



# The Utah Liberator

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## LPUtah Launches Super Website

One reason why Harry Browne is the walk-away winner of all the online polls is that Generation Xers are "natural-born libertarians" and their medium of choice is not TV, radio or print, but the vast ranges of the internet. Politically aware Xers typically seek out Libertarian-oriented websites for more information.

Now they can find out virtually everything they ever wanted to know about the LPUtah by visiting our new website at <http://www.inconnect.com/~LPUtah>.

Having visited most of the state and county websites listed on the LPN's website, we can proudly say that ours blows the others away on all levels... appearance, functionality, information, and convenience.

The homepage (center) lists 13 of the 14 pages on our site as described here:

**Our Philosophy:** A brief intro to basic Libertarian principles.

**Where We've Been:** A brief look at the 25-year history of the LP and the LPUtah. Links to LNC.

**Meet Our Candidates:** A listing of the Libertarians running for office in 1996 with a direct link to Harry Browne's website.

**Our Platform:** With a brief description on where we stand in general on specific issues of concern to our fellow Utahns. Provides a direct link to the LNC's 1996 Campaign Platform.

**Who We Are:** Describes Libertarian membership under our "big tent" approach.

**Are You a Libertarian?** Links directly the truly interactive online Nolan test run by Advocates for Self Government.

**Our Philosophy:** A brief introduction to our Constitution-based philosophy, our objection to big government, and "returning" it to enable your life to be better.

**Where We've Been:** A brief look at the history of the Libertarian Party and the LPUtah from its founding 25 years ago.

**Meet Our Candidates:** Meet the Utah Libertarians running for office in 1996. There may be a candidate in your district who needs your help to win. Then you can go on to meet Harry Browne, our Presidential candidate, who needs your support to get into the debates... and to win a victory for you.

**Our Platform:** Where we stand on present and on specific issues of concern to our fellow Utahns. Plus a link to the Libertarian Party's 1996 Campaign Platform.

**Who We Are:** Find out what kind of people have joined the LPUtah. And, be sure to remember, who if you've visited this page, you've probably received about the same thing. The difference is we're working to do something about it.

**Are You a Libertarian?** Take this quick, interactive poll, set up by a third-party organization, to find out where your basic beliefs place you on the political spectrum. If you are a Libertarian, and live in Utah, be sure to come back here.

**Join The Party!** Become part of the solution. Help us realize our vision in Utah. It's not enough to seek your voice as a congressional member. You've got to get with the action. It's easy to sign up with our on-line membership form.

**More Libertarian Links:** You may have heard our very liberal RNC-based media talkshow host listed in past editions of his show. Our monthly newsletter of fact and opinion is just one of our services besides described on this page.

**Statement of Principles:** We are rightly called "The Party of Principle" because here principles (in short) Ask the traditional politicians what they stand for... besides big government, deficit spending, legislated morality, etc., etc.)

**Why Waste My Vote?!** Across who tell you that voting Libertarian is "wasting your vote away" is lying. They just mean that some piece of the same thing. (You'll also learn about a respected journalist here who is more than ready to contribute than the Republican and more honestly liberal than the Democrats.)

**Party Officers:** Meet the new and current LPUtah county or state party officials. This page also tells where the Salt Lake County Libertarians meet every month.

**More Libertarian Links:** If that website isn't enough for you, this page will show you how to get to a number of other Libertarian-related websites.

**Join The Party!** Sign up with our online membership form.

**The Utah Liberator:** Describes this newsletter and other member benefits.

**Our Famous Pledge:** The Pledge and the reasons why it's required.

**Statement of Principles:** Our Statement of Principles.

**Why Waste My Vote?** Why voting for demopublican candidates is throwing your vote away.

**Party Officers:** Lists contact information for LPUtah county and state party officials.

**More Libertarian Links:** A colorful jumping-off point for a number of other lib-related websites. (You gotta see it!)

The 14th page, the email page, is always available from the navigation toolbar found at the bottom of each page. It is one of two "interactive" pages that let the visitor communicate directly with the LPUtah by filling in certain information.

The other such page is the membership form. We are unique among all states and even the national organization in having an online membership form. (The LPN will not yet accept a "webbed" Pledge. Joiners will be asked to also sign a hard copy.)

Special thanks to TRAVIS STOCKWELL for writing the CGI scripts that return the filled-in information in a readable email format.

### Try It Out

Please visit the website, then send an email with your ideas, suggestions, etc. We'll make major changes to the site after the elections and your ideas, suggestions and comments will be appreciated. Thank you.

## Pat Hunt Speaks Out

*We are indebted to Davis City party vice-chair Patricia Hunt for sharing these two letters she sent to her local paper.*

### Government Shouldn't Finance Education

Those who champion a compulsory, tax-financed system of education are mortal enemies of the few of us who place a life or death value on the "unalienable rights" supposedly guaranteed to each individual, by the Constitution.

The sole legitimate function of a righteous government is to secure to each individual, the unalienable right to his life, the right to his liberty and the right to his property.

This securing-of-rights function and this alone, is the proper role that those We, The People, hire to run the government should play in our lives. It seems to me that anyone with at least five grains of common sense and the ability to read, should be able to verify this claim by making a thoughtful study of the Constitution.

Yes, those who are still devoted to liberty, place absolutely no faith or trust in individuals who, while proclaiming their devotion to liberty and the Constitution, lend even the least amount of aid, encouragement, or sympathy to a "so-called free," compulsory system of education.

A person cannot have it both ways.

One cannot be devoted to liberty, while embracing the principles of a system of education that destroys liberty in three 'separate ways: compulsory financing, compulsory attendance, and dictated curricula.

### 'Do-all' government goes beyond its scope

What a cruel and ironic hoax it is for Governor Leavitt (in his State of the State message) to openly denounce or condemn

the use of force and violence by the criminal element of society while he and his fellow lawmakers follow the same dishonest and despicable pattern to fund a multitude of aggressive, constitutionally forbidden projects which properly belong in the private, or willing exchange, sector.

Everything from public roads, to public education, to public recreation, and even the false forced system of "benevolence" improperly referred to as public welfare, destroy liberty by going beyond the legitimate scope of government.

In a supposedly free society, the sole legitimate job of those We, The People, hire to operate the government is to secure to each individual his unalienable rights. This is accomplished by assigning to government the role of referee.

The function assigned to government is to protect each person individually from each other, and collectively from foreign foes. This defensive function, and this alone is the proper role a righteous government plays in the life of each individual.

Under our Constitutional form of government, mercy, compassion, and other charitable works were to be left with the church and the private sector. Through individual decision-making on these matters, liberty is secured to the individual. While, under collective decision-making, the results of which are to be binding upon all, liberty is stolen from every person who is a part of the minority. This is why the Founding Fathers chose to establish a freedom-preserving republic, rather than a liberty-destroying democracy.

How long is it going to take the poor victimized taxpayers to wake to the truth and vote "the proverbial political camels" out of the "governmental tent?"

## Libertarians Rail Against Lite Rail

On Saturday, August 24th, a small group of concerned citizens gathered at the steps of the state capitol to protest the UTA's unilateral decision to go ahead with the Light Rail project despite overwhelming voter opposition.

An apparently more important conflict—the BYU-Texas A&M game—kept most protesters at home helping to show why we get the government we have.

ROB LATHAM, DAVID MUSICK, ROBERT JARVIS, RICHARD PARTRIDGE, AARON PARTRIDGE and TRAVIS STOCKWELL helped get signatures for Let Harry Browne Be Heard! petitions and to distribute LPUtah literature.

### Dexter's 2-Min. Speech

"We Libertarians know that common sense in government is about as rare as a full UTA bus. We Libertarians know that government has no business in the transportation business . . . or any business. We Libertarians know that republican and democrat government officials think they know better than you do. And they will continue to ram such things down your pocketbook and continue to raise your taxes until you've finally had enough and vote Libertarian.

"If you want to stop light rail, use your vote! If Harry Browne becomes president, he will veto any budget that contains any taxpayer money for any light rail system. We have two candidates who will make life a nightmare for any government official who tries to get light rail running.

"If you elect W. Andrew McCullough attorney general, he'll investigate and prosecute any UTA and/or UDOT directors or employees who may have broken state law in conjunction with the expenditures and land grabs leading to the light rail project.

"If you elect Hugh Butler state treasurer, he will immediately audit the UTA and/or UDOT for unlawful light rail expenses.

"The Republicans and Demo-

crats have been so used to taking your money and acting as if you don't count that you really need these two Libertarian watch dogs to keep them in line!

"And now we're watchdogging them on another issue. They don't want to let Harry Browne, the only major presidential candidate who will refuse to let one dime of taxpayer money be spent on light rail, in the debates.

"Just as you want to be heard, Harry Browne wants you to hear how he'll give you lower taxes, less government and more personal and business freedom from government. It doesn't matter if you plan to vote for him or not, just please sign a petition to get him made part of the debates!

"Just as you want to be heard. Let Harry Browne Be Heard! Find a Utah Libertarian in the crowd and sign the petition. Stop light rail, not in its tracks but in UTA's pocketbook!"



Our "Partridge Family" Promotes Harry Browne at the Light Rail Rally

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Submissions may be subject to editing for fit, but will otherwise be printed as submitted . . . if we have room in the issue.

# "Open Government" Will Expose Corruption

by Hugh Butler, Candidate for Utah State Treasurer

**T**he underlying theme of my campaign is "Open Government." I want to eliminate the secrecy and fast dealing which characterize so much of government's bad decision-making process. I believe Libertarians must bring radical and systemic solutions to the problem of government, not just better ideas and better people.

The most common Libertarian argument is: "our ideas are best." If our ideas are indeed the best, they will be co-opted by the parties in power. The miracle of the survival of American democracy is all about quiet revolutions. By co-opting ideas from all sources, the two-party system keeps itself and its minions in power. Power is their first objective and, in many cases, their sole objective.

In a very real sense, political parties only exist to promote their access to power. How that power is used is secondary. We are fooled by the process into believing our votes promote one idea over another. In fact, our votes reinforce the access to power of those who persuaded us to give them such support. That is the only point of politics as viewed by professional practitioners.

Now comes the Libertarian Party; a party of ideas and principles. A group of better people with better ideas. My mother asks, "Why don't you just join the Republicans? Couldn't you win there with such good ideas?" Perhaps, I say, but what would that sort of "winning" mean?

**Power Corrupts Major Parties**  
Were I a Republican, my good ideas would be placed in the service of a corrupt system; a system which produces little good and much evil; a system which makes life and death judgments on the self-serving claim that the survival of that system is paramount. Why would I want to become part of a system which I believe has taken good men and women and turned them into

compromisers, logrollers and pork barrel practitioners?

Mom, can't you see that America today is the natural and logical result of all that went before, that the system has reached its end, its fulfillment. This unseemly power grab, which we call "politics," is Nature's Way of telling us something's wrong. It is the system which is the source and fault of all it produces.

In the 21st Century, human beings will be liberated by technology and knowledge to act freely in ways never before contemplated. The current political system decries change and slows improvement. The system hates freedom and loves secrecy. We must attack it where it lives, in the dark rooms and back halls of power. If we can turn on the lights and let the people see what enormous power they have given government, they will realize that no one can resist the urge to use it.

## The Light Rail Proof

You cannot be the Utah Transit Authority without seeking to expand your scope of power over transportation in Utah. (If I gave a similar title to a department in my company which failed to show substantial growth over time, either the title or the employees would be reassigned.) Is it any surprise that UTA sees Light Rail as a necessity? Isn't that their job, to seek out new transportation solutions? The problem here is not UTA or even the state or federal governments. The problem is that the decisions to spend enormous sums of money, to deprive individuals and businesses of property, commerce, or access to both, have

been made in secret, in advance of public knowledge or approval. And the motivations for these decisions have all too often been to gain access to the Federal money trough.

While our governor speaks of State's Rights and a return to Federalism, his Transit Authority chases billions in Federal funds. While we are sidetracked into an apparently meaningless vote on tax funding for the rail system, the UTA plans

to close I-15 for 4 1/2 years of repair. While we wait to find out if the feds will fund 80% of the Light Rail system, UTA quietly proceeds with property acquisition, planning, and budgeting. Clearly, UTA has made up its mind. With the governor's approval? With your approval?

Light Rail may be good or bad for Utah. Only time will tell. But the system which produced the decision is corrupt. Its ways and means are despicable. It is an unseemly pursuit of power and money which taints all who touch it. Our only hope for a better, freer future is to strike at the heart of the corruption and deprive it of one of its essential tools: secrecy.

## Open Government

If I am elected, I will by law sit in on all state executive sessions and will immediately make the proceedings of such sessions known to the press and interested constituents. While Woodrow Wilson's idealistic "open covenants openly arrived at" may have proved impractical in international relations and our federal government must of necessity maintain certain mili-

tary and intelligence secrets, there is absolutely no reason why citizens are not entitled to know what their state government is up to. But the we've-been-in-power-for-so-long-we-can-do-whatever-we-want arrogance in Utah is so blatant that we now have a bunch of antihomosexual legislators arguing in court that their own "sunshine law" doesn't apply to them!

What possible secrets can state government have . . . unless it's their efforts to grab more power to deprive individuals or groups of their Constitutional rights, or plans to raise taxes once again to fund some pork barrel project, or sweetheart contracts for their contributors?

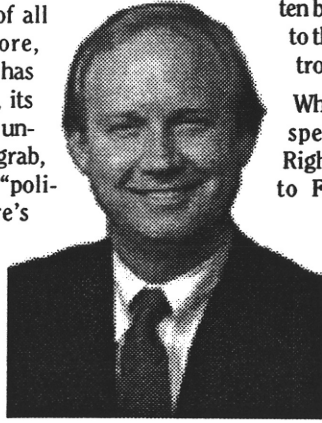
Open Government will save money. Someone who learned in advance, for example, about plans to build giant pumps for the Great Salt Lake might have pointed out that salt corrodes and the project was untenable, thereby saving millions of taxpayer dollars.

If an open government responded to voter reaction to light rail, they might have considered less expensive alternatives like one-way streets and timed traffic lights. As it is, I predict light rail will make the pump project look relatively sane.

But as long as state government believes it has the right to conduct its affairs in secret, we will continue to suffer from its closed-minded follies. Our taxes will continue to rise as government compounds its mistakes.

More government is never a solution to anything.

As a Libertarian, I believe that private enterprise is the only viable solution. If light rail is such a good idea, let a private company build it. A state treasurer has limited powers, but I vow to use whatever access and authority I have to keep government open to the people who pay for it.



**Hugh Butler**  
*LPUtah Founding Member and  
LNC Treasurer needs your vote*



## Notes From The Chair

by Jim Dexter

**Keep Those Letters Coming:** Libertarian letter writers gained a lot of ink on *The Salt Lake Tribune's* editorial pages in August. We salute members J. ROBERT LATHAM, KRISTA WILHELMSEN, K. BRENT OLSEN and the yet-to-join Don Johnstun of Magna and Jarad Nielson of Spanish Fork for their epistles promoting Libertarian positions and Harry Browne's candidacy. Hey, they even printed one of mine.

**Sad News:** Four months ago, MAURY MODINE's bride of just two years, HOLLY, contracted Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a rare, autoimmune disease attacking fewer than three people in 1,000. Basically the body believes a disease is present and starts attacking itself, especially the nervous system. Holly has been hospitalized since May 13 and Maury's insurance coverage will have expired by the time you read this. Cards and donations can be sent to Maury at: 1035 West Shield Lane, South Jordan 84095.

**LPUtah Website:** What a project. And this is just Round One. The new version of Adobe PageMill will be out soon and we'll be making significant changes after the election. Check it out and let us know what you think.

**Membership Jump:** The official LNC count of our paid membership is now 161, making us #30 in the US, and #20 on a members-per-million-population basis! We gained 16 new members following the LP NatCon. (Welcome aboard!)

Harry Browne is the best thing that ever happened to the LP and the Libertarian cause.

**Larsen Suit:** As prescribed by law, 20 days after finally being served by Larsen's lawyer (and two weeks after the state's candidate certification deadline), our lawyer responded to the complaint, admitting that we live in Utah and the LPUtah had a convention on May 4th. We denied all the other allegations, which we consider frivolous.

**County Officers Meeting:** The SEC met with the county party officers on August 15. I told the group this administration wants to return the Party to the grass roots. We offered a \$50 incentive to the existing city orgs to "extend" LP orgs in neighboring counties. Officers from BOX ELDER, DAVIS, SALT LAKE, SUMMIT, WASATCH and UTAH attended as well as a member from TOOELE. Tax check-off funds were distributed and gladly received.

**Great News:** One of the highlights of the 8/15 meeting was the return of longtime Box Elder city chair, RICHARD PARTRIDGE and his son AARON. We expect great things.

**Spreading The Word:** The League of Women Voters invited me to participate in a panel discussion on politics at the UofU for a group of international politicians and journalists who were in the U.S. to learn about democracy. Panelists included Bobbie Coray (D), Dixie Mason (R), Claire Geddes (Perot), and Paul Rolly (*SL Trib*) and Tom Barberi (KALL). After the presentation, the guests from Estonia, Italy and Singapore all asked for more info on Libertarianism.

**Online Forum Fixed:** All problems with xmission.com have been solved. To join this members-only dynamic forum (current hot topic: national sales tax to replace income tax), simply send your name and email address to elwell@inconnect.com and enjoy.

# Harry Browne

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## Libertarian for President '96

### Join the Party and Get a Free Harry Browne Button or Bumpersticker or Both

If you join the LPUtah, you will not only enjoy all the benefits of membership (too numerous to list here), you'll also get a FREE red, white and blue Harry Browne bumpersticker (guaranteed to increase the beauty of your bumper) or FREE red, white and blue Harry Browne button (to increase your personal beauty).

If you're already a member and become a Monthly Pledge Member, we'll give you BOTH the sticker and the button! To sign up for this fantastic deal, just call Jim Elwell at 466-8770.

Act quickly, supplies are limited.



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Party of Utah

## Membership Form

### Yes, I Want To Be a Utah Libertarian

Please check one membership category, sign the Pledge, fill in your name and contact information, include payment, and mail.

- Introductory** — For new members only, a one-year Introductory membership entitles you to all the rights and privileges of Full membership. **Dues: \$15.**
- Utah** — Provides annual membership in the Libertarian Party of Utah. Entitles you to our monthly newsletter, *The Utah Liberator*, invitation to all our social events and political functions, and voting rights at our state party and county organization meetings/conventions. **Dues: \$20.**
- Full** — Provides annual membership in both the Utah and national Libertarian parties. In addition to all the rights and privileges of Utah membership, you'll also receive the national party's monthly newsletter. **Dues: \$25.**

### The Libertarian Party Pledge

I hereby certify that I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signed: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Give Punishment A Chance!

by Donald M. 'Biff' Whiting, a Libertarian, and the Independent Party's candidate for Utah House District 11

**M**any voters complain that politicians try to be all things to all people. In doing so, they lose both direction and purpose, and are committed to nothing. The voters in South Weber county will not have this problem November 5th. I am committed to one issue: crime and punishment.

Why, you ask? Both national and local polls reveal that the issue of crime and personal safety is the number one concern of a majority of adult and school-aged Americans. As a 'fringe' candidate, it makes sense to me to commit exclusively to solving the number one concern. Conventional wisdom says a single issue candidate cannot win. I disagree. If you're not safe in your own home, in school, or on the streets, the other issues don't matter much, do they?

The August 20th *Ogden Standard-Examiner's* editorial, "Tough Crime Stance Requires More Jails," mirrors the same failed 'solution' continually proposed by both Republican and Democrat politicians. But building more jails is not tough on crime, it's tough on taxpayers.

The *Standard-Examiner* used recently released U.S. Justice Department statistics to make the case for more prisons. Let's review those statistics. The number of inmates in federal, state, and local jails almost doubled between 1985 and 1995. There are now over one and a half million men and women behind bars (making the U.S.A. the world's largest jailer). Utah's prison population is one of the fastest rising, 13.2% vs the national average, 8.4%. These statistics don't prove we need to build more prisons and jails. They prove that incarceration is a complete failure when it comes to reducing crime. The US has spent over \$50 Billion in the last 13 years to double prison capacity.

Has crime diminished? No! Prisons are still filled beyond capacity. And while sentences are getting longer, actual time served is getting shorter. **Stupidity is believing that more of what has failed for the last decade will find success in the future.** Lunacy is voting for either the Republicans or the Democrats who want to build more prisons and jails and spend additional billions of your tax dollars.

What needs to be done? Since juveniles are the fastest growing category of offenders, and since the easiest way to prevent crime is to prevent the development of criminals, my program centers on the juvenile justice system.

"We are seeing kids today who are not concerned with the consequences," said a Second District Juvenile Court executive. That's the whole problem. There are no consequences. How often have you read of a kid who's been arrested 40, 50, 60(!) times and has never been meaningfully punished? "Counseled, warned, released," reads the rap-sheet *ad nauseam*. Since the essence of deterrence is credibility, my entire platform is a program for providing *consequences* for crime:

1. Juvenile offenders should no longer be protected by anonymity. Times have changed. Juveniles commit adult crimes.
2. Parents are often at fault for not monitoring their children's activities and correcting their behavior. My program holds parents partly responsible for their kids' crimes.

Here is the Biff Whiting Program for putting consequences back into crime.

- On conviction for a second offense [why wait?], the offender's picture is printed in the local newspaper with a description of the crime and punishment.

- If the offender is a minor living at home, print the name and address of the parents.
- The offender and his/her parents will be required to attend and pay for counseling at 'crime awareness' school, just as those convicted of DUI must attend 'alcohol awareness' school.
- Of course, restitution to the victim is required. This program will certainly increase the concern of parents for their children's behavior.
- If convicted a third time, the entire procedure is repeated with the addition of public humiliation and so many hours of work on the city/county work gang.
- By public humiliation I mean standing on a platform for eight hours in a public place, like a mall parking lot, with a sign proclaiming the crime: "I stole a car!" or "I'm a shoplifter!"
- Further convictions would call for more serious consequences. Military style boot/work camps and/or corporal punishment should be considered.
- Prisons should be reserved for violent and habitual criminals.

"Shaming" sentences, such as public humiliation, the stocks, the pillory and ultimately flogging are an efficient alternative to air-conditioned prisons. Corporal punishment is constitutional, effective and egalitarian.

**Building more prisons to fight crime makes as much sense as building more cemeteries to fight cancer!** Since prisons have failed to reduce crime, it's time to give punishment a chance.

**Note:** We emphasized Biff's talent for soundbites to inspire Libertarian candidates.

## Next I-15 Cleanup Oct. 5

**A**t 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 24 it was already hot. 76° and climbing. Despite the swelter, a small crew of SL Cty Libertarians gathered at the Denny's at I-15 and 4500 South. They were there to pick up the litter from the LPUtah's section of the soon-to-be-closed-for-five-years superslab.

Since it would soon be too hot, SCOTT BERGESON, DAVID MUSICK, TONY BERESHNYI, and MARK and AMY CROSS decided to split up and work both sides of the interstate.

Scott, who worked the north-bound side, reports: "We picked up most of the larger litter from 4500 South to 4800 South before it was too much for just five people. It's amazing what people throw away. We found two stolen Franklin Dayplanners, one on each side. We also found a dead dog named 'Rally' and much polycarbonate from Cambro Manufacturing."

### What's Needed

David recommends volunteers bring carts or wheelbarrows to carry supplies (such as trash bags and drinking water) Scott suggests bringing work gloves and work boots.

Next cleanup is slated for October 5, starting at 8:00 a.m. Park at the Wardley Corporation, 5242 South College Drive. Please call Scott at 487-4450 (in SLC).



### Treasure Hunters

David Musick (left) and Scott Bergeson found far more than litter on the LPUtah section of I-15. Join them next on 10/5.

Talk Radio In Utah:

## Tom-Man The Barberi-an

by Andrew L. Howard

In 1971, as Karl Bray, Steve Trotter, Hugh Butler and George Chapman were founding the LPUtah, KALL radio hired Tom Barberi. Philosophically, the libertarian cause and the media personality have been allied ever since. Describing himself as a "fiercely moderate, independent libertarian," Barberi coined the rallying cry "Legalize Adulthood in Utah" which was immediately taken up with Tom's gracious permission by then-state chair Bob Waldrop.

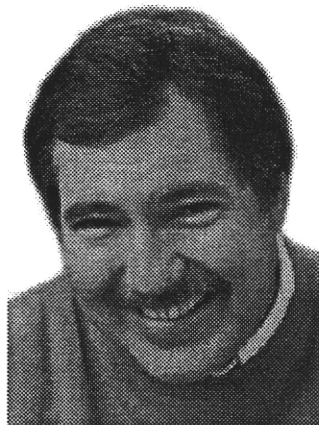
In many ways Tom Barberi, ably assisted by Bob Hendricks and Trina Iring during his morning drivetime show, is like a first cup of coffee: smooth, full of flavor, and awakening. The self-proclaimed "Voice of Reason's" logic and ideas are almost always appetizing to all thinking free-agents; a wonderful contrast to KALL's other local "talent," Kevin Stanfield (see the June '96 *Utah Liberator*).

This on-air "independent libertarian" tackles tough issues head on, and has been a praiseworthy champion of individual liberty. When he has prominent government and elected officials as guests, he asks tough questions. And Tom cheerfully lets his callers put the screws to our elected servants. Governor Leavitt is a monthly guest.

Tom has railed against Light Rail and its waste, fraud, and taxpayer abuse. He has voiced strong opposition to the Utah Dep't of Alcohol Beverage Control's inane, hypocritical, and discriminatory liquor regs. Tom ran an unofficial campaign for a position on the ABC board. His failure to appoint Tom will undoubtedly cost Gov. Leavitt dearly this November.

### A Big Browne Fan

Of late, Tom has been especially critical of both the Democrat and Republican parties, expressing his disappointment and disgust



**Tom Barberi**

*Fiercely moderate, independent libertarian, voice of reason*

at their unprincipled behavior and gimmickery. Conversely, he's been very receptive to the libertarian message.

We Libertarians have further cause to rejoice. Tom has had Harry Browne on his program twice this year. During the interviews, Barberi elicited and highlighted the issues that clearly distinguish our candidate from the others. And Tom has continued to sing Harry Browne's praises, promoting Browne as the only candidate with a reasoned plan and who is seriously talking about the issues. What's more, he has openly endorsed Browne's inclusion in the presidential debates; saying "Harry Browne is the most exciting candidate in the race." (Thank you, Tom.)

### Not 100% Lib.

OTOH, Tom has a few non-Libertarian attitudes on gun control and the minimum wage hike.

While not a gun-grabber, indeed he is an admitted gun-owner, Tom leans left to accommodate registration and regulation. No doubt, many victims of firearms crimes first endured hostile speech. While the idea has merit if solely applied to politicians, Barberi would hardly favor a five-day waiting period before one could talk openly. Nor would he

favor a mandatory fingerprinting and background check before the state grants a citizen a Concealed Thought Permit.

Big, demopublican government, Tom, is out to turn our Constitutional rights into privileges from which it can extort fees or can take away at moment's notice. The Second Amendment is every person's insurance policy against crime (even in a church or library) and against tyrannical government.

On the minimum wage hike, Tom is adamant that it will not create unemployment or inflationary spikes. Nor does he think it wrong of the federal government to meddle with price controls. Government is force, not wisdom. If raising the minimum wage to \$4.75 is good for the "downtrodden," why not be really, really humane and raise it to \$100 or even \$1,000 per hour. Sure, fewer will be employed, but they'll be happy . . . as they flip \$50 Big Macs.

Despite our occasional differences, Tom Barberi is truly a refreshing "voice of reason" in this socialist-Republican state. In fairness, Tom freely admits he doesn't always agree with himself. On the air 20 hours a week for 25 years and expressing spontaneous opinions on a mind-boggling variety of issues, some Barberi-isms are off the mark, even for by his own reasoning.

*The Liberator* took the unusual step of asking Tom to take the Nolan Test. He scored solidly in the libertarian zone; 70 for Economic Freedom and 90 for Personal Freedom. So, listen to Barberi in the morning. Even if you don't agree with his reasoning, you'll agree he has reason.

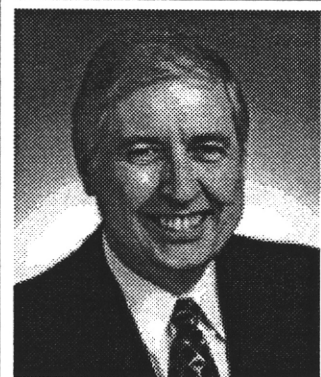
**The Tom Barberi Show:** KALL-910 AM, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Call-in: 470/670/575-5255 (KALL). Cell phone: #910. Also, Sundays in *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

## Vote Lib, Get Lower Prices

Wouldn't it be great if you could buy everything for as much as half off what you're paying now? Then vote Libertarian. According to Marilyn Vos Savant, the "smartest person in the world" according to the Guinness Book of Records, writing in the August 4th issue of *Parade*:

"Our research indicates that about 9% of consumer prices is attributable to federal regulations, and about 18% is attributable to federal taxes—a total of 27%. Although state and local regulations and taxes vary widely, they add about half as much as the federal burden overall—an additional 13%. So government regulations and taxes account for about 40% of all the prices we're charged at the cash register. And, if we include indirect costs as some experts do, that figure could reach 50%."

The only party that promises to reduce regulations and taxes at all levels is the Libertarian Party. People vote their pocketbooks!



**VOTE FOR HARRY BROWNE!**



# LEGAL BRIEFS

by Kaylin Robinson, CPLA

## Return Anjila's Baby Now!

This sordid tale involves incompetence, tyranny and abuse by government. Anjila Evans, 19, is a single mother. Trying to get off welfare by getting a job, she needed a day care service.

Shortly after starting work in July '95, she left her baby with Country Day Care. Soon Anjila noticed the baby cried all the time and seemed to be in pain. So, Anjila took her to the doctor, not once but 13 times, before it was determined on August 20 that her baby had a fractured leg bone. Under current law, a report of possible child abuse was sent to the Department of Family Services, who called Officer Kimberly Nudd of the Midvale Police to investigate.

On September 12, Officer Nudd began by interviewing Anjila. During this first and only interview, Anjila was told, for the first time, of two other fractures in her baby's leg and arm, as well as another injury. After talking only to Anjila for 30 minutes, Officer Nudd decided she must be guilty.

### Shoddy Investigation

Acting on Officer Nudd's conclusion, without any corroborating evidence, DFS acted to take the child away from Anjila . . . and placed her with a known abuser. (Criminal convictions are available for inspection.) Unknown to Anjila, four complaints of child abuse had already been filed against the day care center.

First, Anjila had to go through Juvenile Court. Her family and friends from all over the country came to tell the truth about her loving, caring relationship with her daughter. She was finally exonerated in December.

Despite the exoneration, the government filed felony charges against Anjila and the court refused to release the baby back to her. Anjila's court-appointed attorney wanted her to plea-bargain, but she wasn't guilty and to plead otherwise would have endangered both her freedom and the return of her child.

### Justice Delayed

The Court postponed the first trial. The next trial (August 14) was postponed when the prosecutor could not get his "witness." Our New York witness had to go back. The Court ordered the Government to pay for our witness's return, but the day before the next trial they were still refusing to.

We argued double jeopardy. Anjila had been subjected to two Court proceedings with substantially the same punishment—deprivation of her child). Our arguments went unheard by the Court, and we finally went to trial August 21 . . . nearly one full year since the baby was taken.

Mark Besendorfer, to my mind one of the best criminal defense lawyers in the state and a FIJA advocate, insisted on a jury trial. After three hours they came back in with a verdict of Not Guilty. (Faith in juries pays off.)

The Juvenile Court has still not returned her baby. The only investigation of Country Day Care was to ask if they had injured the child. They said no so Country Day Care continues to be licensed by the State of Utah.

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## Our Candidates Need Your Help

Utah's Libertarian candidates need help running their campaigns. Their names, addresses and phone numbers are shown below, please call and offer to help. Don't complain; get involved!

### State Offices:

**Attorney General: W. Andrew McCullough, Esq.**, 634 West 2400 North, Lehi 84043; 224-2119

**State Treasurer: Hugh Butler**, 1232 Chandler Circle, Salt Lake City 84103; 328-4325

### State Senate:

**District 5: Maury A. Modine**, 1035 West Shields Lane, Salt Lake City 84095; 254-0278

**District 16: Carol S. Williamson**, 401 North 900 East, Provo 84604; 375-7008

**District 27: Will Marshall**, PO Box 410207, Big Water 84741; 675-9128

### State Representatives:

**District 8: Walter Abbot**, 636 East Sixth Street #81, Ogden 84404; 392-9455

**District 15: Norman Parker**, 1142 North 1250 West, Layton 84041; 543-2235

**District 16: Blair C. Hampshire**, 880 North Shannon Rd., Kaysville 84037; 544-3694

**District 17: Theda Judd**, 82 West 600 North, Farmington 84025; 451-2070

**District 25: Ben Valdez, Jr.**, 836 South Lincoln Street, Salt Lake City, 84102; 363-3473

**District 27: Arthur Reilly**, 625 South Harmony Court, Salt Lake City, 84103; 596-0374

**District 28: Mark Lewon**, 1208 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City, 84108; 583-3622

### District 31: Charles Gibson

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**District 37: Brian F. Swim**, 1875 East 3600 South, Salt Lake City 84106; 467-7600

**District 42: Curt James**, 8400 South 4000 West #90, Salt Lake City 84088; 280-5905

**District 46: Alan Hepner**, Star Route, Salt Lake City, 84121; 649-6865

**District 50: Kathryn L. Burnham**, 2607 West 11275 South, Salt Lake City 84095; 254-6403

**District 52: Kaylin Robinson**, PO Box 213, Riverton 84105; 468-6209

**District 56: David E. Piccus**, 195 West State, Lehi 84043; 768-9194

**District 59: Jason Gallentine**, 186 East 1200 North, Orem 84057; 225-0203

**SL County Commission: K. Brent Olsen**, 1423 University Village, Salt Lake City 84108; 583-3621

### US House of Representatives:

**Third Congressional District: Amy Lassen**, 1351 West Parliament Avenue, Salt Lake City, 84123; 956-0967

Help bring liberty to Utah. Volunteer to help our candidates win their elections and/or keep us on the ballot. Andy McCullough needs volunteers to put up yard signs. Please call him. Thank you for your support.

## CALENDAR

Call for details. Numbers without 801 are in SLU.

### September

- 12 State Executive Committee - 534-8872
- 21 Salt Lake Gun Show - 1-801-649-2451
- Avenues Street Fair - 364-0090
- McCullough Fund Raiser - 1-801-225-6887
- Bob Waldrop in Big Water - 468-6209
- 26 Salt Lake County Caucus - 487-4450

### October

- 5 1-15 Clean-Up - 487-4450
- 8 Jim Dexter's 55th Birthday - 963-1028
- 10 State Executive Committee - 534-8872
- 24 Salt Lake County Caucus - 487-4450

# Andy McCullough's Ten-Point Platform

- 1. I will work to reduce the size of the office; and I specifically pledge to reduce it by 25% during my term, beginning with a 25% reduction in my own salary.
- 2. I will work to get the State and my office out of private issues that are not in the best interest of the taxpayers.
- 3. I will work to protect the freedom of association and freedom of speech for all citizens, even those who have unpopular viewpoints. The right to offend is inherent in the right of free speech.
- 4. I will require all law enforcement officers to undergo regular education sessions on their duties and responsibilities under the law; especially our Bill of Rights.
- 5. I will work to see that those who are injured by the wrong-  
ful conduct of State employees receive fair compensation for their injuries; and I will work to see that State employees who injure others are appropriately disciplined.
- 6. I will use my position to lobby the legislature and the executive branch against actions which are repressive, and which may subject the taxpayers to expensive litigation.
- 7. I will encourage such agencies as the Tax Commission to be fair to the taxpayers, and to refrain from actions designed to increase their own authority and budget.
- 8. I will work for a government "of the people, by the people and for the people" and not for self-serving government employees.
- 9. I will work to protect the rights of citizens to be free

from unreasonable searches and seizures of their person and their property.

- 10. I will work to re-examine our "war on drugs," a battle which has turned a large segment of our population into criminals, and is taxing our ability to build prisons fast enough to punish offenders. More emphasis should be placed on education and treatment, and less on petty enforcement.

"Those who give up some of their liberty in order to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." — Benjamin Franklin

*W. Andrew McCullough is running for Attorney General on both the Libertarian and Independent tickets. Contributions can be sent to: McCullough Attorney General, P.O. Box 651147, SLC 84165.*

## September 21: A Great Day To Be A Libertarian Volunteer!

- 1) The SLC Gunshow (9/21 and 9/22). For free admission call Chris Kierst at 1-801-649-2451; (O) 538-5337.
- 2) The Avenues Street Fair, Pass out candidate literature, and promote Harry Browne. Call Rob Latham at 364-0090 to sign up. We need a 6' table or card tables, and/or folding chairs.
- 3) The W. Andrew McCullough First Amendment Fundraiser from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Admission \$20 (\$16 to Andy) *Les artistes* are volunteers; tips are appreciated. Paradise Lounge, 2285 South Main St., SLC.
- 4) Bob Waldrop, legendary former state chair, will be visiting Big Water for a Solstice celebration for a few days. This is as close as he's coming to SLC.

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