt provisions for a Program were motivated by a strong sense that the Libertarian Party is—first and foremost—a political organization. To be effective in politics, the party must be able to meet the needs of the marketplace in which it operates. The principal distributors of our product are the media. The Program provides our candidates with an effective tool to deliver our message to our distributors. The end consumers of our product are voters. The Program provides our consumers with answers to the questions that *they* care about.

By Nick Dunbar

One of the most common misconceptions that I've encountered since coming to DC is the belief that I can just scrap systems that aren't working to desired standards and install new ones. I wish it were that simple.

The reality is that this operation is comprised of highly interdependent parts. Changing any one aspect affects several other areas of operation. For example, a change in our direct mail operation affects the results of our tele-fundraising operation, or a change in our outreach program may affect the work of the membership committee. Therefore, it is important to build a consensus. This takes time.

Our information systems are even more highly interrelated with several functions using the same database. To change a set of reporting parameters can be to change them all.

A general system "clean-up," the merging of many specialty programs into a few general programs, is currently in progress and scheduled for completion by May 10. Also, we expect to have some documentation in place to show us what the system does. When this project is completed we will be able to perform absolutely nothing new, but we should be able to do it a little faster. This project is a consolidation and stepping stone to ease future improvements.

Our future improvement is networking. We have already installed the hardware and the basic programming, the finished product is scheduled for completion at the end of May. In an effort to do too much, too fast, the network was installed prior to the completion of the clean-up, only to discover that networking would complicate the clean-up work and vice-versa. The networking project has thus

been put on hold until clean-up is completed.

Once the network project is completed I expect to see substantial improvements in productivity at HQ. If funds can be secured to purchase a third terminal for the director's desk, productivity can be further improved.

I mentioned earlier that I couldn't just scrap a malfunctioning system and replace it. I would like to add that I can't just stop and fix

it either. The LP is a high overhead service business. We have to provide the best service we can each day. Stopping does not reduce our costs, it only reduces our income.

Any improvements made at the national office are in addition to our daily routine. The staff has been putting in extra hours trying to gain control of the workload. Progress is being made, but the victories are hard fought.

We are now tracking several aspects of our direct mail projects. Systems are in place to produce weekly reporting on the response to our fundraising and prospecting letters. Data from these tracking systems are helping us to better gauge our projected cash flow and determine the optimal investment level for prospecting projects.

We are also tracking results of our monthly renewal mailings. The information to date indicates that we can save over one-third of the cost of our renewal program (savings of over \$100 per month) by moving to a 45-day cycle instead of the present 30-day cycle.

I appreciate being notified when things go wrong. If I had known they were wrong, I wouldn't have done them that way. I also appreciate the patience and forbearance shown me when the problem is not fixed the next day. The officers of the LP have been a lot more understanding and helpful than I had been led to expect they would be.

From the
Director

A group of libertarian activists in Sacramento have formed "Call To Action," a political action committee whose purpose is to act on legislation that affects free markets, free enterprise, free trade, and a free society. The group's focus will be the California State Assembly. Call 415-881-5846 for more info.

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Tom Barton, of LP New Hampshire, wants all his friends to know about libertarianism. Barton made a list of about 300 names—friends and business acquaintances—and is approaching each one individually to discuss our issue. If they express interest, Barton forwards their name to LPNH. Already, 76 information packets have been sent out thanks to Barton's one-man recruitment effort. Follow Barton's lead and make your list today—think of the possibilities.

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Cincinnati Libertarians are forming a "SWAT" team to get quick action on current problems.

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The "Metro-Detroit Libertarian" newsletter quotes editorial writer Warren T. Brookes of the *Detroit News*: "Fortunately the information revolution sweeping the world today will have the effect of decentralizing government power back to the individual and away from statist politicians. The personal computer means that more and more the world economy is in our hands. Individual power and Self-Government are the wave of the future." It looks like the Detroit Libertarians are getting the word out!

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The Montgomery County (MD) Libertarians have formed a group of "Media Liberators." The group will "consist of hard-core libertarians who are not afraid of a little media exposure. We will search out every opportunity to express LP views, especially the occasions where the media will already be present." Even those members who don't want exposure can get involved behind the scenes.

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The Florida LP has a new affiliate—Hillsborough County (Tampa area). Activist Harry Reid has been hosting libertarian potluck dinners every month in his home for years, and now has decided to form a formal group. Call 813-725-2777 to join up.

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A local chapter of the League of Women Voters publishes a "Directory of Public Officials" for southwest Ohio. It also lists political party addresses and phone numbers. Jim Berns simply gave them a call, and this year's directory now includes the LP.

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Ed Merrill, of the Colorado LP, has written a proposal for privatizing snow removal in the Denver metro area. His plan is now being reviewed by the city council and other city departments. Keep

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in Richmond, VA, has followed a plan similar to Springer's and the two have forged a special relationship. (The Libertarian International's house, also a celebratory landmark for all libertarians in the area, also shelters one of the movement's more productive pamphlet shops.)

Because Springer, 48, is very fully employed as a UPS deliveryman, he has found little time lately for reading. To make up for it, he has hired Jim Ellwood, at Libertarian International, to record libertarian books onto cassettes which he can read as he works the back roads of a rural area near Raleigh.

Also, he sends duplicates of any books obtained for his library to the Libertarian International.

His favorite book lately is Jason Alexander's "Ayn Rand, Libertarians, and the Fifth Revolution." In fact, his discussion group is now called the Ayn Rand-Jason Alexander Discussion Group in honor of the very dynamic and often unorthodox elaborator of Randian and libertarian philosophy.

As for the party-building impact of the Springer drive, energy, and house (a small liberty land), virtually every one connected with the North Carolina Libertarian Party can trace their involvement to an event at the Springer house.

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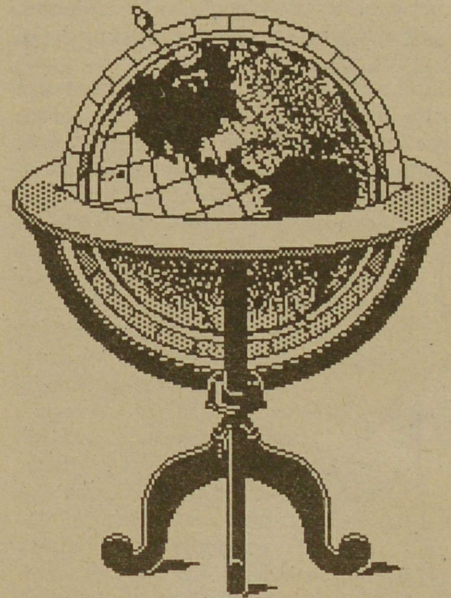
The LP of Texas/Dallas County is offering to extend a member's subscription to their newsletter for six months if the member gets a "pro-libertarian letter printed in a Dallas area newspaper." They call their program "Liberty Letters."

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The South Carolina LP has been very active: issuing a zoning primer entitled "Zoning, What It Is, What It Does, What It Doesn't," protesting seatbelt and child care laws in front of the state house; and running Tim Moultrie for North Augusta city council, to name a few items.

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Around the States



Three members of the Guardian Angels spoke at a recent meeting of the Northwest (IL) Libertarian Club. The Angels said, according to the "Illinois Libertarian" newsletter, that they "mean business and make it much more difficult for punks to make a hit when they are around."

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Liberty Northwest is a new 24-hour a day libertarian computer bulletin board located in Oregon. If you'd like to contact them, call 503-635-5948.

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Also from the great northwest comes a Citizen's Alert! That's the name of a new popular TV series on TCI Cable channel 34 in the Eugene/Springfield, OR area. The weekly program is produced by LP members in Washington County and focuses on bills that are currently before the state legislature.

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One more media note from out Portland, OR way. Steve and Mikkie Buckstein are moderating a non-political radio talk show for two hours every Saturday afternoon on KKEY, 1150 AM. Although the station didn't want the show identified as "Libertarian," any subject in good taste is invited for discussion—and what could taste better than freedom.

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Brian Marrs notes in a "Libertarian Review" column in "The Abolitionist," newsletter of the Contra Costa (CA) Libertarians, that two songs with libertarian themes have been on the charts recently. *My Prerogative* by Bobby Brown and *Stand by Me* by R.E.M. Give them a listen if you get the chance.

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And now for a series of campus notes...

The Libertarian Alliance is officially a new club on the campus of San Francisco State University. The founder is Michael Lane, who can be contacted at 415-338-3685.

Bad news from Arizona...according to "The Arizona Libertarian" newsletter, the LP at Arizona State University "has been denied re-registration on the grounds that the organization's statement of purpose was not serious. The group stated on its re-application form that its purpose was to 'rid the country of useless bureaucratic forms such as this.'" The Arizona chapter of the ACLU has sent a letter to the school protesting the action. Meanwhile, Jerry E. Ellison, Jr., head of

the ASU Libertarians has been trying to meet with school officials—no calls returned, unable to schedule appointment—before re-applying.

But good news from New Hampshire where Jacob Levy, LPNH's youngest member at age 17, has "successfully petitioned the student government to recognize and fund a Libertarian Club" at his school, Phillips Exeter Academy in Andover, NH, according to "Libertarian Lines," the high-class newsletter of LPNH. Before the November election, both Ron Paul and Andre Marrou spoke at the school, and Marshall Fritz is scheduled to speak at a school assembly soon. Levy asked for anyone with ideas for club activi-

Yo, Yuze Better Learn to Tawk

If yuze (you) are coming to Filufya (Philadelphia) yuze might want to tawk (talk) like a Filufyan or yuze won't be unnerstood (understood).

The Convention hotel is downtown, so at the airport signal for a cab and say, "Yo, I wanna go Senna Ciddy." (Excuse me, sir, I want to go to Center City.) Becuze (because) it ain't (is not) football season, the cabbie won't axe (ask) yuze about the Iggles (Eagles), but he may mention the Phillis, who are engaged in a titantic struggle with the Cubs for last place in the NL East.

At the hotel, they'll check yiz (you and your party) in. In the Kawfee (Coffee) Shop, the waitress will axe "What'll yuze have, Hon?" She won't be offended if yiz call her "Hon" either. There will proly (probably) be a glass of eyes (ice) wudder (water) already at your table. If you have the time, visit the liberry (library) and a few mooseems (museums).

Don't forget to look both ways before yiz step off the curve (curb). The fixture in your bathroom where you wash up is called a zink (sink). "Yo" is used to get anyone's attention, and "downashore" is the New Jersey Lantig (Atlantic) beaches.

Yo, itsa lotta fun here so bring someone widges (with you).

Miss America Reads Rand

Does anyone out there happen to know Gretchen Elizabeth Carlson, the 1988 Miss America? Who cares? Well, when interviewed in the *Chicago Tribune*, she gave the following answer to the question of what book she has been recommending lately: *The Fountainhead*, by Ayn Rand.

U.S. Number One in Citizens Behind Bars

By Glen Riddle

I have sent letters to about a hundred embassies and foreign governments requesting prison population statistics—several countries responded. Interpol in St. Cloud, France and the government of New Zealand were the two most helpful. Surprisingly, the director of the South African Department of Justice has sent me the last two annual Verslag reports containing their statistics.

It should be shocking and embarrassing to every real American to learn the U.S. now has the highest relative penal inmate population. This situation has developed very suddenly.

Country	Inmates/100,000 population
U.S.	350
South Africa	330
Israel	204
Thailand	170.3
New Guinea	141.4
Macau	139
Turkey	139
South Korea	125.9
Fiji	119.4
Singapore	110.2
United Kingdom	96.5
Germany	92
Malta	26.3

I have sent out over a hundred articles similar to this one, but no one yet has actually published this information. (Some have said they would, but didn't.) Perhaps they didn't like the libertarian ideological message, I don't know.

But I did notice that just before the election the Associated Press issued a news release stating our total inmate numbers were 800,000, and that South Africa and the USSR were still higher than us. The truth is the AP was using three-year-old figures, and USSR figures are pure speculation—they are not available.

I believe our record inmate population is a made-to-order libertarian issue.

ties or speakers to call him at 603-778-8981. Why not give one of our younger members a little support and encouragement.

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Out in California, Clark Marley, an avid motorcyclist and region 65 chair in the LPC, has formed TEAM LIBERTY. According to the "California Libertarian News," Marley plans to "contact as many motorcyclists, dealerships, repair shops, and parts stores as possible and let them know that our state Party Platform now includes the words: 'We Oppose Laws Mandating Motorcycle Helmet Use.'" If you want to join TEAM LIBERTY or get information, call Marley at 213-695-1979.

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Harry J. Thode, writing in the LP of Nebraska newsletter, offers seven guidelines for party members. Among them is to "avoid this 'Libertarian Leninism' that in the past has seemingly been prevalent in the party. We must show preferably through action that we are willing to accept a diversity of thought in the party."

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"Virginia Liberty" newsletter carries a letter to editor Marc Montoni from Lem Nash, a member of the VLP serving on board the USS Okinawa. The letter outlines some examples of government waste Nash has observed while on duty. Nash closes his letter with "best wishes, and confusion and damnation to government!" From his letter it's clear that government is plenty confused already.

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An recent editorial in the *South Side (MO) Journal* was titled "State should knock down ballot barriers." The editorial urged an easing in the state ballot access laws. In part, the editorial read, "The law also will keep the Republicans and Democrats from monopolizing the ballot...No one is harmed by the free flow of ideas or by the airing of new political voices." Our St. Louis Libertarians must be getting their message through.

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The LP of Nevada is pushing an RSVP project to its members. RSVP stands for register, subscribe, volunteer, and pledge.

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The LP of Washington State is preparing a LP "Legislative Agenda" to clearly state where the LPWS stands on such issues as education, taxes, and drug laws. Copies of the Agenda will be sent to all state legislators.

Toastmasters: Everyone Should Join

By David Bergland

My first visit to a Toastmasters meeting was illuminating, and humbling. It occurred in early 1987, well after my tour as the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, during which I had given hundreds of speeches and thousands of interviews. In that campaign, I took speech training and studied books on communication, all of which helped. I thought of myself as a reasonably competent communicator of libertarian views to the uninitiated public.

Marshall Fritz, president of the Advocates for Self-Government, Inc., had been telling me that Toastmasters would make anyone a better public speaker and, since I was still doing speaking on behalf of the LP, I decided to check it out by visiting a club in my community. Upon my arrival, at 7 am, a friendly person welcomed me with a handshake and introduction, took me around to meet the other members, and told me that first time visitors got a free breakfast. (Compare my experience to that of the first time visitor to a libertarian gathering.) But the real eye-opener was yet to come.

At every Toastmasters club meeting a number of events occur, but the main point is that three or four members give short speeches. I was amazed. At my first meeting, I saw four speakers perform; every one of them was better, substantially so, than 95 percent of the libertarian speakers I had ever seen!

These people were not professionals. They were business people and housewives. What they shared was a desire to improve themselves as communicators, for a variety of personal and professional reasons. They had found a way to accomplish that and it was quite obviously working well for them. I signed up immediately, have attended regularly since, and have been rewarded immeasurably.

Toastmasters and Libertarians have much to offer each other. As Libertarians with a desire to bring new members into the party and to become better communicators and candidates, nothing offers a better opportunity than participation in Toastmasters. Let's look more closely at the various benefits.

Growth as a Speaker and a Person

The purpose of toastmasters is to help members develop as public speakers and it is marvelously successful at doing so. After decades in the business, the Toastmasters system is a proven producer. Most people join either because they feel a professional need, or to overcome shyness and fear of public speaking. I am sure some of both motivations apply for just about everyone.

Clubs meet weekly and follow a format which involves everyone in some speaking function. Those who are the "speakers" for the day, usually four, are limited to seven to ten minutes. Can you imagine a libertarian speaker giving a short, cogent, entertaining, and informative speech in seven minutes? Thousands of other people do at Toastmasters meetings every week. Libertarians can learn this skill too. I did.

The development process is based on friendly support and constructive evaluation. They evaluate you and you evaluate them. Everyone wants to help the other improve his or her skills. You are guided by manuals which show you how to write and develop speeches on topics of your own choosing and which teach different skills, such as organization, language usage, vocal variety, and gestures.

For Libertarians, who tend to be introverted, perhaps the greatest benefit is becoming more outgoing. The Toastmasters experience involves interacting with people and learning why that's important. You get to know the people in your

club and realize they are OK, even if they aren't libertarians—yet. You also realize that you are accepted as normal and OK, even if your ideas are not in the mainstream—yet. The self confidence which comes from developing as a quality speaker is buttressed by your growing awareness that you can get along very well in the company of non-libertarians. It's even fun.

Candidate Training

I propose the following rule for LP candidates: No one should be a candidate without participation in Toastmasters.

In the past, I have conducted candidate speaker training for libertarians, usually workshops of one or two day duration. Those were valuable for the participants, but could only provide a basic introduction. Unless unusually self-motivated, most people don't practice the skills after the workshop is completed. Membership in Toastmasters provides a context for weekly practice and skill development. That's what it takes. Like an athlete, you need regular workouts and competition to stay sharp.

Toastmasters is particularly suited for candidates. A regular portion of the meetings is impromptu speaking. You are called on to respond to a question or statement and speak for no more than two minutes on the topic. When you are scheduled to give a prepared speech, your time is limited. But, you select the topic, so you can work on presenting libertarian views on the issues in the limited time which is typically available to candidates. Toastmasters also encourages and rewards "outside" speeches, that is, to other groups. Thus, you have motivation and opportunity to prepare and give somewhat longer speeches to service clubs and other organizations.

Recruiting New Libertarians

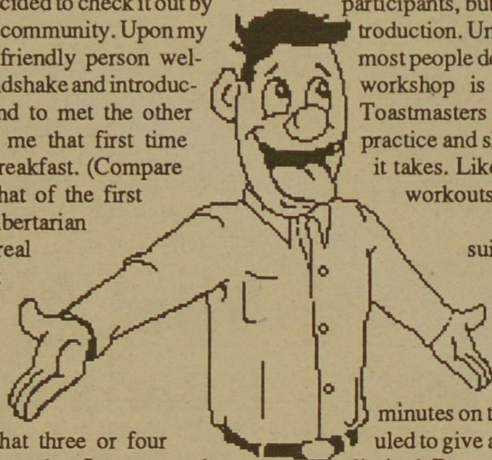
When I joined Toastmasters, my motivation was self-improvement, not recruitment. But, as the other club members became acquainted with me and my libertarian background, several of them quickly made it clear that they were well disposed in that direction and after some time and more interaction, they proudly call themselves "libertarians." Others, as a result of my speeches and the friendships developed, are much more knowledgeable about and accepting of libertarian views.

This should not be a surprise. Salesmanship is more the selling of oneself rather than the product. If I'm OK, what I have to sell is probably worth considering. My fellow Toastmasters know me as one of them, a friend and contributor to their development. It would be surprising if they were not willing to give my political views a fair hearing. And, since libertarianism does make good sense when it is given a fair hearing, I've done pretty well in moving my fellow club members in the libertarian direction.

So, here's another rule I propose: Every LP member should find a Toastmasters club and become active in it. There is probably no easier way to contact potential new libertarians in a context which makes it easy to give them the information they need and to help them decide to act on it. And all of this, while you watch yourself develop as a confident public speaker on behalf of liberty. It's hard to imagine a better example of serendipity.

How do you find a Toastmasters club? It should be easy. There are thousands of them. Look in the telephone book. If there is no listing in your community, you can inquire at Toastmasters International, P.O. Box 10400, Santa Ana, CA 92711, 714-542-6793, and they will send you a list of the clubs in your vicinity. Do it today. You have nothing to lose but your fear, shyness, and sense of being alone as a libertarian.

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Ballot Access Corrections

Thanks to all the good people who wrote or called to point out glitches in my article on ballot access in the last Libertarian Party NEWS. Who says Libertarians don't care about this issue?

I wrote my piece from scribbled notes made during those chaotic months of our ballot drive, and should have shown it to the dedicated Richard Winger and some of our other BAC mavens.

Please note these qualifications: 1) The North Carolina signature requirement was raised drastically, but that happened substantially before our drive; 2) In Missouri, although the law is—as Richard [Winger] notes—"outrageously discriminatory and illogical," he feels it was clear. Others in Missouri felt it was murky; 3) In Nebraska, aside from all our agony, believe it or not, we did encounter a fair official: "The Secretary of State bent over backwards to be nice to us," noted Richard [Winger]; 4) In Wyoming, a petitioner who was arrested said that some of the state officials were very sympathetic toward our struggle against the bureaucracy.

Thanks again for the comments and corrections, and for all the help. Richard Winger notes that he is "very happy with the work the national BAC is doing this year." Paul Jacob and I are working hard, and so are a lot of other Libertarians. But we need everyone's help to be on 50 ballots in 1992. Please join us!

Burton S. Blumert
Burlingame, CA

The More the Merrier

There are now two national Libertarian Party committees, each raising money to help with ballot access petition drives. The national party's Ballot Access Committee, headed by Burt Blumert, is an official arm of the national party. Project 51-'92, headed by Andre Marrou, is an unofficial group organized as a PAC. Each has recently sent out fundraising letters to Libertarians across the country.

There is nothing necessarily wrong with having two competing national ballot access fundraising organizations. The personnel of the national BAC, Burt Blumert and Paul Jacob, did an outstanding job with ballot access during the months of May through September 1988. In July 1988 alone, efforts by the committee collected approximately 111,000 valid signatures. No petition drive undertaken by the committee ended in failure (the problem in Missouri, which kept Ron Paul's name off the ballot, was related to candidacy forms for presidential elector candidates, not to the petition itself).

On the other hand, the personnel of the new committee, Project 51-'92, have also been doing an excellent job. Project 51-'92 has already made preliminary plans—and raised a substantial sum of money—to launch a petition drive for the Libertarian Party of North Carolina. If the party qualifies in North Carolina for the 1990 election, it will also automatically be on the ballot in 1992. Project 51-'92 has also already helped the Missouri Libertarian Party to lobby for bills in the legislature, easing ballot access.

The national Ballot Access Committee plans to launch a Maryland petition drive in March.

Each committee is working efficiently to improve our ballot access position. I urge every Libertarian to support both committees.

Richard Winger
San Francisco, CA

Keep Goals in Mind

Burt Blumert's article chastising Project 51-'92 and Andre Marrou sounds like the same LP belly-aching we heard about Ron Paul. It seems as

if some people feel that we cannot have any professionalism in the LP or we might accomplish a goal or two. Blumert merely serves to prove a point Marrou made during his campaign: We will accomplish something great in spite of ourselves.

For Mr. Blumert to suggest that Project 51-'92 give up its fund, or even a portion of it, to the LP Ballot Access Fund, merely because it is not affiliated with the national party, is laughable. I have received two mailings from Project 51-'92, and both were straightforward and honest, on quality stationery, including a reply envelope. Nothing contained in this mailing gave me the impression that they were associated with the national party. I have yet to receive something from the Ballot Access Fund requesting donations, but when and if I do, I will not hesitate to contribute.

I have met and spoken with Andre Marrou. I shook his hand and looked into his eyes. He appears to be a man of integrity and someone whom respect is given without qualm. He speaks clearly and, I believe, sincerely values his word. With the exception of Marrou, Ron Paul, and a half dozen other Libertarians, I have not met many members with whom to be impressed. Socially acceptable norms are not what impress me, but neither does socially unacceptable behavior merely for shock effect.

There are those who contend that the LP is fast becoming a radical party and should be left to remain as such and die out. I think these people fail to understand the seriousness of the fight in which we are engaged. The libertarians of Lenin's Russia and Hitler's Germany were placed before firing squads. This is not a game! The bell does not ring signalling the end of class. The fate of our country is in serious question due to Socialism, and the LP has the answer.

In the future, I believe the LP will appear in historical documentations. Will it be a favorable rendition of our fight and victory or a dismal account of our failure? While we pettily fight among ourselves, we discourage those in the party who are achieving success, but more importantly, we are condemning our children and grandchildren (and perhaps their grandchildren) to continue this life of slavery.

Where is our organization? Where is our devotion to the pursuit of liberty at any cost? Will we forfeit all our dreams for a better future because we cannot agree to work together in a civilized fashion? For the sake of all mankind, I sincerely hope we can straighten our priorities.

I would encourage everyone in the LP to support Project 51-'92 and many of the other events and drives working toward the cause of liberty. Don't shy away just because they are not associated with the party. It is the goals to keep in mind, not party lines. These projects are real and happening today.

Roger C. Menner
Richmond, VA

Candidacy Announcement

It is time for a change!

With this letter, I am announcing my candidacy for the Libertarian Party's nomination for the Presidency of the United States in 1992.

If nominated as your party's leader, I will personally guarantee the following:

- I will not run for the President of the United States;
- I will not support expensive and time consuming petition drives;
- I will not encourage or support Libertarians who run for offices they cannot win;
- I will not blame the press for poor coverage;

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Kansas Libertarians Take to the Air

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gun control; minimum wages; foreign aid; ballot access laws in Kansas; how to promote sound economic development; and congress. Upcoming programs will examine education and other current issues.

The idea for the program was slow to implement because many Wichita radio stations were reluctant to have anything to do with this extraordinary program concept. We wanted more than the 30 or 60 seconds of air time. We were promoting ideas, not soap or mouthwash, so we were by definition controversial. We weren't from some professional advertising agency, and our skill at writing and delivering scripts was unknown. From the station's perspective there was a risk to doing business with us, which had to be overcome by persistence and patient reasoning.

It also took some negotiating. There were several requirements for this program. They were:

1) It had to be within our budget, and we wanted a commitment of time from the station. Our air time costs us \$15 a minute. It took a great deal of effort to get this rate. It is justified due to the length of our agreement which is one year, with a quarterly payment of \$585. So far approximately \$700 has been raised to support this program from Sedgwick County libertarians. A re-broadcast rate of \$25 for an additional three minutes on Sunday was negotiated, but we haven't been able to afford it yet. This rebroadcast would allow us to reach a somewhat different audience, too.

2) The program airs at a reasonable time, which can't be pre-empted by special events. This was one of the hardest obstacles to overcome. KNSS, besides being news-talk, also emphasizes sports. They heavily broadcast local college and high school basketball and football games. They also broadcast Wichita's professional soccer and minor league baseball games. So early evening times were unavailable. Network broadcasts couldn't allow a three minute gap for commercials, so those time slots were unavailable. That's how Saturday morning was selected. "Libertarian Perspective" follows the national news at 11 am and preceeds a local call-in talk show. It is critical that the program air at the same time. It has become a regular fixture. The longer it is on, the more credibility and response we

will be able to receive from it.

3) We had some libertarians in Wichita with the writing and speaking skills to pull this program off. Without their dedicated efforts, this program would have remained just an unfulfilled idea.

4) This is a great idea for a year-round program. It means that the voice of advocates of individual rights can regularly be heard.

5) When approaching potential donors we will be able to provide graphic evidence of our activities and our message on a credible medium.

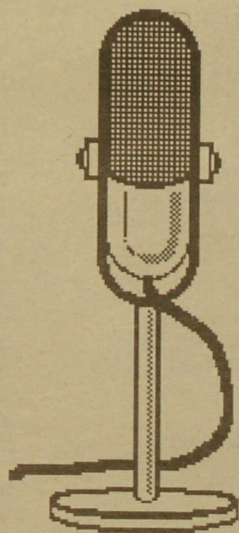
The benefits from this program are well worth the expenses involved. It allows us to reach a significant segment of the public which we would not ordinarily reach. It gives us a platform for promoting libertarian ideas locally.

This is an excellent promotional tool during a non-election year. This year the Republicans and Democrats aren't buying commercials. We are the only political party buying air time. This gives us a platform which is in one aspect better than the platform elected officials receive. During "Libertarian Perspective" we have three minutes of uninterrupted air time, and we do the editing. We don't have to worry about being quoted out of context. We receive more than a 30 second sound bite.

Transcripts from each program are being printed for distribution to Kansas libertarians, the Kansas news media, and to influence elected officials. It is playing an important role in trying to influence the legislature to drop additional ballot access restrictions. We will also be using this platform to work with the local firearms association in opposing gun control laws. The program gives us a platform which must be respected. It also gives our organization credibility in Kansas.

Naturally, we don't want to limit this program just to Wichita. If the financial and volunteer resources are available, we would like to broadcast on other Kansas radio stations. Inquiries have already been made to several stations outside the Wichita market.

Fundraising for this program will be necessary, but once again the transcripts will be used to promote the program. If you would like to help promote "Libertarian Perspective," please send contributions to: Libertarian Party of Kansas, P.O. Box 3735, Wichita, KS 67201. For a donation of \$10 or more LPK will send you a set of our first seven transcripts.



Letters to the Editor

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and

• I will not blame the voters for not understanding our position.

We will act positively, however, in the following ways:

• We will determine the party's objective to be for a libertarian society;

• We will support local libertarian causes that can be won, starting by helping gain the initiative and referendum process from state and local governments;

• We will start a library function that collects, stores, and disseminates information about how local causes are won and lost;

• We will start a voter research and development function that will do basic research into the most important and widespread issues and develop generic programs that can be adapted for fighting on local levels;

• We will tie-in more closely with Libertarian International to encourage the above functions on a worldwide basis;

• We will start a public relations function for disseminating information about our victories and objectives, inviting new members and contributions; and

• As we become successful, we will become a party for realists and winners.

Thank you. I look forward to your support.

K.C. Blair
Lahaska, PA

Missed Missouri

Yes, we do mind being omitted!

So for the record...please...

The southwest corner of Missouri (oops), which lies tightly within the grip of Republicans, did have two Libertarian candidates in 1988.

Rob Lurvey, candidate for 7th congressional district versus an extremely popular Republican, and I [Mary Lou Graham] for state representative versus another Republican. Rob represented us well in the only debate in which he was ALLOWED! I received 12 percent...of the vote where females never dare to tread...

To the efforts of Rob, Mark Snowberger, and Tom Hanna...who helped collect over 5,000 signatures...I thank you.

If our own party cannot recognize such effort

SCLP Misplaced In Yellow Pages

Reporting at the March meeting of the South Carolina LP executive committee, vice-chairman Bill Griffin told the members that the telephone company had listed them in the yellow pages under "associations," not "political parties."

Speculation ensued as to whether media bias in favor of the Democrats and Republicans is concealing from the public, and thus from the yellow page printers, that there are other political parties. South Carolina holds the national record for being carried by neither of the so-called two major parties, not to mention the times carried by other political major parties, such as the Federalists.

Of the 51 presidential elections, one in 1788 had no parties, and one in 1864 was not held in South Carolina. Third-party candidates carried the state in 1832, 1836, 1860, and 1948. In recent years, Republicans finished third in 1944, 1948, 1952, and 1956, while the Democrats finished third in 1968. Federalists carrying South Carolina include George Washington in 1792 and Charles C. Pinckney in 1808.

Meanwhile, South Carolina Libertarians are spreading the word that they do have a telephone, 803-755-2405, with an answering device if no one is there to take the call.

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and success...we will just do it ourselves.

If any Libertarian cannot give FIVE BIG HOURS A WEEK...well, then...?

Mary Lou Graham
Joplin, MO

NES

Thank you for your mention of my interest in the News Election Service's role in reporting election results. I want to make it clear that I am not currently "spearheading" anything regarding legal action against either NES or the major networks.

During November 1988, I did provide NatCom officers and representatives with information regarding NES and a suit being brought against them by the Populist Party. I urged that the possibility of either joining that suit, or initiating our own, be given consideration at the (then upcoming) December 3 NatCom meeting. I was unable to attend the meeting, but was informed by a participant that Bill Hill (LP Counsel) had researched the issue and advised against the LP taking any legal action.

Further, reports in various publications suggested that a great deal of the committee's attention, at that Oklahoma City meeting, was directed toward the latest manifestation of the perpetual LP internal power struggle. It is my understanding that the NES matter was never formally considered. I have, since that time, done further investigation into the question of election reporting and the role of NES. For those who are interested, the information appeared as an article in the May issue of *Liberty* magazine.

Thank you to those around the country who took the time to send clippings and describe how their local media reported the results of the November election. My Freedom of Information Act request regarding the role of the Justice Department in the formation of the News Election Service has inched its way up the list and some information should be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

Margaret M. Fries
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