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## NEWSLETTER

The Liberty Pledge Newsletter is a monthly publication for the participants in the National Libertarian Party Pledge program. Because of your contribution, we are able to carry on the daily activities of the Party, and we want you to know what we are doing. We also want the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and let you know about others who are helping the Party as volunteers and contributors. So, first, thank you!

**TAX PROTEST DAY: 16 APRIL 1984** Enclosed you will find a stat for a tax protest flyer. Another will be found in the March-April issue of LP NEWS. You can add your local Party address and phone number or that of a local contact, take it to a copy shop, and you are ready for tax protest day activities. Don't forget to contact the local media. They expect us to be at the post office when they do their annual coverage of weary tax payers and tax protesters.

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**MARYLAND MAKES 18 STATES WITH PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT STATUS!** Ballot drives are in progress in 14 other states. We have had recent legal victories in Kentucky, Wyoming and South Dakota where unreasonable laws have been changed in our favor. Recent legislation in Kansas has also been favorable. We have legal action pending in 7 more states.

**OVER 200 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** have been pledged to the Libertarian Letters Project.

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# Bergland asegura ser la opción presidencial

Por Fidel H. Rodríguez  
Reportero de LA OPINION  
*La Opinión Los Angeles, CA 23 Feb 84*

El precandidato a la Presidencia de los Estados Unidos por el Partido Libertario, David Bergland, aseguró ayer que sólo su programa político puede restablecer los derechos individuales que

## Libertarian candidate hopes to open crack in two-party dominance

By JERRY PUGNETTI 26 Feb 84  
The News Tribune Tacoma, WA

A vote for a Libertarian Party candidate this year is a vote to abolish the federal income tax, dismantle Social Security, legalize prostitution and bring every U.S. soldier home from abroad, says the party's choice for U.S. vice president.

"It's been said that there are things in there that would offend everyone," said vice-presidential candidate Jim Lewis about the Li-

Jim Lewis



would be brought home to protect only the nation's borders, he said. Libertarians would call a halt to

## Libertarian calls jailing of Nebras

By David Bergland IDAHO FALLS, ID 25 Feb 84

Prison is not the happiest place to spend the holidays, but in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, seven fathers spent both Thanksgiving and Christmas in the Cass County Jail — while their wives lived as fugitives in a neighboring state — all for the "crime" of sending their children to a church school which had not been certified by the Nebraska Department of Education.

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## Individualism is suppr for anti-gov't Liberta

By Tom Breen  
WASHINGTON TIMES NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Pretend it is Jan. 20, 1985, and that someone named David Bergland has been elected president of the United States.

In this scenario, Bergland has defeated Republicans and Democrats to become the nation's first Libertarian Party president.

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# The Libertarian Philosophy: Individ

Concord Monitor  
Concord, NH 28 Feb 84

## Candidate Plans To Make All Ballots

By DIANE LOISELLE  
Monitor Staff Writer

Most Americans are Libertarians but haven't discovered it yet, according to David Bergland, the 1984 presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party.

The party agrees with those who think they should be able to do what they want as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others. The government's job, libertarians say, is to guard individual rights.

"The only proper laws are those that penalize such conduct as murder, rape, kidnapping, robbery, burglary, arson, trespass, and fraud because such conduct necessarily violates someone's rights," Bergland said in an interview in Concord yesterday.

Bergland, a 48-year-old lawyer from California, won't be on the primary ballot today, but plans to be on every ballot in the country in November.

Each state sets its own requirements for alternative parties. New Hampshire asks for 3,000 signatures; Florida requires 50,000 signatures and a \$5,000 fee.

The Libertarian Party is 12 years old and prides itself on refusing federal matching federal funds, which Bergland calls "stolen property." He says his campaign budget is between \$1 million and \$3 million. He admits he doesn't expect the

but hopes to educate people on Libertarian

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## Libertarians believe movement expa

Los Angeles Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Monday's Iowa caucuses and the attendant media blitz will hardly trigger a raised eyebrow on David Bergland's handsome face.

He was named the Libertarian Party's standard bearer last September and has been on the stump ever since seeking support from, he said Sunday, the "50 percent of the people or more who have opted out of traditional politics."

Echoing the theme of some of the so-called "second-tier" Democratic Party candidates who have been chasing front-runner Walter Mondale, Bergland, 48, a Costa Mesa, Calif. lawyer, said he expects the Libertarian movement to grow because "there's a real demand for alternatives in the traditional (political) marketplace."

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The candidate, David Bergland

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