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# **LEMONADE TIME**

On May 4, 1982, Federal District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich gave the back of her hand to the Libertarian Party of Florida, its candidates, and its attorneys, Robert Smith and Larry Pino, who were backed by the ACLU.

Judge Kovachevich denied each and every complaint and challenge of the LPF concerning the unconstitutionality of Florida's Election Statutes.

There has been no time in the few days since Judge Kovachevich's order to determine exactly what the basis of further action will be, except that attorneys Pino and Smith indicated that an appeal would be made.

Basically, what seems to have happened is that the LPF and its attorneys as plaintiffs have said, "Your Honor, the Florida Election Code is unconstitutional, because it is in violation of the First and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution." The State, and it's representatives have said, "Your Honor, it's not so." Judge Kovachevich has agreed with the State.

Not being an attorney, this reporter hesitates to comment on the Judge's opinion, but it seems that she skimmed over a lot of stuff in coming down on the side of the government. For instance, she pointed out that "For this particular year a total of 188 days are available to gather signatures." The petitioning period, however, started on Jan 12 (per her statement). Doesn't seem to me that we have 188 days!

Aside from thise picky points, however, it comes down to the fact that the LPF has claimed that for instance, we would have to get 220,000 petitions signed to get on the ballot, (included a 50% safety margin), that this is unduly burdensome. The Judge said, "No, it's not." And so on, point by point down our list of challenges and complaints.

In short, again, she has ruled that whatever the Florida Statutes say concerning Elections, is constitutional and fair to all concerned, and that's that. We may wildly disagree with this opinion, but we are stuck with it until and unless it is reversed by a higher court.

So, the Judge has handed us a lemon.

Now, the motivators will tell you, is the time to start making lemonade.

How can we convert this scrawny, dried up, probably rotten fruit into something refreshing and invigorating?

Well, there isn't room to go into all the strategic and tactical plans, programs and campaigns right here and now. (Besides, they haven't been figured out yet). One thing, is reasonably sure—unless there is some relief from a higher court, there will probably be an extended trip "back to the drawing board." Mike Boland, Bill Marina and Alan Turin, our announced candidates, may be forgiven for being a trifle discouraged at having to have 220,000 petitions (one per card) in Tallahassee by September 7, 1982. (The Judge's date). Of course, they have to file for office between July 6th and 20th. They may just be taking a pretty good chance of filing for the race, paying their fees, and never being

allowed out of the starting gate!

Immediate trauma aside, what would happen in a "worst case" situation? It could be that our attorneys could get discouraged, not pursue the appeals route, and leave this damaging decision as a precedent to encourage other courts to stack the deck in favor of the entrenched establishment. Or, they could take a tuck in their gut, go ahead and appeal, and be turned down again. In either case, we would be faced with a 3% petition requirement in each and every campaign, or wait until 5% of Florida's registered voters are signed up as Libertarians.

Improbable? Yes. Impossible? Almost, maybe. But not entirely. What is the way to go to climb this mountain? Well, assuming that it really is there, and will stay there, it becomes apparent that there is a lot of work to do. And as noted above, there aren't any plans yet, so far as this writer knows.

But there are a few points to consider, if we look at them without being accused of being complete Pollyannas.

1. This is still the United States of America. Whatever we may consider the state of affairs to be in this country, most will agree that conditions are worse elsewhere. Here are some evidences of this fact:

a. The court system still functions, at least to some degree, and there is a chance that justice is still attainable. In many places, we wouldn't even be given the chance to ask.

b. The media still function—again, at least to some degree. There was a definitely favorable editorial on Orlando's TV Channel 9 a few weeks back, and Libertarian candidates and spokespersons have been consistently treated with courtesy and respect throughout the state. Our press may be influenced by various pressures, but it is sure as hell a lot freer that in some other places we could name.

c. Constitutional guarantees still function—once more, at least to some degree. Battered, denigrated, distorted perhaps beyond recognition at some points, it is still the supreme law of the land; and most Americans still tend to use it as a basis for

making political decisions.

2. It has often seemed, down through history, that the best way to spread a philosophy is to subject it to a big dose of plain, old fashioned persecution. There's nothing like saying "you can't have it" to make it desireable. Libertarians would hate to think that their philosophy isn't saleable on its own merits, but if people choose to side with us because we're underdogs, we should be willing to use alliance as an opportunity to explain what we're all about, at least!

3. Last, but not least, and this point should be obvious, but some of us may need reminding—Judge Kovachevich's decision does not reflect in any way on the validity of Libertarian principles and/or philosophy. All she did was to reinforce the state's position that it does not have to provide a free market place in which to disseminate Libertarianism. So we're stuck with a distorted, monopolistic market for the time being. But, if we are to believe in the power of Truth, we should be able to sidestep or overcome any barriers the State cares to place in our way. If the mountain exists, there's a way to the top. And, I can guarantee you, there's a big cold glass of lemonade sitting up there in the snow!



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## **Tax Freedom Month**

May is the month in which you can say that you can begin to enjoy your own money. Why? Taxes. If you are an "average" taxpayer, that is, one giving from one-third to forty percent or more of your income to one level of government or another in taxes, plain or fancy, open or hidden, high or low—there will come a day in May when thirty-three to forty percent of the year has gone by, and you will have paid your dues to the tax collectors.

In the days before the industrial revolution, many people, at least in Europe, were subject to a feudal system. Those who worked the land—a large portion of the population in those days—were called serfs, and were subject to the whims of the landowner, who kept them in virtual slavery. There were kept in poverty by the ruinous percentage of their crops that they had to turn over to the "lord of the keep". What do you think that percentage was? About twenty-five percent. Does that make you feel better about your tax bill? I didn't think it would.

There's another item that should make you feel a little worse. It is said that no society has long survived where the tax take has risen to over 35%. Now, you shouldn't start to celebrate because the government is going to turn turtle; usually governments in those straits are finally pushed over in violent revolution, and most libertarians are more peaceful than to mix in such things. Any violent overthrow of a government as entrenched as that in the U.S. at this time is bound to be extremely unpleasant for everybody.

Maybe we'd better look for another way.

If you have accepted the legitimacy of government control over your life; that is, if you grant that it's O.K. for government to grab forty percent of your earnings, then you might say, "God, I'm glad that's over with", and get on with living. But that is sort of short-sighted, and not very libertarian. If you are like most libertarians, you at least doubt the government's omniscience in taking and using (wasting) your substance. If so, you probably feel with the rest of us that government is moving in on us. And we resent it. At some point, then, government becomes "The Enemy." We then by definition become "Enemies of the State", whether active or passive.

Most of us assume passive roles. It may be because we're scared of the IRS, or of being stared at by our neighbors, or whatever. But we tend not to fight, but to dodge the intrusions of government wherever possible, some of us by "fair" means, some by "foul".

A few of us, perhaps more activist by nature, become noisy opponents, protesting or rebelling in an open manner. This of course attracts the attention of the government enforcers, who then use whatever means are at their disposal to obliterate us, to remove us from the scene

The point, though, is that there comes a time in many tax-payers' lives when they undergo a fundamental change: they switch from being willing payers to being unwilling participants. This is a moral and ethical crisis for many. They are thankful for being born in or having come to the United States; they see its potential as an unparalleled land of opportunity; they are by education and temperament proud to be Americans, and wish to support America and its purposes and goals. Yet it is run by government which is obviously being stupid, ignorant, arrogant, bullying, and even evil in its actions and programs. Force and fraud, the two devils in the Libertarian Pantheon, run rampant in government.

This crisis of conscience is the more excruciating because we fortunate Americans are not supposed to even have an occasion for such a crisis. We are supposed to have it so good, compared to the rest of the world, that it is ungrateful to even consider complaining.

But the fact that we are fortunate enough to have more to steal does not make the robber morally better. Theft is still theft; and taking one's substance by force is theft, no matter how you slice it.

So how to resolve this moral crisis? Should we stock up on hand grenades and molotov cocktails and have a "burn down the government" party.

This solution does not sit well with the Libertarian commitment not to initiate force. Libertarians for the most part, still think that it's better to work within the system.

With that in mind, here's an idea to try on your libertarian and quasi-libertarian friends and associates who no longer (or never did) approve of government-style of theft: go and register to vote as a libertarian! This is a tremendous way to celebrate Tax Freedom Month. It will associate you with the only group whose philosophy includes the proposition that taxation, as presently carried out, is actually theft. Only the Libertarian Party proposes to really reduce the size and scope of government; and that is the only way that taxes will ever be significantly reduced. Moreover, registering and voting Libertarian will send about the loudest and clearest message possible to the "powers that be" in government circles. It's a message of peaceful revolt, and the idea of working from January to May each year just to pay off the fat cats in government should be sufficient to bring on such a revolt.

So, let's work it this way. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a copy of a form that you can send to your county Supervisor of Elections, with your voter registration card attached, to change your registration. If you need more for your friends, run off a bunch of copies before filling it out.

For those of you in counties with active Libertarian organizations, however, there is more. We have arranged with one of the party leaders in these counties to organize a Registration-Day. Those of you who are able, we invite to join the crowd and go to the office of the Supervisor of Elections in a group.

Copies of this newletter are going to all the media outlets in the state (if you find one that didn't receive a copy, call the state office and we'll add them to our list of 612!) So if you use your local media list, you can call them to see if they will show up to record this event for the public and for posterity.

Those of you who cannot manage to go in person to register or reregister should see to it that your Registration Day organizer gets your copy of this form (with card attached) so that he or she can take it in to the Registration Office that day. (Remember, you must go in person to register for the first time; only reregisteration can be done "in absentia".) Most of the active counties will be holding a meeting sometime during May which can be used as a collection point for forms and promises to attend Registration Day Event.

Doug Ramsay, our state chair, set as one of his goals during his term in office to get the Libertarian registration doubled. If we all cooperate on Registration Day, this should be accomplished with no trouble.

If you live in a county with little or no libertarian organization, or don't know where it is, call Dotti Swanson at the Executive Director's office (305) 628-2337, for information. Dotti can also tell you where to find your local Supervisor of Elections.

The counties which are working on Tax Freedom Month and Registration Day, and the person in charge are as follows:

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## The Year In Review

BY JAY ADAMS

I have been asked by the editors of *THE FLORIDA LIBER-TARIAN*, as we approach the date of the 1982 convention of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA, to do a sort of "This is the Year that Was" article. In looking over the past issues of *TFL*, and in talking with people about the events of the past year, I have been struck by the increase in activity in the LPF. It has occurred to me that it might be useful to examine these happenings and see if I could figure out what caused them. The burgeoning of the LPF, I reasoned, probably was not the same as flowers coming up after a spring rain. I've been a LPF member for quite a while now, and it has been my experience that things do not "just happen" in politics, any more than they do anywhere else. What, then, caused this sudden spurt in growth? If we can locate the cause—or causes—maybe we can reinforce it—or them—and make the improvement even greater next year!

In addition, then, to being a report on and a summary of the doings of the LPF for the past year, this is an attempt to analyze WHY they happened.

There was a hint of stirrings in the party even during the '81 state convention at Orlando. Chair Fred Daniels has mailed out a thousand notices, at his own expense, about three weeks in advance—first class, so it wasn't as easy to ignore as bulk mail might have been. There were fifty-six attendees, not a record perhaps, but not bad. For the first time in memory, there was an active contest for the officer's positions, and even an unheard of three-way tie for the vice chair's spot. Another sign of increased interest was the number of persons offering themselves as delegates to the national convention in Denver. (As it turned out, Florida was one of three states with a full delegation plus alternates attending.)

After the convention, things began to come to a boil. Fred had filled one of the convention speaker's slots more or less at the last minute by asking Dotti and Ralph Swanson to give a talk on party organization. They responded by telling the convention that it was time for the LPF to "Go Pro". A couple of months later—on July eleventh, to be exact—the LPF Executive Committee appointed Dotti to the post of Executive Director—the first full time professional in the party's history, and one of a very few anywhere in the U.S. Talk about asking for it!

Local organizations began to develop shortly after that. The Libertarian Party of Central Florida revived in July after having "lain dormant for about a year", and has grown steadily since that time. On July the 23rd, ALBERT ZLABINGER threw a party at his home in Jacksonville which successfully kicked off the LP Jax. A little later, in September, TIM CONDON had a bash at his "tiny hippie hovel" in Tampa for the Libertarian Party of Tampa Bay and the Libertarian Alliance from the University of South Florida. Over ninety Libertarians, libertarians and hangers-on showed up!

Up to this point, as Kim Daniels observed in writing about the LPCF meeting, the increased activity could probably be traced to the interest generated by the Ed Clark presidential campaign. Not only did many people now recognize the name "Libertarian", but some of them could actually spell it! The LP had gained an unprecendented degree of recognition, credibility and respectability. People had observed that Ed Clark had no horns, and many of them noticed that he made a lot of sense. So, this was a big factor in the surge of activity following the Orlando Convention.

There were, however, other factors at work. Political success feeds on success, and breeds further success. A number of things happened in the few months following the convention which, although they may have been inspired by the Clark Campaign, had their own effects in claiming the attention and keeping up the spirits of Florida Libertarians. A partial list of these happenings, not necessarily in the order of their importance, is as follows:

- 1. Dr. Zlabinger was made editor of the *Florida Libertarian*, taking over as the state newsletter from Claude Pinsonneault's "Common Sense". Switching to a more activist, event-oriented editorial policy, rather than the theoretical slant of "Common Sense", seems to have encouraged LPF members to do things, rather than to think or talk about them.
- 2. Florida's successful participation in the National Convention. A fair percentage of the activists from the state attended; and the effect of a National Convention in renewing the Liber-

tarian spirit is well known. Twenty Floridians attended the major portion of the program, plus the floor sessions. All but a handful have become even more active since the convention. Although the delegation was far from united in its opinion as to who the national officers should be, a substantial portion backed the eventual winners, and no one seemed to be wholly upset over the outcome. This has enabled the LPF to have an easy relationship with the national organization. ALICIA CLARK seconded LARRY PINO's nomination in his attempt to be elected to the National Committee. L. CLARK HODGE made a successful bid to represent Region Nineteen on the National Committee and has managed to get the December 4 & 5, 1982 National Committee meeting scheduled for Central Florida.

- 3. Larry Pino, with the backing of ACLU, filed suit in federal court to strike down Florida's restrictive ballot access laws. This issue has been covered at length in TFL, so there's no reason to go into it further here; but it is another of the rallying points for Libertarians in Florida.
- 4. RAUL COSTALES helped organize the Citizen's Choice on Government Revenue. In the middle of September, Raul joined ED HAVILL and others on the steps of the state capitol building in Tallahassee to kick off this movement. Raul and BOB MIHM are the leading Libertarians in trying to get this petition onto the November '82 ballot; and they have donated many hours and much money, and garnered much, much publicity for the LPF along the way.
- 5. Alicia Clark made his first official trip as the new national chair to Florida, to attend the "Coming Out Party" for Bill Marina's candidacy for the office of Commissioner of Education for Florida. This trip generated a lot of favorable publicity for the party, including seven radio and TV interviews.
- 6. Three candidates for office at the state level appeared. MIKE BOLAND, BILL MARINA, and ALAN TURIN are all Libertarians of long standing, and in the face of Florida's draconian ballot access laws, had to be motivated by Libertarian principles rather than any reasonable hope of actually being elected.

All of these things were favorable omens for the LPF, but when you look behind a lot of the subsequent happenings among Florida Libertarians, you will most likely find Dotti Swanson at work.

Much of what goes on in a political organization is pure "grunt work"—clerical details and such—which does not show on the surface. Dotti has been working full time on such things for ten months.

For a couple of months after her appointment, she even had a full-time volunteer secretary—MARGARET POOLE. Margaret held down the fort during the time when the Swansons were at the National Convention, and handled the blizzard of returns from the first big mailing; her handwriting is prominent throughout the address card files. Unfortunately, Margaret was injured in an auto accident the day the Swansons returned to Florida, so her valuable help was lost; but Dotti has kept digging, and the results are just beginning to be apparent.

One of the first things Dotti did was to establish the party's mailing privilege. Political parties get the lowest available rate—currently, five and nine-tenths' cents for three ounces—and neither of the major parties has made decent use of this opportunity. Dotti found that there was a letter from the post office acknowledging that the party was elegible for the "non-profit" rate. She set up an account at the Orlando post office, and opened "business reply" and "address correction" accounts at the Winter Park post office. People will respond much better to a mailing if there's a business reply envelope enclosed; and having mail returned when it can't be delivered is essential to keeping a mailing list up to date.

She then began to collect libertarian names from wherever she could scrounge them. The first list—of LPF members—that she got, had one hundred and twenty-eight names. By the time the first issue of the Florida Libertarian was ready to go out, there were 2,001 addresses! The post office told her to expect twenty percent or more of them to come back as "bad", since many of them were two or more years old; but there have been only about that many returns all year, and some footloose libertarians have moved three times in that period! At any rate, when the first mailing about the upcoming '82 convention went out to the "cleaned" list, about two weeks ago. . .what do you know, there were exactly 2,001 pieces! Since then, 1,200 more names have been passed along to us from National, through our state chair DOUG RAM-SEY. These are the people that responded to the Clark campaign ads—and these will probably yield a thousand good addresses.



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This means that the LPF will have an accurate mailing list of three thousand names. At the National Level, each name is considered to be worth \$37.00 in contributions—a somewhat heartless way of evaluating all you sincere, idealistic libertarian types, but politics runs on money as much as any endeavor in this universe. This would mean that our current mailing list is worth over \$90,000—quite an asset for our fledgling party.

Dotti was hired, basically, to be a money raiser for the party. It didn't take long to realize that the opportunities for fund-raising were rather slim. We have no dues or membership fees, so this usual method is out. We Florida Libertarians, furthermore, are few in number, limited in resources, and short on experience in fund-raising activities. Something of a dilemma, if our full-time person was to get any compensation for her services.

Dotti and Ralph have taken this dilemma as a challenge. They have treated the Office of the Executive Director as a business opportunity, and have proceeded to several thousand dollars of their own money into making it a paying proposition. While, it has not yet by any means reached that condition, things have begun to turn around.

Obviously, if the Swansons are willing to regard the Libertarian cause as an investment opportunity, they must feel that Libertarianism is a growth industry. The do definitely feel that the philosophy is the "wave of the future", of course; but they feel that in addition, Libertarians have certain strengths which outweigh the limitations they also have. They have outlined the strengths as follows:

1. Articulated philosophy. All of us feel that the having a philosophical basis, a set of principles, makes our group unique; but it is not only a moral advantage, it also gives an organizational advantages, which can be seen in...

2. Our dedication. Many of us get discouraged by the tendency of Libertarians, including ourselves, to "burn out"; but the Swansons tell me that our problems are as nothing, compared to "those other folks" in the major parties. Those folks are aware that the moral and philosophical bases of their positions are pretty thin; so "volunteers" only work for definite selfish rewards, whether it is for possible political favors, or just the chance to say "I know the Commissioner. I helped him get elected." Not much reason there to go the extra mile.

3. Our brains. The Swansons have discovered that libertarians are smart. Thus we will probably be trainable in the art of politics, and have a tremendous advantage thereafter, as many politicians "over there" are sort of dumb.

The Libertarians' liabilities, on the other hand, are not nearly so fundamental; and the Swansons have set diligently about trying to reduce them. It seems that they boil down to two shortcomings (other than the obvious one, that we are too few):

1. Lack of education and/or experience; and

2. Philosophical instead of activist orientation.

Now, I understand that some of you are happy with your philosophical bent, and are not really too interested in becoming educated and experienced in the political arts. Dotti and Ralph also recognize this, and they applaud the fact that there are thinkers in the party. Without someone keeping the principles straight, the compromisers might bend them out of all recognition. But activists are needed, too. Ideally, a libertarian should be a thinker AND an activist, and fortunately, we have a lot of you in the LPF.

Dotti Swanson is an activist. She loves to see politics, done the "old time" way—with lots of participation. In order for this to happen, "organization" must be accomplished. To make this happen in the Libertarian Party, she has had to fight a tendency on our part to regard organizations of any kind as a necessary evil at best. But we do have the ability to learn how to organize, as has been shown by the increasing success of each of the efforts the party has put forth in the past year.

There was very little time to set things up for Alicia Clark's visit last September, and although there was a lot of good publicity, the fund-raising dinner lost money.

One of the promotional things done for DICK RANDOLPH'S trip to Florida was the manning of a Libertarian table at each of the five Duck Club conferences held throughout the state in October. Although many Libertarians are a little leery of some of the ideas expressed in "The Duck Book", Dotti decided that it wouldn't hurt to take advantage of Bob White's offer of a free table at each, for us to distribute literature and sell books. The Swansons managed to cover all five conferences, and feel that valuable contacts and exposure resulted.

A couple hundred Floridians attended the four events

scheduled for Dick Randolph on November 4 & 5. Although Dick's campaign didn't make a lot of money, and the pledges are a little slow in coming in, Libertarians in several parts of the state have more confidence in arranging political events.

The Tax Protest day with 17 TV interviews was comparatively much more successful, although it didn't have a money raising aspect.

This month we have two major functions coming up—the Convention, and Tax Freedom Month, both described in detail elsewhere in this issue. The convention seems destined to be by all odds the best planned, best organized and best attended in the history of the LPF. Tax Freedom Month is planned to be carried off almost off-handedly during the conduct of routine business. Indeed, we have found that we CAN do it!

Late last year Dotti met the fund-raising problem head-on by setting up the Phoenix Club. This is what is known in the State Election code as a "committee of continuous existence." It enables her to solicit funds for the operation of her office, which she had been personally financing, with any surplus to go to the party treasury. It's not easy for her to call people and ask them for money directly—she would rather do almost any of the hundreds of other chores lying around the office waiting to be done. But she has been doing it and enough money is now coming in on a monthly pledge basis (\$10 minimum) to cover a good portion of the basic office expenses.

The Phoenix Club has its own set of responsibilities though. Members are on a special mailing list to get the "Insider" newsletter, which is published more or less weekly according to it's masthead. This is a task that takes time and money, but it is a valuable way to get out any fast breaking news and items of interest to those special people who are taking financial responsibility for the party.

By January of this year, there was evidence of Libertarian activity in 14 Florida counties: Alachua, Broward, Collier, Dade, Desoto, Duval, Hillsborough, Leon, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, Santa Rosa and Sarasota. These activities ranged all the way from a simple appointment of a county chair by state chair Doug Ramsay, to a full-blown program of business meetings, social events, media coverage, speakers bureau activities, public demonstrations, petitioning, etc., etc.

The various county organizations have executed many projects and programs which they themselves have funded. The various newsletters and publications that are created in the counties make Dotti very happy. As I've found from talking to her, she feels that the Libertarians that she can get personally involved, the faster the party will grow, and the sooner we can become an effective voice on the American Political scene. She and Ralph have driven more than 15,000 miles around Florida, calling on and phoning everyone that they could find on our mailing list. They have attended meetings in every county in which meetings have been held—sometimes two or more in the same area in the same week. Dotti says they enjoy leaving a meeting late one night on one coast, driving across the state, and being ready to meet people early the next morning.

This sort of personal barn storming has begun to have a very good results. Dotti has found bright, competent potential activists in all parts of Florida—and put them to work. Probably half of the speakers at this year's convention could tell a tale about being visited by Dotti Swanson, being bragged about and encouraged to participate, and then getting a phone call asking them to be on the program.

Although I had made up my mind not to discuss the ballot access suit any further, since it is and has been well covered in TFL, I think that I should quote from a letter from Richard Winger to Dotti. Richard knows as much about minor political parties and elections laws as anyone in the country, and he thinks that the contributions of Bob Smith and Larry Pino in actually pursuing our case, instead of just talking about it, are highly commendable. Richard mentions several states where people have talked about filling suit but not DONE anything, and then says "...these examples should give you an idea of how proud you should be of the Florida LP and Bob Smith and Larry Pino. They acted, and however it goes, I know the Florida LP will be better off because of their filling the lawsuit."

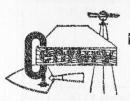
All in all, its been a very good year. But, if you can believe the Libertarians I've spoken to, "you ain't seen nothin' yet!"

JAY ADAMS is a recent graduate of the FSU School of Law, where he served as "our man in Tallahassee" helping liaison between various Central Florida Supervisor's of Elections Offices and the Office of our Executive Director. He is in the title insurance business.

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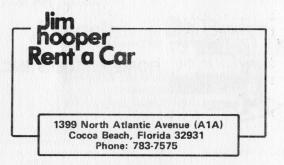
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#### LAST MINUTE NOTICE

ALICIA GARCIA CLARK, Chairman of the Libertarian National Committee, announces two appointments for the state of Florida, KIM DANIELS: Membership Chair, and JAY ADAMS: Internal Education Chair, for the state.

# ALOHA, Y'all...

The 1982 Convention for the Libertarian Party of Florida, this Memorial Day Weekend-May 28, 29 & 30,-will without doubt be the biggest and best yet. This is the opinion of the Libertarian Party of Central Florida, which is based on the idea that you should get a reasonable return on effort expended—and they have certainly been doing lots of energy expending.

Many of you will have already received a flyer for the convention, which is being billed as the "Aloha Gathering." In case you were not on that mailing list, though, we should reprint the

opening proclamation:

A L O H A — Aloha is a word Hawaiians use as both greeting and farewell. While the most common translation of aloha is simply love, it holds rich connotations of good will, respect. cooperation, tolerance and patience. This attitude is called the

At the heart of libertarian values is a deep respect for oneself and others. On the political level, that translates to respect for other people's rights.

But the Aloha Spirit goes beyond merely not initiating force against others; it calls for a conscious effort to build good will and harmony. People will always, of course, have differences, and we should welcome this diversity. But we should also work to air our disagreements in an open, caring manner.

Come, join us in spreading the Aloha Spirit at the 1982 Florida Libertarian Party Convention. ALOHA! pass it on....

This earth shaking event will be held at the Langford Hotel in Winter Park, a rather dignified resort hotel that is only a few minutes' walk from Park Avenue, one of the best known shopping areas in the state, yet it is in a quiet and peaceful location. It is not a part of any chain of hotels, and Bob Langford, the owner, has worked to keep it from being a stereo-type tourist warehouse. It is one of the very few lounges in the area with a regular "floor show". Scott Somers will be playing in the Empire Room on the Friday and Saturday nights of our convention—"a handsome entertaining singer with Show Biz Savvy—direct from Dangerfield's

Many of you know-at least by hearsay-of Winter Park's reputation as a Mecca for many well-heeled "winter visitors" from the north. This has contributed to a range of cultural attractions—there are at least three museums within ten minutes walk of the hotel—as well as the jazzy shops and eateries along Park Avenue. Yet it is not too expensive as evidenced by the fact that the LP's Executive Director's office is located about four blocks from the hotel! There really is variety for all tastes and wallets. You can get a good cheeseburger for less than a dollar and a half at the Athena Sandwich Shop, three blocks away, or invest a few more blocks and several more dollars in one of the city's three fine French restaurants. In between are many interesting and/or campy establishments.

It really probably isn't worth while explaining Winter Park in detail, though, unless you happen to want to drop off a nonlibertarian spouse or friend for entertainment away from the convention. There will be so much going on in the main tent that libertarians won't be able to get to all of it, much less spend time ex-

First, let's cover the general outline of events. Friday night, May the 28th, is registration time. To ease the pain of registering, the convention hosts have planned an "Aloha Gathering" in a-get this- FREE Hospitality suite. Some high powered version of an Island Punch will be featured; Steve Kuiper, who is in charge of the hospitality arrangements is reported to be lining up large quantities of alcoholic beverages so a large crowd is needed.

As an added attraction, James S. "GOOT" Guttenberg, a cartoonist and caricaturist who has achieved nation-wide fame with his cartoons in Bob White's "Duck Book", will be available to record you in your Libertarian Aloha splendor during the party. "GOOT" only charges \$5.00 for an instant "portrait", and it will make a valuable memento of your presence at this historic event. We've been thinking of how his "portraits" would be as campaign pictures...

You should not try to drink the hospitality suite dry, however, as the program will get under way early Saturday. At about 8:00 A.M., Dick Siano and Don Ernsberger will be at breakfast in the hotel, or in a local restaurant to be announced. This will be your chance to ask philosophical questions of Don, or "practical politics" questions of Dick.

The regular program will start at 9:00 A.M., with two and sometimes three speakers or workshops competing for your at-

Lunch will be at the place of your choice—and as we've said, there are lots of choices! The afternoon will be taken up with more talks and workshops; by five P.M. you should be ready for another trip to the hospitality suite, where a cash bar cocktail party will be starting. About the time it gets well under way, say 7:00, the big meal of the weekend-a genuine laua-will be served beside the Langford's beautiful swimming pool. Eating will go on until 9:00, after which an informal evening of talk and partying will continue until everyone gives up.

Sunday morning, however, starts pretty early again, with speakers scheduled at nine o'clock. At 11:00 A.M., a meal will be served, which has been dubbed the "Burned Out Brunch", in honor of those who have worked to bring the LPF into being and to maintain and make it grow for the past nine years. This is an opportunity to meet the party veterans—or, if you are one, to meet the newcomers!

After brunch, the members will convene for the yearly business meeting of the Party. Four hours have been scheduled for this event, and if we don't get into too many Libertarian discussions.

we should be done by the deadline.

Five o'clock is the end of the formal schedule but, as the convention is being held on Memorial Day weekend, many of you will have the following Monday off. If you haven't been exhausted by the events at the Libertarian main tent, there are many sideshows in Central Florida: Disney World, Sea World, Circus World, Stars Hall of Fame, and Cypress Gardens, to name a few. We are sure that they would be glad to see you if you care to go!

Details of the program areas follows: SATURDAY

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5:00-7:00	Cocktail party, H	ospitality Su	ite (Cas	h Bar)
7:00-9:00	Luau, Poolside (\$	315.00)		
9:30-?	Movies, discussi	ons, hospita	lity suite	e, etc

#### SUNDAY

9:00-10:00	Templeton Pino			
10:00-11:00	Smith Burger			
11:00-1:00	"Burned Out Brunch" (\$8.00)			
	1. Dick Siano, featured speaker			
	2. Mike Pomerantz, a tribute to Ayn Rand			
	3. Award Presentations			
1:00-5:00	Business Meeting			
	Executive Director's Report			
	2. Convention Business			
	3. Election of Officers			

Here are the biographies of the speakers listed above, and a little idea of what they will be talking about. Alphabetically, we start with:

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Dr. Arlen received his Ph.d from the University of Miami, and lives in South Florida, where he is a financial and investment adviser.

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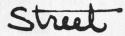


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ROBERT S. BURGER

#### "JESUS AND CONSUMERISM"

Robert Burger has been researching for over twenty years in the fields of linguistics, general semantics, and comparative systems of belief. He originally studied at Bowling Green University in Ohio where he studied under Brian Sutton-Smith in developmental psychology followed by graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley and at San Francisco State.

He has taught at Bowling Green and at Seminole Community College in Sanford Florida.

In 1965 his novelette "Passing By the Board" was used as a textbook by Dr. Trevor Phillips as the basis for graduate courses in philosophy of education.

Mr. Burger is currently speaking on the results of his findings throughout the area.

"It is time for us to consider our operating definitions regarding the role of organized religion and its separation from government. We do not preserve notions of freedom by limiting choice" he states.

Mr. Burger maintains that the processes of mentation give rise to three-dimensional reality. "Methods for the application of mental energy have been taught for thousands of years."

"Because we are related on many levels we must begin to explore the effects of individual, subjective experience as they appear within the general frame of day to day living. By becoming more aware of our beliefs we can enhance our control over experience.'



DR. CAMILLE CASTORINA

"THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM" "THE SHRINKING DOLLAR"

Dr. Castorina is Associate Professor of Economics at Rollins College. She has spoken widely on economics to groups ranging from London's Adam Smith Club to Harvard' Kress Society. She holds a PhD from the University of Manchester, England, and pursued her education to the doctoral level for the express purpose of being able to teach free-market economics to college students. "Dr. C.", as we call her, has several publications to her credit, and has appeared on TV and radio, including several recent programs here in Central Florida.

"THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY... JAMES CORBITT PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS"

Jim Corbitt is president of the Keystone Society, the organization of skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled blue-collar workers founded by Charles Herzog, who also is a speaker at this convention. Jim will let us in on some things that may help us get away from the idea that libertarianism is only for a bunch of intellectuals to sit around and talk to each other about. We've been aware that libertarianism is for everybody-now we can find out how to pass that fact along to others!



DON **ERNSBERGER** 

#### "THE SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY"

Don Ernsberger started the SIL and its journal INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, in 1969, before there was a Libertarian Party. His programs and his journal have been around continuously since that time. He has worked out a method of presenting the principles of libertarianism in a series of study sessions, using short papers on various aspects of our philosophy. Don doesn't claim to have invented the method, though-fellow by the name of Socrates got there first. But if you would like to sample his way of educating folks into being knowledgeable Libertarians. He is presenting two of his programs, "Basic principles of Liberty" and "Individualism in Our Age," at different times during the conven-

Don and the SIC's other director and co-founder, Dave Walters, live in Warrington, Pennsylvania. The SIL has sponsored more than a dozen regional conferences, originated and promoted projects such as "National Tax Protest Day," distributed more than a million pieces of literature, and engaged in numerous other activities. Truly an activist group!



**ED HAVILL** 

#### "UPDATE ON THE TAX CAP PETITION"

• Ed Havill is well known throughout Florida for leading the drive to get a proposed amendment to the state constitution placed on the ballot. His organization, very nearly accomplished that purpose at the last general election, and "Floridians for Tax Rellef" firmly intends to be successful this time. The LPF, through RAUL COSTALES Of Miami, has formed "Libertarians for Tax Relief", which is cooperating with Ed on this issue.

Ed holds the position of Lake County Property Appraiser, to which he was elected in 1976 in addition to being a Professional Florida Appraiser. He holds degrees in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is very active in civic organizations in Lake County, and is a member of the National Cattlemen's Association.



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Marla Heim is a nationally published author and well-known public relations specialist. She has had three books published, and her fourth book, THE LIBERTARIAN PRESS RELATIONS HANDBOOKwill soon be published by the Libertarian Party.

She has been of great help as a PR consultant to the office of the Executive Director of the LPF, and has been active in the organization of the Sarasota County LP.

Marla has a heavy television background; she hosted her own TV show for three years in South Bend, Indiana, and produced and directed many local programs. She held the position of Public Relations Director for Holiday Rambler Corporation before moving to Florida and establishing her own advertising agency. She is also a partner in a new firm, From the Heart Publishing Company. She taught public relations at Manatee Junior College and is a member of the World Future Society.

#### CHARLES HERZOG

"SMITH vs. IRS:
CHALLENGING THE INCOME TAX"

Charlie Herzog is a man with a mission. Founder and keystone of the Keystone Society, Charlie has made his life into a crusade against the Internal Revenue Service. With an initiation fee of \$1,000 and dues of \$300 per year, the Society weeds out the weak of heart and short of change in a hurry. But it is "no small organization anymore," and has filed suit against the IRS in Federal Court. It will be interesting to hear his story.

Mr. Herzog is a retired pipe-fitter, who has chosen to devote his remaining days to the society's work. He will be joined in his presentation by his son, Marty Herzog, whose conviction in 1979 of "submitting false or fraudulent information about his taxes" inspired the formation of The Keystone Society.



DR. L. CLARK

#### "ORGANIZING ON THE COUNTY LEVEL"

Dr. Hodge is our representative on the National Committee of the Libertarian party, representing Region 19, which includes Alabama, Florida and Georgia as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. He has been working with National Chair Alicia Clark in getting the Libertarian Party organized at the grass roots level, and will be sharing some of the work that Alicia and the National Committee have been doing in that area.

Clark is a dentist with a private practice in orthodontics in Gainesville. He received his education at the University of Florida and at Emory University, and did a stint with the U.S. Army, coming out as a Captain and with the Army Commendation



LAWRENCE S. PINO

"SEX AND THE IRS"

Larry Pino has been extremely active in the LPF. He is a member of the state executive committee, was one of the attorneys in the recent ballot access suit, is a one man speaker's bureau in Central Florida, with over 60 appearances in the past year, and is program chairman of this State Convention.

Larry has studied at the University of Madrid and L'Alliance Francais in Paris, graduated from Notre Dame University and received his law degree for the New York University Law School. He is active in civic affairs, and somehow manages to find time to run a busy law practice in Orlando.



CHARLES

"DEFENSE POSTURE, ARE THE LIBERTARIANS ON TARGET?"

Charlie Reese is a nationally syndicated columnist, based at the Orlando Sentinel. He is widely known for his "Jolting Journalism", as it is described in the current issue of FLORIDA SCENEmagazine. He has been aware of the libertarian movement for many years, and seems to have acquired our penchant for having something to say that will offend most anybody.

Charlie has worked his way up from the bottom in the printing and writing trades, and has written and published two books in addition to his regular column. He writes in a variety of areas, but seems to enjoy national and foreign affairs. FLORIDA SCENE magazine quotes him as saying "What I want to do is communicate with the guy who may not be an expert in foreign affairs or in economics...and I want to try to explain it to him."



RICHARD P. SIANO

#### "BEING AN ELECTED LIBERTARIAN"

Dick Siano has the distinction of being almost the only Libertarian elected to public office. As a member of the Township Committee of Kingswood Township N.J. will let us know what happened and what it's like to be in that unique position.

Dick and Sandy, his wife of twenty-two years, have lived in Kingswood Township for eleven years, and have a farm there. He is an airline pilot, a captain for TWA, and has worked for them for nineteen years.

Dick's primary issue in his successful bid for office was taxes, too much of. Big government in general was the background issue. "Too many governments tell us how to live our lives at home", he says. "Too many governments spend our hard-earned dollars too freely."

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ROBERT W.

#### "OVERVIEW OF THE BALLOT ACCESS CASE"

Bob Smith has been the principle attorney working on the ballot access suit, which was recently lost in District Court as covered elsewhere in this issue. Bob is understandably very disappointed in the outcome of the case at the District Level, but plans to appeal, and will be giving us some valuable insights, into what happened and why, and what is likely to happen next.

Bob graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, and received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He is active in civic affairs in Central Florida, in the affairs of the Florida Bar, and is a member of the law firm of Pino, Knox, and Smith in Orlando.



JOHN N. STAFFORD

#### "INVESTMENT STRATEGY PERSPECTIVE"

John Stafford is a Libertarian whose financial and investment advice go out to the subscribers to "Stafford's Investment Strategy Letter", an epistle with the tidy subscription price of

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\$500 per year. Since it has been rumored that his subscription list includes the White House address, it seems that Somebody Up There likes him! John keeps up with the world by prodigious reading and study, and has acquired an encyclopedic knowledge of financial and investment matters.

John graduated from the Military Academy at West Point, and has a law degree. In addition to publishing his newsletter, he works as an investment analyst and adviser in Fort Myers.



R. WESLEY
TEMPLETON

#### "THE FEDERAL RESERVE AND THE U.S. MONETARY SYSTEM"

Wes Templeton has become active in the Libertarian Party in southwest Florida. He and his wife Carole own a natural food store in Cape Coral, and live in Bonita Springs. He is a native of Sullivan, Indiana, a Marine Corps. veteran of the Korean War, and an alumnus of Indiana State University. He was active in Toastmasters until he "Started winning all the awards", after which he lost interest.

Wes is one of those folks who likes to study and look into things. Fifteen years ago he became interested in our money system, and is convinced that monetary changes in our current system is our most pressing problem. His solution is bound to be libertarian; he became one, he says, "as soon as he read their philosophy in 1979."



DR. ALBERT H.
ZLABINGER

#### "A MORAL JUSTIFICATION OF THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM"

Dr. Zlabinger, known in these parts as "Dr. Z", has a history of much activism in the libertarian movement. He is Secretary of the LPF and Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Jacksonville, which was organized in his den.

He is an Associate Professor of Economics and Finance at the private Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. A native of Austria who came to the U.S. in 1968 and was made a U.S. citizen in 1977, he is an enthusiastic advocate of Austrian Economics as taught by Mises and Hayek. As an editor with Philosophis Verlas in Munich, Germany, he is involved in publishing important works in free-market economics. He edited and translated into German David Friedman's MACHINERY OF FREEDOM, to be published later this year. Although he strongly believes that most people can be converted to Libertarianism via free-market economics, he also thinks that for political purposes, a moral defense and justification of the free society is absolutely necessary.

Dr. Z is also in demand as an international speaker. Last winter he made a trip to Austria, where he lectured to the Austrians on Austrian Economics. He is also scheduled to speak at the First World Libertarian Convention, scheduled to be held in Zurich, Switzerland, from August 28th to September 4th this year.

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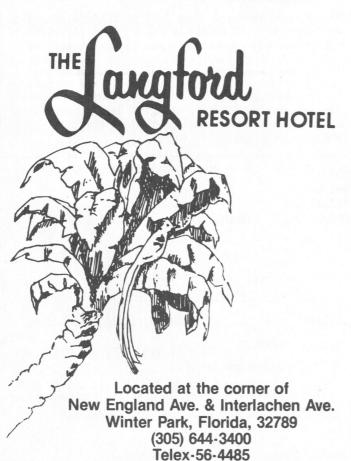
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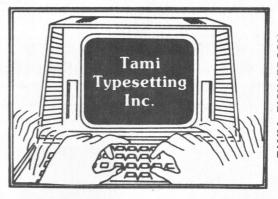
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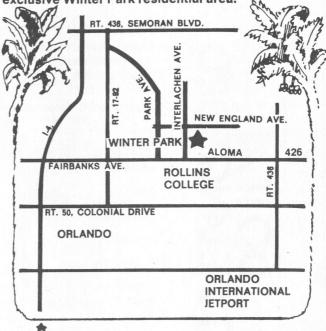
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