



# Libertarian Party

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## Support the Ticket!

By Karl Hess

There is a time in every political campaign when people are tired and even discouraged. Things may not seem to be going right. There's never enough money. There's always more work to be done. There never seem to be enough people to do it. Advice is ignored. Feathers are ruffled. Egos are bruised. Personal turf is invaded. Infighting takes its toll. Groan.

Libertarians are as likely to reach such a point as anyone else.

They should get over it as quickly as possible. Think of it as growing pains.

The Libertarian Party campaign for the presidency and vice-presidency of the United States and for dozens, even hundreds, of other political posts around the country, has every vigorous reason to press ahead, to glow with energy, to blaze with determination, and to build the party and spread its message as widely and as powerfully as possible.

Ron Paul and Andre Marrou are giving us a superb opportunity to reach more people, to present libertarian positions as practical alternatives. They are great candidates and they are doing a great job, each of them in their own ways. Additionally, Russell Means, although defeated for the nomination, continues to work hard and speak for libertarianism as he travels the country as Andre Marrou's honorary campaign manager.

Ron Paul, whose obvious sincerity, past

political experience, and outspoken libertarian view of foreign policy and the economy is being accorded unusually extensive attention by a usually hostile press corps, is offering a libertarian alternative to middle-class voters who have watched their previously favored old-party candidates either collapse in the primaries or in temporizing debates.

Andre Marrou offers an across-the-board, hard-core libertarian message strengthened by notable legislative service. Additionally, he works hard wherever he goes to help local candidates and local party-building efforts—the grassroots base of the party's future. Russell Means, like Ron Paul, reaches out to constituencies which can substantially benefit from libertarian actions but which have not until now been so seriously lured toward them by libertarian campaigners.

As political candidates, Ron Paul and Andre Marrou offer this political party its best opportunity to spread its political message. I endorse and support that message and the libertarian candidates who are carrying it.

*I am working for Ron Paul and Andre Marrou, doing what I can, where I can, whenever I can.*

Certainly this political effort, if waged well, with an eye to a libertarian future beyond politics, and as part of a broader, worldwide libertarian movement, is worthy of the Libertarian Party's best efforts. And this party is worthy of our candidates' best efforts. Hurray for all of them!

## Races Revving Up

Campaign season is heating up, and with Ron Paul and Andre Marrou leading the way, the LP will very likely set new records across the country for Libertarian candidates seeking office.

More important, however, is the fact that there are outstanding opportunities for a record number of Libertarian victories.

Steve Dasbach, chair of the LP's "Campaign '88" committee, is hard at work, not only recruiting candidates, but also providing support and training.

A candidate training workshop was held in Indianapolis, April 16-17, during the NatCom meeting. The workshop consisted of sessions on planning, organizing, and running a successful campaign, and highlights were videotaped. Copies of the videotape will be made available to state parties so the workshop can be repeated at the local level.

Campaign '88 is already in the process of identifying additional prospective candidates and contacting them with letters from Ron Paul, Jim Turney, Paul Jacob, and/or Dasbach. A reprint of the "Libertarian Political

Action" booklet, extensively revised and updated by Dave Walters, is in the works, and the Campaign '88 committee is working on other activities including a candidate information packet, campaign network news mailings, and issue papers.

Dasbach is trying to keep an updated list of all LP candidates around the country. State chairs should make every effort to keep Dasbach and his Campaign '88 committee informed of candidates in their state. You can contact Dasbach at 215 Third Street, Ft. Wayne, IN, 46806; or call 219-422-5631.

The number of announced LP candidates is growing everyday, and the LP NEWS will be covering more of these as the races heat up. In this issue you will find stories concerning several city council races which have already taken place, as well as some of the campaign announcements which we have received. While the LP NEWS would like to be able to cover every Libertarian's campaign, budget and personnel limitations make it impossible for us to do so. Please keep us informed on the candidates in your area and we will make every effort to provide coverage.



LP NEWS Photo by Randy Langhenry

Andre Marrou, LP's Vice-Presidential candidate, celebrated Thomas Jefferson's birthday with a group of Libertarians at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC.

## 10,000 New Libertarians Is His Goal

By Andre Marrou

As the Libertarian Vice-Presidential Candidate, I have put together a program to recruit 10,000 new Libertarians this year. I'm investing a year of my life to achieve this. But I can't do it without you. Hear me out on the program. If it makes sense to you, invest in it. Fund it. Contribute.

I campaign in 15 to 20 cities each month. I try to schedule at least 30 high school and college speeches. Students are intrigued and excited about individual liberty and self-respon-

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sibility. They ask questions. They want to know more. They are willing to challenge the Statist Quo. But how do we get them actively involved in the Libertarian Movement?

My campaign has printed up 1000 carbonless paper sign-up forms. Each form has room for 25 names, addresses, and phone numbers. After each speech, I ask, "Who would like to learn more about Libertarian ideas and the Libertarian Party? Who would like to receive more information?" Then a local volunteer prints their names, addresses, and phone numbers. We usually get 20 to 35 inquiries after each speech.

Before I leave the city, I tear off the duplicate sheet and give it to the local Libertarians. I ask them to call each person within 48 hours, thank them for their interest, and invite them to the next Libertarian get-together in the city.

When I get back to my headquarters in Las Vegas, I have all the names from all the cities inputted into our computer. We send each person a thank-you note and more information within 7 days. But we don't stop here. Every three weeks, we will be sending a complete printout of these names to every Libertarian organization in the United States...free of charge. Society for Individual Liberty. Laissez Faire Books. Libertarian Party. Reason Magazine. Advocates for Self-Government. Foundation for Economic Education. CATO. Libertarian Internationale. Ron Paul for President.

These organizations will be encouraged to mail information to these interested individuals. These prospective Libertarians will be exposed to challenging and intelligent ideas from the whole spectrum of Libertarianism. A dozen encounters with liberty in the next 21 days. Some will fill SIL. Others will hook up with Hess. Or agree with FEE. Or blitz Fritz. No matter what segment they respond to, the Libertarian Movement grows.

## Ron's a Hit At Berkeley

Ron Paul at the Berkeley campus of the University of California? It almost sounds like a violation of some law of nature, given the far-left reputation that the campus earned a decade or so ago. But, the times they are a'changing! In fact, they've changed.

Jim Peron, proprietor of Free Forum Books, and one of those working with our presidential candidate during his recent visit to Berkeley, reports that Ron Paul really won over a substantial student audience of about 500 with his carefully chosen emphasis on such topics as objection to the aggressive U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf and a reasoned appeal to end the so-called war on drugs by returning free choice to free individuals.

Peron's conclusion: "He did a great job."

Proof of the pudding: At least 50 students signed up on the spot to get further information about the Libertarian Party.

**Ron Paul**  
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# LP Wins in MI

In what might be a harbinger of things to come in 1988, Libertarian Party member the Reverend James W. Clifton became the first elected Libertarian in Michigan.

Clifton, 36 and a reverend in the United Church of Christ, won the post of Addison, Michigan village trustee on March 14. Addison is a village of about 650 people.

Clifton ran as a Libertarian against two incumbent Republicans and two Democrats. The five-way race was for three seats. Clifton

was the leading vote-getter in the election, outdistancing the four old party candidates, and will now serve a two-year term on the board.

During the campaign, Clifton emphasized fewer taxes and property rights, as well as promising he would resign his post if he ever failed to address a resident's complaint or problem within 48 hours.

After the election, Clifton said he "would eventually like to serve in the (state) legislature."

## CORRECTION

Due to a last-minute editing change, the location of Don Ernsberger's race for the U.S. House of Representatives was omitted from the front page story covering him (LP NEWS, March-April 1988). Ernsberger, co-founder of the Society for Individual Liberty, is running in the Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Ernsberger, running one of the most carefully crafted libertarian races ever seen, has received extensive newspaper coverage in a dozen of his area's newspapers; newspapers with combined circulations of about 200,000, reaching virtually every voter in the entire district.

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
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# Tennessee Student Teaches an LP Lesson

Nothing is more important to the future of the libertarian movement or the present activism of the Libertarian Party than an effective presence on college campuses. Bobby Taylor is an example of what can be done along those lines.

He entered the University of Tennessee as a freshman last year and immediately joined the staff of the student paper, The Beacon. Since then he has published 18 columns in the paper and has helped establish a Libertarian Student Association on campus. Using the New Enlightenment video series as an enticement, the LSA had 25 people at its first meeting, compared to the 15 who showed up for a Democrat Party rally.

The student group also is actively boosting the Ron Paul campaign for the presidency.

Here is an excerpt from one of Taylor's

campus columns:

Clearly, one of democracy's chief problems—maybe even its greatest one—is that it tells how a government should be organized, but says nothing about what a government should do.

As radical as the proposition may seem, one could easily argue that the evolution of western governments from limited protectors of individual rights to mammoth, unbounded distributors of power and privilege is directly attributable to the shortcomings of the democratic process.

Democracy can be an excellent system of government, lending both stability and security to a society, but only if the duties and powers of the state are strictly and permanently limited

through a strong constitutional framework. If democracy is implemented with weak or non-existent constitutional restraints, the rights of individuals will invariably be trampled upon in a mad dash for political influence.

The United States provides an excellent example of this latter type of democracy. While the U.S. Constitution guarantees important civil rights, it does nothing to limit the government's power to tax, subsidize, regulate, or borrow. This shortcoming has led to the spectacle of extensive lobbying and special interest legislation. Lobbyists effectively press Congress for subsidies and special privilege, while unorganized citizens, without the motivation of federal dollars, are unable to muster

opposition. This process has led to a virtual explosion in government spending: The federal government now consumes nearly 25 percent of the country's wealth, and its take is growing every year, with no end in sight.

For democracy to remain a viable form of government, we must recognize its faults and take them into account when framing our nation's laws. State powers must be strictly limited, and state duties must be clearly enumerated. Democracy can be a just and inspiring system of government, worthy of reverence; but if it is not understood, if its nature is obscured by flowery rhetoric, it can prove to be as dangerous and oppressive as tyranny itself.

## Wired Party

Responses have been coming in to the request by Joseph W. Dehn, III (Region Three NatCom representative) in the last issue of the Libertarian Party NEWS, for the electronic mail addresses of members interested in electronic networking.

If you are on an E-mail system or plan to be, please contact the Libertarian Party NEWS. The information will be forwarded promptly to Dehn, but receipt at the NEWS will give us a way to keep a file on it. The goal of being able instantly to communicate with every region of the party remains a useful one.

Meanwhile, there are these other electronic developments:

- Pat Fallon, a long-time libertarian, and now system operator (SYSOP) of what is probably the world's largest electronic political forum, that of CompuServe Information Service, has urged the Ron Paul campaign to make full use of the forum. He has, for instance, extended an invitation for Ron Paul to host an on-line conference on the network. Fallon's CIS address, for anyone interested in what he's doing, is 71540.53.

- Renaissance Books (P.O. Box 2451, Riverside, CA 92506), an outstanding libertarian bookstore, is sponsoring the Inland Empire Bulletin Board Service for libertarians particularly in the Riverside, San Bernadino areas of California. The telephone access number (data only) is 714-781-9575. "Outlanders," however, are welcome. Subscriber Number 19 is the editor of the Libertarian Party NEWS.

- The organizers of FIFE (Freedom is for Everyone, the newsletter of the libertarian caucus begun by Russell Means) are considering their own electronic bulletin board service. For information or to offer suggestions or assistance, call Cynthia Nolen at 817-694-3991.

- The Electronic Networking Association is holding a conference in Philadelphia (May 12-15), the theme of which is "Beyond Electronic Mail, People and Organizations at Work in a Global Economy." One person attending has promised to bring up a discussion of ways in which political organizations can use advanced networking techniques and will report on it in a future issue of the NEWS.

## Way to Go!

While some talk of Libertarian Party members becoming Republicans, some Republicans are becoming supporters of the Libertarian Party. One example: Mel Jones, a Republican precinct committeeman from Collinsville, IL, is trying to form a PAC (Political Action Committee) that would have as its sole purpose "promoting the candidacy of Ron Paul." Mel's address is Box 22, Collinsville, IL 62234. Telephone: 618-345-5816 or -5288.

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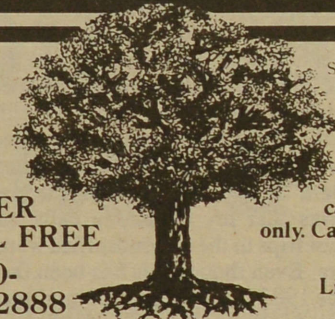
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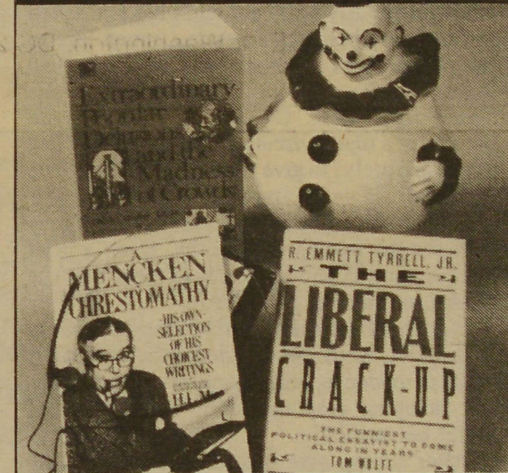


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# Access, Accusations, New Job for Jacob

By Jim Turney

Ballot access is still our greatest concern, and will be until September. Especially important will be financing drives in states with outrageous requirements to get on their ballots.

The Ballot Access Committee, the national Libertarian Party, and the Ron Paul Campaign, all put together, do not have the money right now to finance petitioning in difficult states.

Even though in April we got an extension of the May 15 deadline in North Carolina (until late July), we will not be able to afford a drive there. My concern is that we hold the line at 49 states—we got only 39 states in '84—we need 49 in '88.

Our theme for this Spring is "49—not 39!"

The only way we will hold the line at 49 is if libertarians (and fellow travelers) start collecting petition signatures voluntarily and/or contributing money to our paid ballot access drives. The problem isn't that no one has helped, but that we are getting too little, too late. North Carolina had a very early deadline as well as one of the highest valid signature requirements.

The Ballot Access Committee would not commit to begin the effort there, and shouldn't anywhere else either, unless we are sure we can finish it. We are committed to getting on the largest number of state ballots that our resources allow—our stated objective since creating the Ballot Access Committee in 1985.

The need for an experienced leader for our ballot access effort this year is so acute that a dramatic step has been taken—Paul Jacob, our National Director, is temporarily on full-time assignment to the Ballot Access Committee. This means we are immediately seeking an "Acting National Director" to fill his place at the national office until November. This plan was approved at the recent National Committee meeting in Indianapolis (April 16-17), even though it was not publicly presented for discussion and analysis prior to the meeting. I believe that it is the best hope, at this time, for the success of our ballot access effort.

I am not pleased with some of the other decisions made at this Indianapolis meeting. These decisions were made after I was charged with violating resolutions, abusing expense accounts, and general carelessness in performance of my duties.

In the middle of an election year, I am reluctant to bring these matters into public discussion. If this were the first time there had been such a National Committee performance, it would be different. But it isn't.

I am getting tired of the National Committee meetings that are characterized by major structural or procedural changes proposed and enacted without prior notice or study. I am tired of criticism that is saved until a meeting, then suddenly and self-righteously proclaimed.

I am tired of misrepresentations of actions, situations, and numbers. I am particularly unhappy when these are used as a basis for accusations of incompetence and lack of integrity.

This time, I was accused of not following a resolution requiring the Treasurer's approval of any contract of more than \$1,000. Paul Jacob purchased new membership cards since we were out of stock and there was money budgeted by the National Committee. Never before has a straight purchase been considered a "contract." Anyway, I was not aware that Paul had ordered the cards, even though we had discussed the need for them.

Then I was accused of asking for the Treasurer's retroactive approval because I asked him if he didn't think the purchase had been appropriately made by Paul Jacob. (I still don't believe the Treasurer's approval was needed.)

Then came the question of perquisites. The only "perk" that came with being the National Chair was that my telephone calls and expenses for trips to the national office were paid. No more. Even though this has been the practice since 1983, the National Committee voted to end all further payments immediately. The accusation was that I had been abusing the privilege.

The Treasurer reported outrageously high phone expenses for the last seven months—averaging nearly \$500 a month. No one asked for any details for clarification, much less to see photocopies of phone bills. No one asked me for an explanation, even though I was sitting right there. Of course, there was no Treasurer's report circulated before the meeting (even privately) to give time for evidence to be obtained.

I have since obtained copies of the phone bills for the last seven months. Even a brief examination is enough to make clear that the Treasurer made a gross error.

It bothers me that such serious charges of impropriety would be accepted without warning, without evidence, without question, and without delaying response until the accusation could be verified.

After taking away expense accounts, the National Committee voted to "loan" Paul Jacob to Ballot Access, increasing my need to make phone calls to hire a replacement.

The National Committee then decided to

add a new layer of authority and coordination to our leadership, called the Executive Committee. This was another major change that wasn't even thought of until the meeting was in its last day. I am now trying to learn how and when the Executive Committee should take action—it is basically a good idea, just not well defined.

In fairness, the National Committee did toughen up its long-standing resolution discouraging committee reports (the vehicle for all these changes) from being sprung on us with no warning. The new resolution requires major changes in how our agenda is constructed. You guessed right—it was another change proposed and passed with no advance report for careful consideration.

It has been my strong desire to work together with everyone—including those with whom I disagree. I give people the benefit of the doubt and I don't get in the way of anyone who wants to work for the party, even though I am not always convinced their method is the best. I try to work out disagreements in private. I have repeatedly encouraged National Committee and LP members to tell me when they believe I am wrong or overlooking something.

I am disappointed in National Committee members who are full of criticism during meetings when they haven't been concerned enough about alleged shortcomings to discuss them with me between meetings. In particular, I believe it is the duty of officers to inform each other immediately if they perceive mistakes or oversights. This party does not have the luxury of in-fighting just so someone can make political points at a National Committee meeting.

I know it is difficult for the National Committee members who don't deal with our problems daily to understand just how my job and our party are affected by the constraints of finances, circumstances, and internal politics. Everyone wants so much for us to be successful that it is hard to accept that more can't be done with less. Often it can—but not every time.

Let me be specific.

Until last summer our National Director and his wife, who also worked on our staff, made about the same salary together that Paul Jacob makes now. How many of you would work 50 or more hours a week, with the responsibilities that Paul Jacob has, for only \$21,000 a year? Nobody else makes even close to that much on our payroll. And we have had only three other staff people to do all that work anyway.

The National Chair is not a paid position, nor is there funding for any assistants. Of course, I knew this when I asked for the job. I hope everybody else remembers.

With all our computer whizzes, this party hasn't had computerized accounting until this year—it has all been done manually. We are just getting new procedures in place and caught up on entering data. Profound change for the better is upon us.

Even when we finally get financial statements (until now, usually months after the month in question) it can be very difficult to tell what is happening. Many expenses are thrown together on the same item line that would be better analyzed if separated. I have been trying to get this problem addressed since 1985.

I won't regale you with numerous other examples here. Call me if you really want to hear more.

## Aiken Aces Buttinsky Law

By Tom King

The Aiken County (SC) Council recently introduced the "Derelict Vehicle Ordinance," which would have authorized county government to come on private property and confiscate, sell, or destroy any vehicle they considered "derelict."

The Aiken County Libertarian Party immediately began petitioning against this and any ordinance authorizing government to come on private property without permission. The ACLP held a public meeting and turned out 100 citizens, and then turned out 40 citizens for the council committee vote. Around 150 people attended the second reading of the DVO at the council meeting and our freedom rally in the parking lot before the council meeting.

Council at first refused to let us speak and present the petitions (signed by over 6000 Aiken Countians), despite our written request to be placed on the agenda, but after a spirited debate on council rules of procedure between ACLP members and the council chairman, we spoke and the petitions were accepted into the record. The ordinance was defeated on second reading for lack of a motion.

This was a great victory for freedom, but the council has stated they might re-introduce the ordinance. The ACLP stands prepared to fight against this or any other attacks on our individual freedom and constitutional private property rights.

A video tape of the freedom rally and council meeting is available from the ACLP for a \$25 donation.

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# Suppose a Hobo Armed with a Gun Came to the Door...

Bonnie Glassco, the author of the ingenious questionnaire reprinted here, is 15 years old and in high school. The questionnaire is published here because of its obvious outreach possibilities for other student groups or, for that matter, any libertarian outreach. From a libertarian family (Bob and Sue Glassco of Pasadena, CA), Bonnie will be interning this summer with Lysander, Inc., publisher of the Libertarian Party NEWS. When she presented her questionnaire as part of a class project, she reports that it caused a considerable stir, provoked a lot of anger, but at least got people to thinking about the fundamental issues involved—a rarity in many schools. With young people like Bonnie, the future of libertarianism is considerably brightened.

## Questionnaire

When answering these questions, please think only about what **you** would do, not what anyone else might do. —Thank you.

1. Would you give money to help the poor? yes\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_
2. If you saw a needy, hungry person on the street, would you give him/her some money or food? yes\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_
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4. When you become a taxpayer, let's say your taxes have been greatly reduced because the government no longer takes your money for their welfare system (in other words, welfare has been abolished). Would you contribute money to a charity that helps the poor, now that you are keeping 12% more of your salary? yes\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_
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  - a. this situation, in which you are forced to give the money?
  - b. the situation in question 2, in which you gave the money voluntarily?
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answer, he/she points a gun at you and demands that you give him/her \$100—\$50 for the hobo and \$50 for his/her salary. Would you feel better about:

- a. this situation, in which you are forced to give the money and half of it goes to government in overhead expenses?
  - b. the situation in question 2, in which you gave the money voluntarily?
7. Situation: After the government agent took away your money to give half of it to the poor people, you found out the amount of poor people had actually increased. Would you be upset? yes\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_  
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Marshall Fritz, one of libertarianism's most tireless salesmen, is retiring from the organization which he founded and for which he is widely acclaimed—the Advocates for Self-Government.

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The schedule for his movement away from the Advocates program calls for his resignation as president within eight months, selection of a new president in that time, and formation of a strong board of directors capable of taking over from what had been pretty much a one-man management operation.

## DATES

You've got to love a calendar that celebrates the birthdays of Ayn Rand, Ludwig von Mises, Robert Heinlein, and Lysander Spooner, the passage of the Alien and Sedition Acts, Thoreau going to jail, and Shay's Rebellion, as well as hundreds of other dates glorifying or horrifying liberty.

The calendar is produced by the Freedom Party of Ontario, and is available for \$3.95 plus \$1 handling, from the Party at P.O. Box 2214, Station A, London, Ontario, Canada, N6A 4E3. They're now working on one for 1989 and, in the process, are seeking clear photographs of Albert Jay Nock, Herbert Spencer, Lysander Spooner, Auberon Herbert, and any other advocates of individual freedom.

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### ON THE TRAIL

**Dallas, TX:** Ron spoke to 700 members of the **American Liberty Association**, a tax-patriot group, at their convention which had all the zing of a pep rally for liberty. Ron spoke for about 45 minutes, received four standing ovations, and was by far the most enthusiastically-received speaker. Over 100 new enthusiasts queued up at Ron's campaign booth to sign up as volunteers. One of them was a former Republican precinct chairman.

Before leaving, Ron gave two TV and two radio interviews and spent one hour on the David Gold Show, the most popular radio-talk show in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Ron also taped an interview for "Crossroads of the 80s" which aired a week later. The local TV story included a shot of Ron addressing the exuberant crowd.

**Reno, NV:** Ron made a one-day stop to speak to students at the **University of Nevada** and gave interviews to TV and the *Reno Gazette*.

**Las Vegas, NV:** At a "Doomsday" (April 15) **press conference** in front of the IRS building, Ron denounced the IRS and called for the abolition of the income tax. Local media showed up in droves! Later, Ron and vice-presidential candidate Andre Marrou spoke to six high school government classes where they both emphasized their opposition to military conscription.

That evening, Ron attended a reception and banquet with the **Las Vegas Libertarian Party**. Later, John Roulston, an editorial writer for *The Sun*, and reporters from *The Bulletin* interviewed Ron. Ron also conducted two TV interviews, which brought his Nevada TV total to five.

**Pittsburgh, PA:** Ron made a quick swing to **Grove City College**, **Carnegie-Mellon University**, and the **University of Pittsburgh**. Over 500 students attended these addresses. At Grove City Ron was introduced by his friend, economist Hans F. Sennholz, who teaches at the college.

**Wichita, KS:** Ron attended a banquet at the **Libertarian Party of Kansas Convention**, which was the largest event in Kansas LP history! The industrious Kansans produced 100 large banners for use on billboards all over Kansas. Some are already being used on major intersections around Wichita. Ron gave a one-hour interview to KNSS host Tonie Stanton that generated lots of phone calls to the local party.

At **Wichita State University**, Ron spoke to 100+ students and faculty and was filmed by NBC, CBS, and PBS news crews. After Ron presented his limited-government scenario, one bewildered student, concerned about how the economy would absorb scores of former government employees, asked "But where would all the bureaucrats work?" "In a free market," Ron replied calmly, "they could always find a job, but would earn less. They might work at, say, McDonald's." The image of ex-bureaucrats slinging burgers for students was too much. The house exploded in laughter and applause.

The political science teacher who sponsored the event is also the State Coordinator for Paul Simon's now-defunct campaign. He chauffeured Ron around Wichita in his car with a "Paul Simon" bumpersticker, but Ron's aides made sure that "Ron Paul for President" posters were obvious in the side windows as they delivered Ron to the **Wichita Eagle-Beacon**, the largest newspaper in Kansas, for an interview with the editorial board. Surprisingly, one editor was familiar with Ludwig von Mises and F.A. Hayek, and even mentioned Hayek's *Road to Serfdom* and *The Constitution of Liberty*.

After the interview, they swung by the **Kansas Libertarian Party Headquarters** where Ron helped party members kick off the ballot petition drive. The editor of the *Wichita State University Sunflower*, as well as several reporters from area radio stations, were present for interviews. In the following Monday's edition of the *Sunflower* appeared a half-page article that could have been written by a campaign staffer. The editor's comment was that the Libertarians definitely offered an alternative. Beside the story was a political lampoon of two pigs (labeled Democrat and Republican) at a "political trough" being approached by a farmer (labeled "Ron Paul") holding a shovel and pail. The caption read: "It's cleanup time."

**Hutchinson, KS:** **Perkey's Garage Sale** is a regional flea market drawing several thousand people. Local Libertarians ran a day of radio spots and newspaper announcements the day before Ron's visit. The Campaign was ready with a booth, headed by a RON PAUL banner, and gave out thousands of brochures. Democrats and Republicans also attended, but the media didn't let them steal the show. Radio reporters kept saying over the air that "... we'll also hear from the Libertarian Presidential candidate, Ron Paul!"

Ron was interviewed by several of these radio stations and afterwards did one-on-one campaigning. He even stopped by the Republican booth to try recruiting Republicans! And he attended the gun show in an adjoining building to shake hands and pass out literature. (He was well received as the only anti-gun control candidate in the race.)

At the *The Hutchinson News* the reporter seemed eager to agree with everything Ron had to say. The paper ran a large, front-page color photo of Ron Paul pressing the flesh before a RON PAUL banner.

We won't say who, but one reporter in Kansas quietly *donated* \$25 to Ron's campaign after his interview! Pin a **Paul** button over Kansas on the national map. It's ours!

**San Francisco, CA:** Ron peaked the immediate interest of the crowd of 700 **Berkeley University** students by asking "What if I told you I had a way of eliminating overnight half of violent crime and *all* dope pushers?" He then showed them step-by-step how "pushing" can only exist when drugs are illegal because pushers have a monopoly and that prices in a free market are always lower than in a black market. He also talked against the current Persian Gulf intervention and explained that free men—not conscripts (or slaves)—will defend America when it's actually threatened.

## Bowled Over In Michigan

Although none of the five Libertarian candidates for city council in Ann Arbor, Michigan won in the April 4 elections, they did get some good publicity—and had a lot of fun, too.

The local Libertarians decided to hold their caucus at a bowling alley, and to choose their candidates based on high scores during a bowl-off, high scorers in each ward becoming the candidates.

Bill Krebaum, a student at Eastern Michigan University and part-time employee of the *Ann Arbor News*, said the idea for the bowl-off "made about as much sense as any politics these days."

A long feature story about the unusual caucus appeared in the *Ann Arbor Observer*, and while the writer was obviously amused and entertained by the "bowling for office" idea, he also heavily laced the story with explanations of Libertarian philosophy.

The candidates—and winners in the bowling match—were Bill Krebaum, Lisa Finkle, Julie Brockman, Dave Raaflaub, and Peter Budnick.

Krebaum was the only Libertarian candidate in a two-way race, facing a Democrat. The Republican candidate had been "creamed" so badly in the last election they couldn't find anyone willing to run, according to Krebaum.

Krebaum said the outcome of the election was encouraging. He received about 15 percent of the vote, and said he actually did better in a number of precincts than the last Republican candidate. Those precincts were around the University and mostly student-populated, said Krebaum.

"Those results confirmed our belief that young people are more Libertarian oriented," Krebaum said.

A rent control proposal on the ballot in Ann Arbor was also easily defeated.

## Running!

The Libertarian Party is alive and well in Missouri. The state's LP has already announced that there will be at least 31 Libertarian candidates in the fall election.

Mike Roberts, 43, of Kansas City, is seeking the governor's office, and John Guze, 37, a St. Louis architect, is running for the U.S. Senate.

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Nearly every day announcements of candidacies in California are reaching us, and it looks as if the Libertarian Party will again offer voters lots of choices in November. Jack Dean, a Fullerton marketing and public relations executive and past state chair, is running for the U.S. Senate.

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I. Dean Ahmad, astronomer and LP secretary, is the candidate in Maryland for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Paul Sarbanes. Although 10,000 signatures were gathered last year to achieve ballot status for Paul and Marrou, Ahmad is required to gather an additional 60,000 signatures to get his name on the ballot. The LP has challenged this ballot access law in federal court in Baltimore.

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In South Carolina, Geb Sommer, an AT&T engineer from Lexington, is running for the U.S. House. In an early news release, Sommer stated that he "will promote a society which encourages all people to make their own choices; that lets them live, love, work, and play their own way, at their own pace, however they wish, win or lose."

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# Initiative in Montana

By Larry Dodge

It began as a fortunate coincidence of circumstances, but it's beginning to feel like an instance of harmonic convergence. I'm talking about my decision to run for Montana Secretary of State, at the same time sponsoring an initiative to revise this state's initiative process.

I hadn't yet fallen full heir to sponsorship of the "Initiative Improvement Initiative" (the product of a post-1987-state-convention bull session) when my Christmastime escape to California was momentarily interrupted by a phone call. It was Steve, state bureau reporter for Montana's largest chain of newspapers.

"Rumor is, you're going to run for Secretary of State," he began.

"Can't keep anything under wraps, can I?" I replied, grinning over the wire. Fact was, I'd written several potential Libertarian candidates before the holidays, and told them "I'll run if you will," so a leak to the press was perhaps expectable. But the effort to track me down seemed beyond the call of duty, until Steve explained:

"You've got more name recognition than anyone else who's announced so far, and if you're going to go for it, I'd like to be the first to know. You could actually win this one."

I didn't commit over the phone, but my failure to deny the charges made the papers, anyway. As the March 24 filing deadline approached, the significance of Steve's remarks got to me. No well-known personalities from the other parties were entering the race, the incumbent was vacating to run for governor, and some other factors had "converged." So I filed.

What "other factors?" For one, I had, by consensus of the broad-based coalition which authored the Initiative Improvement Initiative, become its sponsor and spokesperson. As the only candidate in the race for Secretary with a platform—that being to try, by initiative or otherwise, to make Montana's initiative process easier for people to use and less vulnerable to abuse by the legislature or the courts—I could expect support from people throughout Montana's wide political spectrum. After two suc-

cessive "do-nothing" legislatures, Montana citizens are "taking the initiative" like never before, and I've become the only available advocate of their efforts.

I'd no sooner embraced the initiative process and proclaimed my slogan to be "Helping Montana Take the Initiative" when something almost unbelievable occurred: The better-known of the two Republicans who'd filed for the office blasted me publicly for my stand on initiatives! A state senator, he called my intentions "terrible," asserted that the legislative process was "superior" to the initiative process, and otherwise exposed his arrogance.

The *Missoulian* informs me that the other Republican has agreed with the senator. Egad, I've defined the only issue in the race!

I immediately rejoined, asserting the superiority of initiative over legislative processes, and have just learned that a student club at the University of Montana Law School feels the issue is sufficiently intriguing to invite us both to debate it.

Meanwhile, back at the wheel, I was recently cited for failure to wear a seatbelt, and have begun, with sophisticated input from freedom fighters around the U.S., what looks like a formidable constitutional defense, pro se. The sponsor of the bill obliging Montanans to buckle up will, because he happens to be a legislator from the same county in which my case will be heard, represent the state in court. That promises to be a highly publicized showdown, with state supreme court potential. And it will necessarily run simultaneously with both my campaign and a very popular, if completely independent, initiative campaign to rescind this controversial law, which has now come to symbolize the trivia which recent legislative sessions have addressed (to the exclusion of pressing issues like tax reform and economic problems). Again, I'm in a "white hat" situation, riding hard.

The irony of the situation isn't lost upon me. Only months ago I was recommending relegation of office-seeking to the back burners of the stove of Libertarian strategy, in favor of "taking the initiative." Now, I'm saying the right recipe may not be so singular, but a mixture of both, at full boil: Freedom fricassee, anyone?

# Andre Marrou in Virginia

By James W. Lark, III

Andre Marrou, Libertarian Party candidate for Vice-President, made a campaign trip to the Old Dominion last month. The trip was sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Virginia, the William and Mary Libertarians, and the Students for Individual Liberty of the University of Virginia.

I met Marrou in Richmond on a Monday and drove him to Charlottesville. On Tuesday, he was interviewed by *The Cavalier Daily*, a University of Virginia newspaper, and then toured Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. That evening, he gave an interview to Chris Callahan of WINA-Radio, and discussed "Why You Should Vote for the Libertarians" before an audience of about 25 people at UVA. It is exciting to note that this event drew several libertarians who had been in hibernation, as well as several non-libertarians who wanted to learn more about LP positions.

The next morning, Andre spoke to two civics classes at Albemarle High School (a large high school in Charlottesville). Just before noon, he gave an interview to WVTF-Radio (based in Roanoke); this was followed by lunch with libertarian activists Steve Creacy, Dan Garrett, and Kurt Weber. After lunch, Andre and Jim drove to Richmond, where Andre was transferred to the care of Scott Bailey. Scott drove Andre to Williamsburg for an address to the William and Mary Libertarians, of which Scott is president. After the address, Andre was whisked off to Virginia Beach by Henry

Thrasher of the LP VA.

On Thursday, Andre spoke for an hour on the Pat Murphy Show on WNIS-Radio. The interview and talk show went well. In addition, he was interviewed on WTAR-TV in Norfolk, as well as by some newspapers in the Tidewater area. Roger Counce and Ed Sargent, libertarians from Norfolk, provided much help on this leg of the trip. During the evening, Andre returned to Richmond to spend the night; on Friday, he addressed a political science class at the University of Richmond, an engagement arranged by Marc Montoni, editor of *Virginia Liberty*.

The emphasis of the trip changed on Saturday from outreach to internal growth. Andre's seminar, "How You Can Build Your Party," was held during the afternoon at the home of Howard and Evelyn Maxwell (his hosts for the weekend). This was followed by a wine and cheese reception at which about \$1000 was raised, to be split between the LP VA and the Marrou campaign. On Sunday, Andre was interviewed by WWBT-TV in Richmond; on Monday, he flew back to Las Vegas.

If his visit to Virginia is a good guide, Libertarian Party members can be very pleased by the activities of the vice-presidential candidate. Andre Marrou's indomitable spirit and hard work were inspiring to all who met him, and there will be great dividends paid in the future for the investments he made here last month.

Lark is president of Students for Individual Liberty at the University of Virginia.

## The Ebner Bond

*Fred Ebner put his money where his mouth is and grabbed a lot of publicity in the process.*

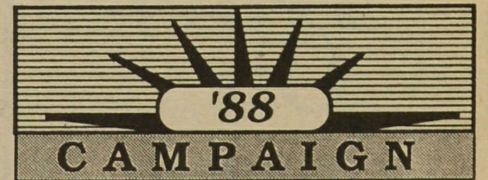
*Ebner, a libertarian, ran for the Austin (TX) City Council as "The Taxpayers' Advocate." The election was held May 7, after the deadline for this issue, but we thought his unusual campaign tactic was worth sharing. The NEWS will report on the election outcome in the next edition.*

Backing his campaign with his money, Fred Ebner, candidate for Austin City Council, posted a \$10,000 performance bond.

The bond will be forfeited to the Salvation Army if Ebner breaks his campaign promises: "I will not vote to raise the property tax rate or issue bonds without voter approval."

I'm putting my money where my mouth is. I have 10,000 good reasons to keep my promises to you. You can believe Fred Ebner will vote against higher taxes," Ebner asserted.

"Professional politicians promise not to raise your taxes and after they are elected, they break their promises. I am different. But why should you believe me? I have posted a \$10,000 performance bond guaranteeing not to vote to raise your property tax rate or to issue bonds without voter approval. If I vote to do either while I am on



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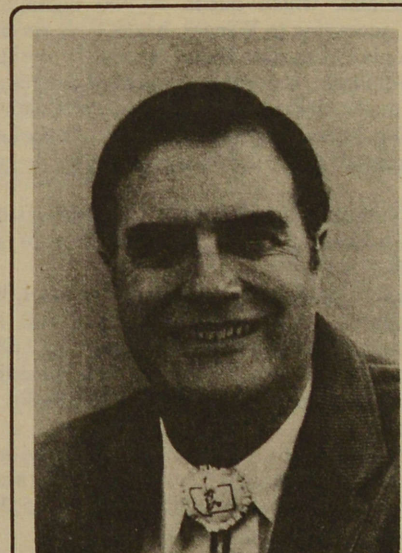
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"Whereas, most candidates who become elected to the Austin City Council break their campaign promises and rapidly come to value personal gain over the public good; and

"Whereas, the public, consequently, cannot trust the promises made by council candidates and has lost faith in the willingness of Austin City Councilmembers to speak truthfully and act in the public interest,

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# On Target

By Richard L. Duprey

Targeting—the ability to segment the voting population into identifiable groups so that they may receive particular messages about an issue or campaign—is an essential component of winning an election. For a candidate, particularly Libertarians whose resources are seemingly always in short supply, it allows him or her to better allocate those funds.

Unfortunately, the art of demographics has always been out of reach of most candidates, even those in the Demopublican parties. Yet there is a method that will allow you to perform a demographic breakdown of your district without spending thousands of dollars on professional services. Indeed, you can achieve similar results for next to nothing!

The first step in preparing a demographic breakdown of your district is to obtain maps of the area in which you will be running your race. These maps include a detailed street map, a map of the election districts within your district, and a census tract of your district. The street map is available at any convenience store; just make sure it's up to date. The election district map is available from your local or county elections clerk and should cost only a dollar or so per map, while the census tracts should be available in most government libraries.

Having collected these maps, the next step is to sit down with your street map and, with a highlighter pen, outline the boundaries of your district, including all the town borders. Next, with a second highlighter pen of a different color, outline the election wards within your district. (In some states, the smallest political cell is called the ward; in other states it is known as a precinct. Whatever it's called in your state it means the same thing.) Finally, with a third contrasting highlighter pen, outline the census tracts that fall within your district. When these steps are completed, you will have a ward-by-ward breakdown of your campaign's boundaries and will be ready to begin the process of segmenting the population.

The demographic information you will need to do the breakdown is available from three sources usually found in most large libraries: Donnelly's *Market Profile Analysis* (MPA), the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry's *Sourcebook*, and Clarita's *Rezide*.

All three contain basically the same information but their differences make them useful for our task. MPA contains information on population, income, home value, and age, as well as detailed statistical breakdowns of the population and income categories. The *Sourcebook* contains similar information, but also lists the purchasing power for every zip code in the country. *Rezide* combines and interprets all the information to show the relative affluence, living patterns, marital status, age, race, ethnicity, and occupation of the population.

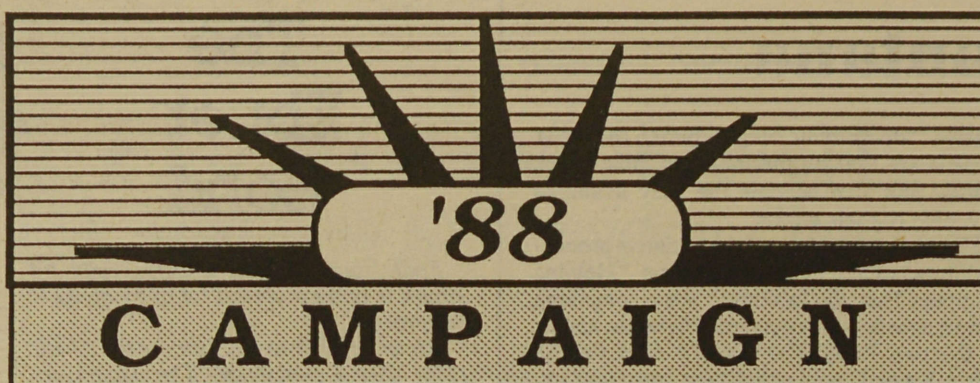
By using the various resources and comparing the data to your maps, you can create a demographic breakdown of your district. Then, with this data, you can target segments of the population to receive particular messages about your campaign.

Be aware of the limitations of the data you will be working with. Census data, for example, is approaching the 10-year-old mark, but until the 1990 census is completed it's the best such data available.

This very useful tool is relatively inexpensive. For small campaigns, it could cost about \$10 to \$20. Larger campaigns might spend up to \$100; certainly no more than that.

So, with maps in hand, go forth and target. Who knows? You just might find people receptive to your messages and end up winning.

Duprey is immediate past chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.



## Ballot Access Score

According to information supplied by the Ron Paul for President campaign committee and Richard Winger's "Ballot Access News," petitioning for Libertarian Party access to the ballot has been successfully completed in 22 states.

Of the remaining 28 states, the Paul campaign rates prospects for achieving ballot status in 10 as excellent or good, drives are underway in five, and a law suit to get on the ballot is underway in one.

Specifically, in these 28 states:

Colorado needs 5,000 signatures (10,000 to play it safe) and has 600 so far, according to Winger.

Connecticut, with a drive underway, needs 15,000 (22,500 to play it safe) and has 350 on hand, according to Winger.

Georgia needs 25,500 (50,000 to play it safe) and has 21,000 on hand (22,000 according to Winger).

Idaho, having been "adopted" by Utah to help with ballot access, is listed as having excellent prospects, needs 8,224 signatures and, according to Winger, had collected 1,650 by mid-April.

The Illinois ballot drive is currently being organized by the Libertarian Party there. Requirement is for 25,000 signatures.

Indiana, which needs 30,950 signatures and, according to Winger, has 800, is waiting for a plan from state Ballot Access Committee coordinators, according to the Paul campaign.

Kansas, described by the Paul campaign as having "good organization" and "excellent prospects" needs 2,500 signatures by August 2.

Kentucky needs 5,000 (7,500 to play it safe) and, according to Winger, had 800 as of late April.

Maine, with a drive underway, needs 4,000 signatures according to Winger, 3,100 according to the Paul campaign, and has 1,000 according to Winger, with the Paul campaign listing prospects for getting on the ballot as excellent.

Massachusetts, with a drive underway and with the Ballot Access Committee having hired a coordinator, needs 33,150 signatures (45,000 to play it safe) and has 3,000 on hand.

Minnesota, with prospects listed as excellent by the Paul campaign, needs 2,000.

Missouri, with a drive underway, needs 21,100 (32,000 to play it safe) and has 3,800.

In Nebraska, Winger lists the LP as on the ballot but still requiring 2,500 signatures specifically for the Ron Paul candidacy.

New Hampshire requires 1,500 signatures in each of two congressional districts. One is completed and, according to the Paul campaign, prospects are "excellent" for the other one.

New York, which can't start petitioning until June, needs 20,000 signatures.

North Carolina requires 44,535 signatures by July 12. The Paul campaign says that a "plan is being considered."

North Dakota, according to the Paul campaign, will meet its late April deadline goal of 7,000 signatures.

Ohio, with a drive underway and 500 immediate signatures, according to Winger, is listed as an excellent prospect by the Paul campaign.

Oklahoma needs 37,671 signatures, has 1,000 according to Winger, and is listed by the Paul campaign as considering a plan with prospects described as "good."

Oregon needs 51,500 signatures (64,000 to play it safe) and has 23,000 (27,000 according to Winger) so far.

Pennsylvania, with a drive underway, needs 25,560 (35,000 to play it safe) and has 5,000.

Rhode Island, listed as in "excellent" shape by the Paul campaign, needs 1,000 signatures.

South Dakota, listed as having excellent prospects by the Paul campaign, needs 2,500 signatures.

Only a letter is required to get on the ballot in Vermont and, although the Paul campaign does not list the Libertarian Party as on the ballot, Winger does have it on the ballot.

Virginia needs 13,555 and, according to Winger, already has 2,000.

West Virginia ballot access is the subject of a suit being handled by former BAC chairman Steve Fielder. The suit was filed along with the National Alliance Party and is being assisted by the Socialist Workers Party and the ACLU.

Wisconsin, with prospects listed by the Paul campaign as excellent, needs 2,000 signatures.

States that are listed by the Paul campaign as having completed petitioning with "paperwork pending" or "completed" are:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

According to the Paul campaign, "the Ballot Access Committee has made a total of \$113,500 in financial commitments toward achieving ballot status around the country."

## We Need Your Help to Cover Campaigns

**We need your help in covering the political campaigns that now command our attention.**

The Libertarian Party NEWS has no budget or resources for on-the-spot coverage by the two people who comprise its entire and part-time editorial staff.

State and local LP newsletters are an invaluable resource for filling in the information but they also are limited in their abilities to follow the campaign. And the campaigns themselves, by and large, are heavily occupied by the day-to-day demands of campaigning.

We welcome, therefore, your comments,

your on-the-spot observations of campaign activities, and the responses to them.

Here are the deadlines that you should keep in mind:

• For the next issue, which will be dated July-August, the copy deadline is June 15.

• For the September-October issue, which we hope to make a pre-election special, the copy deadline is September 1.

• To cover the election itself, we will need your most energetic help and the fullest cooperation, in particular, of state offices and officers. For general copy (the sort of movement

# RP Quoted

Not only is Ron Paul getting good coverage of his broad issue statements (against taxation, for a gold standard, against the Federal Reserve, for bringing troops home), papers are also giving play to some of his more singular positions. Here are some examples:

• (From the *San Diego Union*) "There are some Libertarian issues, [Paul] said, that appeal directly to the evangelical Christians who back [the Rev. Pat] Robertson, particularly a school voucher system to encourage private education...Other issues parallel Robertson's anti-government sentiments, such as abolishing welfare and income taxes and removing tariffs on trade...I identify with Robertson, and I identify with a lot of people who follow him," said Paul. "He's not a Libertarian—he's weak on civil liberties and I'm not sure about his foreign policy—but we all know that Pat Robertson's not going to go anywhere, so we're the only place [his supporters] can go afterward."

• (From the *Houston Post*) "Ron Paul [says that] a cure for AIDS will not be found until the 'blundering' federal government gets out of regulating development of medicines.

"When we get the government out of the way, we'll have a better solution and one that will guarantee our civil liberties."

• (From the *San Antonio Light*) "Ron Paul, the Libertarian Party presidential nominee, Friday said public schools should be allowed to prohibit AIDS victims from class.

"...If there is a reasonable risk for young kids playing and scratching and biting to spread AIDS, yes, then they [school administrators] have the responsibility to provide safety to other children...He said AIDS victims banned from public schools should get tax credits for the complete cost of going to private school."

• (From the *Montgomery Advertiser and Alabama Journal*) "They [the LP] also say laws against drugs, prostitution, and private sexual behavior should be abolished.

"I detest the use of drugs," Paul said, "But everyone knows the war on drugs has failed."

"By making drugs illegal, government has ushered in an era of gangsterism, and contributed to an underground economy, Paul said."

• (From *The Spotlight, Washington, DC*) "Former Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas), the Libertarian Party's 1988 presidential nominee, is warning patriots to be wary of his former House colleague Rep. Jack Kemp (R-New York)..."

"Jack Kemp has fooled a lot of people into thinking of him as pro-free market and pro-sound money. Instead...he is the opposite, and an enemy of freedom," according to Paul.

"Kemp, according to Paul, quoting Prof. Murray N. Rothbard, is 'the most statist' of the Republican presidential hopefuls."

• (From the *Greenville (SC) News*) "The government is there to limit your actions to the point that you don't harm anyone else, but it cannot assume the role [of] protecting you, of making you a better person."

information which we feel is useful even in the heat of a campaign) the copy deadline will be November 1.

• But, for actual results, and ONLY for election results at every level—local, state, and national—the deadline will be November 11.

It is strongly urged that as much of the information as possible be provided via electronic mail. The information can be posted to the Libertarian Party NEWS via CompuServe or MCI mail.

**Our CompuServe address is 73557,2216. Our MCI address is 297-9397.**



# Free Market Research a Real Resource

Campaigners looking for an arsenal of information should turn regularly to the free market-oriented research organizations that are doing such exemplary work spreading the factual background of libertarian positions. (Our thanks, for assistance in compiling this list, to Advocates for Self-Government.) Suggestions for additions to the list are welcome.

• **Cato Institute**, 224 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20003, recently has issued its new catalog of books and conference tapes. Highly respected and influential, the Cato Institute is a continuing, up-to-date treasure house of research into just about every issue that could concern a Libertarian Party candidate. Their bi-monthly "Cato Policy Report" is outstanding.

• **Institute for Humane Studies**, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, under the direction of the universally respected Leonardiggio, issues a regular series of editorial features of free market and libertarian emphasis as well as more scholarly studies and conference reports. If there's a particular topic on which you want topical, bright commentary, IHS is a good bet. They also publish "Institute Scholar," a review of classical liberal scholarship.

• **Ludwig von Mises Institute**, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849, can provide the most complete catalog of material relating to the Austrian school of economics. Additionally, their newsletter regularly carries the commentary of the profoundly provocative Prof. Murray Rothbard.

• **Foundation for Rational Economics and Education**, P.O. Box 1776, Lake Jackson, TX 77566, is Ron Paul's own research group. It publishes a monthly "Freedom Report."

• **The Fraser Institute**, 626 Bute Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6E 3M1, concentrates on Canadian issues but,

thanks largely to their brilliant economic philosopher, Walter Block, provides materials that should enliven any libertarian debate or campaign. Their catalog and material should be in the hands of every libertarian.

• **Reason Foundation**, familiar to most libertarians as the publisher of the most successful free market magazine, *Reason*, also produces 60-second radio spots which should be of interest to all libertarians interested in outreach. They also publish a newsletter on privatization and one on "economics in argumentation."

• **The Heartland Institute**, 59 East Van Buren, Suite 810, Chicago, IL 60605, specializes in in-depth studies of issues that impact directly on municipalities. Recent studies have looked at the possibilities of home ownership for public housing tenants, the impact of auto safety regulations, the propriety of public libraries in competition with private video tape libraries, the true economics of publicly-financed sports arenas, and the impact of tax increases on certain midwestern states. Theirs is another catalog of immense interest to libertarian campaigners, particularly in "the heartland" but actually everywhere.

• **Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment**, P.O. Box 330, Dallas, TX 75275, has just begun publication of a newsletter on free market solutions to environmental problems.

• **Pacific Institute**, 17 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94108, publishes outstanding collections of views on important policy issues with an emphasis on free market solutions. Their catalog is a valuable libertarian reference and their outstanding book, *Dealing With Drugs*, is a public debate "must" for libertarian candidates these days.

• **National Taxpayers Union**, 325 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003, is the basic resource for studies of taxation and

the people who vote for it. If taxes are an issue—and aren't they, in every campaign?—this is the group to which you will want to belong and whose material, including an indispensable monthly newsletter, you will find most valuable.

• **Foundation for Economic Education**, 30 South Broadway, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY 10533, publishes what could be called "the old standby" (or standard!) of libertarian journals, *The Freeman*.

• **National Center for Policy Analysis**, 7701 N. Stemmons, Suite 800, Dallas, TX 75247, publishes "Executive Alert," one of the most jam-packed sources of information available to libertarian campaigners and activists generally. A recent issue covered the impact of reduced taxes on the rich (they pay more!), the "nightmare" future costs of government health care, the sorry record of the World Bank, and the impact of high taxes on the growth of economies of the 50 states. Terrific resource.

• **Political Economy Research Foundation**, 502 South 19th Avenue, #211, Bozeman, MT 59715, specializes in free market analysis of natural resource management.

• **Society for Individual Liberty**, P.O. Box 338, Warminster, PA 18974, publishes one of the most effective series of libertarian pamphlets covering every aspect of social and political concern. Most highly recommended.

• **Competitive Enterprise Institute**, 2039 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, #206, Washington, DC 20009, specializes in research on free market solutions to environmental problems, anti-trust reform, and trade.

• **Center for the Study of Market Alternatives**, P.O. Box 1001, Caldwell, ID 83606, specializes in just the information its title implies.

• **Center for the Study of Market Processes**, George Mason University, 4400 University

Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, publishes a bi-annual report called "Market Process," focusing on the free market analysis of policy issues.

• **Independent Institute**, 847 Sansom Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, studies critical public issues.

• **Libertarian Press**, Spring Mills, PA 16875, promotes the Austrian school of economics by maintaining classic works and publishing new titles.

• **Manhattan Institute**, 131 Spring Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10012, publishes books on public policy issues and the *Manhattan Report* magazine.


• **Libertarian International**, 9308 Farmington Drive, Richmond, VA 23229, publishes a definitive newsletter covering international developments of interest to and involving libertarians.

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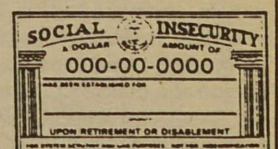
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# News Digest

Very disturbing report in the **Northwest Libertarian**, that **Andre Marrou**, our vice presidential candidate, had complained of lack of support from the party's national committee, citing a refusal by the committee to let him use the party's national mailing list for his own fund raising efforts. National Chairman **Jim Turney**, when asked about the situation, said that if such a thing had happened it was in direct violation of a firm party resolution pledging support for the national ticket. Pleased to hear that the resourceful Marrou had got hold of the list anyway, Turney pledged to find out how such a mistake as denying it in the first place could have been made.

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Although it didn't make many front pages, one of the most significant events of the Soviet occupation of **Eastern Europe** was headlined this way in the Washington Post: "VCRs on Fast Forward in Eastern Europe; Booming Video Market Erodes State Control of Information." Liberty plus technology! Even the statist **National Review** is getting part of the message, reluctantly advocating sale of personal computers to the Soviet Union, saying that the drawbacks are offset "by the fantastic ability of personal computers to create private centers of power."

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Good libertarian view on poverty taken by the respected **Frederic Foundation** in honoring inner-city entrepreneurs. Speaking to the point, Robert Woodson, of the Washington-based National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, said that the entrepreneurs "are proving every day that the poor will respond to economic opportunity."

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**Robert Anton Wilson** addicts can find his letters from Ireland in **The New Libertarian** (\$2.50 per issue, 1515 West MacArthur Blvd., #19, Costa Mesa, CA 92626).

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Gem of an anarchist magazine is **The Dandelion** (\$1.50 a copy, to Michael E. Coughlin, 1985 Selvy Av., St. Paul, MN 55104). Most recent Volume 5, No. 20, has a rare appreciation of Joseph Ishill, the printer who dared the pressures of the time to bring some of the first great European libertarian writings to America. Coughlin, with Charles Hamilton and Mark Sullivan, also has edited **Benjamin R. Tucker & The Champions of Liberty** (\$7.95 paperback).

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San Francisco's unconquerable **Free Forum Books**, despite police harassment (see **Libertarian Party NEWS**, January-February 1988) has available a new catalog of more than 300 books on liberty (1800 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94102).

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**Liberty Press** has a beautiful new catalog available, listing a grand array of classic works on individual freedom (7440 N. Shadeland, Indianapolis, IN 46250).

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**National Rifle Association** is finally awakening to the fact that single issue defenses of freedom are small bore in face of raging statism. In an editorial by Executive Vice President J. Warren Cassidy, NRA members are strongly urged "to view each and every suggestion of increased governmental control over our lives and property with a great deal of suspicion and inquiry." Earlier in the editorial he presented a bull's-eye list of things that appear innocent to many but actually erode freedom: seat belt laws, helmet laws, smoke detectors, zoning, smoking bans.

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**Howard Katz**, writing in **Massachusetts Liberty**, the state's LP paper, blisters the Cato Institute for a statement by its chairman, William Niskanen, advocated a break with the Louvre Accord in order "to restore money growth." Katz' point: "To save the supply side agenda, it was necessary to break the Louvre Accord and print money at record rates once more."

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Wondering whatever happened to the **Liberty Amendment**, a proposal that would abolish the income tax and also get the federal govern-

ment completely out of any "business, professional, commercial, financial, or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution"? Well, it's still pending in Congress and nine states have endorsed it. For a list of current candidates who support it, send a donation of \$1 for five copies of the Election Special published by Break Free, Box 2386, El Cahan, CA 92021.

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**Free New Mexico**, paper of the Libertarian party there, is supporting small wineries that are being forced out of business by a special provision of the new federal budget: a \$500 occupational tax on certain small businesses with gross receipts of less than \$500,000. First winery to go (because of profits less than the tax!) is one run by a conservative Republican whose red wines took first and second prize in last year's state fair. Way to go, Ronnie!

★★★★★

California's Community Redevelopment Agencies are described as "property rights death squads" in a lively denunciation by **Sarah Foster** in Los Angeles' **Westside Libertarian** newsletter. The redevelopment agencies, Foster says, "are the seamiest of government-business 'partnerships.' They can use eminent domain to take any property within their jurisdiction. They can declare practically any area to be their jurisdiction. They can sell your confiscated land to favored developers for any below-market level they want."

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New edition of that great libertarian classic, **The State**, by Franz Oppenheimer, is available (at \$16.95) from Copley Publishing Group, 256 Great Road, Littleton, MA 01460. The new edition was reprinted primarily for the classroom use of Southwestern Louisiana University Professor Jeremy Millett (who also contributes a forward to the book). Having it used in classes is perhaps the best news of all.

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**Michigan LP** is distributing a candidate questionnaire for anyone interested in running. It asks for views on state role in various fields, as well as on taxes, repeal of all drug laws, abortion, immigration, draft, and foreign policy (does it defend individual rights?).

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Oregon LP's chair, **Bob Fauvre**, is producing a weekly cable TV show called **Libertarian Options**.

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**Georgia Libertarian**, tabloid of the LP there, has published a special issue that could be a pattern for other states. It presents the LP position on major pending state legislative proposals and offers libertarian counterproposals that would move toward a free society.

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Illinois LP treasurer **Scott Walton** recalls, in the party paper **Illinois Libertarian**, that a 1952 article in an Oklahoma paper said that: "The platform of the libertarian candidate is simple, it has only one plank in it: NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGE FOR ANYONE. He concerns himself with only two methods of achieving this worthy objective: 1. The free market, 2. Government limited to the defense of life and property."

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Utah's always lively LP now features a familiar sort of slogan on much of its literature and posters: "Just Say No To Taxes!!!"

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**Movement of the Libertarian Left** (P.O. Box 1748, Long Beach, CA 90801) is celebrating its 10th anniversary with public reaffirmation of its hard-line "support of the CounterEconomy because it encompasses all moral acts forbidden by the State." The group is also starting a research project to track the effect of the unofficial economy on the official one.

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**Colorado LP's CLiPboard** newsletter suggests using Ron Paul TV appearances (such as on the Buckley show) as a focus for local get-togethers.

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Alabama state chair, **Frank Monachelli**, reports that in the past two years the state party has tripled membership and has a mailing list of about 1,000.

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Outstanding petitioners in Oregon's push for the 51,500 signatures needed for ballot access: **Joe Dehn** and **Donna Merzi**, with well over 1,000 apiece.

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Libertarian novelist **Neil Smith**, writing in number 5 of wife Kathy's splendid journal, **Apologia** (\$3 an issue, 111 East Drake, #7032, Fort Collins, CO 80525), presents a tantalizing notion of fantasy as a tool for social change: "If Rand had written *The Moon* is a Harsh Mistress, or edited its pessimistic ending, if Heinlein had written *Atlas Shrugged*, pacing it like *Door Into Summer*, Dave Bergland would be in the White House right now, auctioning off the furniture because we'd have captured people's imaginations...People want Utopia. They've watched *Star Trek* until the emulsion wore off...and helped *Star Wars* outgross *World War II* because [the characters in the fantasies assure] them that there is a future, one worth looking forward to." Summing it up, he says that, "It may be enough for libertarians, that what they propose is morally right. It is not enough for others. Most people require a fairly concrete picture of the future..."

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How do you attract others to the movement? Newsletter of **Libertarians for Greater Cincinnati** reports that their outstanding activist, **Sally Ann Moore**, a waitress working her way through law school eight years ago, overheard some libertarians talking at lunch, got involved in the conversation—and then in the movement. Take a libertarian (potential) to lunch!

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Sign of healthy libertarian growth: **The Pragmatist** (bi-monthly, \$10/year, Box 392, Forest Grove, PA 18922) has just published its largest issue to date. It includes editor **Jorge Amador**'s spry defense of private foreign policies and **John Dentinger**'s timely warning that sometimes privatization just means getting private citizens to perform the often repressive work of public agents.

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Colorful endorsement of the use of federal election funds in **The Oklahoma Caucus**, newsletter of the party there: "I think we ought to take those federal funds and start kicking some statist ass." In a more official vein, the state party's executive committee later passed a formal resolution urging the Paul campaign to accept federal matching funds.

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Great graphic from the **Metro-Detroit Libertarian**: a line drawing of a pistol, under a caption of "Libertarian Aptitude Quiz #301," and with this inquiry underneath: "This picture reminds me of (a) December 25, (b) January 1, or (c) April 15."

★★★★★

Activist **John Flanagan** of Carlsbad, CA, has come up with a wonderful tongue-in-cheek "organizational" way to make a libertarian point. He's writing letters to editors telling them of his new American Society to Help Increase Taxes. (Interesting acronym.) "It's a proven fact," he writes, that progress is a result of government spending and if what it does so far is so good, then doing more should be better. Therefore, "our Society proposes that we require our government to tax all income and property at 100% of value." Sad possibility: the number of editors who will take it seriously.

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California libertarians, faced with the familiar problem of newsletters that must deal in intra-party info but also try to attract outside interest, have started a special publication just for outreach: **Choices**, edited by **Todd Greene**.

5 Town and Country Village, #506, San Jose, CA 95128.

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**Shreveport (LA) Libertarian**, organ of the LP there, notes that in the state capital one of the main streets is Government Street but that if you follow it, it eventually becomes...Independence Boulevard!

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**Texas Libertarian Party**, opposing plans to build more prisons in the state, issued a press release making this strong point: "One-third of the state prison inmates are incarcerated as...a result of the drug prohibition effort...Violent criminals are walking the street because they have been released to make room for non-violent drug users. Drug prohibition is making billionaires of mobsters and thugs, and is even subverting entire countries, as we are now seeing in Panama..."

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**Pennsylvania Libertarian Party** has subscribed to a statewide commercial wire service, PR Newswire, that sends press releases to all media which can be targeted for local, county, or statewide distribution. For a nominal per-usage fee, any LP candidate can use the party's subscription to get PR material distributed in a very efficient way. Might be worth checking your state to see if a similar service exists that could be useful to your campaigns.

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Fine Baloo cartoon in **Trout in the Milk**, newsletter of the West Lafayette (IN) LP: Two angels are talking; one is explaining "We never have elections up here—there aren't enough experienced people."

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Taking advantage of the current political content of the Bloom County comic strip (involving the Meadow Party of Opus the penguin), Ohio LP chair **David Myers** wrote to strip author Berke Breathed asking him to consider what would happen if the Meadow Party actually tried to get on the ballot. It would face, in many states, the sort of red-tape curtain that makes it virtually impossible for third parties to engage in the most basic of democratic activities, the vote. At the same time, LP founder **David Nolan** passes along several other Bloom County strips which suggest, to Nolan, that the cartoonist may be a libertarian at heart. We'll check on that.

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**Contra Costa (CA) Newsletter, The Abolitionist**, has a fine bumper sticker suggestion: "Support the Underground Economy—Raise the Minimum Wage."

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**Minnesota Libertarian**, newsletter of the LP there, has circulated copies of libertarian Neil Smith's New Covenant: an agreement for individual sovereignty, freedom from coercion, freedom of voluntary association, the individuality of rights—neither collective nor additive—and liberty, and a pledge, in effect, to live by these agreements on freedom despite and beyond existing laws.

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Marrou campaign manager **Michael Emerling**, arguing for a party-building presidential campaign in the **Illinois Libertarian**, newsletter of the LP there: "The Libertarian Party presidential campaign should devote 90% of its time to recruiting new [people] into the party. Suppose the LP candidate spends \$4 million, gets 2 million votes and a handful of new members. After the election...we have...yellowing newspaper clippings, empty wallets, and worn-out, burned-out activists. Suppose [the campaign] gets 40,000 new members and a handful of votes? What's the return on our investment? One new activist for every 6250 people in every state"...4,000 in California, 400 in Arizona, etc.

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# Liberty Looks at Libertarians and Finds...

*Liberty Magazine*, R.W. Bradford's outstanding new contribution to libertarian periodical literature, has polled a random sample of readers to get a profile of libertarianism. Here is a summary of the results:

Sixty-six percent felt that government has a role but that it should be much smaller than at present; 29 percent felt it should be abolished.

Thirty-seven percent felt that abortion is wrong but only 13 percent felt it should be outlawed, while 56 percent felt that parents should have a legal obligation to support their offspring.

Seventy-six percent said that political action is an appropriate method of advancing liberty but only 10 percent felt that people have a responsibility to vote.

The highest percentages of agreement were on basic issues such as "no person has the right to initiate physical force against another" (89%), everyone has a right to life (92%), everyone has a right to liberty (92%), everyone has a right to property (86%), and everyone has a right to the pursuit of happiness (87%).

On particular questions, 69 percent want all restrictions on immigration removed; 90 percent want all tariffs removed, 53 percent feel that an absolutely isolationist foreign policy is best. Intellectual influences (with Ayn Rand and Murray Rothbard the clear leaders), alphabetically and with their average on a scale of 1, for low influence, to 5, for high influence, were:

Aristotle	1.95
Frederic Bastiat	2.28
David Friedman	1.92
Milton Friedman	2.95
Barry Goldwater	2.39
F.A. Hayek	3.02
Robert A. Heinlein	2.11
Karl Hess	2.25
Thomas Hobbes	1.33
John Hospers	1.85
Thomas Jefferson	3.14
Immanuel Kant	1.45
Samuel Konkin III	1.23
Robert LeFevre	1.80
John Locke	2.32
H.L. Mencken	2.49
John Stuart Mill	2.05
Ludwig von Mises	3.63
Albert J. Nock	2.19
Robert Nozick	1.79
Ayn Rand	4.02

Murray Rothbard	3.91
Herbert Spencer	2.11
Lysander Spooner	2.34
William G. Sumner	1.50
Morris & Linda Tannehill	1.76
Benjamin Tucker	1.30

A whopping 60 percent of respondents are in scientific or technical work with 26 percent of that total being in computer science. Ten percent are government employees, 15 percent are small business owners, 3 percent are investors, 5 percent are lawyers, 2 percent are farmers, 2 percent work for non-profit groups, 6 percent teach, 2 percent work in factories, 2

percent are in sales, 6 percent are managers. Five percent reported incomes annually greater than \$100,000 with most (52%) having incomes between \$30-100,000; 28 percent between \$10-30,000, and 16 percent less than \$10,000.

Ninety-five percent of respondents were male, heterosexuals (95%), and monogamous (74%) living with active libertarians (5%), quasi-libertarians (24%), passive libertarians (38%), and non-libertarians (32%).

Seventy-seven percent said that they do not follow any religion.

Eighty-five percent give money to libertarian causes; 58 percent belong to the national Libertarian Party.

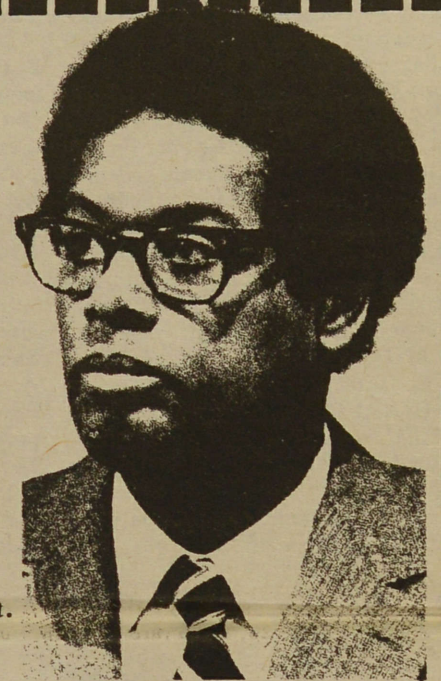
A number of thorny moral or ethical questions also were posed, such as:

"The parent of a new-born baby places it in front of a picture window and sells tickets to anyone wishing to observe the child starve to death. He makes it clear that the child is free to leave at any time, but that anyone crossing his lawn will be viewed as trespassing." Eighty-nine percent would go ahead and trespass to save the child.

For a copy of the entire survey and its results, with comments from those involved in it, write for issue Number Six of *Liberty* (\$4 plus \$1 shipping); *Liberty Magazine*, Box 1167, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Subscription, for six issues per year, is \$18.

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## Lewis Jailed

Jim Lewis, former Libertarian Party candidate for the vice presidency of the United States, has been sentenced to three years in prison for his principled resistance to tax regulations.

Now waiting for assignment to a minimum security prison (they're so crowded that there is a waiting list), Jim will have to serve one year of the sentence, or a lesser time with good behavior, with the remaining sentence suspended but with five years of probation imposed after release—during which time he is commanded to pay taxes "in a timely manner" and to "associate only with law-abiding persons and maintain reasonable hours."

The government's attempt to also prohibit Lewis from attending public meetings protesting taxes was denied by the trial judge.

Still convinced that the questions that he raised regarding the legality of the income tax have not been answered, Lewis is looking for libertarians willing to write their representatives in Congress, repeating his questions. Anyone interested in such action may obtain a copy of Lewis' suggested letter to Congressmen by writing to the Libertarian Party NEWS, P.O. Box 173, Kearneysville, WV 25430. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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# Afghan Aid, Danish Push, World Report

By Vince Miller

**AFGHANISTAN:** Libertarian International Pakistani Rep **Asim Effendi** and his father **Aslam** are attempting to generate some interest in raising funds for the victims (widows and orphans) of Soviet imperialism in Afghanistan. Both are cooperating with Afghanistan refugee relief agencies and, as a fund-raising project, they propose an American road show tour featuring a troupe of Afghanistan tribesmen performing the wildly exciting and daredevil equestrian sport of Buzkashi. Promoters/financiers would of course be welcome to a share of profits for their efforts.

**DENMARK:** Libertarian International Rep **Otto Brons-Petersen** reports that the libertarian Danish "LIBERTAS" foundation has been making a concerted effort to introduce Austrian economics and Randian epistemology to Copenhagen University. They have already been successful in setting up a course on Radical Subjectivism in Economics and are organizing a conference this summer on that subject. Otto reports that the climate of debate appears to be moving in the libertarian direction in Denmark and that two libertarian books are forthcoming: one on "Privatization and Liberty" and the other an introduction and collection of essays by French 19th Century classical liberal **Frederic Bastiat**.

**HOLLAND:** LI Rep and LIFHAS (Libertarian Foundation for Human Assistance) president **Hubert Jongen** has launched action by BENELUX libertarians to protest the shameful treatment of **Norma Jean Almodovar** to the American Ambassador in Amsterdam. We hope to see much more international pressure generated on her behalf and the next issue

of the "Freedom Network News" will encourage members in 44 countries to do likewise.

**NIGERIA:** Libertarian International is now in the process of confirming **Mr. Innocent Eleazu** of Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria, as a representative. Mr. Eleazu is principal of a high school and president of the Nigerian Association of Economists. He is currently working toward the goal of setting up a school of free-market economics in Nigeria and is seeking funding and free-market books to assist him in that goal. He plans to attend LI's Swaziland conference in August.

**NORWAY:** A European libertarian computer bulletin board is now operational in Oslo. Called **BLACKBOARD**, its number is: 47 02 555561. This service is being provided by LI Norwegian Rep **Bjorn Kjolseth** (pronounced Shulsett)—home (non-computerized) phone is 47 02 559761.

**PALESTINE:** Libertarian International is now in the process of confirming **Mubarak E. Awad** of the East Jerusalem "Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence" as a Swaziland speaker. Awad has been influenced by American libertarians and proposes a Ghandian type approach to the Middle East conflict. An LI member in Texas has sent Awad literature—including a copy of Louw and Kendall's *The Solution*. Problems have arisen because of the fact that Prime Minister Shamir of Israel has threatened to deport Awad, or to refuse him re-entry if he leaves the country. We may ultimately have to launch a protest action to counter this and hope that we can count on American libertarians for support. More in future issues of LP NEWS.

**SWAZILAND:** A new addition to the speaker lineup to Libertarian International's

World Conference in Swaziland this August is **Dr. Frederik van Zyl Slabbert**. Dr. Slabbert was a member of the South African Parliament, leader of the Progressive Federal Party, and Leader of the Opposition from 1974 to 1986. He walked off the floor of the house in February 1986, resigning his seat and position as opposition leader, in protest over government racial policy. He is a longtime proponent of peaceful political and constitutional change in South Africa.

**SWITZERLAND:** LI Rep **Alphonse Crespo** has written a fascinating 24-page booklet entitled "From Adam Smith to Karl Marx...and Back (Lessons from the Swiss Classical Liberals)." It tells of what must be the first (19th Century) libertarian thinktank (Castle Coppet in Germany) which was run by libertarian patron extraordinaire **Madame de Stael**. It also tells of this pioneer libertarian feminist's ongoing battle with Napoleon and shows how early libertarians from her group (such as Sismondi) ironically came to influence Marx—and where Marx went wrong. A good book for converting Marxist intellectuals to libertarianism. Also an interesting addition to the body of literature on our libertarian "roots." Available through LI (USA) for **\$2.95 plus 75¢ postage and handling**.

**FRANCE:** A European Libertarian Conference commemorating the bicentennial of the French Revolution is being organized by LI Rep **Alain Dumait** (mayor of the financial district of Paris and vice-mayor of Paris proper). It will be held in France in July of 1989. The program will be in English and French and is being handled by famed French author and journalist **Henri Lepage**. The site will be the International Conference Center Maurice Ravel

in St. Vincennes (Paris, District XII). More details in future LP NEWS international reports. Incidentally, **Alain Dumait**, who with three others recently formed "Le Mouvement Libertainien" in Paris, has expressed an interest in visiting the USA and following the Ron Paul campaign in the final days before the election. He was a journalist with *L'Express* and *Figaro* before becoming a mayor of Paris and would like to cover the campaign for European readers.

A French translation of **Frances Kendall** and **Leon Louw's** book *After Apartheid, The Solution for South Africa* has been readied and a publisher is now being sought. The book has already been published in Swedish and Afrikaans.

**LITERATURE:** As much or most of the energy and financial resource of the LP this year will be channeled into the Ron Paul campaign and ballot access drives, we suggest that those of you who are interested in distributing educational pamphlets consider LI's position papers (overprinted with your organization or state party address on orders of 1,000 or more). These attractive two-color pieces include: "Privatization: Shrinking the State" by **Robert Poole, Jr.**; "The Disaster of International Foreign Aid Programs" by former U.S. International Trade Commission economist **Ken Schoolland**; and our latest, "The Protection Racket," on free trade vs. protectionism by **Vince Miller**. If you would like a sample of each we will send them to you free of charge. Bulk quantities are available for 4.5 cents each (includes postage and handling).

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