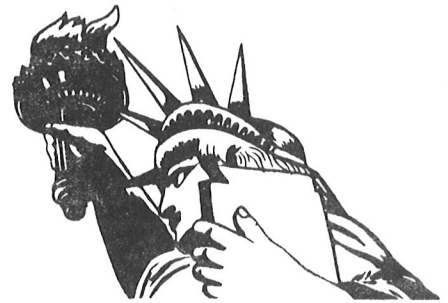


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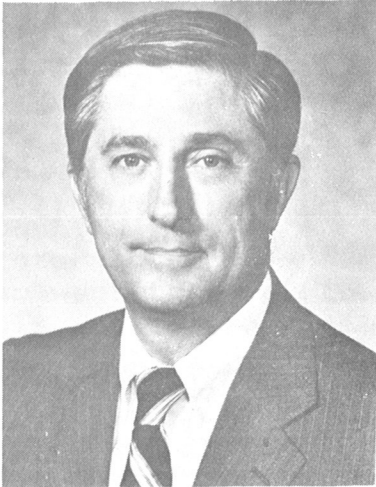
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LEWIS STORMS SOUTH CAROLINA

Jim Lewis, Vice-Presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party will make a campaign swing through the state in the middle of August, arriving for the convention and making several stops around the state. Mr. Lewis will be the keynote speaker at the S.C.L.P. state convention on August 18.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, and currently
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STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 18 - State
Convention
Sunday, October 21 - Election
Strategy
Tuesday, November 6 - VOTE -
ELECTION DAY
Sunday, December 16 - Budget
Meeting

CONVENTION SCHEDULED

The 1984 State Convention of the South Carolina Libertarian Party will reconvene on Saturday, August 18 in Columbia at the Town House on Gervis Street. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. Business will include the nomination of additional S.C.L.P. candidates, consideration of the children's rights platform plank, and other items and workshops that will be announced at a later date. The keynote speaker will be Libertarian Vice-Presidential Candidate Jim Lewis. For more information contact your local Libertarian.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE FORMED

The S.C.L.P. Executive Committee established an Education Committee at its June 10 meeting. This committee will write articles and position papers for the Party on various issues and expounding the libertarian philosophy. Dr. David Morris has been appointed chairperson of this committee. The committee is currently seeking qualified members to fill several positions. If you are a writer and enjoy expressing your libertarian positions, now is the time to show it. Contact the S.C.L.P. at P. O. Box 50643, Columbia, South Carolina, 29250.

-----DAVIS WAGES FULL-TIME CAMPAIGN

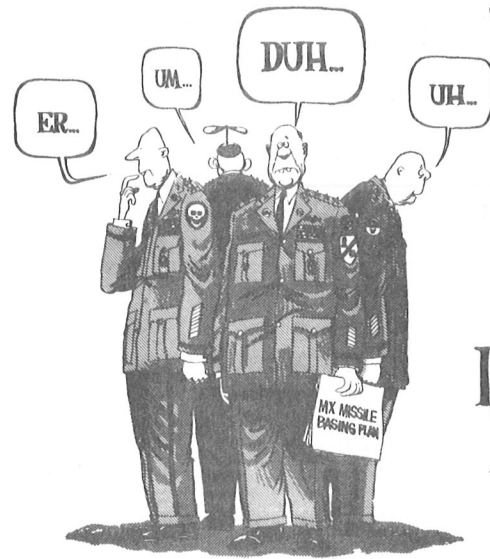
"As I hope you well know, I am the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate in South Carolina this year. Although my decision to run was made at the spur of the moment, I am extremely excited about this opportunity, and very grateful to the members of the party for this honor,"

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LEWIS STORMS SOUTH CAROLINA (from page 1)

currently residing in Old Saybrook, Conn., he is the father of one daughter and three sons. He was selected to be David Berglands' running mate at the National L.P. Convention in New York City in September, 1983.

Mr. Lewis will be in South Carolina for three days. His tentative schedule is for him to be in the Greenville-Spartanburg area on Thursday, August 16. On Friday, he will hold a press conference in Columbia, then appear on Bill Benton's 11 A.M. talk show on WSCQ (FM 100). From Columbia he will move on to Aiken where he will tour the Savannah River Plant Nuclear Weapons Facility.



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MADDEN ON 'CAROLINA JOURNAL'

Robert 'Bob' Madden, the S.C.L.P. candidate for Congress in the 3rd District appeared on the South Carolina Educational T.V. program 'Carolina Journal' on the third of July.

The program is a talk-show format that, in the past, has allowed various Libertarians to air their views on topics of the day. Guests have included David Bergland, Ray Pike, Ron Heaton, and now Bob Madden, all this year.

Bob began the program with a short introduction to Libertarianism with parts of the Declaration of Independence thrown in for good measure (this being the day before the 4th of July).

The program moved briskly through several subjects and two telephone calls with Bob making a very good and informative appearance on this statewide program. For those of you who missed it, too bad.

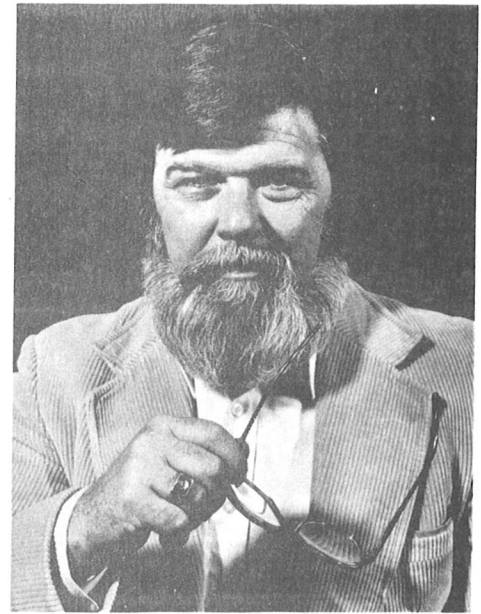


Photo of Bob Madden

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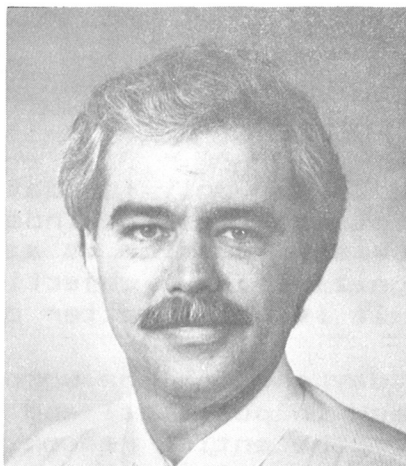
Davis stated at a meeting of supporters in Columbia.

This will be the first time the S.C.L.P. has run a full-time state-wide campaign. Davis will be traveling throughout the entire state, spending a week at a time in each congressional district and will kick off his campaign at the S.C.L.P. State Convention on August 18.

"In each district, I want to speak to as many church groups as possible and discuss the horrendous government abuse of church schools taking place around the country, and indeed, in South Carolina, and pushing the concept of government non-intervention in church and education. I also want to speak to as many high schools and colleges as I can, as well as service clubs and other local interested groups. The Libertarian Party has some important things to say on the key issues in 1984, and it's time to get the message out."

Mr. Davis has stated that he will push for televised debates between himself and Mr. Thurmond, hopefully to be sponsored by the League of Women Voters or some other non-partisian group, and let the state see the differences between what people perceive as Strom Thurmond and the REAL Mr. Thurmond.

"With your help, I truly believe that we can pull off some surprises in 1984. As I will say often during the next 6 months ... THERE IS NEW HOPE!"



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"Our fight is not a political struggle to be the people who run society - our fight is an ideological struggle to change the ideas that run society."

David Bergland

LAWYERS IN OFFICE OPPOSED

COLUMBIA (AP) - Lawyers should not be able to hold public office and those who do should be declared "in open rebellion" against the state Constitution, according to a lawsuit filed by the founder of the citizen's group Freedom Watch and three other citizens.

E. R. Rish of Cayce said he and the other plaintiffs, all residents of Lexington County played "jailhouse lawyer" to write the class-action suit, which was filed July 2, 1984, in Richland County Court of Common Pleas. The plaintiffs say they were filing the suit on behalf of all citizens of the state.

Other plaintiffs are Arthur J. Lanigan, jr., James C. Goodman, and Jan L. Chapman.

The lawsuit contends that lawyers may not serve in the state's legislative or executive branches because they are already officers of the courts and that holding both positions violates the separation-of-powers doctrine of the state Constitution.

For more information contact Freedom Watch, 1815 8th Street, Cayce, South Carolina, 29033.

TEACHERS OPPOSE SOUND POLICIES

In the 4th Congressional District Ray Pike has been running a quiet but grassroots campaign against incumbent Mr. Campbell and Mr. Smith.

In a statement released by the Pike Committee, Ray Pike blasted the State Teacher's Organization for their endorsement of Mr. Smith. "The very ones charged with molding the minds of our young people have taught them some bad lessons by example. First they completely ignored a third candidate in the race, teaching children to be prejudiced. Instead of looking at the candidates' complete platform they have taught children to only use their selfish interest. Bragging about their ninety-seven percent success in '82 they taught children to use sleazy power politics to get what they want. The media failed to report the political background of the leaders of this group which are deeply rooted in the Democrat Party. The President is a long time member and former leader of the Greenville-Spartanburg Democrat Women's Club. I suggest that in the future the State Teacher's Union bring all of the candidates together before their entire body. One of the leaders of a local union has informed me that this endorsement is a BEAT CAMPBELL effort. All of the unions are endorsing the person that they feel can beat Campbell and that Smith is the lesser evil of the two, need they be reminded that the lesser of two evils is still evil," Pike closed.

BLEVINS PROMISES TO RUN

Ms. Linda Blevins, of Kings Creek in Cherokee County, has announced her intentions to seek the Libertarian nomination to run for Congress in the 5th Congressional District. While making no firm commitment to any issues in particular at this time, Ms. Blevins said her decision to run was based upon the lack of any of the other candidates in the race having the nerve to stand up for the individual rights of the people. "We need someone in Congress who understands the hopes and dreams of the people of the 5th District - I have seen none of these qualifications in either of the other candidates who are seeking this office (i.e., Democrat or Republican)," she stated.

Ms. Blevins is a long time Libertarian Activist and is the Chairperson of the Cherokee L.P., she works full-time and attends school part-time.

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JUSTICE AND FREEDOM

Justice is the only foundation upon which a society of free and independent people can exist. Justice is a concrete, recognizable, and objective principle. It is not a matter of opinion.

In our day and age the word justice is rarely used in political and economic discussions. The entire reason for the existence of communities, laws, governments, and court systems has been forgotten. But if life and property are to be protected and secured, which is the purpose of society, then justice must be the rule.

- Leslie Snyder

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR LIBERTARIANS?

The Libertarian Party is the only political party successfully challenging the traditional political system. We are standing up for **YOU** and **YOUR** rights against a government supported by both Democratic and Republican parties.

A vote for either a Democrat or a Republican will simply tell these traditional, establishment politicians that you are **PLEASED** with what they have been doing to you for years and that you want more of the same.

The real question is: **WHY WASTE YOUR VOTE ON POLITICS AS USUAL?** Why not make your vote count by voting for someone who supports the principles of Freedom, Liberty and Justice, and for a party which backs up its words with principled actions? People who are now supporting the South Carolina Libertarian Party value freedom and care about our state. They feel that they can do nothing less than support a real political alternative which offers a better future for **ALL** the people of South Carolina.

HOW CAN I BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBERTARIAN PARTY?

You can send a contribution to the party to help fight for **YOUR** freedom. You can become active in the Libertarian Party organization in your community, joining other people in the quest for Liberty. You can also support and vote for Libertarian candidates for public office. In short, you can become part of the fastest-growing movement for sensible change in South Carolina.

The Libertarian Party is for all people who do not want to be controlled by others 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 Liberty as long as it takes to achieve it.

How about YOU ?

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Thomas Paine, 1777



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- ☐ Yes, I'd like to contribute to the South Carolina Libertarian Party. Enclosed is \$_____.
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WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY?

As its name suggests, the goal of the Libertarian Party is **LIBERTY** - not just for some, but freedom for everyone. The principles which guide the Libertarian Party are the same principles that sparked the American Revolution... that people have natural rights to life, liberty, and property, and that **GOVERNMENT MUST NEVER VIOLATE THESE RIGHTS.**

To achieve liberty for everyone, we are becoming a nationwide political party of importance. We are already the third largest and fastest growing political party in America. In 1979, the Libertarian Party gained permanent ballot status in South Carolina and began challenging Republicans and Democrats, winning thousands of votes and presenting Libertarian solutions to present-day problems.

WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIBERTARIAN PARTY?

First and foremost, we believe in **PEOPLE**! We believe that individuals and their families - not the government - know best how to solve their own problems and run their own lives. Libertarians recognize that each person has the absolute right of self-ownership over his/her own life, body, speech, action and honestly acquired property. The only proper way for people to deal with each other is by mutual respect for each other's rights of self-ownership. Anything that is peaceful, voluntary and honest violates no right and thus is not a proper subject for government intervention.

The right jio control one's own life and property includes the right to speak and write freely, the right to produce and trade and keep the fruits of one's labor, the right to travel freely, and the right to maintain privacy in matters of personal behavior, to name just a few examples. People should not be forced - by any individual or government - to sacrifice their lives or property for the benefit of others.

Government today seems to be run according to opposite principles. Individuals are treated as the property of the government and are prevented from acting according to their own judgement. Libertarians recognize that government's only proper function is to assist us in defending our right. The only proper laws are those which penalize such conduct as murder, rape, assault, vandalism, theft, arson, trespass and fraud, for such conduct necessarily violates someone's rights.

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 and cooperation. Two groups do not: criminals and government. Libertarians challenge the notion that government can rightfully control the rest of us through taxation, regulation, conscription, and penalties imposed upon peaceful, voluntary conduct. Government should be held to the same standard of respect for our rights that the rest of us follow.

WHY WAS THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY FORMED? CAN'T LIBERTARIAN POLICIES BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES?

We believe that there is no longer much difference between the Democrat and Republican parties. Their bipartisan policies have **CAUSED** most of the problems that South Carolinians face today on both the state and national levels.

Government has simply grown too big and its policies have been disastrous. Inflation, taxation, unemployment and government spending have soared for years. Our government has supported foreign governments (many of them dictatorships) with American lives, materials, and money, while our own personal freedoms have been continuously taken away.

AT NO OTHER TIME IN HISTORY HAS THE AVERAGE CITIZEN BEEN SO TAXED, REGULATED, REGISTERED, LICENSED, NUMBERED, TOLD WHAT TO DO, AND TOLD WHAT NOT TO DO! More and more, elected officials are acting like public masters, rather than the public servants they are supposed to be.

Not only are Democrats and Republicans incapable of making changes - they actually do not want to! They have both become willing partners with special interest groups of all kinds who seek favors in the halls of government offices.

The Libertarian Party was formed to change this situation. Libertarians seek to end the destructive policies of the Democrats and Republicans - not only because they are inefficient and wasteful, but also as a matter of principle.

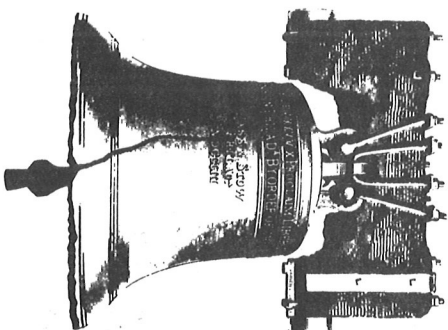
We firmly believe that the best society is one in which our rights to life, liberty and property are free both from criminals **AND** government, that the government which governs **LEAST** governs **BEST**.

HOW DOES THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY INTEND TO IMPLEMENT ITS PRINCIPLES?

Libertarians are already at work putting their ideas into practice in the state of Alaska. Libertarian State Representative Dick Randolph promised tax relief - **and delivered it!** His efforts on behalf of a statewide income tax repeal initiative pressed the legislature and governor into repealing all of Alaska's personal income taxes!

Libertarians are also leading the opposition to the draft, are involved in efforts to return government-owned land to private individuals, are urging the return to a free-market currency based on gold or silver, are promoting tuition tax credits and other alternatives to the government monopoly of education, and are advocating the decriminalization of victimless crimes such as bingo, paramutual betting, private sexual behavior, and the personal use of drugs. Libertarians feel that it is time - once and for all - to do away with South Carolina's "Blue Laws".

We believe that South Carolina should be a shining example of liberty, justice, peace, and prosperity for the rest of the nation and the world.





DISCRIMINATORY DRUNK DRIVING LEGISLATION

Robert 'Bob' Madden, congressional candidate in the 3rd District, has opposed the nationwide drinking age of 21. "Whose business is it what an adult wants to breathe or drink, what price he pays for it, or where he gets it?" asked Mr. Madden at a meeting of supporters in Westminster.

Each year 25,000 Americans die in alcohol-related traffic accidents. Of that number some 5000 are between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one.

Madden, who will challenge Democratic incumbent Mr. Butler Derrick, said the proposal to establish a nationwide drinking age infringes on citizens' privacy.

He accused anti-drinking groups of using drunk drivers, especially young drunk drivers, as scapegoats for their cause.

"If raising the drinking age to 21 is justified because it might save one life, why don't we raise the drinking age to 60 and save even more lives. We must realize that drunk driving and not youthful drinking is the true crime here. Prohibition proved that this nation will continue to drink, no matter what the sanctions, and that some people, even those over 21, will drive when they are drunk. As a society we should work toward elimination of the drunk as well as the drunk driver. As a nation we should be leary of politicians who so easily revolve around popular issues while sitting on fences."

THOMPSON CAMPAIGNS IN SIXTH

"Your vote is too valuable to waste it on a professional politician," Dr. Hugh Thompson, candidate for Congress in the 6th District told a social club of Darlington businessmen.

"A professional politician relies on party leaders and big-money contributors for the funds to run expensive elections campaigns, and these are the people he or she represents in Congress, not the voters. If you fall for the high pressure ad campaigns, you are wasting your vote, no matter whether your choice wins or not," he said. "If you vote for someone who will try to represent you, not a lot of special interest groups that give her/him lots of money, you are wasting your vote; win or lose."

"The fact that professional politicians are so beholden to special interest groups for money to run slick election campaigns is one of the main reasons the economy and the government are in such an awful mess," he declared. "They will try to let things get better from now to election day to try to reelect the incumbents, but after November, watch out!"

The Darlington anesthesiologist declared that they could tell that he was not a professional speaker. "In fact," he added, "I am probably the only candidate in South Carolina who gets paid to put people to sleep."

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LIBERTARIAN LETTER PROJECT

One of the most cost-effective methods of communicating our ideas to the public is through letters-to-the-editor. We are asking Libertarians to write letters to their local newspapers mentioning "libertarianism," "the Libertarian Party," or "David Bergland." We urge you to participate. We will provide you with a periodic newsletter, advice and tips, sample letters, progress reports, etc. All we ask in exchange is that you send at least one (but preferably several) letter(s) to your local newspaper(s), and send us a clipping of any published letter. Please join the effort!

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WOMAN AS VICE-PRESIDENT

Has a woman ever been the Vice-Presidential candidate of a political party in the United States?

YES, several, however, only one has ever received an Electoral Vote -Libertarian Toni Nathan, who was the V.P. with John Hospers as the Presidential candidate on the L.P. ticket in 1972. The Electoral Vote was given to the L.P. by then Republican Elector Roger McBride, producer of 'Little House on the Prairie', who went on to join the L.P. and become the standard bearer in 1976.

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