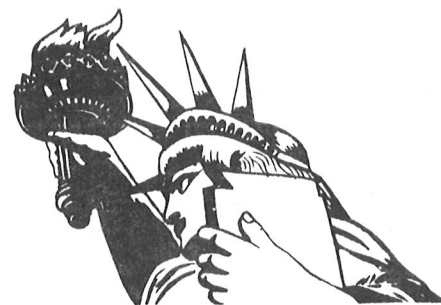


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CANDIDATES FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE

- 1 Robert "Bob" Madden
 - 2 W. Ray Pike
 - 3 David Bergland
 - 4 Stephen A. Davis
 - 5 Hugh Thompson
- (Photo Courtesy Of Bob Madden)

CANDIDATES OFF AND RUNNING

At the party's convention held at the Carolina Inn, in Columbia on Saturday April 14, the state party nominated candidates to run for the U.S. Senate and three congressional seats currently held by various Democratic-Republicans.

Stephen A. Davis, a computer consultant and long-time libertarian activist from Grambling, near Spartanburg, was nominated to run for the U.S. Senate.

Robert "Bob" Madden, a professional photographer

from Greenwood, was nominated to run for the 3rd Congressional District.

W. Ray Pike, a semi-retired security consultant from Pauline in Spartanburg County, was nominated to run for the 4th Congressional District.

Dr. Hugh F. Thompson, a physician from Darlington, was nominated to run for the 6th Congressional District. Also at the convention Dr. Steve Kreisman was elected Chairperson of the S.C.L.P.

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A Bit at a Time

In a sense it seems absurd to be making the case for freedom. It's hard to imagine that anyone should need to be convinced of its merits. Freedom has always been a part of the human spirit and, whenever it was practiced to any extent, it promoted both peace and harmony as the way of life.

In spite of this, we find ourselves living in quite another sort of world today. More than a third of all people suffer under the oppression of totalitarianism in which even the most basic of personal freedoms are denied. Another third feel the heavy hand of authoritarianism. And even those who remain as citizens of the so-called "free world" have experienced a slipping away of their liberty in recent years.

How can something as right as human freedom remain so elusive? After all, preachment of the case for slavery is not something we hear on every street corner. But it does not seem to follow in this case that, "If you ain't agin it, you gotta be for it." An absence of opposition to freedom has not assured freedom's presence. What we find instead is a world in which everyone professes to want freedom but few have it. And most alarming of all is that so few are trying to make the case for freedom. It has become an ever more difficult and controversial task.

Understanding the cause of our problem comes easier when we realize that life's activities take place *a bit at a time*. Our valuation, both of things and ideas, is always made at the margin. That is to say, we value in "bits" rather than by the total of things. And so it is with the concept of freedom. We desecrate the freedom way of life *a bit at a time*, failing to recognize, perhaps not even caring about, the consequences of such actions on the future of our free society.

Making the case for freedom would be so much simpler if we could just keep focusing on the absolute principles of total freedom or total slavery. Dealing with absolutes is always the easiest task. But this is never where the battle is fought. The contest is waged, and will be won or lost, over those daily choices in our lives which finally add up to life itself—those little *bits at a time* that ultimately become the whole of life.

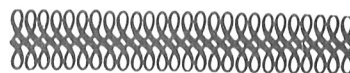
To effectively advance the philosophy of freedom, two things are required: First is the need to formulate and accept an ideal concept based on those moral and ethical absolutes that sustain

individual freedom of choice, and, secondly, we must consistently live by this ideal concept in our daily affairs. Without exception, whenever the freedom of choice way of life is abandoned, it has been through violation of one of these requirements. An analysis of current events leads us to such a conclusion. Individuals, lacking an ideal concept, either act on the impulse of the moment, or else they hold a set of values in conflict with freedom and have no way to judge what is right from wrong. And, finally, failing to grasp the inconsistencies which their own actions impose, many individuals routinely violate their own philosophical ideals.

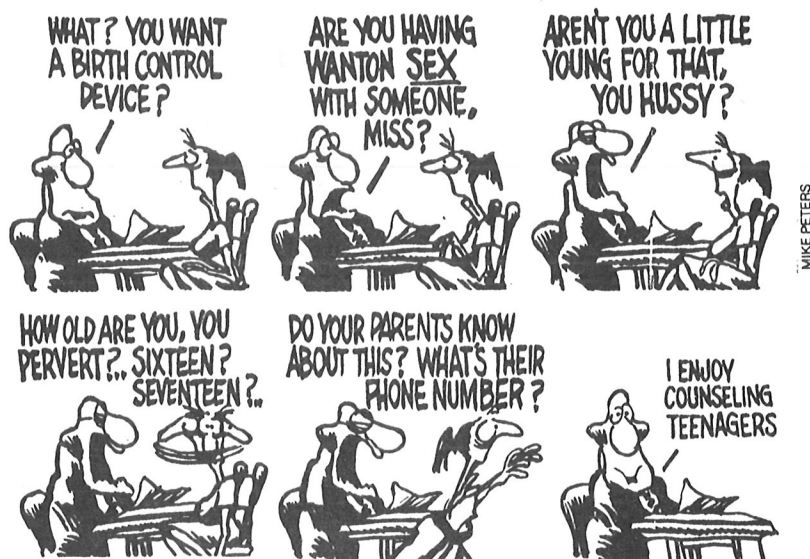
In this latter case we are dealing with the human condition of imperfect knowledge or lack of understanding, whereas, in the former case we are confronting values hostile to freedom or, worse yet, no values at all—a void in thinking. Despite these differences, however, the problem and the solution are the same. Both an inculcation of values and an exposure of ignorance involve us in learning activity, a task that can be achieved only *a bit at a time*.

The acceptance of freedom's values, the repudiation of statist values, or an understanding of our own actions cannot occur all at once. Bad ideas fade away as better ideas evolve. We know this from our own experiences and observations. Education and self-improvement is a slow and difficult path to wisdom and truth, but it is the only road open to us in our efforts to restore the freedom way of life. This *bit at a time* path to enlightenment explains why making the case for freedom has always been and will always remain so difficult for us.

The activities of The Foundation for Economic Education are targeted at both advancing the ideal concept of individual freedom and at exposing the daily violations of that concept. Through various educational pursuits we have sought to make our case for the philosophical ideal of an unhampered free market, private property, and limited government way of life.



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Bergland Banquet

Libertarian Party Presidential candidate David Bergland spoke to about 80 people at the state party banquet on April 14, after a four day tour of the state which took him from Greenville to Charleston.

Bergland, an attorney from Costa Mesa, California, was the L.P. Vice-Presidential candidate). He is the fourth L.P. Presidential candidate. John Hospers was the first in 1972 and received about 5,000 votes. MacBride and Bergland received 173,000 votes in 1976. Ed Clark and David Koch received 921,000 votes in 1980 (first year the L.P. was on the ballot in all 50 states).

The main emphasis of the campaign is to promote libertarian principals and to help state parties organize at the grass-roots level, and not to get any certain number of votes.

At the Banquet Bergland stated that "there's no place on the traditional political spectrum that is one hundred percent committed to the belief that people have the right to control their own lives, their own property, their own actions" except the Libertarian Party, the only party that has shown itself to be a Party of Principle.

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The Natural Law Familist

Voice of the

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STATEMENT OF POSITION

We, the members of the Familist movement, are Children's Rights advocates who recognizes Familism as a life style, designed by Nature to foster the self sufficiency and independence of children.

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THE NATURAL LAW FAMILIST is published bimonthly by the Familist Movement, 5324 Sun Valley Drive, El Paso, TX 79924, (915) 755-7045 (Please be patient if someone answers who speaks Spanish).

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We welcome the contribution of books, magazines articles, newspaper clippings and reports on family activities, meetings and projects. Letters commenting on articles and activities are appreciated. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the editors, the members of the Familist Movement (as a whole) or other libertarians.

The family is not, however the origin of the nidus of the state. It is rather the sworn enemy of the state, as well it should be.

**Robert Nisbet
Prejudices**

REDISTRICTING: It's A Whole New Ball Game

Redistricting, or Gerrymandering, takes place every ten years or so, and is done so that members of legislatures will have an 'equal' number of people to represent in their peculiar houses of government. In South Carolina anything done that in any remote way has to do with voting has to be reviewed by the Justice Department (as per the 1964 Voting Rights Act).

As you can see in the map below Governmental Districts sometimes have strange shapes. These are the congressional districts, they have all been changed somewhat so check and see where your county is.

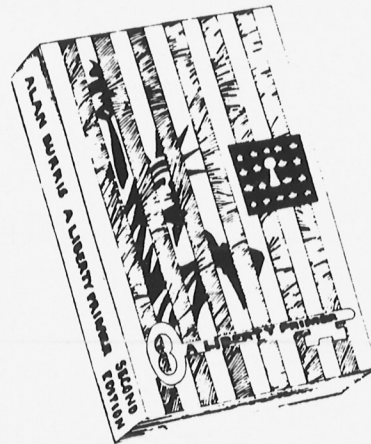
All local House and Senate seats have also been redrawn, this offers a unique opportunity for the Libertarian Party in the state, it means that every representative is running in new areas. The South Carolina Libertarian Party is currently seeking qualified persons to take on this chance to join the state legislature - if you think you have what it takes please get in touch with your local Libertarian. In any event VOTE.



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"everywhere I go, I recommend Alan's book" -- Alicia Garcia Clark, National Chairwoman, Libertarian Party

"**A Liberty Primer** is an extremely useful tool for organizing at the local level. I recommend it for activists and 'would-be' activists." -- Howie Rich

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"The book is a 'waker-upper' for sure!" -- Dick Randolph, Alaskan State Legislator

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"Next to *Atlas Shrugged*, **A Liberty Primer** is my all-time favorite book." -- Dagny Warner

"The Primer has been very helpful in my campaign for the County Council for the Island of Kauai." -- Mike Dyer, Kilauea, Hawaii

"**A Liberty Primer** is an excellent internal education tool for all state parties. It is an engaging treatment of the full reaches of Libertarian thought." -- Emmett Elrod, South Dakota Chairman, Libertarian Party

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Libertarians stand apart, believing in total freedom, both economically and personally, said Bergland, who has spent about 100,000 dollars of his \$1.5 million campaign budget.

Libertarians call for neutrality, peace and free trade between the people of the United States and the rest of the world.

We are opposed to military aid to foreign countries and oppose any increase in taxes and indeed favor a decrease in taxes and the abolition of the Federal Income Tax.

Bergland said he is convinced that the 1984 ticket will show Americans that "they no longer have to waste their votes on the same old thing. There is an alternative. Liberty is possible. Liberty is practical.

"We want them to know that everybody will have more when we are free, as opposed to when we are enslaved. We are here to stay. We want them to know our goal is to establish a free society and that we will be working to achieve that goal as long as it takes to do it."

LIBERTARIAN PRINCIPLE

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

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S.C.L.P. Executive Committee Meeting

June 10 - Columbia

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VOTER REGISTRATION PURGE

In July, 1983, there were 119,665 people in the state of South Carolina who were purged from the Voter Registration books for NOT VOTING. Anyone who has not voted since before the 1980 General Election was purged from the active Voter Registration lists and sent a letter from the State Election Commission. As long as that 'purged' person has not moved or committed a disqualifying crime they are still a registered voter and may vote in any election. However, that 'purged' person is not eligible for jury duty and their signature is not valid on a petition requiring the signatures of registered voters. A person who has been purged from the registration books may be 'reinstated' on the active Registration list by contacting their County Board of Voter Registration or VOTING.

In South Carolina it is not required that a person registering to vote denote any political affiliation, a registering person need only show that they are a legal resident of the state and be at least 18 years of age on day of the election, the person must be registered 30 days prior to the election in order for their name to appear on the local registration books.

Make sure all of your friends and neighbors are registered to vote.

If you have any problems in registering or voting contact the nearest Libertarian Party representative or a member of your local Voter Registration Board or the South Carolina Attorney Generals Office in Columbia.

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Libertarianism In One Lesson

Perhaps the most common question put to Libertarian Party ("LP") candidates is: "What is Libertarianism?" Or, "What does the LP stand for?" Because the LP bases all of its platform positions on the political philosophy called "Libertarianism," there is no more important question for the American voting public.

First, let's avoid some common errors and confusion by stating what Libertarianism is not. It is NOT some variant of liberalism or conservatism. It is NOT a combination of left and right positions. It does not fit on the traditional political spectrum. That spectrum does not admit the idea that all people have the right to control their own lives, in all respects, and the obligation to take responsibility for themselves and their own actions. Liberals and conservatives agree that the rest of us are evil and/or incompetent and must therefore be controlled by government. They differ only on which aspects of our lives must be controlled most.

By contrast, Libertarians hold that each person has the absolute right of self-ownership over his/her life, body, speech, action, and honestly acquired property. Each has the obligation to respect those same rights in each other person. The proper way for people to deal with each other is by mutual respect for each other's right of self-ownership. Anything that is peaceful, voluntary, and honest violates no rights and thus is not a proper subject for governmental intervention.

Government's only proper function is to assist us in defending our rights. The only proper laws are those which penalize such conduct as murder, rape, kidnapping, robbery, burglary, arson, trespass, and fraud because such conduct necessarily violates someone's rights. On a national scale, the government's proper function is to provide security within America against the risk of foreign attack -- no more.

Libertarianism is the philosophy of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution. Most people, most of the time, deal with each other on the libertarian basis of mutual respect. Two groups don't: criminals and government. Libertarians challenge the notion that government can legitimately coerce the rest of us through taxation, regulation, conscription, and criminal penalties imposed upon peaceful, voluntary conduct. We demand that government be limited to its proper functions and that government personnel be held to the same standard of respect for our rights that the rest of us follow.

The Libertarian Party is for all people who do not want to be controlled and who do not want to control others. On all issues we will support increased personal liberty and reduced government control. We know that a free society is possible and that it is practical. We are committed to work for as long as it may take to achieve it.

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"...The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to people of understanding, nor yet favor to people of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all."

--Ecclesiastes

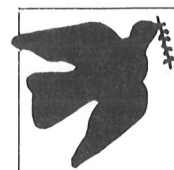


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"More powerful than armies is an idea whose time has come."

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