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Lou Montesi and the Sinkhole

by Ralph Swanson

Libertarian principles are coming into conflict with the government octopus in a current Winter Park brouhaha. Winter Park, in case you hadn't heard, is the home of Florida's latest tourist attraction; a world class sinkhole. In case you are even less informed, a sinkhole occurs when an underground cavern full of water dries up, and the roof falls in. Winter Park's sinkhole started when a large shade tree disappeared into the earth; and continued by gobbling up grass, streets, one hapless residence, a few expensive sports cars, a pickup truck with camper, and so on. It's bigger than a football field, and people LOVE to get as close as possible to the edge and peer in. The crowds even have an international flavor; the sinkhole is a planet-wide celebrity.

Our victim, one Lou Montesi, entrepreneur, is the owner of "The Pawn Shop", a business fronting on one of the streets temporarily closed when the hole sank. He decided to make a lemonade out of his lemon, laid in a supply of pictures of the hole, and had T-shirts made with appropriate sinkhole slogans, with the intention of setting up shop on a vacant lot near the hole.

Enter the villain, stage left. When Lou went to a meeting of the City Commissioners of Winter Park to request permission to set up a stand on a vacant lot next to the hole, they informed him that the zoning was wrong for that property. He then asked where the zoning was correct and when they told him he said, "Well, I'll move my tables over there". The City official replied, "You can't do that, you'd have to have a permanent building to house your business". So Lou went back to selling his merchandise from his shop - about a half a block from the hole.

Then the City proceeded to erect a tent on property similar to that from which they had barred Mr. Montesi, and to use City employees to sell pictures identical to the ones he had in stock. (Of course the City

didn't apply for a zoning variance or zoning reclassification, or for any occupational or vendor's license).

Along about this time, Lou, whose pressure had been rising dramatically, popped his cork. He protested to the City Commission that they were engaged in unfair competition. After all, they had no rent, and since the city workers were on the payroll anyhow, they had no wages, utilities, or other related expenses in their foray into the souvenir selling game. The City responded by having Boy Scouts instead of firemen sell the pictures - not what you would call an overwhelming capitulation.

Enter our hero, Laurence James Pino, attorney, stage right. Larry, known to Libertarian activists as "one of us", is chairman of the ACLU in Central Florida. He agreed to represent Mr. Montesi at another meeting of the Winter Park City Commission. His intent was to show the patent ridiculousness of a governmental entity setting up a roadside stand and getting into the street-vendor business. The meeting's ambience deteriorated somewhat when one of the Commissioner's launched into a scurrilous and perhaps libelous attack on Mr. Montesi and his past history.

Lou, thoroughly irritated by this time, fired off a few angry retorts, and our hero, Mr. Pino,

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Dotti Swanson Appointed First LPF Executive Director

by Ellen Drake

At its first business meeting on July 11, the new Executive Committee of the LPF cast a vote in favor of a more professional approach to politics by appointing Dorothy L. Swanson to be the first Executive Director in the party's history.

I first met Dorothy Swanson when we were both hospitalized in July of 1979 and shared a room for a week. Dotti and I both went to surgery on the second day of my stay and it was during our recuperation that we became friends. Several months passed, however, before I learned about her passion for politics.

Ms. Swanson had enjoyed a long and successful career as a political activist for the Republican Party of Florida until very recently - November 1980 to be exact. Shortly after Ronald Reagan's election as President of the United States, Ms. Swanson and her husband Ralph, who also gave much of his time and energy in Republican politics, realized that both major parties had really merged into one - thus

fully justifying the appellation "Republicrats". Also, the Swansons decided that these Republicrats were moving rapidly away from the American Tradition of respect for individual freedom and private property, contrary to all the rhetoric from Washington. (Cont. on Page 7)

Subscribe to the Brand New/Old Florida Libertarian

This first issue of Volume Nine of the official party newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Florida, as you can see, institutes a completely new look. We are switching to a format designed to emphasize people and their activities in the LPF.

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Chairman's Column by Doug Ramsay LPF Chair

Florida law defines a political party as "Any group of citizens organized for the general purposes of electing to office qualified persons and determining public issues", (97.021 (14), Florida statutes). Associations of people may be able to bring about good results without nominating candidates, of course. What distinguishes a political party from Rotary, Cerebral Palsy, Cub Scouts, Common Cause, or the ACLU, however, is the fact that a political party runs candidates for public office.

It appears that the Libertarian Party of Florida (LPF) may be about to fulfill its purpose and destiny as a political party. Not content to be a social club that supports Libertarian presidential candidates every four years, we now have our own candidates for partisan political offices, for the first time since organization papers were filed with the Florida Secretary of State on January 3, 1975. Getting our state and local candidates on the ballot will require litigation and extensive petitioning. For the first time in the history of the Party, we are making the effort and have reasonable odds of succeeding.

Running candidates is a necessary step in our effort to bring about a libertarian society as well as being a focal point for our political efforts and our social gatherings. It is the most important thing we can do to strengthen the LP and advance its philosophy in Florida. Our political campaigns will help us convince others of the rightness of our goal of changing the U.S. (and the rest of the world). Our goal is a voluntary society where initiating force against your fellow man to get what you want is not permitted, not even when you act through the government, regardless of how good you may consider your cause to be. By winning elections, we can put government to work at its highest and best purpose, namely, expansion of human liberty through elimination of force and fraud. In a free society, government cannot be allowed to violate the rights of human beings through initiation of force such as taxation, conscription, victimless crime laws, and "regulatory" laws designed to limit competition and reduce free choice at the expense of some for the benefit of others.

To restore the American Dream, we need gladiators for the cause of liberty! So far, two Florida Libertarians have decided to take on that challenge as LPF candidates in Florida's 1982 elections. In addition to seeking additional candidates for public office, I am looking for

county chairs pro tempore who people can contact in their home county for information about the LP and its activities. Please do your part. If you are interested in being appointed county chair in your area, contact me at 45 N.E. 95th Street, Miami Shores, FL 33138, or call (305) 757-4956.

New Ex-Com Working Hard

by Albert Zlabinger

Within minutes after being elected at the May 23-24 Annual Convention at the Lee Road Howard Johnson's in Orlando, members of the 1981-82 Executive Committee of the LPF began their work. Although that first "working session" lasted only forty minutes and dealt primarily with house-keeping chores, it is a sign of the dynamism and dedication that characterizes the new leadership in the LPF.

Many things were accomplished in 1980. However, all energies had to be dedicated to the hard Ballot Access Petition Drive until early August, and thereafter, the Ed Clark Campaign consumed all that was available in the way of "motive power". Both Ed and Alicia made successful campaign swings thru Florida in September and October. The "Alternative '80" nationally televised fundraising event was held in four locations despite the very short lead time we had, and a respectable amount of money was raised. As a result of the 1980 efforts, the new Ex-Com has a strengthened LPF membership and a significantly expanded mailing list with which to work.

All the positions on the Executive Committee were filled in contested elections. This can be taken as a sign of health and maturity of the LPF, particularly since no one had to be prodded into candidacy. The new LPF Chairman is Doug Ramsay of Miami Shores. Currently a pilot for PANAM, Doug holds a law degree, which proves useful in his lobbying efforts in Tallahassee. Partly as a result of his initiative, it is now possible for Florida voters to change their party affiliation by mail, a fact that many election supervisors (and Republicrats!) may not be aware of as yet. Doug served as the Clark Campaign Coordinator in Dade County, where he also organized radio spots and the putting up of Clark road signs. Along with Bob Mihm of Miami, Doug put together dinners and press interviews for Ed Clark and housed

both Ed and Alicia during their campaign stops in Miami. According to Alan Turin, "Doug also helped reactivate the Dade County LP organization which had become moribund."

Kim Daniels was elected Vice Chair in a hotly contested three-way race that required three ballots. Kim served as the State Coordinator for the Clark Campaign and was, together with her husband Fred, instrumental in securing Ed Clark a place on the ballot in Florida. Despite her duties as the mother of a charming little girl, Kim works full-time as a financial executive assistant.

The Secretary position was won by Albert H. Zlabinger of Jacksonville in a two-way race. Albert was Ed Clark's Campaign Coordinator in Duval County, and as such organized the delayed showings of the Alternative '80 program, managed the standing-room-only appearance of Ed Clark at Jacksonville University, appeared on TV twice, and together with Pete Blackwell, one of the five speakers of the LPJax Libertarian Speakers Bureau, braved three hours on a radio talk show. Albert was also the Ballot Access Drive Coordinator in Duval County. It was the dedicated help of his wife Terry, though, that eventually produced 16,000 signatures which she and their two little boys delivered to the Supervisor of Elections in three laundry baskets, during an early August downpour! Albert was away for a month at an Austrian Economics Symposium at the University of Graz in Austria. During that time, Terry had housed more than a dozen petitioners in her home and her sister's. Albert is also the new editor of this newsletter, in addition to serving as Chair of the recently launched LPJax and Director of the Jacksonville Libertarian Speakers Bureau. (See related stories elsewhere in this issue.)

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Executive Directions

by Dotti Swanson

The editor has asked me to contribute a monthly column on the current directions in which the Libertarian Party of Florida is moving.

Of course, overall policy is set by the LPF executive committee and our state chair, Doug Ramsay. But I was appointed to help in the execution of this policy and to increase the degree of professionalism in the party organization.

The people working in the party thus far have done an excellent job, but generally speaking they have all been volunteers, and naturally that's limiting. I know that as full-time Executive Director, I will be able to contribute to the effectiveness of the LPF in the political arena. I want to raise the public's level of awareness about Libertarians and Libertarianism; improve the financial position of the party; make it easy to conduct successful petition drives; and to set permanent ballot status. But most of all, I want to see Libertarians set elected to public office.

I don't think, though, that any post for Executive Director includes the responsibility of refining and developing the Philosophy of Libertarianism. I'm an organizer, even a cheerleader, but not a theorist. I'm satisfied that the Libertarian philosophy has been sufficiently sorted out to make it far and away the most effective philosophical basis from which to run any government. I know that lots of brilliant folks are busy with further refinement and clarification. So I'm confident that we've not only got a good "product", but one that is being constantly improved and made more workable. I'm here to see that the largest possible number of Florida residents come to know and think well of what we have to offer.

When I first got involved in politics, as a worker for the Republican Party, the Democrats had been in control in Florida for 100 years. I wanted to give the voters of the state another choice. Recently I've heard the two major parties referred to as the Republicrats. They are so close together in their solutions as to be almost indistinguishable. Over the years, my own thinking has become more and more libertarian, and when I finally heard of the Libertarian Party (better late than never!) I knew I had found another option.

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Central Florida Chapter LPF

by Kim Daniels - LPF Vice Chair

The Libertarian Party of central Florida has reorganized and is attracting new members from as far away as California! Admittedly, the LPCF had lain dormant for about a year, but we too are experiencing revitalization and growth that is due to the favorable exposure that the entire Libertarian Party received during the presidential campaign.

Our goals in the Central Florida Chapter are to engage in research on local issues and take appropriate action such as writing letters to the editor and calling in on various radio talk shows. Soon we hope to extend our work to state issues and the voting records of the area representatives.

Several of our members participate in the Speakers Bureau Program that was set up last

spring. In addition, we plan to cooperate in the drive to change voters' party registration.

We're even looking into having our own weekly TV show on the local cablevision station. We'll be using various formats such as panels, question & answer, guest speakers, and debates. So stay tuned!

For those who happen to be in the area or who know someone who would like to join us, our business meetings are held in the Dade Federal Savings Building at the corner of Bumby Avenue and Colonial Drive (Hwy. 50), in Orlando, on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

On the lighter side, we schedule supper club meetings at area restaurants on every 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM. For directions to next month's restaurant, please call Fred or Kim Daniels evenings at (305) 644-2243. We'd love to have you join us!

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MARION WILLIAMS, NATIONAL COORDINATOR, HAS INFORMED US THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF ALL SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATORS, NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL, AT THE CONVENTION IN DENVER. THE DATE IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH, AT 1:00 P.M. MS WILLIAMS URGES ALL COORDINATORS TO ATTEND.

(PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED)

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Clarke Hodge Running for LNC Post

by Albert Zlabinger

L. Clark Hodge, LPF member from Gainesville, informs The Florida Libertarian that he will run for the position of Regional Member of the Libertarian National Committee at the Convention in Denver. The post is currently held by Crais Franklin of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

"I am willing to put in the time and expense that it takes to do a good job," says Hodge, long-time activist, Speakers Bureau Director and former member of the LPF Ex-Com. "It would also be a great boon to Florida Libertarians to have a direct line to the LNC."

Franklin, whose two-year term as Regional Member expires this year, has announced for the office of National Vice Chair, making it the newest contested

race; he is opposed by Dallas Cooley from Virginia, who is currently the LP Treasurer. Franklin is well known to Florida Libertarians from many occasions, but is particularly remembered for his display of talent as a balladeer at the 1980 LPF Convention in Fort Myers.

"I am calling all the LPF delegates to the LP/10 Convention to ask for their support in getting me elected", Hodge said in a telephone interview, "and I try to impress upon them that it would be very much in their interest to vote for me in Denver". A dentist, Hodge was an official delegate from Florida to the 1979 LP Convention in Los Angeles and went all out during the 1980 ballot drive for Ed Clark by putting up a horde of petitioners at a motel at his own expense.

Fifteen Delegates To Go To LP/10

by Albert Zlabinger

As many as 1500 Libertarians from all fifty states and several foreign countries will gather August 26 - 30 at the Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado for the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the LP. Florida will send a contingent of fifteen official delegates and ten alternates to what promises to be the largest Annual Convention in the short history of the Libertarian Movement.

According to LP News, the official publication of the Libertarian National Committee, the event will feature a jam-packed program of fun, comradeship and learning, in addition to the working sessions designed to plan the LP's future course. Many important political decisions are faced by the LP and the Florida delegation will take an active part in making all of them.

The convention will be preceded by two days (Tuesday and Wednesday) of deliberation by the Platform and Constitution & By-laws committees. Many of the party's most prominent members will participate in these work sessions, which are open to all LP members. Two social events are scheduled for Wednesday night which are designed to introduce attendees to one another: the first is "An Evening with Murray Rothbard" and the second a cocktail party given by The Society for Individual Liberty.

Convention business will go into full swing at nine o'clock Thursday morning with a keynote address by the outgoing National Chairman and 1976 candidate for Vice President, David Bersland. A keynote panel will immediately follow Bersland's speech, and address problems currently faced by the LP from a number of diverse viewpoints.

In addition to the debate on the Platform and the Constitution & Bylaws, workshops and political panels will be held to acquaint libertarian activists with the goals of Libertarian politics and the means and strategies for their attainment. An impressive array of speakers and panels will deal with a wide variety of issues. Among them are: Libertarian Perspectives on Central America; Libertarian Approaches to Environmental Problems; Civil Liberties; Defense and Foreign Policy; and many others. Some of the most knowledgeable experts in these fields in the U.S. will participate in these events. In addition, the Association of Libertarian Feminists will sponsor a panel on libertarianism, feminism, and related political issues.

A series of in-depth workshops for libertarian activists who want to hone their political

skills has been organized by California LP activist Carolyn Felton. These workshops will cover such topics as campaign organization, precinct development, media relations, public speaking, advertising, fund raising, and dealing with the despised Federal Election Commission. Members of the LPF delegation are planning to participate in many of these training sessions and bring home the kind of "nuts-and-bolts" knowledge we so desperately need for the coming year.

The Florida delegation will help elect four national officers (Chair, Vice-chair, treasurer, and secretary), and at-large and regional National Committee members. The lobbying of candidates is expected to be intense. But there will be many opportunities for Floridians to get to know and evaluate the candidates - from floor speeches to regional caucuses to socializing in the hospitality suites.

Three candidates are vying for the position of National Chair. Two of them attended the LPF Annual Convention and left a very good impression: Alicia Clark, wife of 1980 LP Presidential Candidate Ed Clark, and Kent Guida, former Chairman of the Maryland LP, talented organizer during the Clark campaign, and currently National Membership Chair. The third candidate, John Mason of Denver, was a candidate for U.S. Congress, Colorado First District, in 1980, and received a respectable 2.2% share of the vote in a four-way race against Pat Schroeder, Democratic incumbent. John is also co-founder and interim chairman of the Coalition for a Party of Principle, a group designed to keep the LP on the straight and narrow of Libertarianism and to oppose political compromise and opportunism.

So far, only a few members of the Florida delegation have officially endorsed any of the three candidates for National Chair. They include Fred Daniels, Orlando; Chris Cummings, Orlando; and Bill Marina, Deerfield Beach; all three have come out in favor of Alicia Clark. John Mason appears to have significant potential support from some South Florida members of the delegation, but Kent Guida is also likely to get the vote of several Floridians.

For many members of the Florida delegation, LP/10 in Denver will be the first National Convention, and for most, it will be the first involvement in internal Libertarian Party politics at the national level. Whoever may win the party races, Denver promises to be an exhilarating

experience for all. Recharged with enthusiasm and filled with new knowledge, the LPF delegates will return, ready for productive and dedicated undertakings. THE FLORIDA LIBERTARIAN will feature a number of reports and individual stories by members of the LPF delegation in its September issue. Don't miss them - subscribe today!

LPJax Launch Successful

by Albert Zlabinger

The city of Jacksonville and surrounding Duval County appear to be one of the more promising areas of the state for the future growth of the Libertarian Party of Florida. Within eight weeks last summer, 16,000 signatures were collected toward the 70,000 required for Ed Clark to be on the ballot in Florida.

The local ALTERNATIVE '80 program, held on a delayed basis at the downtown Holiday Inn City Center, was attended by over 70 people and proved to be one of the few localities that actually produced a net revenue in this nationwide fund-raising event.

It was also in Jacksonville that Ed Clark experienced one of the most spectacular receptions of his entire campaign: a standing-room-only crowd of 350 gave Clark a two-minute ovation after his 1 1/2 hour talk in Gooding Auditorium at Jacksonville University. According to campaign aide David Boaz, this compared favorably with the turn-out at MIT, Princeton, or Harvard. Clark's appearance also generated good coverage by radio, TV, and newspapers.

Encouraged by these and other positive developments, Jacksonville Libertarians decided that the time was ripe for the establishment of a formal party organization. So, on July 23, a barbecue was held at the home of Albert H. Zlabinger, a professor of Economics and Finance at Jacksonville University's College of Business Administration.

Despite late-afternoon thunderstorms, which kept a large number of invited Libertarians and interested guests from attending, thirty people turned out for the celebration. The announcement of the six-member Executive Committee and a short talk by Professor Zlabinger, detailing the accomplishments and future plans of the LPF, represented the high point of the evening. (Until the hamburgers and corn-on-the-cob were served, that is.)

William H. Adams III, the attorney who brought the unsuccessful suit in 1976 to set Roser

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Register Libertarian Drive Initiated

by Albert Zlabinger

Possibly the most cost effective project initiated by the LPF Executive Committee at its July 11 meetings in Orlando is the "REGISTER LIBERTARIAN PROJECT." Florida voters aren't exactly signing up in droves quite yet, but there are encouraging first results. It is only a small step toward permanent ballot status for the Libertarian Party in Florida, which would require that 5% of the registered voters register Libertarian. According to the accounts of some who have recently reregistered as Libertarian, although they hadn't considered doing so before, the opportunity to commit such an inexpensive and peaceful revolutionary act is well worth the bother.

According to Dorothy Glisson, State Supervisor of Elections in Tallahassee, there are, as of June 1981, a total of 655 registered Libertarians in the State of Florida. The true number, however, is likely to be about 150 higher since the reported figure includes the party affiliations in only 56 of the 67 Florida counties. No explanation was available as to why a total of eleven county election supervisors could not supply the information that is gathered at taxpayers' expense. One possible reason for the small number of registered Libertarians is that voters are often discouraged by election bureaucrats from registering as anything but Republican (You won't get to vote much, darling!) and that everyone who decides to register some other party affiliation anyhow is very often lumped together under the heading "Independent."

Well, this situation will change shortly. Already, some counties report doubling and tripling of registered Libertarians since before the 1980 elections. Once such outstanding example is Duval County (Jacksonville) where today registration of Libertarians stands at thirty-one, compared to only nine last summer.

Since over 30,000 Floridians cast their votes for Clark in November, there is a vast potential out there waiting to be tapped. If only 10% of those who voted for Clark could be persuaded to register Libertarian, our official following could increase four fold. Also, it should be noted that the "independents" usually account for 3-5% of the registered voters - another measure of the relatively large group of voters who are definitely potential Libertarians.

Partly as a result of lobbying in Tallahassee by LPF Chairman Doug Ramsay, the Elec-

tion Code now allows already registered voters to change their party affiliation by U.S. Snail. It usually takes four to six weeks to get your new voter's registration card with the coveted letters "LIB" on it, but the whole process takes only a couple of minutes of your time and an 18 cent stamp. All you do is fill out a form supplied by the State (or your friendly neighborhood Libertarian activist), staple your old card with the embarrassing letters "REP" or "DEM" to the form, and off it goes to your county's Supervisor of Elections. After that, you will be overcome by a distinct feeling of accomplishment. Rarely do you get a chance to get so much mileage out of a plain old 18 cent stamp.

To make it almost irresistible for you, this issue of THE FLORIDA LIBERTARIAN contains a copy of an "Application for Change of Party Affiliation," as authorized in Florida Statutes, Section 97.072(2). Experience the joy of starting a peaceful revolution! Or better yet, make several photocopies and pester your friends and neighbors to register Libertarian!

ACLU of Central Florida Retained

by Albert Zlabinger

The American Civil Liberties Union has traditionally represented that school of thought which holds that human liberties are neatly divisible into tight categories such as civil, economic, and political. Although the ACLU is a valiant defender of First Amendment rights, for example, it does not hesitate to sacrifice people's right to their property in the name of protecting "freedom of religion" or "freedom of speech". Libertarians, of course, have a natural instinct to think in terms of property rights, -some would argue that these are the only "human" rights - which follow logically from the Nonaggression Principle. No true Libertarian would speak of "trade-offs" between "human" and "property" rights or the "balancing" of the right to free speech and expression of Hare Krishnas against the "mere property right" of the owners of a shopping mall. But the ACLU, of course, has a long history of performing such mental balancing acts in defiance of the rules of common logic.

Not so the ACLU of Central Florida. "We have now for some time been involved in various law suits related to re-establishing the role of individual liberties

in American life," reports Laurence J. Pino, Chairman of the ACLU of Central Florida and new member of the LPF Executive Committee, "and we are actively pursuing issues that involve limiting the power of government to restrict and regulate peaceful activities of individuals."

On July 11, 1981, the Executive Committee of the LPF passed a resolution to retain the ACLU of Central Florida as legal counsel in its attempt to gain ballot access for its candidates for political office in November 1982. The case will be handled by ACLU attorney Robert Smith; no legal costs will arise to the LPF, as is customary for ACLU litigation.

"The law suit will challenge certain sections of the Florida Election Code that require pre-qualification in order to place the Libertarian Party on the ballot in those areas where one of their candidates is running for political office," Pino said. "The ultimate objective is to secure permanent ballot status for the LP and to obviate the necessity for long and costly petition drives."

In addition to the Election Code challenge, the Central Florida ACLU is actively investigating other areas in which a State, County, or Municipal Government has overreached its powers. "For example, in one of our law suits we are questioning the constitutionality of the Occupational License Tax System," says Pino. "Our contention is that the tax interferes with the right of an individual to earn a living in a constructive and productive way, outside the ambit of the Income Tax Statutes. The additional argument against the occupational license taxes is that they are discriminatory in their application to the extent that each different occupational category is subject to a different tax burden which varies according to the whim of the particular bureaucratic agency that happened to have developed the license tax schedule."

This development is indeed a highly welcome one for Florida Libertarians, and should be for Libertarians everywhere. In addition, anything that the ACLU does is considered newsworthy; as a result we are optimistic that the LPF will enjoy some first-rate coverage in the establishment press over the months to come. Who knows, we might make the editorial page in the New York Times!

Ask not what the government can do for you.
Ask what the government is doing to you.

David Friedman

editorial

This premier issue of our revised format and the early appearance of declared candidates for public office have combined to inspire us to ruminate a little on Libertarians and their place in the political process.

The primary purpose of a political party, according to no less an "authority" than the American Heritage Dictionary, is to "promote and support its principles and candidates for political office". Libertarians have an innate distaste for the political game because compromise of principle and the danger of betrayal lurk when discretionary power is bestowed upon human beings. However, if we really want to be a political party, we have to play the same and find the best players so that we have a chance to win.

Resrettably, however, the very nature of the Libertarian philosophy makes our party meetings often appear more like coffee klatsches than the deliberations of an organization bent on influencing the future of men and women in this country.

The irresistible urge for verbal jousting is a very logical consequence of the intellectual excitement created by the philosophy of liberty. It is particularly prevalent among recent converts; but even old party hands are not immune to it. The Central Florida LP may have hit upon the logical solution by having a business meeting every fourth Tuesday and a dinner night every second Tuesday of the month. It appears that this approach is work- ing.

While the Republicrats build their strength on the support of various and sundry special interest groups whose members stand to gain in a very significant and tangible way, we Libertarians have "only" ideas to offer. No special handouts, tax breaks, protective legislation or police terror to soothe the guilty consciences of today's new moralists and prohibitionists. We always have to say, "Sorry, folks, we just think that everyone is entitled to an equal right to liberty!" It is ironic, but it should be noted in this context, that we are the ones usually accused of favoring egoism and crass materialism. Would the LP exist if that were so? It is infuriating to hear this kind of drivel from the very political hacks whose existence depends on their empty promises of material rewards to those who sell them their votes at the ballot box.

In an age of collectivism, the idea of individual liberty and free choice represents an

awesome challenge to the human mind. That explains why the LP has such a difficult time in setting its message through to what even Bertrand Russell thought of as "the herds of ignorant fanatics" coming out of and running those mental detention centers known as public schools and universities. But what did our grandparents expect when they allowed government vassals to teach their children about government and society? Adam Smiths? Or Thomas Jeffersons? Have vassals ever questioned their feudal lords who feed and protect them from the vagaries of real life? Would you?

A growing percentage of people today is ready to listen to and seriously think about radical proposals for the reform of the Educational/Governmental Complex. More specifically, they are ready to listen to libertarians. That is why LPers should be ecstatic about the announcement of Professor Bill Marina's candidacy for Florida Commissioner of Education. Never mind that this post is about as obscure to the average voter and as strategically important to the Tallahassee Machine as that of dog catcher in the Evershades.

Prof. Marina is a Libertarian's dream candidate for this race - or for any other, for that matter. The political fallout from his campaign activities alone will be worth every contributor's last penny and every volunteer's minute. As a tenured Professor of Business and History, he will have the stature and prestige (to the extent that any teacher these days enjoys these "fringe benefits") necessary to attract media attention and political back-talk from his fellow educational bureaucrats in the Florida University System.

Prof. Marina is not only a superb public speaker; he also has a record of academic accomplishments that dwarfs that of 95% of the so-called "professors" in the Florida Educational Monolith. (Ever ask yourself what a professor "professes"? Very little, if any, support can be expected from professors and administrators in the State University system. Unfortunately, there are few potential allies even in the private sector of education. Almost without exception, private "independent" schools and universities have been groveling after federal and state tax dollars for years; most of them have to, in order to survive.

The intellectual ammunition supporting the Libertarian case for truly private and independent education at Prof. Marina's dis-

posal is simply political dynamite. The evidence amassed by think tanks and individual scholars over the last two decades or so is overwhelmingly against the current system. And the reputation of public schools and colleges is so poor that even educational insiders are beginning to blush.

As a political issue, public education belongs to the Libertarians. No Republicrat worth his strategic salt will dare touch it. Reason's proposal for tuition tax credits is already collecting dust and the Democrats are so embarrassed about the whole mess, which is mostly of their own making, that they won't bring it up unless pushed by us to do so.

Turlington almost certainly will not have a Republican opponent, and there is a rumor going around that the Republicans may actually support Prof. Marina's bid for the job. All in all, it will be an exciting campaign that will set the juices flowing in every reasonable person in this state. For those who want to contribute to this excitement early, there is a special account that has been established by the LPF Treasurer, P.O. Box 14724, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. As they say, a mind is a terrible thing to waste. The best of luck to you, Professor Marina, and may "the force" be with you!

ALBERT H. ZLABINGER IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY. HE ALSO SERVES AS THE LPF'S SECRETARY, AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF JACKSONVILLE.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

When I sat that the Conservative lacks principles, I do not mean to suggest that he lacks moral conviction. ... What I mean is that he has no political principles which enable him to work with people whose moral values differ from his own for a political order in which both can obey their convictions.

F. A. Hayek, in "Why I am not a Conservative", from The Constitution of Liberty.

WHY NOT HAVE YOUR AD IN A SPACE LIKE THIS ONE??

The Trauma of Fund-Raising

by Dotti Swanson

One of the problems of being a member of a small minority group (as opposed to a large one) is the dreary round of fund raising efforts. With so few among whom to spread the joy, each one of us has his/her (very short) number come up with great regularity.

Another reason why those visits from the fund raisers are so frequent for smaller groups is the lack of any "free" publicity through the regular media channels. When a big group - say the Democratic Party - does something, it's news. Much of their presence before the public's eye, then, is accomplished without too great an effort on their part. Small groups like ours have to hustle for everything - and pay for it, sometimes in excess. Our printing orders are small, our advertisements tiny, our convention bookings miniscule; no one is about to give us a quantity break on anything.

At the same time, we are trying our best to grow, not to just hang on or to maintain our position. Growing takes extra effort, energy, time, and creativity. In our society, each of these things translates, roughly, into money. So lots of money is needed if we're going to grow.

That's not all of the problem. There are many ways to spend contributions that contribute nothing at all to the well being of the organization involved. So, we must have some sort of viable plan for a successful growth pattern; and we must convince YOU that it is indeed a good plan, to coax a few bucks out of your mattress, or we'll stay small no matter how good it is.

The question is, why should you give your good money to a group that has a track record one and three quarters inches long?

This is another factor in the money-raising scene for small groups. Most of them haven't been around long enough to convince any one but their hard-core supporters that they are for real. Since the "hard-core" are known and reliable, the tendency is to turn to them again and again.

Here in the LPF we have a situation where a big change has been made, and even the hard core is just finding out. Who is to be the first to commit his financial support to this "expert" who just flapped up?

It's a double bind. Starting from a near-zero base, we haven't the funds to produce the results to convince you potential contributors that we are worth backing with your hard-earned dollars. And we need the dollars

to expand the Party to the point where your name doesn't come up so often!

You may rest assured that this question has received much assiduous attention in the Executive Director's office.

We have hit upon a scheme that may get us around this impasse.

What we would like for you libertarian activists to do is to subscribe to our Insider's Newsletter.

The Executive Director, immediately upon being appointed, began sending a weekly report to the members of the Executive Committee. It's only been a month, but there has been a noticeable increase in activity and there are already quite a few items, such as news clippings, that cannot be sent out because they do not fit the current publishing formats.

The Insider's Newsletter will be available only to contributing members of the LPF (being poor, however, doesn't exclude you from membership; all you have to do to become a member of the LPF is to sign the Libertarian Pledge.)

Subscription rates are as follows:

Per issue.....	\$1.25
10 weeks.....	10.00
25 weeks.....	22.50
52 weeks.....	40.00

Some time ago I remember reading that the average business letter costs \$4.00 to produce. With this in mind, we consider that getting a personal, up to the minute (sometimes first class mail when it's urgent) weekly report on "the skinny" is a real bargain!

You Libertarian activists on our mailing list, will be receiving a letter with a more detailed description of the Insider's Newsletter and its advantages. The most important advantage is that it will contain the information you need to reach a rational decision as to whether you should further support our cause. (If you don't set one of those letters you can become an LPF member now. See the Membership Application form towards the end of this issue.)

NOTE OF IMPORTANCE Did you know that your contributions to the Libertarian Party of Florida qualify for a 50% tax credit on your 1040? Yes, a contribution of, say \$100, to the LPF costs you actually only \$50. The other \$50 comes from what you won't have to send off to Washicktown. That means that you can cut your own taxes today without groveling before the politicians while at the same time giving the cause of liberty a shot in the arm! We

are sorry to report that the maximum such tax credit is \$50, on an individual return and \$100, on what they call a "joint" return. SUPPORT THE LPF!

Dotti Swanson Appointed

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The Swansons, especially Dotti, have worked enough at various levels within the Republican party structure to be thoroughly familiar with all the practices and methods of modern political organizing. Their experience is particularly strong in the arts of grass-roots politicking - including that of fund raising, door-belling, voter registration, media relations, and political persuasion.

Ms. Swanson, mother of four grown children and happily married for over thirty-two years, was manager of the Holley for Governor campaign for the five central Florida counties, served as Vice Chairman of the Orange County Republican Executive Committee, and held many local and state posts in the Florida Federation of Republican Women. She was famous for her motorcades and for putting on the first \$25 per plate dinner for any candidate in central Florida. In the early '60s, Mr. and Mrs. Swanson were the co-editors of THE MID-FLORIDA REPUBLICAN, one of the most successful publications in partisan politics of the day.

"Old-time party workers did things differently then," Ms. Swanson recalls. "For Charles Holley's campaign, for example, I put on a 'Christmas in July Dance' and campaigners went around singing 'deck the halls with votes for Holley'. Motorcades and door-to-door canvassing were the order of the day before TV ads totally dominated the election scene. I remember that back then it was as strange for someone to be a Republican as it is today to be a Libertarian."

There is no doubt that Mrs. Swanson (she really prefers to be called Dotti) will accomplish the many goals she has set for herself and the Libertarians in Florida. Her energy is boundless and her schemes innovative. She goes into action long before others have diagnosed a problem or become alert to a new opportunity.

Dotti can be reached at The Office of the Executive Director of the Libertarian Party in Florida, 210 Park Avenue North, Room 10, Winter Park, FL 32789. Her office phone - (305) 628-2337 - is "manned", as she puts it, most of the time during business hours and you may reach her there often far into the night.

ELLEN DRAKE HAS BEEN A PHILOSOPHICAL LIBERTARIAN SINCE HER HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. UNTIL THREE YEARS AGO SHE TAUGHT ENGLISH IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FLORIDA.

Nine LPF Libertarian Speakers Bureaus

Public speaking, especially before potentially less than sympathetic audiences, is probably not everyone's idea of a good time. However, due to the tireless recruiting efforts of LPF Treasurer Ted McAnlis of North Palm Beach, there are now nine regional Libertarian Speakers Bureaus in operation. Over twenty dedicated and knowledgeable spokesmen for liberty will reach an audience of several thousand over the first year of operations. The Executive Director of the LPF will serve as coordinator for the entire system, while nine regional directors will drum up business locally. Nationwide, forty-four state party organizations have established speakers bureaus. Assistance is provided by the National Director, Marion Williams, a long-time LP activist and field coordinator for the 1980 Libertarian presidential campaign.

"Spokespeople for the Party are now regularly appearing before all kinds of groups in their communities to present our case," reports Williams, "and those are some of the places where politics really happens, where people set their ideas about politics and where they make up their minds about whether to participate or not."

The target audiences include high-school students in social science classes; college students enrolled in courses on political science, philosophy, economics and business; civic clubs and professional groups of all kinds. A number of the LPF speakers are even daring enough to go on radio and TV talk shows or to represent the Libertarian viewpoint in public forums and panel discussions.

"There is only one way to get into public speaking," says Larry Pino, Speakers Bureau Director for the Orlando area, "and that is to go do it." Larry, of course, is a successful lawyer and gifted orator.

The topics covered by the speakers span a wide range of philosophy and practical politics. Free enterprise, inflation, taxes and spending, the draft and foreign interventionism are staple topics for which Marion Williams has canned speeches. But our "missionaries" will also venture into such dangerous territories as illegal drugs, gun control, freedom of speech and the media, immigration, abortion, and gambling.

Many of you Libertarians out there belong to civic groups or are teachers. Or you may know someone who is the program director of a radio or TV station. In case you have such connections,

please help us get speaking engagements by extending an invitation yourself or establishing a contact between the local coordinator and the representatives of potential audiences.

TO REPEAT:

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NORTH PALM BEACH, FL 33408
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SPEAKERS BUREAU

ELECTION '82: Two LPF Candidates

The business of a political party is to run candidates. Or so at least some of the members of the Ex-Com seemed to feel. But when it came to voting on the nomination of two political hopefuls, the sentiment became unanimous. As of July 11, the LPF has two very capable and promising candidates for public office in Florida.

Alan Turin of Miami, an independent manufacturer's representative, will compete for a seat in the Florida house from his yet to be determined (due to reapportionment) district. Turin was instrumental in getting the Ballot Access Drive initiated as early as January 1980. Eventually, some 70,000 signatures were gathered and over 30,000 Floridians were able to vote for Ed Clark as the best man for U.S. President. His work in the campaign was exemplary and resulted in an unprecedented growth of membership in the Dade County LP.

The second LPF candidate for public office doesn't need an introduction, as they say. Prof. William Marina, a historian with a national reputation, teaches Business and History at Florida Atlantic University. He is known for his lively and absorbing lectures on libertarian thought and the American Revolution, a gift that will serve him well in his bid for Commissioner of Education. The post is currently held by Ralph Turlington, a Democrat, who is, according to the experts, a formidable opponent. So formidable indeed that the Republicans are almost certain not to risk their millions in a losing battle. Prof. Marina may be the beneficiary of this situation; there is good reason to believe that the Republican Party might actually endorse him.

The editors of this newsletter wish to extend their best wishes for success to both candidates. Their campaigns are likely to provide ample materials for futures issues. Good luck!

It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly American criminal class except Congress.

Mark Twain

The Sinkhole —

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was only partially able to restore sanity to the proceedings by trying to redirect the attention of the commission to the principle he was working to elucidate: that the citizens of Winter Park did not elect their city commissioners to get into the souvenir business. As a matter of fact, even the standard attorney's riposte, "we'll see you in court", seems to have gone unnoticed in the melee. City of Winter Park Mayor James Driver claimed to have no knowledge of the proceedings when he was informed the following day that suit had actually been filed in the District Court, alleging that the City of Winter Park had:

1. violated the limits of the powers granted to it by the State of Florida;
2. contravened the Municipal Home Rule Powers Act;
3. contravened portions of at least three Articles of its own Charter;
4. been involved in a conspiracy in restraint of trade as described in sections 1 & 2 of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act;
5. been in violation of one section of the Florida Anti-Trust Act;
6. contravened the Florida law on deceptive and unfair trade practices, and
7. engaged in unfair methods of competition under the common law in the State of Florida.

The suit asks for preliminary and permanent injunctions against the City's actions; for damages amounting to three times his client's actual losses; and for attorney's fees and court costs.

On Friday, the day following the filing of the suit, Mr. Pino asked the court for an injunction to prevent the City from arresting or molesting Mr. Montesi if he tried to do any further selling. On Monday, while that action was pending, Lou did try to do just that by putting his tent back up. The City heavies moved in again, giving him an hour to take down his display. Lou did comply with that order, but, being a resourceful businessman, he soon erected another tent next door to the City's establishment. This was declared to be a display only, to show samples of the stock he had available in his store across the street. Unconfirmed rumor has it that a hidden cash box existed, which could be used to make change if Lou was really pressed to sell off some of his display samples. Since neither Mr. Pino nor The Florida Libertarian have witnessed such a transaction, we are unable to comment on this situation.

Mayor Driver, on the other hand, doesn't seem to be taking the matter too seriously. He has

been quoted as saying that our hero and our victim are "making a mountain out of a molehill". (As an aside, it might be noted that in your reporter's humble opinion, it looks more like a helluva big hole in the ground than either of those options).

Seriously, your reporter has known Jim Driver for more than twenty years, and the man is an outstanding public servant and human being. It is a part of the tragedy of our times that a gentleman of his standing cannot perceive any impropriety when government invades the domain of private enterprise.

RALPH SWANSON HAS ONLY RECENTLY 'FOUND' LIBERTARIANISM, BUT HAS BEEN ONE PHILOSOPHICALLY FOR YEARS. HE IS THE HUSBAND OF DOTTI SWANSON, OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND IS ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF TFL.

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WASHICKTOWN
YOUR BUCK STOPS HERE

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

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Order is not a pressure imposed upon society from without, but an equilibrium which is set up from within.

J. Ortega y Gasset

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I have no respect for the passion for equality, which seems to me merely idealizing envy.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

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Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the Government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evilminded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning but without understanding.

Justice L. Brandeis

The Brand New/Old Florida Libertarian

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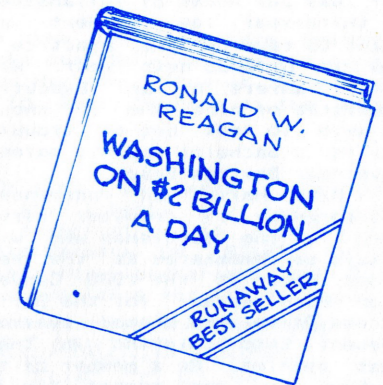
With the election of the dynamic new Executive Committee under the leadership of Doug Ramsay, and the appointment of our first state Executive Director, we are confident that there will be more activities to report.

Those of you whose subscriptions to Claude Pinsonneault's COMMON SENSE have not yet expired will continue to receive this independent Journal of Libertarian thought as usual.

The subscription rate for The Florida Libertarian is \$10.00 per year. Second subscriptions to the same address will be sold at the drastically reduced rate of \$6.00 per year. Further subscriptions at that address are \$4.00 each. This is for the sake of our activist friends who may want to have extra copies lying around to trap the unwary!

We also want to sell you gift subscriptions. So how is this for a jazzy method? We are taking 250 copies of the premier issue of The Florida Libertarian to the National Convention in Denver. Whoever is elected to be our new National chair will autograph them. Then, these 250 autographed copies will be sent out as the first issue of those gift subscriptions. We hope that you will order many of these to increase our circulation and the base of the party here in Florida.

And here's another deal — we'd like to have your subscription orders waiting here for us at the Executive Director's Office at 210 Park Ave. N., Room 10, Winter Park, FL 32789, when we get back from the National Convention. So, if we receive your LPF membership or subscription money before Tuesday, September 1st, you will receive twelve issues for the price of ten! Looks as though you'll have to sit right down and write us a check!



Working Hard —

(From Page 2)

A former Chairman of the LPF, Ted McAnlis of North Palm Beach, was elected Treasurer in a three-way race. Originally a candidate for Chair, Ted withdrew his name after Doug Ramsay announced his candidacy. Ted is a long-time activist in the LPF and well known for his dry and uncompromisingly humorous approach to politics. He earns a living as a designer and builder of golf courses.

Laurence J. Pino, an Orlando attorney in private practice and current chairman of the ACLU of Central Florida, received the highest number of votes in the election for the five at-large seats on the Ex-Com. Although a relatively recent convert to Libertarianism, Larry, a bachelor, has not wasted any time. He took the initiative to retain the ACLU of Central Florida in the LPF's drive for permanent ballot status and spearheaded the Ex-Com action that resulted in the appointment of the LPF's first Executive Director, Dorothy Swanson of Winter Park. (See related stories elsewhere in this issue.)

Judy Miley of Ocala received the second-highest number of votes for an at-large membership on the Ex-Com. Judy served in several positions in the LP of Dade County and Alan Turin reports that Dade County LP meetings have been held "chez Miley's" for as long as he can remember. Also, Judy had previously held Ex-Com positions in the LPF and edited the Newsletter of the LPF from 1974-77. Until he moved to Emory University last fall, Judy was the Special Projects Director to Prof. Henry Manne, Director of the prestigious Law and Economics Center formerly at the University of Miami. Presently Judy works as an independent Editorial Consultant. Together with her husband Fred, a Miami psychiatrist, she forms an invincible team that has seen the LPF through some very trying times.

The third-highest vote getter was Jay Adams of Tallahassee, a third-year law student who plans to take up the practice of law in Orlando next year. With three lawyers on an Executive Committee of nine, the LPF should be able to keep out of trouble. Jay is a bachelor and his parents live near Daytona Beach.

Mike Hall, an independent entrepreneur in computer services, is the gentleman who will always be remembered as the generous donor at the 1980 Convention Fund Raiser for the Ballot Access Drive, who shamed everyone present into chipping in their last pennies. As a member of the Ex-Com, we can expect him to provide dynamic and effective

leadership. Currently, Mike is working on organizing a County Affiliate in Collier county, for which he is expected to serve as Vice Chairman.

Raul Costales of Miami, the fifth at-large member of the Ex-Com, joined the LPF during the Clark campaign. A CPA with Arthur Young & Co., Raul serves as Director of the Libertarian Speakers Bureau in Dade County, Coordinator of the Florida State Tax Cap Project of the LPF, and waxes a one-man campaign to get "None of the Above" placed on the ballot permanently. Although one of the most recent converts to the Libertarian Movement, Raul has already become an extremely effective and dynamic spokesman and organizer for the LPF.

As immediate past president, Fred Daniels, an attorney in Orlando, is automatically a member of the Ex-Com, but without a vote. Randy Drake, formerly a printer and now setting ready for a career in the pizza business, lost the run-off election against Raul Costales. As the candidate with the highest number of votes among those not elected, Randy is an alternate for an Ex-Com position in case of a vacancy. After superbly managing the bookstore during the May Convention and turning a tidy profit, Randy became the manager of the LPF Bookstore, taking over from Buck Walters of Fort Myers.

An impressive team indeed! Great things can be expected this year, no doubt. With three lawyers, two entrepreneurs, two (female!) executive assistants, an economics professor and a top-notch CPA we have all the talents we need to run the IRS! And on top of all that, we have a vivacious and experienced political organizer as the LPF's first Executive Director!

The first real Ex-Com meeting was held July 11 at Larry Pino's law office in Orlando. The results of the work done there are evident everywhere in this newsletter, including the existence of the newsletter in its present form. The next assignment is the National LP Convention in Denver August 26-30, to which almost all Ex-Com members have been elected as official delegates from Florida.

By the way, LPF members are welcome to attend Ex-Com meetings. Just give Dotti Swanson, ED, a call at (305) 628-2337.

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* * * QUOTABLE QUOTE * * *

Is government, then, useful and necessary? So is a doctor. But suppose the dear fellow claimed the right, every time he was called in to prescribe for a bellyache or a rings in the ears, to raid the family silver, use the family toothbrushes, and execute the droit de seigneur upon the housemaid?

H. L. Mencken

LPJax Launch —

(From Page 4)

McBride on the Florida ballot, will head the LPJax Executive Committee. Professor Ziabinger, currently LPF Secretary and the 1980 ballot drive coordinator and presidential campaign manager in Jacksonville, will serve as Chair. Ronald Berswerk, an attorney in private practice, will be the very capable Vice Chair. Bob Sonntas, an independent entrepreneur, accepted the Secretary's position and will edit the LPJax newsletter. Jim Wright, who had been active in the ballot access drive and the campaign in the fall, will assume the post of Director for Membership. Jim, currently employed as a telephone technician, plans to become an independent telephone contractor very soon. As registered Libertarian #10 in Duval County, he has already contributed to the respectable rise in Libertarian registrations, from nine last summer to thirty-one today. Last, but certainly not least, is Andy Budnick, a local radio broadcaster, who will contribute his expertise as LPJax Director of Publicity.

The LPJax will be involved in all statewide activities such as the Register Libertarian Drive, the Libertarian Speakers Bureau, the Tax Cap Amendment, etc. A purely local project is the co-sponsorship of a petition drive to sell the city-owned electric utility and to amend the city charter of Jacksonville to prohibit the city from being involved in electricity generation in the future. Eric Long, the initiator of the project (known as "Citizens to Sell the JEA") is not a member of the LPF, but is very sympathetic with the Libertarian Party's philosophy. The LPJax Ex-Com will consider in the near future the possibility of nominating a local LP candidate for State or Congressional office in 1982.

You can get in touch with the LPJax by writing to: Albert H. Ziabinger, 6738 Diane Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211, or calling (904) 743-4077.

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On September 17, the Libertarian Party of Jacksonville will host an evening in honor of Dr. William Marina, Professor of History and Business at Florida Atlantic University. Prof. Marina will on that occasion publicly announce his candidacy for Commissioner of Education, a post currently occupied by Ralph Turlington, Democrat. Turlington, a native of Gainesville, has been in politics for thirty-one years. He was originally elected to the House in 1950 and served there continuously for twenty-four years until in 1974 he was appointed Commissioner of Education by then Gov. Reubin Askew after the resignation of his immediate predecessor, Floyd Christian, who left his post to avoid impeachment for fraud. Commissioner Turlington was re-elected to a four-year term of office in 1978 and will probably run unopposed next year. No doubt, Turlington will be a formidable opponent. The evening celebrating Prof. Marina's announcement of candidacy will begin at 6:00 PM at the Jacksonville Junior League's Headquarters, "Riverside House", at 2165 Park Street (corner of Copeland, near the Five-Points Shopping Area). The event will be open to the general public. A reception will follow Prof. Marina's announcement speech. LPJax invites all Florida Libertarians to gather for this important event from far and near. Several members of the LPF Ex-Com and the new Executive Director have already agreed to be present. For further information, call LPJax at (904) 743-4077 or write to Albert Ziabinger, LPJax Chairman, 6738 Diane Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211

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IT'S PROPOSITION 13 TIME IN FLORIDA! If you have the time and courage to circulate a petition entitled "Citizen's Amendment for Government Revenue Limits in Florida", which would limit the increase of government spending in Florida to the lesser of 2/3 of the rate of inflation or 5% per year, please contact the LPF's coordinator for this project, Raul Costales, 16803 SW 82nd Court, Miami, FL 33157.

THE MAN WHO HATES PAPER MONEY will gladly accept some free samples temporarily and spend it on very worthwhile projects such as the Libertarian Speakers Bureaus, the Register Libertarian Drive, the Tax Cap Amendment Petition or himself. Send lots of \$\$\$\$ to Ted McAnlis, LPF Treasurer, P.O. Box 14724, North Palm Beach, FL 33408.

WRITERS WANTED: this is a newsletter written by Florida Libertarians for Florida Libertarians. So get into the act and write up your story about the LP's activities in your area or produce a "think piece" on some Libertarian issue. Submit your ms, up to 500 words long, typed, double-spaced, in duplicate to Albert Ziabinger, 6738 Diane Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211. Phone (904) 743-4077.

ARE YOU AN ARTIST? This newsletter would like to use original cartoons and drawings produced by Florida Libertarians. Please submit work samples to the editor.

CRITICAL WRITING CONTEST: whenever you give in to the urge to write a letter to the editor of your newspaper, send us a duplicate; we will print the best letter submitted every month.

POOR CIRCULATION isn't only bad for human bodies; help us out by submitting the names of people who should receive a sample copy of THE FLORIDA LIBERTARIAN and are likely to become loyal subscribers. Write Dotti Swanson, 210 Park Avenue, North Room 10, Winter Park, FL 32789 or call her at (305) 628-2337.

NEWS NEEDED: for a planned feature, we would like to have a steady supply of newspaper clippings from around the state about particularly good examples of individual, private initiatives resulting in solutions to "Social" problems and also good horror stories about politicians and bureaucrats. Write to the editor.

RECYCLE YOUR BOOKS: the LPF bookstore welcomes donations of used books dealing with the philosophy of liberty. Send you Hazlitts, Brownes, Friedmans, Rands and Rothbards to Dotti Swanson at the state office.

THE VOICE OF REASON should be heard in any home where individualism and liberty are held high. Write for \$12 annual subscription to REASON Magazine, Box 40105, Santa Barbara, CA 93103. FRONT-LINES, the newsletter for Libertarians published by REASON Magazine is available for \$15 per year.

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A man that'd expect to train lobsters to fly in a year is called a lunatic; but a man that thinks men can be turned into ansels by an illiction is called a rayformer and remains at large.

Mr. Dooley

A man who wants protection will fire patrolmen who waste their time harassing minorities. No private policeman has ever spent many hours at a restroom peephole in hopes of apprehending deviates.

William Wooldridge

After damning politicians up hill and down dale for many years, as rogues and vagabonds, frauds and scoundrels, I sometimes suspect that, like everyone else, I often expect too much of them.

H. L. Mencken

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(Attach present voter registration card here.)

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