

# Five Win in Wisconsin Primaries

Greenfield, WI - Five out of six LP candidates emerged victorious from the February 21 Wisconsin primaries for local and municipal offices, and several of the Libertarian winners have "a better than even chance of winning," according to Wisconsin LP sources. The Wisconsin primaries are held to narrow down the number of candidates in each non-partisan race, for the general election held April 3 for municipal, county and state (special) elections.

Winners in the February primaries were Wisconsin LP State Chair Tom Westgaard, who polled 51% of the votes in a three way race for City Alderman

in Greenfield (5th District); Gary Witte, who won one of the five slots for Mt. Horeb Village Trustee, where the top three voter getters in April will serve; Anthony Theisen, Chair of the Brown County LP, who polled 21% in a four way race for Alderman/Supervisor in Green Bay/Brown County District 3; Daniel J. Stangle, who won one of the two slots for the Waukesha County Supervisor's position on the ballot; and Ken Van Doren, who was a winner for the position of Vernon County Supervisor. Phil Vakszewski, who ran in a three way race for Milwaukee County Supervisor, was narrowly edged out of a general election

berth, losing ballot position by only 90 votes out of more than 8000 cast. In western Wisconsin in the only partisan race, Suzanne Kuring was the LP candidate on the primary ballot for a special election for a vacant State Senate office. Kuring, who lives on a farm near Eastman, Wisconsin, appeared on the primary ballot with 3 Republicans and 2 Democrats and "expects a close general election" with the possibility of her candidacy representing the balance of power.

Wisconsin LP election strategist Bill Bartels noted that these election results represented "an obvious increase in receptivity to libertarian ideas", since, for

example, in the 4th Congressional District, the combined votes of Westgaard and Vakszewski in the primaries (which were both in the District), exceeded the total Libertarian vote received in the 1982 Congressional race in a two way race between a Democrat and Libertarian. Bartels also noted that all of the candidates followed the same basic approach outlined in a 1983 Wisconsin LP strategy document, which called for selecting local issues, applying libertarian principles to those issues, and making the candidate's stance both acceptable to the voters and understandable by them. For

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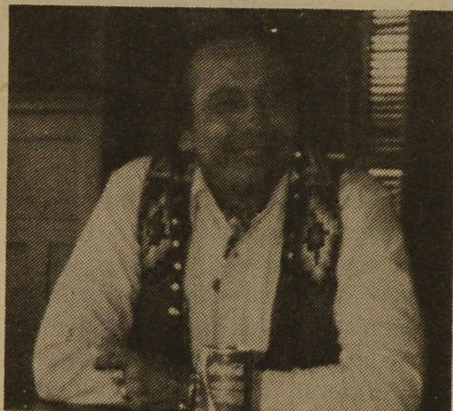
## Libertarian LP Party NEWS

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### Libertarians, Indian Leaders Meet

Denver, CO - Russell Means, one of the principal founders of the American Indian Movement (A.I.M.) and candidate for President of the Tribal Council of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Nation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, met with LP National Chair Paul Grant, National Director Honey Lanham and Montana LP activist Larry Dodge on February 23 in Denver. The meeting, which lasted a full afternoon, was intended to explore common grounds between the LP and the Indian activists, who are staunchly opposed to the existing Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.) dominated tribal government of the Lakota reservation. Means, a controversial and long time activist for Indian causes dating from his days as a Berkeley student radical, was forced off the ballot for Tribal President as a result of his state conviction for activities connected with the 1970's confrontation with federal authorities at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Since South Dakota law is not generally recognized to apply to the federally controlled Indian reservation, Means has been pursuing his candidacy actively while engaging in several lawsuits against the incumbent tribal administration to put him on the ballot.

1982 Montana Senatorial candidate and LP activist Larry Dodge has for some



*Russell Means at Denver meeting.*

time been working at presenting the libertarian message to Montana and South Dakota based Indian groups, and had laid the groundwork for the Denver meeting by sending libertarian materials and holding discussions with Means and other Indian leaders over a period of several years. In addition to the LP platform position, which recognizes sovereignty for Indians and calls for restitution for past government oppression of native Americans, a recent National Committee resolution renewed and specified the LP's support for Indian choice of citizenship, choice over the level of tribal autonomy, abolition of the

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## Presidential Campaign Targets Media

At a recent libertarian supper club meeting in Orange County, California, LP Presidential candidate David Bergland was fielding questions from an enthusiastic audience. Most were inquiries about issues that Bergland handled with ease. Then came a tough one: "What are you going to do to get media attention?"

The room became strangely quiet. Campaign media people squirmed in their seats, and Bergland summed up the general curiosity with one simple statement: "That's a good question."

Bergland went on to explain that a detailed media plan of attack has been formulated, and LP activists nationwide are helping Bergland to generate an encouraging media response very early in the campaign. The overall media effort revolves around four key points--outreach, creative placement, education, and follow up.

The outreach theory is a simple one. Because the Bergland campaign will have recruited a local media coordinator in each state, the Bergland press schedule will remain consistently active. Each local coordinator will receive campaign and press information prior to the candidate's visit in each state. The coordinators will then be responsible for generating local interest, setting up interviews with the press and acting as the area contact that the media can use for current and follow-up information on the campaign. Local coordinators will be encouraged to stimulate interest from small or special interest media publications and will also accompany the candidate on press appointments throughout the state. The importance of one-on-one contact with the media representatives is stressed for both Bergland and the local coordinators, because impressions and contacts made now, no matter how small the exposure, may prove to be important, beneficial relationships in future campaigns.

Bergland for President Media Coordinator Laurie Sano details the impor-



*LP Presidential Candidate Bergland addresses L.A. press conference.*

tance of local coordinator involvement, "The local media coordinators will perform a vital function to the success of Bergland press placement. By offering the news media knowledgeable and energetic local contacts to work with, press coverage for the campaign is almost assured. We're projecting a professional image to the media with this type of outreach program. We are also able to educate them and make the press "aware of local LP activities and assist local candidates as well."

Creative placement is another important component of the Bergland media strategy. Jack Dean, Steering Committee member and a former public relations consultant who is currently concentrating on campaign media efforts, describes the theory:

"Because we have a limited budget for campaign publicity, we are looking to

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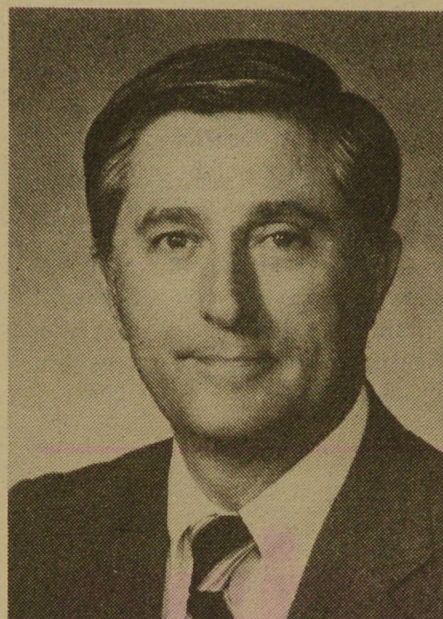
# VP Candidate Jim Lewis: On the Road Again

Nearly everywhere, USA - The newspaper headlines from around the country tell the story: "Candidate Supports Nebraska Christian School" *Indianapolis Star*, 1/21/84; "Libertarian Offers Cure: Toss It Out", *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, 1/18/84; "Libertarian VP Candidate Says He'll Stop 'Socialism'", Bellingham, Washington *Herald*, 2/4/84; "Abolish the Government, Libertarian Vice Presidential Candidate Outlines His Platform", Moscow, Idaho *Idahonian*, 2/12/84; "Libertarians Stress Market Strategies" *Seattle Sunday Times/Post Intelligencier*, 2/12/84; "Libertarian Wants To Sell Party's Line", San Jose *Mercury News*, 2/13/84; "Vice Presidential Candidate Touts Libertarian Line of Less Government", Fresno *Bee*, 2/14/84; "Libertarian Candidate Seeks Economic Freedom, Hartford, Connecticut *Advocate*, 2/15/84. These are just a small sampling of the news stories generated by the peripatetic LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis in a three week period.

While he has for some time made his living as a salesman travelling across the nation for a bookbinding firm, Jim Lewis must have an iron constitution (and

stomach) to cope with his grueling campaign schedule (he also makes sales calls on route). Lewis Campaign Coordinator Tom Ross notes that during the period February 26 to March 25, Jim was on the road a full month without stopping, undoubtedly a new LP campaign record, particularly for a VP candidate in early spring. "We are finding the state LP organizations tremendously helpful," notes Coordinator Ross, "and by contacting them several days before a visit they're usually able to provide excellent local media coverage and campaign events, as well as providing Jim some home cooked meals." The number of news clippings already generated by Lewis's travels is truly awesome, and Ross estimates that Jim Lewis has already obtained "over 50 hours of radio and television time in interviews and talk shows" by the first week in March.

Highlights of Jim's campaign appearances include a half hour appearance on the highly rated Bob Grant talk show on WMCA, on February 20, in New York City, (acknowledged as the best talk show in the Big Apple), where the subject of Lewis's current battle with the IRS came up. Grant brought up the subject regar-



Jim Lewis, 1984 LP Vice Presidential Candidate.

ding Jim's refusal to pay income taxes and asked, "doesn't it bother you to be breaking the law?", whereupon Lewis responded by providing a cogent explanation of why he believes the income tax is unconstitutional and why it is the government, not he, which is actually breaking the law. Bob Grant was impressed enough

to ask Jim for a repeat program at a later date. His other appearances, including ones in Binghamton, Syracuse and Albany, New York met with success, as have appearances in Washington D.C., Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia in late February and early March. In a recent visit to Atlanta prior to the Democrat's "super Tuesday" primary date in the deep South, Lewis found much of the "major media" preoccupied with the saturation appearances of the Democrat's "best and brightest". However, Lewis was able to take advantage of this situation and schedule interviews with two of Atlanta's major black oriented newspapers, which were quite receptive to his interviews and followed up their stories with requests to the National LP office for more information.

Lewis's tentative schedule for the next three months has him appearing in more than 25 states, including states such as North and South Dakota, which have seldom seen national Libertarian candidates in the past. Those interested in scheduling future Lewis campaign stops should contact Lewis Campaign Coordinator Tom Ross at (203) 389-8200 for further details. ■

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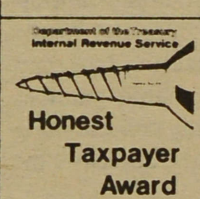
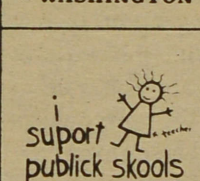
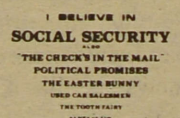
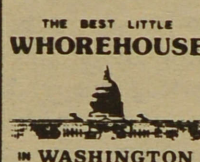
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## Winners In New Hampshire

Epping, New Hampshire - Three Libertarian Party members were elected to non-partisan municipal offices on March 13, according to State Chair Arne Erickson. NHLP State Vice Chair Howard Wilson was elected to the Budget Committee in Andover; Avery Johnson of Milford was elected to the Board of Selectmen in Milford; and Jack Kelleher was elected to the Board of Selectmen in Epsom. Board of Selectmen function as city councilmen in New Hampshire. Six libertarians have been elected to public office in this state since the beginning of the year.

Concord, NH - The "Live Free or Die" State of New Hampshire is often thought of as the most successful proponent of New England "grass roots democracy", where many matters are handled locally. In this tradition, three Libertarian Party members, elected at the same time as New Hampshire's presidential preference primary, will be presenting libertarian arguments before the other 397 delegates also elected to serve in New Hampshire's Constitutional Convention, which convenes every 10 years (if the voters so choose) to review and propose changes to the state constitution.

Former Democratic State Representative Bill Horan of Manchester, John Bishop of Nashua, Treasurer of the NHLP, and Paul Brown of Raymond were elected from among the 1250 candidates who ran, including 22 LP members and supporters. The election was non-partisan. ■

## Commissioner Axed for Lib Views

Minneapolis, MN - Minnesota LP Chair Jack Ardyno, appointed as a Deputy Commissioner of Education of the Minnesota State Education Agency, was fired by the Commissioner effective March 9 for publicly calling to "get the government out of the education business" and discussing private alternatives with local Minnesota school districts. Terming his firing "a First Amendment free speech issue," it is clearly an embarrassment to the supposedly "liberal" Minnesota political establishment. Ardyno said his original involvement in education started in 1980 when he ran for local school board. After following through by continuing his research on the education issue, he was offered the Deputy Commissioner post in July of 1983.

While realizing that his views were at odds with the entrenched view of education as a government monopoly business, Ardyno said his tenure as Deputy Commissioner stemmed from his "altruistic belief" that his public service would allow him to discuss alternatives from inside the education bureaucracy. "Unfortunately," Ardyno notes, "the Minnesota educational system is blatantly socialist and they don't really make any bones about it." Finding little sympathy in the bureaucracy, Ardyno began traveling the state visiting more than 60 school districts during his term, discussing the role of government in education and the possibility of non-government improvements, such as tuition voucher plans. Discussions of these apparently heretical ideas began trickling back to the

top education bureaucrats, and after one local school district printed reports of his belief in educational choice, "I was told by the Education Commission to either 'shut up' about freedom-oriented education alternatives or be fired". The Democratic Senate Majority leader in Minnesota also sent him a letter of reprimand, telling Ardyno that his actions were "disloyal and a challenge to the authority of the State Education Commission" and a "violation of his oath of office". The slumbering educational bureaucracy, largely indifferent to continued deterioration of the monopoly services they provide, were roused to righteous indignation when confronted with a lone libertarian in their midst advocating educational freedom.

Of course, Ardyno didn't knuckle under to the threats, and repeated his message to other local school districts. Unable to tolerate his heretical preaching of the libertarian gospel in the hinterlands, Ardyno was promptly dismissed for opposing the official education dogma.

Ardyno notes that his firing has attracted considerable media interest, including news stories on radio, TV, the *Minneapolis Tribune* and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, as well as the statewide wire services. "Coverage has been pretty good, although the 'liberal papers' in the area are downplaying the free speech angle, since they disagree with my views," Ardyno observes, "but I've received a lot of sympathetic calls and letters in the last few weeks, including several job offers." ■



## Targets Media

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creative and innovative ways to capture media attention. By using standard public relations techniques, we will attempt to acquire free national and local publicity in place of paid advertising."

Laurie Sano agrees and comments that the main difference between the two mediums is simple: "Advertising you buy; PR you steal."

Approaching editors with unique story angles, submitting Libertarian-authored opinion-page pieces for placement and looking to nontraditional media avenues are other ideas in the works.

"Thanks to the groundwork laid by the Clark campaign, the press is much more receptive to Libertarian principles," says Sano. "On Bergland's recent campaign trip through Los Angeles, California, we were able to crack a market known to be tough for obtaining media coverage. A press conference featuring David at the Libertarian Party of California convention drew major television coverage including all three major network-affiliate stations. Newspaper articles included features in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, and the *Daily News*. David also appeared on radio and television talk shows and news programs throughout Los Angeles."

Educating the press and the public is another project that the media plan tackles. Using the Libertarian Party "Question and Answer" brochure developed in 1981, the campaign is able to address many topics and issues that those unfamiliar with Libertarian principles find of interest. The brochures, along with a single page sheet titled "Libertarianism in One Lesson," are included in all press materials and are also distributed by LP volunteers at statewide fairs and conventions.

Reaching as many voters as possible for the fewest dollars is a major concern addressed in the media plan. Utilizing the potential of radio, actualities (taped statements by the candidate) will be distributed nationwide. In addition, increased placement of Bergland on radio talk-shows will help spread the Libertarian message. Cable Television is another media outlet being explored, and locally originated programming may prove to be a vital link in educating those voters living in areas served by that medium.

Speaking engagements are high on the priority list, and Campaign Scheduler Melinda Pillsbury-Foster comments that "We're encouraging the State Campaign Coordinators to have the candidate address as many civic organizations and groups as possible. This will allow him the opportunity to apply libertarian principles to subjects that appeal to the interests of these organizations."

Generating initial press coverage is a task that local media coordinators and the campaign communications staff will work on together. Having an insight into what the press considers "news" will enable the campaign to pique the interest

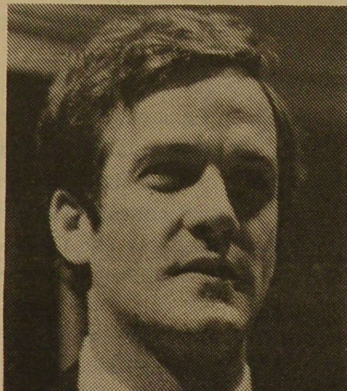
of the media and present our Libertarian candidate as **the** alternative. During Bergland's visits to various states and localities, publicity can be gained if the proper steps are followed. Continuing the press effort once the candidate is gone is an additional necessary step.

Already, David Bergland and the Libertarian Party have received extensive national exposure. While on a recent trip to New York and Washington, D.C., David was interviewed on "Nightline" with Ted Koppel, on C.N.N.'s "Crossfire" and "Take Two" and was also interviewed by the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Times*. Campaign Manager Bill Evers says, "This early campaign press coverage is an encouraging beginning to the Bergland For President media effort, and leads us to anticipate even more and better coverage as the campaign progresses." ■



Dave Bergland interviewed by Santa Ana Register reporter at California LP Convention.

## Bergland/Lewis Campaign Staff Profiles



Bill Evers



Laurie Sano



Mary Gingell



Thomas Ross

Campaign Manager Bill Evers, 35, is a long-time Libertarian Party activist. He is past chair of the Libertarian Party of California, and has served on the National Committee for eight out of the last nine years. He was active in the last two presidential campaigns, serving in 1976 as National Research Director for the MacBride campaign, and in 1980 on the Literature Review Committee of the Clark campaign.

Evers has also been a candidate twice since the LP achieved permanent ballot status in California. In 1980 he ran a very active campaign for Congress against incumbent Pete McCloskey, receiving 8% in a three-way race. In 1982 he received 4% in a race for one of the state's four Board of Equalization District seats (an agency which oversees approximately \$8 billion in annual sales tax revenue). He has also worked in several local campaigns, most recently as campaign manager for the Cassandra Moore City Council campaign in Palo Alto.

One of the group that founded the Center for Libertarian Studies in New York in 1975, Evers was also the founding editor of *Inquiry* magazine, from 1977-80. He holds both a B.A. and an M.A. in political science, from Stanford University.

Media Co-ordinator Laurie Sano, 26, brings to the Bergland campaign an impressive background of media skills and professional credentials. For the past five

years, she has been an account representative with Bower Communications in Huntington Beach—a full service advertising and public relations agency. Her accounts have included banks, developers, hospitals, telecommunications firms, restaurants, manufacturing firms, non-profit organizations, and personalities. In addition to account supervision, she has experience in all phases of public-relations, campaign planning, development, copywriting, and media relations—including print, radio and television.

Prior to joining Bower Communications, she worked for ABC-TV studios in Hollywood. She is also currently a freelance writer and columnist for several Southern California publications.

Laurie holds a B.A. in journalism from the University of LaVerne in LaVerne, California. She is married, and her husband Kenji, 29, is a musician. They live in Long Beach.

Campaign Administrative Assistant Mary Gingell, 28, is also the current Vice Chair of the National LP. In February, she completed a term as Chair of the Libertarian Party of California.

Because she feels the Bergland campaign is so important to the Party's future, she has taken a leave of absence from her job as Manager of Commute Services with Southern Pacific Railroad in San Francisco in order to work on the campaign full time.

Mary holds a B.A. in accounting and management/information systems from the University of Virginia, and an M.B.A. from Harvard, where she first joined the LP in 1980.

In 1982, she ran for Controller of the State of California, receiving 120,000 votes.

Thomas Ross, a mechanical engineer and sales manager for a New Haven chemical distributor, has assumed the role of Jim Lewis's Campaign Coordinator and has been busy keeping up with Lewis's hectic travel schedule. Ross, 28, was the Lewis for Senate campaign manager in that 1982 Connecticut campaign and joined the LP in 1982. He heard a co-worker mention Libertarians during the 1980 Presidential race and discovered the party's existence after some searching. He contacted Connecticut area libertarians in 1981. In one instance, he waved down a car with an old Clark for President bumpersticker and showed the driver his Legalize Freedom bumpersticker. This led to his meeting Jenifer Roback, currently a Yale based economist, and ultimately his LP political involvement grew into its present form. Mutual friendship and respect grew out of his campaign management of Jim Lewis's Senate campaign, which garnered considerable TV debate coverage. Tom is married to fellow Libertarian Andrea Krevit-Ross, and they have a family "of two little Libertarians." ■



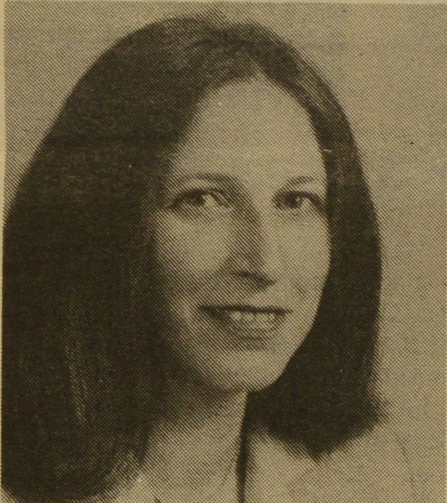
## Baase Enters U.S. Rep. Race

Libertarian activist Sara Baase filed papers in February to run as the Libertarian candidate in the 41st Congressional District, opposing incumbent Bill Lowery. Baase, 36, is a professor of computer science at San Diego State University and has held numerous leadership positions in the California and National Libertarian Parties.

Baase was critical of many of the stands taken by Lowery during his two terms in Congress. She said that, "Lowery has been a continual disappointment in his support of the administration's dangerous military and foreign policy, in his lack of support for civil liberties, and in his failure to work for significant reductions in both the federal deficit and the nearly one trillion dollar Federal budget."

Baase opposed the original placement of U.S. Marines in Lebanon and wants them all brought home now.

Baase also indicated that her campaign will address the disastrous state of the public schools. "At a cost of roughly twice the cost of educating a child in a private school, the public schools are doing a much worse job," she said.



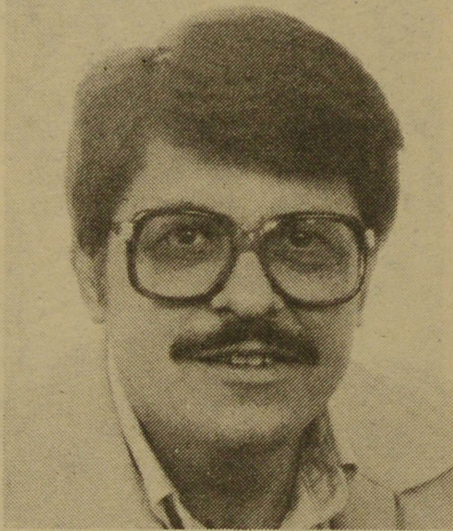
Sarah Baase, 4th Cong. District, Cal.

As a libertarian, Baase offers an alternative to the ever-bigger government and ever-higher taxes and deficits that have been the hallmark of both the Democrats and the Republicans. "Libertarians are the only candidates who are committed to delivering this country from an intolerable burden of taxation and government interference in our businesses and our daily lives," she added. ■

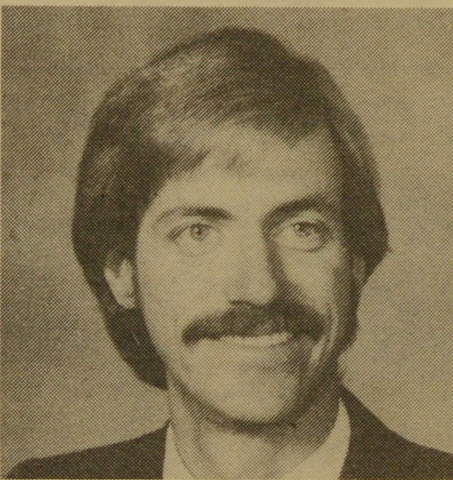
### Beasts of Burden

Washington, D.C. - The Tax Foundation recently released research (based upon IRS data collected) showed that in 1981, 93% of all federal income taxes collected were paid by just half of the taxpayers, those who reported more than \$14,000 in income. This group paid an average of \$5599 in federal taxes on income. Furthermore, 10% of the taxpayers paid 48% of the tax bill, those with income over \$38,773. So much for the myth that the "rich" don't pay "their fair share."

## Utah Libertarians Announce



Brent Richards, 3rd Cong. District, Utah



Willy Marshall, 1st Cong. District, Utah

## Loux, Ruwart Appointed

Kalamazoo, MI - Mary Ruwart - who narrowly lost the hotly contested LP Vice Presidential race in last August's Presidential nominating convention, and Sheryl Loux - a veteran LP activist, were appointed in January to two Kalamazoo City advisory commissions by the Mayor. Ruwart and Loux both ran for Kalamazoo City Commission last November on a Taxpayer's Protection slate, consisting of four libertarians and one incumbent City Commissioner, who is conservative. Of the slate, only the incumbent won election, and because he received more votes than the other candidates he automatically also became Mayor.

Ruwart was appointed to the Public Safety Task Force for a two year term. This advisory citizen's group oversees Kalamazoo's combined police/fire department arrangement.

Sherly Loux was named to the Alternative Financing Committee, which will deliberate until July over the precarious state of the city's finances. Loux will concentrate on the cutting of expenses in the city's budget, and will oppose measures suggested by some that the city impose an income tax to balance the books. This measure will probably be on the November ballot and will be opposed by area libertarians. ■

Salt Lake City, Utah - Two Salt Lake City residents announced their candidacies for U.S. House of Representatives in December. Brent Richards is seeking the LP nomination for the Third Congressional District, while Willy Marshall is running for the First Congressional District.

Mr. Richards, a self-employed small businessman, was born in Connecticut and has lived in Utah for 15 years. He is married, and states that he has "5-1/2 children." He is 46 years old and a member of the LDS Church. Brent attended the University of Utah for 4-1/2 years.

Seeking to highlight the peace issue, Mr. Richards intends to run an active campaign. "I believe I can be a powerful advocate for peace in the upcoming campaign. I believe there is a solution to the nuclear problem. We cannot trust our lives and families to the politicians. Deterrence, while it has worked for the recent past, needs only to fail once for millions to die."

Mr. Richards has been an active Libertarian for 8 years. He has run twice for the State House of Representatives (1976 and 1980) and once for the State Senate (1982) on the Libertarian Party ticket. He is also a delegate from Salt Lake County to the State Central Committee of the LPU.

Willy Marshall, a 31-year old dispatcher for the Salt Lake City Police Department, is a Libertarian candidate for Utah's First Congressional District. A Libertarian activist since 1981, this will be his fifth campaign for public office. He will be facing incumbent Republican James Hansen and an "inconsequential Democrat" not yet chosen as the sacrificial lamb.

Marshall is excited about the opportunity to present the Libertarian alternative to the people of Utah via personal appearance and the media. "I plan to speak to as many groups as possible, from high schools and colleges to the Chamber of Commerce, from the League of Women Voters to the Freemen Institute. As you may know, Utah is Reagan Country, the state which delivered to

Reagan his highest vote percentage. After four years of broken promises, record-breaking spending and deficits, and foreign intrigues, I think there will be many more voters attracted by the clear logic and common sense of the Libertarian Party," Marshall noted.

Mr. Marshall was a missionary in France and Switzerland for the Mormon Church. He has also received awards for exceptional service as a volunteer working with Vietnam veterans in drug rehabilitation. ■

## Michigan Results Top 1982

Central Michigan - Michigan LP State Senatorial candidates, Virginia Cropsey and Bill Hollander, both received higher vote percentages in the recent January 31 special elections than were received by the candidates for those offices in the 1982 elections. Neither candidate came close to victory, unfortunately, in the special elections made necessary by the voter recall of the incumbents who had supported a major state tax increase. Hollander received 1.6% of the vote in the special election, compared to his total of .9% in the 1982 election. Cropsey's somewhat higher percentage of 2.2% also represented an increase for the Libertarian candidate over 1982, although Cropsey was not the candidate two years ago. Republicans won both races by wide margins, with approximately 30,000 votes cast in Cropsey's 9th Senate District race and 18,000 in Hollander's 8th District. ■

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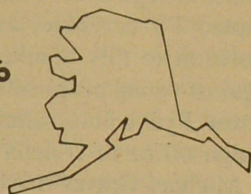
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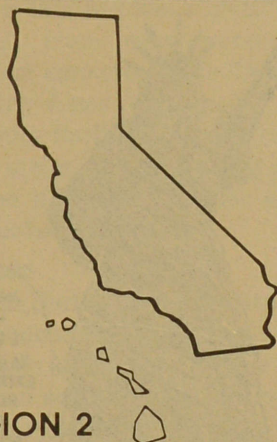
The Alaska LP's effort to abolish this state's unfair and wastefully expensive Presidential primary law paid off on January 30, when both houses of the Alaska legislature speedily repealed the primary law and the governor signed the repeal legislation. ALP Chair Dick Randolph praised the legislature for its speedy action, and then urged legislators to continue their success in repealing bad laws by taking on the recent legislative pay raise. "It's clear most Alaskans did not want to be forced into registering with a political party in order to vote in the primary," Randolph said. The Alaska LP was the only political group to publicly oppose the primary law.

The ALP plopped more than 20,000 petition signatures on the Lt. Governor's desk in early January, supporting a ballot measure to eliminate the Alaska Transportation Commission, representing a hefty 10% of the citizens who voted in the last general election. Division of Election officials, in early February, claimed that the petition effort fell 117 names short, after what was undoubtedly careful scrutiny by bureaucrats. However, the party had 30 days to make up the difference and ALP Executive Director reports that more than 500 signatures were turned in. The measure will be up for a vote this fall.

The ALP office in Anchorage has moved to a new location (803 W. 36th). The recent move and volunteer effort was coordinated by Carl Whitson, who managed to get 150 volunteer hours over a single weekend from Anchorage area libertarians to clean and move in to the new facility. Anchorage businessman Marc Cowart was elected chair of the Anchorage LP in early January, with Carl Whitson, John Ulsher and Tammy Randolph elected to other party offices.

The Anchorage LP also had fun in mid-February selecting the 1983 recipient of the annual Moose Goose award, given to the person party members think did the most to deny Anchorage citizens their rights and responsibilities. The plaque is

The state LP convention is scheduled for May 4-6 at the Land's End Hotel in Homer.



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## California

The nation's largest Libertarian Party, California's, had 66,708 registered members in the state by the end of 1983 according to recent press reports. This places them fourth of five parties on the California ballot (ahead of Peace & Freedom).

State Executive Director Marshall Fritz, who spends most of his time on the road organizing and educating current and potential libertarians, reported that as of the end of 1983 there were nearly 1200 dues paying libertarians in the state, representing a 52% increase for the period March thru Dec. 1983. Largest groups are the Santa Clara LP and the Los Angeles San Fernando Valley organization.

An estimated 300 attendees, including over 150 delegates, attended the California LP State Convention held Feb. 17-20 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City (L.A. area). Numerous speakers discussed prominent libertarians and movements in history, covering the theme "A Tribute to Our Libertarian Heritage." Over 190 people attended the Presidential Banquet featuring David Bergland. Convention business included election of officers, rules and platform changes, and long-range planning for the LPC. New officers elected for one year terms were Jack Dean of Fullerton as Chair, Dennis Schlumpf of Tahoe City as Northern Vice Chair, Sam Treynor of Manhattan Beach, as Southern Vice Chair, Jerry Douglas of Woodland Hills as Secretary, and Steve Alexander of San Jose as Treasurer. The convention received good media attention from the wire services, five LA area papers including the *Times* and *Herald Examiner*, two radio stations and three TV stations.

San Diego area libertarians held their annual convention on Jan. 28 and elected Frank Zoeckler Chair, Pat Wright Vice Chair, and Kyra Wagner and Clay Egan to other offices. Ed Clark was the featured speaker to the crowd of more than 30, and spoke about the early success of the Bergland campaign. The SDLP held its Executive meeting on Feb. 28, and Reason Foundation staffer John Northup gave a supper club presentation on the theme "Gay Politics: No Place for Libertarians".

Berkeley/Oakland area libertarians elected new officers in January, choosing Fred Foldvary as Chair, outgoing Chair Mark Tarses as Vice Chair, and Michael Tejada, Mark Ross and Cynthia Hilton for other Alameda County LP offices. Butte County area libertarians enjoyed the January panel presentation in Paradise by LP Chair Dr. Harry Pendery, himself a former Republican, and other panelists Steve Curry of Chico, Ivan Amy, Paradise Town Councilman, and Joann McCool of Oroville.

Local area libertarian author, business editor, and consultant to the Geneva-based GLOBESCAN newsletter Richard Maybury gave a well received address to Placer County libertarians on Feb. 2 in Auburn, California. He discussed the subject of the underground economy and its historical roots in America's tradition of individual freedom.

Sacramento County libertarians elected new officers recently, including Chair Eric Phelps, Vice Chair Warren Rosenbaum, and Dr. Gregory Grant, David Henderson, Rita Rippetoe and John Slevin serving in other offices. Roger Pope continues as *Capital Liberty* newsletter editor, along with Mary Long as co-editor. Kern County (Bakersfield) area libertarians continue to be active, with success at publishing letters to the editor, reprints in area papers from their newsletter, *Advance to Liberty*, and sponsorship of a visit from State LP Director Fritz speaking on March 22 on "How to Build Your Local Organization."

The Santa Clara LP held its annual convention on Jan. 19 and elected Jim Wilson Chair, Don Cormier Vice Chair, and Linda Torno and Steve Alexander to other offices. Santa Clara libertarians have been active with the Libertarian Council booth at the De Anza Flea Market and a telemarketing workshop held on March 3 in South San Francisco by Marshall Fritz. Twelve libertarians have announced for area Congressional or Assembly races, with more candidates expected to file before the deadline. Contra Costa libertarians heard former LP candidate Hal Jindrich at the March 14 meeting on the subject "Freedom for Learning: A Crucial Political Issue", and their February 8th meeting featured David Moran of the Constitutional Heritage Protection Association speak on rights, common law and oppressive taxation.

Santa Barbara County LP members elected new officers at their January meeting, including Jan Bellamy as Chair, Katie Sibley as Secretary/Treasurer, and Robert Poole as State Executive Committee Representative. The Ventura County LP held its monthly meeting on February 17, and the Channel Counties area libertarian Video Supper Club held its meeting on Feb. 23. Tuolumne County (Sonora) area libertarians heard Marshall Fritz on Jan. 26 present his "Introduction to Libertarianism" program, and followed it up with an organizational meeting on Jan. 28.

And finally, in the legendary land of hot tubs, BMW's and Marin County mellow, San Rafael mortgage banker Howard Creighton has launched his second campaign for California's 6th Congressional District seat. Expecting to top his 3% total in his 1982 race, Creighton said he was running "to put forth the LP positions on the major issues. Specifically, the issue of peace and our overseas troop involvements, the gargantuan Federal deficits, and the fact that the Democrats and Republicans are unable to control it."

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## Hawaii

"The Hawaii LP is enjoying the calm before the flurry of election activity," noted Hawaii LP Chair Chris Winter. The main activity centers around preparation for the Bergland campaign visit at the state convention on July 28 (location to be announced). The LPH has also been working at the State House following legislation affecting the ballot laws. A statewide candidate must now get 10% of the vote to keep party ballot status. A Senate bill would allow ballot status for 10 years, and there is a chance that the percentage would change to 5%.

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## Oregon

Former Oregon LP Chair Rich Gray, who had served since the spring of 1982, resigned at the Jan. 14 State Central Committee meeting. In a letter to the party, Gray noted that expansion of his business location did not leave him enough time to continue his leadership responsibilities. Incumbent OLP Vice Chair Ralph Edwards was elected by the Committee to serve until the next convention.

The State Convention will be held April 13-15 at Silver Falls State Park, near Salem, and among the expected speakers are LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis and *Reason Magazine* publisher Robert Poole. LPO headquarters in Portland at 3415 SE Belmont, Portland, OR 97214, was the site of the formal grand opening on February 11 and 12, where area libertarians enjoyed refreshments and ambiance. Robert Rosen and Herman Kachold were instrumental in getting the new office open and ready for business. The State Committee met at the new facility on Feb. 25 to discuss computer access, the California Convention, legal matters, the petition drive, the upcoming

## Photos Needed

Like Tennessee Williams' southern belle, *LP News* "has always relied on the kindness of strangers" to furnish photographs of Libertarian activities. We are happy to receive your photos of people, places and events (action shots, if possible) along with a brief caption and photo credit, if desired. Black and white photos are preferred, and we'll return them if requested. Send them to *LP News*, 21715 Park Brook Drive, Katy, TX 77450.

ing state convention and initiative petition endorsements. Lane County (Eugene) LP Chair Bob Fauvre volunteered to serve as press release coordinator, and has been issuing releases as well as running a newsletter feature about press relations in the state newsletter. He is also responsible for producing the half-hour program "Libertarian Options", shown weekly on Eugene cable TV.

## Washington

Jim Lewis made a successful campaign swing through the state Feb. 1-4, where his visit generated numerous articles and interviews. Appearances included three radio interviews and talk show stints, three guest lecturer visits to Washington colleges, four lunches/dinners/social hours, and a Seattle press conference. Former state Chair and former NatCom Representative Skip Barron coordinated the campaign swing with the aid of local Campaign 84 representatives. Skip is Washington state Campaign 84 Coordinator. The Puget Sound Libertarian Forum (Seattle area) heard Cuban expatriate Juan Ramos on "How the U.S. lost Cuba to the Communists, and what role was played by the Church" in their Jan. 10 meeting.

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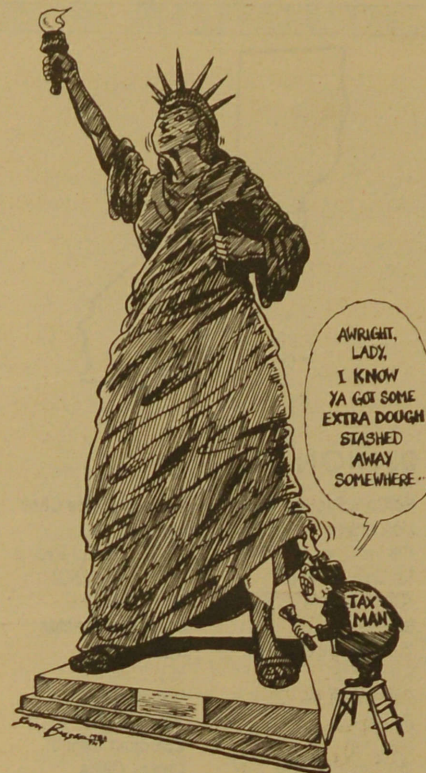
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## Idaho

David Bergland made a successful appearance at the University of Idaho in Moscow the week of March 12, stopping by after his visit to the Montana LP Convention. The Libertarian Party of Ada County (Boise area) discussed private education alternatives, rules and by-laws changes, and elected officers for the upcoming year. Mike Wilson was elected Chair, Lowell Carpenter was elected Vice Chair, and other offices were taken by Barbara Sall, Marty Janstrom, Tom Janstrom, Richard Price and Allen Dalton.

Joe Hautzinger, Jack Kitchens, Don Billings and Allen Dalton held a Jan. 26 press conference in Boise, sponsored by the Choice in Education group and the Center for Study of Market Alternatives. The group made the case for removal of state financing of education and elimination of compulsory attendance laws. Their efforts stirred up quite a fuss, since



Billings and Dalton are both economics professors at Boise State University. The University President denounced the conference and tried to claim the group didn't "disassociate" themselves enough from the University. Both this action and a subsequent February 7 report released by the Center for Study of Market Alternatives criticizing a report by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry on Higher Education drew considerable newspaper attention, with some columnists absolutely "horrified" that economists and professors would dare call for fewer tax dollars for the sacred government education cow.

## Montana

The MLP kicked off its March 9-11 State Convention held in Sommers (near Kalispell) with a whirlwind tour of the state by LP Presidential candidate David Bergland's visits to three of Montana's major cities, Great Falls, Helena and Missoula.

In other activities, Montana State University political science student Richard Fyfe wrote a press release in early March which resulted in statewide news coverage over MLP opposition to

a proposed ban on drinking for citizens under the age of 21. This action even prompted TV coverage, as the MLP's opposition to this blanket discrimination against young people attracted public interest. Fyfe will be running the state campaign office in Helena later this year.

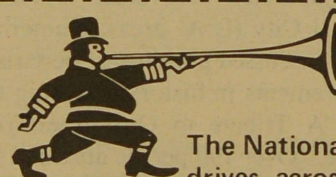
Michael Graves mayoral quest ended in the courts, when his suit was dismissed for mootness, since the disabled Missoula veteran named Mayor was judged to have "outranked" Graves regardless of the suspicious procedural circumstances surrounding his appointment. Both Graves and his attorney Halprin are reportedly considering running for office in western Montana in November.

Larry Dodge continues to make front page news in Montana, with several stories appearing in February speculating on his possible candidacy for the Governor's office. "It's a surety that I will run for governor on some ticket or another", Dodge was quoted as saying, with news reports noting that "Dodge said he would prefer to run as a Libertarian with the endorsement of the GOP". Noting that this arrangement would provide him greater resources for a campaign, Dodge says he will announce his plans in April. GOP leaders have reportedly been very impressed with Dodge and have been unable to find a suitable candidate of their own to run.

## Wyoming

The Wyoming LP is following up on their successful ballot access ruling, in which the Judge order the Legislature to make the changes, with a lobbying effort to make ballot access more fair. The House Committee is working on a bill, which may not pass in the current session, to extend petition filing deadlines until August 15, for 1984 and July 1 for 1985 and later. The names of all candidates and offices can be on the same petition, and the current bill requires 8000 signatures as long as the majority of them don't come from the same county.

The WLP is also seeking candidates, and Dave Dawson of Casper has indicated that he may be interested in running for State Representative. The State Executive



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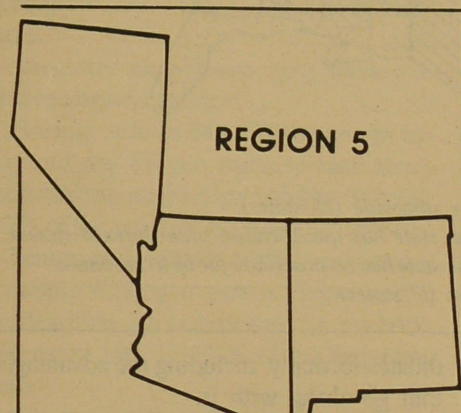
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Committee has been meeting about once a month, and the party has been concentrating on major issues such as the proposed state "industrialization policy" and a new major water policy project, involving the creation of a man-made lake in central Wyoming. Several state media outlets have been interested in hearing libertarian views, including one station which may air commercials about the petition drive.



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#### Arizona

The ALP has re-scheduled its State Convention from the weekend in May to May 12-13 in Tucson, at the Santa Rita Hotel, in order to accommodate Dave Bergland's other campaign commitments. Kim Horner has agreed to serve as Bergland Campaign coordinator for his statewide tour, and Kathy Harrer will serve as press release coordinator.

Flagstaff Councilman Murray Feldstein, an LP member running for re-election, is selling "Ax the Tax" buttons to raise campaign funds, which refers to the proposed 1% city sales tax proposed by other councilmen. A similar measure was recently defeated in a vote. A State Executive Committee meeting in Phoenix on March 10-11 was held in conjunction with a candidate seminar at the Los Olivos Resort Hotel. The Committee accepted nominations for the W. Patrick Harper Memorial Award for "continuing superior service to the ALP". The Award honors Pat Harper, a charter ALP member who ran for Congress in 1976, was the first Libertarian to hold the balance of power in a national election, and who died tragically at the age of 28 of a cerebral aneurysm.

The Maricopa County LP heard from State Senator Wayne Stump of Phoenix, speaking in favor of two initiatives allowing jury nullification of unjust laws and petitioning the Federal government to issue silver money.

#### New Mexico

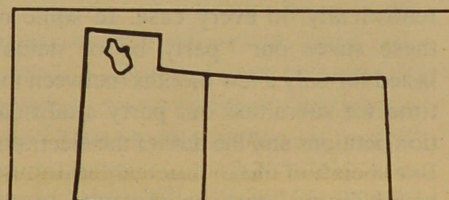
Dave Bergland will make an extensive campaign swing through New Mexico April 4-7, with preliminary plans for him to visit Santa Fe, Las Vegas and Albuquerque. The climax of his visit will be

his banquet speed at the State Convention on April 7 (incorrectly reported as Apr. 17 in the last issue). Other convention events include a slide show and speech from Albuquerque Journal political cartoonist John Trevor.

Shirly Jones continues her campaign activities for U.S. Congress (see related story in this issue), including petitioning for the 1000 signatures she will collect for her ballot position.

#### Nevada

Don Darlings played host to the NLP Convention held in Las Vegas on February 18. Incumbent Chair Dan Becan of Reno was re-elected for another term. Becan reports that the party is looking "to get candidates to commit for the next election" to fill the slate of offices. He also reports that the party may be involved in a petition effort to abolish the Nevada Industrial Commission (NIC), which has recently been closing churches and businesses down for refusal to pay compulsory industrial accident insurance. The NLP has been involved in about 10 petition efforts in the past. James "Libertarian" Burns was released from Federal custody in late February, and Nevada libertarians welcomed him back to the "free world."



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#### Utah

LPU State Chair Hugh Butler issued a widely publicized press release on January 12, offering to rebate to each taxpayer \$1 to everyone who checked off the LP on the state income tax form, which is used by the older parties to trick taxpayers into financing their nefarious political activities. Butler noted, "It may not be much -- but it is more than you will get from the Democratic and Republican parties. Moreover, it is an example of our commitment to slashing taxes."

The LPU Election Committee headed by Willy Marshall is actively recruiting candidates, and hopes to have at least 50 candidates, including ones for all three Congressional seats.

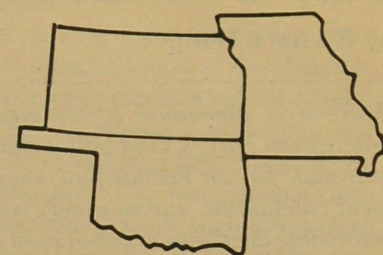
Several excellent policy and strategy/tactics articles have appeared in the newsletter recently, including a report of their monthly letter writing award to D.W. Crosby, Cloyd Bird and Willy Marshall. Utah libertarians have also been active with their lobbying efforts, including

recent testimony on the LP proposal for tuition tax credits. Evy Tessman, Salt Lake City LP Vice Chair, wrote an in-depth review of the libertarian view of public education and sent it to each member of the state legislature. Several positive responses were received.

#### Colorado

Colorado libertarians are making plans to enjoy their upcoming State Convention to be held May 26-28 (Memorial Day weekend) at the Northglen Holiday Inn just outside of Denver. Featured guests will be David Bergland and native son National Chair Paul Grant. The theme of the Convention will be "Liberate Yourself First" and it promises to be a lively affair.

Coloradians may now register as LP members, effective March 6, thanks to the legal victory in their ballot access case (see related articles in the current and past issues of *LP News*). The petition process is still continuing, with about 25% of the work complete, according to State Chair Patrick Lilly. Precinct caucuses will be held May 7. Colorado may well have two libertarians on the ballot for U.S. Senate, with Craig Green announcing for the LP ticket slot, and veteran libertarian activist Stromy Mon opting for the small 'l' libertarian position as an independent.



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#### Kansas

Kansan and LP Region 7 Representative Blake Huber reports that the Kansas legislature is working on legislation to try and remove the LP from the ballot by greatly increasing the vote percentage needed to retain ballot status. The original bill would have required 2% of Presidential or gubernatorial votes to remain, or a 2% petition requirement. The Senate passed the bill amending the percentage to 1% and both Huber and State Chair Bill Earnest plan to testify before the House Committee on the subject.

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
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# Ballot Status Faces Obstacles

by Richard Winger

*While it is premature to evaluate the Libertarian Party's 1984 ballot status in each state for our Presidential, state and local candidates, due to widely varying petitioning deadlines which in most cases have not yet passed, it is possible to analyze the prospects for the Party's ballot status, as opposed to candidates, as Richard Winger does in the following article. Richard Winger is a San Francisco-based attorney who also serves as Ballot Access Consultant on legal matters for the Libertarian Party.*

January 1984 brought us victories in two ballot access lawsuits in Colorado and South Dakota, states in which we have been getting our candidates on the ballot for some time now anyway. These two decisions, plus a similar one in Kansas in 1982, establish the right of political parties to be on the ballot, as distinct from the right of candidates to get on the ballot. What do these decisions mean for the Libertarian Party?

For purposes of this article, "party ballot status" for purposes of the following discussions, means a situation in which the Libertarian candidates are formally nominated by the Libertarian Party itself, either by convention or by primary. A system in which the LP merely suggests candidates to the public by printing their names on a petition, and circulating the petition, does not constitute "party ballot access", even if the party name is printed on the ballot next to the names of those candidates. This is because the party itself has not nominated the candidates, in a formal sense. Instead, it is the petition signers who have nominated the candidates. "Party ballot status" for purposes of the following discussions, means the legal right of the Libertarian Party to make the nominations for public office.

The advantages of "party ballot status" are several. They include:

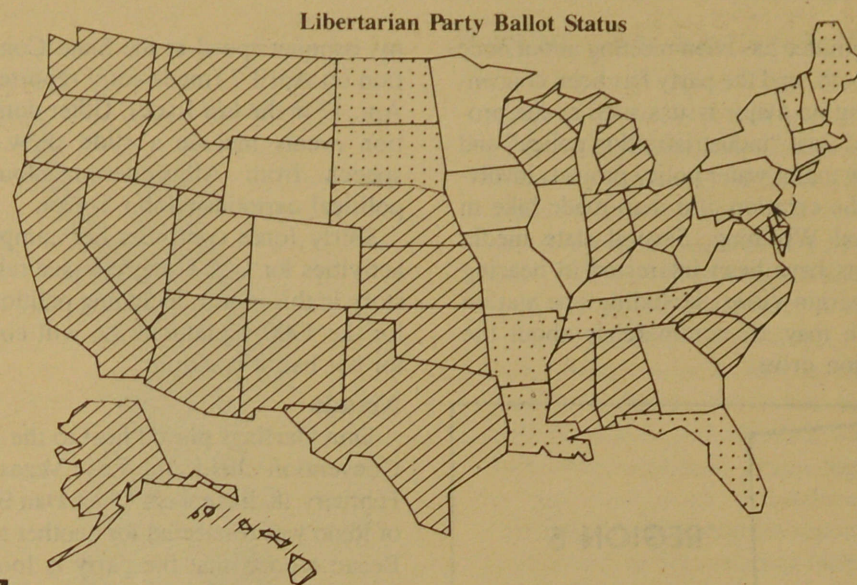
1. Better protection for the word "Libertarian" on the ballot. When the state recognizes the LP as an organization empowered to formally nominate candidates, no unassociated individual can meander in from nowhere, get himself on the general election ballot by petition, and claim the word "Libertarian" as his ballot label.

2. The right to have voters register or enroll as "Libertarian", and the duty of the state to tell the party who those voters are. Of course, in many states there is no such thing as registering into a particular party; this characteristic only applies to states in which voters do register into parties.

3. Equal prominence on the ballot. At a minimum this means that if the Democrats and Republicans have their party names in large print at the head of a column, then we do also. If the Democrats and Republicans have a "logo" on top of the column, then we have our Statute of Liberty, porcupine, or whatever our state party wants. If it's a state with an office-group ballot, instead of a party column, then our candidates have the same random chance to be listed first as Republicans and Democrats do.

Occasionally, we get one or more of these advantages even when we aren't a qualified party, as defined above. But to enjoy them all, the legal environment demands that we attain "party ballot status".

How then, are we doing obtaining "party ballot status" around the country?



- ☒ The LP is now or has been a qualified party statewide (25 states).  
☐ The LP has never been a qualified party, but state has qualification procedures (8 states).  
☐ The LP has never been a qualified party, and the state has no procedure for us to become a qualified party before any particular election (17 states).

The Libertarian Party now has "party ballot status" statewide, or has had it in the past, in the 25 states that are "hatched" on the map. The map does not distinguish between the states in which we have "party ballot status" now, and the states in which we don't have it now but have attained it in the past. Because if we had it in the past, the party can do it again, realistically, in every case. In some of these states our "party ballot status" lasted for only a few months (between the time we submitted our party qualification petitions and the date of the election). But in each of these "hatched" states, we have had true "party ballot status", meaning the right to nominate our own can-

didates formally, including the advantages that go along with it.

There are some procedural flaws in the type of "party ballot status" that we previously had in Oregon, Maryland, and New Mexico, but we have good chances to overcome these in the near future. Also, our nomination procedures in Alaska, Idaho and Wisconsin, like the nomination procedures for the Republicans and Democrats there, are by "open" or even "blanket" primary. This lessens our own control over our nominations, but in practice this has not yet been a problem, and may never be.

What about the other 25 states? Why

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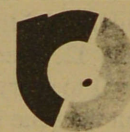
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## Ballot Status Obstacles

haven't we ever had "party ballot status" in them?

In 8 states, there is a procedure for a new party to obtain "party ballot status" to any election, but we've never fulfilled that procedure because it's been too difficult. These are the states that are "stippled" on the map. Those procedures for 1984 are:

1. Maine: submit 23,012 signatures by December 1983 (5% of the last gub. vote).
2. Vermont: no petition, just show extensive organization.
3. Florida: submit 145,970 signatures by July and pay 10¢ per name to have elections officials check their validity (145,970 is 3% of the number of registered voters).
4. Tennessee: submit 30,974 signatures of people willing to sign as "members"; the deadline isn't clear but it's no later than early May (2 1/2% of the last gub. vote).
5. Arkansas: submit 23,681 signatures by May 1 (3% of the last gub. vote).
6. Louisiana: register over 100,000 voters "Libertarian"; the exact number and deadline isn't clear (registration requirement is 5% of the total number of registered voters).
7. North Dakota: submit 7,000 signatures by mid-April.
8. South Dakota: submit 6,965 signatures by April 3 (the old requirement was 27,860 signatures by Feb. 3, but our lawsuit forced an improvement).

We are attempting to meet some of these requirements. In other cases we're

suining or thinking about it. But, as bad as some of these requirements are, at least these states **have** a procedure by which a new party can attain "party ballot status" before any particular election. The other 17 (those shown as blank on the map) don't!

The 17 blank states on the map only have procedures to nominate **candidates** by petition. There is no means by which a new party can qualify itself for "party ballot status" prior to an election. "Party ballot status" only can be attained if the group's candidates poll a certain specified vote. This means that a group must be organized for at least 2 1/2 years before it can ever enjoy "party ballot status" in an election. This can also be as long as four years in the case of states which define "party" only in terms of the gubernatorial vote and in which the governor is elected only every 4 years.

These obstacles are one reason why our Colorado ballot access lawsuit victory is so exciting. It is the first decision which seems to say that a state is constitutionally required to have procedures by which a **new** party can obtain "party ballot status" prior to any particular election. The State of Colorado is appealing the decision, so we can't be sure the original decision will survive, and it's only one U.S. District Court opinion. We have a long way to go before "party ballot status" for third parties is safely enumerated among the protections of the U.S. Constitution. But we are making progress. ■



Shirley Jones makes campaign stop in Northern New Mexico.

## New Mexico: Jones for Congress

Sapello, NM - New Mexico educator Shirley Jones announced in December that she will run for Congress in the Third New Mexico Congressional District. Mrs. Jones, who has worked in education in various capacities for the past 25 years, most recently as an advisor and educational diagnostician for a private firm, feels strongly that education should be made a state rather than a federal concern, with no financial support from the feds.

Striving for a broader base for her candidacy, Shirley Jones announced in early February the appointment of seven

New Mexico Libertarians to assist in her campaign.

Chief among those receiving posts were Dr. Frank Clinard of Los Alamos, who was named chairman of the Shirley Jones for Congress Committee, and Young Ai Montoya of Sapello, who will act as treasurer. The five regional campaign coordinators chosen included Bob Dugger of Santa Fe, Walter Johnson of Socorro, Gene Martin of Mora, the Rev. Henry Rodgers of Las Vegas, and Deb Smith of Pecos. Dr. Clinard will function as chief platform advisor in the drive. The regional coordinators will arrange speaking engagements for Mrs. Jones, organize local ballot petition drives, and conduct liaison work with the local news media.

The Jones team also hopes to establish bases in Belen, Farmington, Gallup, Rio Rancho, and Taos. Since no Libertarian has ever run for office before in northern New Mexico, the support organization for the campaign must be built from scratch.

Contributions to the Sapello Libertarian's cause have passed the \$700 mark with several more donations promised. This is very slim compared to the \$100,000-\$200,000 the major party candidates expect to raise, but her total should increase substantially when Mrs. Jones makes several joint appearances in New Mexico in April with Libertarian presidential candidate David Bergland.

Mrs. Jones has been chair of the Las Vegas City Schools Special Education Program, the director of Northeastern New Mexico Regional Special Education Instructional Materials Center and an administrator for Las Vegas City Schools. Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Rice University in Houston and earned a masters degree in special education from Highlands. She is married to Richard Jones, a wine-maker and LP activist, and has lived in Sapello for 20 years. ■

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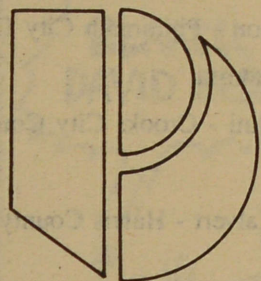
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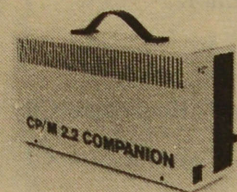
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## Foldvary Running for California Assembly

Fred Foldvary, a resident of Berkeley, will be a candidate for the California Assembly in the 1984 elections. The incumbent in his district is Tom Bates, a liberal Democrat.

The Campaign Manager is Michael Tejada, editor of **Libertarian Lifeline**, the newsletter of the Alameda County Libertarian Party. Albert Heitzmann, a former libertarian assembly candidate, is the treasurer of the campaign.

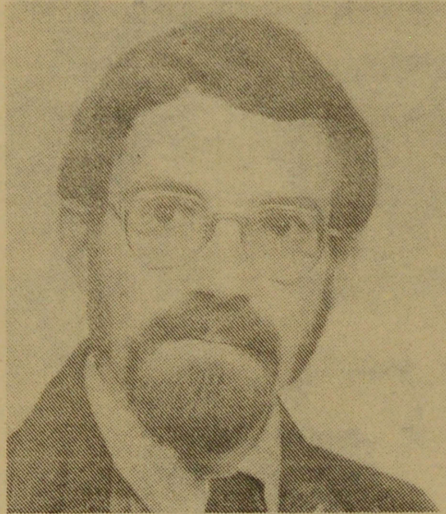
Foldvary has been a member of the Alameda County Libertarian Council and Party since 1977. He has run for Berkeley City Council and School Board, and is editor of the **Libertarian Digest** periodical. He is also author of the book, **The Soul of Liberty**. He has written articles for several magazines, and has also worked as a computer programmer.

The cornerstone of the Foldvary campaign will be a "Human Rights Initiative," a proposed amendment to the California State Constitution:

"The State shall make no law abridging any person's rights to life, liberty, property, happiness and privacy, and the free and peaceful exercise thereof, without the use of force or fraud, notwithstanding any State interest."

Fred met with libertarian lawyer Bart Lee to formulate this amendment, which in one fell swoop would eliminate all victimless crime laws, including most, if not all, economic regulations. Foldvary hopes to place the amendment on the California ballot in 1986. ■

**Foldvary for Assembly, Box 9875, Berkeley, CA 94709.**



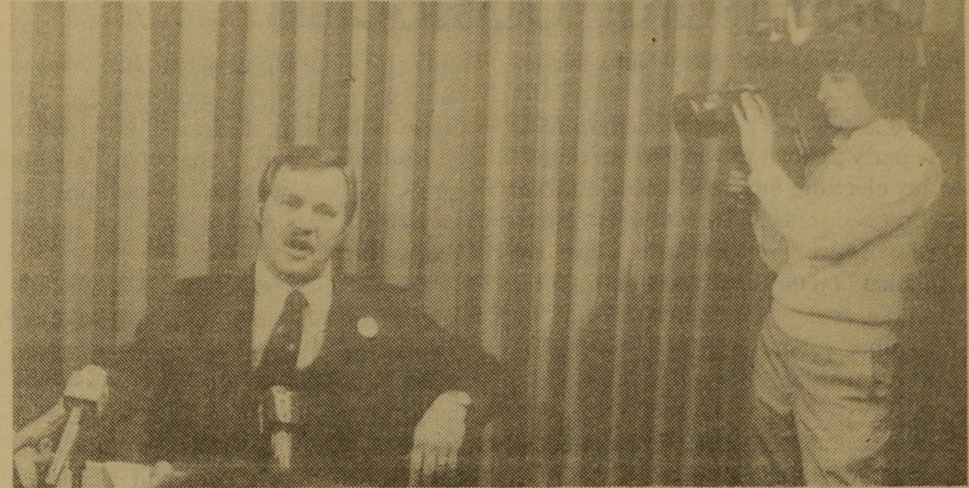
Berkeley LP activist Fred Foldvary.

## Tales from the Trail

• A request by the editorial board of *Newsweek* found David Bergland being interviewed by five reporters of that influential magazine. The editors questioned the candidate on various issues for over an hour and a half and while leaving, one of board members stopped him: "I wanted to let you know that our Managing Editor was extremely disappointed that he couldn't be here," she said. "When I told him that we would be speaking with the Libertarian Party Presidential candidate, he said that all journalists should be Libertarians."

• "I rarely get stumped by questions that reporters ask me," said David Bergland, "But a young woman in Michigan hit me with a tough one."

"Who are your heroes?" she asked me. I really had to stop and think. Then I surprised her with my answer: Ludwig von Mises and Joe Lewis." ■



James Hedbor is televised during his February statewide news conference.

## Hedbor Fires Opening Salvos

Montpelier, VT - Former LP Chair and Region 17 NatCom Alternate James Hedbor fired an impressive opening salvo in his race for Congress in Vermont's capital city, Hedbor's official announcement of his candidacy attracted 4 TV stations, 4 radio stations, and the two statewide wire services. His press conference was the lead item on the largest TV station in the state and generated numerous articles in major state newspapers. Hedbor, a Burlington insurance agent, plans to raise \$10,000 - \$15,000 for a high profile campaign in this small state with a tradition of independent thinking, self-reliance, frugality and local problem solving. Initial campaign efforts will focus on circulation of a new tabloid format Vermont Libertarian News newspaper, with 10,000 to 15,000 circulation in this state of only 450,000 expected to have a significant impact. Several tours of Vermont by Dave Bergland and Jim Lewis will be coordinated with the Hedbor for Congress campaign. The Vermont LP's many State

House and Senate candidates, as well as other statewide campaigns, will also support the Hedbor effort. Chuck Connors of Charlotte has been named campaign manager and more than 20 libertarians from around the state have agreed to join his campaign committee.

Hedbor is shooting for a significant vote percentage, but notes that he would be satisfied if his goals of informing the public were met during his campaign. "I expect to be a big winner in terms of my goals," he said. The candidate highlighted his viewpoint during his press conference by observing, "Libertarians think the country became great as a result of the actions individuals did alone and in cooperation with others voluntarily, not as a result of coercion by politicians and bureaucrats." He summarized his positions by saying, "... I'm for local solutions, less government, lower spending, less taxes and people being left alone to live honest and peaceful lives." ■

# Libertarians Holding Public Office

Note: The list below includes libertarians elected to non-partisan office as well as those appointed to official government bodies. This list may be incomplete and corrections, changes or updates should be brought to the attention of the *LP News* editor.

### Alaska

Jean Calkins - Kochemak City Council  
Ruth Reed - Wasilla Council

Judy Roberson - Fairbanks School Board  
Bill Snyder - Homer City Council

Stan Thompson - Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough

Bruce Wommack - Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

Darrel Welsh - Wasilla Council

John Wood - Anchorage Municipal Assembly

### Arizona

Murray Feldstein - Flagstaff City Council

### California

Richard Arnold - San Dieguito Citizen's Planning Group

Mary Earle - Capintaria School District Board

Ken Kott - Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District Board (Lake Tahoe area)

Lou Villadsen - Mission Canyon Fire District Board (Santa Barbara)

### Illinois

Scott Tillman - Marquette Heights Alderman

Gerry Walsh - Roselle Village Board of Trustees

### Michigan

Sheryl Loux - Kalamazoo Alternative Financing Committee (appointment by Mayor)

Mary Ruwart - Kalamazoo Safety Task Force (appointment by Mayor)

Gwendoline Stillwell - East Lansing Housing Commission

### Montana

Neil Halprin - Missoula County Zoning Board of Adjustment (appointment)

Pat Summers - Missoula Urban Transportation Board

### New Hampshire

John Bishop - Delegate, 1984 New Hampshire Constitutional Convention

Paul Brown - Delegate, 1984 New Hampshire Constitutional Convention

Bill Horan - Delegate, 1984 New Hampshire Constitutional Convention

Howard Wilson - Budget Committee, Andover

Avery Johnson - Board of Selectmen, Milford

Jack Kelleher - Board of Selectmen, Epsom

### New Jersey

Randy Korman - President, Sayreville School Board

Dick Siano - Kingwood Township Committee

### North Carolina

David Ford - Long Beach City Council

### Oregon

Paul Dillon - Philomath City Council

### South Dakota

Elaine Sluti - Crooks City Council

### Texas

Jeffery Calvert - Harris County School Board

Bill Fraser - Harris County School Board

Honey Lanham - Harris County School Board

### Vermont

Steven Oviatt - High Bailiff, Grand Isle County

### Virginia

Phil Friday - Urbanna City Council (appointment by City Council)

### Wisconsin

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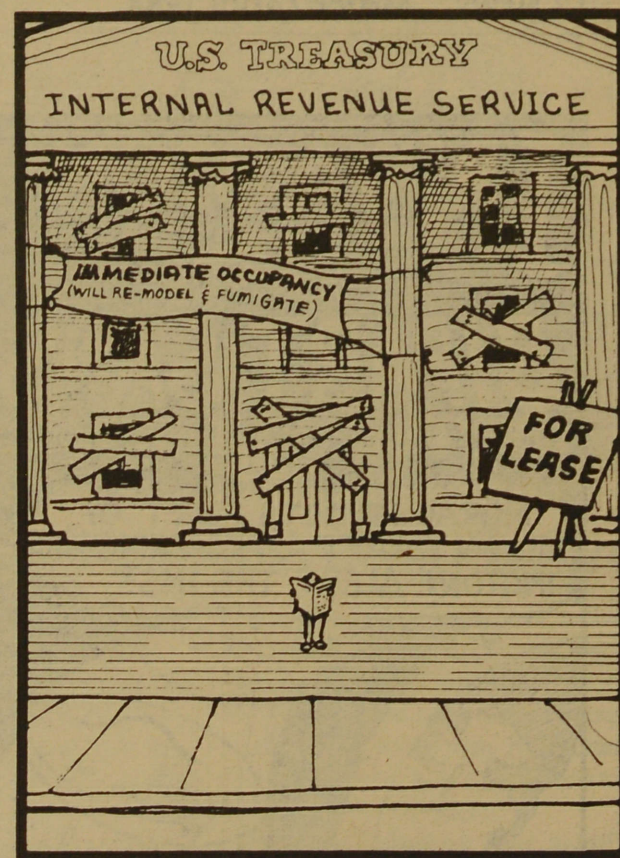
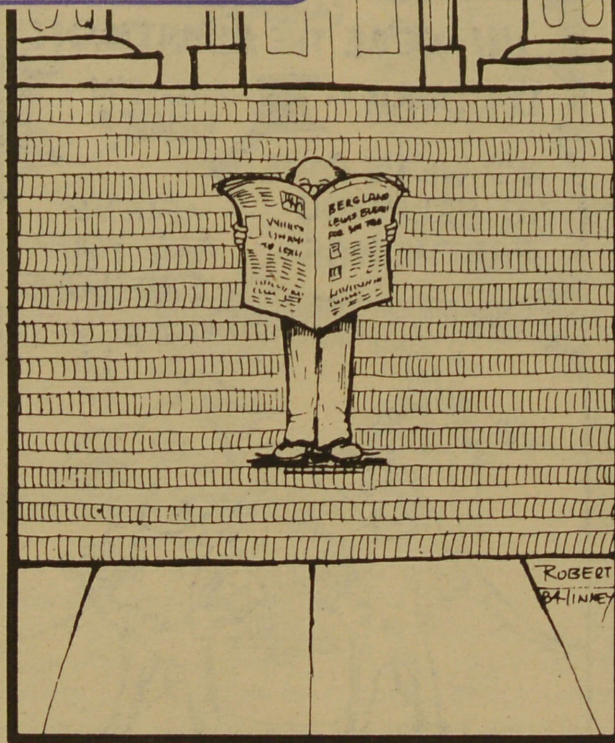
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## EDITORIALS/FEATURES



## "Voluntary Compliance" 1984 Style

By David Bergland

The filing deadline for federal income taxes is once again approaching. As in the past, this annual event is marked by a flurry of IRS public-relations activity praising the U.S. tax system as the greatest system of "voluntary compliance" in the world.

Despite the rhetoric of "voluntary" action, a formidable array of criminal penalties, mandatory informing, and a growing army of IRS collection agents directly enforce this "voluntary" payment of taxes. This system extracts an ever increasing percentage of our earnings to fund a government run amok with unrestrained spending.

Not until May 3, 1984 will the average U.S. worker finish earning enough money to pay his or her taxes. Every cent earned for four months starting January 1, 1984 goes to the government. The day on which workers start working for themselves is called "Tax Freedom Day" by the Tax Foundation. This has been computed ever since 1930. In that year the date fell on February 14. By 1960 the date was April 18, and by 1976, May 1. According to the Foundation, the average worker spends two hours and 40 minutes of each eight-hour workday earning money to pay federal, state and local taxes.

The total share of GNP taken by Federal taxes in fiscal year 1984 is 18.7%. The scheduled rise in Social Security taxes will increase this share to 19.4% in 1989, assuming no legislative changes. Current pressures in Congress to increase taxes and to eliminate the protection that indexing provides against inflation-caused "bracket creep" will no doubt further increase the government's share.

Yet it is hard for Congress to increase taxes since many of the usual sources for additional revenues are running dry. In recent years two politically popular methods of increasing taxes have been "soaking the rich" and "catching the cheaters." However, despite the myth that the rich do not pay taxes, Treasury Department data for the last several years show that the top 10% pay over 50% of the taxes, while the top 50% income earners pay 90% of the taxes. Recent studies have shown that even if these top earners are taxed at 100%, the resulting increase in tax revenues would be modest.

The underground economy is now estimated to cost the Treasury about \$80

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billion in uncollected taxes. However, the Treasury's own figures now suggest that it would cost more in IRS budgetary funding than would be collected in taxes to close down these underground entrepreneurs.

Despite these realities, the President's 1984 budget calls for \$34 billion more taxes from so-called "loophole closing" over the next three years. In addition, efforts to toughen up compliance are an annual feature of the Congressional agenda. The years 1976 through 1982 saw the passage of four major tax acts aimed at getting more money from existing taxes. The latest, the "Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982," is neither equitable nor fiscally responsible. Instead, it introduced a substantial number

of enforcement provisions, most of them based on mandatory withholding and penalties for failure to inform on others.

A sure sign of despotism is an effort by a government to encourage its citizens to spy on their neighbors. Under the name of "voluntary compliance," this latest Act, authored by Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.), has raised mandatory informing on others to a new high.

In order to enforce these many new provisions, the IRS continues to request substantial increases in its funding. The IRS workforce now numbers in excess of 89,000. Under President Reagan's budget plan, the IRS budget for fiscal year 1985 would rise by \$206 million--an increase of 6% over 1984 levels. Total IRS budget authority would climb to more than \$3.5 billion.

Most of this spending increase is to be devoted to new efforts to close the "compliance gap." About 1,900 positions and \$64 million would be devoted to beefing up compliance, while \$42 million and 435 new positions will be used to enforce new-fangled withholding rules. The crackdown on taxpayers is also to be enhanced by the Justice Department plan to add 150 new positions and to spend \$8.3 million on a "major tax prosecution/litigation initiative."

The front line of defense against government tyranny in other areas has traditionally been the court system. Yet access to justice is severely limited when tax compliance is at issue. The United States Tax Court is the only court which enables a taxpayer to dispute the IRS before having to pay the assessed tax deficiency. But the Tax Court is overburdened and stacked against the taxpayer. The Tax Court backlog now exceeds 70,000 cases, representing more than a three-year backlog and has been rising steadily in recent years. At the same time, interest charges on disputed taxes have been increased several times. The interest rate

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From the Chair

## An End To Cynicism

by Paul Grant

**Q: "Why has Ronald Reagan broken so many of his campaign promises?"**

**A: "Because he didn't really mean them. He had to make a lot of promises in order to get elected, but he never had any intention of keeping most of them. That's the only way to get elected president."**

Isn't that a cynical attitude? Would you guess it was expressed by a) a Libertarian critic; b) a Democrat; or c) a prominent conservative Republican and ardent Reagan supporter?

It was the conservative Republican. I asked him the question recently on a radio talk show he hosts in Denver. That was his answer, over the air, to me and to a listening audience.

If what he says is true, that major party candidates don't mean to be held to any of their campaign promises, how should voters choose which candidate to support? And how do Reagan supporters know he's their man? Divine revelation, mystical hunch, intuition, hair color?

This conservative Republican may be an honest commentator on the lack of integrity among major party politicians -- in fact, I think he is. That's one of my reasons for being optimistic about the future of the Libertarian Party.

It will take voters a while to get used to a "party of principle," after having grown up with cynical politicians who heartily embrace lying, as long as lying helps. When politicians treat voters with cynical disrespect, we shouldn't be surprised that many voters have given up on integrity in politics, and that many people have just plain given up on politics.

The Libertarian Party treats people with respect: we respect their right to run

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## Compliance

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on tax deficiencies is now based on the prime rate and compounds daily. So the major beneficiary of the delay in the courts is the IRS.

The chance for taxpayer victories in Tax Court cases are not high. Under the Tax Court system a taxpayer has "burden of proof": You are guilty until you persuade the court that you are innocent. And this is no easy task, considering who the judges are. Of the 35 Tax Court judges, over 75% have previously worked for the IRS and related agencies charged with the collection of taxes. Further, 50% of these judges had spent the better part of their careers, before becoming judges, working for the government. Small wonder that taxpayers win less than 25% of their cases in Tax Court.

By contrast, in the U.S. District Courts, the price of justice in the U.S. District Courts is that the taxpayer must first pay the alleged tax deficiency and then sue for a refund.

Other major features of the Tax Court system are the principle that allowance of deductions is a matter of legislative grace, and the principle that the rules on deductions should be construed strictly against the taxpayer. These principles are

similar to the "tax expenditure" concept, which is found everywhere in the thinking of the IRS and Treasury Department. Basically, the politicians and bureaucrats claim that all of your income rightfully belongs to the government, and it is only through the grace of Congress that you are permitted to keep what the government permits you to retain.

George Orwell's 1984 describes a government-imposed language, called Newspeak. The purpose of this altered language is to disguise what is really going on and to ensure the conformity of the subject population to the will of the rulers. America has not yet been swallowed up in the totalitarian nightmare portrayed by Orwell. But the U.S. government's rhetoric about the "voluntary" nature of the taxes we are forced to pay is nothing but Newspeak. And the IRS and its tax system are certainly outposts of Orwell's nightmare that are already in our midst. ■

## End to Cynicism

From page 12

their own lives, we respect their ability to recognize an honest person and a valid argument, and we respect their ability to make sound, moral political judgments.

When people are treated with respect, they tend to respond in kind. That's why it's always profitable for Libertarians to be candid about what we believe in and why. We earn their respect simply by treating them as intelligent, capable people.

We are different from traditional politicians. We appeal to the best within each individual, not to their worst -- not to their envy, their bigotry, or their malice.

Since we are different, we should capitalize on that strength, campaigning on our principles -- even while recognizing that our eventual success will require great patience and perseverance. But once the idea of liberty takes hold in our society, things will no longer move slowly. Liberation is an explosive, revolutionary force when unleashed.

In 1984, I expect the Libertarian Party to make great strides forward. I expect this will happen because thousands of Libertarians will accept their individual responsibility for making it happen. The individual initiative shown by Libertarians around the country will be the key to our success.

How many of you will run for office this year? How much money will you donate to the Bergland campaign, to other worthy candidates, to ballot drive efforts? How many letters to the editors will you write? How many times will you speak out for liberty? How many hours will you give in efforts to increase your own freedom? How much does your freedom mean to you?

The national party won't win your freedom for you; neither will your state party; nor will any Libertarian "leader." Your key to success lies with your individual effort. If enough of us accept this

responsibility, 1984 will be a great year.

I wish I had the time to talk to each Libertarian throughout the country, to tell you how much I think is possible, and to find out from you what you plan to do. Then I'd know what to expect.

We finished fourth behind Eugene McCarthy in the 1976 Presidential campaign, and fourth again behind John Anderson in 1980 (with a vote total that

would have beaten McCarthy in 1976). Although Anderson is trying again in 1984, so far he looks like a dismal failure. We could finish third in 1984, if we have another strong growth year. I'm excited about our possibilities!

Cynics view the future with despair. Let them - they deserve it. Those of us who see a brighter future, and work for it, can and will achieve it. ■



## FEEDBACK

### Good Ink

Congratulations to Mike Holmes and all the staff for the Jan./Feb. *LP News*. I like its meatier flavor: less fluff and white space, more solid information. I hope you make every effort to maintain the same level of quality and quantity of content through future issues.

Best of luck! Liberty in '84!

Steve Smith

Birmingham, Alabama

### PIK Revisited

As a member of the Libertarian Party and also as wife of a vice president of the J.G. Boswell Company I was doubly interested in your January/February article, "Taxpayers Get Pockets PIK'd". While I do agree that the PIK program is an improper use of taxpayers' money--as is all government interference in business--I would like to correct several incorrect and misleading statements in the article.

The J.G. Boswell Co. did not go into the PIK program for corn and cotton as stated, but for wheat only. The number of acres out of production was 14,600, not the 23,771 reported. The *LP News* reported that, "... the Boswell Co. and several other area farms have banded together into the Tulare Lake Reclamation District and they have applied to the Federal Emergency Management Administration for disaster aid to drain the flooded fields." Actually Reclamation District No. 749 was formed on December 11, 1903. It is entirely encompassed by high and massive levees. If it had not been for the strengthening of these levees and the diversion of nearly 900,000 acre feet of water from the lake basin, the communities of Corcoran and Stratford would have been flooded and an additional 40-50,000 acres of fertile farm land would have been inundated. It is up to the reader to determine if this work on the levees and pump sites was done for altruistic reasons or for somewhat self-serving ones.

It seems that the tone of the *LP News* article puts the blame for this economic bondoggle (PIK) on the large farming interests. Actually that blame should be placed on big government. The large farming interests are very visible and make an easy target to pick on. You can't blame them for accepting a free handout.

The J.G. Boswell Co. could have gone into the PIK program for cotton but elected not to do so because of a sense

of responsibility toward its employees and to the City of Corcoran.

In conclusion, I do agree that the PIK program--and any government interference in business--is wrong. However I also believe in accuracy in reporting, and the *LP News* made many incorrect statements and seemed to cast the large farming interests as the villains, instead of placing the blame where it should have: on big government.

Linda Gamble  
Corcoran, CA

The source for the information in the *LP News* article was a story by Ward Sinclair distributed by the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service. Specifically the J.G. Boswell Co. and five other farming companies took a total of 23,771 acres of wheat, corn and cotton out of production. The five other companies involved should have been mentioned.

Large farming companies should be judged identically to others that seek and accept unearned government handouts. While the recipients are not always to blame for the subsidies, their actions should hardly inspire admiration. The reasons why large, powerful governments reward some groups at the expense of others is a subject of considerable interest. However, we are agreed that big governments are responsible for the boondoggle of PIK and other government agricultural welfare programs. We are also happy to learn that the Libertarian viewpoint is well represented in the nation's agribusiness community. Ed.

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## IRS ROUNDUP

### Newest NewsSpeak

Washington, D.C. - The Reagan administration has begun using a new propaganda phrase to avoid calling their latest tax increases "tax increases" (remember "revenue enhancements"?). The Treasury is now calling them "tax-base erosion controls". Sounds almost like a soil conservation measure, doesn't it? Well, theft by any other name is just as bad . . .

### Vox Populi

Washington, D.C. - A Gallup poll conducted at the beginning of the year found that 70% of those polled knew that the government was operating at a loss. And 70% said the way to reduce the deficit was to cut spending. Only a confused and mistaken 16% said they favored raising taxes, and a mere 9% said they favored cutting spending and raising taxes.

### Helping the Elderly and Poor, IRS Style

Kansas City, KS - An 84 year old woman who lives off her life savings learned about IRS justice the hard way. The wheelchair bound woman was hit with a \$50 fine and penalty for underpaying her estimated quarterly taxes by 60¢. While Kansas Senator Kassebaum was reportedly "outraged" when she learned of this, she later said that it was not the "IRS's fault, because it's the law". The Senator's "solution" to this outrage (imagine the outcry if a private firm tried to levy such a late payment penalty) was to introduce legislation to waive the penalty for senior citizens only.

### Trends We'd Like to Encourage

Ellisville, MO - Residents of this small town near St. Louis recently experienced every libertarian's dream, when the town aldermen voted to refund every taxpayer's 1983 property tax. The town ended up the year with a sizable surplus, and after considering various "civic improvement", decided rebating the taxes was as good an improvement as they were going to find. Right on!

### Doesn't Sound Like a Mistake to Us

Canton, OH - "No, No, No!" cried Canton City Treasurer Dave Baker, when he began receiving some of the 30,000 city tax forms which provided in the instructions for a 100% refund to taxpayers. Calling it the result of a typographical error, this provision was branded a

"mistake" and will be "corrected" by city tax collectors.

### He Who Lives by Statism . . .

Washington, D.C. - Even buying government bonds didn't protect former U.S. Representative Joe Waggoner from the assaults of the IRS. They're after him to pay an additional \$142,000 in back taxes. But, before you shed too many tears for this newest IRS victim, keep in mind that he helped to write the current tax laws while he was a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. But the IRS has its own ways and means. Wish him luck while he tells the tax man "what they really meant when they wrote that law."

### Printing Money for Fun and Profit

Washington, D.C. - Taxpayers will be happy to learn that monopolizing the money supply is still a profitable business for the government. The Federal Reserve System earned \$16 billion in 1983 for its efforts, and paid \$14.23 billion to the Treasury. Somehow, we always figured the paper money business would be even more profitable, but that's government monopoly for you . . .

### Hell Hath No Fury

Washington, D.C. - A recent Supreme Court decision allows the IRS to file criminal fraud charges against anyone even after they file a corrected return and pay any back taxes owed. Additionally, the Court upheld the IRS ruling that there is no statute of limitations on when the IRS may investigate or penalize taxpayers for suspected fraud. So, no matter what you do, the IRS is always in a position to come after you for something.

### Having Your Cake and Eating It Too!

Washington, D.C. - Just what would happen if the Libertarian proposal to abolish the income tax were enacted? Since the Federal government is nearly \$200 billion dollars in the red for 1983 alone, wouldn't this action push the Feds "over the brink"? Not really, provided you also made a few spending cuts along with the tax measure.

Eliminating the income tax would reduce the government's income by about 36%, leaving approximately \$477 billion in fiscal 1985. Matching this cut with a 50% cut in government spending (a nice round figure for starters), you would have a budget of about \$463 billion, and a \$14

billion surplus! Would such a big spending cut cause catastrophic danger to national security, as conservatives claim? Not likely. Even with the current "world policemen" defense budget, not to mention \$1000 screwdrivers, courtesy of our "patriotic" defense contracting establishment, the defense budget totals about \$225 billion. So even with no defense budget cuts there would still be \$238 billion left over. And with elimination of all the defense and non-defense spending which has nothing to do with protection of individual rights from force or fraud, there would be more than enough funding to comfortably begin serious libertarian privatization of public services. Just imagine the dramatic economic improvement for people in all income categories when literally hundreds of billions of income tax dollars are put into productive, private hands, not to mention the resource liberation resulting from the abolition of the IRS. When faced with continued government inflation, increasing taxation, and mind-boggling deficits, which solution is really the "practical" one? ■



## FEEDBACK

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tion) to come to his defense by attacking the thieves. Similarly if Grenada is conquered by communist murderers Americans have a right to attack the communists to protect the rights of Grenadians.

The relevant question is: whose rights were infringed as a result of the invasion? Not the revolutionaries who had forfeited their rights by being communist revolutionaries, and not the U.S. servicemen who had voluntarily contracted with the U.S. government to obey orders (even at the risk of their lives). The only people I can see whose rights were stepped on were the few bystanders hit by American fire, and the U.S. taxpayers who footed the bill as usual.

While I conclude from this that the invasion was immoral, it was much less so than the Lebanon fiasco where hundreds of innocent bystanders have been hit by

U.S. fire and the monetary cost is much higher.

While it is important to have the courage to be right it is also important to know why it is right.

**Ken Hennum**

Albion, WA 99102

### Welcomes Liberation by Foreigners

I'm a hardcore libertarian, not a pragmatic fair-weather hanger-on, and I have the courage to be right in opposing the Party line regarding the U.S. government invasion of Grenada. I defend that military action on libertarian grounds.

The students were not owed a rescue; neither am I owed police protection in this country. Also, those involved in the invasion are liable for any damage they caused innocent bystanders.

Given the above two factors, the Grenada action was still a good thing. Invasion forces were diverted from a bad cause -- aggression in Lebanon -- to a gone one -- the liberation of Grenada. The tax spent on further aggression, or on defensive action. (Similarly, given the existence of tax-funded police, I'd prefer them to protect people rather than to harass non-aggressors. The international border is nothing to me; it should be nothing to all libertarians.)

As a bonus, the Grenadian invasion induced the Cubans to leave Nicaragua, ostensibly.

If the U.S. were similarly under dictatorship, I'd welcome liberation by foreigners. We should welcome as well this opportunity to reexamine noninterventionism as a libertarian principle.

**Robert Goodman**

Bronx, NY

*Messrs. Hennum and Goodman share my concern about Lebanon but differ on the Grenada invasion. I did not claim the invasion was immoral because it was outside U.S. territory, nor do I defend the previous rulers of that island nation.*

*As I said in my editorial, the existence of evil in the world doesn't justify the use of U.S. military forces to overthrow neighboring governments -- in the absence of the initiation of force. To judge government actions on the basis of specific results in particular situations, regardless of the principles involved, invites disaster for even well meaning and sincere libertarians. Even when the "bad guys" get kicked out, we shouldn't applaud blatant misuse of U.S. government military forces. Otherwise, we become nothing but cheerleaders for military attacks upon the government's latest "enemy of the week." Ed. ■*



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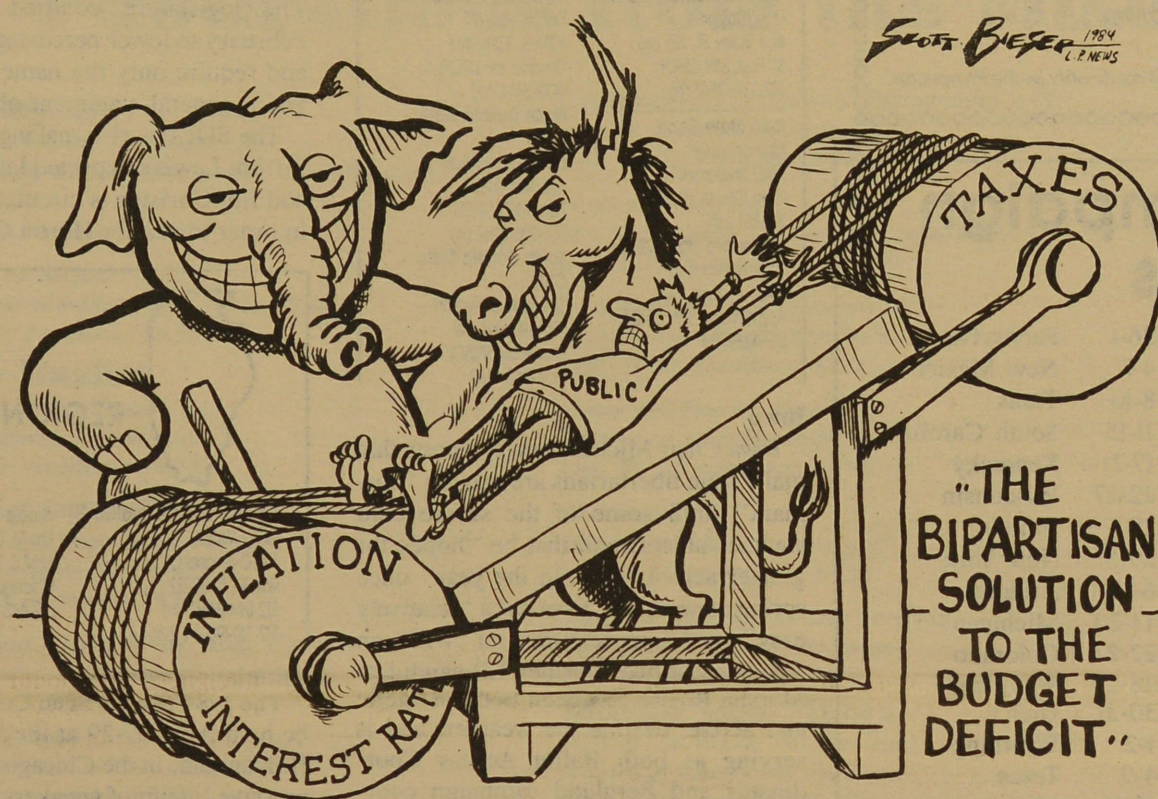
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# APRIL 16 TAX PROTEST "INSTANT LEAFLET"

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**A NATION IN CRISIS.** The United States is in dangerous trouble. The government is officially \$1.5 trillion in debt, and "off-budget" debt is estimated to be at least as much. The debt is increasing by 12% each year with the Republicans in the White House and the Democrats controlling Congress. The Federal government is like a bankrupt company which avoids foreclosure by increasing its borrowing to pay off its old loans. But this simply can't continue forever!

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**THE ONLY PRACTICAL SOLUTION.** The Libertarian alternative is the only practical solution. The bipartisan "solutions" lead only to taxpayer impoverishment and the destruction of the value of our money. Just imagine the new businesses, jobs, charitable funding and prosperity that would result if we got to keep all of what we earn! The catastrophic bankruptcy of the Federal government calls for new, drastic and practical solutions. The Bergland Presidential campaign gives us the opportunity to solve this problem once and for all. Abolish the Income Tax!

*Produced by the Tax Protest Day Project*

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Chair Earnest also sent a long letter to the Wichita *Eagle-Beacon* on the subject of a current state commission deliberating on how much of the cost overrun on the Kansas Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant project will be passed on to ratepayers. The paper liked the letter so well that they agreed to publish it as an Op-Ed piece in their March 12 Sunday edition. Earnest has a professional background in the field of nuclear energy.

## Missouri

The tentative May date for the State Convention has been changed to July 14-15, according to State Chair Chad Colopy. State party efforts continue to center around the petitioning effort to obtain ballot status, and locating libertarians willing and able to run for office.

## Oklahoma

LP activist Bob Williams reports that the Slaughterville zoning battle had a temporary setback when the City Council passed the proposal. However, area residents were not too happy, since many of them were unaware of the measure until it passed. Williams reports that a local petition effort was successful at obtaining more than enough signatures to force the zoning issue to a binding referendum.

The State Party has a "record-a-call" number at 405-360-4719 for messages and information, and has been actively working on their very formidable ballot drive signature requirement (70,000 needed). The OU campus in Norman now has a libertarian group which has been working on the petition effort, as well as receiving good coverage in the student paper. Northeastern Sooner State libertarians received good press coverage for their call for the resignation of Governor George Nigh, the call for a 15% cut in legislator's pay, and immediate reduction in state taxes and spending.

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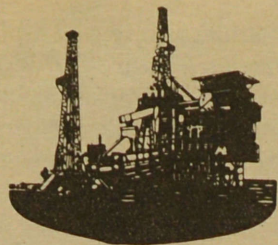
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Former California LP Southern Vice Chair Melinda Pillsbury-Foster of Reseda assumed the position of National Schedule Coordinator in late January, taking over from Alicia Clark, who remains active in the campaign in other areas. Schedule information is subject to changes as new or additional campaign stops are developed.

Beginning in Mid-April, the Bergland campaign will be scheduling August through the November elections. State campaign coordinators and interested persons should contact the Bergland Schedule Coordinator with requests and proposed campaign tour plans.

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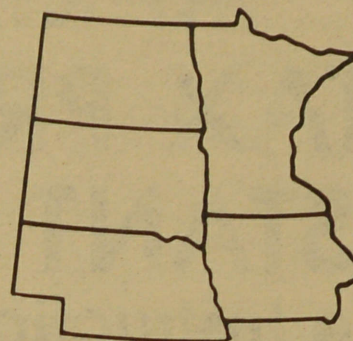
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	6-12	Arizona
	13-20	Michigan
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	13-16	Minnesota
	20-23	North Carolina
	25-26	Delaware
	27-30	Ohio
July	2-7	Indiana
	14-15	Missouri
	16-17	San Francisco (Democratic Convention)
	18-21	Washington
	25-28	Hawaii
August	20-23	Dallas (Republican Convention)

Tom Ross, the Jim Lewis for Vice President Campaign Coordinator, has released the schedule below indicating Jim Lewis' tentative schedule through mid-July. It is, of necessity, incomplete, and subject to changing travel plans and confirmed engagements. Those interested in scheduling Jim Lewis for a local appearance should contact:

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### Iowa

Iowa Chair Michael Lewis reports that many state libertarians are staying "dormant" until some of the severe cold weather abates, and that he "hopes for greater activity later in the year" once spring thaw sets in. Iowa has a "relatively easy" petition requirement with an August deadline. Former LP candidate Marsha Roewe has been both energetic and active, despite the weather, and is serving as both Ballot Access Coordinator and Bergland campaign coordinator.

### Minnesota

The Minnesota party has been involved in supporting the dismissal of State Chair Jack Ardoyno from his post as Deputy Education Commissioner in early March (see related story in this issue). State Executive Committee member Clare Jarvis will be heading up Tax Protest Day efforts, and the party will hold a general membership meeting on April 7 at Scott Highland Middle School in Apple Valley from 1-4 pm, where the by-laws and other matters will be discussed. The State Convention is set for June 7, at the Ambassador Hotel in Minneapolis, where David Bergland will be the featured guest.

### Nebraska

Nebraska Chair Dan Salem reports that the NLP has been trying to contact the local ACLU to approve participation in a court case involving their state's ballot law. Current requirements impose a specific number of signatures from a specific number of counties, as well as having petition wording requiring signers to agree to join the party. The Colorado ACLU has already agreed to litigate the suit, since these provisions are in direct violation of several recent court cases. Petitioning deadline is August 1. While specific plans have not yet been finalized, the State Convention will probably be held in mid-July.

### North Dakota

Peace Garden State libertarians are urged to contact Chair Larry Cunningham since active libertarians are in short supply in this sparsely populated state. A petition effort is required for ballot status. LP Vice Presidential candidate Jim Lewis is tentatively slated to visit this state in late April.

### South Dakota

State Chair Spencer Nesson reports that state libertarians are heartened by the recent court decision which struck down unreasonably high petition requirements and mandatory voter affiliation pledges. The legislature codified changes in February to lower percentages to 2 1/2% and require only the name of the party and a general statement of principles.

The SDLP is also making preparations for Jim Lewis's expected late April visit, and Jim Christen is circulating petitions in order to run for Huron City Council.



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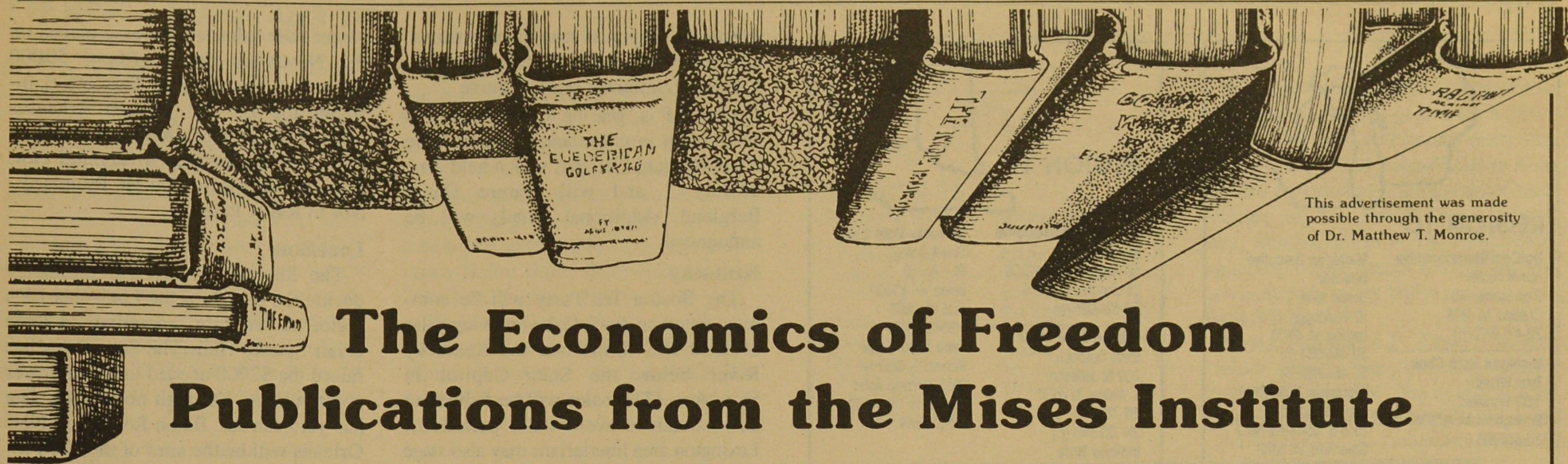
The 1984 Illinois State Convention will be held April 27-29 at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn, in the Chicago area. An impressive lineup of speakers includes LP standard bearer Dave Bergland, National Director Honey Lanham, economist Murray Rothbard, and Michigan LP activist Mary Ruwart. Rules changes and election of officers will also be main items of business.

Steve Givot of Barrington Hills has announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate. The State Central Committee held its winter meeting on February 26 in Champaign. There are more than 12 active libertarian groups or LP county organizations which hold regular meetings, including two colleges in the DuPage area. The Elmhurst College Libertarian Club recently became "chartered" on that campus, after a protracted struggle with the college administration. The College of DuPage has also been holding regular libertarian discussion meetings.

Southside Chicago area libertarians have enjoyed recent meetings of the Hyde Park Libertarians, who heard David Ramsay Steele discuss "Heroin: A Call for Legalization" at their January 10 meeting. On the opposite side of town, the North Side Study Group viewed the WRI film "The Incredible Bread Machine" at their March 4 meeting, and the April meeting will be about Thomas Sowell's book *Ethnic America*. State Chair Tim Griffin also reports that Tax Protest Day post office action will probably occur on April 16 at the main Post Office.

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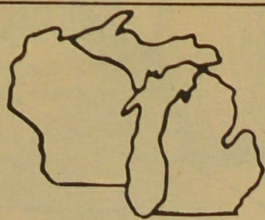
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## Michigan

Charles Dawson, a GM employee, ran for Village Council in Carleton on March 12. In last year's election, Dawson received 21% of the vote and he has been concentrating on door-to-door campaigning and school lectures, focusing upon the 100% increase in the village budget and village official pay raises.

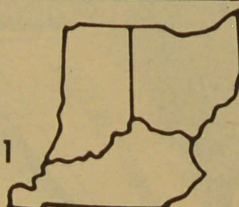
Future plans center on the upcoming State Convention to be held May 18-20 at the Ann Arbor Inn in Ann Arbor. Dave Bergland's "Freedom Train" will be traveling through the state from May 14-21, including the anticipated banquet presentation during the Convention. 1980 LP Presidential candidate Ed Clark will "soften up" the territory for the Bergland campaign tour in May by making an event-filled whirlwind tour of the state from March 23 to 25. Stops include several Detroit area visits and interviews, a foray into neighboring Indiana, and stops in Grand Rapids and Grand Valley State College. LP VP candidate Jim Lewis will handling the initial LP campaigning in the Upper Peninsula area (the part of Michigan that is attached to Northeastern Wisconsin) during his April 26 and 27 visits. In addition to the Bergland speech and banquet, candidate workshops are also scheduled for the convention covering such topics as finance.

## Wisconsin

Major activities in the Badger State have concentrated on the successful municipal and county primary races which saw five of six candidates win a place on the April ballot, along with a State Senate LP candidate running in a special election. (See related story in this issue.) Many LP activists are working in these campaigns towards producing a record number of winners, as well as getting the libertarian message across.

Other LP efforts are directed towards the upcoming State Convention, to be held Apr. 28-29 at the Marriot Inn in Brookfield, near Milwaukee. The LP ticket of Dave Bergland and Jim Lewis are both expected to attend, along with National Director Honey Lanham. State Chair Westgaard says that efforts have been made to focus on organizing for the Bergland visit in the northern part of the state, where the LP has enjoyed strong vote totals in the past.

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## Indiana

Jim Lewis made a valuable campaign swing through the state in January, including being the guest at an Indianapolis banquet attended by an estimated 40, as well as television and newspaper coverage of an earlier appearance on January 20 at a Press Club luncheon. Jim attended an intimate reception the following day hosted by former LPI Chair Mike Fallahay in Bloomington, which resulted in press coverage from student and local newspapers. Lewis made a return appearance on the 13 and 14 of March when he addressed the Political Science Department Honorary Society at Ball State University in Muncie, as well as appearing in other Muncie-area events.

Ed Clark will be the guest of honor at the official 1984 Campaign Kickoff of the LPI, held at the Hilton on the Circle in Indianapolis March 24. Dave Bergland is scheduled to make a campaign swing through Indiana from July 3-8, including a 4th of July rally appearance in downtown Indianapolis, a tour through southern Indiana, an Indianapolis Press Club appearance, and featured guest of the LPI at their State Convention held July 7-8.

Fort Wayne marketing manager Joe Laiacina was selected to become the new Region 11 National Committee Alternate representative, succeeding Norma Skoog, who moved up to Representative.

## Ohio

Ohio libertarians are involved in a full range of activities, from campaigns to ballot drives to convention planning. The State Executive Committee has set a goal of April 30 to obtain the estimated 8000 signatures the party will gather to place Bergland's name on the ballot (running as an independent). The official deadline is in late August. LP activist Milt Norris obtained 2800 signatures with only 1500 needed) by the end of February to file to run against incumbent Lewis Stokes in the 21st Congressional District. Toledo area libertarians also demonstrated the "right stuff" by gathering over 2200 signatures for Congressional candidate Michael Nunn in the dead of a very cold Ohio winter.

Ohio resident Norma Skoog was

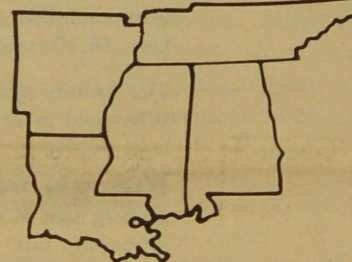
selected by Region 11 state representatives to replace Tom Bogel as their Regional National Committee representative.

The OLP is "gearing up for a first class convention in Cleveland" reports State Chair Richard Gaumer, which held June 29-July 1 and will feature David Bergland. Additional details will be announced.

## Kentucky

The Boston Tea Party will be commemorated on April 15, by throwing bales of 1040 IRS forms into the Kentucky River below the State Capitol in Frankfort. (The bales will be fished out downstream to avoid water pollution.) Lexington area libertarians may also stage tax day festivities.

Kentucky also was freed from at least one ridiculous ballot access condition when the Attorney General backed down over the requirement to put Social Security numbers on the forms. The state party expects to have as many as 8 candidates run, which is up from the 3 each which ran in 1980 and 1982. The State Convention will be held in April, the Saturday before Easter, in Lexington, and will feature Dave Bergland as the principal guest.



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## Alabama

Alabama libertarians were happy to note the formation of the Auburn Libertarian Club on January 18, headed by Chair Mark Thornton.

Ballot access is being tackled on several fronts, including the appeal and continued pursuit of the ALP's lawsuit, based partly on the recent Colorado ballot access case successfully won on appeal. Under some interpretations, the Alabama ballot law requiring 20% of the vote to stay on the ballot would disenfranchise the Republicans in many counties in Alabama. The party is also proceeding apace with the effort to get 12,000 valid signatures for ballot status.

## Arkansas

Arkansas libertarians have been busy working on a petition drive to have the

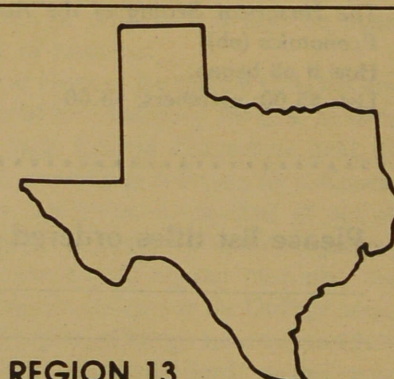
1-cent state sales tax increase placed on the November ballot. About 50,000 signatures are needed. This effort involves the LP, the Western Arkansas Libertarian Council, and a group calling itself the "Committee to Remind Gov. Bill Clinton Again That He Promised - Not to Raise Taxes."

## Louisiana

The Supreme Court will ultimately decide the merits of the Louisiana LP's ballot access case, according to State Chair Sparky Hall. The State Party has raised the \$2000 needed to appeal lower court rulings, although no hearing date has yet been set. Baton Rouge and New Orleans will be the sites of the Tax Protest activities, and the State Convention will be held on April 29 in New Orleans. Christopher Albright of New Orleans will be making the arrangements, and Honey Lanham or Paul Grant, plus a possible "mystery guest" will be on hand for the activities, including election of officers.

## Tennessee

The Tennessee LP has asked the state's ACLU chapter to assist it with overturning the state's unreasonable ballot access laws for political parties. The ACLU has expressed its willingness to assist this effort. While obtaining ballot status as an independent is not that difficult, to qualify as a political party, the TLP would have to sign up 30,000 registered voters as members of the party to reach the ballot. TLP State Treasurer told the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* in January that, "frankly, if they weren't 'grandfathered' in (by recent election law changes), I doubt the Republicans could meet the qualification, because so many people consider themselves independents."



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## Texas

The LPT has been pushing ahead on several fronts, including planning and fundraising for the 60,000 signature ballot drive and the filing of more than 71 candidates for office in the Lone Star State. Ballot Drive Coordinator Tom Glass reports that signatures are being pledged and over a third of the estimated funds needed have been pledged or collected. Aiding in the fundraising effort is Clifford Sondock, assuming the duties of Finance Chair for the ballot drive. Among the 71 candidates who filed by



the Feb. 6 deadline include three candidates vying for the U.S. Senate nomination, one of whom may possibly face libertarian-leaning Republican Ron Paul. The LPT also will run 16 U.S. Congressional candidates and 21 State Representative candidates. The State Executive Committee will meet March 24 in College Station to make future plans, which include coordinating the ballot drive effort, the May 5 precinct conventions and the May 12 county conventions. The State Convention will be held June 9-10 and will feature LP Presidential challenger David Bergland.

North Texas LPers celebrated Texas Independence at the "Texas Revolution Commemorative Barbeque & Chautauqua" held March 3 in Hurst.

Ector County libertarians have also seen an impressive start with 28th District State Senate Candidate Ronald Holder's initial campaign activities. He is a former Odessa City Council candidate and his campaign features a motor home which will allow him to travel his district thoroughly.

The El Paso County LP is involved in city political battles, with Dr. Michael Blue and County Chair John McDivitt encouraging everyone to oppose the proposed new El Paso City Charter, which removes citizen rights for referendum and recall. Travis County (Austin) LP activists are heartened by a Feb. 12 Austin *American-Statesman* poll which showed that 3% of those polled preferred the libertarian candidate to any of the Democratic nominee candidates or Reagan.

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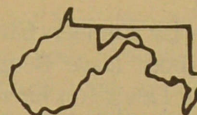
NJLP Chair John Shafer reports continuing progress on the state petition effort, as well as the announcement of LP candidate Harold Heienecker for U.S. Senate running against former pro hoopster Bill Bradley. Plans are also underway for the State Convention to be held March 23-24 at the Town & Campus Restaurant on Route 82 between Elizabeth and Union. David Bergland will be the banquet speaker, and the estimated 100 convention-goers will also hear former New York City Mayoral candidate Judith Jones, economist Alan Reynolds, and "Doc" Seever of the New Jersey Coalition of Taxpayers.

## Pennsylvania

The LPP ballot access effort to gather over 60,000 signatures received a "shot in the arm" when a Federal Judge ruled

that the state's ridiculously early deadline and time period for petitioning (Feb. 1 to April 20) was on its face illegal and unconstitutional. He ruled even before a formal hearing that a late summer deadline would probably be set by the court. This greatly increased LP ballot access prospects, led by Frank Burns and Henry Haller, Ballot Drive East and West Directors respectively.

The State Convention is set for the Parkway Center Inn, in Pittsburgh, March 30 to April 1. The Libertarian National Committee will meet in conjunction with the Convention.



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Maryland LP members are pleased that their mailing list has grown from 200 a year ago to over 600 names currently. Former State Chair Samuel Grove stepped down from that post in order to concentrate on his current congressional race, which requires him to gather 8400 signatures before August 6. Bergland and Lewis already enjoy ballot status.

## West Virginia

West Virginia LP Chair Stephen Fielder reports that the party's ballot status is "uncertain" due to recent legal developments, but has been based in the

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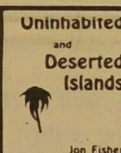
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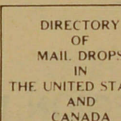
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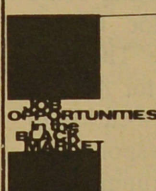
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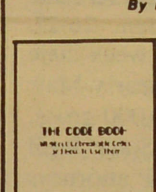
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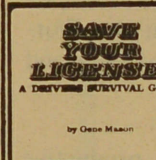
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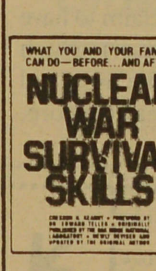
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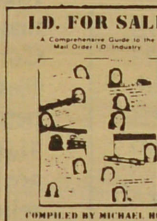
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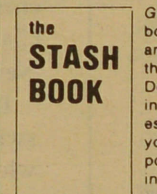
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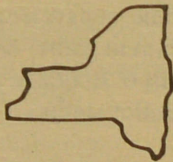
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past on petition efforts. The state party is writing its constitution which will call for four regional Vice Chairs, coinciding with Congressional Districts.



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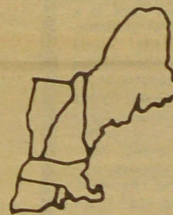
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## New York

The LP Presidential ticket of Bergland and Lewis have criss-crossed the state in recent campaign travels, and both plan repeat visits in the future. Jim Lewis made a swing through New York City and the Hudson River Valley during February 20-25, a Rochester area visit Jan. 29-30, with scheduled visits planned for late March and May 5 for the Free Libertarian (NY) Convention in Albany.

The FLP reports a final tally of profits from the August Presidential Nominating Convention in excess of \$20,000, which will be placed in a trust fund, the earnings from which will subsidize local projects.



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## Connecticut

Connecticut LP members have enjoyed the visits of both Dave Bergland and native son Jim Lewis (on his rare visits home) in the past few weeks. A state tour by Dave Bergland resulted in 25 media events and results were "tremendous and the media very perceptive" according to local reports. Dozens of phone calls to the LPC phone number resulted from the coverage, even though the phone number did not get mentioned often in press accounts.

A ballot drive effort is also underway, with more than 18,000 signatures needed. The State Convention is scheduled for June 2 at the Yale Inn in Meriden, with Jim Lewis as the main speaker.

## Maine

Maine LP Chair Todd Bishop reports good response from the recent *LP News* coverage of LP plans, including some response to his request for French language libertarian literature. The State Convention has been re-set for April 1 from the previous date at a location to be announced. Bishop also reports that "we may have one person running for State Legislature" in the November elections.

## Massachusetts

Region 17 National Committee Representative Leeland Weber reports that the Massachusetts LP held its State Convention in Boston on Jan. 26-27. Plans were made for the 11 week state petition drive which ends in early May. 41,000 valid signatures, or 70,000 gross, are required for the effort. Some legal relief may be available, as LP attorneys move forward with legal action to challenge the early filing requirement. A full time ballot drive coordinator will be appointed. Two libertarian campus groups are being formed at the Worcester area campuses of Holy Cross and Clark University.

## New Hampshire

Dave Bergland made a productive swing through the state February 24-27, which had been infested with Democrats earlier in the month competing in New Hampshire's famous primary. Bergland of course, was the only candidate there with any genuine "new ideas", as contrasted with candidates who claim to have new ideas (no details, please!) which sound suspiciously like some very old and shopworn bad ideas heard before.

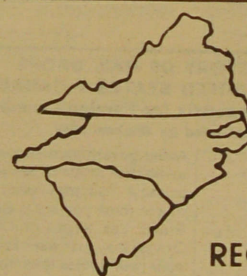
Dave attended a number of local meetings, met numerous libertarians, had at least three radio and one TV spots, inspired four good news articles, and was also able to speak to students at the University of New Hampshire. The LP "heartbeat away" candidate Jim Lewis will follow up Bergland's visit with a featured appearance at the State Convention, which will be held at the now famous Manchester Holiday Inn on March 31.

## Rhode Island

David Bergland made a brief but effective foray in the nation's smallest state, during his January 22 visit to Cranston and Providence. He addressed a dinner audience in Cranston, and spoke at a fundraiser in Providence and held an extensive interview with the *Providence Journal Bulletin*. Even the press caught on noting in an article, "to Bergland . . . winning the election isn't really the point. Getting the party's point across, that's the point."

## Vermont

In addition to Jim Hedbor's active Congressional campaign, the VLP will also run "an impressive slate of candidates," according to State Chair Lynn Fife. Hedbor may win a significant percentage of the vote, and articles about libertarianism have appeared regularly in state newspapers. The state party will maintain an even higher profile once the well written state newsletter is expanded to a planned tabloid format with a 15,000 press run. "At that size, it will be the second largest paper in the state", notes Fife.



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## North Carolina

Tarheel State libertarians are on the move in 1984, judging from recent news reports. Fritz Prochnow, veteran LP candidate and IBM manager will head the state ticket as candidate for Governor, while current LPNC Chair Bobby Yates Emory will oppose Jesse Helm's and Governor Hunt in the Senate campaign.

A state membership mailing went out in late February and Tax Protest activities are contemplated. The annual state Convention will be held June 22-24 at the Best Western on N. Tryon St. in Charlotte. The party also will be working on outreach actions at local fair booths, and has seen solid support from area campus groups including those at UNCC, NC State, Wake Forest and Davidson.

## South Carolina

The SCLP will be welcoming California attorney and LP spokesman David Bergland during his upcoming tour of the state April 10-15. The highlight of the week will be Dave's banquet speech at the State Convention held at the Carolina Inn in Columbia on April 14. The schedule so far includes visits to the University of South Carolina in Columbia, an April 11 speech at the Spartanburg Day School Free Enterprise Festival, visits to the College of Charleston and to The Citadel, an appearance on the public TV "Carolina Journal" and a radio talk show stint, and a visit after the Convention on April 15 to Sunday Brunch at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Columbia.

Ron Heaton was appointed as party Publicity Chair at the January 12 Executive Committee meeting, and has been active in sending out releases about party positions and events. Greenville area Libertarian Ray Pike has announced for the 4th District Congressional seat.

Finally, on the youth front, South Carolina libertarian Brian K. Heape is seeking to contact others interested in organizing libertarian chapters centered around high schools and colleges. Seeking autonomous local chapters loosely affiliated with the LP and other libertarian groups, Heape is himself a high school student who recognizes the importance of a grassroots libertarian youth program. He can be contacted at: **Rt. 1, Box 79, Elloree, SC 29047.**



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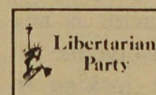
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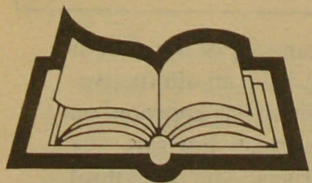
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## BOOK REVIEWS

**A Liberty Primer**, by Alan Burris, 562 pages, SIL Genesee Valley, pb. \$7.95.  
Reviewed by **James J. Franz**

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*Primer: 1. An elementary textbook. A book that covers the basic elements of any subject; (from medieval latin primarium "basic handbook"); 2. A small amount of explosive used to detonate the main explosive charge.*

*American Heritage Dictionary, 1979.*

The above dictionary definition of the word "primer" is wryly quoted at the beginning of *A Liberty Primer* by Dr. W. Alan Burris, only the first of many amusing and informative quotations scattered strategically throughout this unique compendium of libertarian thought. At 505 pages, plus a recommended reading list, two indices, and a 26 page study guide, it makes a hefty primer, yet not too thick considering the vast amount of material which it summarizes.

The book's 26 chapters cover the basic elements of such subjects as the history of liberty, philosophy of liberty, property rights, economics, public education, environmentalism, nature of government, theory of justice, foreign policy, patents & copyrights, and liberty & language, among others, and conclude with a chapter on strategy for liberty. Not only does it explain ideas well established in the libertarian community, it offers original contributions to libertarian theory in the areas of privacy, trade secrecy, contract theory, personal ethics, statist psychology, and the moral limits to the right of self-defense. This primer is nothing if not comprehensive.

Dr. Burris, since 1978 the vice chairman of the Genesee region chapter of New York State's Free Libertarian Party, was a member of the 1983 national LP Platform Committee. He writes, in his introduction to this greatly expanded second edition, "the purpose of writing this was to pull together a simple, brief, and persuasive summary of the case of liberty". *A Liberty Primer* is ostensibly addressed to readers who are new to libertarianism, yet takes the tack of explaining Libertarian positions on various issues without attempting to prove their validity to the skeptic's satisfaction. The case for liberty presented in this book might not soften the hides of our statist critics, but will provide the "friends of liberty" with a valuable cache

of intellectual ammunition.

Some libertarian readers will, no doubt, disagree with a few of the positions argued for in this book. These involve subjects of controversy within the libertarian movement. Dr. Burris opposes capital punishment, for example, while upholding the individual's right to use force, when necessary, for self-defense. In the larger sphere of justice, Burris repudiates the notion that punishment has anything to do with justice, and extols the principle of restitution as the essence of a libertarian theory of justice. He does not take sides, however, in the argument over abortion, nor in the difficult area of children's rights. Rather, he explains the opposing viewpoints in an attempt to highlight the fundamental principles involved. He does not declare a personal position in the continuing dispute between the anarchist and minarchist factions, although he has nothing good to say about government, and champions of the limited state may suspect that Burris's sympathies lean toward anarchism.

Libertarians with a left-wing background may take umbrage at Dr. Burris's habit of using the terms "statism" and "socialism" synonymously. In Chapter 20 he explicitly acknowledges that he uses the terms interchangeably because "The most common and most threatening type of statism is socialism". Yet he does allow that a non-compulsory socialism would be compatible with libertarian principles.

When discussing human rights Burris relies heavily upon the terminology of "natural law", which may bother those who, like myself, prefer to discuss human rights in terms of moral sanctions for freedom of action in specified contexts; sanctions derived from a particular ethical philosophy, rather than being somehow inherent in "human nature" as an "is" which implies an "ought".

Burris draws a clear distinction between human actions which are ethical and actions which are "just", a philosophically dubious distinction but one which may be useful for the purpose of discussion: "just" behavior is any behavior which does not involve the initiation of force, however lacking in honesty, civility, or compassion such action may be.

The most controversial chapter is unquestionably the last - "Strategy for Liberty", which outlines an intellectual framework for analyzing strategy. It is obvious that Burris, who in the preceding chapters made a reasonable effort to keep his more personal opinions on a short leash, has chosen to give them a free rein in this final chapter. He argues that the struggle for liberty is properly conceived as an exercise of the right to self-defense, and that many otherwise immoral actions may be justified when resorted to for the purpose of defending

one's rights. Thus may we justify lying, bribery, intimidation, the use of emotional appeals, loopholes in the law, and money from tax revenues, as well as overt force in our "war" against the state. Burris avows, "We have the moral right to take ANY necessary action for self-defense against state oppression . . . even if innocent bystanders might be harmed", and "Our oppression will continue until enough libertarians are willing to effectively do whatever is necessary to end it". These are revolutionary words, to be sure, and not the sort of rhetoric with which most readers will be comfortable. Such language can lead to disaster when injudiciously interpreted. Still, there are sobering thoughts here, not to be summarily dismissed by those who take the cause of Liberty seriously.

While some libertarians will take issue with Burris on a few points, most are sure to find *A Liberty Primer* solidly, and radically, libertarian.

Regarding the study guide at the back of the book, I am a member of a study group which has been using the guide for more than four months. We have encountered a few problems with it. The required commitment to a series of 19 to

24 weekly meetings is a bit too much for some members.

Perhaps, the greatest weakness of this book is its length, which may discourage potential readers. However, there is no subject in it which I would delete and it is difficult to see how it could be condensed much more without losing its clarity of exposition and its readability.

On the other hand, the main strength of *A Liberty Primer* is in its clear, readable, and entertaining presentation of a wealth of libertarian ideas, and in the infectious passion for liberty which shines through the writing, from the first page to the last. ■

### Correction

The excerpt from page 217 of David Friedman's book *The Machinery of Freedom* reviewed in the Jan-Feb. issue of *LP News* should have read:

*"It is no more than a slightly exuberant exaggeration to say that a government functions properly only if it is made up exclusively of saints, and an anarchy fails only if it is inhabited exclusively by devils."*

*The bold portions were inadvertently omitted.*



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## Wins in Wisconsin

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example, Westgaard's race brought up the issue of the incumbent Board of Aldermen's support for building a new library, when sharing facilities with Milwaukee County could reduce costs and avoid additional indebtedness, which may push the city into illegal deficits. In Gary Witte's race, the incumbent Trustees had voted for a \$430,000 bond program, which became a focal point for the election.

The libertarian campaigns were the result of campaigns run on a personal basis, with fairly low budgets and emphasis on door-to-door campaigning and working with sympathetic groups in the local communities. This personal, "grass-roots" approach by the Libertarian candidates based on extensive prior ground-work contributed greatly to voter confidence in the individuals who ran.

While the election results won't be known until early April, candidates Westgaard, Stangle and Witte are given "good" chances of winning, with Theisen expected to pull a respectable showing in his race against an established incumbent. As always, the results will be the consequence of the hard work and funds available to each candidate. Contributions to these campaigns will be greatly appreciated. Contributions should be payable to each candidate and can be sent to them c/o: The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin, 5355 S. Tuckaway, No. 2, Greenfield, WI 53221. ■

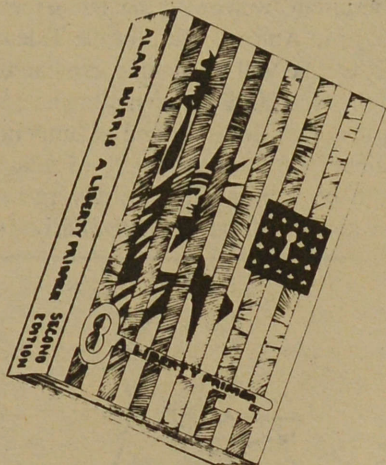
## LP, Indian Leaders Meet

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B.I.A. and negotiations for using federal government property to recompense Indians for stolen land and broken government promises to "eternally provide" for the Indian's health and welfare in exchange for Indian lands. Reportedly, Means and his supporters are encouraged by the LP's opposition to the B.I.A. and advocacy for Indian sovereignty, which are both major planks in Mean's tribal presidential campaign. Although Means and the A.I.M. organization were closely associated with various leftwing groups during the late 1960's and early 1970's, Russell Means considers himself "neither rightist or leftist or libertarian, but an Indian first and foremost" according to LP Chair Grant. His interest in the LP stems from certain common perspectives on Indian issues and Means' desire to see Indian issues raised in the Bergland/Lewis campaign. "Means would like to see the LP championing the Indian cause," observed Grant, "which is the natural and proper thing for us to do since we are the only political party which consistently supports victims of government oppression." Grant noted that the meeting was just one of several in an ongoing discussion with Indian leaders to discuss areas of mutual agreement and assistance. ■

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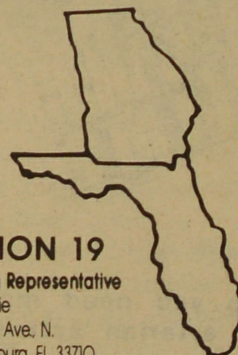
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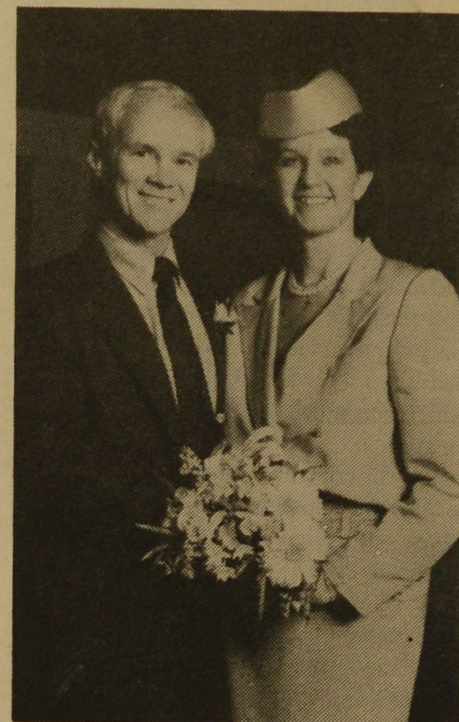
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At the January 7 Ex-Com. meeting, Raul Costales resigned as LPF Chair in order to pursue a unique and special business business opportunity in California and was therefore unable to fulfill his commitment as Chair. The Committee unanimously voted to select Orlando resident Dianne Pilcher as the new Chair. Editorship of the state newsletter has been assumed by Debbie and Richard Van Treuren of Edgewater, who will make the Pinellas LP *Liberator* publication the state newspaper. Jacksonville activist Andrew Parramore is the state Ballot Access Coordinator, heading up a difficult effort which will require the collection of nearly 49,000 valid signatures by a July 15 deadline to secure ballot status. April 15 tax day plans are well underway, as well as State Convention plans for a Memorial Day Weekend event on May 26-27 at the Dolphin Beach Resort in St. Petersburg Beach.

Three candidates have emerged to do battle with the dark forces of statism, who are: Fred Kirchoff of Gainesville, Jerry Nyren of Jacksonville, and Bob Vogel of Orlando. "How I Spent My Christmas Vacation" by National Chair Paul Grant could very well include an extensive newspaper interview by his hometown Pensacola newspaper, which ran a long interview with Paul on December 28. The story covered an impressive number of issues, as well as noting that Chair Grant was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" in 1967 by the Pensacola High School Senior Class. Miami area Libertarians also enjoyed the February 22 column by



LP Presidential Candidate David Bergland was married to Sharon Ayres on January 14 in a Costa Mesa ceremony attended by several hundred friends.

Dade County LP Chair Robert Mihm, who wrote a lengthy piece for the *Miami News* about the merits of a proposed state constitutional amendment which would limit future tax increases.

### Georgia

The January 14 State Convention in Atlanta was host to a number of regional and national LP activists, including Chair Paul Grant, Mises Institute Director Lew Rockwell, Maryland LP Chair Dean Ahmad, longtime Georgia activist and former Chair Jim Clarkson, Alabama Chair Yana Davis, and writer/philosopher Michael Green. The event was attended by over 65 libertarians. Georgia Chair Bruce Earnheart notes that "we are organized better for our ballot drive than we were in 1980" but also points out that the GLP must gather over 100,000 signatures by the end of June to be allowed to compete in the electoral marketplace.

Tireless LP candidate Jim Lewis also appeared in Atlanta during the latter part of an extensive "southern tour" from Virginia to Alabama, in the early part of March. ■

### National Unity Party Fails

Sacramento, CA - Independent Presidential candidate John Anderson failed in California to qualify his "new political party", the National Unity Party, which he hopes will provide an organizational basis for his campaign in 1984. He had to file 80,644 California voter registrations by Jan. 3 in his new party to qualify his party. He can still appear on the ballot as an independent by collecting 115,591 petition signatures, a route followed by LP Presidential candidate Ed Clark in 1980. The LP currently holds California ballot status as a result of statewide candidates receiving more than a minimum vote percentage in recent elections.