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Act Now! Your Opportunity To Run Fading Fast! LPUtah Offers Wide Choice of Campaign Styles and Lots of Support

The window for filing for office closes promptly at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 17. If you have not filed by then, your chance to participate in the process of deciding how Utah will be run for the next two to four years will be limited to helping other Libertarian candidates and voting.

Don't let this chance to stand up proudly for Liberty pass you by. Call your county chair and find out for what offices you qualify, then get down to your county clerk's office, pay the filing fee and get your name on the ballot (earning 250 points for your county.)

Amazingly, that may be enough by itself. Many people only believe we exist when they see a candidate on the ballot.

There has been a lot of favorable talk about Utah's Libertarians over the past two years. Now's the time to see if the people of Utah have finally had enough of big government.

Choose Your Campaign

Since Libertarians are pro-choice on just about everything, you can decide what kind of campaign style to run—from Lineholder to and All-Out Campaign (which were originally defined by John Pack of the Salt Lake County party)—from these choices:

- *Lineholder* – Complete the simple filing form; pay the filing fee, which gets your name on the ballot and gives local voters a Libertarian choice; and file all state-required reports on time.
- *Paper Lion* – All of the above plus you answer all candidate

surveys and questionnaires, and attend all meet-the-candidates in your district.

- *Small Campaign* – All of the above plus you get active in the last four weeks, spending 10–30 hours campaigning in your precinct and \$50–99 on campaign materials.
- *Medium Campaign* – Similar to a Small Campaign but you get active in the final six to eight weeks, spending at least 50 hours campaigning, including door-to-door; actively seeking media exposure; and spending up to \$249.
- *Major Campaign* – You spend at least 120 hours of personal campaigning and \$250–499 out of pocket for materials and related expenses. You'll engage in fundraising, build a volunteer base, get endorsements, and run hard starting no later than August 15.
- *All-Out Campaign* – A Major Campaign without limits . . . at least 250 hours of personal campaigning; up to \$1,000 out-of-pocket while raising at least \$5,000. The All-Out campaigner starts to raise funds and volunteers immediately after filing (or before) and runs all out till November.

Even Lineholders can make a difference. The success of past Paper Tiger award winners Curt James and Alan Hepner attests to the fact that just being on the ballot can cause an entrenched statist to lose.

LPUtah Candidate Support

We don't just ask you to run and then expect you to do everything else. The LPUtah offers a

lot of support opportunities for all candidates regardless of campaign style:

- *School* – We will run an all-day school for filed candidates (and their volunteers, if any) in June which covers every aspect of running any kind of campaign including fundraising, report filing, material preparation, etc.
- *Advice* – Give our seasoned experts a call or email any time you have a question about how to best run your campaign.
- *Website* – You can build your own site and we'll link to it. Or you can provide answers to a standard questionnaire and we'll develop a page as part of www.lputah.org
- *Publicity* – Libertarian-oriented talk-show hosts will make airtime available to promote your campaign. The LPUtah and your county party will also send releases to all media promoting our positions and candidates.
- *Party Rep* – Some people may have strange ideas about us, but no one has ever accused Libertarians of being dishonest or power-hungry. We really are the good guys in politics. If we're "guilty" of anything, it's adhering to our principles and tolerating harmless behaviors.
- *Ballot Access* – As long as we field attractive candidates like you, the LPUtah has ballot status which lets us certify candidates nominated in convention without candidates having to petition to get on the ballot.

• *Photo* – Part of our candidate school includes taking a portrait photo suitable for use in your campaign materials as well as our ads and website.

• *Advertising* – Remember the publicity generated by the ad we ran *once* two years ago? We've been hoarding our funds and intend to do even more this election season.

• *Platform* – Our platform applies Libertarian principles to specific issues. Unlike the vague platitudes offered by other parties, we offer real, tax-free solutions. (Candidates are not required to adhere to it but are cautioned not to run against it.)

• *Candidate Pledge* – All candidates benefit from our Candidate Pledge against raising taxes, diminishing freedoms and increasing the size or scope of government. It adds to our rep.

• *Funds* – If you run an All-Out campaign and have a chance to win, additional campaign funds are available locally and through the national organization.

File Now!

If you haven't already, now is the time to call your county chair and get your name on the ballot. (If you're interested in statewide or federal office, call Jim Dexter at 801/963-1028).

Remember, doing nothing will only let evil continue to triumph. If you can't run personally, please tell county chair about people you think might make good candidates or volunteer to help with another Libertarian's campaign.

Please Host a Mass Meeting on March 30

The LPUtah has scheduled our mass meetings/caucuses for Thursday, March 30, three nights after the Republicrats hold theirs. We especially hope to attract those people of principle who lost their bids to be GOP delegates to UEA/UPEA members and the other state-worshippers who really run the elephant party on the 27th.

Typically, a mass meeting (now officially called a "caucus") is held in a private home. (You needed an excuse to clean your living room, right?) But they can be held in your home or other space you can arrange (e.g., library, church).

Joining Not Necessary

While this is a terrific recruiting opportunity, per our constitution and bylaws, anyone who attends a Libertarian mass

meeting/caucus and signs the Pledge can be a County Member and so a voting delegate (for candidates) to both the county and state conventions. No delegate elections are necessary.

So if you're concerned that you can't sell Liberty, don't worry.

We'll Tell You How

It's really easy and should take no more than an hour. We will send you easy-to-follow guidelines and all the materials you'll need to use at your very informal meeting.

To volunteer, please call your county chair or Jim Dexter (801/963-1028 in SLC or email jimdex@inconnect.com) no later than March 20 so we can get materials to you. This is a great chance to spread the word. And to earn 50 points for your county party.

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March

- 2 **Utah County** - 801/356-8467
7:00 PM - JB's Restaurant, 366 North University Ave., Provo
- 7 **Filing period opens**
- 9 **Davis County** - 801/776-5796
7:00 PM - The Parkers, 1142 North 1250 West, Layton
- 14 **Washington County** - 435/652-9442
7:00 PM - County Admin. Bldg, 197 East Tabernacle, St. George
- 16 **State Executive Committee** - 801/963-1028
- 17 **Filing period closes** - 5:00 PM
- 18 **Utah County Fun Shoot** - 801/356-8467
2:00 PM - RangeMasters, 712 West 1300 North, Springville
- 23 **Salt Lake County** - 801/254-3834
7:00 PM - Sliders, SE Corner 3500 South & Redwood Road, SLC
- 28 **Summit/Wasatch County** - 435/649-2451
7:15 PM - Jerry Owens, 79 North Johnson Mill Rd., Midway
- 30 **LPUtah Mass Meeting/Caucus** - County Chair
7:00 PM - Your place

April

- 6 **Utah County** - 801/356-8467
7:00 PM - JB's Restaurant, 366 North University Ave., Provo
- 13 **Davis County** - 801/776-5796
7:00 PM - The Parkers, 1142 North 1250 West, Layton
- 17 **LPUtah Income Tax Protest** - County Chair
4:00 PM-Midnight - Your local Post Office
- 18 **Washington County** - 435/652-9442
7:00 PM - County Admin. Bldg, 197 East Tabernacle, St. George
- 19 **State Executive Committee** - 801/963-1028
- 25 **Summit/Wasatch County** - 435/783-5299
7:15 PM - Jerry Owens, 79 North Johnson Mill Rd., Midway
- 27 **Salt Lake County** - 801/254-3834
7:00 PM - Sliders, SE Corner 3500 South & Redwood Road, SLC

Check Us Off! . . .

• 3. Election campaign fund (page 5)
(Checking a party does not increase your tax or reduce your refund.)

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Democrat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
American	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Libertarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Republican	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Money is the mother's milk of politics. Be sure to check the Libertarian box(es, if filing jointly) when you submit your 1999 Utah income tax form (TC-40). Deny that money to the government and devote it to the cause of Liberty instead.

. . . Then Help Utah Protest All Income Taxes!

You can help protest Utah's highest-income-tax-rates-in-the-West by handing out the LPUtah's special "\$1 million bills" to last-minute taxpayers on Monday, April 17 at your local post office.



This is a real fun activity. There's no feeling quite like handing out money like a Bill Gates gone mad. Especially, when that "money" makes the point that the Fed's spend that \$1,000,000 every five seconds on one failed program or another. Utah now has a \$6.6 billion budget! That's \$1,040 per minute!

There's also a very good chance that your Tax Day protest activity will make the news, helping to make Utahns aware that Libertarians are here to help them throw off the burdensome yoke of tax-and-spend government.

To find out where you can protest, call your county chair or Jim Dexter at 801/963-1028 no later than March 31 so we can get all materials to you.

It's Perfectly Legal

Demonstrations at post offices are legal but, please, do not:

1. Block sidewalks or entrances. (Better to give materials to

people as they leave.

2. Harass or argue with customers or postal workers.

State party officers will demonstrate at the SLC main post office near 2100 South and Redwood

or a starting at 4:30 PM. You can join us there or, better, do your

own at your local post office, And get a buddy to help. It's a lot more fun when two people can work the line of cars.

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Who Is a *REAL* Libertarian?

Party Founder David Nolan and Jim Lorenz tackle this important question

The Essence of Liberty by David F. Nolan

As a founder of the Libertarian Party and Editor-in-Chief of *California Liberty*, I am often asked how to tell if someone is “really” a libertarian.

There may be as many different definitions of the word “libertarian” as there are people who claim the label. These range from overly broad (“anyone who calls himself a libertarian is one”) to impossibly doctrinaire (“only those who agree with every word in the party platform are truly anointed”). My own definition is that in order to be considered a libertarian, at least in the political context, an individual must adhere without compromise to five key points.

Ideally, of course, we’d all be in agreement on everything. But we’re not, and probably never will be. Debate is likely to continue indefinitely on such matters as abortion, foreign policy and whether, when and how various government programs can be discontinued or privatized. But as far as I’m concerned, if someone is sound on these five points, he/she is de facto a libertarian; if he fails on even one of the five, he isn’t.

What, then, are the “indispensable five”—the points of no compromise?

1. You Own Yourself — First and foremost, libertarians believe in the principle of self-ownership. *You own your own body and mind*; no external power has the right to force you into the service of “society” or “mankind” or any other individual or group for any purpose, however noble. Slavery is wrong, period.

Because you own yourself, you are responsible for your own well-being. Others are not obligated to feed you, clothe you, or provide you with health care.

Most of us choose to help one another voluntarily, for a variety of reasons—and that’s as it should be—but “forced compassion” is an oxymoron, a contradiction in terms.

2. The Right to Self-Defense — Self-ownership implies the right to self-defense. *Libertarians yield to no one in their support for our right as individuals to keep and bear arms.* We only wish the Second Amendment said “The right to self-defense being inalienable . . .” instead of that stuff about a “well-regulated militia.” Anyone who thinks that any government has the right to disarm its citizens is NOT a libertarian!

3. No “Criminal Possession” Laws — In fact, libertarians believe individuals have the right to own and use anything—gold, guns, marijuana, sexually explicit material—as long as they do not harm others through force or the threat of force. Laws against the simple possession of anything are tailor-made for police states; it is all too easy to plant a forbidden substance in someone’s home, car or pocket. Libertarians are as tough on real crime as anyone.

4. No Taxes on Productivity — In an ideal world, there would be no taxation. All services would be paid for on an as-used basis. But in a less-than-ideal world, some services will be force-financed for the foreseeable future. However, not all taxes are equally deleterious, and the worst form of taxation is a tax on productivity (i.e. an “income” tax). No libertarian supports this type of taxation.

What kind of taxation is least harmful? This is a topic still open for debate. *But all libertarians oppose any form of tax on income and wages.*

5. A Sound Money System — The fifth and final key test of anyone’s claim to being a libertarian is their support for an

honest money system (i.e., one where the currency is backed by something of true value, usually gold or silver). Fiat money (money with no backing, whose acceptance is mandated by the State) is simply legalized counterfeiting and is one of the keys to expanding government power.

The five points enumerated here are not a complete, comprehensive prescription for freedom . . . but they would take us most of the way. A government which cannot conscript, confiscate or counterfeit, and which imposes no criminal penalties for the mere possession and peaceful use of anything, is one that almost all libertarians would be comfortable with.

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Real Big “L” Libertarians by Jim Lorenz, LPUtah State Chair Emeritus

First I agree with the honorable David Nolan’s five points. But I am sometimes asked: What is a Libertarian (big “L”) compared to a libertarian (small “l”)?

My answer is: Libertarians, are pledge-signing, card-carrying, dues-paying members in good standing of their local, state and national Libertarian parties.

- *Honest Libertarians* believe in and act out the Libertarian way of life by saying what they mean and doing what they say they will do, without initiating force or fraud on any fellow human being.
- *Well-read Libertarians* make every effort to speak and write the truth, and to discover the verifiable truth in every point at issue. Libertarians hold honest scholarship and thorough research in the highest regard.
- *Thinking Libertarians*, being human and fallible, are not always totally correct but

they are not mentally lazy and rely on sweet reason and the logical placement of facts to buttress their arguments, in place of pandering, playing the race card or promising other people’s money in exchange for votes.

- *Independent Libertarians* reserve their right to change their opinions on issues when new or better facts become apparent. Libertarians work always from the principle of mutual respect, not from the merely popular side of public opinion.
- *Focused Libertarians* are implacably anti-racist, anti-slavery, anti-fascist and anti-communist, especially, when the tendrils of these evil schemes are found within opposing American parties.
- *Fearless Libertarians* are members of the only political party that requires a Pledge as a condition of membership to disavow the initiation of force and fraud by a single person or a mob as large as Congress, or even as many as the non-Libertarian majority of their fellow beings.
- *Forthright Libertarians* respect the rights of others as they expect their rights to be respected.
- *Active Libertarians* pay their modest party dues in advance and proudly carry their proof of membership on their persons.

My thanks to the honorable David Nolan for stepping up to the plate and not only helping to found the Libertarian Party but inventing the ‘Nolan Chart’, which has proven to be invaluable in introducing Libertarianism to hundreds of thousands of the politically confused.



Jim Lorenz was LPUtah state chair 1995-96 and now serves as eminence grise to the LP of Washington County.



Notes From The Chair

by Jim Dexter

It's Over!: The 45-day reign of terror and error that hallmarks Utah's annual legislative foray into bigger, nanny-fied government has ended. An amazing number of stupid bills were considered and far, far too many were passed. If you want to keep this from happening again, file and run for state rep or senator. Three more years of Sen. Terry Spencer is a frightening prospect. Almost makes one long for Craig Taylor. (What's in Kaysville's water anyway?)

Only Ten Days: The days between March 7 and March 17th are the most important in this Party's two-year cycle. Many people don't believe a political party really exists if there's no candidate on the ballot. You can file for state rep for just \$13. Please.

Opportunities Galore: This issue offers many ways for you to volunteer (file for office, host a mass meeting, protest taxes, write the platform). Please do so. The rewards of participating greatly surpass those of doing nothing.

Apologies: An article in the last issue characterized homosexual behavior as "degenerative." While by-lined articles reflect only the opinion of the author, we regret if anyone was offended. The LPUtah takes no stand on consensual behaviors, voluntary or instinctive, that harm no one else. If you write an article for these pages, it is always wiser to express your position in a way that doesn't make an enemy of an ally. (Dumping on statist is, however, highly encouraged. :-)

Sad Farewells: I didn't know GLEN HUNT or KAY HENRY as well as I might have liked and now know my life is forever lesser for that. The Party is diminished by their loss. I want to thank WILLY STAR MARSHALL, RICHARD PARTRIDGE, JIM KIRKWOOD and SCOTT BERGESON for sharing the Party's final respects for these lost lovers of liberty. If you didn't go, you'll never get another chance.

Where There's a Will: The loss of these two find Libertarians reminds that early joiners of our nearly 29-year-old Party are getting on in years. Please keep the hope of liberty alive by making a generous bequest to the LPUtah in your Last Will and Testament.

Town Committee: Salt Lake County scores the first formation of a town committee (worth 50 points). CHARLIE BONSALL, CHARLES HARDY, and JOHN PACK have qualified the Sandy Town Committee. All politics is local.

SLC Gun Show: Our thanks to KITTY BURTON, CHANA PIERCE, WILLIAM JONES and DENNIS HOUSEAL for working the Feb. 5-6 event. We gained two new members and took in \$43 cash.

Fun Shoot: The Libertarians of Utah County are apparently planning another stealth fund-raiser at RangeMasters in Springville on Saturday, March 18th. The last one was a blast but we have no details about this one. Call Stan King at 801-489-5309.

GOP Moths: A reminder to those who hover around the ever-dimming bulb in the elephant's trunk: The torch of Liberty grows brighter every day and gives warmth. The torch of Liberty does not burn you, nor insist you accept corrupt officials and leaders as part of your Party. Lombardi was wrong about politics. Winning isn't anything if not done on principles, with honor.



The Liberty Penguin

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What better way to prove you *really* care about Utah's future than by becoming a member of the Libertarian Party? Just complete the form below, include your check or credit card number. Pay dues monthly via your credit card (at least \$10 a month) and you'll enjoy additional benefits, such as no charge for our annual awards banquet.



JOIN TODAY

YES! I want to be a Utah Libertarian. I understand my dues payment provides annual membership in both the Utah and national Libertarian parties; entitles me to the state party newsletter, *The Utah Liberator*; invitation to all LPUtah local and state social events and political functions; and full voting rights at state and county party meetings and conventions; plus I'll receive the national party's monthly newsletter and be eligible to participate in national conventions and activities.

Annual Dues — My check/money order (pay to: LPUtah) for \$25 is enclosed.

Monthly Dues — I authorize the Libertarian Party of Utah to charge \$ (minimum \$10) to my credit card each month. I understand that as a monthly dues member, I will be invited and admitted to all LPUtah activities—including the annual awards banquet—at no charge as long as my dues remain current.

The Libertarian Party Pledge

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

Signed: _____ Date _____

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Don't Dance with the Devil

Every two years, Libertarians whose interest in winning may outweigh their principles are tempted by the elephants. They may be attracted by the GOP's seemingly absolute power in Utah, disturbed by the media's indifference to non-RepubliCrats, and tired of being seen as losing. If a Libertarian has been active in the fight against gun control, higher taxes, etc., he/she may be flattered by being actively recruited by conservative Republicans who refuse to admit that their party has been taken over by the UEA. Resist temptation. You need not be assimilated.

It's Been Done

1970 or so years ago, the First Libertarian (the One who refused the temptation to force people to be good even before there was a Mankind) was approached by the First RepubliCrat (a former citizen of the First Libertarian's place of residence) who offered Him all kinds of inducements to come over to the Dark Side.

He reportedly took the First Libertarian for a ride in the sky and showed Him all the wealth, riches, castles and nations that could be His just for changing sides. But there was no sale. The First Libertarian said, "Get thee behind me, Satan" because His principles were too important.

We're Not Wanted

Conservative Republicans have nothing to offer Libertarians. Despite recent efforts by some very fine people, the stats are still firmly in charge of the GOP. Their state central committee has adopted rules prohibiting participation, including delegate status, to active Libertarians. The state-lovers on that same committee recently gave their state chair extraordinary powers to personally determine the outcome of votes at the convention.

Power Hath Corrupted

Their anti-fusion legislators have passed laws making it impossible to run on more than one ticket for the same office. (But they did pass a law allowing Borrin' Hatch to run for U.S. Senator and President at the same time! Messing with election laws is OK as long as it benefits them.)

Utah's election laws used to be models of democratic process. In 1998, we had a serious candidate who was first sought the nomination for U.S. Senator on the Libertarian and Republican tickets. But the GOP devil whispered, "You can't win as a Libertarian. Come with us exclusively and we'll give your every opportunity to depose the incumbent."

So he withdrew his Libertarian filing and tried to campaign at the GOP's county conventions. He was nearly arrested (more than once) for trying to speak. At the '98 state convention, he was allowed five minutes Friday night to speak to some 650 delegates, but was not permitted to address the 4,000 or so delegates who met Saturday morning. Naturally, he lost all chance to oppose Bob Bennett in November. A lot can happen to an incumbent in six months.

Who Can You Trust?

Lying comes easily to unpledged politicians. All they wanted was to keep this candidate off the ballot in November.

Two years ago, four principled Republicans tried to defeat four incumbent socialists for their party's nomination. They were successful in forcing a primary. But then the First RepubliCrat's current ranking vicar in Utah, Slick Mikey, dipped into his own funds to work to defeat the principled challengers.

The lesson: If you dance with the Devil, all you'll get is burned.

They Will Be Missed

Glen W. Hunt

Prominent Davis County Libertarian and former LDS Bishop, Glen Whitaker Hunt, passed away December 15, 1999, after a long-term illness. He was born on July 17, 1924, in Salt Lake City. Glen grew up in Enterprise, Utah. While World War II raged, he enlisted in the Marine Corps much to his father's dismay. After serving his country from 1943-46, he graduated from Dixie College.

He taught in the LDS Church's Central States Mission. He married Patricia Giolas in the Salt Lake Temple on December 7, 1951. They had eight children including Davis County treasurer Trisha and Cache/Box chair Gary. His widow, Pat, serves as vice-chair of the Davis organization.

Glen worked as an Industrial Engineer at Hill Air Force Base until he retired. He showed his devotion to his faith by fulfilling various callings as a teacher, Sunday School President, and Bishop of the Third Ward, Liberty Stake (appropriately).

A Layton resident, Glen ran for the State Senate in 1990 as a Libertarian and was active in the Party. On hearing the news of Glen's death, former state chair Bob Waldrop commented, "We have indeed lost a true champion of Liberty."

Kay Henry

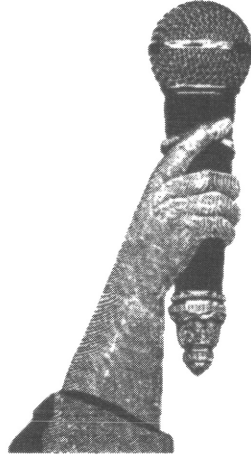
Well-known SLC radio personality and Libertarian Kay Henry-Hicks passed away at age 53 on Sunday, January 30, 2000 after losing her battle with cancer. Born Karen May Schwartz in Chicago on January 26, 1947, Kay will be best remembered in the Salt Lake community for her 20+ years in talk radio.

A noted advocate of women's rights as well as minorities, Kay championed the causes of many personal and environmental groups. A ranch owner in Preston, Idaho, she helped develop the first USDA certified organic beef product. She was also involved in a legal battle to make the EPA clean fresh waters of nitrogenous waste.

Kay was politically active, running for state legislature herself and often interviewing local politicians on her show.

One of her interviewees was state chair Jim Dexter. That initial encounter led to Jim's substituting for Kay on her popular KWUN-AM 1230 show when she went on vacation. That in turn led to Radio Liberty on KTKK-AM 630.

A two-time winner of our Microphone of Liberty award, she also recently received an award from the Utah chapter of NOW as a woman of courageous action.



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Our Basic Rights Still Need Protecting — Part 3

by Bob Lee, KALL — AM 910 (Mon–Fri; 3:00–6:00 PM), as presented at the 1999 Karl Bray Memorial Banquet

Quoting again . . . “Pursuit of this line of thought is not just unfair and off the mark, it is also a terrible idea. There has been practically no point in the turbulent national life of this country during the past three decades in which any side in the argument—including this moment’s accusers—could not itself have been accused, by the loose rules of this game, of having either incited someone to a heinous act or provided the philosophical justification for his committing it. The accusations from the left, in print, on the air and on film, of unconscionable greed, corruption, repression and criminality on the part of the U.S. government in furthering certain policies could just as easily be fed into the stream of complaint about the dangerous consequences of a drumbeat of anti-government abuse . . .

“Political speech may be inflammatory, mendacious and unwise to the point of spectacular stupidity. As such it can be denounced, refuted and shown up for what it is. But the implication that it is also somehow an accessory to terrible crimes because of how it is processed by some deranged minds is just plain wrong. Individuals, alone and in groups, commit crimes. Guilt is not a class condition based on association or some ideas held in common or on stereotypes of some general category of person that one group or another detests. It was something of an irony that suspicion in the Oklahoma City bombing went from one such invoked stereotype (all Muslim men as potential terrorists) to another (all right-wing white males as prospective bombers and killers)...

[We] "...should be resisting any inclination to indulge in charges of broadbased, diffuse and unspecified culpability—and reflecting on how much

damage succumbing to such an impulse has already caused.”

So much for the *Washington Post*'s view.

Clinton Chimes In

In his remarks on April 24th, the President also said:

“In this country we cherish and guard the right of free speech.

We know we love it when we put up with people saying things we absolutely deplore. And we must always be willing to defend their right to say things we deplore to the ultimate degree. But

we hear so many loud and angry voices in America today whose sole goal seems to be to try to keep some people as paranoid as possible and the rest of us all torn up and upset with each other. The exercise of their freedom of speech makes our silence all the more unforgivable. So exercise yours, my fellow Americans. Our country, our future, our way of life is at stake.”

William F. Buckley was right in his May 1, 1995 column:

“I do believe Rush Limbaugh induces hatred. If I were a liberal, I would hate him.” (William F. Buckley, “Liberals have been hatemongers, too,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, May 1, 1995, p. A-7.)

A libertarian scholar, Virginia Postrel, editor of *Reason* magazine, criticized the President’s “guilt by association” tactics in his University of Michigan speech. She pointed out: “Clinton is sleazier, if less deft, when he speaks off the cuff. On *60 Minutes* [Sunday, April 23rd], Mike Wallace asked whether the president had any second thoughts about the Waco raid, Clinton never really answered the question, but he did suggest that anyone who questions the government’s actions is “making heroes” of the Branch Davidians.

“And, he insinuated, raising such questions is tantamount to justifying the Oklahoma City bombing: [quoting President Clinton]: ‘I cannot believe that any serious patriotic American believes that the conduct of those people at Waco justifies the kind of outrageous behavior we’ve seen here at Oklahoma City or the kind of inflammatory rhetoric that we’re hearing all across this country today. It’s wrong.’

Virginia Postrel then point outs] Asking that government agents be held responsible for their actions—actions that resulted in the deaths of scores of Americans—is, by association, equivalent to blowing up innocent people. Especially if using ‘inflammatory rhetoric.’

Words Are Not Deeds

“Many commentators have noted that Clinton can’t tell the difference between talking and acting. . . . Bill Clinton has sought to intimidate critics of government policy by branding them as terrorists.

“Such tactics must not work. Loud voices are not the same as violent deeds. Criticism is not

the same as murder. Exposing government violence is not the same as blowing up buildings. It is grossly irresponsible to blur these distinctions. And those who rely on such smear tactics are in no position to lecture the rest of us about toning down our rhetoric...Information is the enemy both of out-of-control government and of paranoia. Vigorous, open discussion is a powerful check on government excesses—and an important, peaceful outlet for citizen grievances.

“Declaring those grievances illegitimate, and those citizens the philosophical allies of murderers, may make a weak president feel strong. But it won’t make sleazy rhetoric any less sleazy.” (*Reason*, July, 1995)

Interestingly, in that same year, a poll commissioned by *Money* magazine and appearing in the May 1995 issue found a whopping 89% said they don’t trust federal politicians and bureaucrats to make the right decisions and 8 out of 10 distrust state and local public servants as well. Worse: 59% say their faith in national officials had fallen over the previous two years.

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“IRS” SCAM ALERT!

If you get a booklet from a company called the “Internal Revenue Service,” DO NOT OPEN IT! This group operates a scam around this time every year. They claim you owe them money which they will use to pay for the essential functions of the U.S. government.

This is untrue! Very little of the money taken by the “IRS” is used to fund constitutional functions. This organization is also tied to another shady outfit called the “Social Security Administration,” which claims to save the money taken from your paycheck for your retirement. In truth, the SSA uses the money to pay for the same misguided welfare state the IRS supports. These scam artists have bilked honest, hard working Americans out of billions of dollars. Don’t you become one of them! You have been warned.

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Hugh Butler To "Retire"

Speculation had been strong that former LPUtah state chair ('83-'85) Hugh Butler, who now serves as the Party's national vice chair, might seek the top spot at NatCon this Summer. Speculators were, therefore, quite surprised to read the following if-nominated-I-will-not-run message on February 13:

To my respected friends and colleagues on the National Committee, officers and staff of the Libertarian Party:

Please do not place my name in nomination for any officer position or for the LNC at the upcoming 2000 Convention.

Thanks to good fortune and hard work, our business, Computer Consultants Corporation, is now receiving recognition in the marketplace which requires my full attention. The joy of seeing my dreams come to fruition is diminished somewhat by the requirements it brings to relinquish my avocation in the Party in order to focus on family and company at this time in my life

As [national] Chair [Dave] Bergland has said so well, the Party is in very good hands and has leadership aplenty to meet the challenges ahead. I have no qualms or doubts about the continued good health and good works of the LP and will continue to give such support as I can at the national level and in Utah. I will run a campaign [for office] in Utah as promised, but that is all the activity I will be able to spare in 2000.

Please post this notice wherever appropriate and wish other candidates well. I will happily assist and advise whoever wishes to seek me out to help make the transition to the next Administration the best possible.

Thank you for the pleasure and privilege of seven years as Treasurer and Vice Chair. I'll watch "from the stands" as the parade rushes on.

Despite their national-level obligations and duties, Hugh and Marsha Butler have been strong supporters of the LPUtah and we have no reason to expect any change in the future.

Liberals Love Statistical Ignorance

by W. Channing Smith

Herbert London (Bridge News) recently commented on a report submitted by two Washington think tanks — the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and the Economic Policy Institute. The report had to do with the state of the U.S. economy. (London, incidentally, is John M. Olin professor of Humanities at New York University, and is president of the Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute.)

The joint think-tank report London writes about found that the rich are getting richer and that the gap between the rich and the poor is "widening markedly." It claims that incomes for the lowest one-fifth of families in the income distribution (emphasis added) are rising about one percent, while the top fifth of families in the income distribution (again, emphasis added) has increased by 15 percent.

Obscure the Facts

London describes the report as an unvarnished "quasi-Marxist report that obscures economic realities and uses statistical measures for its own propaganda purposes."

He then cites a Federal Reserve survey that confirms the rich are getting richer. *The Fed survey also found that this condition has not necessarily harmed the poor.*

The think-tank report conveniently ignores the fact that between 1995 and 1998, the number of families with incomes under \$10,000 declined by 15%, and that more poor families have financial assets. In other words, the report merely measures annual income, but does not take into consideration net worth.

Nor does the think-tank report consider the number of people in each fifth. This tends to distort the picture even further.

As London notes, the mobility of people out of poverty is of

greater importance. "Moreover," he says, "the movement upwards was not merely to the next fifth, or quintile. *As many poor people joined the ranks of the richest quintile as those who stayed in the poorest quintile.*"

Accent on Disparity

The think-tank report, like most liberal-oriented arguments, emphasizes income disparity, "which is the least significant dimension of the U.S. economy," London adds. In other words, if someone in the bottom fifth leaves the bottom fifth, it is just smaller by one.

On the other hand, London observes that "if someone in the top quintile increases his income by \$10,000, he remains in the top quintile and raises by some level the aggregate income of those in that status."

In short, if a person or family in the lower quintile increases its income by \$10,000, he or they leave the lowest quintile, but the remaining aggregate of those left behind remains unchanged. Their numbers are merely depleted by the number of those who departed.

Conversely, if those in the upper quintile increase their earnings by \$10,000, the aggregate income of the upper quintile increases, but the number of individuals in that quintile also remains unchanged.

As a consequence, the bottom quintile always represents those earning less than \$10,000, while the top quintile is invariably an upwardly moving average.

Disparity Is Natural

London then surmises: "What this means is that a growing income disparity is not only likely, but proves very little. Of far greater significance is upward and downward mobility, particularly those leaving the bottom fifth for a higher income level."

He then adds that what should

be emphasized is that while the rich may grow richer, *the poor grow richer at a relative pace greater than that of the rich.*

What seems to lie at the core of the liberal-oriented think-tank report is that income disparity can be rectified through a government-induced—and Marxist-related—redistribution in the form of higher taxes imposed on the rich, and taxpayer benefits for those on the bottom. Where such fallacious thinking butts heads with reality is the simple fact that if someone leaves the bottom fifth due to governmental beneficence, the bottom fifth nonetheless remains unaffected. Conversely, if someone is forced out of the top quintile because of high taxes, the top fifth likewise remains unaffected.

"Lamenting about income disparity, which will always exist in a free society," London correctly laments, "is a little like complaining about the weather."

Significantly, breaking incomes into quintiles merely serves to exaggerate insignificant income differences. One might call it statistical legerdemain.

RepubliCrat politicians repeatedly argue that they seek to unite America. Yet, when they indulge in pulling-apart exercises, they actually engage in a form of class warfare by using faulty statistical methods to take advantage of the public's and the [government-schooled] media's ignorance of mathematics.

London concludes his thesis: "What does matter is that this society is getting wealthier than it has ever been, and that 'poor' and 'rich' alike are benefitting from the bounty. Any other consideration is beside the point."

"A fine is a tax for doing something wrong. A tax is a fine for doing something right." — sent by Jim Elwell

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Want to help shape the future public policies of the LPUtah? Would you like to support our candidates by giving them platform planks that translate our principles to specific Utah issues?

If you answered "yes" to either question, you'll want to join our 2000 Platform Committee and be responsible for developing the platform planks to be presented to the state nominating convention on May 20.

Because we'll need to print the final draft and hate retyping, this opportunity is only open to members with an email address. Just send a note to: jimdex@inconnect.com

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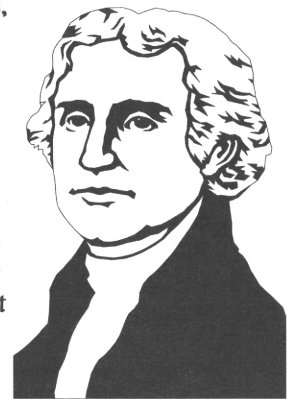
1. Preserve thyself.
2. It is easier to fix the blame than the problem.
3. A penny saved is an oversight.
4. Information deteriorates upward.
5. The first 90% of the task takes 90% of the time; the last 10% takes the other 90%.
6. Experience is what you get just after you need it.
7. For any given large, complex, hard-to-understand, expensive problem, there exists at least one short, simple, easy, cheap wrong answer.
8. Anything that can be changed will be, until time runs out.
9. To err is human; to shrug is civil service.
10. There's never enough time to do it right, but there's always enough time to do it over. — provided by Richard Partridge

On Central Government

"... the Federal Judiciary; an irresponsible body, working like gravity by night and by day, gaining a little today and a little tomorrow, and advancing its noiseless step like a thief, over the field of jurisdiction, until all shall be usurped from the States, and the government of all be consolidated into one. . . . when all government

. . . in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1821



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