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Cook and Lark to Address State Convention on May 12; Bray Speakers To Roast Dexter

May 12 marks the end of an era. Jim Dexter will step down as state chair after five years of dedicated and sometimes distinguished service. To celebrate the event, we have lined up two great speakers for the first state organizing convention of the century: Former Utah Congressman Merrill Cook and Libertarian Party national chair, Jim Lark.

Merrill Cook

Merrill Cook, a longtime fixture on Utah's political scene who may have lost more elections than all Libertarians combined as an Independent, was finally elected to Congress as an elephant. After two terms successfully defending the rights and pocketbooks of his 2nd CD constituents, he was betrayed by the GOP leadership and lost his seat.

With a Harvard MBA, Merrill's insights about third parties, the GOP and other vagaries of Utah politics should prove most enlightening.

Jim Lark

Jim Lark was elected national chair at the natcon in Anaheim last July. During 17 years of Party activism, Lark has served as the LP's national campus liaison, has conducted three national campus organizing campaigns, is a past at-large member of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC), and a past vice chair, LPVirginia. Professionally, he is an adjunct professor in the Department of Systems Engineering and the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia.

His talk is called "'Knee-Jerk Libertarianism: A Cure for a Common Disease.'

Pre-Convention Reception

Come meet the speakers up close and personal at our Friday night reception on May 11. Marsha and Hugh Butler have again unselfishly agreed to open their spacious Federal Heights manse for this affair. (See the map below).

As usual, there is no admission charge, but we do ask that you bring your own beverage and snacks to help keep costs down.

That's Not All

Not only do we have a lock on speakers with one-syllable names ending in "k," there's a lot more excitement at the convention as well. We'll have the election of new state officers, new bylaws to consider and resolutions to pass. As usual there is no registration fee and every member in good standing (dues paid) as of April 12 is a voting delegate.

The state convention will be held in the Salt Lake County Council Chambers in the north building in the Salt Lake County complex at 2100 South and State Street in SLC starting at 10:00 AM. The agenda includes a 90-minute lunch break.

As we went to press, 2100 South can be accessed directly from northbound I-15 only. Southbounders should exit at 1300 South and drive down State St.

Bray Dinner @ New Venue

Special events chair Kitty K. Burton considers Dexter's departure as state chair such a momentous event that she's chucked Chuck-A-Rama in favor of a new facility, Distinctive Catering, at 2700 South 300 East in South Salt Lake for the Annual Karl Bray Memorial Banquet.

The Bray Dinner is the LPUtah's annual social event featuring recognition and award presentations, a 50/50, and door prizes. In lieu of the traditional dinner speaker, Burton has lined up

seven speakers to thoroughly roast the departing Dexter.

Avenue X, a terrific Libertarian band transplanted from California, will provide live music!

Burton says, "The event starts with a social hour at 6:00 PM, featuring a cash (donation) bar. At 7:00, after a brief remembrance of Karl Bray, the LP-Utah's founder and victim of rampant statism, we'll load up our plates with a delicious buffet, watch Dexter roasted, honor our other hard-working members, give away some prizes and dance the night away."

We Need You!

The cost is \$25 per person or \$47.50 per couple (any two persons). [Polygamous or other nontraditional "families" may call for a group discount.]

To let the caterer know exactly how many people they'll be serving Kitty asks that you please RSVP ASAP and also pay as soon as you can. RSVP by calling Kitty Burton at 801-254-3834.

As Libertarians, we offer choices. You have three ways to pay: 1) Check or money order, 2) MasterCard or VISA, or 3) Cash on May 12. Monthly Pledge members are admitted free.

One Last Tip

Eternal vigilance isn't the only cost of liberty. Bring lots of money, preferably large denomination bills, such as \$50s and \$100s. This will let you impress the heck out of everyone when we pass the hat and they only put in \$10s, or \$20s. Some people only put in \$1s or \$5s. You don't want to be one of *them* do you? Of course not. :-)

**You're Invited to a Reception
for Jim Lark and Merrill Cook**

Friday, May 11 @ 7:30 PM The Butlers, 1232 East Chandler Circle
No charge. But BYO Beverage and/or Snack

Note: Virginia St. to Chandler Drive is longer but easier.

Note: Map is not drawn to scale

Wallis Burnside Trying to Organize Weber

Weber County has 11 dues-paying, Pledge-signing, card-carrying Libertarians. Enough to qualify any county party for the LPUtah's revenue sharing program. Problem is, there is no county party in Weber.

That's a situation acting county chair Wallis Burnside is trying to change. First, he shelled out his own money to get a room with food for all comers at a Chapparo's, a popular Mexican restaurant in Ogden. Two people, one a member, showed up, not enough to formally organize a county party (but Wallis got \$40 in leftovers to take home).

The following weekend, he organized a crew (Brad Jacobs and Don Kingsley) to staff a booth at the Weber Gun Show at the Golden Spike Arena in February. In the course of two days,

they identified 30 qualified prospects based on their "World's Smallest" results.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Having learned his lesson at Chapparo's, Wallis is no longer willing to bribe people with free food to do what is best for them. But he is holding regular meetings for anyone interested in organizing an LPUtah affiliate.

Meetings are held at his place of business, Etched In Stone, at 2031 Lincoln Avenue in Ogden on the first Thursday of the month starting at 7:00 PM. Call 399-2080 for more information.

Wallis also says he plans to launch an intensive recruitment drive. If our current members in Weber are so uninterested in organizing to fight the stats in charge, Wallis is determined find some who will. Weber needs its own LP.

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April

- 12 **Westminster College** – 801/963-1028
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Tanner Plaza, Westminster Campus, SLC
- 12 **Davis County Convention** – 801/776-5796
7:00 PM – The Parkers, 1142 North 1250 West, Layton
- 16 **Statewide Tax Protest** – Call your County Chair
- 17 **Sum/Was County Convention** – 435/783-5299
7:15 PM – Park City Library, 1255 Park Avenue, Park City
- 19 **State Executive Committee** – 801/963-1028
- 21 **SLC Gun Show** – 801/254-3834
9:00 AM – South Towne Expo Center, Sandy – Also Sunday, 4/22
- 26 **Salt Lake County** – 801/254-3834
7:00 PM – Old Spaghetti Factory, Family Center, Redwood Rd., T'ville
- 28 **Salt Lake County Convention** – 801/254-3834
10:00 AM – Council Chambers, County Complex, 2100 South & State

May

- 3 **Utah County Convention** – 801/356-8467
7:00 PM – Clubhouse, Brookside & Woodside (200 West), Provo
- 3 **Weber County** – 801/399-2080
7:00 PM – Etched In Stone, 2031 Lincoln Avenue, Ogden
- 5 **State Central Committee** – 801/963-1028
- 10 **State Executive Committee** – 801/963-1028
- 11 **Convention Eve Reception** – 801/254-3834
7:30 PM – The Butlers, 1232 East Chandler Circle, SLC
- 12 **State Organizing Convention** – 801/254-3834
10:00 AM – Council Chambers, County Complex, 2100 South & State
- 12 **Karl Bray Banquet** – 801/254-3834
6:00 PM – Distinctive Catering, 2700 South 300 East, South Salt Lake

Effective when we went to press. Contact the number shown to confirm any event if you're unsure.

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"/>	B	Reform	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	C	Republican	<input type="checkbox"/>
American	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	D	No Contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Libertarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 16 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 Feds spend that \$1,000,000 every five seconds on one failed program or another. Utah now has a \$6.7 billion budget! That's \$1,050 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 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 Road starting at 4:30 PM. You can

join us there or, better yet, do your own at your local post office.

And get a buddy to help. It's a lot more fun when two or more people work the line of cars. Someone has to hold the sign.

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Submissions may be subject to editing for fit and grammar, and to commentary, but will otherwise be printed as submitted . . . if we have space in an issue.

Time to Be a Party Officer?

The LPUtah needs you! Is it time for you to take a turn as an LPUtah party leader? Many key positions are now available, from state chair to county secretary. By volunteering a few hours a week to these important positions, you can make a real difference in our drive to legalize liberty in Utah. Here's a brief rundown of the duties for each position (and estimated time per week to perform them).

County Offices

Chair: The Chair is the county party's chief executive officer and presides at county conventions and county executive committee meetings. He/she also runs the monthly socials. The Chair serves as the county party's liaison for all matters relating to the Party's relationship with local and county government. The Chair is the county's official spokesperson for the press and the represents the county on the State Central Committee. (2-3 hours.)

Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair performs the duties of the Chair when the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office. The Vice-Chair will also carry out such other duties for the benefit of the Party as directed by the Chair. (1-2 hours.)

Secretary: The Secretary keeps minutes and records of all county conventions and other official meetings (e.g., county executive committee). The Secretary will report at Conventions concerning Party activities as the Chair directs. The Secretary prepares official reports regarding the Party as required by law. (1-2 hours.)

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the county party's financial activities. The Treasurer reports the county party's current financial status, expenditures, and income to each meeting of the county executive committee, and the Conven-

tion. (1-2 hours.) *Note:* Some counties may combine secretary and treasurer in one position.

State Offices

State Chair: The Chair is the Party's chief executive officer and presides at all state conventions and all meetings of the State Executive Committee (SEC) and State Central Committee (SCC). The Chair is responsible for appointing new SEC members when such offices become vacant, subject to the consent of the SEC. The Chair serves as the Party's liaison with the appropriate body for all matters relating to the Party's relationship with the state government. The Chair is the Party's official spokesperson for the press. (4-7 hours.)

State Vice Chair: The Vice-Chair performs the duties of the Chair when the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office. The Vice-Chair will also carry out such other duties for the benefit of the Party as directed by the Chair. (2-3 hours.)

State Secretary: The Secretary keeps the minutes and records of all Party conventions and meetings of the State Executive Committee and State Central Committee. The Secretary will report at Conventions concerning such Party activities as the SCC or the Chair directs. The Secretary will make such reports as required by law to the State of Utah. (1-2 hours.)

The Secretary provides the names of all Party officers, delegates, and candidates to at least one general circulation newspaper within Utah and one news service as well as the national Libertarian Party headquarters, and the Chair for forwarding to the appropriate state government body within five (5) calendar days after their election. (30 minutes every two years.)

State Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the LPUtah's financial activities. The Treas-

urer will report to each meeting of the SEC and SCC, and to Conventions, the current financial status, expenditures, and income of the party.

The Treasurer submits to the Secretary any information required for financial reports to the State of Utah. If requested, the Treasurer will assist county treasurers and secretaries in the preparation of their reports, and may audit their records to verify their accuracy. (1-2 hours.)

State Legal Counsel: The Legal Counsel provides the SEC and SCC with legal advice relating to Party activities and political matters. To qualify for the position, the Legal Counsel must be an attorney admitted to practice in Utah or a licensed or certified paralegal.

Note: If no qualified candidate is elected at the state organizing convention, the SEC may appoint one. (1-2 hours.)

Qualifications

The ideal candidate for any position has experience in a similar position with a volunteer organization. But don't be discouraged if you haven't been head of the Red Cross. If you have had any executive, management, supervisory, or leadership experience, you might make a great chair or vice chair. The key is having both the desire to help the Party succeed and the few hours a week it takes to do the job.

If you can write clearly and accurately, and take good notes, you might be an ideal secretary.

If you can add and subtract, and can fill out forms, you might be a great treasurer.

Whatever office you aspire to, an email account is always extremely useful.

If you're interesting in any of these positions, please contact your county chair or Jim Dexter (call 801/963-1028) or jimdex@inconnect.com at your earliest opportunity.

Uintah County Organized

The LPUtah is pleased to announce that the LP of Uintah County became an official affiliate on January 7. On that day, the county's Libertarians met at the home of Bruce Daniel to adopt a county party constitution and bylaws, then elect officers.

The new officers are:

Bruce A. Daniel, DDS – Chair

Herb Shaeffer – Vice Chair

Sharon Shaeffer – Secretary

Bruce A. Daniel, II – Treasurer

Please join us in wishing the new party good luck and electoral success in the future.

Washington County Re-Elects All Officers

With resounding unanimity the LP of Washington County reelected its current slate of officers at their county convention which was held on March 20 at the Washington County commission chambers at 197 East Tabernacle in St. George.

According to Dave Seely, "It was a touching display of support for the hard work that our good people are doing." The 2001-03 officers are:

Dave S. Seely – Chair

Seth Stinson – Vice-Chair

Kaye Campbell – Sec'y/Treas.

Jim Lorenz – Chair Emeritus

The Washington county officers would like to thank all of their stalwart members for the continued support which is enjoyed in this small corner of Zion. "Actually it isn't in Zion, but we can see it from here," noted Seely.



Notes From The Chair

by Jim Dexter

Run for Party Office: It's that time again. Time to elect new county and state officers. But we can't elect new officers without candidates. Most people think they don't have the time. If you read the article on page 3, you'll see most posts won't take all that much time. So, now what's your excuse? Our success, as always, depends on you.

Kitty Does "Tradio": Salt Lake County chair **KITTY K. BURTON** now has her own show on KTKK-AM 630. "Tradio-The Yard Sale of the Air" is heard Sunday mornings from 6:00 to 9:00. It's the private enterprise, free market in action. Kitty is also K-Talk's favorite substitute host. So, keep your radio tuned to 630 on the AM dial.

Big C Club: It is with great regret that we announce that Life member **RON AMOS** and former state chair **STEVE TROTTER** have both been recently diagnosed with cancer. Immediate past state chair **JIM LORENZ** was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma over three years ago but so far seems to have managed to fight it off. The spirit of liberty must be good for your health.

College Chapters: We are pleased to note that Libertarianism is breaking out on Utah college campi. **HELEN OBZANSKY** is leading the charge at the UofU, **C.W. ROSS** heads up the BYU contingent, and **SAM JACOBS** is trying to get the ball rolling at USU. On April 12, we will try to get a chapter going at Westminster College in SLC. Are Snow and Weber ready?

Good-bye Sutherland: We were disheartened to learn that the new head of the Murray-based Sutherland Institute, Dr. Paul T. Mero, believes "What the doctrinaire libertarians offer us is an ideology of universal selfishness," that "indulgent private behaviors do create very real public burdens," and that "the individual is the fundamental unit of . . . a community of selfishness . . . The family is the fundamental unit of society." We have severed all ties with Sutherland and encourage you to do the same ASAP.

April Gun Show: Want to get into a gun show free? Volunteer to staff our booth. Next one is April 21 and 22 in the new South Towne Expo Center in Sandy. Call **KITTY BURTON** at 801/254-3834. Our thanks to **RICHARD BARNES, DENNIS HOUSEAL** and **WILLIAM JONES** for working the February show.

Online Forum: Without a newsletter, savvy LPUtahs stay in touch via our online forum. To sign up, email a subscribe message to elwell@inconnect.com. If you don't want the daily give and take, our "Events" list offers announcements only. To sign up, email me: jimdex@inconnect.com.

Timing: Every effort is being made to get this in your hands no later than April 12, but there is no guarantee we'll be successful.

Final Issue: This is my last issue as state chair. I regret that I have not been able to devote more time to this most important communication vehicle but the radio show claims up to 12 hours of my free time every week and very few members have offered to provide content. (Three articles herein are from out of staters.) As for being state chair, it has had its moments, its interesting times. I hope you will agree that most of my sins have been of omission, so much to do, so little help. Please, help my successor.



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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.

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Are Mormons Philosophical Libertarians?

Dr. Bruce Daniel, a temple-worthy, life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) and Uintah county chair thinks so.

He first learned of the Libertarian philosophy in the early '70s, and has been a student of it ever since. He quickly recognized striking similarities between a fundamental principle of the LDS faith called "Free Agency" and Libertarianism.

Free Agency is Key

Daniel says, "Free Agency means the individual must be free to make unfettered choices in life that either spiritually save him or condemn him; that he must be free to choose in all of his decisions—good or bad; and that he must be fully self-responsible and self-accountable for his decisions and actions.

"Five equalities define the LDS as a natural philosophical libertarian," he says. "Free Agency equals Self-Responsibility equals Self-Accountability equals Individual Liberty equals Libertarianism." He also suggests that Free Agency/Libertarianism identifies a philosophy of life that all LDS ought to seriously consider.

Commonalities

Daniel says, "When I was introduced to Libertarianism in the early 1970s, I was struck by the commonalities I found in the principles of my Mormon faith and those of Libertarianism. 'Free Agency' is a fundamental principle and belief practiced in the LDS Church [recently "Church of Jesus Christ"] in that it is individual, self-responsible, and non-transferable.

"If a Mormon is to acquire the promise of his spiritual goal, his salvation is entirely dependent on his own actions and behavior and not the desires or compulsion of others. He is taught to be God-loving, good, moral

and charitable. Yet, Free Agency also establishes the right of other peaceful individuals to be immoral or sinful.

"Libertarianism, likewise, has a fundamental principle in that the individual has the unrestrained right to live his peaceful, honest, non-fraudulent life as he would choose. Accordingly, Libertarians reject the notion that others, including governments, have the right to force peaceful people to be good, moral, or charitable.

"Because of this commonality of principles, I am of the opinion that those LDS who believe in and practice free agency, are in the truest sense, also practicing libertarians."

Proof on Website

Dr. Daniel has spent the last two years writing an essay on the subject of the LDS concept of Free Agency and the Libertarian philosophy. It discusses the close relationship of scriptures, statements by church leaders (including prophets and other leading writers) and others about individual liberty and responsibility.

It also has a self-analysis to help LDS learn of Free Agency from a spiritual and temporal perspective in a much broader sense. It does not discuss the issue from a Libertarian Party or other political party perspective. Dr. Daniel suggests that Libertarians share the essay with their LDS friends.

The essay can be found on the web at: www.cooldave.com/freeagency

A similar, but briefer, essay on the same topic, penned by Charles Hardy, can be found on the LP-Utah website (www.lputah.org). Just click the "What We Believe" button on the home page, then the "Party of Agency link on the "What We Believe" page. It's a doctrine many Utahns ignore.

Join the Libertarian Mainstream Caucus

A group of levelheaded Libertarians, sick of the constant factionalism and infighting that have helped to keep Libertarian candidates from succeeding have formed the Libertarian Mainstream Caucus (LMC).

According to former LPUtahn Gene Trosper, one of the LMC's founders, "We need to create a culture of credibility and success within the Libertarian Party." To that end, the LMC is dedicated to implementing this ten-point agenda:

Ten Points of Progress

1. Acting as peacemakers between factions in the LP. We believe our energies should be aimed at the two major parties and not used to attack each other perpetually.

2. Encouraging—and working toward—a program of short term, timely, public policy goals that are well researched and realistic to attain.

3. Promoting effective political action that reaches beyond literature distribution and Tax Day protests. We believe that Libertarian activists and candidates must carefully choose our fights and then focus our energies on winning.

4. Encouraging active campaigns over paper candidacies whenever possible. Our short term goal should be to raise the bar of vote totals from two or three percent to five and seven percent, building our percentages each and every year. Before running a marathon, one must learn to walk in baby steps.

5. Placing more responsibility for success on our activists, candidates and leadership. We should not accept excuses for losing. Expectations, accountability and rewards for a job well done must be adhered to.

6. Working within the system and not avoiding it. We enthusiastically

seek to work within the framework of government not just because we are a recognized political party, but also to become familiar with how government operates.

7. Proposing platform changes on the state and national level. We believe principles can be firmly adhered to while having a streamlined, friendly platform.

8. Recognizing that Libertopia is an unreachable fantasy best left to fiction writers. We must realize that even the most meager gains in human liberty is a victory that should be celebrated. Politics is not an "all or nothing" proposition.

9. Welcoming anyone into the Libertarian Party who is generally friendly to our political agenda. Friends are better than enemies, even if the friend has a few trepidations. Tolerance, warmth and friendly persuasion will build a stronger Libertarian than judgementalism, glassy-eyed philosophical debate and "in your face" confrontations.

10. Acting like an energetic, friendly and truly human political party, not as an isolated debating society closed off to outside criticism. Train candidates, organize precincts, register voters and attend local government meetings!

Join Now. It's FREE!

"We believe that Libertarian Party offers a fantastic vision of limited government and individual liberties. We will work tirelessly and make the LP a viable alternative and mainstream its political agenda in America," says Trosper. "Rancorous philosophical discussions have no place in the LMC! The LP is a political party, not a debating club" The best part is that there are no dues. Sign up now. Visit: <http://users.ez2.net/lmc> or write to: LMC, PO Box 625, Wildomar, California 92595.

LPUtah Tape Library Can Help Make You a Better Speaker

Want to enhance your ability to successfully debate the overwhelming advantages of Libertarianism? The LPUtah now has a lending library of audio and video tapes that can really help increase your ability to win friends for liberty and influence people to vote Libertarian.

The following A/V resources are available right now:

Videos

Stossel in the Classroom — John Stossel, the ABC network's no-holds-barred, libertarian reporter always likes to how liberty always beats government and repression. We have three presentations, complete with teacher/student guide books, which can be used in a class or seminar-type setting. Each runs approximately 45 minutes total, in three segments to allow time for discussion. The currently available titles are:

- **Free Loaders** — Describes the burden of the welfare state.
- **Are We Scaring Ourselves to Death?** — Help debunk the "sky-is-falling" and other "junk science" arguments that RepubliCrat politicians love to use to get elected.
- **Greed** — Helps prove how individual self-interest does more to benefit society than all the government social programs.

We also have an off-the-air copy of *Mr. Stossel Goes to Washington* which aired in February.

Waco — We have two full-length feature presentations on the federal government's disastrous handling of the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas and subsequent cover-up with the help of RepubliCrat politicians.

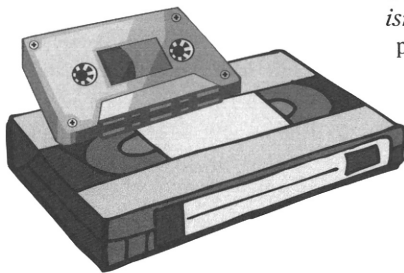
Waco: The Rules of Engagement — The original theatrical release which was nominated for an Academy Award. Details

the ATF's bungled raid (with a false War on Drugs excuse for military training) and the FBI's decision to burn the children to save them. Time: 2 Hours 36 minutes.

Waco: A New Revelation — The Follow-up which includes even more damaging information and proof of the fedgov's incompetence and lies. Time: 1 Hour 50 Minutes.

Audios

Audio tapes are a great way to learn how to do virtually anything. The best part is that you can listen while you drive your car or work around the house. Order by name.



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Speaker Training Kit #1 — An Advocates for Self-Government product. Includes audio tapes, training manual, notes and other aids. Everything you need to make successful Libertarian speeches to clubs and other groups.

The Ransberger Pivot — Marshall Fritz describes a very effective technique for responding to belligerent or argumentative questions.

How to Be Interviewed — Marshall Fritz and David Bergland reveal seven secrets for better newspaper and talk-show interviews.

How to Talk to Environmentalists — Karl Hess, Jr. tells how Libertarians can discover and attain common goal with environmentalists and Greens.

Why Liberty Must Be SOLD, Not Preached . . . and how to do it — Harry Browne, one of Party's most articulate candidates ever, reveals how anyone can sell Libertarianism.

Libertarian Temperament or Temperamental Libertarians? — Party founder, former presidential candidate, and past national chair David Bergland helps you overcome the pitfalls of heated arguments.

Communicating Libertarianism to Religious People — A panel discussion with several perspectives on how to seek and achieve common goals with people of all religions and denominations.

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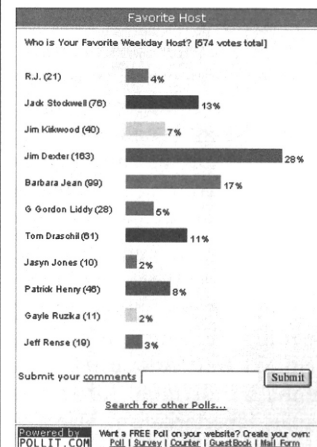
If our new tape library is successful (i.e., used a lot), we will expand it. So when you return a tape, please provide feedback about the tape you borrowed. And feel free to suggest other tapes or topics which you feel would prove useful to Utah's Libertarians.

Dexter #1 on K-Talk

In a listener poll conducted by KTKK-AM 630 in March, state chair Jim Dexter was voted the station's favorite talkshow host.

His show, *Radio Liberty*, now on from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Mondays and Wednesdays, draws callers from Pocatello, ID to Santaquin and can be heard via www.k-talk.com with Windows Media Player installed.

The poll was announced on-air and on the website with voting conducted online. Dexter noted, "It's very hard to beat a Libertarian on the Internet. ;-)"



One listener (possibly Doug Wright :-)) commented, "Dexter sets the standard other hosts should follow." Another wrote, "Dexter gives callers enough time to make their points."

Dexter said, "It's gratifying to know that listeners respond to a message of less government, lower taxes and more freedom. Some other hosts complained when I won but they forget that I got 7,000 votes from K-Talk's listening area in my run against Orrin last year."

Libertarians on Utah Radio

Jim Kirkwood broadcasts daily on KTKK-AM 630 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Kitty Burton now hosts *Tradio* on Sunday mornings. When KTKK was KSXX, Karl Bray and Steve Trotter both hosted their own talkshows.

Utah 2000 Election Results: The Good News & The Bad News

No Libertarians were elected to office in Utah in the 2000 elections. This was particularly disappointing since several (notably Jim Dexter, William Jones, Don Kingsley, Andy McCullough, Mark D. Lees, Dick Madsen, Cabot Nelson, Dave Nelson, John Pack, Boyd Seal, Seth Stinson and Steve Thomas) engaged in very active campaigns, while the LPUtah spent more money on advertising (\$4K) than ever.

Much Good News

The best news is that we have far more good news than bad. First, and most importantly, we retained our ballot status thanks to the vote totals of Hugh Butler (state treasurer) and Andy McCullough (attorney general). We probably would have had a third qualifier but one statewide candidate in a two-way race

neglected to file his last financial report and was dropped from the ballot.

We ran more candidates (34) and more active campaigns than ever before. The best part is we now have veteran campaigners who know what it takes and where to get it.

The most ironic part is that the Independent American Party (IAP) beat us in every race but lost ballot status because none of their candidates gained enough votes to qualify.

It would be easy to conclude that the IAP got more votes because they were above us on the ballot, drawing the mindless dissident vote as well as their own. But results from Salt Lake County show they have significant strength, drawing 3509 straight party votes compared

to our 504. And the IAP ran far fewer candidates.

Most Disappointing Race

Seth Stinson's race for Washington County Commissioner was the real heartbreaker. He was in a two-way with a allegedly corrupt incumbent. Seth did everything right, including going door-to-door to every home in the county, hitting many of them twice.

Seth passed out brochures, placed yard signs, appeared on radio, gave press interviews, bought advertising, etc., etc.

Then a week before the election, the Washington County GOP took a quarter-page ad in St. George's *Spectrum* with the headline "What the Local Libertarians Don't Want You To Know," citing the LP's national platform on drugs, prostitution,

homosexual rights, pornography, gambling, etc. and asking "Is this the kind of community we want?"

Under the circumstances, Seth's 24% of the vote is a testament to his valiant campaign efforts.

Best Candidate Results

Statewide:

Hugh Butler – 12.74%

State Rep – 2-way:

Dave Nelson – 14.09%

State Rep – 3-way:

Dick Madsen – 6.36%

State Rep – 4-way:

Robert Comstock – 3.70%

County – 4-way:

John Pack – 4.74%

County – 3-way:

Mark Covington – 6.76%

County – 2-way:

Seth Stinson – 24.06%

REP – Republican, DEM – Democrat, IAP – Independent American, LIB – Libertarian, NAT – Natural Law, UN – Unaffiliated

Federal Offices

U.S. Senate

Orrin G. Hatch, REP
65.60% 503,437

Scott N. Howell, DEM
31.50% 241,711

Carlton Edward Bowen, IAP
1.56% 11,965

Jim Dexter, LIB
1.34% 10,312

CD#1

Jim Hansen, REP
68.98% 180,147

K.M. Collinwood, DEM
27.21% 71,060

H.D. Anderson, IAP
1.96% 5,123

Dave Seely, LIB
1.20% 3,140

M.D. Frandsen, NAT
0.65% 1,69

CD#2

Jim Matheson, DEM
55.88% 144,373

Derek Smith, REP
41.25% 106,565

Bruce Bangerter, IAP
1.81% 4,673

Peter Pixton, LIB
0.83% 2,157

Steven Voris, UN
0.23% 593

CD#3

Chris Cannon, REP
58.56% 138,802

Donald Dunn, DEM
37.29% 88,373

Michael J. Lehman, IAP
2.29% 5,423

Kitty K. Burton, LIB
1.50% 3,564

Randall Tolpinrud, NAT
0.36% 84

State Executive Offices

Attorney General

Mark L. Shurtleff, REP
57.54% 434,774

Reed M. Richards, DEM
39.52% 298,631

W. Andrew McCullough, LIB
2.94% 22,199

State Treasurer

Edward T. Alter, REP
82.94% 530,820

Hugh A. Butler, LIB
12.74% 81,545

Elliot J. Hulet, NAT
4.31% 27,602

State Senate

District 2

Pete Suazo, DEM
76.05% 10,741

Sandra Richter, IAP
15.36% 2,169

Richard D. Barnes, LIB
8.60% 1,214

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State Representative

District 1

Eli H. Anderson, DEM
85.91% 5,474

Dave Nelson, LIB
14.09% 898

District 2

Ben C. Ferry, REP
86.94% 7,754

Richard L. Partridge, LIB
13.06% 1,165

District 10

Lawanna Shurtliff, DEM
58.18% 6,029

Lyle G Evertsen, REP
39.31% 4,073

Wallis C Burnside, LIB
2.51% 260

District 13

Paul Ray, REP
65.46% 7,682

AnnaJane G. Arroyo, DEM
29.26% 3,434

Don Kingsley, LIB
5.28% 620

District 16

Kevin S. Garn, REP
87.25% 10,350

Laren C. Livingston, LIB
12.75% 1,513

District 17

Marda Dillree, REP
74.51% 9,204

George L. Miles, DEM
22.44% 2,772

Joe Judd, LIB
3.05% 377

District 18

Roger Barrus, REP
72.85% 7,652

William Goldberg, DEM
24.16% 2,538

Daniel Roy Nelson, LIB
2.99% 314

District 19

Sheryl Allen, REP
73.53% 8,046

Louis Naegle, DEM
22.50% 2,462

Richard Hopkins, LIB
3.97% 434

District 22

Carl Duckworth, DEM
56.31% 4,282

Jack Nielsen, REP
40.02% 3,043

William Jones, LIB
3.67% 279

District 24

Ralph Becker, DEM
59.47% 5,670

J Bruce Reading, REP
34.57% 3,296

Joyce Jefferson, LIB
5.97% 569

District 26

Red J. Fife III, DEM
60.63% 3,082

Mont D. Miller, REP
29.20% 1,484

Renee Dale, IAP
6.47% 329

District 30

Jackie Biskupski, DEM
63.50% 5,803

Keith Homer, REP
30.14% 2,754

Richard Madsen, LIB
6.36% 581

District 34

Kory Holdaway, REP
48.63% 3,555

Dennis Carty, DEM
45.53% 3,329

Craig Perkes, IAP
4.05% 296

District 36

Lamont Tyler, REP
54.46% 6,069

Bill Brown, DEM
43.11% 4,804

M. Gene Linder, LIB
2.42% 270

District 41

Patrice Arent, DEM
58.75% 7,139

Mark Stefensen, REP
39.09% 4,750

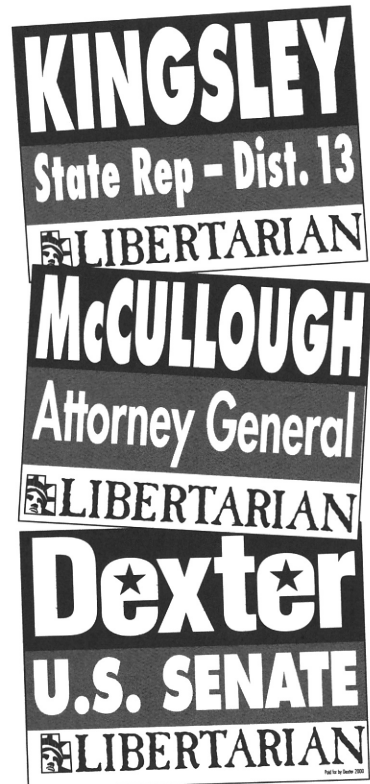
J. Boyd Seal, LIB
2.16% 263

District 50

Merlynn Newbold REP
67.05% 11,601

Maggie Wilde DEM
29.77% 5,150

Wesley R. Peters LIB
3.18% 550



Signs of the Times
More Libertarian yard signs than ever before
popped up around Utah in the
2000 elections

Robert J. Comstock, LIB
3.70% 188

Dennis Houseal, LIB
1.79% 131

District 56

David N. Cox, REP
73.37% 9,554

Wayne Carlton, DEM
22.46% 2,925

Shiela E. Heindel, IAP
2.93% 382

Dwight Steffner, LIB
1.23% 160

District 64

Becky Lockhart, REP
76.02% 4,979

Robert Ingles, DEM
19.13% 1,253

Mark D. Lees, LIB
4.85% 31

District 65

Matt Throckmorton, REP
68.32% 7,058

Gene Faux, DEM
28.58% 2,953

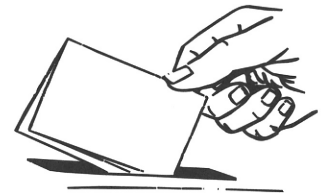
Neil Wyllie, LIB
3.10% 320

District 67

Darin G. Peterson, REP
58.15% 5,991

Paul Meredith, DEM
38.51% 3,968

Steve Thomas, LIB
3.34% 344



VOTE

Paper Ballots?
Some have suggested that paper ballots are less subject to vote fraud or counting error. Dream on.

Salt Lake County Council

The Salt Lake County Clerk's office provides a lot of useful information. It is included here so you can see what should be available.

Straight Party Ballots Cast

Democrat	46553	46.04%
Republican	50225	49.67 %
Ind. American	3509	3.47 %
Libertarian	504	0.50%
Natural Law	183	0.18 %
Reform	149	0.15% (ran one candidate, Nader)

Precincts Counted 688

Registered Voters 444186

Ballots Cast 312098 70.26%

At-Large

Council at Large A

Randy Horiuchi, DEM
47.97% 143498

Richard Snelgrove, REP
45.89% 137265

Phillip Holmes, IAP
3.47% 8380

Cabot Nelson, LIB
2.67% 7973

Council at Large B

M. Carl Larsen, DEM
42.57% 124382

Steve Harmsen, REP
52.69% 153977

John R. Pack, LIB
4.74% 13849

Nathan Gedge, Write-In
0.00% 8

Council at Large C

Jim Bradley, DEM
48.45% 143053

Jim Kennard, REP
47.65% 140694

Don W. Johnston, LIB
3.9% 11527

Council Districts

Council District 2

Jim Brusatto, DEM
37.79% 17965

Michael H. Jensen, REP
57.41% 27290

Chauna Pierce, LIB
4.80% 2282

Council District 5

Paulina Flint DEM
35.24% 18583

Winston Wilkinson REP
60.80% 32059

Charles Bonsall, LIB
3.96% 2090



Washington County Commission

Alan Dean Gardner REP
75.94% 21366

Seth Stinson, LIB
24.06% 6769

Wasatch County Commission

Loren Prevost, REP
48.39% 2705

Lyn Thackert, DEM
44.9% 2510

Mark Covington, LIB
6.71% 365

A Brief History of the Libertarian Party

by Aaron Biterman

Legislative Victories

1972 — Karl Bray runs for Congress from Utah and is the first Libertarian Party candidate on any ballot anywhere.

1978 — Dick Randolph of Alaska becomes the first elected Libertarian state legislator.

1980 — Ken Fanning, also running as a Libertarian, is elected to Alaska legislature.

1984 — André Marrou becomes the third Libertarian elected to the Alaska legislature.

1991 — New Hampshire state legislators Calvin Warburton and Finlay Rothhaus resign from the Republican Party and join the LP.

1992 — In the general election, four Libertarian state legislators are elected in New Hampshire, with Don Gorman and Andy Borsa joining Warburton and Rothhaus who were reelected.

1994 — In New Hampshire, Jim McClarin becomes the most recent Libertarian elected to a state legislative slot; incumbent Don Gorman is reelected.

1998 — Neil Randall wins election as a State Representative in Vermont.

1999 — Richard Mulder, a Republican state legislator from Minnesota, joins the Libertarian Party.

1999 — Wisconsin State Legislator and Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Skinrud (R) joins the Libertarian Party.

2000 — Steve Villaincourt elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives as a Libertarian.

2000 — During the year, Libertarians win two Supreme Court cases: Striking down California's "blanket primary" and ending Indiana's random drug-search roadblocks.

2001 — Oregon State Legislator Gary George (R) joins the Libertarian Party.

All Successes in LP History

What began with a small group of activists in Colorado has become America's third largest political party. We are proud of our heritage and the progress we have made since 1971. And the best is yet to come!

1971 — Libertarian Party is founded December 11th, in the home of David Nolan. Disillusioned Republicans, Democrats and political newcomers hope to create an alternative to the old parties.

1972 — First national convention held in June in Denver, CO. John Hospers, a philosophy professor at the University of Southern California, is nominated as presidential candidate. LP vice presidential candidate Toni Nathan becomes the first woman in U.S. history to receive an electoral vote. She also becomes the first Jewish-American to serve on a Presidential ticket.

1975 — National convention in New York City. Roger MacBride is nominated as the LP's presidential candidate with David Bergland as his running mate.

1976 — MacBride achieves ballot status in 32 states, and receives over 170,000 votes.

1978 — Ed Clark receives 5% of the vote in his race for Governor of California. Dick Randolph of Alaska becomes the first elected Libertarian state legislator.

1979 — Presidential nominating convention held in Los Angeles. Ed Clark and David Koch named as presidential and vice presidential candidates. Permanent ballot status achieved in California as more than 80,000 voters register Libertarian.

1980 — Ed Clark appears on the ballot in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam, and receives almost one million votes. His campaign runs extensive national television ads and

offers many Americans their first look at what the LP has to offer. Many in the media recognize the LP for the first time as a serious political force. Dick Randolph is reelected to Alaska state legislature. Ken Fanning, also running as a Libertarian, is elected to Alaska legislature.

1982 — Louisiana congressional candidate James Agnew receives 23% of the vote. Alaska gubernatorial candidate Dick Randolph receives 15% of the vote. Arizona gubernatorial candidate Sam Steiger receives 5% of the vote.

1983 — David Bergland is nominated in New York City as the LP's presidential candidate. Jim Lewis is his running mate.

1984 — On the ballot in 39 states, David Bergland and Jim Lewis come in third in the race for President for the first time in the LP's history. Bergland publishes *Libertarianism in One Lesson*, a campaign book that eventually sells over 75,000 copies, and is still used by the LP today as an introductory text. André Marrou becomes the third Libertarian elected to the Alaska legislature. Libertarians are elected to 11 more local offices around the country.

1986 — Libertarian Tom Lizardo appointed Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX). More than 200 candidates across the United States receive 2.9 million votes. Ray Cullen, candidate for Treasurer in California, gets 570,000 votes, largest vote total ever for a third party candidate in California. Mayor and entire city Council of Big Water, Utah convert to Libertarians becoming the first Libertarian municipal government in the U.S. They are overwhelmingly reelected the next year.

1987 — Doug Anderson is elected Elections Commissioner in Denver. Former Congressman Ron Paul resigns from the

Republican Party and joins the LP. Seattle convention nominates Ron Paul for President and André Marrou for Vice President.

1988 — Ron Paul, on the ballot in 46 states and the District of Columbia, comes in third, receiving more than 430,000 votes nationwide — almost twice the total of any other "third" party.

1990 — Approximately two million people vote for LP candidates. Election Day is "Double Digit Day," as numerous LP candidates for U.S. Congress and state house draw percentage numbers in teens, twenties, and thirties. New Mexico state legislature candidate Illa Mae Bolton gets 31% of the vote. California congressional candidate Joe Shea receives 27% of the vote. A 5% vote for New Hampshire gubernatorial candidate Miriam Luce qualifies LP of New Hampshire as an official party with ballot status. More than 440,000 Texans vote for Court of Criminal Appeals candidate Carol Caul. More Libertarian candidates win election in local races — city council, school board, etc.

1991 — New Hampshire state legislators Calvin Warburton and Finlay Rothhaus resign from the Republican Party and join the LP. Chicago nominating convention names André Marrou and Nancy Lord as presidential/vice presidential ticket.

1992 — In New Hampshire's presidential primary election André Marrou beats incumbent President George Bush 11 votes to 9 in Dixville Notch, the town whose voters always vote first in the nation. Once again the LP's presidential ticket is on the ballot in all 50 states, D.C., and Guam, the only party other than the Democrats and Republicans to achieve this goal. The more

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than 700 LP candidates nationwide receive over 3,700,000 votes for state and federal offices alone. The 23 Libertarian candidates for U.S. Senate receive over 1,000,000 votes, the highest total for a nationally organized third party since 1914. Libertarian Party candidate Jim Hudson's endorsement of Paul Coverdell for the U.S. Senate slot gave Coverdell the 3% he needed to overtake Incumbent Wynche Fowler in a runoff race. In the general election, four Libertarian state legislators are elected in New Hampshire, with Don Gorman and Andy Borsa joining Warburton and Rothaus who were reelected. The LP retains ballot status in 16 states following the 1992 election, two more than it had after the 1988 election.

1993 — National Director Stuart Reges testifies before Congress, endorsing legislation to make it easier for third party candidates to participate in presidential debates. In "off-year" elections, 15 Libertarians win public office, scoring victories in local and county races across the country from Alabama to New York, from Pennsylvania to Minnesota. Miriam Luce is appointed to the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission, Bonnie Flickinger wins election as Mayor of Moreno Valley, California, and Dr. Jimmy Blake wins a seat on the City Council in Birmingham, Alabama.

1994 — In New Hampshire, Jim McClarin becomes the most recent Libertarian elected to a state legislative slot; incumbent Don Gorman is reelected. Elsewhere, Libertarians are elected to city council positions and local boards. Montana Libertarian candidate receives more than 30% for a statewide office. Libertarians win ballot status for 1996 in Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Wy-

oming. Coming out of this election, the LP is now automatically qualified to nominate a presidential candidate in 23 states, the most ever.

1995 — Membership and voter registrations soar to record levels. The LP moves its national headquarters into the prestigious Watergate Office Building, which the *Wall Street Journal* dubs "a sign of the times" of the party's growing stature. In November, three more Libertarians are elected to city councils: Bruce Van Buren (Avondale Estates, GA), Dewayne Methaney (Auburn, GA), and Doug Carlsten (Brighton, CO).

1996 — The Libertarian Party becomes the first third party in American history to earn ballot status in all 50 states two presidential elections in a row. At the nominating convention in Washington, D.C., bestselling author Harry Browne gets the party's nomination. He goes on to win 485,759 votes in the general election, the second-best showing in party history. The Party runs almost 800 candidates for office, and ten of them break the 100,000-vote barrier. LP candidates for statewide and federal office alone win 5.4 million votes, and seven Libertarians are elected or re-elected to office.

1997 — Another record-setting "off-year" election for the Libertarian Party, with 39 Libertarians elected to office in November — including four city council winners: Fred Collins (Berkley, MI); Ron Wittig (New Meadows, ID); Bob DeBrosse (Piqua, OH); and John Gearhart (Palous, WA). In all, 64 party members join the ranks of Libertarian officeholders during the course of the year.

1998 — African-American civil rights leader Roy Innis and talk radio powerhouse Art Bell join the Party. In California, Art Olivier becomes mayor of Bellflower, while in Georgia, Dewayne Metheny is elevated to acting mayor of Auburn. In

November, the Party sets a new record by running 853 candidates in 44 states.

1999 — The Party breaks new ground in political activism with its Internet-based campaign against the FDIC's "Know Your Customer" bank spying regulation. After being flooded by 250,000 complaints, the FDIC withdraws the plan. Party founder David Nolan is named one of the "2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century" by the International Biographical Centre in England. Fourteen Libertarians are elected to office in local Spring elections, and more than 200 Libertarian candidates are on the ballot in state and local elections in November.


2000 — A "Boycott Nosy Census Questions" campaign during the spring generates national newspaper, radio, and TV publicity for the party. The number of registered Libertarian voters passes 224,000, a 10% increase in less than a year. Folksinger Melanie joins the party. Wisconsin State Assembly Caucus at Arms Rick Skinrud joins the Libertarian Party. A Rasmussen Research poll reveals that 16% of Americans are ideologically libertarian. During the year, Libertarians win two Supreme Court cases: Striking down CA's "blanket primary" and ending IN's random drug-search roadblocks. The Anaheim, CA convention nominates Harry

Browne for president and former Bellflower, CA mayor Art Olivier for VP. They head a ticket of 1,436 LP candidates, including 256 candidates for U.S. House—the first time in 80 years, a third party contests a majority of Congressional seats. In one of the closest presidential elections in American history, the Browne/Olivier ticket wins only 382,892 votes. However, 34 Libertarians are elected to office. MA U.S. Senate candidate Carla Howell wins a record 11.9% of the vote, and the LP's candidates for U.S. House win a total of 1.6 million votes.

2001 — Libertarian Donald Ernsberger appointed Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman Dana Rohrbacher (R-CA). Party resurrects the Defend Your Privacy website to fight for medical record privacy. A total of 410 Libertarians now serve in public office.

Aaron Biterman is an 18-year-old student from Wisconsin. He is a board member of the LP of Metro Milwaukee and a member of the state and national Libertarian Parties. He is a member of the Libertarian Victory Fund and the Libertarian Mainstream Caucus. His primary focus in the LP is advancing liberty through outreach to specific groups (age groups, ethnicities, religions, etc., etc.).

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Libertarians On the Air

Jim Kirkwood
Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Jim Dexter
Monday & Wednesday 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Kitty K. Burton
Sunday 6:00 AM – 9:00 AM

KTALK AM 630
The Voice of Utah

Plan Now to File for Local Office in July

The greatest political wisdom of all time may be Tom Foley's observation that All Politics Are Local.

Serving in local office will enhance your chances for success when you run for county, state, or federal office next year. And if you're one of the 34 LPUtahns who ran last November, you can capitalize on your established name recognition.

Just placing your name on the ballot for town council will help build name awareness for future races . . . even if you don't actively campaign. One Taylorsville member reports that he's gone from 3% of the vote to nearly 20% of the vote in just three years. "And all it cost me is the minimal filing fee," he noted happily.

If you do campaign, you will

have a chance to tell voters how Libertarian ideas (especially less government and lower taxes) can be applied locally. Best part is that all local races are non-partisan by law so what happened to Seth Stinson (see page 7) won't happen to you.

Finally, running will help your county score big points (250 to be exact) in the Best County Award challenge. So don't be surprised if your county chair calls and encourages you to run. (If he/she doesn't call, find out why.)

File in July

You'll have from July 15 to August 15 to file. Filing fees vary by municipality and the office sought, but are generally in the \$25-50 range. Just go down to your city hall, see the clerk, fill out the form and pay the fee.

Why Anti-Gun Laws Don't Work

by Carla Howell, 2000 Candidate for US Senate, LPofMA

We must repeal all laws that prevent honest and responsible adults from owning or possessing, selling or buying firearms. Why?

1. Anti-Gun Laws do not work. They do not accomplish their objectives. They intimidate and instill fear in the honest and innocent. They hinder and stop good people from defending themselves. They cause good and decent people to live in fear. But criminals have little or no difficulty acquiring weapons illegally. Anti-Gun Laws give criminals the advantage. And peace of mind.

2. Anti-Gun Laws often make things worse for the very people they're intended to help. Waiting periods give stalkers time to terrorize. Complex and difficult laws stand between good people and self-defense. Discretionary

laws guarantee that all citizens are equal, but some are more equal than others.

3. Anti-Gun Laws create new problems. They feed an obscenely profitable black market in firearms. Run by criminals. Anti-Gun Laws turn a harmless mistake or oversight by an honest gun owner into a felony. They clog our courts with needless cases, while criminals remain armed and dangerous.

4. Anti-Gun Laws are wasteful and costly. Honest gun owners are forced to pay special taxes and fees. Anti-Gun Laws treat responsible gun owners like ex-convicts on parole.

5. Anti-Gun Laws divert money and attention from positive and productive activities.

Our Legislators use too many pens, and not enough erasers.

**State Convention & Bray Dinner
May 12
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