

# NatCom Meets in PA

Pittsburgh, PA - The March 30-April 1 meeting of the Libertarian National Committee did not yield any major surprises but did reflect the steady on-going progress of the LP. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania LP's State Convention, which drew over a hundred attendees, and which gave the state's LP ballot drive effort a "shot in the arm" as a result of the enthusiasm generated. Over \$11,500 was raised at the Saturday evening banquet featuring LP Presidential candidate David Bergland.

The NatCom meeting covered a wide range of organizational subjects, ranging from finances to computer operations to

presidential campaign operations. National LP Treasurer Dave Walter noted that the LP is now on a sound financial footing, although the Federal Election Commission's burdensome reporting requirements continue to subject the LP to possible fines for being late with government mandated paperwork. These requirements are designed for the state-subsidized older political parties which are now operated as semi-independent government agencies. These FEC rules greatly hinder smaller, autonomous, free political parties such as the LP. Finance Chair Matt Monroe reported that fundraising efforts are reaching new highs,

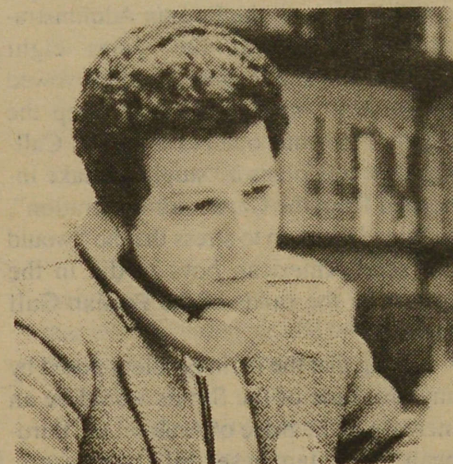
due in large part to the success of Bill McReynold's telephone fundraising efforts. The biggest obstacle is obtaining new names of potential prospects. Monroe recommended that new approaches should be considered. Among the suggestions was the idea of preparing TV commercials with a toll-free telephone number, perhaps also tying in to the Presidential campaign effort. Several plans to follow-up on the TV commercial approach are under consideration to privately finance production of commercials to be aired later this year. Membership levels have been below targets but Membership Chair Lori Massie reported that a major membership renewal effort will soon be underway.

The Computer Committee Chair Geoff Steinberg discussed the need to rapidly upgrade computer capabilities and a steering committee was formed to begin implementing much needed changes. The Dow Jones computer network now carries an "excellent description" of the LP and is available to network subscribers. As a result of the NatCom action, computer experts Barbara Karkutt of Pennsylvania and David Mickle of New York flew to Houston over the Easter weekend and generously gave a week of their time to updating and modifying the National LP's computer software and operating system. The NatCom also modified party resolutions governing national office staff involvement in LP politics, and adopted a comprehensive set of rules governing

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# Feldstein Re-Elected In Flagstaff

Flagstaff, AZ - Over 5,500 voters in this northern Arizona city of 38,000 overwhelmingly re-elected Dr. Murray Feldstein on March 6 to his second 4 year term on the Flagstaff City Council. Feldstein, a practicing urologist, received the highest vote margin of any of the can-



*Newly re-elected Flagstaff City Councilman Murray Feldstein busy at work.*

didates for a regular City Council seat, and received votes from over 50% of the voters, who choose the top three out of six candidates running.

A member of the Libertarian Party since the 1976 candidacy of Roger McBride, Feldstein became interested in the LP after working with Fred Esser in his Arizona congressional race. While widely known as a Libertarian, Feldstein said recently that the Party label wasn't an issue in the campaign. His first term record as an outspoken Councilman who was active in the movement to eliminate the City sales tax on food, and his support for city charter changes making it more difficult to increase taxes, were the main factors which contributed to his impressive re-election victory. Issues in the recent election included the City's plans to build a new road through the middle of a park.

Observing that his running as a Libertarian incumbent is somewhat unusual for Libertarian candidates, Feldstein noted that "libertarians shouldn't get discouraged by our defeats. The important thing is that we keep moving in the right direction." Because of the nature of the City Council position involves many routine administrative matters, "we can't vote 'libertarian' on the issues all of the time. Rather, it's better to concentrate efforts on the big issues like taxation, where libertarian ideas have real impact." He said that his second term would find him working on plans for a substantial property tax decrease, to begin with.

"I now know that a Libertarian can vote correctly 98% of the time," Feldstein said, "and after you have proven your worth to the public, we can have the op-

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# Three Elected in Wisc.

by Mark P. Lisher

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*Lisher, 27, has been a reporter for almost five years having worked for papers in Wisconsin and Texas. He has won United Press International and Associated Press awards for spot news reporting and a team effort that resulted in the firing of the Police Chief in Tyler, Texas.*

*Lisher has been a member of the Libertarian Party since voting for Roger McBride in 1976 and has been a staunch supporter of strict adherence to party ideology.*

*He is a 1979 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was raised in the Milwaukee area.*

Libertarian victories in three local elections in April in Wisconsin broke new ground for the state party and its candidates.

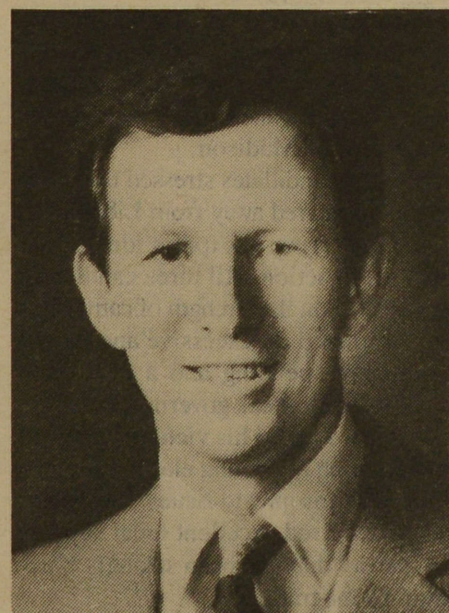
Led by State Party Chairman Tom Westgaard, who won election to an alderman's seat in Greenfield, candidates showed muscle on issues and the ability to come from behind to beat incumbents. By relying on the issues, in non-partisan

elections, all three victors showed a shift away from dogmatic Libertarian campaigns.

Westgaard gathered 871 votes or 62.3 percent in rolling over the incumbent in the Fifth Alderman District. And though steadfastly Libertarian, Westgaard made clear his victory was not a party mandate.

"I ran on me, folks. I call it more of a Jeffersonian Democratic idea,"

*Former Wisconsin LP Chair Tom Westgaard, newly elected as a Greenfield Alderman.*

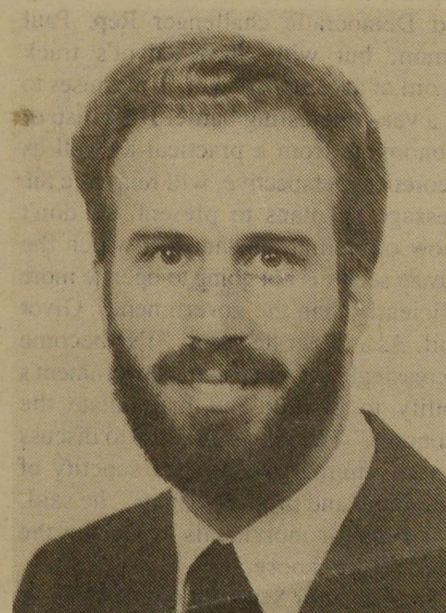


Westgaard said. "I ran a moderate race and hit on the issues so people understood exactly what I was talking about."

The other two victors followed in kind. Anthony Theisen, of Green Bay, taking a cue from Westgaard, came out swinging April 3 and upset an incumbent for a seat both on the county board and the city council. Theisen will serve the same

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*Green Bay Alderman and Brown County Supervisor Anthony Theisen.*



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## Bergland Blasts War Plans

Orange County, CA - In the wake of the late February rumors of Iraqi attacks on Kharg Island, and U.S. warships firing "warning shots" at Iranian aircraft, LP Presidential candidate David Bergland condemned both the Reagan Administration and the (at the time) eight Democratic challengers, who all vowed to use U.S. military force to keep the Strait of Hormuz open to shipping. Calling U.S. war plans a "stupid mistake inherited from the Carter administration", Bergland went on to stress that he "would not send American boys to die in the oceans or the sands of the Persian Gulf region."

Noting that the main problem posed by any blockade of the Straits would be an increase in the price of Arab oil for European and Japanese oil purchasers, Bergland asked, "Why should American military personnel pull Japanese and European chestnuts out of the fire? If the real price of oil increases for these con-



*Libertarian Style Ribbon Cutting: David Bergland cuts in half (as a first step) a taped-together federal budget at the opening of the BFP Headquarters in Costa Mesa, Cal. This successful event was attended by more than 50 activists and supporters. Photo by Marty Swinney.*

sumers, then they should pay it. This price increase should not be paid by American taxpayers in the form of costly military adventures on the other side of the world." ■

## Givot Opens Aggressive Illinois Campaign

Chicago, IL - Steve Givot, a Director of the Chicago Board Options Exchange and President of Technology Enterprises, Inc., was nominated without opposition by acclamation at the April 29 annual meeting of the LPI in Chicago. His candidacy has already attracted considerable attention from the news media and LPI members, including an extensive article and interview in the May 3 *Chicago Tribune*. Givot, 34, is a highly successful options trader and an outstanding example of a self-made man, who holds an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from MIT, as does his wife Barbara. They both attended the London School of Economics and Givot also holds an MBA from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. Givot dates his conversion to Libertarianism from 1980, when he attended a fund-raiser for LP Presidential candidate Ed Clark. When asked about why he chose to run for Senate this year, Givot responded, "Almost everyone questions why. Some people see it as somewhat of a Don Quixote situation . . . The most important thing is to get the message out to as many people as possible that we're headed in the wrong direction. I'm doing it because it has to be done." Givot's 5-year old son, Brian, who owed \$5 in taxes for 1983, has already had a lesson in Libertarianism. "Why do you have to pay \$5?" Givot asked him. "So I don't get thrown in jail," Brian replied. Among his many talents, in addition to his success at options trading, is needlepoint, and the *Tribune* article featured a photo

of a giant needlepoint of all of the logos of companies traded on the CBOE.

Givot's race promises to be a high-profile event, with over 70 people attending his initial fundraiser in Chicago in early April. Well over 300 people attended a \$25 per plate fundraiser held on May 16, featuring the chief economist of Chase Manhattan Bank as the main speaker. Givot's positive reputation with other members of Chicago's many trading exchanges is responsible for the early interest and support he's received in the race so far.

He faces a very tough race against Republican incumbent Charles Percy and Democratic challenger Rep. Paul Simon, but with Steve Givot's track record of accomplishment, it promises to be a very interesting battle. His grasp of economics, from a practical as well as theoretical perspective, will reinforce the message he plans to present. "I don't know of a single instance in which the private sector is not going to operate more efficiently than the government," Givot said. As a trader he notes, "I've become increasingly sensitive to the government's ability to disrupt and manipulate the economy." The issues he plans to discuss can be summarized as "the sanctity of individual and property rights," he said. "It's time for individuals to reclaim the freedom to choose."

The Givot for Senate committee can be reached at: **Givot for U.S. Senate, Suite 538, 327 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604. (312) 663-1964.** ■

## BFP Assists Ballot Drives

by Perry Willis

*Perry Willis is the Bergland for President Finance Director and National Ballot Drive Coordinator.*

Oklahoma and Massachusetts have the distinction of being two of the toughest ballot drives of the campaign season. The Oklahoma deadline is May 29. John Robertson in Oklahoma, and R.D. Walker in Massachusetts both remain confident that their goals will be reached.

Robertson was hired earlier in the year to serve as Field Coordinator for the Ballot drive and has been on the road for most of the last two months. Progress was hampered in Oklahoma from day one by by torrential rains, and there have been few days of sunshine since John arrived there. Traveling across Oklahoma in pursuit of petitioners, John has worn out four tires and all of his shock absorbers. Photographs of his flat tires and of television reports of storm warnings, sent to Bergland headquarters, testify to the difficult conditions. John has joked over the telephone about "possible government experiments with the Oklahoma weather designed to foil the Libertarian ballot drive here." Libertarians from all over the country are being sent in to fill the breach, and proponents of a local horseracing petition have been hired to carry the Libertarian petition as well. These efforts, plus a vigorous effort to

hire people via newspaper ads, should do the job.

R.D. Walker, of Houston, was hired to go in and direct the Massachusetts effort. He arrived in Boston in the midst of a thick blizzard with less than eight weeks to gather over 50,000 signatures. He recruited a crew of petitioners and the daily signature count began to rise rapidly. Fortunately, legal action has succeeded in pushing back from the original early deadline of May 8 to the end of July. What is feared is a low validity rate in urban areas. This is historically a problem in LP ballot access drives in Massachusetts.

National Ballot Drive Coordinator Perry Willis has resorted to State Department lingo to describe the situation: "We are cautiously optimistic." Willis went on to say, "The struggle we must all go through to make it on the ballot is ultimately for the good of the Party. We have recruited and are training people who will have skills that we can use in the future. The more strenuous the challenge, the more muscle we will put on, and the stronger we will be next time around. I think we're going to get the job done, and we're going to do it for less money that it was done for last time. There are going to be problems here and there. But if we keep our cool, and handle them one at a time, we're going to be a far stronger party in the end." ■

Ripp, Theisen, Westgaard . . .

## Wisconsin Victories

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geographical area in both slots.

Theisen, who had been outvoted in a Feb. 21 runoff with four candidates 232-87, came back in a two-man race to win 437-382.

"I just campaigned harder than he did," Theisen said. "I was determined to do better than I did in the primary."

And Dave Ripp, a well-known town clerk in Springfield, used his familiarity with voters to thrash a 12-year incumbent 830-369 for a seat on the Dane County Board. Dane County includes the capital city of Madison.

All three candidates stressed that their campaigns veered away from Libertarian labels, preferring to express ideological positions in action. All three candidates were elected on the strength of campaigns that hammered on excessive and deficit government spending and a plea from voters to keep local government local.

Westgaard called his victory "unique" and a triumph of shifting election strategy to apply philosophy to issues. Westgaard said he received excellent local support in a district that has been strongly blue-collar Democratic.

"I'm sitting in an area that is 85 percent Democratic, blue collar, conservative," he said. "But there is a streak of independence here. I would guess

about 75 percent of the people voted against the incumbent."

What the incumbent supported was deficit financing in the face of an \$8 million debt in Greenfield. Westgaard had led the fight against further spending, issuing a 41-page treatise on deficit financing and forcing a referendum on it. The referendum failed, but Westgaard said voters were agitated by the practice.

"In my last two speeches before the election I was truthful. I said you can't have everything you want," Westgaard said. "We have to hold the line of taxes. The piper has to be paid."

Westgaard said he will promote the idea that the 3,400 registered voters in his district become involved in the policies of the Greenfield City council. Much of his support came from a group outside the Libertarian Party, the Greenfield Residents Against Foolish Taxes. Similar groups, he said, should monitor their local governments.

"I accepted outside support, but people know where I stand. I am a Libertarian in the pure sense. But there is a problem that relates to purist ideology and political reality. I had to get elected and then show the voters I have the leadership."

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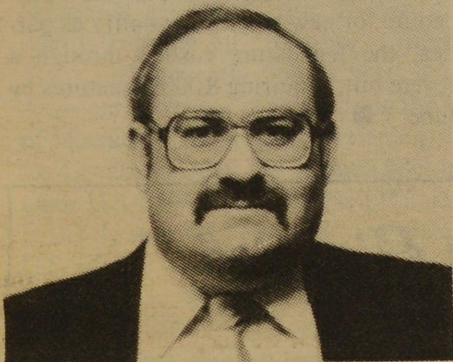
## Wisconsin Wins

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Theisen, chairman of the Brown County Libertarian Party, said he had only reached about 15 percent of the 900 voters in his Brown County District in the first election. Though he came in second ahead of two other candidates, Theisen knew his work was cut out for him.

"The big issue was controlling local spending," Theisen said. "There was in particular an expensive, extravagant landscaping planned for Green Bay. I told the people there were better ways to spend tax money."

The second time around, the voters agreed, Theisen, a self proclaimed "Libertarian with a small l since 1972-1976" told voters he was a Party member but pecked away at issues. The voters agreed with his stands and "didn't seem to care" about Theisen's party affiliation.



David Ripp, newly elected Dane County Supervisor and Springfield Town Clerk.

People in Ripp's district overwhelmingly agreed with him on the issue of county spending. Ripp parlayed a proven record of eliminating red tape in the Town of Springfield to do battle against spending in Dane County from the 27th District. Ripp's approach to the election accepted the notion that the structure of county government existed. His mandate, he said, was to stop it from growing. Ripp is adamantly opposed to a plan that would make property assessment a countywide practice.

"The state is pressuring for this and so it has support from the supervisors from Madison," Ripp said. "You name it, they are trying to make it a bigger government program. Stepping on people's rights is not the way to do it."

Ripp said he expected to win but the wide margin enforced his belief that the 8,000 people in his District want to retain control of their government.

Libertarians also ran, but lost spirited campaigns for local and state offices. Suzanne Kuring, of Eastman, garnered about 1 percent of the primary vote that included three Republicans and two Democrats vying for a state senate seat.

Daniel Stangle, a candidate for a county board seat in Waukesha County, the third most populous county in the state, was beaten by a longtime incumbent. Ken Van Doren lost his bid for a similar seat in Vernon County. Gary Witte lost a campaign for a trustee position in Mount Horeb. ■



LP National Committee member-at-large and noted Austrian economics teacher Murray Rothbard addresses the Mises Institute banquet in honor of Mrs. Ludwig Von Mises, held February 27 in New York City. (R) Margit Von Mises talks with National LP Finance Chair and NatCom member-at-large Dr. Matt Monroe after the dinner. Photo by Honey Lanham.



## Feldstein Wins Another Term

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portunity to place a libertarian agenda in front of people that they're willing to consider." Another advantage to holding office, he concluded, was that "people now seek my opinion, the movers and shakers of the community." Feldstein was aided in his re-election by his wife, Judy, who also served as his campaign manager. His campaign brochure read "Murray Feldstein doesn't make many promises, but he KEEPS the ones he has made," and also featured the slogan, "Big Government Isn't Better Government". ■

## "Media Events" Attract Notice for Libertarians

Atlanta, GA - In just one of the many recent successful LP "media events" (they used to be called publicity stunts), the Georgia LP managed to generate massive amounts of attention to the worst legislation passed in that state by awarding its "Cracked Pot" to suitable recipients. GLP Chair Bruce Earnheart reports that awarding, "cracked flower pots, spray-painted in gold & silver, mounted on a tacky piece of black styrofoam" resulted in coverage by a local TV station, the major area news radio station, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, by papers in Macon and Savannah, and the state A.P. wire. Seven state legislators were spotlighted by the awards, which were given based upon "any bad idea or half-baked notion", noted party spokesman James Harris at the Atlanta awards ceremony. A special "Golden Handcuffs" award was given for a bill which would have imposed a mandatory midnight to 5 a.m. curfew for people under 16, and other awards went to those sponsoring legislation to, among other things, outlaw major oil companies from opening new stations, giving \$100,000 in tax dollars to a private college for a performing arts center, prohibiting disclosure of felony victims names who were under age 17, banning books, magazines and photos that lacked "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors", reinstating compulsory schooling, and limiting the number of liquor stores in each county. While these bills did not actually pass, other ridiculous legislation undoubtedly escaped recognition - simply due to the sheer magnitude of bad legislation proposed.

This successful effort to garner favorable coverage for libertarian viewpoints is just one of a number of recent LP actions which generated considerable local and even national attention. Among some of the other recent efforts were:

◆ A "pennies from statism" giveaway by the San Francisco LP bookstore, which offered to rebate to every city tax-

payer one penny from an \$8000 civil suit settlement awarded to the bookstore owners by the city as a result of an illegal raid on the store during the LP's initiative campaign to abolish the city's vice squad. This "tax rebate" effort received publicity around the state as well as in San Francisco, and bookstore co-manager Eric Garriss reported that this giveaway was a way to "return stolen money" and had actually resulted in more contributions received than funds expended.

◆ The Anchorage LP sponsored a Moose Goose award, given to the city's mayor, which featured the portrayal of the end of the moose that doesn't have antlers. This effort also generated considerable publicity, although the mayor wasn't too happy about it, according to press reports.

◆ California Assembly candidate Mark Hinkle generated statewide coverage for his resolution, which passed at the recent California LP convention, which endorsed payment of any income taxes due in "Nuts and Bolts", in recognition of the Federal Government's habit of paying thousands of tax dollars for these simple parts when purchased through defense contractors. Cutting out the middleman was the idea, and the Santa Clara LP made a supply of nuts and bolts available to tax victims filing their returns on April 16 at the local post office.

◆ In one of the most successful attention getting events yet staged for a Tax Protest Day celebration, the Kentucky LP, led by Finance Chair Dr. Anthony Suruda, staged a re-make of the original tax day protest in Boston harbor and threw bales of 1040 tax forms into the Kentucky River near the state capitol of Frankfort. Considerable publicity was generated even before the event, due to ominous threats from government environmental bureaucrats about the dire consequences of polluting the river with tax forms. But even militant LPer's wouldn't stoop so low as to defile a river with IRS material, and all of the IRS

forms were attached to styrofoam bales that were promptly fished out of the river downstream from the ceremony. While state bureaucrats called it "a form of littering", LP leader Suruda deemed it a "form of free speech" and nonetheless fished out the IRS garbage from the river. Yet this simple stunt, complete with tri-cornered hats and other revolutionary garb donned by the protesters, generated over 20 news stories and photos in Kentucky, several TV spots and was even picked up on several news and radio wires and was carried as far away as California and Texas. This occurred both before and after the tax protest.

◆ While dozens of tax protest day actions filled the airwaves and newspapers on April 16, Washington D.C. area tax protesters managed to generate a photo of their "Uncle Sam" wearing a bandit mask and waving a "Honk if you hate taxes" sign, which appeared in several dozen newspapers around the nation after being picked up on the AP wire.

◆ And in the same photogenic vein, Dottie-Lou Brokaw made several New York state newspapers with a photo of her dressed as the Statue of Liberty, standing on the steps of the Albany capitol building during an LP rally. Brokaw is central New York Chair of the LP.

These imaginative stagings of awards, protests and resolutions are just some of the more successful LP grass-roots actions which managed to get across the libertarian message in a very low cost manner. While the opportunity to present detailed libertarian positions is limited when employing the "media event" tactic, they do generate public interest in the LP and usually make an educational point in an easily digestible manner for the news media. Since most "major party" campaign activities consist of little more than staged stunts for the planeloads of reporters following these candidates around, the libertarian actions can be appreciated even more when considering that candidates Reagan and Mondale are spending millions of stolen tax dollars for their "media events", in contrast to the imaginative, humorous and low cost efforts generated by grassroots Libertarian Party activists. ■



# Taking it to the Courts . . .

by Richard Winger

*Richard Winger is a San Francisco based election law consultant to the Libertarian Party. He is not an attorney, as was incorrectly reported in the last issue of LP News.*

**Alabama:** we lost our case in US District Court on April 12, against the 20% vote requirement for a party to remain qualified. An appeal is expected.

**California:** we won our case in US District Court on April 9, against California election law which forces the party to organize itself in a particular manner which doesn't suit the needs of the party. We won also on the issue of whether the LP can endorse candidates in its own primary. The judge abstained on the issue of whether we can endorse candidates in non-partisan elections, since the same issue is pending in State Supreme Court. The California Secretary of State has announced she will appeal.

**Illinois:** A lawsuit brought by another party, the **Taxpayers Party** case, to determine the constitutionality of Illinois' requirement for political party status, has been stalled. The federal court ruled that the case belongs in state court, to determine exactly what the Illinois law is, and the attorney for the Taxpayers Party has not taken any action to refile this case in state court. The Taxpayers Party is in a unique position to file this case because one of its statewide candidates in 1982 polled over 5% of the vote.

**Indiana:** In a terrible decision, the U.S. District Court ruled against the LP and held that the mandatory \$40 fee for personalized license plates, which is paid to the Republican and Democratic parties, was not unconstitutional!

**Iowa:** In the case brought by the Libertarian, Socialist, and Citizens Parties, against Iowa law which permits only Democrats and Republicans to become mobile registrars of voters, discovery is preceding.

of a party ballot access petition to state that he or she will vote for the candidates of the party and will also change his registration to join the party whose petition he or she is signing. Nebraska also has a county distribution requirement for this petition. Both parts of the law are probably unconstitutional. The Nebraska ACLU has agreed to file a lawsuit for us to overturn these restrictions.

**Ohio:** Although the last legislative session changed the deadline for submitting independent candidate petitions for president from March to August, it also changed the deadline for other independent candidate petitions from March to February! Last month a Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the February deadline for non-presidential independents. If this case wins, it will help the LP, since the LP opted for independent ballot status this year, rather than party status.

**Pennsylvania:** Our lawsuit against the early April 20 deadline for turning in petitions won when the state agreed that the law was probably unconstitutional and

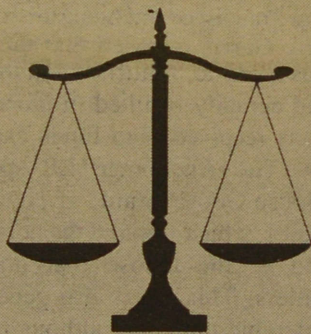
signed a consent decree that petitions will be accepted until August 1.

**Tennessee:** The Tennessee ACLU has agreed to represent the party in a case against Tennessee law, which requires that signers of the party petition must state that they are members of the party whose petition they are signing. However, since the deadline for qualifying as a party has already passed, the suit will have no practical effect until the 1986 election. The LP is using independent candidate procedures this year.

**Washington:** A Socialist Workers Party lawsuit lost in federal court last month. It challenged Washington's requirement that all third party candidates must poll at least 1% in the state's open primary, as a condition for appearing on the November ballot (this requirement does not pertain to presidential candidates).

**Wyoming:** In response to our lawsuit victory, that Wyoming must provide a procedure for new parties to qualify as parties, the legislature rushed through a severe bill, requiring 8,000 signatures by June 1. ■

## Libertarian Party 1984 Ballot Access Legal Roundup



**Colorado:** The US Court of Appeals upheld parts of our victory in US District Court earlier this year, but reversed other parts of it. The appeals panel agreed that we have the constitutional right to protect our party name against use by candidates who have no connection with the party, and it agreed that voters have the right to register as enrolled "Libertarian", even though we aren't a qualified party in Colorado. But it discreetly set aside the part of the lower court's ruling that a 10% vote requirement is too difficult for permanent status.

**Florida:** The US Court of Appeals denied a rehearing in the case we had lost last July. Libertarian Party of Florida's attorney Bob Smith is working on an appeal to the US Supreme Court.

There is also a case pending against the 150,000 signature requirement for independent candidates, **Geison vs. Firestone**, which will have a hearing in US District Court in July 1984. Since there has never been a statewide independent candidate on the ballot in Florida in the last 50 years (excepting president, for which requirements are easier) this case may win.

**Kansas:** Due to our 1982 lawsuit, the Kansas legislature was virtually required to pass some vote requirement for an old party to remain qualified (previously, once a party became qualified in Kansas, it could remain qualified forever, no matter how inactive it was). On April 2, 1984, the Governor of Kansas signed an excellent bill, which defines a party as one which polled 1% of the vote for any statewide office. This was a real victory. The legislature would surely have passed a much more restrictive bill, if it hadn't been for the excellent lobbying done by the Kansas Libertarian Party.

**Louisiana:** Our planned appeal to the US Supreme Court over Louisiana's requirement for political party ballot access (for office other than president) of 100,000 registrants, has been stalled. The clerk of the US Supreme Court rejected our briefs because of an extremely technical printing flaw. We are having the briefs reprinted and resubmitted.

**Massachusetts:** The petitioning deadline was recently set back to July 31.

**Nebraska:** Nebraska requires the signer

## 'Dear Congressman Gingrich..'

April 21, 1984

Congressman Newt Gingrich  
Sixth District of Georgia  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gingrich:

I read in my newspaper about your reaction to the "Dear Commandante" letter of some of your fellow congressmen, a letter on the subject of free and fair elections in Nicaragua.

Has it occurred to you that in one important respect, the proposed Nicaragua election will be considerably freer than Georgia elections? Nicaragua's election will permit all 8 political parties to be on the ballot. By contrast, Georgia election law makes it almost impossible for parties other than Democratic and Republican to get on the ballot.

Whereas in Nicaragua, the voters will hear, and have a chance to vote for all viewpoints, this is not true in Georgia. Third parties which are organized in Georgia (Libertarian, Socialist Workers, Populist, Citizens) will not be able to have a full slate of candidates on the Georgia 1984 ballot.

Georgia not only requires an outlandish number of signatures for third parties, it requires every third party candidate to have a separate petition. See Ga. Election Code 21-2-170(c), "Each petition shall support the candidacy of only a single candidate". There is no procedure for a third party to qualify itself; instead, each one of its candidates must have his own petition.

In 1984, a third party which wished to run candidates in Georgia for president, US Senate, Public Service Commissioner, one candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, and candidates for congress in all districts, would need 348,743 valid signatures on nominating petitions. This is so outlandish and unthinkable that no third party will even attempt it.

Since the ballot access procedures for third parties were revised in 1943, there has not been a single third party candidate for US Senate, Governor, or US House of Representatives, on the Georgia ballot. See the enclosed copies of the Georgia page from Statistics of the Congressional Election, published by the Clerk of the US House of Representatives. Georgia elections are less free than the proposed Nicaragua elections.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard Winger*

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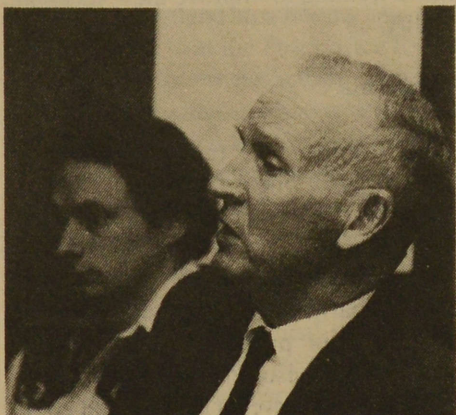
# Montana LP Fields an Impressive Slate

Helena, MT - The "Big Sky Country" LP submitted an impressive list of candidates to the Secretary of State's office on April 16, reflecting the efforts of the party to find and run qualified candidates. The Montana LP enjoyed remarkable success in that effort, perhaps reflecting that state's individualist heritage. Montana was one of the last states where silver dollars circulated freely as money (until bad money drove out good), where guns are estimated to outnumber the citizens (less than 3/4 million residents), and where one of the most celebrated incidents in the state's history involves Virginia City miners who hung the local sheriff and his deputies, who had been robbing and murdering them.

Heading the ticket is 1982 LP Senatorial candidate Larry Dodge, 42, who is running for Governor. Clifford Thies, 31, currently State Chair, is an Assistant Professor of Business in the U. of Montana MBA program, is running for Lt. Governor. Other major candidates include U.S. Senate candidate Neil Halprin, currently state LP Vice Chair, and retired U.S. Marine officer and tree farmer Royer Warren, 63, of Lakeside running for Western District U.S. Congress, Libertarian attorney William Dee Morris, who has practiced law in the state for 26 years, is seeking the Attorney General's position, Missoula Transportation Board member Patricia Summers is seeking the State Auditor job and Missoula County LP Chair James Alan Winter has announced for the Public Service Commission District position number 5. Eight libertarians are also running for the State House from Troy, Kalispell, Great Falls and Missoula. They are: Mike Tanchek, Mary June Hellman, Diane Stokes, Susan Roberts, Michael Wagner, Joseph Cobwin, Peggy Christensen and Tom Stetson.

This impressive slate got off to a rousing start with a well publicized press conference held in the Governor's own reception office in the state Capitol (apparently the first time ordinary citizens used it for this purpose) by announcing that the "Freedom Team" slate of Dodge and Thies was adamantly opposed to the incumbent Governor's statist "Build Montana" development scheme. Dodge called for the end to the current Governor's central planning for the state and termed the "Build Montana" idea an "entree to socialism". In a widely publicized response, Governor Schwinden would only say "I'm going to have to brush up on my French." (Yes, this clown is actually the current Governor). Some Montana news sources have already predicted that the LP Freedom Team may outpoll the weak Republican ticket.

Larry Dodge recently noted that "we may attract a significant number of younger and formerly Democratic voters, since a study of my 1982 Senatorial cam-



Jim Winter (background, left) Montana Public Service Commissioner Dist. 5 candidate, and Royer Warren, Western Montana Congressional District candidate, while at the Montana LP state convention. Photo by Chris Mullin.

paigned showed that 3 out of 4 LP votes were Democratic crossover votes." Dodge and Thies may also be the most well educated ticket in the nation; since both hold Doctorate degrees (Dodge has a PhD. in sociology from Brown and Thies has a PhD. in economics from Boston College). Dodge owns the largest postcard production and distribution business in the state and is also well known as a libertarian environmental researcher. Since his announcement, Dodge has regularly made front page coverage state wide with his testimony in hearings over water use policy and at utility hearings regarding Montana Power's construction of a coal-based power plant paid for by mandatory rate hikes. Clifford Thies is a New York City native and former infantry officer, who teaches economics to SAC Air Force officers at Great Falls' Malmstrom Air Force Base. Thies believes there is a substantial overlap to teaching economics and believing in libertarian political philosophy. "Economics is the scientific study of how people choose," he said, "while Libertarianism is the political philosophy of allowing people a choice."

Western District Congressional candidate Royer Warren is a 23 year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, educated at the U.S. Naval Academy, UCLA, San Diego State, and the University of California. He has a business background in the savings and loan industry and is a self-employed tree farmer and builder. Warren has six children and 11 grandchildren, and noted in his campaign announcement that "the only moral crime is the use of force, as engaged in by criminals and governments imposing unequal taxation, regulation and criminal penalties upon peaceful, voluntary and honest conduct." The "keystone to freedom" is "monetary freedom", and he has made repeal of legal tender laws and sound money major issues in his campaign. In a highly publicized incident, when Warren went to pay his candidates' filing fee, he asked the clerk if he could pay the \$722 fee in "real money". She replied "absolutely" and Warren placed a U.S. \$20 gold

"double eagle" in front of her. Warren notes "the look on her face was, alone, worth the inconvenience of traveling the 200 miles to file." The experience of dealing with real money (worth more than the filing fee) was too much for the system and the officialdom was relieved that Warren finally agreed to pay in paper money. Warren was also heartened by another publicized comment by the Democratic Congressional incumbent, who said he planned to take the Libertarian campaign seriously and said that Libertarians "always raise good issues" and "make a lot of noise." Warren responded by also noting that "we might just make a lot of sense, as well, and that we will welcome any opportunity to discuss these sensible ideas with him at any time."

Missoula lawyer Neil Halprin, running for U.S. Senate against incumbent Max Baucus (Dem) noted that his opponent is a "good man" who "doesn't stand for anything." Halprin's campaign announcement focused on criticism of expensive U.S. defense policies which require the "largest unneeded peacetime army in history" and which merely "subsidizes European and Pacific democracies which are this country's chief competitors in the world market." He also said that national deficit is the product of "highway robbery" by the Federal Reserve System and that the IRS is "devastating to the traditional American constitutional right to privacy."

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## Jim Lewis Campaign Reaches New Audiences

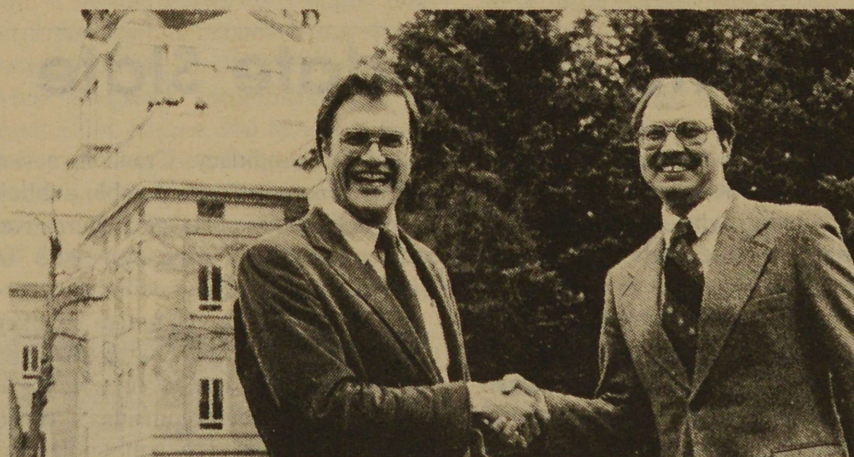
Grand Forks, ND - North Dakota isn't exactly a hotbed of libertarianism. This predominantly rural state of barely 630,000 produced only 3700 votes for the 1980 LP ticket, although that 1% total matched LP results nationwide. But up until this past April Easter weekend, no national LP candidate had ever campaigned in this state. And while no one is expecting miracles from Jim Lewis' four day visit to the Peace Garden state, former NDLP Chair and Lewis host Kris Brekke said that Jim's visit would undoubtedly "help revitalize the North Dakota LP" which currently has about 30 active contributors. Jim Lewis' visit to this somewhat remote state is characteristic of his low-key campaigning at the grassroots level. His extensive campaign touring and literally hundreds of media appearances and campaign visits are producing results usually obtained by expensive media campaigns.

"What Jim did most effectively was to communicate with the media," activist Brekke noted, "and in his appearances on two of the three TV stations in the area we found the media to be well informed

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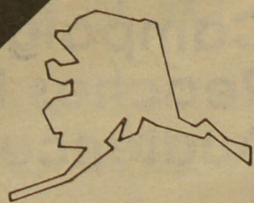
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## Alaska

The ALP held its annual State Convention at the Land's End Lodge in Homer, May 4-6, which featured Georgetown University Professor Earl Ravenal providing both the keynote address, "What's Wrong with the American Party System," and a presentation on foreign and military policies. Also featured were seminars by some of Alaska's elected Libertarians on serving public office, homesteading in Alaska, the Freedom of Information Act, private vs. public education, and the ALP sponsored effort to abolish the Alaska Transportation Commission. Ravenal's visit to the state also generated coverage from Anchorage newspapers.

In addition to the educational presentations, new officers were elected. Former gubernatorial candidate and past Chair Dick Randolph stepped down to head up the ALP's Election Committee, to spearhead the critical task of electing Libertarians to the legislature. Anchorage insurance salesman Joe Grove was elected Chair, Susan Bickman of Eagle River was elected Vice Chair, and Anchorage attorney Steve Delisio became Chair of the Membership Committee. Alana Bergh and Cindy Coulter were picked as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Randolph will oversee the ALP's pro-

jected \$100,000 campaign budget, much of it raised via periodic airplane raffles.

The ALP's support of the initiative to abolish the Alaska Transportation Commission received a setback when twenty-four state air transport firms sued for an injunction to halt the initiative on the fall ballot.

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The week of July 23 promises to be a valuable "Liberty Week" in Honolulu, judging from plans the Hawaii LP has to hold three separate events within four days, in conjunction with their State Convention. A chili and rice fundraiser is slated for July 25 at the Maryknoll High School, and LP Presidential contender David Bergland will be the featured guest at the July 27 banquet at the Outrigger Prince Kohio Hotel. The Convention itself will be held on July 28 at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel, which, in addition to Dave Bergland, will feature libertarian defense policy author Jeffrey Hummel.

The HLP is also able to present

libertarian-oriented radio spots on the KHVH "Viewpoint" program, aired periodically during the week. A Libertarian Toastmasters Club is also active for those wishing to improve their speaking ability.

## California

The California LP (and other political parties) got a boost from U.S. District Judge Marilyn Patel on April 10, when she struck down portions of the California election law which had barred political parties from endorsing partisan candidates in primary elections. The decision will also let the parties determine who can serve on their central committees, how much their dues will be, etc. Holding that these state mandated rules violated freedom of speech and assembly, this ruling also removes limits on fundraising. The state, however, will appeal. (Boo!)

The California Bergland for President Committee has been formed consisting of Coordinator Bob Lehman, Treasurer Bill Mitchell, Field Activities Director Andrew Morris, Special Events Director Mike Hall, and Media Coordinators Eric Garris, Kerry Welsh and Cathy Zoeckler.

State Executive Director Marshall Fritz made an interesting outreach attempt. During his return from a recent visit to San Diego he was stopped at an INS "alien checkpoint". In a calm and reasonable fashion, Marshall explained why immigration laws were wrong and that the job the officers were performing were very similar to that of the Gestapo. Unexpectedly, the inspector showed interest in what Marshall had to say and pulled him over for further discussion. Several other officers gathered around and a friendly discussion of libertarian principles ensued. This low-key approach may prove valuable in other similar situations.

Director Fritz has also reported that an initial visit with singer Bobbie Gentry has

resulted in considerable interest in the LP by the country western singer, who asked excellent questions during a followup meeting about property taxes, inflation, and foreign policy.

San Diego area Libertarian Jim Conole has thrown his proverbial "hat into the ring" by declaring for the 44th Congressional District. Conole is described as a "hard-line" libertarian who has stated that "we want to shrink the government to a tiny fraction" of its present size. The April 24 meeting of the San Diego LP featured well-known KSDO radio talk show host Dave Dawson, speaking on "Freedom of Speech", and the May 22 meeting featured a real political coup, the first "Great Debate" of all of the candidates in the San Diego mayoral race.

Libertarian Earnest Curtis placed third in the April 20 election for Los Alamitos (Orange County) City Council race. Curtis, a physician, was backed by anti-tax activist Paul Gann and spoke out against zoning in his campaign.

Fresno area libertarians elected Dr. Robert Subers, family practice physician from Clovis, as Chair of the Fresno County LP on February 25. Others elected were Tim Salzer, Jim Titus, Richard Mitchell and Gene Arriet.

Santa Clara Libertarians heard Tom Brosz on March 15. Brosz is editor of the *Commercial Space Report*. Their April 19 meeting also featured Larry Dodge, who appeared during part of his statewide tour. The Santa Clara party received considerable publicity as the main opposition to a new tax to fund the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. County Chair Jim Wilson was quoted in a local paper as saying "This tax is particularly onerous because we don't want taxpayers to have to pay for the education of others."

Marin County 6th Congressional District candidate Howard Creighton of San Rafael recently became Chair of the Citizens for Library User Fees, which is opposing a Marin County "library tax" of \$18 per household per year to finance

## Montana Candidate Slate

From page 5

The front page coverage of the Montana LP slate seems to even extend to candidates running who are not officially recognized by the state government. Robert Crane attempted to file for State Superintendent of Public Instruction but was rejected by the bureaucracy because he did not have his filing fee or indigency documents ready at the time. Although his petition for filing was accepted prior to the deadline, and notarized by the election clerk, government bureaucrats have repeatedly claimed he hasn't legally "filed" because the proper functionary's signatures were not on the document and the boxed marked "filed" was not checked. Since the Federal Government is busy "insuring" democracy in Central America and elsewhere, rather than in Montana, Crane's options are limited to legal action to forcing state officials to

accept his candidacy. Crane is nevertheless generating considerable publicity about libertarian education alternatives and continues to campaign with or without state sanction.

The LP Freedom Team also received publicity recently when Dodge and Thies publicly pledged not to raise taxes if elected, in stark contrast to a recent report from the state government containing numerous tax increase "options." Candidates Halprin, Dodge and Warren also received publicity when they refused to disclose their 1983 tax returns to the public, citing privacy considerations. "Even if I don't approve of force, I still respect it," Dodge was quoted. "So I sent in my tax returns, but I don't want to extend this invasion of privacy by going public with the information I was forced to give the government," Dodge noted. ■

(Left to right): Former Montana LP Chair Bob Crane, Attorney General candidate Willie Dee Morris, and Gubernatorial candidate Larry Dodge, while attending the Montana LP state convention in Somers. Photo by Chris Mullin.





the county library system.

Sacramento Valley libertarians are meeting monthly at Round Table Pizza in Sacramento, and Bill Statler is organizing a monthly discussion group which will feature audio tapes of libertarians speaking on a wide variety of subjects.

The Placer County LP, which produces the impressive *Placer Gold* newsletter, is fielding an impressive array of candidates and is also giving the local political powers-that-be a real run for their money. Grass Valley Surgeon Bob Murphy is gearing up for a high visibility campaign which began in April, Meadow Vista businessman Fred Colburn will provide a Libertarian challenge to Republican Congressman Norman Shumway, and Chuck Carr, an asphalt paving superintendent from Loomis, will oppose Democratic Assemblywoman Jean Moorehead. In addition, three Libertarians are bidding for a seat on the Board of Supervisors. They are: financial consultant Allen Fink, dentist Bruce Daniel, and Tahoe City businessman Eric Hendrickson. The three are running as a slate and their campaign already has attracted considerable interest.

### REGION 3

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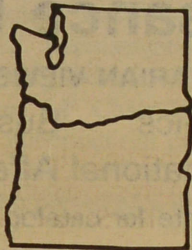
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### Oregon

VP Presidential candidate Jim Lewis and former Washington State Chair and NatCom Representative "Skip" Barron were the featured guests at the Oregon LP State Convention April 14-15, held at Silver Falls State Park. 1982 Oregon gubernatorial candidate and Yamhill computer salesman Paul Cleveland was elected State Chair. Other officers elected were Herman Kachold, David Schrader and Martin Brown, all of Portland. The convention received statewide publicity, as did Jim Lewis' visit to Portland, where he was on two TV stations, three radio stations, and in three newspapers.

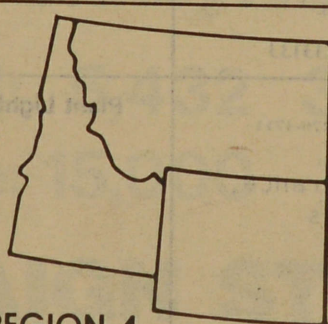
The LPO Convention also endorsed a ballot status lawsuit sponsored by 1972 LP VP candidate Tonie Nathan of Eugene, who is also running an active campaign for a Lane County Commission seat. The LPO Convention also garnered considerable statewide publicity for its public stand on several of the more than 30 state initiatives circulating in the state. Terming the existence of so many initiatives a symbol of the "brazen unresponsiveness" of the Legislature, the LPO officially supported a property rights initiative which reduces the power of the State Land and Development Commission, endorsed a measure allowing adult possession of marijuana, opposed a "fair pay" initiative for government

employees, and did not endorse but expressed sympathy for a 1.5% property tax limitation (LPO did not support the latter because of the implicit endorsement of taxation in the measure).

Twenty Portland area libertarians were out on April 16 at the Post Office for the traditional Tax Protest action. They carried signs reading, among other things, "Surprise - the Income Tax is Voluntary". Jim Lewis' opposition to taxation resulted in an editorial in the largest state paper, reassuring tax victims that they were not "dupes" for obligingly forking over their money to the IRS. The Eugene *Oregon Daily* report of a political panel at the University of Oregon noted that "only the Libertarian offered surprises" in a panel discussion on politics, and went on to describe in detail LP positions put forth by Erik Wingren.

### Washington

The Puget Sound Libertarian Forum heard black architect Elaine Day Latourelle speak April 10 on the subject of institutional barriers to entrepreneurship, which she has encountered as a black female in Seattle. The May 8 Forum presented a discussion regarding the relative merits of "natural rights vs. utilitarian arguments" for libertarianism. The Pierce County LP (Tacoma) has been hearing from a variety of speakers. Recent programs have been about the Sanctuary movement (for non-government approved immigrants), military doctrines and libertarianism, Social Security and the federal deficit. The Pierce County LP also took an active part in the Tacoma April 16 Tax Protest festivities. David Bergland is expected to provide an effective followup to Jim Lewis' earlier visit, by his campaign visit to Washington July 18-22. He has already been booked as the guest speaker for the 300-member downtown Tacoma Rotary Club, and will be the main attraction at the LPW State Convention July 20-21.



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### Idaho

Donald Billings, 49, Professor of Economics at Boise State University, filed more than 1000 signatures on April 30 to qualify himself as the LP Senatorial candidate, facing incumbent Republican

Senator James McClure. In recent news interviews Billings said that he plans on running a high-profile campaign with emphasis on the need for non-interventionism in foreign policy and privatization of wilderness lands. Also filing for legislative races are Jack Dalton, department Chair and Professor of Chemistry at Boise State, who will be running for State Legislature, Richard Price, running for State Senate in District 13, Michael Wilson for District 20 House seat B, and Martha (Marty) Janstrom, State LP Treasurer, running for District 15 House seat A. Consideration is being given to running a generic "Vote Libertarian for Legislature" campaign.

In addition to the candidate announcements, plans have been finalized to host LP VP candidate Jim Lewis at the Idaho State LP Convention on June 9 and 10 in Boise, which will also feature former LP VP candidate Tonie Nathan of Oregon, and Senate candidate Donald Billings.

The LP of Ada County (Boise area) heard Allen Dalton speak on "Liberty: Left or Right?" at the March 14 meeting and Mike Wilson led a roundtable discussion on the subject, "On Becoming Libertarian--Personal Reflections" which was enjoyed by the participants, some of whom dubbed the session "True Confessions".

Party members have also been active addressing the issue of public education by testifying before legislative committees in favor of tuition tax credit proposals, and discussing the education issue in various news articles and letters. LP members Allen Dalton and Lowell Carpenter were guests on several hour-long radio talk show sessions, in late April and May.

### Montana

In addition to fielding an impressive slate of candidates this year (see related article elsewhere in this issue) the Montana LP held a successful State Convention, in Somers, during early March. The MLP provided an extensive tour of the state for 1984 Presidential contender David Bergland. Bergland's visits to Great Falls, Helena and Missoula were well covered in the press, as was his appearance at the State Convention. In addition to Bergland's appearance, former LP Chair Alicia Clark presented an organizing workshop for local LP groups.

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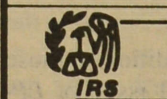
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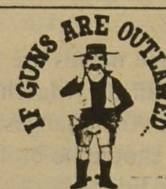
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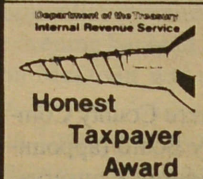
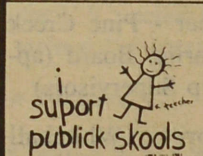
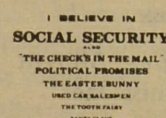
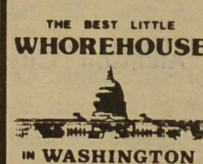


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Great Falls economics Professor Clifford Thies was elected State Chair. The Convention endorsed the state nuclear disarmament ballot initiative as well as proposals that would abolish some property and income taxes, protect private property from confiscation, and make property taxes payable on election day.

### Wyoming

The Wyoming LP has also protested the unfair burden placed on the party in the wake of the favorable court ruling which required the State Legislature to allow for non-Republican political parties to obtain ballot access. In the usual twist of the bipartisan knife, the Legislature complied by setting a June 1 deadline for gathering 8,000 signatures in the huge, sparsely populated state. The WLP filed a brief in March with the Federal Court pointing out that this move leaves only two months to meet the deadline in 1984, although the law was written to provide at least a full year for signature collection. Meanwhile, volunteers from nearby states have been assisting with signature collection, including NatCom Region 4 Representative Della Scott, who has been setting an excellent example by personally assisting in this effort, although she hails from Kalispell, Montana. Continued, page 9



## LP Officeholder Update

These names are in addition to those listed in the March-April issue of *LP News*. Any changes, corrections or updates should be brought to the attention of the Editor.

### Alaska

Gordon E. Castanza - City of McGrath Planning Commission (appointment)

Ken Stephens - Kenai Borough Assembly

### Kansas

Douglas Merritt - Atchison City Commissioner

### Pennsylvania

Margarethe M. Kemner - Pine Creek Township Zoning Hearing Board (appointment by Township Supervisors)

Dominic D. Salvatori - Whitehall Borough Cable Television Committee (appointment)

### Washington

Kelly L. Haughton - Pierce County Community Action Advisory Board (appointment), and Citizen's Energy Conservation Advisory Committee (appointment, City of Tacoma).

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## Two Officeholders Switch to LP

Atchinson, KS/ Soldotna, AK - Two elected officials were recently reported to have changed their party affiliation to Libertarian. Alaska LP Executive Director Duncan Scott report that Kenai Borough Assembly Representative Ken Stephens recently joined the Alaska LP, adding another name to the lengthy list of Libertarians holding public office in Alaska. Kansas LP Chair Bill Earnest issued a news release in early May announcing that a former Mayor, and current member of the City Commission of Atchison, Kansas, has joined the Libertarian Party.

Douglas Merritt, who holds degrees in veterinary medicine and law, and is a retired Navy Reserve Captain, switched his registration from Republican to Libertarian as a result of the economic crisis the nation is facing. Deficit spending and strangling regulations have caused this

crisis, Mr. Merritt said, and "the size and scope of government must be reduced," he noted. Merritt and his wife, Marjorie, have seven children and twelve grandchildren. KLP Chair Earnest noted that "Doug's switch is just another sign that voters want to cut taxation and spending, eliminate deficits and reduce regulations. They don't want bureaucrats in Topeka or Washington, D.C. running their lives".

In another interesting sidebar, Gordon Castanza reports that he is a Libertarian officeholder in McGrath, Alaska. He was appointed to the McGrath Planning Commission in 1980, served as Chair for three years, and was reappointed in 1983. Castanza also reports that aside from his civic duties, he has participated in the 1131 mile long Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race from Anchorage to Nome, twice, in 1981 and 1984. This year he finished 24th out of 67 participants. ■

## LP News Circulation Grows

Houston, TX - Effective with the March-April issue, the circulation of *LP News* has been increased to 20,000, announced *LP News* Editor Mike Holmes recently. "National Chair Paul Grant has given the go-ahead for expanded circulation, as well as monthly issues for July through October," Holmes said. Increased interest in LP activities and the desire to keep libertarians well informed of the fast-breaking campaign news this summer and fall were cited as the principal reasons for these changes.

Plans are also being discussed for a special September "Campaign Issue" which may be circulated to as many as 40,000 or 50,000 readers. This special expanded issue would be focused on local and national LP campaigns and would feature special use of color. Currently, *LP News* is sent to subscribers, members, contributors and membership prospects. ■

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### Arizona

The sunny skies of Tucson welcomed the delegates to the ALP's State Convention held at the Santa Rita Hotel May 12 and 13. LP Presidential standard-bearer David Bergland was the featured speaker at the evening Awards Banquet, which was emceed by former U.S. Representative Sam Steiger. Also attending the festivities were former Montana LP Chair Bob Crane, Montana LP gubernatorial candidate Larry Dodge, and National LP Chair Paul Grant, who presented a lun-

cheon speech on growth in the LP. Tucson LP stalwart Peggy Jeney was elected Chair and several modifications were made to the ALP platform in the area of American Indian rights, immigration, and government intervention in the economy.

Arizona LP'ers turned out in force for Tax Protest Day activities on April 16 in Phoenix, Mesa and Scottsdale and passed out an estimated 4000 pieces of literature. Maricopa County Libertarians (Phoenix) heard John Semmens discuss privatization of the highway system at their April meeting. What made this presentation unusual is that Mr. Semmens is a Senior Policy Analyst for the Arizona Dept. of Transportation, and he gave a practical case for the benefits provided to transportation if that old statist bugaboo "but who would run the highways?" was answered in a libertarian fashion. Maricopa County LP'ers were given the opportunity to "bare all" about the LP at the booth set up at the 1984 West Coast gathering of the Nurturist Society convention, held in Phoenix over Easter weekend. Many of the naturalist/nudists in attendance expressed sympathy with libertarian views. Mohave County LP members now have the pleasure of viewing a sign erected by the LP, in cooperation with member Aaron Ashurst, reading "A New Beginning, Mohave County Libertarian Committee" with the group's phone number. Coconino County LP'ers were happy to

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celebrate the re-election of Dr. Murray Feldstein to his Flagstaff City Council seat (see related story elsewhere in this issue). The headline read "Feldstein stock goes up" in the local paper. This county also currently leads in statewide LP voter registrations. Pima County (Tucson) LP'ers were instrumental in knocking out two of three bond proposals, to the astonishment of local media and political wheeler-dealers. The defeated proposals concerned a project for sewer flood repairs and the establishment of a "high tech" center at Pima College. Efforts by Peggy Jeney and County Chair Herb Johnson to set up a media campaign and phone bank helped defeat these two measures.

Six candidates have announced campaign plans to date. They are: Armando Bernal, Lorraina Valencia and Bennie Joe "Basonova" Brown for Legislative District offices, Ronald Tobin for Arizona Corporation Commission, Tom Shook for Mine Inspector and Dick Stauffer for Congressional District 3 office. Candidates must submit petitions based on 3% of the vote for the LP gubernatorial candidate from various jurisdictions, depending upon the office sought.

### Nevada

Nevada Libertarians enjoyed the April 10 story in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on Jim Lewis entitled "Libertarians campaign on small is better" which carried an extensive discussion of the libertarian viewpoint. "Reno demonstrates the libertarian position," Lewis was quoted, noting that gambling and prostitution are legal in the state. "Not because I necessarily advocate these activities, but when legislators have tried to put a criminal lid on them they have opened the door for the underworld," he said.

Las Vegas cab driver Joe Morris announced his candidacy for State Senate District 3 seat on May 3. This is a repeat of his 1982 race, in which Morris spent 6¢ per vote, compared to the incumbent's \$1.33. Main issues to be stressed are taxation, support of an alternative lottery system, elimination of compulsory attendance laws, and the end of Nevada as the site for U.S. nuclear testing, which Morris termed "as insane as nuclear war."

### New Mexico

The NMLP held a very successful State Convention on April 7 and heard Presidential contender Dave Bergland at the evening banquet. El Paso LP activist John McDivitt was a guest speaker and *Albuquerque Journal* political cartoonist John Trevor presented a professional and humorous slide show of some of his car-

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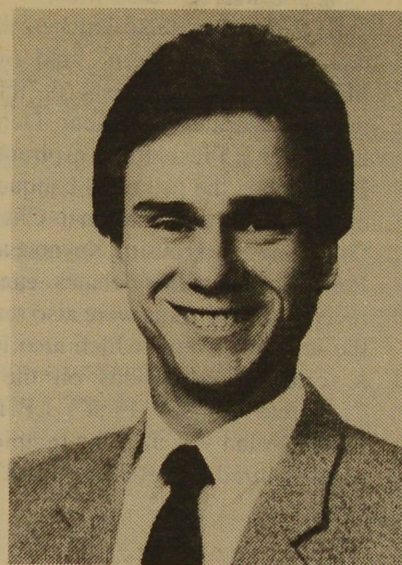
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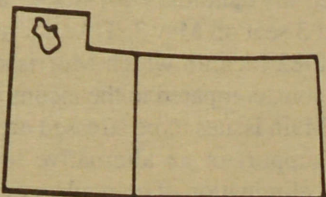
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toon work. Shirley Jones of Sapello was nominated as 1st Congressional District candidate and Albuquerque attorney and former State Chair Stephen Curtis was nominated for 3rd Congressional District.

Christa Bolden was re-elected Chair and other officers elected were Richard Jones, Ed Jones, Dick Reeves, Price Fernon, Walter Johnson and Stephen Curtis. Elected as LP presidential electors were Maurice MacDonald and Paula Rea-Bragg of Sante Fe and Elka Mikaelian, Allia Casnyi and Robert White of Albuquerque.



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## Colorado

The CLP staged two effective April 16 Tax Protest actions. One in Colorado Springs spearheaded by State Chair Patrick Lilly, which received prominent news coverage in both papers, including photos. And one held in Denver, which culminated in a small parade through downtown Denver to the State Capitol. The Denver protest drew three TV stations-with repeated news broadcasts, and radio and newspaper coverage.

Colorado Liberty editor Dwight Filley officially announced his candidacy for the 1st District Congressional seat now held by Democrat Patricia Schroeder. Filley's campaign will stress the Federal deficit and removal of U.S. troops from NATO. Various news media covered his February 21 press conference, and he was the main LP spokesman at the Denver Tax Protest. He is also holding a chili dinner and hot tub party (we don't know what it is either, but it does sound pretty libertarian, doesn't it?) on June 9 as a fundraiser.



Presidential candidate David Bergland explains an issue to an Arizona LP State Convention banquet guest. The Convention was held May 12-13 in Tucson. Photo by Jeannette Allen.

Coloradans for Free Enterprise hired Lori Masse, until recently a Florida resident and Region 19 NatCom Representative, to become Executive Director for their effort to place a transportation deregulation initiative on the November ballot. Massie was involved in a Florida Tax Relief effort similar to the Colorado effort, which will require 60,000 signatures.

The CLP is taking advantage of the Secretary of State's decision not to appeal the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling which allows citizens to register as Libertarians, and is mounting a drive to encourage LP members and others to do so. There is also a LP booth scheduled for the third annual Working Woman's Exposition in Denver, held June 14 and 15 at the Merchandise Mart.

CLP members also enjoyed their recent State Convention, held over the Memorial Day weekend at the Northglenn Holiday Inn near Denver. It featured LP Presidential aspirant David Bergland as the principal banquet guest and saw LP and National Chair Paul Grant provide a rousing Keynote address. Political workshops, debates, candidates receptions and films were also on tap for the four day event, which also featured a series of workshops on the theme "Liberate Yourself First". LP founder David Nolan was also the recipient of a good-natured Libertarian "roast" at the banquet.

## Utah

The ULP held their annual Tax Protest Day picket at the main Salt Lake City Post office on April 16. In his pre-protest

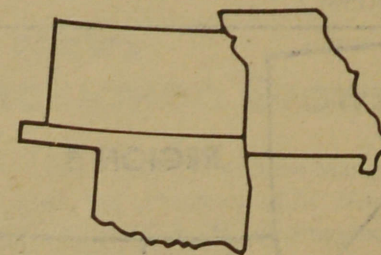
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On tap in late May was the May 31 Karl Bray Awards Banquet, the 1st annual event honoring the late Utah LP activist and tax protester. Guest of honor at this event was LP candidate David Bergland. The following June 2 weekend saw the annual ULP State Convention held at Utah Technical College.

Region 6 NatCom Representative Hugh Butler threw his hat into the ring for Salt Lake City's 2nd Congressional District seat. Butler, founder and President of Computer Consultants, a Utah-based software marketing firm, had previously run for County Commissioner in 1982. He plans to focus his race on the failure of the bipartisans to allow a free market economy, reduce taxes, and the need to reduce U.S. military presence overseas. D.W. Crosby, 44, of Provo, is also reported to have filed for U.S. Congress, 3rd District.



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## Kansas

The recent switch of former Atchison County Mayor and current City Councilman from Republican to Libertarian (see related story elsewhere in this issue) highlighted a problem with some Kansas county clerks, some of whom appear reluctant to allow citizens to register Libertarian. "There are numerous documented cases where county clerks are preventing voters from registering as Libertarians. I know of cases which have occurred in Butler, Cowley, and Atchison counties." LPK State Chair Bill Earnest reported.

This situation is particularly critical to the ongoing success of the LP in Kansas, since the LP's nominee for U.S. Senate must receive at least 1% of the statewide vote to secure ongoing ballot status, as a result of a recent change in the Kansas election law.

## Missouri

Press reports from Pineville, Missouri in February claimed that three people, who were identified as LP members, were arrested for attempted murder, conspiracy to interrupt court proceedings, and resisting arrest. They allegedly made threats against the sheriff and D.A. while at a trial of a Missouri man arrested for driving without a government license. Instead, the man supposedly was using a license issued by the head of a local libertarian group. It is not known what actual connection the people involved have, if any, with the official Missouri LP organization. Southern Missouri, home to the Jesse James gang, has long had a reputation for being an area of indepen-



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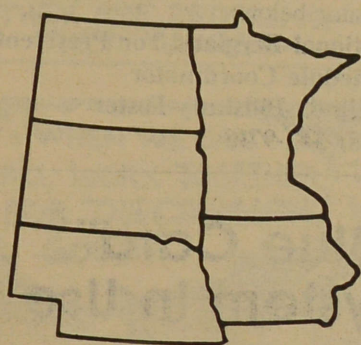
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The extremely difficult Oklahoma ballot drive effort has now passed the end of May deadline, but it was not known at press time whether or not sufficient signatures were gathered. Signature collection had been handicapped by severe weather, which initial reports suggested may fall short of the total needed. Plans had earlier been made to request a deadline extension, as a result of the bad weather, if signature totals fell short.



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### Minnesota

LP Veep contender Jim Lewis made a second pass through the state in late April, which, among other things, resulted in an extensive interview with the *Minnesota Daily* campus newspaper. "Unlike some politicians, Lewis didn't shy away from giving specifics on what his party would advocate if elected," the reporter wrote. "To compensate for revenue lost by the elimination of taxes, Lewis would seek to abolish nearly all government bureaus. Unemployed former government workers would not be a major problem, he said, because the transfer of government functions to the private sector would create immense growth," the interview noted. The article went on to extensively cover a wide range of LP positions on various issues.

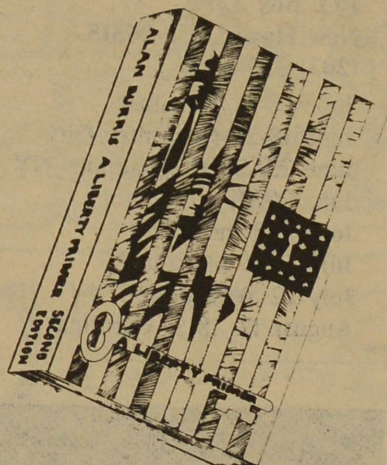
### Nebraska

On April 9, the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union accepted the LPN's case to challenge the state's restrictive ballot access laws. Among other ridiculous requirements, are the provisions that 1% of the vote from 19 different counties, where signatures must be gathered must come from residents who state that they intend to change their voter registration to that of the new party seeking ballot status. NCLU President George Green

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## Lewis Campaign

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and reasonably sympathetic to the libertarian viewpoint." Since this area is near the Minnesota border, near the scene of the recent shootout by federal officials of tax resister Gordan Kahl, interest in Lewis' tax protest stance was quite high, although Brekke had to correct one local paper's account of Lewis' visit, which had attempted to link the LP's opposition to taxes with the militant rightwing Posse Comitatus, which is active in the area.

Kris Brekke, who has supported the LP since John Hosper's candidacy in 1972, and was a delegate to the 1976 LP convention, is considering running for state representative, noting that the LP received over 500 votes in the Grand Forks area in 1980. Brekke hosted Jim for a much needed Easter break at a nearby Minnesota lake cabin, and also introduced Lewis to local area libertarians and other interested persons. While North Dakota has legalized gambling to some extent (\$2 limit blackjack), the main issues of interest here are farming, where Lewis' message on the virtues of free trade and lower interest rates via sound money captured the interest of TV interviewers, some of whom spent over an hour talking to Jim for their news reports. Jim subsequently went on to visit Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where political columnist Rob Swenson headlined his four column story "Vice presidential candidate arrives without fanfare or frills" and noted that Jim was the first VP candidate to visit South Dakota in 1984.

Highlights of other Lewis campaign activities, which have taken him across the country several times, include:

- Missoula, Montana, where libertarians held an April 16 guerilla theatre presentation at high noon in front of the downtown post office featuring Lewis in a skit entitled "Seizure of the farm". The skit ended with a ritual burning of IRS forms and what one newspaper said "what looked like money". Lewis was quoted as saying "The IRS has tricked everybody into complying" with the system and "that's the only way it works".

- Lewis' visit to Portland on his trip to the Oregon LP State Convention drew the ire of the Portland *Oregonian* editorial staff, which reassured it's readers that "Taxpayers are not dupes" and tried to refute Lewis' claims that the IRS relies mainly on bluff and threats. The editorial writer seemed particularly upset about Jim's account of his non-payment of taxes since 1981, and the IRS's lack of response to his situation.

- Lewis also made the news during his visits to Davidson, North Carolina, on his southern tour, his speech at Hillsdale College in March to a student audience, and his early March meeting with the Mid-South Patriots group in Memphis, Tennessee. Lewis reminded the Memphis tax protest group that "I believe you ought to leave people alone to live their own lives, no matter how objectional it might be. Let them suffer the conse-

quences," he advised the mostly conservative audience. In his mid-March visit to Dekalb Georgia, Lewis described the libertarian approach to the "school prayer" problem. "The solution to prayer in public schools is to get government out of schools. There will not be a government-run school system. Instead, there will be School A, B or C. Some will offer prayer and some will not," Lewis advised. ■

## BFP Staff Profiles

### Melinda Pillsbury-Foster

BFP National Scheduler Melinda Pillsbury-Foster has been active in the Libertarian Party for over 10 years. In 1974 Melinda heard 1972 Vice-Presidential Candidate Tonie Nathan on a radio show. She liked the fact that Nathan's views were similar to those of novelist Ayn Rand, whom Melinda admired. After hearing Nathan, Melinda called the local LP office.

Melinda was elected Chair of the West Los Angeles LP region in 1976. In 1979 Melinda became Chair of the San Fernando Valley LP, and she held the position of Southern Vice Chair of the California Libertarian Council from 1980 to 1983.



BFP Schedule Coordinator Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, with three of her children

Her campaign experience includes being the 1976 West Los Angeles Chair of the MacBride for President Committee and the Co-Chair for the Southern California Clark Campaign. In 1982 Melinda ran as a Libertarian candidate for the upper house of the California State Legislature and received 5% of the vote in a four-way race.

A native Californian and devoted mother of five children, her hobbies include reading science fiction, writing poetry, gourmet cooking, pistol shooting, fencing and karate.

### Perry Willis

An LP bumpersticker message reading "Legalize Freedom" led Perry Willis to the Houston Libertarian Party, where he became active in 1981. In 1982, he moved to San Diego (where he had previously lived) and quickly became active in the San Diego LP.

Everett Hale hired Perry to run his congressional campaign in 1982, and during that year Perry also served as a local representative for the Dougherty gubernatorial and Fuhrig senatorial campaigns.

## National Campaign Schedule

The schedule below was accurate as of press time but is subject to changes. For up-to-date schedule information or to contact the Jim Lewis Schedule Coordinator, call or write:

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Information about David Bergland's campaign schedule is available from the BFP National Schedule Coordinator. An updated Bergland campaign schedule will be printed in the July LP News. For information about the campaign scheduling for June and July, please refer to the schedule printed in the March-April issue of LP News or contact the Schedule Coordinator below:

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## "Blue Card" System In Use

by Bob Lehman

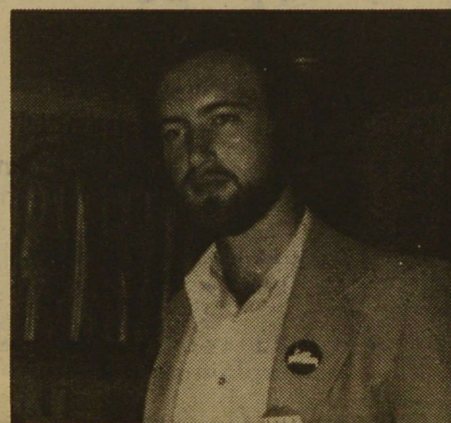
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BFP Finance Director Perry Willis.

In 1983 Perry was elected Chair of the San Diego County LP. He was also elected to the Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee and was hired as Executive Director for the San Diego LP.

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BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS TO TERRORISM

ETC.

ETC.

ALL IT COSTS IS A LITTLE OLD FASHIONED SACRIFICE.

AFTER ALL, WHAT'S A FEW MORE TAXES AND MILITARY INVOLVEMENT...

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BERGLAND

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LEWIS

OKAY, JIM LEWIS AND I WILL CHECK IT OUT RIGHT AWAY!

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BIPARTISAN SOLUTION TO THE HEARTBREAK OF PSORIASIS

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# EDITORIALS/FEATURES

## 1984: Year of Opportunity

by David F. Nolan

*David F. Nolan is the President of the Matchmate Corporation in Denver, Colorado. He has been active in the Libertarian Party for many years and was the principal founder of the Party in 1971.*

1984 is a year of unique opportunity for Libertarians. We have an outstanding national ticket--our best ever, in my opinion. We have an excellent shot at being on the ballot in all 50 states, and a virtual certainty of being on in all but one or two. We have far more experienced, articulate local activists than we did four years ago. And we have an electorate ready to upset the apple cart -- witness the 0-to-60 of Gary Hart.

Reagan has grossly betrayed every claim he has ever made to being an opponent of big government. He pledged -- or at least strongly implied -- that he would cut taxes, balance the budget, abolish the Departments of Energy and Education (plus the Exim Bank), end the 55-mph speed limit, and end draft registration.

He did none of this. Instead, his administration (with the full collusion of Congress) has raised the federal budget by nearly 60% and incurred deficits of hitherto unimaginable proportions. Taxes have not been cut; certain specific rates have been changed, but the total bite out of the economy is bigger than ever. Military adventurism runs amok; here a soldier, there a soldier, everywhere a Reagan soldier.

Reagan is a disaster -- just as Ed Clark and other Libertarians said he would be, in their campaigns four years ago.

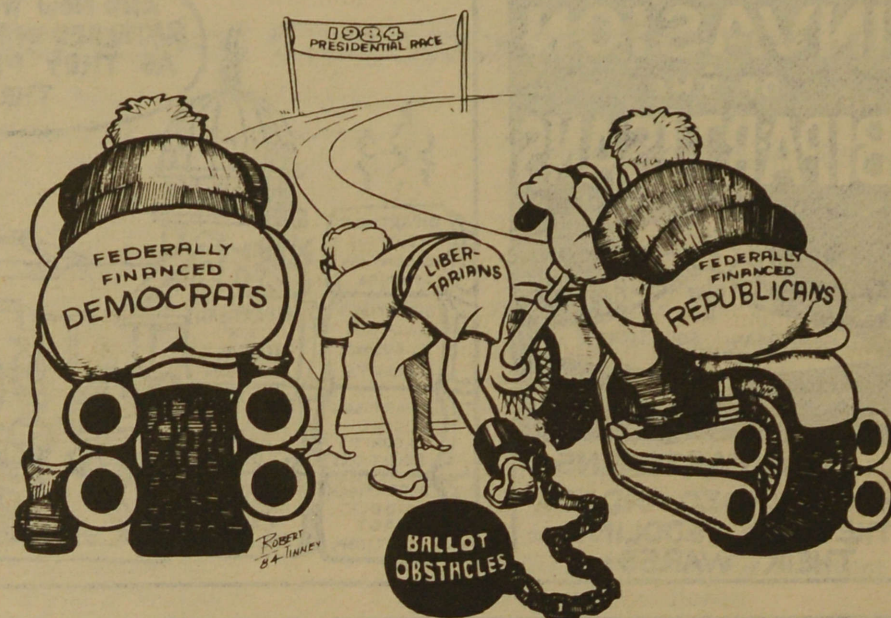
Mondale would be just as bad. Fritz is the epitome of slavish devotion to welfare statism. Widely (and accurately) perceived as a union toady, he offers no palatable alternative to any voter who feels, even vaguely, that enough is enough, that the government really has become a wild boar on the loose, and that "We gotta stop it somehow, by God!"

Hart has a certain superficial appeal to these voters. But once his true record is known, this appeal will fade.

In any case, there has never been a better year for us to emerge as **the** credible third party in America. People are finally beginning to understand the real causes of inflation, and the prospects of mega-deficits terrifies them. There is deep and broad support for halting the arms race. Despite attempts to whip it up, interventionist sentiment is still fairly dormant; the fiasco in Lebanon turned off a lot of people.

Everything is in our favor.

But to realize our potential, we need a vigorous, broadbased campaign. David Bergland and Jim Lewis are doing a great job. They are outspoken, articulate, and uncompromising. But they can't be everywhere at once, and we can't expect CBS News to do our job for us. The Bergland/Lewis campaign needs local representatives. Candidates for U.S. Congress who can represent the Libertarian positions on national issues to local



voters. Candidates for state and local offices who can articulate Libertarian solutions to local community problems and issues.

The Bergland/Lewis campaign needs **you!** If you have ever thought about taking an active role in the LP or in a campaign - or even considered being a candidate yourself - this is the year to do it. The Bergland campaign organization has pledged to supply candidates with solidly Libertarian campaign briefing papers, and the National LP has developed numerous position papers and "how-to" campaign and activist materials.

To take advantage of the unique opportunity the 1984 brings us, the Libertarian Party has to do three things:

1. Obtain ballot status in as many states as possible.
2. Run as many credible Congressional and local races as possible.
3. Run an active, issues-oriented Presidential and Vice Presidential campaign and clearly present the Libertarian

alternative to Reagan, Mondale, et. al.

The secret to success is simple - **your** time and **your** money.

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Now you can't say someone didn't tell you why and how to help. The time is right. The issues are right. The political climate is right. The national ticket is right. All we need is you! Your liberty is too important to merely let others take care of the difficult job of preserving and expanding it. Your direct participation is vital! ■

### From the Director

*Honey Lanham*

by Honey Lanham  
LP National Director

What Libertarian Party brainstorming session has not begun with a proposal to change the name of the Party, followed by discussion of how Humble Oil successfully changed to Exxon, and ended with the observation that the Party might lose ballot status in several states if the name were changed? Most agree that "libertarian" is a good word but not a great name for a political party today. The usual controversy centers around the marketability of the name. A problem not usually considered is that the Party is actually the name of a philosophy. Certainly, the name was logically chosen and most consider it an asset. However, the name does create the "big L little l" controversy.

The Democrats and Republicans both have meaningless names for their parties.

When they want to talk philosophy, they can use code words that are officially non-partisan such as liberal, conservative, left-wing, etc. Their magazines, think tanks, study groups and such sport descriptive but non-partisan names.

With a philosophy and a Party of the same name, libertarians and Libertarians spend a lot of time either putting distance and discord between each other or trying to redefine or homogenize each other. No matter how one spells it, we are not a monolithic group. We are a movement with similar--but not exactly the same--goals. The Libertarian Party has the job of being a political party, and other libertarian entities have their own roles.

There are many valuable, but non-political, libertarian organizations within the movement, and new ones are being formed all the time. The Society for Individual Liberty has been in existence since 1968 sponsoring and promoting campus study groups as well as publishing libertarian outreach and news material. The Reason Foundation is on a positive growth trend, and *Reason* magazine continues to be a showcase for

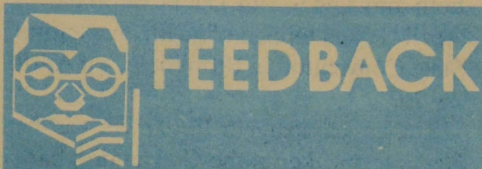
libertarian authors. The Cato Institute, the Institute for Humane Studies, the Council for a Competitive Economy, the Mises Institute, the Center for Libertarian Studies, the Pacific Institute, the World Research Institute and other organizations such as these are sponsoring conferences, supporting research, producing books, papers, films, tapes, articles, newsletters, journals and magazines. Although most would disclaim the "Libertarian" political label, they all serve the libertarian movement by providing educational and tangible support for free minds and free markets.

Regardless of the different names and activities, our general goal is freedom. The Party has been described as the "freedom train" but there are many other vehicles traveling in the same direction. The Society for Individual Liberty may be a private school bus, the Cato Institute may be a limousine. The Slaughterville Oklahoma Citizens Against Zoning may still be hitching a ride out of town. Whenever one of us succeeds, we all progress toward liberty. ■

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### "Not Available in Any Store"

I'm sure we've all seen those commercials on TV that advertise special record albums that are "not available in any store." Wouldn't it be great if they had a special record album for libertarians? It could include such songs as:

Love Me Legal Tender  
You Ain't Nothin But A Statist  
I Only Have Eyes For Gold  
I Can't Get No Satisfaction (From The IRS)  
Look What They've Done To My Money  
Here Comes The Free Market  
Give The Market A Chance  
I've Got The Fiat Currency Blues  
You've Got To Hide Your Wealth Away  
With A Little Help From My Swiss Friends  
House Of The Rising Interest Rates  
Your Cheatin Currency

### From the Chair

*Paul Grant*

by Paul Grant  
Chair, Libertarian Party

John Anderson is gone! He found it too tough to put together a campaign from scratch this year. In 1980, he had the benefit of running in Republican primaries, then jumping out to run as an independent "too liberal for Republicans and too conservative for Democrats." He thought he could claim that great middle ground of middle-of-the-road pragmatism, and he aimed for the vote of disaffected, independent voters.

What he found this year was apathy. No longer a hot item on the media's agenda, Anderson found he couldn't make it on his own. He simply couldn't get his campaign organized and on the ballot. Flash-in-the-pan John is gone, even though he could have qualified for **\$6 million** (of taxpayers money) if he'd made the ballot in 10 states.

The Libertarian Party already knew how difficult it was to organize a grass roots third party effort without media support. We've been working on it for 12 years now. It was just nice to see that we've been on the right track these past few years, concentrating our efforts on the fundamental work of party building, from election to election.

Vote totals has not been our highest goal, and that's paid off. John Anderson polled **6 million votes** in 1980, and **disappeared in 1984!** We polled 930,000 votes in 1980, and now we're in great position for another tremendous growth year in 1984.

The Libertarian Party may well be the only third party on more than 40 state

Roll Over Von Mises  
Help Me Ronnie, Help (Get Outa My Life)

My Love For You Grows Like The Money Supply, While Your Love For Me Is Only Fractional-Reserve

They could even offer a bonus album called **The Great Gospel Songs of Liberty** which would include the song **That Great Big Free Market In The Sky**. Oh well, maybe someday.

Harry Balogh, Jr.  
Bethlehem, PA

### Libertarian Jury Fund Suggested

Recently I was "invited" by the Sheriff of Harris County, Texas to "volunteer" my services as a juror. I decided to volunteer because I believe that jury service is an important grass roots mechanism through which an individual Libertarian may be able to inject a small measure of liberty and justice into the judicial process. Although I was not selected to serve on a jury -- as always - I was awarded a "tax rebate" equal to the value of my time as determined by the government -- the handsome sum of \$6.00.

ballots in 1984 (the Citizens Party could make 30 again). Hopefully we'll be on all 50, offering the American voter the only real alternative to the two tired old parties.

If the Republicans and Democrats nominate Reagan and Mondale, and if David Bergland is the only third party candidate on all 50 ballots, we'll be in an exciting position this year. This will be our best opportunity ever to reach the American public with the libertarian message. Into the vacuum created by the two major parties, will step the Libertarian Party and its candidates.

Of course, there's **no guarantee we'll be on all 50 states**. It's one of the most difficult tasks in politics. Today the LP doesn't have the money to fund all of our ballot drives, but we have raised enough to meet our current needs. Whether or not we come up with the big money necessary to complete the task is up to Libertarians across the country. I hope you think this project is sufficiently important to do whatever you can to ensure its success.

It's important to understand that the Libertarian Party won't get David Bergland and Jim Lewis on the ballot without help from people like you. If **you think it's important** to be on 50 state ballots, then you must accept some responsibility for making it happen.

One of the most difficult things to accomplish in any voluntary organization, is to get **everyone to contribute**. If we are to succeed, individual Libertarians doing their part will be what makes it possible.

The reason that governments resort to the coerced thievery of taxation is that they don't trust individuals to accept responsibility and take care of their own needs. And governments assume people don't even know their own needs.

If a libertarian society is possible, then

Certainly it is incumbent upon any individual to consider the "highest and best use" of any liberated taxpayers' monies. Accordingly, after lengthy and sober reflection upon a vast array of options, I am hereby conveying Jury Check #4046725 with the endorsement "Pay to the Order of the Libertarian Party."

I suggest that other Libertarians consider a similar disposition of jury service payments. Over the course of a year there must be several hundred -- perhaps several thousand -- Libertarians who receive such compensation from jurisdictions all across the country. The contribution of these small individual checks would soon accumulate into a significant sum of voluntarily re-directed taxpayers' funds.

And there is the additional satisfaction of converting the taxable service fee into a tax credit as a political contribution. For Libertarians, serving on a jury will be only half the fun.

Allan Vogel  
Houston, Texas

*Your check has been forwarded on to the appropriate people and I hope your suggestion catches on-Ed.*

voluntary organizations like the Libertarian Party must prove effective at problem solving. I look on the challenge of qualifying on all 50 ballots, and of running highly visible and highly principled campaigns, as a good test of the viability of a libertarian society. Not easy, but well worth the effort.

Getting on all 50 ballots this year will also be a powerful statement. Or, put another way, putting Bergland/Lewis on all 50 state ballots will serve notice to the powers-that-be that freedom-loving people have not given up (or gone to live in Switzerland). That we're back stronger than ever, and that their days in power are numbered. Our presence on the ballot will be a reminder that many Americans do not believe in "politics-as-usual." We'll be the thorn in the Republicrats' side, the stimulus to their self-awareness that their exercise of political control over our lives and property is **fundamentally wrong**.

The Libertarian Party can be the conscience of the political process, in a way that makes traditional politicians very uncomfortable. But we can only achieve that role if we maintain a highly visible presence. That's sufficient incentive to justify investing a lot of time and money in this year's LP campaigns and ballot drives.

Those of us who want to live in a freer country must also recognize that the responsibility of bringing it about is in our hands. No Browne-outs (a la Harry Browne), no cop-outs, no success without trying, no letting the other guy do the job -- just hard work, perseverance, and "may the best ideas win."

If we make our best efforts this year, we can take maximum advantage of the opportunities presented by John Anderson's absence. This looks like the best shot we've had in our entire history. Let's see what we can do with it. ■

### ACLU Lobby

Libertarians should be aware that there are two main ways of getting in to Congress, the state legislature, and similar bodies: being elected, and going as a volunteer lobbyist! Whether it is simply writing letters and making calls to oppose repressive legislation or actually "buttonholing" legislators and organizing others to get involved, the LP activist will gain valuable experience in issues and the political process itself that can not be had from campaigning activities alone. Also, an ongoing lobbying effort can be a focus of local LP activity between campaigns. Remember, when the Democrats and

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agreed to take the case because it "will challenge certain aspect of Nebraska's laws regarding access to the ballot by new political parties. In our view, it is critical to a democracy that such access be fairly easy. In Nebraska, it isn't."

### North Dakota

In a precedent-setting visit, VP standard-bearer Jim Lewis journeyed to North Dakota for the first visit to this state ever by a major LP candidate (see other details in the "Lewis" story elsewhere in this issue). Press coverage was good, with one story headlined "Libertarians enjoy taking on the Establishment". This article went on to quote Lewis as saying "I'd guess Jimmy the Greek would quote some long odds on our winning, (but) we're having a great time taking on the Establishment. There's nothing better than going and rattling their cage a little bit." It's a monumental cage to rattle, the article went on to say, and Lewis went on to note, "They've convinced us that this is a complex society and we need the Ivy League elite to run it for us. The Libertarian Party just doesn't buy it."

### South Dakota

Jim Lewis also makes a productive jaunt to this state, during his April upper midwest campaign swing (see related story in the Lewis article elsewhere in this issue).

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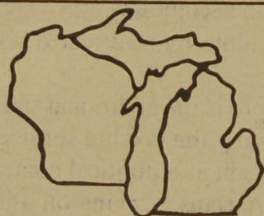
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### Illinois

The Chicago area was also host to the April 13 and 14 Midwestern Libertarian Scholars Conference, sponsored by the Center for Libertarian Studies. Keynote addresses featured "Mr. Libertarian" Murray Rothbard and Institute for Human

Studies President Leonard Liggio. Presentations dealt with the History of Liberty, and Libertarian Political and Social Theory. Scholars involved included Richard Spall of the U. of I., Dr. John Cody, Professor Justus Doenecke, Prof. James Hudson, Prof. Douglas Den Uyl, and David Ramsay Steele.

In addition to the high profile activities of the Givot for Senate effort now underway, the LPI is also in the midst of an extensive ballot drive to obtain 35,000 signatures for ballot access. Petitioning is underway around the state, and there are at least 11 active LP or related groups throughout the state participating.



## REGION 10

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### Michigan

The Lansing & Central Area LP "Tea Party" and Film Festival on April 15 featured the notable film "Harry's War" and a sign-making party for the April 16 Tax Protest actions. This was held in Detroit and at various other Michigan Post Offices. The Macomb area protest resulted in a nice photo in the local paper.

Virtually all of the LP candidate notables, both present and past, were in Michigan recently for extensive state-wide tours. Jim Lewis arrived on March 17 and was extensively interviewed by area papers and radio stations. He also testified before the Michigan House Elections Committee and spoke to an audience at Hillsdale College, a private college which accepts no Federal funds. 1980 LP Presidential candidate Ed Clark

was the guest of the Grand Rapids Libertarian Supper club on March 22 and he also appeared at the Grand Valley State College. Clark did a Detroit area radio call-in program and spoke at a March 25 Sunday Brunch at the Dearborn Elks Club, which was covered by television and area newspapers. David Bergland also made an extensive swing through Michigan from May 13 to May 20, visiting Detroit, Jackson, Lansing, Midland, Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and back again to Detroit for the LPM State Convention.

The LPM State Convention held May 19-20 in Ann Arbor saw a variety of practical "how-to" presentations by area activists, as well as a presentation by Tax Protest author Lynn Johnston, on the Freedom of Information Act. Highlights of the convention included Dave Bergland's banquet address. The Keynote speaker was Victor Herman, author of **Coming out of the Ice and Realities**, describing his 45-year stay in the USSR and his 10-year stint in the Gulag.

Charles Dawson received 6.6% of the vote for President of the Carleton Village Council, and has been invited to lecture on libertarian principles to political science classes at Monroe County Community College. Dawson, 32, has also announced his candidacy for the 21st District State House seat in the August 7th special election. He is a GM employee and member of the UAW local 1776. Virginia Cropsey has announced her candidacy for one of two non-partisan terms on the Warren Consolidated School Board, to be held June 11.

Lynn Johnston, tax protest author and lecturer (**Who's Afraid of the IRS**) is seeking the U.S. Senate nomination, and 27 other Michigan libertarians are considering running for various offices. Details of those nominated at the LPM Convention were not immediately available at press time.

Mary Ruwart of Kalamazoo has videotapes available from World Research Institute, for showing at local meetings, as part of the Speaker's Bureau activities. A Detroit area LP phone listing has been obtained by Virginia Cropsey and the metro county LP organizations. The new number, (313) 978-8710, will take messages and provide announcements of upcoming events. Activists Dick Whitelock, Janet Parkes, Tim Green-shields and Kurt Weber have been recognized as outstanding and prolific letter-writers on behalf of the LP in recent months. And on April 8 the front page of the *Detroit Free Press* "Comment" section featured a lengthy and extensive article on the history and current major activities of the National LP.

### Wisconsin

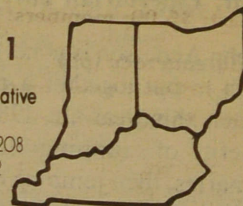
In addition to the stunning victories won by three "Badger State" LP candidates, and the impressive showings made by the other LP candidates, in the recent elections, the LPW also hosted an impressive campaign tour of the state for

both Jim Lewis and David Bergland in April. It was topped off with an exciting State Convention in Brookfield, on April 28-29.

Tireless campaigner Jim Lewis was the Keynote speaker at the Convention banquet and also addressed local area political action committee executive committees about the LP. David Bergland made an extensive tour of the state from April 22 to 28, when he appeared in Milwaukee, Janesville, Beloit, Madison, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Wausau, Rhinelander, Greenbay, Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, West Bend, and finally back to Brookfield (whew!). His tour included several college speaking engagements, numerous radio and TV spots, several Rotary luncheons, visits with Wausau Insurance Companies' employees groups, several fundraising gatherings, newspaper interviews and a luncheon speech at the LPW State Convention. National LP Director Honey Lanham was also on hand at the Convention, presenting a seminar on organizing and operating local LP affiliates. Randy Ver Hagen was responsible for the Bergland tour media coordination and Barb Zakszewski takes the bows for convention organization. Donald Blaies of Waukesha was elected Chair, replacing outgoing Chair and newly elected Greenfield Alderman Tom Westgaard.

The Milwaukee LP sponsored a special showing of "The Fountainhead" on April 14 for fundraising and socializing.

## REGION 11



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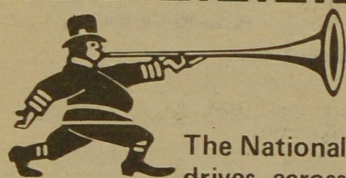
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### Indiana

In an opinion that resembles the twisted legal "reasoning" commonly associated with Nazi Germany or Soviet Russia, U.S. Federal District Judge S. Hugh Dillin dismissed the suit brought by the LPI objecting to the funding of the Democrats and Republicans by means of a state-mandated \$40 "fee" (tax!) for personalized auto license plates. While the full text of this crazed "opinion" must be read to be believed (take your blood pressure medicine before you do), the honorable Mr. Dillin initially admits that in his subjective opinion, the government provided "benefit" of "allowing" personalized license plates is too trivial to involk Constitutional precedents against forcing citizens to subsidize political parties against their will.

In more positive developments, Jim

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## Petitioners Needed!

The National Libertarian Party will be coordinating ballot drives across the country between now and the 1984 Presidential Election. We need petitioners for the more difficult states. This is a sales-type job with lots of impersonal rejection, but the work is vital to the future of the party. Pay is based on signatures collected.

**WE NEED YOU!** Contact: LP Nat. Hdq. (7887 Katy Freeway, #385, Houston TX 77024; 713/686-1776) or Bergland for President Campaign (1525 Mesa Verde Drive East, Suite 105 W., Costa Mesa, CA 92626; 714/754-1776).

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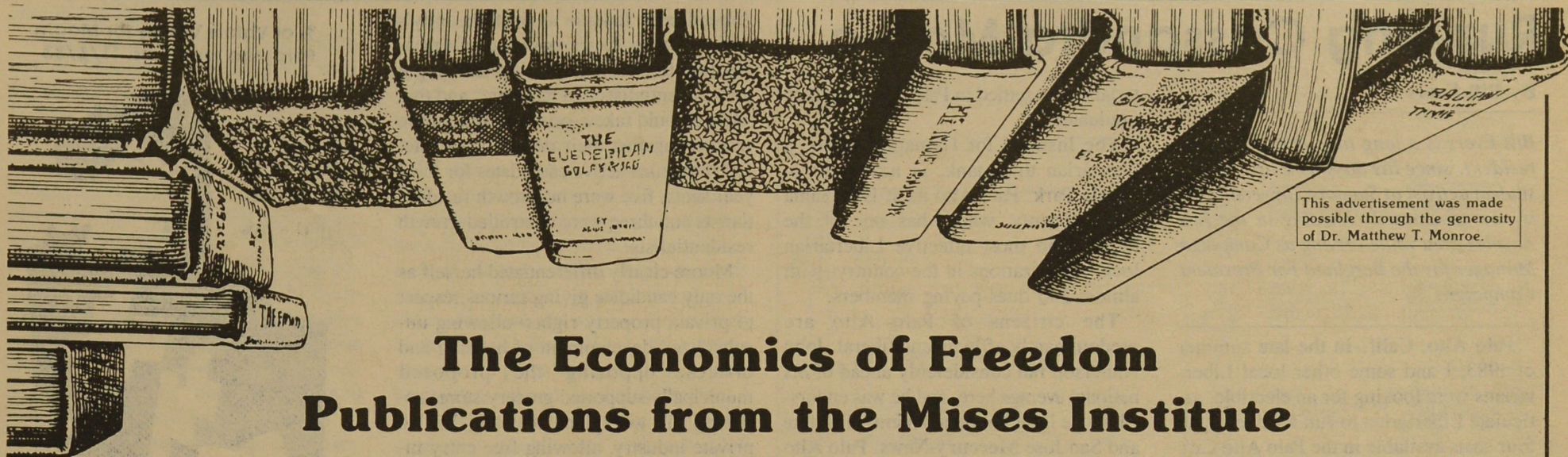
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# Running Cassandra Moore

By Bill Evers

*Bill Evers is a long time Palo Alto area resident, since his days as a libertarian student activist at Stanford University. He is now temporarily residing in the Los Angeles area while serving as Campaign Manager for the Bergland For President Campaign.*

Palo Alto, Calif.—In the late summer of 1983, I and some other local Libertarians were looking for an electible, articulate Libertarian to run for one of the four seats available in the Palo Alto City Council. It is a nonpartisan race in which all candidates run at-large—that is, all candidates run throughout the city rather than in districts or for numbered seats.

The candidate who agreed to run was Cassandra Moore—certainly articulate and quite possibly electible. But, unfortunately, Moore was not elected in 1983. She received 5% of the votes cast. Since most voters cast ballots for candidates for all four seats, Moore received votes from almost 20% of the voters.

Moore's campaign did succeed in overwhelmingly dominating the news coverage of the race. Because Moore ran an innovative, hard-hitting, issues-oriented campaign, the editor of the Palo Alto **Weekly** wrote a lengthy post-election treatment of her effort—headlined "Thank You, Cassandra Moore." The Saturday before the election, the San Francisco **Chronicle** ran as its lead editorial a quasi-endorsement headlined "A Libertarian for Palo Alto." Outside of local San Francisco contests, the **Chronicle** commented on no local candidates in 1983 other than Cassandra Moore. Moore also won and then lost the endorsement of the San Jose **Mercury-News**.

Moore herself has many of the qualities of an excellent local candidate. She is bright, hard-headed (with extensive business experience), attractive, knowledgeable about the economics of public issues (her husband is an economist), and a confident, convincing speaker. Moore went to Radcliffe as an undergraduate and has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. She founded her own real estate firm and is a member of the executive board of the local organization of realtors.

The Moore campaign's coordinator of volunteers, Bea Armstrong, said after the campaign was over that one of the key lessons of the campaign was that the Libertarian Party needs to recruit more candidates of the caliber of Cassandra Moore.

Palo Alto is a city of 55,000 in the famous electronics business incubator—the Silicon Valley (really Santa Clara Valley) between San Francisco and San Jose. Palo Alto is home to 300 registered Libertarians. Palo Alto is also the home of Stanford University. There is a long history of libertarian student activity at Stanford, and some former student liber-

tarians have settled in Palo Alto after they graduated.

The Institute for Humane Studies, a libertarian think-tank, is next door in Menlo Park. Palo Alto itself is in Santa Clara County, which has one of the largest and most effective Libertarian local organizations in the country—with almost 200 dues-paying members.

The citizens of Palo Alto are predominantly affluent and liberal. John Anderson ran considerably ahead of his national average here, and he was endorsed by the local **Peninsula Times-Tribune** and San Jose **Mercury-News**. Palo Alto was also for many years the political home base of maverick liberal Republican Pete McCloskey.

## STRATEGY/TACTICS

The median income in Palo Alto is \$32,000. The population is 90% white; the largest minority group is high-income Asians. Fifty-four percent of the inhabitants have completed college, and 55% are homeowners. Fifty percent of the school district parents have advanced degrees; 30 percent have only bachelor's degrees.

From the early 1960s until 1981, Palo Alto local politics was dominated by a struggle between two local "political parties"—the residentialists and the "developmentalists." By the 1980s, all successful candidates claimed to be residentialists. In the 1981 election, there were no rival slates; each candidate ran on his or her own. A sort of "Era of Good Feelings" prevailed. All political rhetoric accepted the premises of residentialism—although there were polite differences between no-growth residentialists and controlled-growth residentialists.

The Moore campaign hoped that recent events (the City Council's blocking of a new private multi-family housing complex, the tough anti-smoking ban in the private workplace, an antitrust and First

Amendment lawsuit against the city's cable TV plan, the dropping out of a principal cable TV bidder) would tend to put the residentialists in a bad light, and that Moore could take advantage of a public reaction against their decade-long rule.

Of the nine active candidates for four-year seats, five were no-growth residentialists and three were controlled-growth residentialists.

Moore clearly differentiated herself as the only candidate giving serious respect to private property rights—allowing unsubsidized development of housing and offices, opposing the proposed municipally-supported grocery store, opposing the workplace smoking ban in private industry, allowing free entry into the tax industry, opposing both a municipality-owned and a monopoly-franchise cable TV system, and favoring

turning solid-waste disposal over to the private sector. She obtained significant endorsements from real estate and construction circles. She obtained solid votes from the prodevelopment minority of the population.

At the same time, she had a known high-profile history of opposition to the draft and in this election took high-profile First Amendment stands on the cable TV question and on the constitutionality of Palo Alto's election sign law. These stands earned her endorsements from the former head of the ACLU in Palo Alto and from a Palo Alto resident who in the 1960s was the chief Washington, D.C. lobbyist for the National Council to Repeal the Draft. Thus, Moore picked up marginal votes from liberals.

In addition, Moore was well-known and liked by some local Republican leaders. She received the endorsement of several recent presidents of the Palo Alto Women's Republican Club. She was also endorsed by a former GOP state legislator, a former GOP legislative candidate, several former advisers of Pete McCloskey, and some key liberal and conservative GOP activists.

On the other hand no current Republican officeholder or current organizational leader would support her.

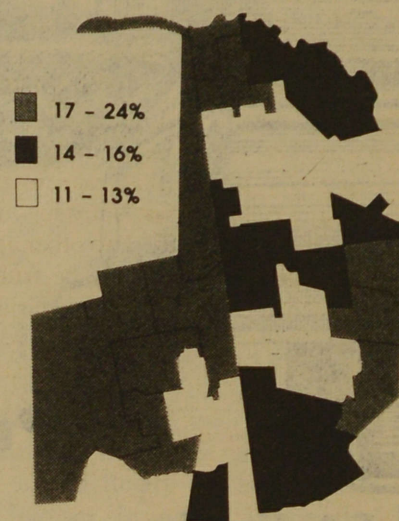
The campaign was quite successful in two areas: news media coverage and fundraising. The editor of the Palo Alto **Weekly** wrote: "Moore ran the most effective media-oriented campaign of any candidate ever in the four years this newspaper has published."

This success with the media was achieved by weekly—later in the campaign twice a week—news releases that attacked the actions of the current city council and offered well-researched Libertarian alternatives.

Especially helpful in doing research for these releases were Robert Poole's **Cutting Back City Hall**, William Burt's **Local Problems, Libertarian Solutions**, and Bruce Johnson's anthology **Resolving the Housing Crisis**.

An unexpected occasion for media

% of Voters Voting for Moore  
Palo Alto Precincts: 11/8/83



coverage came when the city government ordered the Moore campaign to take down its signs posted in residential areas. The Moore campaign fought back on First Amendment grounds and eventually made the city back down. The election sign controversy dominated the campaign news until the final weeks of the campaign. In its own odd and unexpected way this issue epitomized the race—with Moore standing for liberty versus the city government and the other candidates standing for repression and imposed conformity in the name of "good taste" and the environment.

Unfortunately the bulk of those who went to the polls were not supportive of Moore, perhaps because of her positions. The editor of the **Weekly** contended that Moore was too radical for those who did vote, while the truly disaffected did not go to the polls. On the other hand, he believes that Moore was not populist or demagogic enough to gain the support of the truly disaffected.

I disagree with this assessment. Research shows that non-voters have about the same views as voters. Non-voters are perhaps slightly more pro-welfare state. I believe that Libertarians need to have won a lower post than City Council member before that position is attainable in Palo Alto. I also believe that Libertarians need a grass-roots precinct-organization in order to win local elections.

The Moore campaign was reasonably successful in fundraising, despite a late start. The principal sources of money were large Libertarian donors, small donations obtained through telephoning local Libertarian lists, a mailing to local landlords, and a very substantial donation from local real estate developers.

In both fundraising and organizing volunteers, the value of an early start cannot be overestimated. Our principal opponents already had large campaign kitties and volunteer groups in place by early September. At that time the Moore campaign had nothing. The candidate, Armstrong and I would all recommend that serious local candidates begin fundraising and organizing at least in January for a November election. It sounds like a long lead time, but anything you do early is a valuable investment when the fall



Palo Alto City Council candidate Cassandra Moore.



crunch comes.

Precinct walking was a partial success. But as Armstrong said after the campaign, the shortage of volunteers was "acute." If the Libertarian Party is to do the kind of precinct-level work it takes to win local elections, a larger army of volunteers is necessary. One method of recruiting new people that has proven successful in California is "Introduction to Libertarianism" nights. Two other approaches that would probably be fruitful are systematically getting Libertarian speakers invited to address nonlibertarian civic groups (whose members are already politically aware and active) and systematically building up groups of libertarian activists on college campuses.

Unfortunately, the target precincts selected for doorbelling were in many cases not the ones that ended up voting most heavily for Moore. Since "no-growth" policies were the main issues in the election, I decided that the campaign should concentrate on precincts that had voted for the more pro-growth candidates in the past. (On the map of Palo Alto, these precincts lie in the upper right-hand quadrant of the map.)

These target precincts were in old, established high-income neighborhoods. But Moore did best in neighborhoods with younger first-time homeowners. These are neighborhoods that traditionally vote heavily for "left-wing" no-growth candidates. In retrospect, one can see that the "old Palo Alto" neighborhoods probably voted for the "moderate growth" candidates because of the social ties of these candidates to those living in the high-income neighborhoods. In contrast, Moore received votes from the younger, upwardly mobile voters who were most likely to resent the high costs imposed on them by Palo Alto's restrictive, anti-

growth policies.

The campaign's mailing effort to targeted voters was not a success. It was highly controversial and probably lost more votes than it gained. The basic problem was one piece of mail directed to GOP voters that Moore's opponents claimed looked too much like an official Republican Party mailing. The principal error here can be summed up in a phrase: lack of adequate review. Because funds only became available at the last minute, the mailing was not reviewed by enough of the campaign's advisers. With better review, the piece would probably have been designed and worded differently. I made the mistake of trying to do too much too quickly--and with a ticklish thing like direct mail, that was a major error.

In addition, the Moore campaign did not properly mobilize its supporters to counter the organized, orchestrated attacks on the mailing by Moore's opponents. The reality is that Libertarians are still not accustomed to the world of hard-ball politics and don't always recognize what their opponents are up to. Experience will teach us how to recognize these situations.

Overall, the campaign succeeded in heightening Palo Altans' awareness of Libertarian ideas. Voter awareness of Libertarian values and programs is high in Palo Alto because of the campaign. The mailing fiasco created some bad feelings that will have to be overcome. Numerous individuals have urged Cassandra Moore to run again, and she has indicated she is considering it. I look forward to her next campaign because I think she would make a big difference on the City Council and because I think the future success of the libertarian cause lies in local grassroots politics. ■

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## BFP Blue Cards

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several preprinted blocks for recording information about the prospect, as it becomes available. This information may enable you to find the prospect's "hot button" that will make them want to become active.

- Each card serves as a permanent record of phone conversations with the prospect, so that local activists can take turns trying different approaches, and the prospect will get the idea that several people are interested.
- Sample telephone scripts are provided, which do not have to be followed, but which demonstrate the importance of having a clearly defined objective for each phone call. Instead of calling the prospect with a vague idea that you want to answer questions so that he or she

will join the LP, come to the next LP meeting, contribute to the Bergland campaign, etc., you can make the objective for your first call to simply find out what the prospect's questions are, and issue an invitation to a meeting.

- As of April 30, 1984, names are being sent to your State Coordinator within one week after their receipt by Bergland for President headquarters. Thus, you can begin following up while the prospect's interest is still fresh.

Most state LP Chairs have designated a State Coordinator to whom Blue Cards are being sent. There isn't room to list them all here, but if you would like to help follow up on inquiries in your area, just send a note to the Blue Card Coordinator: Bob Lehman, 691 S. Irolo Street #1008, Los Angeles, CA 90005. I'll pass it along to your State Coordinator with the next batch of Blue Cards. ■

## Feedback

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Republicans aren't **running** for office they're **holding** it and they are no less in need of our attentions then.

Perhaps some local LP's already have organized lobbying efforts, but I have found the most compatible existing group in Louisiana with any influence to be the Bill of Rights Lobby. This group is organized through each state's American Civil Liberties Union affiliate and advised by the ACLU Legislative Office in Washington, DC but members need not be ACLU members. The DC office provides a valuable monthly bulletin, *Civil Liberties Alert* with issue analyses, political analyses, and suggested action for bills in Congress. Subscriptions are free for the asking.

I have found a very good rate of agreement between libertarian principles and positions adopted by our state Bill of Rights Lobby. To start a *Civil Liberties Alert* subscription or join the Bill of Rights Lobby write: Julie Steiner, ACLU Bill of Rights Lobby, 600 Penn Ave. S.E. #301, Washington, DC 20003, or call

your local ACLU and ask about the activities of their Bill of Rights Lobby.

**Scott Semans**  
New Orleans, LA

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### Equal Treatment

Scott Palmer in his article "Do We Really Have A 'Right To Privacy'?" (Sept-Oct 1983 *LP News*) points out how government regularly demands access to bank records, searches your house, taps your telephone, etc.; all actions which are forbidden to any private entity. Other examples are numerous in both enabling and disabling legislation such as the State of California paying many of its workers only once a month, exempting itself from most safety and health regulations and on and on.

At a national scale there is little that could be done about the problem, but at a local level there is some hope in states that allow for initiative measures. Where the relative importance of this would fall on already overloaded resources is questionable, especially in an election year,

but as an off election year activity to keep interest up I feel that it is the sort of thing that could gather widespread support and favorable publicity, and would be hard for the bureaucrats to effectively argue against, except by saying in effect that "we are better than everyone else."

I propose a short, simple initiative measure, binding in the affected state only, that would read as follows (or as greatly lengthened when the lawyers get ahold of it):

- There shall be no law or regulation restricting any right or action of any private party which is not also equally imposed on all levels and agencies of government within the State.

- There shall be no law granting any level or agency of any government within the state any right of action that is not also granted, for lawful purposes, to all private parties.

The biggest argument against it will be in the area of the use of force for law enforcement and the carrying of firearms by the police, but I added the "for lawful purposes" line to try to cover that.

Think about it and if you agree that it has merit, perhaps it could be tossed out for refinement and improvement and

perhaps, someday, even action.

**Doug Hoiles**  
Sunnyvale, CA

### Inspiration

LP Chair Paul Grant's column "An End to Cynicism" is exactly what we all need. Libertarianism, like Christianity, is extremely simple. A child can understand it. Therefore, it doesn't need high organization, lengthy explanation or long books. I'm 83, and find the world may be reduced to a few brief, simple guidelines which are all we need. I wish I could place in the hands of everyone our position papers #1 and #5, Dr. Hospers acceptance speech when he was nominated for President, and a few more little leaflets and books.

Last night, my wife and I watched the concluding show of "George Washington." It was well conceived, produced and acted. I hope it will inspire many others as it did us, that it will cause them to join us and help us and thereby help themselves, their children and grandchildren.

**John E Erb**  
Northville, NY



**REGION 11** *From page 16*

Lewis' March 13 and 14 campaign swing through the state resulted in radio appearances and a speech before the Ball State University Honor Society, where he was well received by students and faculty. The March 24 Campaign 84 Kickoff Dinner in Indianapolis set new attendance records and 70 people heard 1980 Presidential Candidate Ed Clark at the banquet. Over \$1000 was raised for the Campaign 84 effort. The LPI Campaign 84 Committee, headed by Joe Laiacona of Ft. Wayne, has completed an 18 page report outlining the LPI election strategy, including fielding numerous candidates, establishing a central coordinating office, and hiring a full-time director for the campaign period. Several candidates have already announced, including Jim Ridenour of Indianapolis for Governor, Steve Dasbach of South Whitley for Supt. of Public Instruction, Joe Laiacona for 4th Dist. U.S. House, Clarke Balcome of Kokomo for 5th Dist. U.S. House, and Mike Fallahay of Bloomington for 9th Dist. U.S. House.

Tax Protest Day activities on April 16 were seen in Bloomington, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, and Kokomo. The LPI now has a new telephone number (317) 359-5060, courtesy of Jim and Billie Ridenour. The LPI has also begun two new efforts aimed at improving LP effectiveness. The LPI Independence Pledge effort is now in effect, generating monthly cash flow for LPT activities, and a new newsletter format is providing a monthly information bulletin at a reasonable cost.

**Kentucky**

Led by Anthony Suruda in a tri-cornered hat, the LPK April 16 Tax Protest effort set new standards for publicity, with extensive statewide and national coverage of the throwing of styrofoam-backed bales of 1040 forms into the Kentucky River (see related story elsewhere in this issue).

Jim Lewis, LP VP candidates, made his Kentucky appearance on March 9 and 10 with a visit to Louisville hosted by Tom and Terry Bogel. He also attended a Saturday, March 10 reception in Owensboro. LP Presidential spear-carrier David Bergland generated considerable publicity statewide with his well coordinated statewide tour during April, as a prelude to his appearance at the LPK State Convention. Kicking off the tour on April 17 with a news conference in Lexington and a U. of K. appearance at the Student Center, Bergland visited Paris, Winchester, Richmond, Berea, Owensboro, Madisonville, and Louisville. Here he held another news conference and appeared at a Candidate's Breakfast for PACs.

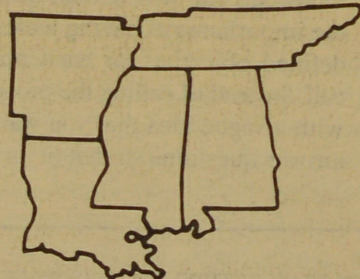
Other Convention highlights, which was held at the Harley Hotel in Lexington, were presentations by Tennessee musician Roger Bissell on children's rights and a speech by Michael Andrews of the Kentucky Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, a private, non-profit

organization which owns and preserves wilderness areas. Ken Ashby also presented a campaign workshop. Ernie McAfee of Richmond was nominated for the U.S. Senate position, and Tony Suruda, Tom Vetter and Tom Bogel were all nominated for U.S. Congressional seats. Steve Stayton, Linda Cooper, Emily Salvette, Roger Crall, David Gailey and Mitch Wayne were also nominated for State Representative offices.

**Ohio**

For only the second time in its 11 year history, the LPO will field candidates in races for U.S. Congress, according to the state LP newsletter *Ground Rules*. Milt Norris, long time LPO activist and current N.E. region Chair, will run in the 21st Congressional District in suburban Cleveland, and N.W. region Chair Mike Nunn will run in Toledo's 9th Congressional District. Both candidates have filed over 2000 signatures to place their names on the November ballot as independents. Due to a February change in the Ohio election law, independent presidential candidates will have up to 75 days prior to the election to file the needed 5000 signatures.

The LPO will hold its annual Convention in Cleveland June 29-July 1, which will feature David Bergland as the main speaker at the evening banquet. Michigan based lecturer and tax protest author Lynn Johnston will also be a guest speaker at the Convention. LPO has a new phone number in Columbus, which is 471-1278.

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**Louisiana**

The LPT held its annual State Convention on May 20 in downtown New Orleans, and heard from David Friedman, visiting Professor at Tulane University Graduate School of Business, present a speech on "Economics and the Free Market - Friends or Enemies?". They also had an opportunity to hear from traveling VP candidate Jim Lewis, who presented the convention-goers with an update on the Bergland/Lewis cam-

paign activities.

The LPL elected Zachary Smith as new state Chair and Eric Deweese was elected Treasurer. \$500 for the Presidential ticket filing fee was raised and earmarked for that purpose, despite the \$5000 indebtedness the state party faces as a result of its ballot access lawsuit. This suit has been re-submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court after its initial filing was rejected due to printing technicalities.

**Mississippi**

LP VP candidate Jim Lewis was on hand as the main guest at the Mississippi State LP Convention held in Jackson on May 19. Region 12 NatCom Representative James Agnew was also on hand. Incumbent State Chair Charles Clark was re-elected for an additional term during

convention business.

**Tennessee**

The May 5 and 6 weekend saw Tennessee Libertarians meet in Chattanooga to hear from LP VP candidate Jim Lewis, who gave an "extremely good" presentation, according to recently appointed "newsletter czar" Perry Boling. They also heard via telephone from 1972 LP Presidential candidate John Hospers, who was speaking on behalf of the LP Defense Caucus. The Convention also heard from musician and TLP Secretary Roger Bissell speaking on "Children's Rights" and hear Tupper Sakussy speak on "Constitutional living". Incumbent State Chair Don Winfield was re-elected, and Wendell Hill, Myrle Carden and Rob Schermerhorn were elected eastern, mid-

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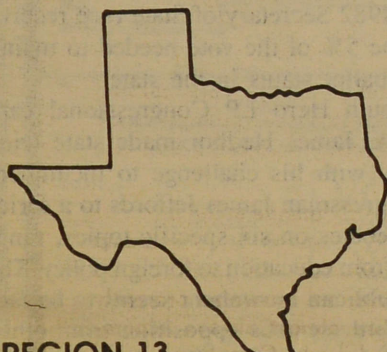
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dle, and western Tennessee co-chairs, respectively. The party will pursue campaign activities as independents, due to the ongoing court case challenging the Tennessee law which requires 30,000 signatures from "registered party members", a restrictive provision which it is thought even the Republicans would find difficult to meet.

Memphis area Libertarians joined with the Mid-South Patriots organization in the April 16 Tax Protest Day action at the satellite pickup station at the Poplar Plaza shopping center. Hundreds of pieces of literature were distributed and the *Commercial Appeal* newspaper covered the event.

The TLP is also spearheading a massive petition effort, dubbed "Project 1-2-3", which will involve submitting hundreds of thousands of signatures to the State Legislature demanding a three-year, 1¢ per year, reduction in the state sales tax.



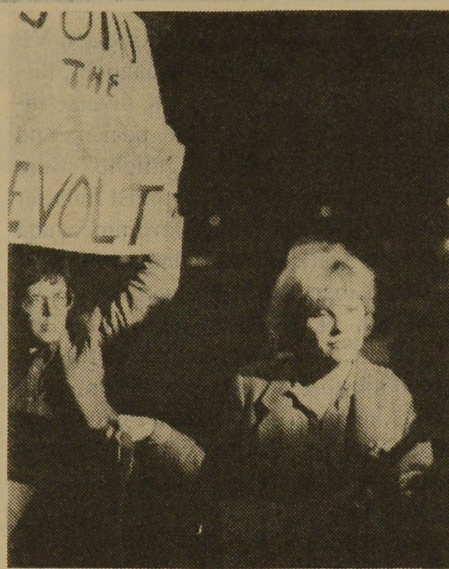
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## Texas

David Bergland made his initial, and very productive, foray into the Lone Star State April 8-10, heading into the Midland-Odessa area after his visit to the New Mexico LP convention. He spoke at a Midland press conference and spoke at a faculty sponsored event at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He later attended a barbeque with local LP supporters. LP candidate Ron Holder was responsible for the arrangements, which resulted in a lengthy article in the *Midland Reporter-Telegram*. Bergland then flew on to the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex, where he attended another barbeque (one of the hazards of campaigning in Texas) and a reception of 60 people at the Stoneleigh Hotel.

April 16 did not pass unnoticed in Texas either, with Tax Protest Day actions in Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and El Paso. The Houston protest made several TV stations and newspapers, and featured National Director Honey Lanham, the national LP office staff, *LP News* editor Mike Holmes and other local libertarians. Bexar County (San Antonio) LP Chair Greg Clark led a highly successful protest there, resulting in three radio station interviews, which aired throughout the day, and two newspaper stories and photos.



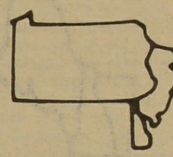
Harris County LP Chair Mike Kemmy (l) and National Director Honey Lanham (r) are interviewed on camera during the April 16 Tax Protest demonstration at the downtown Houston Post Office. Photo by Peter Elloway.

The LPT State Executive Committee met in College Station on March 24, which also resulted in a TV station interview with State Vice Chair Joe Paul Barnett. Houston area libertarians were also pleasantly surprised when the *Houston Chronicle* came out with a lead editorial on March 26 urging the abolition of the Harris County Department of Education, whose board consists of three elected Libertarians (out of seven members) who have been urging that very action since their election.

1982 Texas LP gubernatorial candidate Dave Hutzelman and his wife Becky were the gracious hosts of a successful wine and cheese party on behalf of the Harris County (Houston) LP, which netted over \$400 for the depleted coffers on April 27. The Harris County LP held elections on May 5 which resulted in the election of Wynne Dawson as Chair, and featured *Houston Chronicle* reporter Pete Brewton speaking on the topic, "The Press and the Free Market". El Paso County Chair Catherine McDivitt reports that the EPLP has recruited ten candidates for national and local office, ranging from U.S. Congress to Tax Assessor/Collector. The North Texas "Texas Revolution Commemorative Barbeque & Chautauqua" in Hurst on March 3 drew 60 LP'ers and raised over \$400, as well as drawing radio, TV, local media personalities and candidates stumping for the Libertarian vote. The Dallas County LP now has a bimonthly Downtown Lunch Bunch and supper club meeting, and Travis County (Austin) LPer's have joined in a "Coalition for Open Government" to force the recall of all seven Austin Councilmen who voted to bypass the city charter and authorized \$605 million in bonds (without voter approval) to bail out the economically floundering South Texas Nuclear Project.

Bexar County Chair Greg Clark issued a timely "Don't Vote" press release, prior to the bipartisan primaries in Texas, participation in which precludes citizens from signing the LPT ballot access petitions. Clifford Sondock of Houston has assumed the duties of Ballot Drive Finance Chair, and is doing an outstan-

ding job of raising funds for this difficult 40,000+ signature effort. Gererd Milner of Houston was also recently appointed Ballot Drive Coordinator, by Ballot Access Chair Tom Glass.



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## New Jersey

Dave Bergland made a successful four day swing through New Jersey, which ended with his appearance at the NJLP Convention on March 24 near Union. The Convention and Bergland's appearance in the Garden State received surprisingly good coverage from the *Bergen Record*, the *Hackensack Record*, and the *Gloucester Times*.

Bergland's appearances at the NJLP convention preceded voting by about 50 Libertarians, who also nominated candidates for state and local office. Harold Leiendecker of Summit was given the nod for the U.S. Senate seat. Leiendecker, a 51-year-old executive with Exxon, is a former Republican County Committeeman and ward leader who joined the LP eight years ago. He hopes to attract 30,000 votes and spend around \$2000. Congressional candidates nominated include Thomas Wright, a driving instructor and car-leasing broker from Glen Rock, who is running in the 5th District, Louis Sicilia of Guttenberg, an analyst with Chase Manhattan Bank, running in the 14th District, and Rutgers Law School student Daniel Maiullo of Belleville, who will be running in the 8th District. All three candidates have run previous LP races. Also nominated were William Zelko Jr. of Saddle River who will run for Bergen County freeholder, and Richard Duprey who was nominated to run for the Waldwick Council.

## Pennsylvania

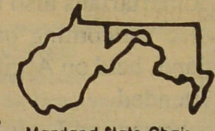
A legal victory to extend the Keystone State's early petitioning deadline succeeded in pushing the deadline back to a more realistic end of July time frame. Bergland's tour of the state began with a March 26 appearance at Temple University, followed by another at Franklin & Marshall University and a press conference at the Harrisburg State Capitol. The remainder of his visit centered on the Pittsburg area and the LPP Convention festivities.

The State Convention itself (discussed elsewhere in this issue) featured, in addition to Bergland, speakers such as Ed Clark, who pointed out the similarities between Reagan Republicans and FDR Democrats, economist Hans Sennholz, National LP Chair Paul Grant,

and LP activists Gerry Walsh from Illinois, Bob Cumming from the LP of Canada, and San Jose activist Mark Hinkle. Former LPP Treasurer Ralph Mullinger succeeded Toni Black as Chair, and Henry Haller III, Russ Moon and Toni Black were also elected to top leadership spots. Jim Panyard, David Dorn and Jorge Amador were selected for important committee assignments. LP NatCom member Geoff Steinberg also raised more than \$11,500 at the Convention banquet.

Candidates who have declared thus far for office in Pennsylvania include National LP Treasurer Dave Walter, for state Auditor General, LPP State Chair Ralph Mullinger for State Treasurer, Richard Caligiuri for 14th District U.S. House, and Daniel Mulholland for 18th District U.S. House. Caligiuri is related to the current Mayor of Pittsburgh and is already running an active campaign, with professional campaign brochures already produced for his campaign. Candidates for State Legislature include Henry Haller, Frank Burns, Jean Haller and Charles Stutler.

The April 16 Tax Protest actions were well represented in the state, with a dozen activists braving bad weather in Pittsburgh. TV coverage quoted State Chair Mullinger clearly saying that Libertarians "ultimately want to abolish taxes." Philadelphia LPer's showed up at the 30th St. Post Office, and their demonstration was covered on radio and in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.



**REGION 15**

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## District of Columbia

The "belly of the beast" apparently isn't a very hospitable climate for LP organizations, according to high ranking LP sources. The formal D.C. LP organizations seems to have all but disappeared under the mysterious leadership of Bruce Majors. (DCLP please call LPHQ . . .)

On a more positive note, the *Washington Post* ran a very objective account of the Bergland campaign effort with extensive quotes from Dave himself. This April 21 story by T.R. Reid, headlined "Third-Party Candidate Puts Government on the Back Burner" was also carried in the *Washington Post Weekly* newspaper distributed nationwide.

## Maryland

Montgomery County area Libertarians are to be commended for their successful April 16 Tax Protest Day action. The *Montgomery Journal* carried a color

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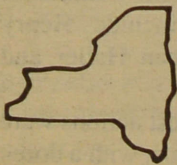


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photo of three of the demonstrators at the Chevy Chase Post Office, including shots of signs saying "Honk if You Hate Taxes" and "Taxation is Theft". A news photo of "Uncle Sam" dressed as a bandit, as part of the protest, was picked up as an AP Wirephoto and distributed nationwide.

Maryland LP'ers have also received official notice that the Bergland/Lewis ticket will be on the ballot in November. Sam Grove, Maryland 8th District Congressional candidate, must continue gathering the 9000 signatures he needs to gain ballot access, and is periodically holding petition parties to accomplish this goal.

A Decentralists' Conference was held at Chevy Chase Library on April 21, featuring Karl Hess, Mildred Loomis and MLP Chair Dean Ahmad.

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**New York**

Free Libertarian Party activists turned out in force for the April 16 Tax Protest Day events, and upstate Rochester area libertarians issued pre-protest news releases to ensure good media coverage. Rochester area Libertarians also hosted a very impressive welcoming banquet for David Bergland, held on April 30. Over 90 people attended.

Rochester will also host the next meeting of the Libertarian National Committee, which will meet there for its July 27-29 meeting. John Sproul is coordinating the event, which will feature a cocktail party July 27 and a campaign kickoff banquet July 28 presenting the local LP candidates.

The 1984 FLP State Convention was held at the Sheraton-Airport Inn in Albany on May 4-6. Among the attractions were the LP ticket of Bergland and

*Ninety-one people attended an April 30 banquet in honor of LP Presidential contender Dave Bergland in Rochester, NY. The wall banner is of the 300+ letters-to-the-editor published by area Libertarians over the past 13 months. Photo by Pam Ng.*



Lewis, Reason Foundation executive John Northrup, Peter Breggin, Council for Competitive Economy President Richard Wilcke, Maryland Chair Dean Ahmad, and Rebecca Shipman, Camille Castorina and Peter Samuel.

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**Connecticut**

LPC members did a bang-up job on short notice in hosting LP Presidential contender David Bergland's Feb 27-March 4 high speed tour of the state. Arranged with great skill by Tom Ross and Charles Sundblade, David Bergland received attention from 23 events which were scheduled, and won coverage on NBC Channel 30, ABC Channel 8, *The Courant* newspaper, a 4-hour talk show, and many others. Dave was also present to help kick off the Connecticut ballot drive effort to collect 14,000 signatures. Courtney Hough is heading up this ballot drive effort.

Self-employed music teacher Donald Woods joins musician Monte Dunn in seeking a U.S. Congress seat (these Connecticut folks are a musical bunch) in announcing for the Second District Congressional seat in early April.

The June 2 LPC State Convention was a high-powered affair, held at the Yale Inn

in Meriden. Showcasing native son VP candidate Jim Lewis at the banquet, this Convention also enjoyed the diverse input of a wide spectrum of speakers and guests. Among the highlights were presentations by Yale economist Jennifer Roback, who spoke on "Government and Racism", Mark Brady, founding member of the Libertarian International, who spoke on "Libertarianism Around the World", Connecticut Institute Director and bookstore owner Jim Peron, who spoke on this latest research topic, "The Road Not Taken - Resolving Connecticut's Highway Crisis", and Alan Burris and David Hoesly.

**Massachusetts**

The January 21 MLP Convention saw the designation of three state districts and coordinators to assist with Speakers Bureau activities. The coordinators selected were Dick Beaumier, Nat Howard and Rebecca Shipman. Long time activist and former State Committee member Bill Hurst was the Convention's nominee for Senate, and five announced candidates for State Representative were Walter Ziobro, Lee Nason, Lee Webber, Andrew Brand and Evans Pierre. Joe Coyle of Dracut is seeking a seat on the Dracut Charter Commission.

Jim Lewis made a successful swing through the state during early April. In addition to his April 3 appearances at Clark University and the University of Massachusetts in Boston, Lewis was a guest on the David Brodnoy Show (WRKO) on April 6. He also participated in an April 6 picketing of the Lowell Federal Building, along with Senatorial candidate William Hurst and former gubernatorial candidate Rebecca Shipman, which won them coverage in the *Lowell Sun*. Lewis returned to the Bay State in early June.

A Candidates and Speakers Workshop is slated for June 16, which will feature a day long session covering theory and practice of public speaking, some of which will be videotaped and critiqued. Contact the State Chair or Rebecca Shipman in Mansfield (339-5906) for further details.

**New Hampshire**

Howard Wilson Jr., 36, of Andover, has been a dishwasher, cook, landscaper, furniture mover, soldier and farmhand since he left school. Now he wants to add another job to the list: Governor of New Hampshire. He was selected recently as the LP candidate at a convention held in Manchester, which was attended by about 25 LP members. Wilson is currently self-employed, doing, he jokes, "darn near anything that's reasonably legal."

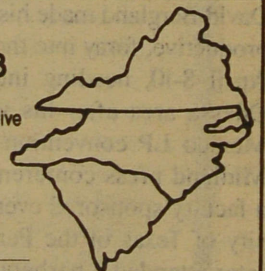
Wilson says the biggest problem facing the state is the "intrusion of the government" into the residents' lives. "It would be a damn shame for us to continue to let Big Brother have his way in the 'Live Free or Die' state," he said in his campaign statement. Wilson's nomination resulted in coverage in several state newspapers.

State Chair Arne Erickson of Epping was nominated for Congress, along with Alan Groupe of Nashua, and Sandy Perimack of Merrimack received the nod for the U.S. Senate nomination. Jim Lewis was on hand for the March 31 State Convention, where he gave the keynote presentation.

**Vermont**

Professor of economics William Wicker announced his intention to run for Governor of the Maple Syrup state on April 10. He pledged to stand by the philosophy of less government intervention into the lives of citizens, support restitution for crime victims, support less regulation in state government, and support a wider range of health care alternatives. He also proposed to sell state-owned liquor stores to help reduce the state's budget deficit. Wicker, who teaches at Trinity College, lives in Colchester and has a built-in network of supporters across the state who have previously taken classes from him. His 1982 Secretary of State race received the 5% of the vote needed to maintain ballot status in the state.

South Hero LP Congressional candidate James Hedbor made state wide news with his challenge to incumbent Congressman James Jeffords to a series of debates on six specific topics, ranging from education to foreign policy. The Republican incumbent seems to be facing little serious opposition from other candidates, and Hedbor is urging the debates, saying voters deserve more than "a bland, issueless, generalized campaign." Hedbor charges that Jeffords should be required to defend his "big government" voting record in front of the voters.

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**North Carolina**

The NCLP annual State Convention will be held at the Charlotte Best Western on June 22-24. Among the highlights will be presentations by LP Presidential candidate David Bergland, Libertarian International co-founder Vince Miller, *Southern Libertarian Messenger* editor John Harllee, LPNC gubernatorial candidate Fritz Prochnow, LP Senate candidate Bobby Yates Emory, financial advice presentations and a workshop on the homeschool/freeschool movement.



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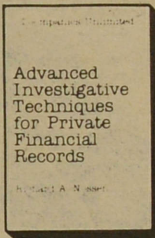
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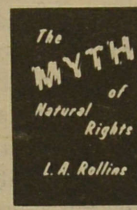
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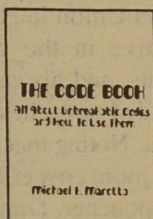
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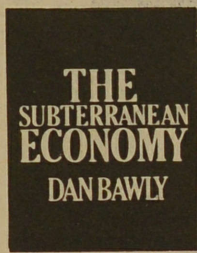
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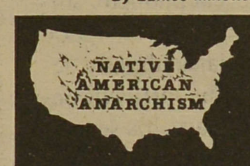
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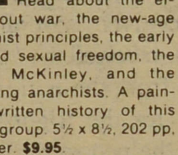


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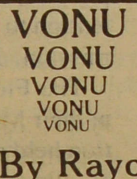


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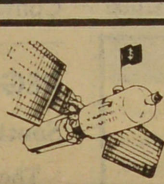
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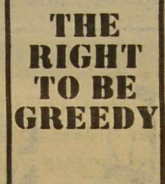
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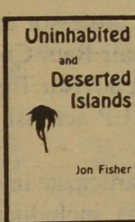
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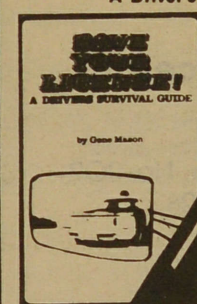


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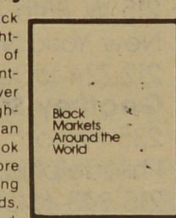
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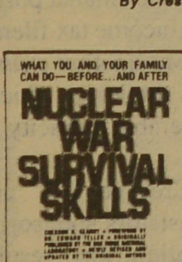
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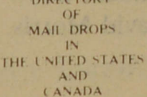


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## Monte Dunn Announces for Congress

To those living outside of New England, the Connecticut LP's description of their 6th Congressional District candidate's home grounds seemed to be a new plateau in geographical description: "Monte Dunn plows a lonely furrow in the state's far North-West, where the population is not as dense (perhaps in either sense) as in other regions." Even more surprising than the discovery that this modest-sized state even had a "far North-West" was the recent publicity surrounding the activities of this energetic Cornwall Bridge musician's already active campaign. Since the official announcement of his candidacy, his second go-around for the 6th District race, Dunn has received several long newspaper stories, received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the national Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, helped to draft a bill to ease the savage restrictions on transporting guns in the state, known as the "Dunn Gun Amendment", and also won election to



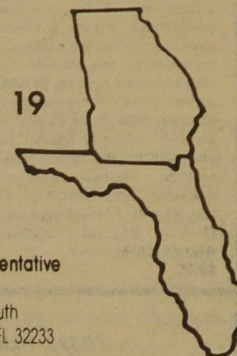
Connecticut musician Monte Dunn is running for Congress under the LP banner. Photo by Liane Dunn.

the Board of the Local 514, American Federation of Musicians. Brooklyn, New York native Dunn was strongly influenced by his mother, a left wing activist, when growing up, but grew disillusioned with socialism when it became clear that Cuba

was becoming a dictatorship. "Slowly," Dunn has commented, "I started reaching a more anarchistic view - that governments, period, were bad." He eventually became an LP member, after a varied career which has included many jobs, from taxi driver, union organizer, music therapist with the retarded, to his successful music career. His musical stints include performing with Peter, Paul and Mary, Sonny and Cher, Tim Hardin, Buffy St. Marie, Tom Rush and the Johnny Carson Show orchestra. Dunn's current activity centers around his union activity, where he proudly notes that "I was the editor of the first union publication to endorse Ed Clark, in *Local Vibes*, of the American Federation of Musicians Local 514, AFL-CIO, and I also worked as an organizer for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in New York." His is also active in the gun owners rights movements, and his campaign has to date included speeches to area high school students. Noting that his 1982 race was ten times more cost effective per vote than his opponents', Dunn's race will focus on the "worker, the shooter and the unionist". His campaign can be reached at Ethan Allan Highway, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754. ■

Scott Bowden addressed the Fairfax County School Board hearing in February and accused the Board of extravagance, lack of sympathy for the taxpayers, and unrealistic plans for public school computer education.

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### Florida

Activist Allen Sawyer, a 31 year-old piano tuner and LP activist, received 4.6% of the vote for Gainesville-City Commission, nearly quadrupling his previous vote, and has announced his intention to run for Alachua County Commission, District 3.

The Florida LP had a stellar line-up at their Memorial Day weekend Convention held at the Dolphin Beach Resort in St. Petersburg Beach, featuring such luminaries as VP candidate Jim Lewis, Reason Foundation President Robert Poole, Jr., National LP Chair and Florida native son Paul Grant, Lew Rockwell, Jr., head of the Mises Institute, SIL co-founder Jarret Wollstein, Dr. Camille Castorina, economics professor and lecturer, former FLP Chair Raul Costales, Tampa attorney and tax advisor Tim Condon, and Tampa Bay LP activist Harry Reid.

FLP members did participate in several Tax Protest Day actions, including those in the Orlando and Miami areas.

The Florida LP has also been conducting a difficult ballot drive effort, which requires nearly 50,000 signatures for ballot access.

### Georgia

"Step right up!" the would-be barker cried. "See the ama-a-azing federal black hole suck in all your money. Step right up!" So ran the lead paragraph of the statewide AP story about the GLP April 16 Tax Protest action, describing activist Art Smith as he and several other LP members picketed the Atlanta post office and leafletted late income tax filers. This successful effort was another example of the imaginative thinking which has resulted in considerable publicity for the LP in this state.

The GLP's "Cracked Pot" awards, given to state legislators sponsoring the worst new legislation, also resulted in statewide publicity in the newspapers and electronic media (see related story elsewhere in this issue). ■

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#### South Carolina

The SCLP held its State Convention in Columbia on April 14, and chose computer consultant Stephen Davis to run for U.S. Senate against incumbent Strom Thurmond. Robert "Bob" Madden, a professional photographer from Greenwood, was nominated for the 3rd Congressional District seat, and W. Ray Pike, a retired security consultant from Pauline, was nominated to run in the 4th Congressional District race. Hugh F. Thompson, a physician from Darlington, was nominated to run in the 6th Congressional District. Steve Kreisman was re-elected State Chair by unanimous vote, and other officers chosen were Ron Heaton, John Heaton, John Harlee and David Morris. Steve Vandervelde was chosen Membership Chair.

David Bergland was in the State for five days before the Convention, and spoke in Spartanburg, Greenville, Greenwood, Columbia, West Columbia and Charleston. He received a great deal of media coverage throughout the state, appeared on radio talk shows and on the *Carolina Journal* TV program, which was broadcast live to all SC educational TV stations. Bergland's speech at Convention banquet was attended by more than 75 supporters, and his speech "literally brought the house down" according to attendee David Morris.

#### Virginia

The LPV kicked off its ballot drive effort to obtain approximately 20,000 signatures. Ballot Access Coordinator Henry Thrasher has announced a "gold and silver" awards program for top signature getters.



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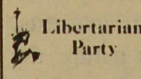


Trey Ward (l) and brother Grant (center) pause during a session at the Crosscreek Mall in Greenwood, SC to welcome LP Presidential contender David Bergland and SC 3rd District LP Congressional candidate Robert "Bob" Madden during Bergland's April campaign swing. Madden, a professional photographer from Greenwood, has begun a high-visibility campaign which will stress, among other issues, an end to "bipartisan nuclear madness." Photo by R. Madden.

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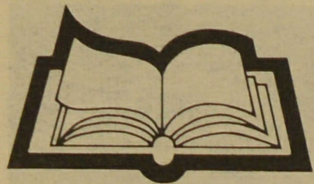
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## BOOK REVIEWS

*Defending A Free Society*, Edited by Robert W. Poole, Jr., 365 pages, A Reason Foundation Book published by Lexington Books, Hdbk \$20.00.

Because the subject of national defense and libertarian philosophy is a matter of some controversy within the Libertarian Party, and because *Defending A Free Society* is the first major libertarian work on this subject, *LP News* has chosen to run two book reviews reflecting, at least partially, the diversity of opinion among libertarians on this issue.

By Mike Hall

Mike Hall is a long-time libertarian activist, two term chair of the California Libertarian Council, and was a member of the Libertarian Party National Committee from 1981-83. He is a film-maker and counts military history among his primary intellectual interests. He received a BA in Anthropology at the University of Chicago (64) and a MA in Folklore and Mythology at the University of California at Los Angeles (81). Mike lives in Van Nuys, California.

This book is the product of a Reason Foundation Policy Research Project and aims to represent, in the words of its editor, 'a coherent assessment of national defense policy'.

The book suggests a moral framework (Mack) and a theory of inter-state conflict (Rummel), and discusses various areas of a proposed defense policy for the United States: strategic defense (Cohen), alliances (Beilenson), navy (Dunn), conventional forces (Burns), personnel (Folson), intelligence (Ford), covert action (Beilenson) and "national will" (Douglas).

The book makes no claim to present a libertarian defense policy, referring only to a Free-Society, and employing throughout the terminology appropriate to a nation-state model. It is nonetheless predictable that the book will be viewed as an expression of a libertarian defense policy within the libertarian movement, and the Libertarian Party, by those familiar with either. The long association of the leading members of the Reason Magazine/Foundation group with the libertarian movement and Party are well known, as is the appearance as a contributor to this volume of a member of the Libertarian Defense Caucus and editor of that group's newsletter.

The authors generally agree that the United States should 1. withdraw from most alliances with other nations, 2. improve our military capabilities vis-a-vis the Soviet Union (particularly strategic ICBM counter-force capabilities), 3. develop civil defense and anti-missile systems, and 4. provide foreign aid and/or arms to anti-communist dissidents.

Although this package of proposals is a vast improvement over the general thrust of our national defense effort since WWII, it leaves much to be desired from an individual rights perspective. I am troubled by a doctrine of war which ap-

proves the killing of innocent bystanders however unintended (Mack), by a strategic plan which accepts, albeit grudgingly, the military subsidy of insolvent democracies and strategically essential dictatorships (Rummel), and by a vision of a national navy whose mission is to discharge the obligation of the government to defend the persons and property of all U.S. citizens, wherever they may be (Dunn).

As an aid in evaluating the worth of the book, we need to examine the terms in which it assesses and endorses various defense policies.

First, excepting regular rhetorical bows in the direction of individual rights, this book talks about nation states. The actions of states, the aims of states, and the interests of states are all examined at length. It is as if once asserting that a particular state is designed to protect individual rights, one can assume that the actions of said state are the moral equivalent of the actions of an unoffending individual -- that no finer analysis is required.

This conception of the United States (or if you prefer, the American People) as a super-organic entity which enjoys rights and moral agency, sets the tone for much of the analysis in the individual essays. It produced in me a sense of jingoistic hair-splitting which required that I constantly distinguish between the individual rights of U.S. citizens - which were to be respected, and individual rights of everyone else in the world - which might upon sufficient cause be neglected.

Nations, in my view, do not have rights, they have interests. Neither do they have moral agency. They act expediently or inexpediently in regard to their interests. In my view, states are by their nature, the primary violators of the rights of individuals; even democracies (perhaps especially democracies) often engage in massive and systematic violations of individual rights under the banner of protecting these same rights.

Rights-oriented libertarians must never fall into the trap of assuming that any rights are expendable. Once a process of whitening away rights in the name of "good intentions" is begun, moral considerations are always set aside in favor of necessity.

Although I fully doubt that a fully libertarian defense policy for our nation state is conceivable (involving as it does

By Dick Eagleson

Dick Eagleson is an amateur defense analyst who speaks frequently on defense topics in Southern California. He is a member of the Steering Committee of the Libertarian Defense Caucus. Eagleson is editor of the monthly *Systems User* publication and resides in Hollywood, California.

This new Reason Foundation book is welcome on several grounds. First, it addresses defense against foreign-state aggression from explicitly libertarian viewpoints. Secondly, first principles are not uniformly ignored or assumed; moral philosophy cohabits with military theory. Thirdly, a broad list of defense-related subjects is addressed. Large-scale defense is controversial subject among libertarians, but the movement has produced few books examining it. One hopes this volume is the thin edge of a literary wedge, cleaving the statist husk from treatments of large-scale military defense.

Eric Mack's opening chapter identifies seven moral theories of war and defense, from "Principled Pacifism" to "National Interest Aggression." Mack advances the "Just War Defense" as best conforming to libertarian principle. Briefly summarized, this says bystanders may be killed as the unavoidable consequence of striking back at an aggressor if every possible pain is taken to minimize such casualties.

Mack then extrapolates policies for a Free Society. "Pragmatic Surrender" is found grossly inferior to defense of rights by force. His logic is tight, with parts recalling David Friedman's dissection of Jeff Hummel's unilateral disarmament case. Mack rejects foreign military commitments, "covert" warfare and intervention for "interests" or resources. Alliances for warning systems and defensive weapons pass his muster. Spying upon hostile states and use of force against their agents is found permissible. Strong active defense and narrow counterforce (gov't. and military targets only) retaliatory doctrine is urged.

Rudolph Rummel's two chapters, on threats to the U.S. which would also confront a Free Society, are prodigies of scholarship. The first tests five common beliefs about war and peace, (eg., arms races lead to war, and power parity = stability = peace.) Rummel reports, "for all five, empirical findings and tests are generally negative." This insight was mined from huge lodes of irenological ("peace studies") research. Having previously regarded "peace studies" as a self-serving creation of academically entrenched leftists, finding fine work under this rubric - not least that by Rummel himself - was a delight. His second chapter is an incisive "revisionist revision" of U.S.-Soviet geopolitical and doctrinal history. He decries blind U.S. sup-

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## "Defending a Free Society"

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Hall . . .

a contradiction in terms) I had hoped that this book would present a more closely reasoned case than it has. Most policies proposed in **Defending a Free Society** are not (excepting internal contradictions which mar the work) in and of themselves objectionable. I can easily imagine myself subscribing to a private sector defense agency which acted upon many of them. I cannot endorse any of them as the policies of a government which claims sovereignty over the defense of my person and my rights and precludes my choice of a competing provider.

But private sector alternatives aside, as long as we have governments, those governments should be limited to defending their own boundaries and protecting and respecting individual rights. Michael Dunn, on the other hand, proposes a global maritime empire, and the book as a whole endorses an American nuclear war-fighting strategy dedicated to the preservation of the physical assets and power of our particular nation state.

I suspect this book will be well received among conservative libertarians, and attacked by radical libertarians. I hope that the process of attack and defense generated by its publication will advance our understanding of the policies appropriate to the defense of individual rights. ■

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port for status quo, calling for strong active defense and policies aimed at the injury, rather than "containment", of tyranny.

Sam Cohen covers active defense, retaliation, and command, control, communications and intelligence (so-called "C-cubed I"). Civil defense, combined with active defense, such as Gen. Daniel Graham's High Frontier proposal, is urged. A novel idea calls for mobile ICBMs in three pieces: rocket, bomb and re-entry vehicle (nose cone), brought together only when retaliation is ordered. The idea is flawed, but analysis of the usually assumed need to retaliate quickly is intriguing. Cohen's closing analyzes flawed arms control proposals.

Mike Dunn's naval chapter is a model of analysis; it starts at the beginning. Non-coercive funding of large-scale defense is not treated in this volume. But Dunn opens by listing U.S. assets at risk absent a navy. Ocean-borne trade alone is six times the tab for today's USN. The clear inference? A Free Society would have ample incentive and resources to support a standing navy. Dunn then defines naval missions, means of accomplishment, and needed ships. Analysis of the malign effects of maritime regulation and subsidy on U.S. seaborne logistic capability is especially noteworthy.

thy. A major quibble with Dunn is the force of 12 aircraft carriers. By his own analysis these are marginal weapons. Scratching flattops to modestly boost other ship types would seem to yield an equally capable navy at perhaps 40% less cost.

Other worthy chapters are Roger Folsom's on conscription, Joseph Ford's on intelligence and Laurence Beilenson's two chapters on alliances and aid to freedom fighters. Folsom's work is a joy on both theoretical and utilitarian grounds. He demolishes "debt to society" ideas, then shows that, in any event, a draft cannot produce a better armed force than can voluntarism. Beilenson first splendidly indicts "containment" policy vis-a-vis the USSR, then argues for selective aid to forces fighting the one expansionist power dangerous to the U.S., the USSR. Ford reviews intelligence history, finding the present U.S. system expensive, dangerous and ineffective. He calls for decentralizing intelligence, radically cutting budgets and classification power, ending "covert" wars and - in a touch no doubt delighting Editor Bob Poole - contracting out most data-gathering and analysis to companies now performing political risk assessment for multi-national corporations.

Two poor chapters are Michael Burns's on land and tactical air forces and Jack Douglas's on "Grand Moral Strategy." Burns has the Military Reform Caucus mindset; endless detail fiddling, but no principled base. He offers copious advice on recruiting, training and paying an army, but assumes present-day U.S. Army mission profiles. In sharp contrast to Mike Dunn's treatment of navies, Burns never asks whether a Free Society with the geography of the U.S. needs army and "Tac Air" forces; an anything but obvious proposition. One wonders, in fact, whether Burns read the rest of the book. If so, it seems plain he understood not a word. Douglas's sin is one of focus and content; the latter repetitious and the former nonexistent.

Despite the flaws noted, *Defending a Free Society* is a worthy and important book. It builds a fine base for future libertarian work addressing other aspects of large-scale defense, such as funding mechanisms. Highly recommended. ■

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## NatCom Meeting

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mailing list usage. Reports were also given covering LP legal actions, internal audits, LP News operations and the Letters to the Editor Project. The Campaign '84 project presented a report by Coordinator Jim McKeown, who is tracking LP candidates via computer and offering campaign assistance.

Reports were heard from Bergland for President Campaign Manager Bill Evers and BFP Steering Committee Chair Ed Clark about various aspects of the campaign and ballot access efforts. A resolution was passed prohibiting LP candidates from invoking FCC "equal time, fairness doctrine or reasonable access" rules which could force broadcasters to cover LP campaigns. The BFP contract with the National LP was also discussed and adopted.

## Meet Me At the Fair

*Frank Gilbert resides in Alma, Arkansas and is Chair of the Western Arkansas Libertarian Council.*

Sophisticates who live in the shadow of the World Trade Towers or other architectural marvels of the modern age probably will miss the significance of the Arkansas/Oklahoma State Fair. But believe me, here on the border it's big stuff.

Country music provided live by nationally known artists really pack the crowds in. Folks from as far away as Dyer and Poteau make the annual pilgrimage to Ft. Smith.

The trip is worth it though. There's the carnival for the kids. A huge livestock exposition for the FFA'ers. And competition is fierce in the home economics building as canned goods, quilts, dresses and hundreds of other homemade items await inspection by seasoned judges.

Every year you can count on the fair to provide a cross section of rural America. It's a patchwork of variety which remains the same year in and year out.

But the last fair had something a little different. The commercial exhibits building still had all the regulars. Mr. Plunkett filled the old hall with lively organ music when he wasn't visiting with a prospective buyer or an old croney. The Republican Party table was there next to the door like always. (This being Arkansas, the Democrats don't have a booth.)

In addition to the NatCom proceedings, Pennsylvania and other east coast Libertarians were able to enjoy the LPP convention proceedings, which saw the election of former Philadelphia LP Chair and long-time LP activist Ralph Mullinger to State Chair. Convention attendees also enjoyed presentations by libertarian notables such as Murray Rothbard, who spoke on "A Tribute to Ludwig Von Mises" and 1980 LP Presidential standard-bearer Ed Clark, who gave the keynote address on "The Emergence of the Libertarian Party." Other speakers included economist Dr. Hans Sennholz of Grove City College, Dave Adams of the American Constitutional Rights Protective Association, and former National LP Chair Alicia Clark. The well-organized convention served to compliment the productive NatCom meeting. Both the National Committee and the Pennsylvania LP greatly benefited from the energy, enthusiasm and tangible results of the Pittsburgh meeting/convention. ■



or TV nor were there any young girls in tights. Those who stopped at this booth did so out of curiosity. Some left angry, some puzzled and others had a spark of interest as they left that had not been there before.

For the most part these residents of the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas and the Cookson Hills in Oklahoma simply smiled and walked on by when offered literature or conversation. But maybe next year, or the year after that, or the year after that, if that booth is still there, maybe they'll stop by and visit a while. But don't try to hurry or "high-pressure" them. After all the Republicans have been trying to get to know these people for over a hundred years and it's still an uphill fight for them.

The Libertarians will be back at the fair, and the one after that, and the one after that. Just sitting there eating logs, listening to Waylon and smell-em hogs. So don't be surprised when at some LP convention an odd looking group is gawking around Denver, or Phoenix or wherever. You'll know the hill folks have arrived.

Oh, by the way, where do the Baptists meet up there in Phoenix? ■

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