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The 1996 Elections: Victory In Defeat!

Even though our Harry Browne was not elected President, even though not one of our local candidates won his/her race, the LPUtah emerged victorious from the elections held on November 5.

That's because we made the cut! When the dust and chads had settled, the LPUtah remained one of four political parties in Utah to retain ballot status! And it's all due to one candidate, Hugh Butler. Running for state treasurer, Hugh received 23,256 votes, which exceeded by more than 10,000 the threshold re-

quired by law to retain "major party" status in Utah.

"Butler's campaign raised important issues about the need for a smaller government. As a result, D'Arcy Pignanelli became one of the first Democrats in history to actually advocate smaller government; although reducing the bureaucracy by one overpaid, unnecessary, self-serving government official is not much of a reduction. But it's a major step for a Democrat," said state chair Jim Dexter in a press release. "Butler would have gone much further by cutting out the entire

treasurer's department. Voters who knew that responded."

Dexter, who also acted as Butler's campaign manger, admitted the party was disappointed in their presidential candidate Harry Browne's vote count but elated to learn that those voters who had mistakenly voted for someone else would have another chance in the year 2000. (See the message from Harry on page 3.)

Browne Will Be Back

"Harry will be back," he declared, "and we'll be ready. Ross Perot used \$30 million of public money to run his campaign, while Harry

Browne raised \$3 million entirely privately. We are proud that, with a \$5 trillion national debt, no public funds were used by Libertarians."

"We're glad that most of those who voted against the two big government parties, chose the Libertarian candidates. All of our local candidates out-pollled Harry Browne significantly," noted J. Robert Latham, state legal counsel and political analyst. "And the party's membership has doubled in the last year. Rush Limbaugh

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Victory — cont'd

is amazingly right. Libertarianism is the wave of the future."

With 12 presidential candidates on the Utah ballot, only the Republican, Democrat, and Reform parties also retained ballot status. All other Utah parties, including the Independent, Independent American, Natural Law, Green, and U.S. Taxpayers parties, failed to retain ballot status.

Freed from petitioning hurdles to regain ballot status in Utah, Latham said Libertarian candidates for the 1998 general election will be able to hit the ground running with our platform of smaller government, lower taxes, personal responsibility, and individual liberty.

Fusion Worked

While observing the special recount of Salt Lake City's votes on Friday, November 8, Dexter asked SL City Clerk Sherrie Swensen and Lt. Gov. Olene Walker if the "fusion" (multiple party) candidacies which allowed some Libertarians to run on more than one party's ballot presented any problems. Both said no.

But, despite multiparty support, our fusion candidates, Andy McCullough and Kaylin Robinson, did not win their respective races. And the Independent Party, which preceded us on the ballot, enjoyed the majority of votes cast for those candidates.

Bresnahan Defeated

Of particular satisfaction was the defeat of incumbent state rep. "Dangerous Dave" Bresnahan (Republican) of recent vigilante infamy. "Stop-or-I'll-shoot-this-ditch" Dave lost his bid for reelection to Democrat Perry Bruckner in District 42 by a mere 70 or so votes. Our own Curt James received 233 votes, most of which we can assume were drained from Bresnahan's conservative supporters.

Ironically, James did not file his financial report on time and was automatically disqualified. Since the deadline for filing the report was the day before the election,

the county clerk's office had no time to strike his name from the ballot. So voters who wanted to be rid of Bresnahan but couldn't bring themselves to vote Democrat, picked James.

No Media!

Our results are even more amazing considering the total lack of coverage our candidates received

from the local media. KUED, a publicly-funded TV station, staged a debate between Jan Graham and Scott Burns, the Democrat and Republican candidates (respectively) for attorney general, completely shutting out Andy McCullough . . . even though Andy's name appeared twice on the ballot. Go figure.

K. Brent Olsen had many letters identifying him as our candidate for SL City Commissioner published in *The Salt Lake Tribune*. But when it came time to write an article about the race, *The Trib* selected Pearl Meibos (one of two Utah candidates on the Reform Party ticket) as their example of a "third party" candidate. Go figure.

American Gun Review ignored Utah's staunchest supporters of the 2nd Amendment to plug the parties that wrote every gun law on the books. Go figure.

Biff Whiting managed to get more ink in the *Ogden Standard-Examiner* than all our candidates (except Harry Browne) did throughout the state. Previously, the *OSE* ran a very unfortunate article on Walter Abott, our candidate in Dist. 8.

Lessons Learned

What doesn't kill us can make us stronger. So we have learned a few important lessons:

1. We need a substantial war chest (mucho dinero).
2. Paper candidates are useful but active candidates are much better. (See #1.)
3. We need to get better media coverage. (See #1.)
4. Money really is the mother's milk of politics. (See #1.)

How Did We Do?

Not as well as we'd have liked. These vote tallies were compiled by Rob Latham, Dave Jensen and Jim Dexter from various sources. The "out of" number represents the total votes cast in that specific race:

President — Harry Browne

National: 470,157 out of 92,736,069—0.51%

Utah: 4,104 out of 661,133 —0.62%

State Offices

Attorney General: **Andy McCullough** 8,929 out of 648,806—1.38%

State Treasurer: **Hugh Butler** 23,256 out of 640,540—3.65%

U.S. Congress

District 3: **Amy Lassen** 2,337 out of 204,918—1.14%

State Senate

District 16 **Carol Williamson** 1,285 out of 16,428—7.82%

District 27 **Will Marshall** 510 out of 23,778—2.14%

State House

District 8 **Walter Abbot** 209 out of 8,626—2.42%

District 15 **Norman Parker** 304 out of 6,719—4.52%

District 16 **Blair Hampshire** 882 out of 8,719—10.1%

District 17 **Theda Judd** 346 out of 10,277—3.37%

District 25 **Ben Valdez, Jr.** 372 out of 10,829—3.44%

District 27 **Arthur Reilly** 303 out of 6,906 4.39%

District 28 **Mark Lewon** 297 out of 11,337—1.83%

District 31 **Charles Gibson Pearce** 226 out of 10,388—2.18%

District 37 **Brian Swim** 1,727 out of 8,924—19.35%(!!)

District 42 **Curt James** 233 out of 7,579—3.07%

District 46 **Allen Hepner** 256 out of 9,878—2.59%

District 52 **Kaylin Robinson** 765 out of 11,450—7%

District 56 **David Piccus** 274 out of 9,128—3%

District 59 **Jason Gallentine** 195 out of 7,729—2.52%

Salt Lake County

City Commissioner **K. Brent Olsen** 7439 out of —2.7%

Propositions

Sadly, all propositions passed, but State Prop. 4, the one the LPUtah had opposed in the Voter's Guide received the highest AGAINST vote, 22,3814 or 38%, of all statewide propositions.

Libertarians on Other Tickets

Three members chose to run for state representative exclusively under other parties' banners. They, too, did not win, but Kay Henry and Chris Shouse had impressive percentages:

District 11 **Biff Whiting** (Ind) 389 out of 7,161—5.43%

District 30 **Kay Henry** (Rep) 3404 out of 9,084—37%

District 49 **Chris Shouse** (Dem) 3,132 out of 9111—34%

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To Libertarians Everywhere: We're Just Beginning

by Harry Browne

I want to express my deep gratitude to Libertarians all over America . . .

- For your hard work and dedication in taking our message as far and wide as possible.
- For the many kindnesses you have shown Pamela and me over the past two years.
- For the confidence you placed in me to carry the Libertarian message to the public.

As I write this, we don't have final vote totals. But, even so, there's no question we have a great deal to be pleased about.

Our total vote will far surpass the 1992 total—close to doubling it.

Based on the media coverage received, we far outpaced the other candidates. We apparently received about 1/18 of Ross Perot's vote total, while getting less than 1/100 of his media coverage. We got roughly the same vote as Ralph Nader, while receiving less than a fifth of his media attention. Evaluating our performance this way, it was even better when measured against the coverage given Clinton and Dole. And we far out-pollled all the other small parties.

For a \$3 million campaign and a party with 20,000 members, we achieved a great deal.

But it's obvious that we will never break into the big leagues with a \$3 million campaign.

The task ahead of us is clear: we have to create a party so big, so strong, so well-financed that in the year 2000 no one can ignore us. We have to make an enormous splash before and throughout the next election year, so that the media will have to give us the same attention and respect they give to the two old parties. We have to be so well known to the public that the Republicans and Democrats can't hold a debate without us. And if they decide not to hold the debates at all, then we must have an army of people

so large that we can carry our message door-to-door to every voter, and we must have the money to tell our story through advertising.

Is this a realistic goal? Yes. It is a formidable goal, but far from impossible. We are already well along the road to that goal . . .

- We have doubled the Party's membership in just the past two years. And our new compatriots won't go away.
- We have already made inroads, small but significant, into the business and investment community—to where the money is.
- The Internet has become our bailiwick. And it will be more and more influential in politics in the coming years. Libertarians know how to use it, and we'll always be in a position to make the most of any new technology that develops.
- We have established wonderful relationships in talk radio. Over 300 radio and TV talk-show hosts endorsed the idea of my being in the Presidential debates; 69 of them endorsed me for President. We have established excellent relationships with popular talk-show hosts such as Michael Reagan, Art Bell, Mary Matalin, Oliver North, Blanquita Cullum, Barry Farber, Randy Jackson, Alan Combes, and dozens of other syndicated and big-city personalities who are now glad to hear from us whenever we have something we want to say.
- We have developed good relationships with many people in the print media—editors at political magazines, columnists, and local daily newspaper editors. Over 75 publications or columnists endorsed my being in the debates, of which 21 endorsed me for President. We will continue cultivating these media relationships.

Thanks to this campaign, everyone in politics and the media knows who we are and what we stand for.

These may seem like small satisfactions. But, in fact, they are an important foundation for the work ahead. We need to stay in the public eye by continuing to have Libertarians on talk radio and television as often as possible. We need to continue churning out press releases—showing the Libertarian alternatives to the self-evidently meaningless proposals of the Republicans and Democrats.

And, more than anything else, we have to build the party membership—starting right now.

With the numbers of members will come the money.

With the money will come the media attention.

With the media attention will come the public awareness of what we offer.

Three-quarters of the American people think government is way too large. We are the only party offering those people what they want—significantly smaller government. There is nothing wrong with our message or the way we're presenting it. We simply need to have it heard by more people more often between now and the next election.

We are the only party offering proposals that will make a substantial difference in the average person's life. We're going to repeal the income tax so that every dollar you make is yours—to spend, to save, to give away as you see fit, not as the politicians think best.

We're going to get Social Security out of the clutches of the politicians so that your parents and grandparents know their retirement is safe and the rest of us are free forever from the 15% Social Security tax. We're going to make the cities safe by implementing the only proposal that

would dramatically reduce crime—end the insane War on Drugs before it destroys America. And we're going to restore harmony among all the ethnic, social, lifestyle, and generational groups in America by taking away from the politicians the power to inflict one group's values upon another.

This is what Americans want. This is what we offer. And we are the only ones offering anything of the kind.

What's missing is the ability to let all Americans know what we offer. The only sure way to acquire that ability is through the steady building of Party membership, which will lead to the money necessary to attract attention, which will lead to the media coverage that will make us part of the national discussion.

So let's get started now building the Party to the magnitude necessary for every American to know what we can give them. Let's begin now—while the others relax and take a year or two off.

I intend to speak out for the Party wherever possible—appearing on talk radio, television, public forums, and in print—letting people know there is hope for America. I will counsel Americans not to despair—not to feel they're alone in their wishes for a government a fraction of today's size.

I will invite them to join us in this great movement to make America a free country again.

Again, I want to thank you for the honor you have given me—allowing me to be your candidate. And for all the help and encouragement you have provided. It has been a wonderful two years.

But we're just beginning . . .





Notes From The Chair

by Jim Dexter

TGIO: Thank Goodness It's Over. The elections are now behind us. Thanks to all our candidates, and to everyone else helped us retain our ballot status, esp. HUGH BUTLER. But as Harry Browne notes (page 3) we've only just begun!

We're Broke: This issue of *The Liberator* will drain our coffers dry. Please come to the LP's 25th Birthday Party on Dec. 11 (see pg 1). Special Events Goddess KAYLIN ROBINSON is putting on a GREAT show. If you can't attend, feel free to send money. Or better, become a Monthly Pledge Member for as little as \$5 per month. Contact state treasurer JIM ELWELL for details.

Greater Growth: As of Oct. 31, the LNC reported a total of 21,035 Pledge-signing, dues-paying members nationwide and credited the LPUtah with 179 members. We're still ranked as #30 overall, #20 in mbrs per 000, and #16 for growth to population. Adding nine new members ranked us at #30 (tied with Nebraska) for number growth and #23 (down from #19 last month) for percentage growth.

We gotta get off the #30 dime! More than 23,250 people voted for Hugh Butler. Some of them must want to join the Party. Please, ask everyone you know. (As we go to press, we learn have 205 members!)

Welcome Aboard: If you're one of our new mebmbers, welcome. We appreciate your support and will do our best to justify your joining. We also invite you to get active,

energized and involved. There are plenty of oportunties to help the Party at all levels. Call us at 534-8872 in SLC or 1-800-280-7900 from elsewhence.

Gov. Lee: Utah lost a great and pre-LP libertarian when former Governor J. Bracken Lee died last month. His record, which includes not accepting any federal funds, not paying income taxes, and not enforcing prostitution laws, proved him a champion of liberty. The LPUtah sent flowers. KAYLIN ROBINSON and LEE CHRISTENSEN represented us at the funeral. The Lee Family thanked us with both a phone call and note.

BYU Debate: On Hallowe'en I represented the LP in a forum of seven parties at BYU. Nathan Draschil, the organizer, sent the following: "You did a great job. You succeeded in delighting the conservatives, infuriating the liberals and educating the ignorant. Your sense of humor opened the door for consideration of your views to some who might otherwise have been prejudiced by the stigma that, unfortunately, seems to constantly attack itself to the word 'libertarian,' at least in the political sphere. Thank you for coming." (What "stigma"?)

Victory Party: Our sincerest thanks to HUGH and MARSHA BUTLER for hosting our election night party. Some 45 people came and went. It was good to see old friends and meet new ones. The biggest let-down was Harry Browne's concession speech well before the western states' polls had closed. Guess he felt it was the best way to get airtime, but the LNC had run an ad campaign encouraging CA, CO and WA voters to Vote for Harry to send a message if it appeared that Clinton had won.

Silver Anniversary: Our Party party on Dec. 11 celebrates the 25th year since the founding of the LP. And we need the silver! Please come or send money. Thank you.

Ms. Fusion 1996

Kaylin Robinson set a record by appearing four times on the ballot! However, she received most of her votes on the Independent line.

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE District #52 (Vote for ONE)	PAUL J. KAFER	DEMOCRATIC	108 ➤
	DAVE HOGUE	REPUBLICAN	109 ➤
	KAYLIN ROBINSON	INDEPENDENT	110 ➤
	KAYLIN ROBINSON	INDEPENDENT AMERICAN	111 ➤
	KAYLIN ROBINSON	LIBERTARIAN	112 ➤
	KAYLIN ROBINSON	NATURAL LAW	113 ➤

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- 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 and county party meetings and conventions. **Dues: \$20.**
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Citizens Prints Don Johnstun's Pro-Lib Article

Despite the overall media blackout, we scored one coup. A terrific description of what the Libertarian Party is all about, written by our own Don Johnstun of Magna, appeared in the *Citizens* section of both *The Deseret News* and *The Trib* the Wednesday before the election. (*Citizens*, a separate section devoted to longer pieces submitted by readers, is only distributed in SL Cty.)

Johnstun's copy is crisply written and clearly defines how Libertarians are different from the Big Government parties. It's as good a description of Libertarian principles as you'll find anywhere. We are looking into getting permission to reproduce the entire text in these pages. For the nonce you'll have to get your magnifying glass to read the part reproduced here. It's well worth the effort.

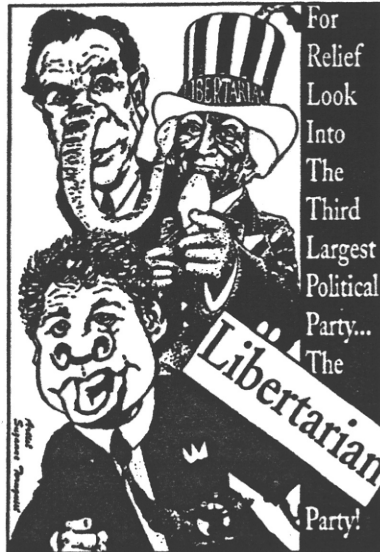
Best yet was the accompanying illustration. Libertarians were portrayed as Uncle Sam compared to Dole with an elephant's

trunk and Clinton with a mule's snout. Perfect!

Johnstun's article and letters from Chauna Pierce, Rob

Latham and other members prove we can out-think and out-write the Dems & Reps. Now, if only we could out-spend them!

Libertarians will whittle government down to the bare bones



Are you tired of the less-than-dynamic political duo of Democrat and Republican? Look to the Libertarians for change.

By Don W. Johnstun
Magna

For those individuals who are disturbed by the old two-party system and its present failure, rest assured that there is relief. And where will you find it?

Relief is in the third largest political party in America, the Libertarian Party! The only political party based on the principle of freedom, embracing a platform of self-responsibility and individual liberty, advocating respect for the Constitution and Bill of Rights, free markets, free trade and neutrality in the worldly affairs of other countries.

What is the Libertarian Party? It is the party of tolerance, for even though we may not approve of the choices you make in your life, we defend your right to make them as long as you alone bear responsibility for the consequences of your actions and infringements upon the rights of others.

Libertarians believe that all people should be free to make their own choices in life, free to reap the rewards of their successes or suffer the consequences of their mistakes.

Libertarians believe that each one of us is personally responsible for our own conditions and that we are also responsible for changing those conditions to make our own lives better.

Libertarians believe that the only legitimate use of force is for self-defense or to defend others against attack, but never to gain personal wealth or political power.

Libertarians uphold persuasion above force as the best path to social change, saying that if you want something done, you must do it yourself or persuade others to do it for you, without using force or government coercion.

The Libertarian Party is the party with the innovative solutions to solve America's most pressing problems. Real solutions based on principles to make our streets safer and our liberties more secure.

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One of the biggest problems facing our country today is compulsory government education. In letting the government take over our responsibility to educate our children, we have created a country where people are being taught what to think rather than how to think. Every day students are being brainwashed into becoming model citizens for the state, while reading, writing and arithmetic take a back row seat. Ignorance is the worst form of slavery and ignorance is what America is fast becoming.

Libertarians give government education an "F" on their report card. Government education places too much priority on environmental awareness, drug awareness, gang awareness, social skills, school uniforms and the like while students miss out on a real education.

The aim of good education is to teach people how to think, not what to think. No wonder so many Americans fail to recognize the chain of their own bondage. If a slave doesn't know he's a slave, mistakenly thinking he's a free man, then government certainly isn't going to tell him anything different. The government has no proper role to play in education.

We believe that the best solution to government education is a complete separation of education and state, just as we separate church and state, and for much the same reasons, since freedom of education is just as important as freedom of religion.

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Libertarians believe that if something is wrong for an individual to do, then it's wrong for the government too. The government shouldn't be able to take from one individual who is working and give it to another individual who is not working. This "redistribution of wealth" is just a polite word for theft. The largest majority in the world cannot make a

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LPUtah On-Line Forum Adopts Self-Governing Rules

Owing to recent abuses, the LPUtah On-Line Forum is no longer a freewheeling place. Following a brief period of moderation, these new rules went into effect November 8. All current subscribers have been notified. All new subscribers will receive this information when they sign up:

Purpose: This Forum is for the discussion of Libertarian topics, especially relating to the LPUtah.

Membership: Any member of the LPUtah, and other interested persons, may join the Forum.

Submitting Messages: Send your message as follows:

Address: lputah@qsicorp.com

Subject: as appropriate

Message: as appropriate

Confirmation: When you submit a message for distribution, there are three confirmation options:

1) No confirmation; 2) You get a message: "Your submission has

been posted"; 3) Your posted message is echoed back to you. Unless you request otherwise, you get 3. If you want 1 or 2, send an email requesting it to: (elwell@inconnect.com).

Assistance: If you need help with email the list administrator, Jim Elwell: elwell@inconnect.com

Uncivil or "Flame" Messages: Anyone submitting messages that are uncivil or that "flame" someone else will be removed from the Forum.

If attacking other people is the only way you know to get your point across, this forum is NOT for you. See "Enforcement" for details.

Unsubscribing: Send message as follows:

Address: listserver@qsicorp.com

Subject: anything

Message: unsubscribe lputah

Message Format: In the interests of facilitating dialogue, please:

a) Place the word "(LONG)" at the end of the subject if your posting is more than a screen or two long.

b) Do not respond to the entire list when answering a call for volunteers, or similar requests.

c) Format your messages for readability. Avoid ALL CAPS and all lowercase messages as well. Normal punctuation and capitalization are preferred.

d) When including parts of another post, be sure to set off the original message with > or >> << and clearly separate your reply to that section. And identify the original poster.

e) Double-check the address field before sending, especially if sending a private reply to a public message!!!

f) Do not start your subject line or message body with the word "Help." If you do, the listserver thinks you are asking for help

and helpfully bounces your message back to you!

Enforcement: This forum is "monitored" by all subscribers:

a) If you feel someone has posted something uncivil, send the administrator (elwell@inconnect.com) a personal email to that effect, with a copy of the offending post and an explanation as to why you believe it is offensive. Do NOT post your complaint to the entire forum. Anonymous complaints will be ignored.

b) If three complaints are received about one message, including one from the offended party, the poster will be suspended from the forum for one week. The poster will be told why and who issued the complaints.

c) The second time a poster offends (three complaints required), he/she will be suspended for one month (and will be duly notified).

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Are You Helping or Hurting Us?

We received the following article from the LNC and immediately recognized some of our members in both categories. For those not familiar with economics, Gresham's Law states that "good money drives out bad." After reading the following, ask yourself, "Am I part of the solution, or am I a part of the problem?"

Gresham's Law of Activists

by George O'Brien

Some Libertarians are bad activists. Even though they may be ideologically sound, they do not forward the cause of freedom.

Even if they do make positive contributions, on balance they actually harm the movement.

It is not always easy to spot a bad activist at first glance. No one is perfect and many outstanding activists slip into bad habits from time to time. Nonetheless, the

bad activist tends to be remarkably consistent.

Virtually every bad activist puts his or her personal (or factional) interests ahead of the purpose of the organization or cause.

The good activist expresses his or her individuality through the choice of joining the organization if it identifies with his or her personal interests.

The bad activist will sacrifice the interest of the organization for

power, status, enrichment, or some other form of short-term ego gratification.

It is harder to be a good activist than a bad one. But if the Party is going to accomplish anything, we need a real "gold standard of activists" to defeat Gresham's Law of Activists and not put up with bad behavior.

Here are some ways to spot and separate the bad activist from the good activist:

The Good Activist

1. Tries to be reasonable, polite, and considerate of others.
2. Is more concerned about getting results and is anxious to give credit to others as a way to encourage them to continue what they are doing.
3. Is basically modest and recognizes the importance of cooperation of others.
4. Wants other activists to participate in the decision process whenever possible and to understand what is being done and why.
5. Is always interested in new ideas and encourages involvement by others.
6. Tries to disagree without becoming personal or being disagreeable.
7. Is very uncomfortable with factions and is reluctant to condemn even the worst bad activist, but will do so if necessary to limit the damage.
8. Is inclined to recognize good work by anyone and ignore the rest.
9. Keeps criticism to a minimum and always has positive suggestions.
10. Is inclined to give people the benefit of the doubt, does not get upset with inadvertent and unintentional slights, and will forgive even intentional acts if the person shows he or she regrets the action.

The Bad Activist

1. Tends to be argumentative, insulting, obnoxious, and is indifferent to the effect he or she has on others.
2. Tries to take credit for any accomplishments, even ones which are primarily the results of someone else's efforts.
3. Has delusions of grandeur and makes sure everyone is aware of his or her tides and status.
4. Tends to be secretive and cliquish.
5. Never listens to what other people have to say.
6. Reacts to any disagreement with angry outbursts, condemnations, or personal attacks. Is quite willing to disrupt meetings and alienate bystanders in the process.
7. Tends toward factionalism and is inclined to purge activists who are not included in the faction.
8. Is constantly critical of anything done by people in opposing factions or Party office.
9. Devotes considerable time and effort to criticizing other people in the organization, especially the leaders.
10. Is constantly being offended and is inclined to hold grudges.

Forum Rules — cont'd

d) The third time a poster offends (three complaints required), all three violations (nine complaints) will be submitted to the state executive committee, and, with their approval, the person will be removed from the forum permanently.

e) If you are the person suffering an uncivil attack, it behooves you to respond in a controlled fashion, or entirely ignore it, lest you suffer the same fate.

f) Anyone who posts any obscenities, curse words, etc., even if disguised, may have complaints filed against them, even if they do not attack someone personally. Keep it clean!

g) To avoid complaints, do not make any derogatory references about other people, including comments about their articulation, typing skills, questionable parentage, intelligence, etc.

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LEGAL BRIEFS

by Kaylin Robinson, CPLA

Flagging a Fringe Issue

One issue that causes some misguided people a lot of problems is the constitutionality of a court with fringe on its flag. Their argument is that gold fringe on an American flag in the courtroom means the Court is operating under "admiralty" jurisdiction, which is only valid if in the military during war time.

After receiving a citation to appear in court, many "patriots" argue that the judge has no jurisdiction over them because they are not in the military and, since the country is at peace, admiralty jurisdiction doesn't apply either.

Recently one of our valued members, charged with speeding and appearing for a pretrial conference, went to counsel table with a small, hand-held, fringeless flag, and told the Court *his* flag was *his* jurisdiction. The man spent five days in jail for contempt.

The U.S. Constitution, Sec. III states there shall be admiralty and maritime courts, common-law courts and courts of equity. However, it goes on to state that there will be other courts established "from time to time" as Congress deems appropriate.

The Utah Constitution, Article VIII states there will be a Supreme Court, district courts, justices of the peace, "and any such other courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be established by law." None are defined by a flag.

Some rumors suggest the fringe was originally placed on the flag by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Now it merely seems to mean this flag is an indoor flag.

It is highly unlikely to me that a flag inside a court room establishes the court's jurisdiction of the court. In fact, a court may exercise several jurisdictions at once. For example, a district court may entertain a divorce or property dispute which is equity (meaning basically "property"). That same court may exercise common law, what is now called "criminal" jurisdiction, when presiding over a murder case. I have yet to see a district court exercise jurisdiction over military matters.

When a judge says you're in "traffic court," he is right. Read the constitutions. They state Congress or the law may establish "other courts" and do not specify those courts.

One of my favorite responses came when Judge Burton (3rd Circuit) who, after listening to this fringe argument, said, "Do you mean you are challenging my jurisdiction based on my interior decorator?"

Which brings me to another pet peeve of mine. It seems that everyone in the so-called "patriot community" is looking for a "magic bullet;" something to say to make the cops, court, or whoever go away immediately. Like a silver cross to a vampire. There isn't one. The law isn't that simple. It has complexities and procedures, which take time to study, understand and apply. If you don't have the time, pay the fine, hire a lawyer, or find someone who has studied these things for a long time.

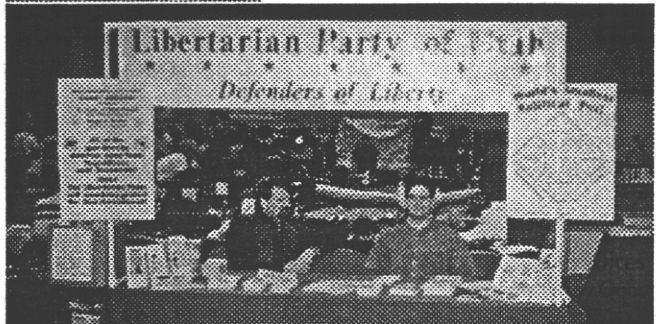
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Scenes from the LPUtah



Scott Bergeson (left) and Bob Jarvis get ready to clean up the LPUtah section of I-15 and advertise Harry Browne to passing motorists on Saturday, November 2.

Dan Brown (left) and Jon Dansie are ready to convince gun-owners to join the LPUtah at the October Salt Lake City gun show. Three signed up.



David Musick (left) and Rob Latham take on liberals at the Oct. Avenues Street Fair (but the "lib" with his back to us is Libertarian Mark Cross.)



Watching the returns at the election night Victory Party. Seated: David Musick, Dave Jensen, Biff Whiting. Standing: Dave Wilson, Jason Gallentine, Doug Jones, Amy Lassen, Rob Latham.

CALENDAR

November

28 Salt Lake County Caucus - 487-4450
(Pls Call. May be cancelled for Thanksgiving)

December

11 LP's 25th Birthday Party - 468-6209
12 State Executive Committee - 534-8872
26 Salt Lake County Xmas Party - 487-4450

January

8 State Executive Committee - 534-8872
23 Salt Lake County Caucus - 487-4450

Tax & Debt Limitation: A Solid Issue?

by Bob Jarvis, State Phone Tree Chair

One major flaw of the U.S. Constitution is that no provision was made for tax and debt limitation. Surprising since the main theme of it was (is?) LIMITATION upon government authority to regulate inalienable individual rights. With that in mind the number one question that should be asked of candidates for any elective office in the good old USA is: At what percentage of taxation would you consider to be the institution of indirect slavery? And considering that a large minority of citizens consider the percentage taxed now far beyond what is acceptable and within the bounds of what a free man would assess as reasonable, is it time for another Nat Turner revolt?

I propose these questions because I believe that a movement for tax and debt limitation would create a large and broad enough

coalition of people there is no way the establishment could ignore it. This would involve a long-range plan of a slow-but-steady and ever loudening drum-beat of people saying—We demand tax and debt limitation NOW! This is our fundamental inalienable right and not the governmental prerogative.

Create Fervor

The idea is to create a fervor throughout society where an atmosphere of regard for this fundamental right permeates the public consciousness just like most everybody now days bends over frontwards to not be seen as a "racist" (Even Libertarian candidates get tripped up on this one, even though the fact of all of our individual uniqueness in the universe is well entrenched in libertarian thought, e.g., Harry Browne on National Propaganda Radio.)

Once effected, the bureaucrats can no longer conspire to line each other's pockets at the taxpayer's expense. Then the all-encompassing, totalitarian, socialist liberal State will begin to wither away—as those who feed off the Big Brother Teat have to battle each other (Hey, competition in gov't., what a novel idea!) for the limited funding, as it should be.

Simple & Direct

Tax and Debt Limitation is simple and direct and would be the Libertarian action with the single biggest effect to bring about a more libertarian-minded government we could take. It's an idea that doesn't require Libertarian candidates in office, just libertarian minded ones. All other areas of libertarian concern, e.g., abortion, drug decriminalization, budget-cutting, tax reform in general, and oth-

ers cause too much controversy or end up in polemic debates about the merits, or lack thereof, of details.

All in all, we need to find the "Achilles Heel" of the movement towards ever-increasing centralization of political and economic authority and jurisdiction. After all, time is on their side, not ours. As each day goes by, the sacrifice required of us to restore the movement of individual freedom throughout our own country becomes greater.

Remember, there was a time in America when we debated the merits of exporting the fundamental foundations of our society. Now we wonder *when* we will stop the tide of the Constitutional rapists in our own society.

When the rest of our country wakes up, the hangover is going to intense!

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