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Eye Article — cont'd

contacted Dexter to arrange a photo shoot. Hayes suggested Temple Square. Dexter declined, saying the last thing the LPUtah wanted to do was aggravate the church. Dexter suggested the church office complex across from the Temple. Hayes agreed so they met on a cloudy Thursday morning.

Dexter wanted the main office building in the background so Hayes took a few shots then asked the state chair to pose against the backdrop of the fountain. He asked Dexter to pose with his hands in prayer. Again Dexter declined the suggestion saying it would be inappropriate, that the LPUtah plans to appeal to higher authority, but not quite that high. So Hayes suggested an open arms pose. Dexter agreed, hoping he'd look like he was welcoming, not preaching.

The Story in Print

Hayes had said the article would appear the following Wednesday. So it was with no small degree of trepidation that Dexter sought out an early copy of that *Eye*. Reading it through quickly at first, then carefully a second time, he was very pleased with the result. Biele had got just about everything right. And the photo is great.

"I have a few minor quibbles," said Dexter, "but nothing worth raising a fuss over. My concerns are all editorial in nature. A different word here and there perhaps. But based on our experience with the media, I'd have to say this is as good and accurate as you can ever hope to get. Ms. Biele is to be complimented and commended."

Now the next step is for the Party leadership to arrange a meeting with church leaders to establish a common ground. The church once divided wards between the two major parties. Now that the differences between those two parties have been largely blurred, maybe it's time to divide the wards again. Maybe it's time for LDS to support Agency for all.

We're Still an Official Party! ... But For How Long?

Pending Legislation imperils Utah's Smaller Parties

As reported in previous issues, the Libertarian Party of Utah is still a registered political party in the state thanks to Hugh Butler's record-breaking (for us) total vote. Our continued ballot access status is attested to by the fancy certificate we recently received from the Lt. Governor. Similar certificates were sent to the Republican, Democrat, Reform, Independent American, and Independent parties. The Natural Law, U.S. Taxpayers, and Prohibition parties didn't make the cut.

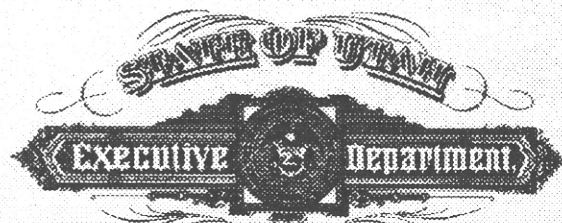
How long the LPUtah, and all other "third parties," can maintain their status and stay on the ballot without the arduous process of getting petitions signed is now highly questionable.

SB78 Must Be Defeated!

Proposed and sponsored by Senator Pete Suazo (Democrat), Senate Bill 78 makes seems designed to insure the "two-party system" will last for all time and eternity at the expense of other parties and voters' agency.

SB78 would first change the number of signatures required for a party to get on the ballot from 500 to 5,000. (One version went as high as 15,000 signatures!) Furthermore, Utah's unconstitutional (according to Richard Winger) language requires petition signers to declare themselves to be current or potential members of the party whose petition they're signing. This is significantly different from just saying "I'd like to see them on the ballot."

The bill also changes the vote requirement to be a "continuing political party." Instead of qualifying on the basis of total votes cast for all of a party's candidates, one candidate must now get at least two percent of all votes cast for the House of Representatives. Fusion candidacies might be one solution.



I, Olene S. Walker, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Utah

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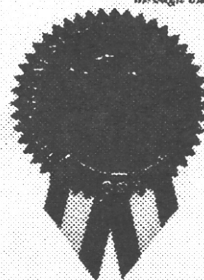
Libertarian Party of Utah

obtained the necessary votes at the General Election held on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, 1996

to retain

Registered Political Party Status

through the 1998 General Election.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah at Salt Lake City, this 6th day of January, 1997.

Olene S. Walker
Lieutenant Governor

It's Official, We're an Official Political Party

The State verifies our ballot access till November 1998. If SB 78 passes, this certificate may be the last one we ever see.

Outrageous

This bill is an outrage to democracy. Apparently the bureaucrats, all donkeys or elephants, who administer elections feel having nine parties on the ballot is just too much work.

Three parties were eliminated last November. Now the Big Two want to make it ten times as difficult for them, and any others which fail to meet the 2% requirement, to get back on the ballot. Five hundred is enough.

Teachers on the Hill?

In a fitting tribute to Utah's educational system, the draft law also requires that ballot access petitions state the name of the party "which may not exceed for words." We wonder if for-letter words are acceptable?

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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.

Libertarians, Get Ready for Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature

by J. Robert Latham, State Legal Counsel

On Tuesday, February 25, 1997, the Libertarian Party of Utah will sponsor "Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day" at the Utah State Capitol in Room 223 (or in the State Office Building Auditorium if the crowd exceeds 82 people).

What is Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature?

Utahns attending Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature will be introduced to representatives of the LPUtah and other liberty-minded organizations.

Following a brief role-play on how to lobby a Legislator and a review of pending legislation, participants will then meet one-on-one with their Legislators to discuss specific issues related to individual rights and personal responsibility.

LPUtah members, as well as other liberty-minded Utahns, will support legislation that promotes a condition of liberty and personal responsibility, and op-

pose legislation that does not. Attendees to Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day will also identify Legislators who are friendly to Libertarian issues, and those who are not.

Why is the LPUtah sponsoring Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature?

Legislators want to hear from their constituents. "Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day" will help expand the LPUtah's real political influence. "Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day" will show Legislators and the media that Utah Libertarians are a concerned, involved constituency.

The Utah State Legislature will also be considering legislation of interest to Utah Libertarians and liberty-minded Utahns. With regard to taxes, Legislators will be considering tax increases to pay for the reconstruction of the I-15 highway. Proposals are being drawn up to reduce or eliminate property taxes. A freshman Legislator is introducing a resolu-

tion to amend the Utah Constitution to require a supermajority vote to increase taxes.

Several bills limiting the right of Utahns to possess and/or carry firearms have been introduced or proposed, as have bills imposing curfews on youth, authorizing automobile forfeiture of those soliciting prostitutes, and allowing police to set up DUI checkpoints without the approval of a magistrate.

Several "corporate welfare" bills will be considered which, among other things, grant sales or property tax exemptions to certain industries. Another bill which could be considered a "taxpayer-funded beauty pageant for politicians" will create a Utah presidential primary. A few bills address oversight of the Utah Transit Authority.

Who should take part in our Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature?

Every member of the LPUtah interested in promoting individual rights and personal re-

sponsibility should attend Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature. Every Utahns who will benefit from less taxes, smaller government, and more freedom should attend Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature. Anyone who will suffer from higher taxes, more government, and less freedom should attend Individual Rights & Responsibilities Day at the Legislature. If you do not stand for something, you will fall for anything!

Schedule for Feb 25

10:30 a.m. – Greeting, role-play, and legislative briefing.

11:00 a.m. – One-on-one meetings with legislators.

More Info

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Information about legislation; committees, hearings, and schedules; and individual legislators may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.le.state.ut.us>.

Learning From Our Loss

by K. Brent Olsen, 1996 LP Candidate for Salt Lake County Commissioner

The election season is over and no Libertarians in Utah won any contests. In fact, most of the Libertarian candidates running under other parties have lost their races as well. Is this something that should discourage us as a party? Not necessarily. We should always examine several different things when we consider an election's results.

Whether or not we win the race, we should look at demographics of who voted for us and who else they voted for. We should also look at electoral history in those demographic areas. This will allow us to determine a number of important things that will

help us achieve success in future elections. It will help us find key precincts to focus our campaigns. It will also help us find out about what the important issues are in those races.

People in different communities have vastly different problems to deal with. These problems will help us understand why people voted in different ways.

Areas that voted largely libertarian (not necessarily just Libertarian) may have voted the way they did because we understand and would help them with that problem in some way.

When begin to understand the demographics, the electoral

history, how much exposure candidates got in these areas, and the major concerns of the people in areas where we got large percentages, we may be able to put together a winning strategy for the future. We can hit certain key areas, we can know which issues we need to focus our campaigns on, and we can win.

This may be a lot of work, may take a lot time, and may cost a little money. But for the Libertarian Party, and most importantly for the libertarian philosophy, to be successful in the American political arena, this must be done. For this reason, the work should be divided up in a sensible and effective way.

My idea is that every candidate should research the results of his/her individual race. (Races that had no Libertarian candidates should be researched by other volunteers.)

Party officers should coordinate and put together the results, so that we can understand how to achieve political success in the future.

I have already begun to do research on my race and will report the results to the state chair as soon as I am finished. I encourage each candidate to do the same.

If you would like to help with this, call me at 583-3621 (in SLC).



Notes From The Chair

by Jim Dexter

We're Broke Again: This combined Jan/Feb issue is one result of the Party's current financial straits. The elections took their toll. Then the 25th Birthday Party barely broke even. As I write this, we're \$75 short of the amount required to print and mail this very newsletter. (Folding "parties" of volunteers save us a bundle.) If you can help, please make your check payable to: **LPUTah** and mail to P.O. Box 526025, SLC 84152. Thank you.

County Chairs: It's time to start planning your organizing convention. Please schedule a suitable room some time between April 1 and May 10. I would like 30 minutes on the agenda. We will hold a county officers meeting some time in March. I'll let you know when and where. Please do the same. Thanks.

Change in Davis: **BRENT DOTSON** has resigned as county chair. County vice-chair **PAT HUNT** has assumed the reins. Good luck to both these fine LPUTahns.

Defeat SB78: Senate Bill 78 (see page 2) may dramatically endanger our continuing viability as a political party. We may not always have a candidate like **HUGH BUTLER** to assure ballot access. Help defeat this attempt to limit Agency. Call and write your senator and representative ASAP. Tell them:

- There's nothing wrong with people choices (agency);
- Votes for non-Rep and -Dem candidates help them understand what their constituents really want;
- While the founding fathers abhorred political parties, they'd

probably agree that more were better than fewer;

- This stifling action means the Utah Constitution is hanging by a thread, etc.

Ask your friends and neighbors to call and write as well. We'll make the defeat of SB78 a big part of our **Day at the Legislature** on **Feb. 25** (see page 3)!

Candidates Wanted: A lot of local offices are coming up in this election year. Everything from mayor to dogcatcher. Libertarians need to start acting locally, at the grass roots. You have a much better chance of getting elected to local office. Call your municipal and/or county clerk to find out what offices are up and the filing requirements. Hurry.

Law Suit: A recently expelled member continues to press his suit against your Party officers. His most recent move named most of the attendees of the '96 state convention as "witnesses" ... including some who didn't attend. If you get a summons, don't blame us.

Web Site Updated: The LPUTah website (www.inconnect.com/~LPUTah) has been updated. The candidates list has been removed and **CHARLES HARDY's** article on Agency and **DON JOHNSTON's** complete article, which appears in this issue, have been added.

Lorenz Has Cancer: Immediate past state chair **JIM LORENZ** has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He's now undergoing more tests. He can be reached at 619/823-3936; 3711 Herman Ave. #8, San Diego, CA 92104. He'd appreciate it.

Members-Only Forum: We now have two LPUTah Online Fora: one for everybody in Utah and one for LPUTah members only. Contact elwell@inconnect.com if you wish to join one or both. It's always lively, frequently funny, and educational. Best of all ... it's free. All you need is an email address.

Tax Protest: We need a chair for this April 15 event. Please call me at 963-1028 (SLC).

In Liberty,

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Join, Subscribe or Pledge!

What better way to prove you *really* care about Utah's future than by becoming a member of the Libertarian Party of Utah? Just complete the form below, include your check (or credit card number) HINT: State memberships do *not* automatically come with a lifetime of supply of fund raising letters from the LNC. And they cost \$5 less!

For a one-year subscription to this superb newsletter, just complete your name and address, write "Subscriber" over the membership area at the top and enclose \$10 payment (check or credit card info). If you're already a member, you can really help our cashflow by becoming a Monthly Pledge member. See Jim Elwell's article on page 6 for more information.



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.

- ☐ **State**— Provides annual membership in the Libertarian Party of Utah. Entitles you to our monthly newsletter, *The Utah Libertarian*, invitation to all our social events and political functions, and voting rights at our state and county party meetings and conventions. **Dues: \$20.**
- ☐ **National**— 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 and be eligible to be a delegate to the national convention. **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 _____

Please type or print neatly. Thank you.

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Real Solutions — cont'd

Compulsory Education—One of the biggest problems today is compulsory, government education. Libertarians believe that, by letting the government take over our responsibility to educate our children, we have created a country where people are taught what to think rather than how to think. Everyday, students are being brainwashed into being model citizens for the state, while reading and writing and arithmetic take a back row seat. Ignorance is the worst form of slavery and ignorant is what America's fast becoming.

Libertarians give government education a big fat "F" on their report card. At the very least, government education was supposed to teach our children how to read, yet the literacy rate today is lower than what it was 150 years ago before government schooling began. Government education places too much priority on environmental awareness, drug awareness, gang awareness, social skills, school uniforms, etc. . . . 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 chains of their own bondage. If a slave doesn't know he's a slave, mistakenly thinking he's a freeman, then government certainly isn't going to tell him any different. Libertarians believe that 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 have a complete separation of church and state, and for much the same reasons, freedom of education is just as equally important as freedom of religion.

Legalized Plunder—Libertarians believe that if something is wrong for an individual to do, then it's also wrong for government, too. Libertarians believe the basic principles of right and

wrong apply to politicians and bureaucrats the same as they apply to all individuals. Certainly, 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 so-called "redistribution of wealth" is just a polite word for theft because if you are not entitled to keep what you earn, then who else is and why?

Today, the average worker in American, pays fifty-percent or more of his earnings to the government in some form of taxation. Now, at what level of taxation may we officially call ourselves slaves, 60%, 70% or a 100%? Might does not make right, nor can the largest majority in the world justify a wrong act or make it right by simply voting on it.

Voting can never justify acts of theft or fraud committed by the government, as Perry Willis, national director of The Libertarian Party, so eloquently stated, "Politicians steal in the name of compassion, lie in the name of honor, and thereby create a government with neither compassion nor honor."

Yes, this is true government welfare can never be called compassionate or honorable, for it is theft, fostered at the point of a policeman's gun. The Libertarian solution to this problem is to do away with income tax and all the government giveaway programs financed with this tax. Libertarians believe that the only ethical solution to poverty is real work, wealth-producing work, not government "make work."

Bureaucratic handouts only create dependency and personal irresponsibility. Libertarians believe that when people truly need a helping hand, it should be freely given by people within the community rather than provided for by government force. Only by ending our tax-funded poverty programs can we end the atrophy of our charitable instincts and the fragmentation of our communities caused by these programs.

Freedom and Subjective Law—Contrary to popular belief and political propaganda, Libertarians believe that America is no longer a free country and hasn't been for a long time. (As if you hadn't already guessed by now.)

Little by little over the years, our government has slowly eroded away our rights much like centuries of rain erode mighty mountain tops. Today, government leaders try to dictate and regulate almost every aspect of our lives, seeking to leave no stone unturned. Freedom of choice is subtly being replaced with subjective criminal laws designed to police our personal lives by telling us what we may or may not do, see or say.

Libertarians believe government's only role and proper role in a free society is to protect the people's rights. It's not the government's job to protect us from ourselves, it's the government's job to protect our rights and our property, and to hold people personally responsible for their harmful actions against others. Government leaders have no right to deprive us of our rights, yet they have effectively done so with subjective criminal laws.

Subjective criminal laws are best characterized as crimes without victims or victimless crimes because there are no victims to come forward and file charges, whereas in objective criminal law a victim is always required and must come forward filing charges before any legal action will be taken. No wonder one is called subjective criminal law and the other is called objective criminal law. How can any real crime be committed without a victim? Thus, the term "subjective law."

So, without any real victims to file charges, the police are in a dilemma and forced to go undercover to entrap those people breaking the subjective laws, which all too often involves violating their suspect's constitutional rights to enforce these laws.

Certainly, it's not the government's job to protect us from fat, alcohol, tobacco, sex, drugs, gun ownership or religion, no matter how badly we may decide to ruin our lives with these things. It is the government's job to protect our rights to make our own choices in life, and not to regulate what those rights or choices shall be. Subjective laws make suspects out of us all and are darn hard to enforce without invading everyone's privacy.

Take the highly subjective war on drugs and look at what it's done to us. Not only has it brought back all the same problems that tore America apart in the 1920s and 1930s during Prohibition, it has also turned us into a nation where too many innocent Americans are randomly being suspected without any supporting evidence of drug use and forced to prove their innocence and purity by providing evidence in the form of their most personal body fluid. How disgusting and intrusive to say the least.

Libertarians believe free people don't have to prove their innocence, because they are already innocent until proven guilty. The biggest victims so far in the war on drugs has been our constitutional rights and our personal privacy, two of the most precious jewels of our great American heritage. Yes, subjective laws have done more to destroy people's privacy and freedom than any other criminal use of government force in the history of the world.

Consider abortion and its implications as subjective law. If Roe v. Wade were repealed, abortion would be ruled illegal and become another subjective law. Then all women getting pregnant and having a miscarriage will be subject to a criminal homicide investigation to make sure they didn't really have an abortion and break the law. Now, how can government extend to the unborn, a right to life, when none is being extended to the

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4. Election campaign fund (page 6)
(Checking a party does not increase your tax or reduce your refund.)

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Tax Check-Off Time

by Jim Elwell, State Treasurer

It's that time of year again—the time when you can give the LPUtah a dollar without spending a penny! The process is simple: just check the box on your Utah Income Tax form to donate a dollar to the Libertarian Party of Utah. (If you're married filing jointly, you can check *two* boxes to contribute two dollars!)

This simple check-off does not increase your tax nor decrease your refund. The money comes out of the general income tax fund. That means *every dollar you give the LPUtah is a dollar less the bureaucrats will have to waste on all those government programs*. And 50¢ of every dollar the state government sends to the state party goes to your county Libertarian Party.

Utah's Independent Party receives most of its funding from the tax check-off. But since Merrill has become a pachyderm, former supporters might not be so enthusiastic about supporting them. So be sure to talk up tax check-offs to the LPUtah to your friends, associates, co-workers, et al. *Note*: SB78 (see page 2) could impact our status here too.

Monthly Pledge Membership

There's another way you can help us in a big way, with almost no pain at all. Become a Monthly Pledge member. This lets you contribute a lot in small, painless chunks.

We can accept pledges of as little as \$5 per month. Monthly Pledge membership keeps your membership current as long as you keep giving.

Imagine not having to deal with all of those letters begging for you to renew your membership! To become a Pledge Member, simply fill out the state membership form (page 4) and include a Visa/MasterCard number and expiration date.

Indicate how much per month you want to pledge, and mail the form to us.

At the beginning of each month, the LP will charge your pledge amount to your credit card, and we will automatically renew your membership when it comes due.

You can cancel your pledge anytime, simply by calling or writing us. This is as close to "painless" as contributing can get... and it certainly isn't taxing.

A Great Quote

"Many academics think corporate funding will be more shortsighted than government grants and that companies will want their hands on the wheel all the time. Both concerns could not be farther from the truth. As soon as corporations realize that what they are doing is outsourcing very basic research, the formula clicks into place. Media Lab people are constantly challenged and egged on by companies and by each other, but never told what to do by anyone. Love is indeed a better master than duty." — Nicholas Negroponte, founder and director of MIT's Media Lab, *IBM Systems Journal*, Vol 35, Nos 3&4, 1996. Contributed by CHARLES HARDY.

Real Solutions — cont'd

living? If you're not entitled to own and operate your own body, then who else is and why?

Libertarians believe the criminal use of government force forces people to live the way the government dictates. Libertarians believe the only solution to subjective laws is to outlaw them and grant amnesty to all those who have suffered under them. If freedom is to be more than just a flag ceremony or a fireworks show, then people must be free to make the wrong choices in their lives and take responsibility for their actions.

Today, too many objective crimes go unpunished while too many subjective crimes plug up the courtrooms and fill our jail cells to capacity. The government has become so busy enforcing morality and telling us how to live our lives, they've lost sight of who the real criminals are. Turning honest people into criminals for peaceful activities while turning violent criminals back out on the streets is dead wrong.

Libertarians believe that all real criminals should be held accountable for their actions and forced to compensate their victims for all harm done. Libertarians believe that the basis of our criminal justice system should be protecting the interests and rights of victims.

Gun Ownership—As more devious and violent criminals are released from jail to make room for America's hookers and pot-smokers, the right to keep and bear arms becomes an important one. Guns have always been Americans first line of self-defense against criminals.

Laws against gun ownership are also victimless crime laws, in the sense, that all guns are inanimate objects. If, you own a gun and use it responsibly, not injuring or violating the rights of others with that gun, there are no victims harmed and the government should leave you alone. Making people into criminals

without first having victims is clearly wrong.

Libertarians believe gun ownership is the solution. A University of Florida study has shown that every life lost to a gun, 75 lives were protected and saved.

Furthermore, Libertarians believe the right to keep and bear arms is for more than just hunting wildlife or personal protection, it's also a protection retained by the people against possible government tyranny; our last-chance defense for a free society.

The Libertarian Revolution

The future of freedom lies in each and everyone of us, and our devotion to liberty. Harry Browne's *Why Government Doesn't Work* offers libertarian solutions to bring freedom back into our lives, and a realistic plan for cutting government.

The current two-party system cannot last forever. Signs of its decline are everywhere. Unfair election laws. Political debates that exclude more candidates than they include. Are these not the acts of cowards running scared? Libertarians believe the only wasted votes are those votes cast for Democrats or Republicans, because all you're really voting for is more big government, more taxes, and fewer freedoms. Only the Libertarian Party wants to dramatically cut the size and power of government, while the Democrats and Republicans squabble over how much money to spend and who to lock up next.

It's time for a change, Americans deserve a political system that respects them as unique individuals. Individuals who can make their own plans, take responsibility for themselves, be compassionate, and solve their own problems if allowed to do so. Being free and independent is a great life and only a free society can bring about harmony, peace and abundance. So, rather than casting your ballot for the lesser of two evils, make your vote a statement of who you are, come join the Libertarian revolution and vote for freedom.

Thirteen Articles of Faith and Freedom

In May 1981, the now-defunct Libertarian Deseret Society published a pamphlet contrasting the LDS Church's "13 Articles of Faith" contrasted to their own "13 Articles of Freedom." As part of our ongoing celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Party and our outreach program to Mormons in Utah, we are pleased to reprint the original text here:

13 Articles of Faith

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost
2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.
3. We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of Hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost
5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof
6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive church, viz.: Apostles, prophets, pastors, teacher, evangelists, etc.
7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.
8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon this [the American] continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.
11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest true, chaste, benevolent virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul- We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things: If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

13 Articles of Freedom

1. We believe that a government can exist in peace only so long as its laws secure to each individual the right to life, property, and the free exercise of conscience.
2. We believe that men should be punished for unjust injury to others, and not for injuring themselves.
3. We believe that the preservation of liberty requires obedience to righteous laws, which protect man's inalienable rights
4. We believe that the first principles of civilized behavior are: first, no individual may with impunity initiate force against others for the purpose of taking away life, liberty or property; and second, no government may justifiably use force except for the apprehension and punishment of those who violate others' rights.
5. We believe that wise men should be sought for and upheld by the voice of the people, in positions of public office and authority, to administer the law in equity and justice.
6. We believe in limiting government to its original purposes, viz defense of the territorial United States and the maintenance of freedom and individual rights through a retributive system of criminal justice.
7. We believe that government ought to refrain from the dispensation of gifts, whether of health knowledge or financial largesse, to the citizenry.
8. We believe the Constitution to be an inspired document, correct in most of its particulars. We also believe the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights to be inspired.
9. We value all that has been discovered regarding voluntary human association, and we expect that many great and important things will continue to be added to our understanding of the nature and functioning of a free society.
10. We believe that a sound currency can be built only when the American government is firmly restrained by the reins of the Constitution, which declares that nothing else except gold and silver shall be legal tender.
11. We claim the right to live peaceably according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same right, let them live in whatsoever manner, style, or custom they choose.
12. We believe that government should be subject to the discipline of a system of checks and balances.
13. We believe in supporting honest, virtuous candidates of integrity and enlarged views, regardless chances of getting elected. We prize the sacred right to vote as an opportunity to make an unequivocal statement of principle.



The Liberty Penguin

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February

- 13 State Executive Committee - 534-8872
- 14 SLC Gun Show - 801/649-2451
- 25 Individual Rights Day - 364-0090
- 27 Salt Lake County Caucus - 487-4450

March

- 8 LPN State Chairs Conf. (Wash, DC) - 963-1028
- 13 State Executive Committee - 534-8872
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Misc. Notes

Zero Intolerance: On 1/29, CBS' "Coast-to-Coast" did a story about how kids have been kicked out of public schools for violations of their "zero tolerance" policies. A girl was suspended for wearing a lipstick color the principal didn't like. Another was sent home because she had some Advil (dreaded drugs) in her backpack. Another was escorted out the door for wearing her jacket (which *could* conceal guns or drugs).

So what's going on here? Training for a well-regulated society. Teach kids that being themselves is not acceptable; that to belong, they must conform to ridiculous impositions on their liberties.

The very idea of "zero tolerance" is the antithesis of liberalism as we know it, but seems to be the darling of the "liberal" education establishment. Yet another strong argument for the abolition of the top-heavy public school system.

National Costs For Votes: Regardless of the year or candidate, it costs the LP about \$7.50 for every presidential vote according to figures compiled by **JIM ELWELL** from a Perry Willis letter. Jim noted: "The cost per vote is astoundingly constant."

	Raised(M)	Votes(k)	Cost/Vote
1976	\$1.3	176	\$7.38
1980	\$7.2	922	\$7.84
1984	\$1.7	229	\$7.55
1988	\$3.3	432	\$7.56
1992	\$2.3	289	\$7.90
1996	\$3.6	472	\$7.57

Willis' letter also addressed the cost per new member. In 1988 the LNC and presidential candidate raised about \$2,700 for each member gained; in 1992 it was \$1,800; in 1996 it was \$800. This at least means that as we get larger, it is easier to get even larger. So, do your bit and help recruit!

Changing a Light Bulb — Part 2

Q: How many Republicans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: 472: 12 to investigate Clinton's involvement in the failure of the old bulb; 23 to deregulate the light bulb industry; 16 to cut funding for alternative lighting R&D; 34 to cut the marginal tax rate on high-wattage light bulbs; nine to threaten trade sanctions if Germany and Japan don't start buying more 110-volt bulbs; 53 to design a block grant so the states can change the bulb; 41 to chat with defense contractors about equipping everyone in the building with night-vision gear instead; and 283 to pass a law making it illegal to discuss naked bulbs, or screwing *anything* on the Internet; and one to make sure no *New York Times* reporters are listening to cell phone conversations discussing shedding light on ethical problems.

Q: How many Libertarians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: One. However the change may be effected only if the changer a) initiates no force unless specifically requested by the bulb, b) accepts full and complete responsibility for the consequences of his/her actions, and c) agrees to provide full financial restitution to anyone adversely affected by the change. The changer does not have to recycle the bulb nor provide bulbs for anyone else unless he/she voluntarily agrees to do so and pays for those bulbs out of his/her own pocket. Furthermore, the bulb to be changed may not be in any government-owned or -run building, especially any school, since such buildings will soon be closed and sold off, and Libertarians are just too darn smart to waste a good light bulb on a bad cause.

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