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SEC Adopts Unified Membership Plan and Revenue Sharing with Counties

At the October meeting of the State Executive Committee, the LPUtah decided to adopt the Libertarian National Committee's "Unified Membership Plan" effective November 1, 1996. Under the plan, which has been adopted by most state parties, the LPUtah will send the entire \$25 dues for new or renewing Full members to the LNC. In turn, the LNC will send us \$1 per month per each new or renewing member.

Pros and Cons

Until now, the LPUtah has preferred that members renew through us and this was not an easy decision to make. After you see the reasoning, as contained in state treasurer Jim Elwell's proposal, we think you'll agree with the decision:

Advantage 1: We will get more total money. We lose \$3 per member who renews through the state (\$12 vs. \$15), and we gain \$12 per member who renews through national (\$12 vs. \$0). About 50-60% of members renew through the LNC, so we'll be ahead in net dues received.

Advantage 2: We get lots more money. They will send us more money for pledge members: \$2 per month for Sustaining, up to \$4 per month for Patrons. We have 15 or so pledge members in Utah, so this will give us another \$30 or \$40 per month.

Disadvantage 1: The money comes in more slowly (\$1 per month) from members who normally renew through LPUtah.

Disadvantage 2: We must drop the Introductory category because we have to send \$25 to the LNC for first-year Full members.

Not surprisingly, SEC also decided to drop the Introductory member category.

Sharing Dues with Counties

The SEC also approved a proposal by state chair Jim Dexter to give the county parties a share of all membership dues based on the following formula:

Full Members

10-20 members	\$1/member
21-30	\$2
31-40	\$3
41+	\$4

Utah Members

\$1 per quarter (\$4 per year) regardless of number of members.

Payment: Revenue sharing monies will be paid quarterly, within 30 days following the end of the quarter. This new plan does not effect the county parties' share of tax check-off funds.

Revised Member Categories Proposed and Tabled

Since the new dues plan required dropping Introductory memberships, Jim Dexter proposed revising membership categories as follows:

County: (Basically free) County members may vote at county organization meetings only at the county chair's discretion; may attend state functions but may be subject to a registration fee. At county and state conventions, they may not vote on any matter relating to the Party's internal business, but may vote for candidates for public office. A County member may not run for Party office or public office as a Libertarian. County members will be entered on the state Party's database and may receive mailings at LPUtah's discretion.

County members are not eligible for any LPUtah member discounts. No dues are required, but County members must sign the Pledge.

State: (Formerly "Utah") Provides full admission and voting rights at all county and state meetings. State members may run for county or state Party offices (except State Chair); and are eligible to be Libertarian candidates for local races, including state house and state senate offices; not eligible to be a delegate to the LPNatCon; State membership includes a subscription to *The Utah Liberator*. Requires signed pledge and annual dues of \$20.

National: (Formerly "Full") Includes full voting rights at all county and state conventions; eligibility to be a candidate for statewide or federal offices as a Libertarian and a delegate to the LPNatCon; and subscriptions to both *The Utah Liberator* and LPNews. Requires signed Pledge and dues (\$25).

What Do You Think?

The SEC tabled adopting the new categories to give members time to voice their opinion. Do we need a "free" membership category? How do we support members who don't pay dues?

E-mail your opinions to state secretary David Musick at David_Musick@msn.com or write him at P.O. Box 526025, SLC, UT 84152-6025. If adopted, the new categories will be put into effect provisionally and added to the new Constitution to be voted on at the state organizing convention in July 1997.

Online Forum Opened To All

When we began the LPUtah Online Forum, the intention was to restrict access to members, giving members a place to discuss ideas, announce events, and squabble in typical Libertarian style, free from the prying eyes of a public unused to our often freewheeling ways.

However, we somehow managed to include some nonmembers in the original invitation, and some newer members invited nonmembers to subscribe. This presented a quandry which was the subject of an online discussion lasting several weeks. State chair Jim Dexter, who had announced that nonmembers would be dropped from the service after Election Day, ended the heated discussion by calling for a vote. The choices were:

1. Keep it for members only.
2. Open the Forum to all.
3. Have both an open and a private forum.

As a result of the votes sent to state secretary David Musick, the SEC voted to keep the current Forum open to all and to create a separate, private, members-only forum.

All members now on the LPUtah Online Forum will be automatically subscribed to the new private forum. They may stay on the open forum or unsubscribe to either by sending a message to elwell@inconnect.com.

Nonmembers can join the open forum by sending a "subscribe" message to elwell@inconnect.com including their real name and email address.

The Letter The Trib Won't Print!

Our Paper War With Lily Eskelsen Is Censored

Avid readers of *The Salt Lake Tribune's* "Readers Forum," are undoubtedly aware of the letter-writing war of words between former UEA (read "Utah Teachers Union") head Lily Eskelsen and the LPUtah. The opening gun was fired by former state chair Jim Lorenz who cited LilyE's use of student labor and government school facilities to design and print her NEA political campaign materials.

Following publication of Lorenz' letter, *The Trib* published two letters in her defense, neither of which addressed the issue of using government facilities for union politics.

In the next round, state chair Jim Dexter wrote in response to statements LilyE made to her Unitarian Church congregation to the effect that religious schools were both illegal and improper and that if private schools were allowed, children would no longer "belong to the community."

That letter was replied to by one Amelia English of SLC who thought we Libertarians ought to have something better to do with our time. Marsha Butler responded to her with a reasoned response and list of reading materials about the failure of government education systems.

Dexter is "Playground Bully"

The next day, *The Trib* published LilyE's response. Unable to defend her foolish utterances, she attacked Dexter personally and suggested he do his homework.

With the help of Summit City chair Chris Kierst and the good people at the Utah Coalition for Freedom in Education, Dexter was able to uncover published reports about LilyE which he incorporated into this response:

To: Readers Forum

While Libertarians prefer to discuss principles and not demean personalities, since Lily Eskelsen vilified me—for citing her own

words—as "acting up" and a "playground bully" (Forum, Aug. 29), I feel compelled to respond in kind. Following her suggestion that I do some homework, and using *The Salt Lake Tribune* as my textbook, I uncovered the following interesting facts about LilyE:

- **She's a Public Menace:** *The Trib's* Gordon Munson reported on September 26, 1993 that LilyE drove "through downtown Salt Lake like a Hell's Kitchen cabbie . . . runs two red lights, nearly plows into a pedestrian at a crosswalk, almost rear-ends a stalled Plymouth Duster, and impatiently floors it past a police cruiser." We can be grateful she doesn't teach Driver's Ed. (Although some may believe she's personally taught many Utah drivers.)
- **She's a Kidnapper:** In the February 26, 1995 *Tribune*, Lance S. Gudmundsen wrote that while on her way to a recording session (she's been described as a "former lounge singer") LilyE ". . . realized young voices could embellish a couple of songs. By happenstance she was passing Hawthorne School. 'So I peeled into the school parking lot, got the principal to round up five fifth-graders from the choir, and loaded them in the van.'" No mention is made of written permission from the parents, which would undoubtedly be denied if they knew who was driving. I wonder if the kids get royalties or settled for extra credit.
- **She's a Union Bully:** On December 13, 1992, *Tribune* John J. Jordan recounted that under LilyE's guidance, the UEA was trying to swallow up the smaller Utah School Employees Association which represents nonteaching employees such as bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, etc.

LilyE accused USEA head Kelly Atkinson of being "paranoid."

- **She Supports Mediocrity:** Katherine Kapos revealed in the April 10, 1994 *Tribune* that LilyE adamantly opposed any attempt to reward teachers based on their demonstrated competence as measured by standardized tests of their students. The UEA prefers raises based on seniority in a system where, according to Sen. Howard Stephenson, "A teacher, no matter how poor they [SIC] may do their job, can save their job as long as no one is being killed in the classroom and the children are safe."
- **She Wants All Our Money:** Also on April 10, 1994, Samuel A. Autman said the UEA was opposed to a \$32 million tax refund and quoted LilyE as saying, "Anybody with one eye and half a brain can see it's an election-year tax break." If she's so concerned about money for education what does the UEA do with the \$5.25 million in union dues it collects each year . . . besides giving a chunk to the NEA and supporting politicians they favor?

While we have a great deal of empathy for teachers (it's a tough job), we do not believe the public is well-served by any government-run education system. And if we were UEA members, we'd like to know how effective LilyE has really been if our salaries are still among the lowest in the nation.

Sincerely,

The letter was submitted to *The Salt Lake Tribune* right after Labor Day, nearly two months ago. Despite follow-up calls by Chris Kierst and other interested parties, *The Trib* has refused to print our response to Eskelsen's *reductio ad hominem* letter. Today's "liberals" believe in and practice censorship.

Come To the Party's Party

The LPUtah is holding a Victory Party on election night (November 5) at Hugh and Marsha Butlers' swank hillside residence. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. (while we can still be optimistic).

The Butlers will provide soft drinks and set-ups. You are invited to BYO beverage of choice and a pot luck dish or snack (chips and dip). Please RSVP Special Events Goddess Kaylin Robinson at 468-6209 (SL Cty).

Directions

Go east on South Temple to Virginia Street (1340 East).

Turn left on Virginia St. and proceed up the hill 0.9 miles, till the road ends at the salmon-colored house. That's Chandler St. (If it's dark, c'est la night vision vie.) Turn left on to Chandler St. and proceed 0.35 miles to the first left turn, Chandler Circle, and turn left down the hill.

The Butlers live in the first house on the right, 1232 East Chandler Circle.

If you get lost, call 328-4325.

Nonmembers, who voted for Libertarians, are invited to join us. Literally.

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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.

MOMM Is Better Than Uncle Sam

by David Musick, State Secretary

As Libertarians, we want our government to be limited to only those functions authorized in the Constitution. Our biggest problem is the huge numbers of people who want government to do everything for them, to provide education, health-care, to make sure the drugs and other products they buy are all tested and proven safe and so forth.

There are a huge number of people who want to be taken care of, who want someone to look out for them. This, in itself, is okay. We only have a problem with it when the government tries to do that job, because that means that those who don't want or need those services have to pay for them anyway, and most of the money is wasted along the way by the horrible inefficiency of government programs.

So, something that would go a long way towards getting government out of our lives and our wallets would be the formation of some companies which provided for people all of the services which government tries to provide, but does it cheaper and better than the government does. Libertarians have been talking about privatizing for years now,

and there already exist private companies which perform basically the same services that government attempts to do. There are private schools, private drug testing companies, Consumer Reports and so forth. But people still want the government to provide these services.

Why?

Most of the reason is probably because people are simply used to the government doing that job and don't want to change, but I think that another important reason is because all of these private companies are separate companies, each doing only their specialty. What we need is several companies which could each provide ALL the services the government provides, and perhaps much more.

Now, these wouldn't have to be huge, monolithic companies because they could simply contract out to various smaller companies which specialize in one particular area. They would simply provide a way of bringing these companies together in various ways to serve the wishes of their clients. If their client wants education or job training, the company would help them get into a good school. If they need medical ser-

vices, the company will register them with a hospital which they have used another company to evaluate, and they will only be administered drugs which have been independently evaluated by a reputable drug testing company and are deemed safe enough to meet the client's desired level of safety.

The companies basically would manage the affairs of their client's life, to whatever degree their client wanted them to. They would simply be a middle-man between the client and a huge number of other companies which provide the services which their clients desire. I like to call these types of companies MOMM (Management and Organization for the Mindless Masses). And a MOMM would take good care of its clients.

But what about poor people and people on welfare? How can they afford the services of a MOMM company? Most poor people are poor because they lack the education and skills necessary to do highly productive work. An agent from a MOMM company could approach a poor person and offer to provide them with good, marketable skills, housing for them and their family, food,

security, health-care and so forth, if the poor person contracted with the MOMM company to pay the MOMM company an agreed percentage of their future income.

MOMM is simply making an investment in a human being, and then it will proceed to train that human to be highly productive, because the more the person earns, the more the MOMM company gets.

Thus MOMM has a big interest in the welfare of its clients, and MOMM will take good care of them. They will be trained well, and MOMM will see to it that they get a good job, and if they ever deserve a raise, MOMM will work to help them get it, because then MOMM will get a raise too.

If several MOMM companies are formed, and if they are successful, I predict the demand for government to provide all the services it tries to will decrease. People simply won't need Uncle Sam to take care of them, because they'll have MOMM. And the best thing is that no one will force you to be a client of a MOMM company or subscribe to any services you don't want.

That's something we don't get with Uncle Sam.

Understanding & Respect Are Key To Converting Mormons to Libertarianism

by Charles E. Hardy

I humbly suggest that attacking the religion, the culture, and the heritage of the single largest constituency in the state—namely the LDS church—is the surest way to completely turn people off to the very good message of L/libertarianism. Once again, in my humble opinion, the best approach is to learn enough about the LDS religion to converse fluently with the natives in their native tongue from a position of knowledge.

The Doctrine of Agency of the

LDS Church goes very nicely with the principles of libertarianism. Do you, for example know enough about the Mormon belief of the war in heaven to use it to illustrate similarities between libertarianism and LDS beliefs?

Mormons Know How

The LDS Church is not one of the fastest growing religions in the world because its missionaries make a point of attacking and belittling the beliefs of those it wants to convert. Rather, they try to recognize and build on com-

mon beliefs and point out the increased good that the church can offer to such potential converts. *We Libertarians must do the same.*

For the record, I've got a pretty thick skin and I feel secure enough in my religious and other beliefs to listen to someone impugn them without taking it too personally.

I also spent the last four years in Boston where I had a fair bit of experience having my beliefs be in the minority and belittled, etc, etc. None of the above is neces-

sarily true about the majority of Mormons who will be voting in the next election.

Please note, there are some discrepancies between the doctrine of the LDS church and the Utah Mormon culture. I may address those in the future.

In a calm rational discussion with most Mormons, the doctrine should win out if such discrepancies are pointed out. But it must be done in a way that does not attack.

[We look forward to Mr. Hardy's future submissions.]



Notes From The Chair

by Jim Dexter

Happy October: It is the crunch time in politics. If we are to make a respectable showing, if we are to retain our ballot status, if we are to have any kind of impact on November 5, we must all pitch in and promote our candidates this month. See the article on pg. 8 to see what you can do.

Sep. 21: LPUtahns spread the word in two SLC venues, the Avenues Street Fair and the Gun Show. We signed up three new members at the Gun Show and added 50 Nolan-tested libertarians to our mailing list! Our thanks to all who helped. **Street Fair:** In the heart of Liberal country, **ROB LATHAM, DAVID MUSICK,** and I found 14 possible Libs via the Nolan test. We especially thank **SCOTT** and **JACKIE BERGESON** for providing a high, long table. And were visited and helped by **MARK** and **AMY CROSS,** and **RICHARD** and **AARON PARTRIDGE.** **Gun Show:** Our booth chair, **CHRIS KIERST** lined up a great staff for two days: **DAN BROWN, JOHN DANSIE, CHARLES HARDY,** and Will Thompson.

Ooops: In past issues I have cited **DON JOHNSTUN** and **KERRY RASMUSSEN** as "nonmembers." Problem is our member lists trail the LNC's by months at times. These gentlemen are members. My apologies.

Great Growth: As of Sep 30, the LNC officially counted 19,993 members. By now, there are well over **20,000** Pledge-signing, dues-paying members nationwide! The LPUtah credited with 170 members, ranked as #30 Overall, we're #16 for growth-to-population, #19 in percentage of growth, and #20 in mbrs per 000. Thank you!

Watch Ch. 38: Longtime member **WILLY STAR MARSHALL** is turning his SLC-based KCN-TV station into Harry-Browne-On-the-Air, contributing 200+ spots for Harry's ads before the election. The **SLC TY LIBs** have contributed \$250 to add 50 more spots. In addition, KCN-TV is showing longer clips Mon-Fri from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m., Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sat & Sun, following the bikini contests (midnight to 3 a.m.). If you can get Ch. 38, call **FRED GEORGE** at 359-8551.

Election Party: See the notice on pg. 2. Again we are to be hosted by **HUGH** and **MARSHA BUTLER.**

Iron City Libs: Clinton's Escalante landgrab has prompted the formation of a new county party! See the Calendar on pg. 7 to join the fun.

BYU Debate: I have been asked to be Harry Browne at a debate at BYU on Hallowe'en between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. I look forward to unmaking the Big Gov't Monsters.

I-15 Clean-Up: This high visibility project will be held on Saturday, October 26. Come to the Wardley Corp. parking lot (5242 So. College Drive, east of I-15 off 5400 South) between 9:30-10:00 a.m. If you don't feel like picking up trash, you can carry a **VOTE LIBERTARIAN** sign. The southbound side is almost spotless so this should take no more than two hours; then we can all go to lunch! I hope to see you there.

Speaking: We are ready to speak on behalf of **Hugh Butler's** and **Andy McCullough's** candidacies. If you know of a Meet The Candidates night in your area, please call me at 963-1028 in SLC. Thanks.

Clippings: Please send us copies of any mentions of the LP, LPUtah, candidates, etc. that you see in your paper. We need to find out what they're saying. If it's negative, please fax it ASAP to 968-8133 in SLC. Be sure to include the paper's name and contact info. Thanks.

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Understanding Politics Today (An Allegory)

by Jason Gallentine, Utah County Chair

Suppose that one day you discover that a loved one, your mother, for example, is dying of cancer. Fearing for her life, you rush to her home to check on her condition. Upon arriving, you find that she already has company: her two next door neighbors (a married couple) and your brother, a surgeon by profession.

Your mother lies dying on the couch in great pain. Alarmed, you find that these neighbors are administering band-aids to her. They bicker back and forth at times as to whether the band-aids should be placed on her forehead, elbow, or somewhere else, but in the end they always apply a new one somewhere. Now, thoroughly confused, you sit back and listen to the conversation in the room. "Ahh, that feels

much better," your mother says with the application of a new band-aid. Your brother quips, "Mom, that's only psychological. You only think those things are making you better. The whole problem is the cancer inside. Soon the pain will return, worse than before, and we'll have less time to save you. Please, let me operate now and remove the cancer from you once and for all!"

Your mother replies, "You don't understand. I have trusted these two for as long as I can remember. I wouldn't think of listening to anyone else. I trust them that they'll take care of my problem." Sure enough, her pain returns, and she begs for more band-aids. After a while of this, you and your brother leave. Once outside, he lets you in on a secret: "Remember those two neighbors? Mom

won't listen, but I'll tell you: The wife is a band-aid saleswoman and the husband is a band-aid manufacturer."

Analysis

Your mother is the United States. Her unwillingness to listen to your brother is the average voter's reluctance to vote for someone other than the two big parties, even though they do her more harm than good. The cancer is big government, which, like cancer, only gets bigger and brings the victim closer to death. The husband and wife are the Republicans and Democrats. The band-aids are their constant feigned "solutions" to problems which won't solve anything. Their disagreement over placement of the band-aids is just that: Bickering over proposals which all have a net result of zero.

Their occupations symbolize the fact that they stand to gain a lot by *not* really solving the problem, big government.

Your brother is the Libertarian party, which, like you, has a vested interest in the life and well being of your mother and is the only one who can really solve the problem.

Listen to Lowell Ponte

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Point:

Selfishness Is a Virtue

by David Musick

I think most of the things we Libertarians are against are a result of people trying to "help" others. Big Government is a result of over-zealous people trying to solve other people's problems rather than allowing them to work their own problems out for themselves, becoming stronger people in the process. This bleeding-heart-liberal attitude that people need someone to solve their problems for them created Big Government.

Imagine a society where every person only cared about their own self and their own desires. There will be a great deal of trading and commerce going on because it is very beneficial to people to trade with each other. People would tend to be polite to each other, not because they really care about others, but because it is difficult to persuade others to cooperate with you when you are rude to them.

Killing people is not generally a good idea for a selfish person, even if no one else cares about the person you killed; if you are violent, others will probably view you as a potential threat to them, and if they feel sufficiently threatened, they will eliminate you. The most frequent excuse people give for interfering with other people's lives is that they are just trying to "help" others. I say, let people take care of their own problems.

A selfish person is probably more likely to actually help poor people than a bleeding-heart type. For example, they could sign a contract with a poor person that they would train them and give them good job skills if they received some percentage of the poor person's income. This would motivate the selfish person to give the poor person really good skills and find them a high-paying job, since they are going to get a percentage of the income. They're doing this, not

because they really care about the poor person, but they're simply making an investment in a human being, and they're trying to make the highest return they can on their investment. The selfish person therefore has a real financial interest in the physical and psychological well-being of their investment. This is more likely to really help the poor than just giving them money.

I think that intelligent, intensely selfish people do more good for society than any other type of person (often, they simply provide the inspiration for others to get off their asses and start fulfilling their *own* desires). To achieve your desires in this world, you usually have to work with others cooperatively (depending on your desires). To get others to cooperate with you (especially other selfish people), you must provide them with something they value at least as much as they value whatever it costs them to cooperate with you.

Thus, everyone benefits by being selfish (if they go about their selfishness intelligently, that is).

Being selfish simply means holding one's own desires above everyone else's. It means refusing to be a slave to other people's desires. Those who decry selfishness wish to enslave others. Libertarianism is about allowing everyone to pursue their own selfish desires as long as they do not forcefully impede others from doing the same. And it is in my own selfish interest to spread libertarianism, so that people will stop interfering in my life.

I also want them to stop interfering in the lives of the people who provide the products I buy, so that prices will drop. If businesses didn't have to pay so much in taxes, they could charge much less for their products and still make the same profit.

Counterpoint:

Greed Is NOT a Virtue

by David Jensen

People aren't perfect, and neither are the institutions set up by people. Many people are quick to point out the imperfections of our society: some starve while others gorge, some can't afford health care, some have trouble paying for college. The problem, of course, is greed. Though we see others in need, we think of ourselves first and choose not to act.

One problem with society today is we think we can fix greed with power. If income inequalities exist, then forcing employers to pay more can right that. If some don't have enough money and others have too much, then taking money from those who have it and giving it to those who need it will take the greed out.

All institutes of government—every last one—are run by people . . . the same greedy people who created the problems. And people can hardly be counted on to act without regard to their own self-interest. Indeed, if people did act *ungreedily*, government programs would be *unnecessary*.

"Libertarianism" (a surprisingly vague term) runs deeper than simply the notion that people should be free to pursue their own lives without harming others. Libertarians, as well as anyone else who advocates any form of government to any extent, advocate the initiation of force under certain circumstances. For example, Libertarians generally believe that property rights should be protected by authority: you trespass on my land, the state arrests you. But there is an implicit first-use of force underlying this principle. For property rights to exist someone must establish that I "own" a piece of the Earth. I only own land because society has agreed to use force against anyone who violates a certain set of conditions. If there were no society, there would be no such thing as property "rights."

Libertarianism is really an attempt to *minimize* force. We believe in a system of property rights because it is the least-expensive, most-peaceful way to allocate resources. We believe in forcefully enforcing murder and assault laws because the force initiated by society against individuals who violate these laws is less than the force that would be initiated against people if these laws did not exist. We don't believe in prohibiting inanimate objects (e.g., guns) because the force used to enforce these laws is greater than the force imposed on people by having such things legal.

People are greedy and power corrupts. A brief look at history yields as much. Our country came into existence (mostly) because one greedy person in a position of power—King George—sought to further his own interests by taxing and regulating "his" colonies. Now admittedly, working for our own interests is something virtually all of us try to do. I usually try to make as much money as possible, and use that money to acquire goods that bring me the most enjoyment possible.

Greedy people living together aren't perfect. Society has plenty of flaws. But greedy people holding power is usually an even worse alternative to greedy people living with each other. Force is minimized—and human life is maximized—when the minimal amount of force necessary to run society is used. Greed is hardly a "virtue"; rather, greed is an aspect of human nature that we must learn to deal with. We will not have a society in which force works as efficiently as voluntary interaction until we have a society devoid of greed . . . and were that day ever to come, government itself would hardly seem necessary. Until then, a libertarian system of force minimization is the social system that maximizes human enjoyment and longevity.

LEGAL BRIEFS

by Kaylin Robinson, CPLA

Whose Property Is It?

"No person shall . . . be deprived . . . of property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." — *US Constitution, Amendment V.*

Without going into a lot of detail, "due process" is technically defined as notice and opportunity to defend and judgment (often meaning criminal conviction). Usually this means court action and either conviction or civil judgment. (At another time I will get into what all needs to go into such things.)

Here our rights are guaranteed not only by US Constitution, but also by the Utah Constitution (which by the way was held to be more protective, see *State v. Larroco* [Utah 1990] and *State v. Sims*, [Utah App. 1991] which states: "All men have the inherent and unalienable right to . . . acquire, possess and protect property . . ." *Utah Constitution, Article I, Section 1.*

However, many things impede this unalienable right, it seems. For example: the person who has 19 acres of land but cannot build two houses because the county says he does not have enough frontage on a main road; the people who had a religious community and it was sold by the State without a Court order, because they didn't pay property taxes; and the people who stored junk cars on their desert property and were told, by courts and prosecutors that if they did not clean it up, they would lose it and if no permit was obtained, they could not build. (Just to name a few of which I am aware.)

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law." — *Utah Constitution Article I Sec. 7.*

Although I have only read about these cases, there are those who cannot build on property inhabited by frogs in Southern Utah, land declared "wet lands" which also prohibits building and multitudes of others, too numerous to name.

Abuses by government abound. Once upon a time I thought I lived in America. Then, I learned I really live in Amerika.

In 1848, *The Communist Manifesto* stated ". . . Nevertheless in most advanced countries, the following will be generally applicable: 1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes . . ."

But:

1. How do building and zoning codes affect one's right to property?
2. How do environmental codes effect the right to property and its use?
3. What about R.D.A.?
4. Community councils and neighborhood watches?
5. Property taxes and the uses of those taxes?

I see these, as well as other things, as the death of the right of the people to keep and enjoy property. As Libertarians we must not allow this most important right to be sacrificed to the state.

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Our Candidates Need Your Vote

Utah's Libertarian candidates need your vote to succeed at the polls. More importantly, they need you to ask your neighbors to vote for them; for less government, lower taxes and more freedom.

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

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Third Congressional District:

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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.

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Call for details. Please call 801-468-6209.

October

- 24 Salt Lake County Caucus – 487-4450
- 26 1-15 Clean-Up – 487-4450
- 26 Summit City Organizing Mtg – 801/649-2451
- 28 Iron City Organizing Mtg – 801/586-0561

November

- 5 Election Day – VOTE LIBERTARIAN!
- 5 Victory Party at The Butlers' – 468-6209
- 14 State Executive Committee – 534-8872
- 28 Salt Lake County Caucus – 487-4450
(May be cancelled for Thanksgiving)

December

- 11 25th Anniversary of the Libertarian Party – 1-800-682-1776
- 12 State Executive Committee – 534-8872
- 26 Salt Lake County Xmas Party – 487-4450

10 Things You Can Do Between Today and November 5 To Help Us Win The Elections

It's not too late to make a difference. Most voters are just now making up their minds about local candidates. So NOW is the time to get active. The pundits predict this year's voter turnout will be lowest in history. That's because most Americans turned off by the demopublican choices. Here's how you can let them know there is a *real* choice:

- 1. **Wear a Harry Browne pin** and/or put a Harry Browne bumpersticker on your car. We have a very limited supply of both available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 963-1028 today to get yours.
- 2. **Hand out candidate literature.** Give brochures to your friends, neighbors and co-workers or stand on a street corner. We have a very limited

supply of Browne lit. but lots of Butler and McCullough brochures. Call 963-1028 today to get yours.

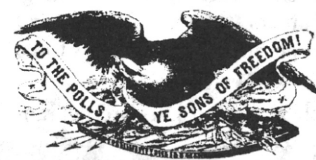
- 3. **Work for your local candidates.** Their names, addresses and phone numbers are listed on page 7. Call the nearest one and ask how you can help.
- 4. **Put a sign in your yard.** We have a few Browne yardsigns (call 963-1028). McCullough signs can be picked up at 377 West 2700 South in SLC between noon and midnight or from Andy's office at 853 West Center Street in Orem between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- 5. **Write letters to the editor.** Let your voice be heard in support of our candidates. Tell your local paper why people should vote for your local Libertarian

candidate and/or for Hugh Butler and Andy McCollough.

- 6. **Call radio talk shows.** Ask the host if he or she would be willing to give his/her favor government program if it meant no more income tax. Then explain the Libertarian position and why it's important to vote for the party of less government, and lower taxes. Mention Harry, Andy and Hugh.
- 7. **Send e-mail to friends.** Encourage them to read *Why Government Doesn't Work*. Tell them the Libertarian Party has been around for 25 years and we're the fastest growing party in America because we have the solutions.
- 8. **Call strangers.** Pick 20 names from the phonebook and call them. Encourage them to vote

for our candidates. Then call another 20. Some will hang up on you but don't be discouraged. Call 20 people a day and we will have an impact.

- 9. **Make sure you vote.** This is semi-obvious but you *can* get so involved in politics you may forget to go to the polls yourself. Mark your calendar!
- 10. **Help others vote.** Do you know any shut-ins, people without cars, handicapped people? Offer to take them to the polls. (This will also help you accomplish #9.)



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