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LONE STAR LIBERTY

Libertarian Party of Texas

Chair Urges Geoff Neale Ballot Status To Lead Push National Libertarian Party

State Chair David DeLamar says the clock is ticking for the Libertarian Party of Texas in its effort to retain ballot status. With only weeks to go until the November 5 election DeLamar says the Libertarian Party Of Texas must get active in promoting its candidates. "I implore all party activists, county chairs, candidates and SLEC members to promote the party and its candidates with all the vigor you can muster in October," said DeLamar

DeLamar said that party loyalist should not take for granted that ballot status is a cinch. The party must garner 5% in a statewide race or 2% in the governors race to remain on the ballot in 2004. Delamar stressed again his call for counties to hold candidate forums, send out news releases and do outreach activities to further the objective of retaining ballot status. DeLamar said Libertarian Party Political Director, Rock Howard, is still available to schedule statewide candidates for appearances by calling 512-453-5942.

DeLamar characterized the slate of statewide candidates as "strong" but in need of promotion.

"On Nov 6 let us have a clear conscious that we did everything possible to retain ballot status," stated DeLamar.

To further the goal the SLEC approved the state party to spend \$15,000 on issue radio ads in key markets. His says the party can still take donations and use the money to purchase additional radio ads. DeLamar said that if every *Lone Star Liberty* supporter would send in just \$100 that "we could have \$100,000 not \$15,000 for targeted radio ads."

Geoffrey Neale of Austin was elected National Chair of the Libertarian Party at the bi-annual party convention. Mr. Neale is the past State Chair of Texas having served two terms in office beginning in 1998. He has previously served on the National Committee and on the National Bylaws Committee.

Neale received 45.8% on the first ballot at the Libertarian National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, defeating Eli Israel (31.2%) and George Phillips (21.6%), both of Massachusetts. Neale's extensive experience with the party spanning over 20 years was cited as a key deciding factor in the election. Mr. Neale also cited the support of his wife Nancy Neale and daughter Marina -- both of whom are active Libertarians.

Mr. Neale's campaign platform called for delivering more tools to affiliate parties, candidates, and activists; and increasing the efficiency, responsiveness and accountability of the national LP office. In addition, Neale said he will recruit more candidates and give them professional training; expand the libertarian message to a larger electorate; deliver sustainable, quality LP growth at all levels; and provide honest, open, and ethical leadership.

Polk County Libertarians Resolve to Support Indian Casino

From Kris Overstreet,

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A day after U. S. Federal district judge John Hannah, Jr. ruled that the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas had thirty days to close their casino, Libertarians in Polk County voted their unanimous support of the tribe's rights to operate a casino on their reservation.

"RESOLVED: That we, the Polk County Libertarian Party, hereby reject the ruling of the Federal District Court as contrary both to Federal law and to the right of the individual to free usage of private property; and further resolved, that the Libertarian Party in Polk County shall support the Alabama and Coushatta tribes in their continued legal and political battles against those who would deny them their equal right to freedom and economic success," reads the resolution, passed without dissent at the June business meeting of the county organization.

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The Libertarian Party opposes laws prohibiting gambling on both moral and practical grounds. "We feel that politicians are - not- the kind of people Americans want to have running their lives," Kris Overstreet, Polk County chairman, said. "When there are murderers and rapists walking the streets and getting early release from prison, it's silly to waste time on stopping people from gambling on an Indian reservation."

Judge Hannah's ruling is based on the fact that the tribe voluntarily submitted to state anti-gambling laws when it applied for Federal recognition under the Native American Restoration Act of 1987. However, since then the state has legalized a state lottery and parimutuel betting on dog and horse racing.

"The state government comes into this case as a raging hypocrite," Overstreet said. "The government likes gambling just fine if they get a cut of the take."

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, in presentation of the case, described the casino as "a common and public nuisance," as described by state law. The Libertarians see it differently.

"Before the casino, tourism to the reservation was down and unemployment chronic," Overstreet said. "Now unemployment on the casino is all but eliminated. John Cornyn doesn't care about those 200 jobs, though."

Among those who voted in favor of the resolution was Michael Carter of Livingston, Texas, Libertarian candidate for Texas State Senate. Carter represents the only challenge to incumbent Republican Todd Staples. Staples is opposed to gambling on Indian reservations.

Bell County Booth

Report

From Bill Oliver,

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The Libertarian Party of Bell County worked an OPH Booth at the Real Gun Show in the Mayborn convention center in Temple Texas on July 13th and 14th. About 1,500 people attended the show. Of the 539 individuals who took the Quiz, 113 scored Libertarian, and 69 of those left contact information.

The booth was staffed by 6 volunteers from the county organization and by the veteran OP Her Clyde Garland. The LPBC extends its heart felt thanks to Mr. Garland for his efforts.

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Unsolicited manuscripts and submissions are welcome and will be considered for publication in upcoming issues of *Lone Star Liberty*. Manuscripts may be submitted via mail, fax or email. Length should be no more than 750 words per manuscript. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and length. Submissions are articles, letters to the editor, or information for the AAround the State@ column. Indicate in which category the submission is to be considered.

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New Mail List for State Candidates

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There is a new mail list primarily intended for candidates for State Senate, State Representative or Statewide office called TexasStateIssues. This Yahoo Group is for discussion of state issues so that candidates can talk more intelligently about them at candidate forums.

Sign up at
[HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/TEXASSTATEISSUES/](http://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/TEXASSTATEISSUES/)
join if you want to participate.

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St. Paul Libertarian Named Mayor Pro Tem

Mark Wilson has been named to serve as Mayor Pro Tem by the City Council of St. Paul, a small community northeast of Dallas. Mr. Wilson was elected to the position by his fellow council members after earning the council seat in the May 2002 city election. Mr. Wilson is believed to be the first Libertarian to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in Texas.

Mr. Wilson first became active in local politics by researching fire protection regulations on the behalf of the St. Paul city council. His demonstrated work ethic, as well as his long time service in the Army, convinced the majority of the Aldermen that he was best suited to perform the extra duties required of the Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Wilson remarked, "As a newly elected member, I'm especially honored by the council's trust and confidence in choosing me to serve as mayor pro tem, and I'll repay that trust with hard work." He added, "In the short time I've been working on council issues, I've been surprised at how much power even small municipalities can exercise under state law. I will use my position to leave that power vested with the citizens of St. Paul."

New LPTexas Website Up and Running

From Robert Rock Howard,

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My goal for updating the LPTexas website was to make it cleaner and more professional without making it any less useful as a repository of key TXLP information. The new look is largely the work of Lance Romanov, perhaps the hottest website designer in Libertarian circles these days. Bob Smithers also set up an ingenious system that makes it easy to add updates allowing for fresher material for visitors. A new "News" section and revamped "Official Releases" section takes advantage of this system and makes it easier to see what is going on around the state.

By the way, anyone with a news item can either send it to me in rough form at

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or else post it for immediate distribution by emailing it to

Houston Pride Parade

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The rain stopped just in time and the Houston Pride Parade was on schedule last night (29 June 2002).

Our entry was well received, our candidates got to shake some hands and Guy McLendon (US Rep. 25) got to speak on one of the Spanish language radio stations and his campaign sign was read on air by the top Alternative Rock station in town when our group passed the grandstands.

Many thanks to Mary Kelley for her van and the water. Thanks to Kristin Thompson for the "Keep your laws off my body" and "no to federal marriage amendment" banners. Thanks to Drew Parks for the battery, that with some juggling by the techies was able to power our twinkly lights. Thanks to Peter Elloway for the LP ID magnet signs.

Finally, thanks to our activists: candidates Jeff Daiell (Governor), Brent Sullivan (US Rep. 18), Guy McLendon (US Rep. 25) Campaign Manager Yvonne Kelly (US Rep. 25), Mary Kelly and husband Gabe, Organizer Dan Weiner, HCLP Chair

Anthony Garcia and my kids, only one of whom managed to fall out of the van (when it wasn't moving yet).

My standard note to those who don't think we should be in this "type" of parade: there were more than 125 entries including the Democrats and Greens (no Republicans this year though), the Mayor and most of City Council, many local radio stations, many corporations such as Shell etc. Not being in such a well-attended highly publicized parade would be what sends a bad message.

Secondly, HCLP is committed to being involved in any outreach opportunity that any of our members is willing to organize and support.

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How to Get a Letter to the Editor Published

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Why is it that the letters of some people get published often, and others almost never? It is not just about how well the letters are written. Here are a few tips to make it more likely that your letter, or for that matter, your press release, will get published.

1 - Conform to the writing style and article length of the medium. Letters to the editor should be between 150 and 250 words. Op-ed columns between 600 and 750 words. Use the word count feature of your word processor. Avoid exceeding about a eighth-grade educational level for newspapers.

2 - Try to tie it to recent articles published in that medium. Editors are mainly looking for responses to their work, and avoid topics they know nothing about.

3 - If you are making an unconventional point, get a lot of other people to write letters making a similar point. For a major metropolitan daily newspaper, a letter is unlikely to be published if it is not representative of at least 50 other letters saying similar things, and the more unconventional the point you

make, the more support you will need to have from other writers.

4 - If your topic is outside the general knowledge of most editors, it is a good idea to send cites to more information on the subject, preferably URLs to web sites, so the editor can research further.

5 - Open with a catchy lead sentence that grabs the attention of the reader, and close with a zinger that wraps up your point. Make just one main point in a letter. Try for an original turn of phrase that is quotable.

6 - Back up letters with press releases. Most media don't accept press releases by email, so plan on sending them by snailmail, fax, or personal delivery. Remember they are going into a large pile, and most will never be read, so quantity matters. Keep up a steady stream of press releases, as many as one a day. The more you send, the more likely the editors will take your messages seriously.

7 - Schmooze with journalists. If it is a choice between giving coverage to a piece of paper and to someone the reporter knows personally, who spends time with him, who is going to get more attention, and more favorable treatment? The well-known biases of journalists arise more than anything from whom they spend the most time with. Don't expect them to make editorial decisions based on the inherent merit of the message. Human beings don't work that way. That means you are going to need to give journalists a

reason to spend time with you, such as by providing them with inside information they find useful in their work. Access to information is the common currency of journalists. If you want coverage, you have to pay for it.

8 - Don't fall for the independence of the news department from the advertising department, especially for local weekly newspapers, and especially for coverage of candidates in political campaigns. The amount of free media exposure your message is likely to get is in proportion to the amount of advertising you buy. The only exception to this is news that helps sell newspapers, and today that is mostly news that has an economic or personal effect on readers.

9 - Avoid abstract ideas. Most editors, like most readers, relate to people and events. That is why it is so difficult to get people to read about constitutional compliance. Unless you can tie it to specific people and events that affect them personally, most of them won't understand it.

10 - Don't answer all their questions. Leave a few holes in everything you write for the reader to fill, but make the holes easy to fill. Once the reader fills the hole, he will be invested in the point you are trying to make, and will become more likely to spread the message to others. Don't do all the thinking for other people. Prod them into doing some thinking for themselves.

Letters

It is a mistake to suspend the printed publication of *Lone Star Liberty*, the Libertarian Party of Texas' official information source. It has served an important function to party members and potential voters. Other methods to curtail costs should be considered first, especially this close to the election, and also due the prematurity of ballot status.

Lone Star Liberty, in print form, gives us a physical presence, a material essence. It is something one can give out to friends and at community meetings, voter functions and OPH booths. Before these important state elections it gives opportunity to all to learn of our over 180 candidates and the many county contacts.

I have to decry the rise of "techism" in the LP and society in general. "Techism" may have its roots from the same hubris that fosters racism. Technology can solve many human problems but let us all acknowledge that

tools serve us as human individuals, we individuals do not serve tools! I find e-mail intrusive, distracting, expensive, often slow, and very ineffective. Don't expect me to pay over \$120.00 per year (plus taxes and user fees) to have access to *Lone Star Liberty* online; nor will I trudge to the public library to use a tax paid and subsidized (and in Houston a boondoggle) public net site.

Maybe *Lone Star Liberty* is too long. Most LP newsletters I've seen are only 4 to 8 pages, covering only local or state news. Most have lots of ads that make its own cost (or nearly) of publication. Maybe *Lone Star Liberty* should only come out quarterly. IN the past, we have been able to clean and purge our mailing list with return copies. By the way, why am I now getting two copies?

In the meanwhile, please feel free to contact me. Pick up the phone and call 713-529-5208. Write a short or long note, or type, print (Don't punch "send"), fold, enclose, and

37¢ stamp to:

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In spite of itself, the U. S. Postal Service does a decent to good job (see: U. S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8). Ben Franklin would have fired half of the middle managers, balked at the boondoggle bonuses, and throttled the union leaders. Don't discount that only the Postmaster can tell the Feds to back off without a court order or search warrant. Will TexNet do that for you?

Peter Elloway

Indian Casino Protest Report

From Kris Overstreet,

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Unfortunately, we had a really poor turnout. The Polk County crowd wasn't able to show except for me, and my requests to surrounding organized counties brought only Tim Dove from Montgomery County, for which I am deeply grateful to him.

To make matters worse, the heat was brutal today; by 9:00 AM the temperature was already at 95 degrees with a heat index a lot higher. Sidewalk traffic around the courthouse was less than usual, even worse than normal for small-town Livingston.

Despite this, the protest seems to be a success. The story about the Alabama-Coushatta casino closure brought out, in addition to the local newspaper photographer, reporters from Telemundo network based in Los Angeles, Channel 9 (ABC affiliate, Lufkin) and Channel 6 (CBS affiliate, Beaumont), all of whom I gave about five minutes of interview time to.

What's more, the response we encountered during our protest (until, shortly after noon, the heat and total lack of shade forced us to abandon the effort) was overwhelmingly positive, both for the casino and for the Libertarians. Cars passing on 190, Livingston's only major east-west throughfare, slowed down to read the signs we held and which I had taped to my Ford Explorer. One or two cars made the loop around for a closer look, and one couple in an old truck actually stopped in the street and backed up and waited until they had carefully read *all* the signs.

Those few on-the-street interviews we got with people were even more encouraging. One senior citizen pointed out that "you can't legislate morality," which was a major boost to the ego. Another man, who had driven to Livingston from Goliad for business at the courthouse, said that he voted the straight Libertarian ticket, and had done [so] since the beginning. To such people, and to any who would stop for a moment, I handed specially prepared flyers; one side mentioned how the Libertarians support the casino where the Republicans and Democrats don't, ending with a list of Libertarian candidates, while the other reproduced the Nolan diamond test. The 800 number for the state party info line, and the URL for the Polk County party, were also printed on the flyer.

When I got home, I further discovered that the *Daily Texan*, the school newspaper of University of Texas at Austin, wanted to ask me a few questions for tomorrow's edition. I just got off the phone with them; doubtless my words will play only a small bit in any of today's or tomorrow's news reports, but any exposure the Libertarians can get from this is good, **ESPECIALLY** since both Democrats and Republicans in this county are on the *wrong* side of public opinion in this issue.

Thus the protest. Lessons learned:

(1) One week is -not- enough time to organize a demonstration.

(2) Sunblock is mandatory.

(3) Keep wordage on signs down as low as possible: you can't read twenty words on a sign in two seconds from a moving car.

(4) Next time, organize a 'bus' to pick up people to bring to the demonstration.

Any other suggestions for future efforts (and there will be future efforts) will be appreciated.

The 5:00 PM 'Live at Five' newscast on Channel 6 spent a little more than a minute on the subject of the casino, half of which was devoted to the Libertarian protest.

The quote they used from me: "The state is wasting its time, closing down people who are making money for themselves and bringing in much needed money to this county and to the reservation."

I sounded, alas, as I usually do, nasal and shrill, but I hope the irritation at government in general carries the message onwards.

Also shown were Tim and I holding up signs, and a quick shot of the back of my car, which did *not* catch the sign saying WWW.LP.ORG but *did* catch the 'Polk County says Keep the Casino' sign.

Most importantly, the Libertarian Party name was featured quite prominently. I plan to send a thank-you to Channel 6 for the coverage, and if I hear of Channel 9 (hello, Nacogdoches folks?) doing likewise, they also get a thank-you.

The TV coverage from Channel 6 was very complimentary, and by itself makes the protest a success.

The Channel 6 6:00 PM broadcast had a somewhat larger bit on the casino, with another quote from me in addition to the other. I was stumbling a bit over the words, but the gist of it was this: "The Libertarian Party in specific (i.e. goals for the protest) wants to get people to support candidates who will work to keep the Indian casino open."

I may need to explain this a bit further, especially since the news bit didn't.

We, the Libertarian Party, support the Indian Casino for the same reason we would support *any* casino: we don't think government ought to outlaw gambling or any other victimless crime. So long as a casino isn't outright fraudulent, that the rules and odds are all available to the public, and the casino doesn't cheat, they should be allowed to operate, Indian or not.

Of course, the Indian casino has two additional reasons for our support. First is the issue of conflicting jurisdictions; the Indians have a case beyond the issue of enforcing morality to support their casino operations. Second, native Americans in general have been shafted so many times, so egregiously, that anything which looks like further oppression and defrauding of the Indians will backlash against anyone who does it, like, for example, John Cornyn.

So, in short, the Libertarians do support the Indian casino, and not just in Polk County (although nobody outside Polk County has passed a resolution about it, or proposed it for the party platform). We support the Indians because, this time around, they are the ones getting shafted by government morality-police and bad laws.

If any of our statewide candidates do not support legalized gambling, now would be an excellent time to speak up.

A photo of myself and Tim Dove holding protest signs made the front page of the *Polk County Enterprise*, although the caption miscredited Tim as being the state party chair. At least we got more publicity.

Aside from the *Enterprise*'s photographer, no media were present for Rick Perry's brief visit to town. It seems that his appearance was wholly unconnected with the casino, after all; it was just another campaign stop, in which he lied about his record, accused Tony Sanchez of being a money-launderer for organized crime, and then complained that his opponent could do nothing except run negative campaign ads.

Happily, about half of the attendees at Rick Perry's stop were either opponents like myself or workers from the Indian casino. Perry did not answer any straight questions regarding the casino, nor did he mention the casino in his speech, but one heckler who interrupted his speech was escorted off the premises. I handed out some flyers, talked with people, and got a good if quiet response.

I also found out that Eddie Shaumberger,

the Republican running against Dan Ellis for the Texas House of Representatives, is openly in favor of the casino (whereas Dan Ellis' voting record is against it). I have also heard rumors that, although Tony Sanchez refuses to go on the record, he has made an under-the-table deal with the Indians to support them when elected in exchange for their votes in November.

On to the press conference on the reservation at 1:00 PM, where I was annoyed no end by the presence of TWO members of the Provisional Government (self-appointed) of the Republic of Texas, up from Victoria. One of them was bent and determined to prove that, because I disagreed with his methods, I was a fool, and between the two of us we nearly got kicked off the reservation... and I was asked to put my pro-Libertarian flyers back in the truck, please.

(The issue was made worse by the fact

that, when Clifford William appeared last February in San Antonio before a RoT meeting, he presented himself as a representative of the Libertarian Party... and they think we're all like him, and don't think much of him at all. I had to apologize for Mr. William to people I would just as soon have never spoken to, and sadly I feel more such apologies to come.)

I didn't accomplish much there (except to have a picture of a sign taken by the *Beaumont Enterprise*), and left as soon as the speeches stopped.

Although the past two days have netted us significant face time and name recognition here in the county, it could have done a lot more had we had more people involved. The golden opportunity we had to make our presence felt and attract new voters to our cause has passed, for now, and I don't see any similar issue coming between now and

November which will allow for such an opening to the people.

The Indian casino is an issue on which the Republicans and Democrats, as parties, fumbled the ball. They will do so again, eventually, but probably not again this year... and when they do, we as a party must put a solid effort into showing our strength, our determination, and our principles. What we showed yesterday and today is considered here as a good thought and a push in the right direction, but nothing to take seriously politically... next time, either here in Polk County or elsewhere, we need to show that we are more than one or two people per county, but a united grassroots power waiting for a shot at muzzling government.

Special thanks again to Tim Dove and Rock Howard: Tim for attending the protest itself and Rock for getting word of the protest to statewide news organizations.

Libertarian Candidate Spots Potential Electronic Voting Flaw

During a demonstration of new electronic voting machines at a meeting of the Travis County Libertarian Party, County Commissioner candidate Thomas Allen discovered a potential flaw that could theoretically allow registered voters to sell their votes to other registered voters. The scheme would involve slipping the PIN number, which is valid for 30 minutes, to another voter. The flaw was reported to the Travis County Elec-

tions Division which is reviewing the matter as they finalize voting procedures for early voting where the new voting machines will be used for the first time.

As reported last week on National Public Radio, vote selling has become a major problem in Dallas County and is spreading to other areas of the state. Operatives for candidates in partisan and non-partisan races have been paid up to \$25 per vote to "assist" elderly or impaired voters or to steal their absentee ballots. The flaw uncovered by Mr. Allen would potentially allow operatives to buy votes when electronic voting machines are being used.

Gail Fisher of the Elections Division reported that the voting equipment has a

separate box for use by the election judge that should tip off voting irregularities of the sort spotted by Mr. Allen. However she admitted that this system was not error proof and that vote transference could occur if the solitary election judge was inattentive or distracted. One possible remedy pointed out by Mr. Allen is to reduce the effective lifetime of the PIN number which is used to gain access to the voting machines.

After trying out the voting machines, several Libertarians felt that many first time electronic voters will find the machines cumbersome and confusing. However, with proper safeguards in place, there is reason to hope that the new voting machines may become a useful tool in reducing election fraud.

Statewide Libertarian Nominee Takes Over Local Race

Marjory Staehle Glowka, formerly the nominee for Texas Land Commissioner, has been accepted as the new nominee in the District 51 Texas House race in Travis County. This move down the ballot helps the local party retain a presence in a race where the party stands to do well given the lack of a Republican opponent.

The opening in this race occurred when former nominee Aaron Day accepted a position with the National Libertarian Party and moved to Washington D.C. making him in-

eligible for the position. "We are pleased that Marjory chose to help our local party in a time of need," said Travis County LP Chair Pat Dixon. "As a wife and mother of two young children as well as an owner of a growing business, she leads a busy life, and yet she has found the time and energy to make a difference and spread our message. I salute her."

Mrs. Staehle Glowka originally chose to run for Land Commissioner due to her interest in spreading the message that owners make better environmental guardians than renters and thus State lands should be sold off to private interests wherever that is fea-

sible. She commented, "I have been assured by the State Political Director, Rock Howard, that a good candidate will be found to take on the challenge of running an active campaign for Land Commissioner. I hope that the new candidate will have a profound impact on the outcome of that race and on how the General Land Office is run."

Excerpts From the Constitution of the Republic of Texas (1836)

We, the people of Texas, in order to form a government, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence [*sic*] and general welfare, and to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

This declaration of rights is declared to be a part of this constitution, and shall never be violated on any pretence [*sic*] whatever. And in order to guard against the transgression of the high powers which we have delegated, we declare that everything in this bill of rights contained, and every other right not hereby delegated, is reserved to the people.

1st. All men, when they form a social compact, have equal rights; and no men or set of men are entitled to exclusive public privileges or emoluments from the community.

2nd. All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit; and they have at all times an inalienable right to alter their government in such manner as they may think proper.

3rd. No preference shall be given by law to any religious denomination or mode or worship over another, but every person shall be permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

4th. Every citizen shall be at liberty to speak, write, or publish his opinions on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that privilege. No law shall ever be passed to curtail the liberty of speech or of the press; and in all prosecutions for libels the truth may be given in evidence,

and the jury shall have the right to determine the law and fact, under the direction of the court.

5th. The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions, from all unreasonable searches and seizures, and no warrant shall issue to search any place or seize any person or thing, without describing the place to be searched or the person or thing to be seized, without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation.

6th. In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right of being heard, by himself or counsel, or both; he shall have the right to demand the nature and cause of the accusation; shall be confronted with the witnesses against him, and have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor. And in all prosecutions by presentment or indictment, he shall have the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury; he shall not be compelled to give evidence against himself, or be deprived of life, liberty, or property, but by due course of law. And no freeman shall be helden to answer for any criminal charge but on presentment or indictment by a grand jury, except in the land and naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger, or in cases of impeachment.

7th. No citizen shall be deprived of privileges, outlawed, exiled, or in any manner disfranchised, except by due course of the law of the land.

8th. No title of nobility, hereditary privileges, or honors shall ever be granted or conferred in this republic. No person holding any office of profit or trust shall, without the consent of congress, receive from any foreign state any present, office, or emolument of any kind.

9th. No person, for the same offence, shall be twice put in jeopardy of life or limbs. And the right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate.

10th. All persons shall be bailable by sufficient security, unless for capital crimes, when the proof is evident or presumption strong; and the privilege of the writ of ha-

beas corpus shall not be suspended, except in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

11th. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, or cruel or unusual punishments inflicted. All courts shall be open and every man for any injury done him in his lands, goods, person, or reputation shall have remedy by due course of law.

12th. No person shall be imprisoned for debt in consequence of inability to pay.

13th. No person's particular services shall be demanded, nor property taken or applied to public uses, unless by the consent of himself or his representative, without just compensation being made therefor according to law.

14th. Every citizen shall have the right to bear arms in defence [*sic*] of himself and the republic. The military shall at all times and in all cases be subordinate to the civil power.

15th. The sure and certain defence [*sic*] of a free people is a well-regulated militia; and it shall be the duty of the legislature to enact such laws as may be necessary to the organizing of the militia of this republic.

16th. Treason against this republic shall consist only in levying war against it, or adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and support. No retrospective or ex post facto law, or laws impairing the obligations of contracts, shall be made.

17th. Perpetuities or monopolies are contrary to the genius of a free government, and shall not be allowed; nor shall the law of primogeniture or entailments ever be in force in this republic.

The foregoing constitution was unanimously adopted by the delegates of Texas, in convention assembled, at the town of Washington, on the 17th day of March, in the year of our Lord [1836], and of the independence of the republic the first year.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

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Vicious Backlash

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NEWS FLASH: Wave of righteous anger sweeps country as 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rules God out of the Pledge of Allegiance. Verbal violence being waged non-stop on every channel, at every radio station, in all media outlets, against both the two judges who decided the case and the plaintiff, an atheist.

I, like the (in my unpopular opinion) heroic plaintiff, do not believe in god or gods. I do not live in a country "under God" or "under gods" but a country under the blue sky of Texas. If God "loves me whether I like it or not," well, that's God's problem, not mine.

Yet I am required to live with the assumed constitutionality of a pledge that affirms we are a monotheistic country wherein all citizens are under God. A country whose government subscribes to the core principles of monotheistic religion. A country that doesn't care what god we bend our knee to, just so long as we bend our knee. A country that forces our endorsement of these — to me — offensive beliefs in its Pledge and on its currency, in its government-organized and -sponsored prayer invocations, dedications, etc.

I have, all my life, lived with the secret of my nontheism. To reveal it, I have found, invites invective on a scale hardly to be imagined. Imagine the violence done to Matthew Brady and James Byrd and use that animosity verbally, to fling the vilest epithets upon this infidel — that is what I have experienced for my entire adult life. We, nontheists and atheists alike, are targets in the same way that women seeking abortions are targets, in the same way that homosexuals seeking to live a normal life are targets, in the same way that peoples of differing racial make-ups are targets. The only problem is, we infidels become the targets of all the other target groups combined. There really are atheists in foxholes, and everyone — and I mean everyone — is shooting at us!

Why are the unfaithful such universal targets? Why is faith preferred to reason? Why are the faithful assumed to be more righteous than the reasonable?

I think that, in part, our language betrays us. We do not yet have the words that can express our thoughts accurately enough to avoid relying upon the religious colloquialisms and epithets that American English is

chock-full of — it is the language of a not-yet-civilized race that needs to believe it is protected, watched over.

When we infidels acknowledge our true status as universal orphans, we become civilized — we relate to each other as individuals (because we are all that there is), we rely on ourselves as responsible parties (because no one else is responsible for our actions). We eliminate mysticism, faith, and the glorification of wilful ignorance. We adopt a system of morals and ethics not because we have inherited one from our family or from a televangelist or from the back cover of a magazine or the bible in our motel, but because we require the moral certainty of our own thoughts. We consciously choose the way we relate to others and the way we bestow value; our empathy is not required except as the empathy naturally occurring in homo sapiens — thinking man.

We are not forced by orthodoxy into a system that preaches altruism and breeds rampant hypocrisy. We do not preach "Judge not, lest ye be judged" but instead "Judge, and be prepared to be judged" because that, in all honesty, is human nature. We all judge, whether we like it or not. Whether we acknowledge it or not. To maintain otherwise, is to engage in hypocrisy.

When we lie in this way to both ourselves and our fellow men, we ensure that hypocrisy spreads like a cancer throughout our culture. Examine the vitriol being heaped upon our nonbelieving heads by those supposedly our moral superiors in the wake of the Pledge ruling: who is doing the judging (the religious), and who is being judged (the nonbelievers)? And these judges have blood in their eye, chests thrust defiantly and self-righteously in my unbelieving face. HEY, YOU GUYS, GET OUT OF MY SPACE!!!

Mathematics is a language that does not lie, a language of number. We can make it lie, but such artificial constructs merely highlight the underlying truth we have tried — unsuccessfully — to deny. Is it any wonder that mathematics is so universally despised by children and adults alike? Religion has attempted to co-opt mathematics to serve its own ends, using such false "sciences" as numerology and astrology to force number to legitimize man's will.

No; I don't have "the" answer; I have answers that are as precise as I can formulate them. The best answers lead to new questions. The best that homo sapiens can do is to pose precise questions and formulate ac-

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curate answers that inspire more good questions, ad infinitum. After all, what other life-form asks "What if?" and "Why?" questions, what I call the "human" questions? Children need answers and pose great questions; adults need questions and posit poor answers. E.g., Child: Why is the sky blue? Adult: Because.

If you are able to pose the human questions, you must have a means of communication: language. To say that "in the beginning was the word, and the word was god," says that language is of god and — to us — from god. Religion interprets this as an ending in the chain from the smallest cell to the highest life-form, establishing man as the end in the hierarchy of the world, even of the universe.

Language is merely a means of questioning and answering, of interpreting our universe and our existence. It is not, as religion would have it, an end to questing, the Answer to All. That is a dangerous belief; it has rationalized homicide throughout history. For example, when I attended Hebrew School, I could not then — and cannot now — fathom the glorification of the god of the Passover. The sacrificing of innocent Egyptian first-born children in order to convince Pharaoh to let god's people go is, after all, no different from the actions of any contemporary Middle-Eastern terrorist. Both are irrational and immoral acts.

I realized early on that rationalizing such acts is evil, destructive to humanity and civilization, and completely subverts man's ability to think logically, using objective reason. When Pharaoh said to Moses that "your god is God," he was acknowledging the way of the bully, the hierarchy of physical power and senseless — or worse, intentional — brutality. If this god is God, then as a rational human being I am obligated to treat such a deity as what it is — a brutal terrorist, a thug. Too bad we should have such an inglorious being as our Father figure. In fact, it's a shame to have such a father. Courts have been known to remove children from such a parental influence, for their own protection.

(My memories of Friday night temple service: the rabbi reciting; the cantor chanting; the congregation praying. I am sitting there, bored to death and wishing I could be reading a book. I look around surreptitiously and ask myself why all the adults are there; because they have to be, I answer rhetorically. But why do they have to be? When I am an adult, I reason, I won't have to endure this time-consuming ritual and offensive gladhanding.)

The answer that religion purports to have

is to the end of life and the life of the soul: the question is death, the end itself. Religion's "because" is life everlasting — eternal life, immortality. But religion got the question wrong. The question to which the answer is "life," is "fear (of death)" and not just "death." Religion seeks to give us an answer for fear, and it does it through comfort.

Men fear what they do not know, rather than acknowledging their ignorance and seeking to eliminate it through knowledge. One becomes wiser, as Socrates pointed out, by acknowledging one's ignorance. The fear of death demands an answer that comforts. There is no ultimate comfort in life; it's an uncomfortable joy, at best. This physical existence of ours will end, but will our sentient existence end with our body's expiration? Voltaire, in his short Story of a Good Brahman, has this to say about comfort in a musing on happiness:

"I would not have wanted to be happy on condition of being imbecilic.

I put the matter up to some philosophers, and they were of my opinion.

"There is, however," I said, "a stupendous contradiction in this way of thinking."

For after all, what is at issue? Being happy. What matters being witty or being stupid? What is more, those who are content with their being are quite sure of being content; those who reason are not so sure of reasoning well.

"So it is clear," I said, "that we should choose not to have common sense, if ever that common sense contributes to our ill-being."

Everyone was of my opinion, and yet I found no one who wanted to accept the bargain of becoming imbecilic in order to become content. From this I concluded that if we set store by happiness, we set even greater store by reason.

But, upon reflection, it appears that to prefer reason to felicity is to be very mad. Then how can this contradiction be explained? Like all the others. There is much to be said about it."

— Voltaire, 1761

If we live by seeking wisdom, we should embrace death as another in a series of questions to be contemplated, another chance to eliminate ignorance and replace it with knowledge, thus leading the soul onward toward wisdom, an ongoing process never to be completed. Tennyson's Ulysses, in his latter years, ruing the quality of his existence "[a]s though to breathe were life," sees the goal of both

himself and his culture as "this gray spirit yearning in desire / To follow knowledge like a sinking star / Beyond the utmost bound of human thought." This ongoing, proactive, thoughtful existence is not easy, and its outwardly bestowed rewards are not as valuable to the individual as those inwardly gained. Wisdom is essentially a very personal experience.

Religion offers easy and attractive rewards that don't require much independent thinking and decision-making on the part of the individual. By posing mortal existence as an "Us vs. Them" war game, it exempts its believers from death and eternal damnation. All infidels aka nonbelievers suffer the torments of the damned, eternally, since they forswear allegiance to the Lord of the manor. This concept has been the root cause of violence throughout history. Believers have no compunction about dealing death to their enemies . . . and then denying them the surcease of the afterlife — after all, religion's enemies do not deserve heavenly paradise, and god wouldn't want them there, anyway. And for some reason (perhaps the appeal of exclusivity), religion's enemies are legion, as though only a Handful of Chosen deserve the fruits of existence and the rest of life's flotsam and jetsam can be so easily damned and doomed. But there are so godawful many who are chosen . . . just ask them.

Religion is against knowledge of objective facts in much the same manner as it is against birth control: if we can be kept in ignorance and poverty, we can be easily controlled — like the sheep that, to religion, we are. Religion is Pre-civilized Man's endeavor to acquire, exert and uphold absolute power over men.

To conclude: religion offers answers; philosophy offers questions. Like my mentor, Socrates, I prefer questions to answers.

Most people seem to need — even to demand — comforting. Monotheistic religion serves up a strong father-figure who supplies all necessary answers, to questions devised by men who are not fond of questioning. In comfort is strength, while questions offer only uncertainty. It takes a strong moral courage to live in the face of uncertainty.

Choosing uncertainty over comfort is a threat to those who require comforting. They see it as a direct assault on their existence. Their response to such a threat is to eliminate it, as if that would eliminate the existence of uncertainty. These are people concerned with winning — winning anything and everything, winning at all costs — and even more concerned with not losing. In existence,

death is the ultimate loss, so those who want to win must know that there is something that can beat death. Any intimation that this is not so, is an assault on the essence of their being.

For those of you who either do not or cannot understand my viewpoint, I have attempted to point out a few of the reasons I

support removing "under god" from the Pledge. And from our currency and our governmental entities, as well. I'm asking for freedom from religion. Will I ever see the day?

Use some of that famous love and morality to see that those of us who choose to extricate ourselves from god's tangled web are people, too. Abandon your pompous

posturings and ranting wrath in favor of considered thought and reasoned discussion.

And understand that discussions such as these require lengthy reasoning and logical argument. The vicious backlash, on the other hand, requires only loud and strident sound bites — to incite, to foment, to stir to anger and to action, but not to think.

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

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When I first began to study economics about 15 years ago I wondered how many people were capable of understanding the concepts. Not that many, I decided rapidly. I don't think it's because of a lack of intelligence. Most people, I believe, are twice as smart as they think they are. Mostly it was because of a lack of interest; they weren't willing to put in the time and effort. You could call it Intellectual Sloth.

Another problem, a truly huge one, is that most people saw the learning as work instead as play. One of the few things I remember from jr. high about Jesse Stuart's book about his teaching days, *The Thread That Runs So True*

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is when he finally hit on the only way he was able to motivate his students. He made the learning play. The only time he saw his students motivated and interested is when they were playing games in the yard. So he made school play, and he had almost no problems thereafter getting his students to learn. And these were kids from the hills, who walked to school without shoes, and were ten years old and in the first grade.

Well, darn it, I thought, if the vast majority of people won't learn economics, then what's the answer? It had to be something simple. I think one of the reasons Marxism, no matter how destructive, was able to make such inroads into societies is that it's easy to understand. "I'm good; you're bad. I'm right;

you're wrong. You're guilty; I'm innocent. Capitalists bad, workers good." So simple, and so completely wrong. It takes an hour to teach it and a hundred years to get rid of it.

Political science? It was a bit simpler than economics, but even when taught correctly people still didn't believe it. "What do you mean, the State is my enemy? The State and the government are two different things? I don't think that's true." It wasn't so much intellectual sloth as not understanding, or believing, the true nature of the State. Even the comment that various States throughout the 20th Century were responsible for the murders of 177 million people still didn't convince them.

I tried law. I was getting closer. Basic law is not that hard. Richard Maybury, author of *Whatever Happened to Justice?*

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[HTTP://WWW.AMAZON.COM/EXEC/OBIDOS/ASIN/0942617150/LEWROCKWELL/](http://WWW.AMAZON.COM/EXEC/OBIDOS/ASIN/0942617150/LEWROCKWELL/) has distilled all laws down to to two basic ones "Do all that you have agreed to do" and "Do not encroach on other persons or their property."

The first is the basis of contract law the second is the basis of tort law and some criminal law. "These laws are essential for an advanced society," writes Maybury. "The first gives rise to trade and specialization of labor. The second creates peace, security and goodwill."

His two laws are essentially extrapolations of some of the Ten Commandments. Two, specifically "Don't murder" and "Don't steal." Unfortunately, every State throughout history has violated those two laws. Since these two laws are somehow inherent in our nature, violation of them brings massive death and destruction, oftentimes to the innocent. "As you sow, so you reap," as that simple, succinct and oh-so-true saying goes.

Hmm. Interesting. I started with economics and was ending up with religion. The Ten Commandments, I realized, are not pre-

scriptions, "Do this", but instead are proscriptions, "Don't do this." That is an very important thing. The Bill of Rights are prescriptions. Proscriptions against the expansion of the State.

Proscriptions leave people with an enormous amount of freedom. You can always get by with a handful of proscriptions, whereas prescriptions take up hundreds of volumes of "law" books. Ask yourself this how many of the laws of the US are prescriptions, and how many are proscriptions? How many say, "You will give your money, your property, your liberty and your life to the State"?

I find it interesting that religions have lasted thousands of years, which is much longer than all the States that have risen and fallen throughout history. And the reason they have risen and fallen is because they consistently have violated the two Natural Laws of "Do not murder" and "Do not steal." No matter how eloquently people try to rationalize it, war, conscription and taxation are violations of both those laws. Oops ... "As you sow ..."

Unfortunately, people are always trying to find ways to get around these natural laws. "Well, sure, it's somebody else's property, but I'm poorer than he is, so the State should take something from him and give it to me." They ignore the fact, or else are not aware of it, that these violations will always damage peoples' lives, and society.

Peoples' attempt to get around these laws appear to be based on the idea of the Zero-Sum Game. Everything is a pie. If you get a bigger slice of the pie, then I have to get a smaller one. If you have more money, I have less. Everything is supposedly finite. If I don't get what I can, then you will. Socialism is based on the finite pie. Capitalism is based on growing the pie.

The Zero-Sum Game is based on the "Win-Lose" scenario. Since everything is supposedly finite, if you win, then I lose. The way around this is the "Win-Win" Game. Everyone wins. The Win-Win Game is infinite, ever-creative and ever-growing.

"Everyone wins" is best exemplified, I believe, by the saying, "Love your neighbor as yourself." You can just "love your neighbor." The Neighbor Wins, you Lose. You can just "love yourself." You Win, your neighbor Loses. But if you love your neighbor as yourself, both you and your neighbor Win.

This is for all practical purposes the same as the Golden Rule" Do to others as you would have them do to you." This rule, as C.S. Lewis has pointed out in *The Abolition of Man*

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These aren't just old laws; they're ancient laws. And universally true ones. I look askance at anyone who comes up with a "new" morality. Writes Lewis, "Really great moral teachers never introduce new moralities; it is quacks and cranks who do that." As Samuel Johnson wrote, "people need to be reminded more often than they need to be instructed."

The problem with everything I have listed above, economics, political science, law, even a lot of religion, is that they don't teach the Win-Win Game. They're still based, however vaguely, however unconsciously, on Win-Lose. In all the decades I was in school not once did anyone say a thing about, "You can win, and so can everyone else."

This, obviously, is a problem that needs to be fixed.

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The "Two Cultures" Problem with the Law

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A clever catch phrase can often focus public attention of a problem in a way that more diffuse discussion of it cannot. This happened after the 1959 Rede lecture by CP Snow entitled "Two Cultures," which accented the cultural divide between professionals of the sciences and the humanities, and highlighted their failures to communicate effectively with one another.

Actually, the communications problem was always one-way. Scientists tend to know the humanities. The problem is that people in the humanities don't know enough about science.

But there is another "two cultures" problem that has far more serious implications for the everyday lives of people, and it concerns the law.

It is not a new problem. The political philosopher Thomas Hobbes, who wrote the classic treatise *Leviathan*, also wrote a short tract entitled *A Dialogue between a Philosopher and a Student, of the Common Laws of England*. The title is sometimes shortened to *A Dialogue between a Philosopher and a Lawyer*. It presents the tension over legal practices between philosophers and historians, on the one hand, and lawyers, on the other. That tension has grown into a vast divide in our time, with an increasing involvement of the general public, on the side of the philosophers and historians, and an emerging priesthood of legal professionals whose practices are no longer perceived as meeting the original understand-

ings of the lawgivers or the demands of the people.

It is more than just tension, however. It actually involves logical contradiction, and it turns on the common law practice of *stare decisis*, which gives greatest weight not to original understanding of the black letter law, but to the most recent precedents, even when those precedents are clearly inconsistent with the black letter law, including the supreme law, the constitution. Philosophers, historians, and most of the people, have a problem with that.

This can come out when a historian-philosopher tries to interject an argument into a discussion among constitutional law professors, and has the argument rejected because it does not distinguish between what the law "is" and what it "should be." For the philosopher and historian, that is not the dichotomy at all. From this viewpoint, the choice is between "accepted practice" and what is "legitimate." In other words, what the law "is" and what it "should be" are the same, as far as interpretation of black letter law is concerned, and what is "accepted practice" may or may not be lawful, no matter how many lawyers and judges might proclaim otherwise.

This contradiction is not just between two different professional groups. It exists within the legal fraternity itself. Judges in their opinions, especially on constitutional issues, will invoke the authority of history, by making a historical argument that their rulings are based on the "original understanding" of the "text," while at the same time looking only at recent precedents, and deciding on the basis of those, even when they feel that

those precedents were "wrongly decided." Sometimes they will try to "distinguish" the present case from the precedent with tortured logic that introduces precedential problems of its own. What they won't do is flatly rule that the earlier case was wrongly decided and should be ignored, on the grounds that doing so would introduce "instability" into the law, and that such "stability" is more important than being correct.

For the philosopher, the historian, and the people, being correct is all that matters. If the legal system becomes "unstable" as the result of wrong decisions, it is the duty of the legal community to fix it. They created the problem, and it is up to them to clean it up. They would invoke the old legal maxim, "Let justice be done, though the heavens fall!"

Judges and lawyers use many terms to defend their position. They may describe themselves as an "interpretive community" of legal experts, and their orthodoxy as what the law "is." Philosophers and historians are more likely to deride this position as a "cult" or "priesthood" trying to maintain its power and role in society by cultivating an image of, if not "infallibility," then of institutional "authority" that transcends that of the Lawgivers.

This position of the legal fraternity can work only as long as the tension between history and the just demands of the people does not grow too severe, but there is increasing evidence that the tension is becoming intolerable, and is approaching a collapse. Unless the legal fraternity backs down and brings its practices into alignment with history and the demands of the people, we could see a breakdown of law and government, and that won't be good for anyone.

Regarding the “Two Cultures” Problem with the Law

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Perhaps a separation of law and state would forestall this breakdown, refusing to see the courts as forming a hierarchy.

I have observed that when a government above the local level subsumes a function, for example, environmental protection, or safety, or transportation, two classes of people are inevitably created that didn't exist before first, a bureaucracy inside the government to regulate the new area, and second, a class of professionals to mediate between the new bureaucracy and the regulated community.

It is literally impossible for the bureaucracy to communicate directly with the people being regulated. It literally never happens. The regulated community, grounded as it is in the real world of contracts and productivity, finds it intolerably frustrating to deal with the abstract regulatory concepts that are being constantly and forcefully applied, mostly misapplied, by the bureaucracy.

The regulated people inevitably throw up their hands in despair and hire somebody like me to be their middleman, someone who lives half in the real world, and half in the fantasy world of regulation.

Do not be deceived by the government's attempt to coopt this process by creating

“consumer representatives” and “ombudsmen” and “small business advocates” inside the agencies. Those people are, like me, part of the second class, the mediating class. It doesn't matter who signs their paycheck; all that matters is whether or not they have authority to impose rational interpretations by force. These people don't have that authority, they are advisory, like me. They interpret defensively, like I do, not assertively.

And do not be deceived by sweetheart deals between regulators and selected competitors, such as the pact, negotiated by the Devil himself, between the environmental agencies and the large freon producers (Dupont), giving them a multibillion dollar monopoly on Freon 12 by banning production after a certain date. This is corruption at its finest, but it is not communication between the regulated and the bureaucracy, rather, it is successful manipulation of the bureaucracy by certain players.

Jacques Ellul and others have described this process as the failure, or impossibility, of politically-driven rational bureaucracy. I think what they're getting at is that it is impossible to regulate life externally and rationally through centralized hierarchical rules or groups. Life is, and must be, intuitive and individual and subjective, subjective in the Austrian Economics sense of “determined by the individual, not by central authority.”

Well, I suspect this all happened a long time ago in the first area to be bureaucratized and hierarchized, the courts. Used to be, there were courts in every community

across England; in came the conquerors and made these courts subordinate to the king's courts; it was the only way the king could make sure his agents weren't prosecuted for what the local communities viewed as illegal activities, such as taxation without representation.

But king's courts, since they are centralized, cannot govern except through abstract rational regulations. Hence, the impossibility of applicability to individual and local circumstances, and hence the inevitable creation of the first mediating class, the lawyers.

I am suggesting that justice, like environment, safety, and transport, are essentially locally-judged items. And that what appears to be “two cultures” is merely the natural consequence of a higher government subsuming what never should have been subsumed.

The solution is a new, decentralized concept of law, individuals, local communities, not necessarily accountable to higher authorities. Appeal would be horizontal, not vertical.

I am not denying the need for interstate and maritime courts and law, etc. All I am saying is that it was a mistake to integrate the local common law, the interstate commerce courts, the maritime courts, and all the other courts into a hierarchy.

Or, if you feel such integration was unavoidable, then likewise unavoidable is what appear to be “two cultures,” in reality, there are three cultures, the law-imposers, the mediators, and the imposed-upon.

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County Chairs	WWW.TX.LP.ORG/COUNTY_CHAIRS.HTML
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Bill of Attainder Project
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District Boundaries
[HTTP://GIS1.TLC.STATE.TX.US/](#)
Federal Election Commission
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Future of Freedom Foundation
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The Heritage Foundation
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Incumbent voting records
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Initiative for Texas
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Texas Election Code
[WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/STATUTES/](#)
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[WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/STATUTES/](#)
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5 Nov 2002	Election Day

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Meetings: Harris County LP Business Meeting, 1st Thursday 9614 Oregano Circle, Houston, TX; San Jacinto Supper Club, 3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM, Chan's Restaurant, Fairmont Pkwy @ Burke, Pasadena, TX; *Second Thursday Supper Club*, 2nd Thursday, 7:00 PM, Pappas Bar-B-Q, 7007 Hwy 59 South, Houston, TX

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Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Logan Cafe, 3805 Calder Ave., Beaumont, TX

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 Meetings: 2nd Monday, 7:30 PM, Farolito's Mexican Restaurant, 209 Cotton Wood, Abilene, TX (concurrently with Taylor County)

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Meeting: 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Dr. Brad Wilson's office, 1602 E Starr #100

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Meeting: Thursday, 5:30 PM, Town and Country Restaurant, Alameda/Everhart intersection

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Meeting: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Baris Italian Restaurant, 2805 Hwy 180, Mineral Wells, Texas

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Meeting: 1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Logan's Roadhouse, 4384 Sherwood Way., San Angelo, TX

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Meetings: 1st Tuesday, 6:45 PM, Old Quarry Library, 7501 Village Center Drive, business meeting;

3rd Sunday, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, boardroom of

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Radio: KOOP 90.7 FM, "The Liberated Space", Thursday, 6:30 PM

Television: Cable Channel 10: "Live and Let Live", Saturday, 8:00 PM, "Smash the State", Saturday, 9:00 PM; Cable Channel 16: "LP TV," Sunday, 1:00 PM

See Website for continuing schedule of events

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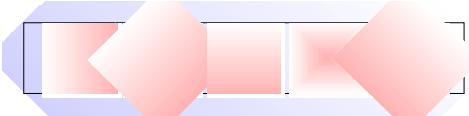
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