



# The Utah Liberator

The Monthly Voice of the Libertarian Party of Utah for the Enlightenment of Our Members & Friends

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Notes from the Chair:

## Now Is the Time For All Good People To Come To the Aid of the Party! PLEASE!

**HELP!** Welcome to the "poverty edition" of *The Utah Liberator*. We want to make it clear that we need money to continue this newsletter. Well-written, interesting, timely articles [not to mention the superb editing and design-ed.] all by volunteers, then printed and delivered by the USPS on their usual cash-in-advance terms. This issue may be the last we can afford.

We even get fan mail from out of state. Plus a check! Our thanks to Connecticut Libertarian Party state chair **CARL E. VASSAR** for his kind thoughts and contribution.

Some have tried to convince me that there are many "pure" Utah Libertarians who are so idealistic that their Libertarian thoughts are sufficient to pay the party's bills. I have tried to believe, but our treasurer tells me the emotional support monies have not increased our account balance. So we're back to a direct appeal for funds.

Perhaps we should start a Utah Torch Club. To qualify for Torch Club status, members would pledge, \$25-50 per month. We would shower them with honors and laurels. Or, a Golden Torch Club could be limited to ten members who pledge \$250 per month. Such an organization would easily support *The Liberator* and our other outreach efforts.

For example, a typical gun show costs about \$75. Sales of books and other merchandise average about \$15 per show. There are four to six gun shows per year. Perhaps we should only work these shows if we have a "Show Sponsor" to front (donate) the expenses?

Up to now, your state officers have been dipping into their own pockets to make sure *The Liberator*

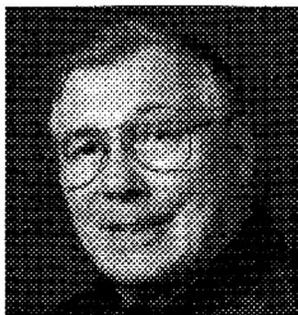
gets published and mailed. However, we are all running out of such ready cash.

Maybe we're not doing the right thing. Please fill out both surveys on p.4 and send them in. Let us know what you want/need us to do. (Heck, even if you don't complete the survey, send money!)

If you haven't yet officially joined the LPUtah, please join today. If you don't feel like joining, subscribe to this newsletter for just \$10. If you're already a member, recruit or recommend someone.

**The Tax Man Can Giveth:** On April 15th, you can give us a \$1 donation *just* by checking the box on your Utah Income Tax form to donate Libertarian Party; if you're married, you can check two boxes to contribute two dollars. This does not increase your tax nor decrease your refund. It also means every dollar you give the LPUtah is a dollar less in government waste.

**National Elections:** This election year is going to be a firecracker of fun. The Republican presidential candidates have forgotten the Contract With America and have compromised, as usual, on the budget. The Democrats are still happily committed to the old "New Deal," the "Great Society" and all of the other socialist disasters that are still eating away at the productive strength of the country. What's more, the income tax system is so bad many establishment politicians are in favor of replacements.



Jim Lorenz

(The only tax that can be collected without violating the Bill of Rights is an anonymous consumption tax.) The political "third rail" of Social Security is even being discussed by establishment committees

as ripe for partial privatization. The ship of state is groaning and creaking, even the very bad crew knows it should change course!

They need us, the Libertarian Party to be their moral compass.

**State Elections:** Locally we have the tragicomic case of the grasping goodwife who represents the second congressional district till next January. The local "independent" pol-tuned-talk-show-host (and who has lost more than six elections), has shown his true colors by rejoining the Republican Party, perhaps to replace the grasping goodwife on the hustings. Well, so much for "independence." Fortunately, our own **DWIGHT STEFFNER** will declare for Enid's seat so you needn't worry about the demopublicans.

**Candidates Wanted:** We can't be considered a serious political entity unless we appear on the ballot. Candidates are needed enter the fray. **FRED GEORGE** has done a terrific job of recruiting candidates in SLCounty. Davis County is also fielding contenders. It costs less than \$10 to get on the ballot for state senate and house races. Deadline for filing is Monday, March 18th. Go for it. If you decide to be more than a paper can-

didate, you might actually enjoy getting out and campaigning.

**Legislature:** The 1996 Utah legislature has spent over \$500 million million [SIC], refunding less than 20% of the announced tax surplus to the victim tax-payers. The Utah budget has grown exponentially, far above the growth rate of population and inflation. There are issues and personalities galore to illuminate and tease clear through to election day. It seems grotesque that Utah State, not including the expenses of all of the other governments within Utah, will consume half a trillion dollars, while we Libertarians are struggling to raise money to illustrate that folly.

**Change Parties?:** Perhaps we should sign up as members of the older parties. We could have a ball at their meetings, just telling the truth and asking the occasional libertarian question. Nah! We just couldn't do that. We gotta do what we gotta do. So, somewhere we'll find the money and keep on keepin' on. Your financial support is desperately needed and deeply appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your further investment in Liberty.

'Nuff said.

**GUN SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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Candidates Especially Welcome

# RSVP Today for the 1996 Karl J. Bray Banquet and Save Money!

The Annual Karl Bray Awards Banquet will be held on May 4 at Chuck-a-Rama, 7th East and 4th South, starting at 6 p.m. If you save your seat now, you'll also save money. A bargain!



Sue Lockman  
Not your average Utah politico

Our keynote speaker will be state representative Sue Lockman (R-Kearns) whose topic will be *From Facilitator to Jailer: How Government Became Perverted*. She will also discuss the trials and tribulation of bringing common sense to the Utah Legislature.

The banquet is named in honor of Karl J. Bray, one of the original founders of the LPUtah. To help bring newer members up to speed on Bray and his political zeal, Steve Trotter, who was also there when we were founded, will tell us more about Karl Bray at the banquet.

### Awards, Too!

Of course, no awards banquet is complete without awards. Traditionally, the LPUtah makes four awards:

- **The Fire Brand Award** — To the newest member who has taken the most initiative.
- **The County Award** — To the county organization with the most growth and activity in 1995.
- **The Sore Foot Award** — To the most active campaigner in 1995.
- **The Thomas Paine "Common Sense" Award** — To the person who wrote the most Libertarian copy.

Nominations may be called into Kaylin Robinson, Karl Bray Dinner chair, at 801/468-6209, or mailed to Bray Awards, Libertarian Party of Utah, P.O. Box 526025, Salt Lake City, Utah 84152-6025.



Karl J. Bray  
Libertarian  
murderd in jail?

### RSVP ASAP!

Make your reservations early by calling banquet chair Kaylin Robinson at 801/468-6209 or fill out this form and mail it today.

## 1996 Bray Banquet Reservation

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because: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Let's All Get On The Ballot!

by Fred George, SLCounty Chair

A major goal for 1996 is doubling the number of candidates over the 1994 total. In '94, the LPUtah fielded 30 Libertarian candidates statewide, 18 of whom ran in SL County. In '96, there are 131 partisan races throughout Utah. If we cannot fill out the whole ballot, a reasonable effort would be to recruit and run 60 candidates. On the other hand, if we just double the number of candidates from SLCounty (from 18 to 36), we would fill out the county ballot. In Salt Lake County, there are 31 State House races, four State Senate races, and one County Commission race.

With the filing period upon us, I will be coordinating the SLCounty effort to recruit these candidates. If you are interested in being a candidate, please let me know so I can focus on those races where we still need to place candidates on the ballot.

If you consider running for an office or recruiting someone else to run, keep in mind that it's just as important to recruit a campaign manager, or assistant, for each candidate. Some candidates may already have a friend or associate willing to help, but our candidates need support, including direct involvement in their campaigns and getting out votes.

Everyone is encouraged to run and to help recruit additional candidates, but please keep me informed so I can help coordinate the overall picture. If I can help you with information that will help you recruit candidates, let me know (801/359-8551 or mood@xmission.com).

**Great News!** Our resident legal eagle, J. Robert Latham, has just confirmed you can file on several party lines for just one fee! Call him for details: 801/262-4495

Our sincerest congratulations to the brave Utah Libertarians listed in the next column who have agreed to to file and run for office. Note: "Open" slots and unlisted offices or districts are opportunities awaiting. So what are you waiting for?

**State Offices:**  
Governor: Ken Larsen, PhD  
Lt. Governor: Ron Amos  
Attorney General: Open  
Treasurer: Open  
Auditor: Larry Livingston

**U.S. Congress**  
1st District: Gerard Arthus, PhD  
2nd District: Dwight Steffner  
3rd District: Open

**Salt Lake County State Senate:**  
District 5: Maury Modine

**State House:**  
District 25: David Smith  
District 28: Mark Lewon  
District 31: Charles Pearce  
District 37: Brian Swim  
District 42: Curt James  
District 46: Alan Hepner  
District 49: Chris Shouse  
District 52: Kaylin Robinson

**County Commissioner**  
Open

**Davis County State House:**  
District 16: Blair Hampshire  
District 17: Theda Judd

Don't forget the deadline for filing is March 18th. Please visit your County Election Clerk's office and complete the paperwork no later than the Ides of March.

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The Utah Liberator  
P.O. Box 526025  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
84152-6025  
801/534-8872  
1-800-280-7900

Or, if you're on-line, submit them electronically to:

UtahLib@aol.com

Submissions may be subject to editing for fit, but will otherwise be printed as submitted... if we have room in the issue.



## IF WE HAD MONEY, WE COULD:

- Publish 8-page, monthly *Utah Libertarians*;
- Issue personalized LPUtah membership cards;
- Financially support Libertarian candidates;
- Hold more events;
- Get the media's attention;
- Fund stronger local and county organizations;
- And much, much more!

PLEASE INVEST IN LIBERTY!

## Vision Thing Essay Contest!

Do you have "the vision thing"? We all know what's wrong with demopublican America, but what would it be like to live in a Libertarian USA? Describe it in 2500 words or less. You *must* base your vision on the *real world*: High violent crime rates, rampant prejudice/hatred on all levels for any excuse, institutionalized political correctness, industrial pollution, external threats (terrorists and unfriendly states), 50+ years of growing reliance on government, publicly-educated sheep-like citizenry, unparalleled corporate greed, debased money, etc., etc.

Send *typewritten* entries to: Vision, LPUtah P.O. Box 526025, SLC, UT 84152-6025 no later than April 15th. Winner and reward announced on May 4th. All submissions are eligible for publication.

## Top Ten Reasons

To Nominate Dr. Ken Larsen for Governor at the 1996 State Convention

### #5: A great mind is a terrible thing to waste

Paid by Ken Larsen for Governor Committee

## Join OR Subscribe!

Did you know the handy-dandy membership form below can also be used to subscribe to this terrific newsletter? Now you do. To subscribe, just fill in your name and address, write "Subscriber" over the membership area at the

top and enclose \$10 payment (check or credit card info). For a mere \$5 more, you can become an Introductory member, as long as you also sign the Pledge. Thank you. If you have any questions, call 801/534-8872.



## Membership Form

### Yes, I Want To Be a Utah Libertarian

Please check one membership category, sign the Pledge, fill in your name and contact information, include payment, and mail.

- Introductory** — For new members only, a one-year Introductory membership entitles you to all the rights and privileges of Full membership. **Dues: \$15.**
- Utah** — Provides annual membership in the Libertarian Party of Utah. Entitles you to our monthly newsletter, *The Utah Liberator*, invitation to all our social events and political functions, and voting rights at our state party and county organization meetings/conventions. **Dues: \$20.**
- Full** — Provides annual membership in *both* the Utah *and* national Libertarian parties. In addition to all the rights and privileges of Utah membership, you'll also receive the national party's monthly newsletter. **Dues: \$25.**

### The Libertarian Party Pledge

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Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CALENDAR

### March

- 7-18 State Candidate filing Period
- 14 State Executive Committee
- 28 Salt Lake County Caucus
- 29-31 SLC Gun Show

### April

- 11 State Executive Committee
- 20 Salt Lake County Convention
- 25 Salt Lake County Caucus

### May

- 4 State Nominating Convention
- 4 Karl Bray Memorial Banquet
- 9 State Executive Committee
- 23 Salt Lake County Caucus

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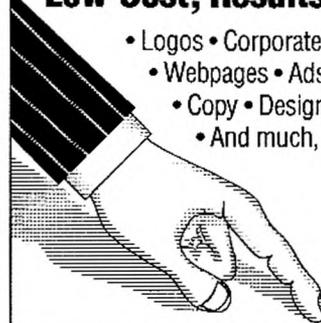
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In what county do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of the LPUtah?  Yes  No If Yes, when did you join? \_\_\_\_\_

• If Yes, have you ever attended any party caucuses or socials?  Yes  No

• If Yes, do you know the name of your county chair?  Yes  No

Have you ever been a paid member?  Yes  No

• If No, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

• If Yes, why did you drop your membership? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know you can:

• Renew your national membership through the state party?  Yes  No

• Become a monthly pledge member for as little as \$5  Yes  No

• Recommend a friend via Each One/Reach One?  Yes  No

How did you first become aware of the LPUtah?  Gun show  I-15 Adopt-a-Highway sign

Article (publication? \_\_\_\_\_)  Friend/associate  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you often discuss libertarian principles with your friends and associates?  Yes  No

Should the LPUtah run statewide candidates?  Yes  No

On which areas do you believe the LPUtah should focus?  Elections  Local issues

Protests  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think the LPUtah should hold  More meetings  More socials  Both?

#### The Liberator/Communications

Do you usually read The Utah Liberator?  Yes  No

If No, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = Poor; 5 = Excellent), how do you rate (circle):

The publication: Overall? 1 2 3 4 5 • Content? 1 2 3 4 5 • Design? 1 2 3 4 5

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• K. Robinson's Legal Briefs 1 2 3 4 5 • K. Larsen's Mormons/Libertarianism? 1 2 3 4 5

• A. Howard's Talk Radio in UT? 1 2 3 4 5 • J. Lorenz's Notes from the Chair? 1 2 3 4 5

What would you like more of? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like less of? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think we should continue publishing The Utah Liberator?  Yes  No

• If Yes, should we publish  Monthly  Bi-monthly  Quarterly

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Do you have a PDF Reader, such as Adobe Acrobat?  Yes  No

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• I would like volunteer to help with:

Fund-raising  Gun show recruiting  UofU Mayfest

Highway clean-up  Meeting organization and admin.

Phone tree (member contact)  Publicity  Protests

Candidate campaigns  Speaking on Libertarian issues

Host socials or events  Sponsor recruiting meetings

Run for office  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

• I can contribute (free or at cost):

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**Don't Forget: State Convention & Bray Dinner on May 4th**

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