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## Weekend for Winners!

2002 Texas LP State Convention  
June 7-9 – Dallas

*Weekend for Winners!* is the theme for this year's Texas LP State Convention. As you know we have a record number of Libertarian candidates throughout Texas at all levels. So to honor and support these great activists we are planning a weekend of fantastic training (and fun) for our candidates — and everyone else, too.

The weekend will start out on Friday with the very entertaining **Slim Richey Trio**. Slim is a fixture in the jazz scene in Austin, playing a mean guitar with this trio; with some added musicians, known as the Dream Band, and he has played forever with the Jazz Pharaohs, an Austin institution. His wife, Francie, "rocks" on the standup bass and Bobby Natanson wows 'em on drums. These guys have semi-regular gigs in Dallas, too. By the way, Slim and Francie are hard-core Libertarians!

While the musicians take a break, we will have a special appearance by professional development speaker, **Bryan Dodge**. He primarily speaks to sales groups, on such topics as *How to Build a Better You* and *Becoming the Obvious Choice*, but is tailoring a talk just for us politicos.

We also plan to have a Forum during another musician break featuring our three candidates for U.S. Senate.

Of course, the Reception will also have some great food and libations. Two hours (5-7pm?) of free drinks come with the room if you're staying in the hotel, and then we're on our own after that. Let's Party!

On Saturday and Sunday, it's really down to business. After breakfast (which is also included with the rooms) we will start in the main hall with party business, which will in-

clude consideration of changes to our Party Rules and Platform, plus election of new state party officers, and official nominations of our statewide candidates, e.g., Governor, etc.

Concurrent with the business for delegates, the workshop sessions will take place, primarily for candidates, but they would be informative and educational for everyone.

We have invited a couple of Libertarians who are holding office, **Fred Collins**, Berkley, City Council (Detroit suburb) and **Bruce White**, Kent, City Council (outside Seattle), plus possibly the best campaign manager ever; one of our favorite ladies, **Barbara Goushaw**, that campaign diva powerhouse!

Also on the line-up is **Michael Badnarik**, who has made it his life's mission to teach everyone in America the true meaning of the U.S. Constitution. He regularly teaches a very popular eight-hour course called the "Introduction to the Constitution;" so he'll have to cut it down a bit.

For Saturday Lunch, our guest will be author and speaker **Edmund Contoski** on the topic of "Winning Libertarian Converts by Countering Misinformation!" His books include the non-fiction *Makers and Takers: How Wealth and Progress are Made and How They are Taken Away or Prevented* and the technological thriller/fantasy *The Trojan Project*.

Our Saturday Banquet will not feature just one particular speaker, but several. We especially want to pay tribute to all our candidates and many other great activists. (We will celebrate **Mark Wilson's** recent victory, for example!)

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# Candidates Lining up to Seek Party Offices in Indianapolis

As Libertarian Party state affiliates across the country select delegates to the 2002 national convention, the races for national LP offices are starting to heat up. Meeting in Indianapolis over the Fourth of July weekend, the delegates will be picking national party officers and other members of the Libertarian National Committee to serve for the next two years.

With current National Chair Jim Lark not seeking another term, three candidates have declared their interest in the Party's top spot. Geoffrey Neale, currently state chair of Texas, has previously served on the LNC as a regional representative and as an at-large member. Elias Israel, state chair of Massachusetts, is currently on the LNC as an at-large member. George Phillies, also from Massachusetts, is making his second try for the post.

In the race for Vice Chair, former Maryland state chair Steve Boone is facing incumbent Ken Bisson of Indiana, who was appointed to fill the position last summer after

the resignation of the previous Vice Chair. Contending for National Secretary are two-term incumbent Steve Givot of Colorado, and Washington, DC activist Carol Moore.

Among the officer positions, only the Treasurer's job appears uncontested at this time, with no challenger visible to incumbent Deryl Martin of Tennessee.

The convention will also feature the election of five at-large members of the LNC. So far, at least five individuals are seeking these slots, and more are expected to announce as the date of the convention approaches. At the last national convention in 2000, a dozen candidates contended for these positions.

The entire LNC consists of 18 voting members. In addition to the officers and at-large members, the LNC includes representatives from regional groupings of state affiliates, selected by the delegates or party organizations from those regions.

A listing of candidates for LNC positions, with contact information including links to their campaign web sites, can be found in the LPUS Library at [HTTP://WWW.DEHNBASE.ORG/LPUS/LIBRARY/LNC-CANDIDATES-2002.HTML](http://www.dehnbase.org/lpus/library/lnc-candidates-2002.html)

For information about the convention, see [HTTP://WWW.LP.ORG/CONV/2002/](http://www.lp.org/conv/2002/)

For information on becoming a delegate to the national convention, contact your state party: [HTTP://WWW.LP.ORG/ORGANIZATION/STATES.HTML](http://www.lp.org/organization/states.html)

## Daiell Slams Republican Call for State Property Tax

In March, Republican Lt. Gov. Ratliff floated a trial balloon about bringing back the State property tax. Gov. Perry promptly promised (threatened?) to consider such a proposal.

The proposed tax would allegedly be earmarked for public schools. But, as I said in a news release issued a few days ago, what is needed is to separate School and State, and, until that can be achieved, to localize, not centralize, control over public schools.

Still, this issue shows why voters sympathetic to libertarian positions, but hesitant to vote for an alternative party at the top of the ballot, should cast their ballots in State

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# ELECTION STRATEGY MEMO

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### Strategic Inclusiveness

“Under no circumstances are you to win elections!” That’s what the general public is saying to the Libertarian Party... true or false?

The truth is the majority of the voting public will vote for Libertarian Party candidates *just as readily* as they vote for Democrats or Republicans if libertarians campaign on the right issues in the right way.

One *wrong way* to campaign is to demonize the Democratic and Republican parties. There are many reasons for this. Some obvious practical reasons are that demonizing the other guys is *very* unpopular among voters; it makes Libertarian Party candidates appear unconstructive, and it is an open invitation to be shredded by the media.

A not so obvious reason is that it renders Libertarian Party candidates morally weak, having infected themselves with moral virus in the process of slinging judgments. Attack is impossible to initiate when coming from the experience of one’s own joy, happiness, and sense of well-being... the fountainhead of one’s strength. One must first abandon one’s strength to initiate attack. In this respect, what seems to be an attack on another is first an attack on oneself which weakens oneself.

Some libertarians seem to believe that there are a vast majority of people out there who are disgusted with Republicans and Democrats and can hardly wait for a third party to come along and demonize the other parties so they can finally become voters. Libertarians do well to offer a home to the “politically homeless,” but there are zero facts to support the fantasy that such people are a vast majority.

Studies have shown that for the most part non-voters would vote for Democratic or Republican candidates if they were to become voters. The future Libertarian Party majority will actually come from people who are on Democratic and Republican voter lists, or people who have no deep grievances with at least one of these two major political parties.

The success of Libertarian Party candidates will come not from excluding potential Democratic and Republican voters, but from *inclusion*. Libertarian Party candidates will win by pointing out that they represent *the best* of both the Republican and Democratic parties

without the baggage of the worst of these parties.

The key to Libertarian Party electoral victories is implicit in the little chart which accompanies the “World’s Smallest Political Quiz” advertised by libertarians. If the Democrats and Republicans are on one side or the other, the Libertarian Party rises above both by combining the libertarian elements of both, not like the phoenix rising out of the ashes of demolition, but more like the student who has become wiser than his or her teachers and is now appreciated by the followers of his or her teachers.

In this light, the Libertarian Party is seen not as anti-Republican or anti-Democrat, but as a new synthesis of the best of both. Seen in this light, the Libertarian Party can claim to be more true to the principles of the Democratic Party than Democrats themselves, and more true to the principles of the Republican Party than Republicans themselves.

It would be strange to see the Libertarian Party advertise themselves as “true democrats” in so-called “Democratic” districts and as “true republicans” in so-called “Republican” districts, but they literally have the right to do so.

A little joke tells the story:

Did you hear about the Democrat and Republican man and woman who were lovers and she became pregnant?

She was ecstatic and said to him, “It’s wonderful to think about! The baby will be the very best of both of us!”

He looked at her wide-eyed and said, “If it’s the VERY best of both of us, it will be a Libertarian!”

“I’ve always voted Republican!” “I’ve always voted Democratic!” People who say these kinds of statements *will* vote Libertarian if you first identify with them and let them identify with you. They will not vote Libertarian if you demonize the party in which they have historically invested their emotions.

Strange as the sight might seem, we will see future Libertarian Party candidates running in so-called “Democratic” districts saying something like, “Yes, on the ballot I’m identified as ‘Libertarian,’ but you can think of me as a ‘Libertarian Democrat.’”

Also, as wierd as it might appear, we will see future Libertarian Party candidates running in so-called “Republican” districts saying something like, “Well, on the ballot I’m listed as ‘Libertarian,’ but you are certainly

welcome to call me a ‘Libertarian Republican.’”

A high percentage of these future Libertarian Party candidates who are not afraid to let themselves understand where Republican and Democratic voters are coming from will win their elections, beating the more establishment candidates of the old parties. They will have won by *not* invalidating the previous leanings of the voters in the district, but by being willing to first meet the voters where they are at... then rising above where they are at and pulling the voters up to a new debate: *who is more libertarian?*

This new debate works to win elections because of one important fact: at some level inside themselves *everyone is a libertarian*. Clean off the debris that is cluttering the minds and emotions of many Democrats and you find someone who is libertarian at heart. Wash away the fear which blocks many Republicans and you find the soul of a libertarian.

Elections cannot be won by demonizing these Democrats and Republicans who are temporarily out-of-touch with their innate libertarianism. Elections can and will be won by including them and lifting them higher.

Speaking of “lifting higher,” some of the highest percentage of votes for Libertarian Party candidates in the 1998 election were for candidates who had been studying without cost the lessons of: COURSE IN POLITICAL MIRACLES

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# The Libertarian Candidate

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The Libertarian Party frightens voters. Most voters know little of us besides what the media portrays. And the media shows our more alarming side. What we stand for is often expressed in absolute and immoderate terms.

The Libertarian Party frightens people, and frightened voters will not listen to you, much less vote for you.

To be effective you must be as non-threatening as possible. This means soft tone of voice, retiring posture and only two emotions: sadness and hope.

And completely non-defensive.

And slowly voters will start to listen. Slowly, only a few this year and a few more next election. Until we scare them again. With absolute and immoderate terms.

“Yes, Mr. Candidate, you are sad you had to run and you are sure that there are many others who could do a better job than you, but sadly none of them chose to enter the race.” (The same answer to any attack on your character or qualifications.) “Yes, it is true you are not the best person for the job, but unfortunately you are the best available in the race.”

“Yes, you are saddened that the [local newspaper or local television station or League of Women Voters] did not invite you to the debate, but the true loss is to the voters of Texas who did not get a chance to know all the choices available to them in this race. And you are hopeful that these public-spirited institutions will include all candidates next time.”

Always remember that NO Libertarian candidate has to convince or to persuade anyone to vote for them. The police and the tax collector are driving voters to us everyday. All we have to do is not scare them away.

The greatest difficulty is dealing with the electronic media who want sound bites when our message is reflective, not impulsive. It is a very difficult temptation to resist, but resist our candidates must. Any ‘hot button’ question can be answered by saying “We should go slow and be careful. Americans should work toward more freedom. But we must be very careful not to allow one person’s freedom to harm another. “When pressed by the reporter for specifics, repeat again. “We must go slowly and carefully.” Soon enough, the media will come to understand that the can-

didate is going to be slow and careful in answering the reporter, regardless of how ‘urgent’ the interview tone is. And the voter will come to understand that Libertarian candidates are not flustered by reporters (and thus probably will not be flustered as officer-holders).

The print media is our true home, for our issues require thought and reflection. Still slow and easy, and still only two emotions. The key is to get and to keep the focus on the issues and not the candidate. A completely prepared article ready for the reporter to submit for publication and a photo are absolute musts. Give the reporter an opportunity to read the proposed story you have prepared for him by getting a drink of water or going to wash up after your long road trip. Then return in about 3 to 5 minutes and answer his questions.

If he does not ask issue questions, gently redirect the discussion to them.

Reporter, “How much money do you intend to spend on your campaign?”

Candidate, “Hopefully, enough to get the issues before the voters.”

Reporter, “Exactly how much money does your campaign have to spend?”

Candidate, “I do not know. How much do you think we need to have to get the issues out?”

Reporter, “Who asked you to run?”

Candidate, “It was more that the other candidates were not seeming to raise the important issues, and someone had to.”

Reporter, “Why should some vote for a third party candidate who has no chance of winning?”

Candidate, “A voter should vote Libertarian because that voter wants less taxes and less government. Even the traditional parties will notice.”

Reporter, “What are you mad about, why are you running?”

Candidate, “I really am more sad than angry. Sad that the issues were not being addressed by the other candidates.”

Reporter, “All right, what are the issues?”

Candidate answers, slowly and carefully.

Remember, pity the other candidates whose good intentions sadly cause so much harm.

And respect the voter whose good intelligence will eventually see the light.

If we do not scare them away.

# Montgomery County Approves Non-Intervention Resolution

From Tim Dove, TWODOVES@LCC.NET

Libertarians of Montgomery County are pleased to announce that we approved a Non-Intervention Resolution at our County Convention March 16, 2002.

With the adoption of the Resolution by a 5-2 majority (a sympathetic former Chair abstained), which urges an end to the “War on Terrorism,” Libertarians of Montgomery County have demonstrated their commitment to principle and platform.

We urge all County LP affiliates to consider adoption of their own versions of a Non-Intervention Resolution with the objective of passing one at the State Convention. We believe this is necessary in view of the LNC’s October Resolution, which we interpret as supporting an interventionist foreign policy and an aggressive war contrary to our National Platform.

Many will take our insistence upon principle to be divisive. Heated debate preceded the adoption of our Resolution and may ultimately result in the disaffection of a long-time supporter. We recognize the general public’s approval of the current war, but we view it wrongheaded, dangerous, and expect it to wane in the coming months. Had the LNC deviated from principle on some other fundamental issue, such as gun control or taxation, Libertarians would have quickly censured them. Our Platform is the expression of our principles and commitment to individual liberty on specific issues. Our long-standing non-interventionist plank reflects an understanding of the danger war threatens upon our rights and liberties. And it reflects our commitment to export the ideas of liberty throughout the world by respecting the rights and liberties of people everywhere.

If you believe the “War on Terrorism” promotes a militarily interventionist and imperialist agenda that benefits powerful government and corporate special interests at the expense of the lives, liberty and prosperity of Americans and of all peoples worldwide, and if you prefer a libertarian foreign policy of “Peace, friendship and commerce with all nations; entangling alliances with none,” then please consider adoption of a Non-Intervention resolution in your counties.

# Wanted: Delegates to the National Convention

Disgusted with national party leadership? Become a delegate to the National Convention and you will have an opportunity to change things.

At the National Convention, you will be able to vote on proposed changes to the By-Laws and Platform. You will be able to vote for your choice of National Chair. Your voice will be heard.

All you have to do is sign up with State Chair Geoff Neale to become a delegate to the National Convention. Send your notice to Geoff at 12093 Grubstake Gulch, Austin, Texas 78738. Deadline for signing up with Geoff is 31 May 2002.

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## April 15<sup>th</sup> OPH in Abilene

From George Schwappach,  
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We set up and did an OPH booth at the Abilene Post Office. This is an organized event (a local radio station does it every year) that offers those late tax filers free pizza, candy, cokes and massages (plus quiz cards and million dollar bills from us libertarians).

Because of high winds, we had to move our booth against the wall, and could not put up the chart. So ... two of us donned our WSPQ T-Shirts, took our little clip boards with the quizzes, some dots, and gave interested persons the quiz as they exited the Post Office. We plotted their scores on our shirts.

Instead of using the Harris 5 jar as our hook (our question, 'How much of your earned income should the government spend?' blew away the first minute), we used the LP's Million Dollar Bills. It got the attention of many poor tax payers ("Hey! you've paid your taxes. How would you like a million dollar bill?").

Then, we invited them to stay and take the quiz ("It's Fun! It's Fast! It's Free! Take the quiz, and find your political persuasion.")

We handed out \$1,000,000,000 (a box of 1,000) with eight volunteers working 2 Post Offices (This was the Taylor County LP event - the Million Dollar Bills). We had about 80 quiz takers (hard to be precise, the dots would rub and blow off). They scored about one-half above the mid-line, and one-half

below, a little heavy in the liberal side vs. conservative. Maybe 16 to 20 scored Libertarian. We only got one name.

OPH helper's were Steve Kirby and me wearing shirts, with Roger Tinnin and Donna Kirby handing out Million Dollar Bills and directing people to us to take the quiz.

Other volunteers who handed out bills were Lila Roberts, Fred and Roxanna Jones and Debra Monde (plus my sons Alex and Tim, who, pound for pound, ate far more pizza than anyone else).

The numbers weren't large, but we had fun from 4PM till something past 11 PM.

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## Convention Results

### County Conventions

#### Harris County

The Harris County Convention nominated 14 candidates, and chose delegates for eight district conventions.

Out of 43 affiliates, the participants elected 35 delegates to the State Convention.

The convention passed one resolution in favor of Initiative for Texas.

Anthony Garcia was elected Chair; Jeff Daiell was elected Vice Chair; Kristin Thompson was elected Secretary and John Kormylo was elected Treasurer.

Delegates to the convention voted to change the Party rules to add to the Treasurer's duties the filing of required financial reports with the Texas Ethics Commission.

They additionally recognized the Harris County LP top five donors for 2001: Jeremy Davis, Jack McReynolds, Paul Morris, Clyde Garland, and Randall Bachman.

#### Travis County

At the Travis County Convention, David Eagle served as the convention Chair. Delegates nominated 18 candidates and elected the approximately 50 party affiliates and three others as district and state convention delegates. They passed one resolution in favor of Initiative for Texas.

Pat Dixon was elected Chair; Wes Benedict was elected Secretary and Pat Wedel was re-elected Treasurer. David Eagle received a standing ovation for his outstanding work as County Chair for the last two years.

Delegates completely overhauled the Party rules. The Treasurer reported that the Travis County Party has set up an online account to perform the reporting that is now required due to contributions/spending

greater than \$5,000 per year.

### District Conventions

#### U.S. Representative District 21 Convention

D. G. Roberts easily out-poll'd "None of the Above" to win the nomination. He will face incumbent Lamar Smith and John Kenneth Courage in November. See his website at [HTTP://WWW.DGROBERTS.ORG](http://www.dgroberts.org) for more information.

State Board of Education District 5 Convention

Nancy Neale was nominated as the District 5 candidate. The nomination occurred after original candidate Alan Christianson lost his bid for the nomination to "None of the Above" and thus became ineligible for the nomination according to Libertarian Party Rules. These rules also allow the immediate nomination of a substitute candidate (or candidates) provided that the candidate accepts the nomination and then wins a subsequent election.

Mr. Christianson of Austin did not know nor was known by any active party members in the Austin area. In a phone call prior to the convention he explained that he was unwilling to take a day off from work to appear at the convention, but agreed to have dinner with some District Convention delegates on the Wednesday prior to the convention. Unfortunately, Mr. Christianson did not show up at the arranged meal; nor did he contact anyone afterwards to explain his absence. The only campaign issue mentioned by Mr. Christianson in his brief contact with the party was "death with dignity" which some convention delegates felt was not germane to the State Board of Education.

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## District Convention Results, Polk County

From Kris Overstreet, REDNECK@DETNET.COM

Tina Carter was selected chair for the Texas State Senate 3rd District Convention and the Texas U. S. House of Representatives 2nd District Convention, held in Livingston, TX on March 23, 2002. Three delegates were seated, all from Polk County.

Michael Carter was nominated on a vote of 3-0 over NOTA for Texas State Senate, District 3.

Peter Beach was nominated on a vote of 3-0 over NOTA for Texas U. S. House of Representatives, District 2.

# SOS Election Code Discussion Overview

From Robert "Rock" Howard, Political Director

Here is an overview of the discussion with the Melinda Nickless, our primary contact in the Secretary of State's office.

1) We discussed the process of obtaining a formal and legally reviewed written opinion from the SOS office as opposed to an informal response to an inquiry. There are several matters for which we need written opinions as soon as possible, and so I will start the process to obtain these on Monday.

2) The matter of District Conventions outside the District was reviewed. I was assured that this has been thoroughly reviewed and that no requirement to have the District Convention inside the District exists. (I will obtain a written opinion on this matter, but we probably won't receive the response before March 23<sup>rd</sup> although I will ask them to expedite the question.) I think that it is safe to conduct District Conventions outside the District and recommend that anyone contemplating this should feel free to do so.

3) The State Chair has until 65 days before the election (somewhere around August 30) to declare a candidate or nominee ineligible and replace him or her on the ballot. We can declare a candidate ineligible based on party rules (i.e., NOTA) and still replace the candidate. (Note that we lose almost all of this flexibility if we run a primary.)

4) The SOS does not look into the eligibility of a candidate until after the election is over. If we run an ineligible candidate, the SOS will inform us as well as the Attorney General's office. Melinda says that we were lucky that the Attorney General did not pursue the matter last time, but might be less lucky in the future.

5) The election code is very clear that all votes are to be counted - even for ineligible candidates that remain on the ballot. What is totally unclear is what happens if an ineligible candidate is the only candidate to get the required 5% for retaining ballot status. She suggested that I ask for a written opinion from the SOS on this question. I will do so.

6) It seems that the party has a lot more leeway in the way that we conduct our business and choose our candidates than we have exercised heretofore. We can come up with much more convenient and effective ways of conducting our elections if we desire, but our

Rules must reflect those mechanisms. This brings up two matters which I will discuss in separate threads: voting and the state convention.

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## A Call to Libertarian Charity

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Libertarians believe that the primary political vice is the initiation of force, fraud, or coercion to achieve political aims. As a result, we renounce the welfare state as an unjust system of forced charity. We do not believe (in terms of platform) that needy individuals have a right to be helped or that other individuals have a categorical obligation to help them.

But does that mean libertarians should not give to private charity? The answer is no.

Libertarians should be charitable not because we have a duty to help those less fortunate than us. We should be charitable, ironically, for more selfish reasons. We should regularly give to charity in order to increase our membership and political influence, thereby bringing ourselves closer to the free world we all want to live in.

How will mass libertarian charity further our cause?

Let's face facts. The majority of Americans, whether liberal, conservative, or centrist, support some kind of welfare state. They may differ on questions of size and scope, but the fundamental commitment to public assistance as such is still there. Many of these individuals believe wholeheartedly in freedom and support much of what our party stands for. But they are often put off when they hear our stance on eliminating the welfare state. Yes, they know the welfare state violates rights to liberty and property. Yes, they know that welfare promotes a "culture of dependency" among its recipients. Yes, they know that welfare programs are largely wasteful and ineffective. But unfortunately, these facts are not enough to persuade the average American to join us in fighting against welfare statism.

Why? I think there are a couple of rea-

sons.

An American is a complex being in terms of social and cultural conditioning. On the one hand, he is a member of the most affluent nation on earth. He sees riches and abundance everywhere, and he knows, at least subconsciously, that America's prosperity has something to do with its free markets, its high degree of personal liberty, and the pride and innovativeness of its people.

This is the part of him that compels him to renounce welfare statism.

On the other hand, the average American also grows up in a culture with deep altruistic undercurrents which place a great deal of importance on taking care of those who cannot take care of themselves. Everywhere around him, from the pulpit to the Pentagon, he hears that his moral worth is inextricably tied to his efforts to help the less fortunate. This feeling is so entrenched in his psyche that, though he doesn't feel wholly comfortable supporting government welfare, he experiences a twinge of guilt for repudiating it (and often rationalizes that capitalism, at least in part, necessitates it).

This is the part of him that compels him to support welfare statism.

As a result, the average compassionate, libertarian-leaning American concludes that the Libertarian Party makes the most sense, but is chocked full of heartless, selfish social Darwinists who'd let the poor starve in the gutters before violating the sacred principles of free market economics. Thus, our man maintains a secret allegiance to our ideals, but wouldn't be caught dead as a member of our (seemingly elitist) party.

So, if we want to further our cause, I'm convinced that we as Libertarians must be able to give an affirmative answer to the question, "If we got rid of welfare completely, *who's* gonna help the poor? Are *you*?"

This is a legitimate question. And the clichéd libertarian sound-byte that private charity will do it sounds shallow and incredulous if the one making the claim does nothing to support private charity himself.

Libertarians should give to charity for the simple reason that people respond more attentively to actions than to coherent philosophical argument (although this, too, is important). We need to do more than be principled; we need to *show* people that we really *do* care about the health, happiness, and success of our fellow Americans, that we're not a bunch of cold, callous egoists possessing no regard for human frailty and misfortune. But we should do it not for any altruistic

# Public Education in Texas

From Vincent J May, VMAY@WT.NET

## Background

The Texas Republican Party website claims! that the Republican Party instituted free public education in Texas in 1869. In 1876 the Texas Constitution guaranteed a "free and efficient" education.

Later on 'Independent School Districts' were authorized by the legislature (and the people) for the promotion of public education. The district lines were drawn arbitrarily and resulted in 'rich' districts (for instance an ISD that had 100 pupils and 1,000 oil wells) and 'poor' districts (that might have 10,000 pupils and taxable property consisting of some tar paper shacks.)

Around 1990 the Edgewood ISD (San Antonio) hired lawyer Dan Morales (then a state rep, later Texas Attorney General and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor in 2002) to sue in state court for equity in school finance. Edgewood had a lot of poor students and little taxable property. No oil wells, no office buildings, no shopping malls.

Austin judge Scott McKown heard the case. During the trial a similar case was being heard in Tennessee. The judge there "discovered" that the Tennessee state constitution required that all students receive equal tax funding (even though there is no reason that a rural school should need the same per pupil funding as an urban district etc.)

Judge McKown miraculously discovered the same requirement in the Texas constitution (as did judges in many other states) and declared the existing method of funding education unconstitutional. A new system had to be devised. Instead of locally funded socialist schools, they would have to be centrally funded socialist schools.

In 1993 the legislature passed an awkward plan (County Education Districts) that satisfied no one and was promptly challenged in court by Edgewood and other poor districts. McKown struck it down.

In 1995 State Senator Bill Ratliff, (R), wrote the current plan known as 'Robin Hood.' It stated that each district would take the total taxable valuation in its district and divide that sum by the number of students in the district. If the quotient was \$280,000 per pupil the district was 'correct.' If the quotient was higher then that district was considered rich and therefore required to share its locally raised taxes with poor districts that had less than \$280,000 per

pupil.

(Caveats: The current target is \$300,000. per pupil. Also the plan is much more complex than presented here. Only the essentials are presented for simplicity.)

As a result, Austin ISD, with its office buildings, high dollar homes and shopping and manufacturing facilities is a rich district and must export its tax money to, say, Harlingen with its low dollar homes, exempt agricultural property and little else.

Besides local property taxes, public education in Texas is funded with one-quarter of the state gasoline tax, revenue from public lands owned by the state Land Office and some federal funds.

Education in the 2002 Election.

Governor Bush pushed a large increase in state funding of public education (to buy teacher votes.) Last year Governor Perry pushed a bill to give all teachers free health care (to buy teacher votes, even though only 350 teachers in Texas lacked health care coverage.) In addition there is an inexorable increase in spending for frills like stadiums and new schools by local districts.

Perry's plan only provided half funding for the current biennium. Another 1.5 billion will be needed from the legislature to fully fund it next biennium. There will be plenty of other demands as well.

Texas Republicans are already lining up with socialist solutions. Lt. Governor Ratliff is proposing a statewide property tax as 'the only sensible solution.' District 45 state rep Rick Green is in favor of an 8% tax on ALL real estate transactions. More Dems and Repubs are proposing increasing the sales tax or instituting an income tax.

Libertarian candidates can choose to devise a better socialist solution than the other guys or do 'the only sensible solution': repeal socialism. A constitutional amendment to delete the word "free" from the Texas constitution would be a profound step in the right direction. A fully funded voucher option by ISD's for all comers would be a good second step for those who desire a mixed system (socialist + libertarian.)

In the long run a completely free market system will be best for all, taxpayers and children. The average Texas family pays thousands of dollars in taxes to support public education through property taxes, gasoline taxes, commercial property taxes embedded in the cost of goods and services, federal taxes and other state subsidies. Freed of this onerous burden people could educate their children without the state's help and guiding hand.

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# 2001 MISSLIBERTY.COM Film Awards Announced

What were the best libertarian films and documentaries of 2001? That question was recently put to the readers of the popular libertarian e-newsletter "Miss Liberty's Film and TV Update." By a landslide, *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* was voted the "Best Libertarian Film" of 2001. Likewise, *John Stossel Goes to Washington* was the runaway favorite for "Best Libertarian Documentary."

Jon Osborne, editor of the e-newsletter and author of the book *Miss Liberty's Guide to Film and Video*, said "Libertarians loved *Lord of the Rings* for its 'power corrupts' theme. Otherwise, I don't think 2001 was a great year for libertarian film, but *Lord of the Rings* was certainly a stand-out." Other films nominated for "Best Libertarian Film" included *Uprising: Censor*, and *The Majestic*.

In the documentary category, *John Stossel Goes to Washington* was favored for its clear and comprehensive illustration of government waste and inefficiency. "This really is a great libertarian documentary, and it was up against two other strong candidates, *Tampering with Nature*, and *The F.L.I.R. Project*."

It's notable that two of the three nominated documentaries, *John Stossel Goes to Washington* and *Tampering with Nature*, were made by ABC News journalist John Stossel, undoubtedly the most persuasive presenter of libertarian ideas in TV land."

All three of the nominated documentaries are available on VHS video at Laissez-Faire Books.

The MISSLIBERTY.COM film awards were created to identify and promote films and documentaries of interest to libertarians. More information is available at [HTTP://WWW.MISSLIBERTY.COM](http://www.missliberty.com)

## OPH Booth Results

From Laura D. Coker-Garcia,  
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An OPH booth was completed today, April 13, 2002 at the Junior Statesmen of America Convention for Texas held at the Renaissance Hotel in Houston, TX. (This organization is for high school students and their advisors.)

Two volunteers gave quizzes to 31 people. 5 scored Libertarian. (7 liberal, 0 conservative, 5 authoritarian and 14 centrists.) None would leave their contact information, although a few did take information.

Anthony was able to also speak to a group of about 25 and answer questions. Almost half of the students had heard of the Party and of those most agreed with our positions.

# Government Needs to Lose Weight

by Sheldon Richman

How ironic that just as an already-bloated government is taking on major new powers, it is exhorting us to lose weight. But that's exactly what Surgeon General David Satcher is calling for. In his recently released "Call To Action To Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity," Satcher writes, "Our ultimate goal is to set priorities and establish strategies and actions to reduce overweight and obesity."

It's not as though people haven't heard that being fat might be unhealthy. Books, websites, and television and radio commercials bombard us with that message and the various ways to shed pounds. If anything, people worry too much about their weight. Few have gone broke promoting a fad diet.

That great debunker of junk science, Steven Malloy, writes that the government's statistics on the prevalence of fat people are based on "suspect research," such as unverified telephone surveys and "an arbitrary definition of 'overweight' based on 'body mass index.'" Malloy adds that the government's estimate of 300,000 deaths a year in the battle of the bulge is "unadulterated junk science." *The New England Journal of Medicine* also finds the data unreliable, Malloy says. He also criticizes Satcher's report because it ignores important differences between being overweight and being obese. Obesity is unhealthy, he says, "but the evidence supposedly linking mild-to-moderate overweight with increased health problems is murky, based only on flaky statistics." Malloy even debunks the alleged relationship between childhood and adult weight problems: the evidence is lacking.

But forget all that. Even if all the medical alarmism is justified, why is it any of the government's business? Concededly, that question sounds outlandish these days, accustomed as we are to believing that everything is the government's business. But once we remind ourselves that, as George Washington is reputed to have said, "government is not reason; it is not eloquence. It is force," we should be wary of its grand scheme to slim us down. That scheme consists of a long "menu" of "activities and interventions in five key settings: families and communities, schools, health care, media and communications, and worksites." In other words, we are to have more intrusion from Washington, D.C., in everything from our families and

communities to our worksites in order to get us to lose weight. Where in the Constitution is the central government delegated the power to do this?

The menu of activities contains some ominous items. For example:

"Empower families to manage weight and health through skill building in parenting, meal planning, and behavioral management."

"Educate parents about the need to serve as good role models by practicing healthy eating habits and engaging in regular physical activity in order to instill lifelong healthy habits in their children."

"Establish worksite exercise facilities or create incentives for employees to join local fitness centers."

"Establish a dialogue to consider classifying obesity as a disease category for reimbursement coding."

And on and on. It is obvious that this plan will take the nanny state's hectoring to new heights.

It's easy to make fun of the Jack LaLane model of government, but there is a serious side to this. As seen in the last item quoted, the Satcher plan is another step in the medicalization of normal problems of living, which Thomas Szasz has long cautioned against. Overeating is not a disease; it's a choice. Notice the reference to "reimbursement coding." That's a tip-off that this is about getting someone else to pay for weight-loss services through health insurance. It's finance, not medicine; medicine is only debased in the process.

Finally, an unpleasant aroma arises from the government's interest in our health. It suggests that dietary decisions are not our own business because we are government property. Satcher's plans says, "The Nation must take action to assist Americans in balancing healthful eating with regular physical activity." But what is the Nation if it is not Americans? The reification of the Nation by the minister of physical and mental hygiene should concern anyone who values his freedom.

It was no coincidence that the fascists, Nazis, and communists all saw maintenance of the people's health as an essential duty of the totalitarian state.

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# Polk County Speaking Venue

From Kris Overstreet, [REDNECK@DETNET.COM](mailto:REDNECK@DETNET.COM)

I spoke with Cathie Carr, the person in charge at the Escapees Club. She has formally invited ANY AND ALL LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES who will appear on the Polk County ballot to attend their main political event in August or September. (She will give me at least 30 days notice of the date and time, and will try for 60 days.)

The Escapees Club is primarily composed of retirees who have sold their permanent homes and now spend most of their time traveling in an RV. They currently have about 12,000 registered voters in Polk County, nearly a third of the county's entire voter roll, and they currently vote Republican by about 2 to 1. They also contain the majority of Polk County's national LP members.

More details will be made public as I can manage them, but any statewide candidate who wants to give his case to the people is welcome to come to Livingston and get a little exposure.

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# Robert West Named to Economic Development Committee

From Robert West, [WESTR@MASCORP.COM](mailto:WESTR@MASCORP.COM)

Don't know if this is interesting to anyone else on the list but my campaign speech to the Little Elm Chamber of Commerce went so well they made me their representative on the Economic Development Committee. Small business owners seem to be natural LP'ers and I stressed that the Rapid Transit Bill mandating RTAs in all Texas counties "adjacent" to counties with more than a million residents is a nothing more than a handout to people who can use it, paid for by those of us who cannot. Sales tax funding for this boondoggle is really unpopular in that they lose twice, once when their customers do not have as much money to spend and once when they go shopping. Make sure to ask for a show of hands on anyone selling their car when the bus system goes in. The RTA guys want you think everyone else will get off your road if you vote for this, look around, this is how many people that will be off your road and on that bus. I got a good bit of laughter and a lot of agreement.

## If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Iran ...

by Manuel Miles, LEUNAM@POWERSURFR.COM  
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In a series of articles, I have been trying to enumerate the various casualties of the US Empire's bogus "war on terrorism". Satire, I listed as number two, right after truth, and it continues to be collaterally damaged with each absurd, inhuman act of the Imperial Military/Industrial/Governmental Complex. It is impossible for fiction to compete with fact for sheer absurdity when a maniac like George W Bush claims to be waging war against "evil." Now even minimal sanity has been added to the casualty list, at least among the leaders of the Bush Imperium.

Many years ago, back when your humble scribe was young, there was a movie about American tourists entitled something like "If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium". It concerned the misadventures of the victims of a package tour who were trying to see all of Europe in a week. Of course, this is not possible, hence the resultant effort to determine geographic location from a schedule.

The current chaotic imperial sabre rattling is very much in this same frenetic spirit; there is a world to be conquered, and only a little time in which to do it ere The Forces of Evil regroup and level every building in Manhattan over three stories tall. Hence the burning question, "Where to firebomb next?" The various factions of the US power structure's government are engaged in a furious, Byzantine struggle to determine who and where The Forces of Good shall incinerate tomorrow. Some factions recommend staying put (temporarily) in the current 100+ countries in which the US military has bases, the better to consolidate their hold over the Empire as it exists, while others advocate charging through the window of opportunity and attacking everywhere at once, in order to seize control of the entire planet.

Attempts to create a priority list of targeted "rogue states" and "terrorist harbouring nations" resulted in the inane "axis of evil" speech in which Mad King George attempted to link historic (and contemporary) enemies Iran and Iraq with totally isolated North Korea and Somalia in a conspiracy against K-Mart shoppers in Muncie, Indiana. Day by day, speculative assaults on these (and other) countries are predicted, announced, threatened and surmised by Rumsfeld, Powell,

Ashcroft, the *Wall Street Journal*, and various pundits and necromancers from within the Beltway Pale.

Meanwhile, the FBI, CIA, NSA and other brain dead leftover Cold War bureaucracies continue to issue vague bimonthly warnings of unspecified, impending attacks on American civilians. This serves two purposes; it keeps the masses convinced that the State's campaign to alienate and infuriate the entire world will somehow keep Des Moines safe for democracy and late-night shopping and, when the next revenge attack comes, as this insane imperial programme/pogrom guarantees it will, it will make the FBI and the other bumbling spy agencies seem prescient. [Mind you, if they were really all that smart, they'd have noticed illegal aliens openly practicing aircraft hijacking in Florida aviation schools. However, with a budget of mere billions of confiscated tax dollars, they have only managed to shoot and burn to death innocent American women and children in Texas and Idaho, so expecting them to notice the obvious in Florida may be expecting a wee bit too much.]

Who and what the rudderless imperial ship of state will ram next is really impossible to know. Statist insanity follows a pattern only so far; once it attains the level of rampaging imperial power, its moves are unpredictable in the extreme. The kind of homicidal madness we are witnessing now has not been seen since a clique of chicken farmers, shoe salesmen, and failed artists seized control of the German state in 1933. What insane slaughter the Bush Leaguers will next perpetrate on the poor peasantry of which unsuspecting pre-industrial land, even they won't know until they are already "collaterally damaging" them. It is certain, however, that if the lunatics keep on at the present rate, one day real soon we'll realise that "If it's Wednesday, this must be Armageddon."

May God forbid.

## What Concept Would the Political Parties Refuse to Publish?

By DOUGBUCHANAN.COM

The Libertarian Party repeatedly debates contradicting campaign strategies, just like the other parties. A popular debate for each of the parties is whether to spend limited resources on a national presidential campaign, or on smaller local campaigns, or what mix of the two. Because LP is smaller than the primary US political party, the results of its efforts are more noticeable.

The issue is largely created by the effectiveness of the mass media, which presents grand images as though they are all easily achievable by everyone. Many people want to be the proverbial movie star, without tediously analyzing the detailed process that created each movie star. Of course, the wiser aspiring star would do the later, and if serious, would discover an expanding array of subtleties in the mix, many of them contradicting the choices of a wiser person. The knowledge learned would be more valuable and useful than the original goal.

Would you rather have the knowledge, or the title? Which is more useful to you? Which can survive without the other?

In contrast to a detailed analysis of the standard process, a person could conduct a cursory analysis and then set out on a perceived, unique course to stardom, and enjoy the results of a proverbial long-shot, usually failing the goal, but again, creating valuable and useful knowledge.

The LP espousals are recognizably more universal to the human mind than the results of the primary US political party. Separate any person from the political context, and if you accurately word the fundamental questions, they will reveal themselves as libertarians, by design of the human mind.

While useful, the Nolan chart is only a sound-byte type step in the right direction, used for only political purpose. Bring forward your most dedicated Republican/Democrat, Green, Communist, Nazi or whatever, and I will ask the questions that prove him or her to be a libertarian.

Despite the grief these words cause LP leaders, if you more carefully analyze the words of the primary party politicians, you will discover that they are espousing LP goals, and in most cases, the LP political strategy.

# National ID: I Just Can't Do It, Part 2

by Joel Simon, JOEL\_SIMON@HOTMAIL.COM  
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Would you like to hear the most chilling sentence in the English language? I'll share it with you. Sit down.

"If you don't have anything to hide, why would you object?"

Well, here's why. We don't control the definitions of hot-button words. They are controlled for us. Labels are powerful weapons in the hands of those who control opinions.

What is a "terrorist"? The word brings to mind the Red Brigade, or the Shining Path, or Osama Bin Ladin. People who use fear to impose their own political aims. Is the IRS a terrorist organization? The DEA? No? Why not? They use the same methods, achieve the same ends. Ask any Branch Davidian you happen to meet whether the BATF and FBI are terrorists. But they're not terrorists, of course, because we've been told that they're not. The Afghans who were shipped to Guantanamo marine base are terrorists, we're told. I'd bet that some are the same individuals who fought off the Russians with such ferocity, ten years ago. Back then, they were heroes.

Are you a terrorist? If you're reading this at all, you might be. Do you have political views that others regard with fear? After all, "we have a right to feel safe." You hear that phrase time and time again.

If you believe in the right to keep and bear arms you are violating what others view as their right to "feel safe" and you are, in the opinion of some, a terrorist. The mere fact that you might WANT to own a gun fills them with terror.

If you believe that Americans can live more happily outside the benevolent guidance and generosity of government you are violating what others view as the right to a "social safety net" and you are, in the opinion of some, a terrorist.

The claimed benefits of a national ID card are that it would make it easier to identify and apprehend terrorists and other criminals. By making it impossible to move around without constantly establishing your status with a centralized data base, it just might. But who decides who's a terrorist? What acts are considered criminal? It's a moving target, and it's moving your way. Are you sure you're not

a criminal? Have you ever failed to file a tax return? Have you been accused of missing a child support payment? Ever had a NICS background check "disapprove a firearm transaction"? Are you on the subscriber list of a newsletter or magazine that's being investigated or monitored by the feds? It's all in some database someplace, pal. The only defense you've had against it up till now is that it's all so scattered that only a really dedicated FBI data geek could pull it all together. That, like so many other things, is about to change.

For that matter, can you depend on that damn National Database to get its facts straight? The error rate (never in your favor) of national credit reporting databases is appalling. Think the feds can do a better job? Wanna buy a bridge?

On October 13, Alan Dershowitz wrote an article entitled "Why Fear National ID Cards?" He compared national ID cards to those transponders you can get so you don't have to stop at toll booths. He said the trade-off of "a little less anonymity for a lot more security" was a good thing. He spake unto us the classic quote, "From a civil liberties perspective, I prefer a system that takes a little bit of freedom from all to one that takes a great deal of freedom and dignity from the few [who might otherwise be subjected to racial or ethnic profiling]." I barely raised an eyebrow, you expect Alan Dershowitz to say things like that, the same way you expect Fidel Castro to smoke cigars.

But yesterday I saw a column by Mona Charon, a conservative writer I normally enjoy reading and even occasionally agree with, entitled "For National ID Cards". I'm tempted to think she plagiarized Dershowitz "A modern society cannot function without some form of identity papers. Ours could not and does not." "... with 50 states issuing driver's licenses and no central data bank to compare licensees, it is possible, in fact easy, to get any number of different, legitimate-looking aliases in America." "... It makes it nearly impossible to track those who enter the country illegally, or those who enter legally and then overstay their visas." "A national ID would make it easier to track individuals who enter the country on student or tourist visas and overstay their welcome."

And finally, chillingly, "The feared loss of liberty in a national ID is trifling, while the potential gain in security is substantial."

Trifling? To whom? Not to me, Mona. To me, it gets right to the heart of the matter. I don't want to be "tracked". Cattle are tracked. Sheep are tracked. Americans are

supposed to be free men and women, it says here. You want me to wear an electronic tether because you're afraid of foreigners? My great-great-grandfather was born here.

"Those who would sacrifice essential liberties for temporary safety deserve neither freedom nor safety," said Ben Franklin. What the hell happened to those words I was taught were so sacred?

Okay, here's the bottom line and then I'll shut up. Everybody's got something he just can't do, and this is mine. I see this national ID thing as an inevitability, and I don't think I can bring myself to comply with it. I try to bend with the law, but if I bend this far I'll break. The time is at hand to either close your mouth and get in line, or, do what? I don't know what to do.

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## Weekend for Winners!

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**Michael Dixon**, our Regional Rep. on the LNC will be one hand, plus **Eric Caron**, the national LP's Development Director.

The venue for this convention is the beautiful **Embassy Suites Dallas Market Center**, 2727 Stemmons Freeway (IH-35 E) in the downtown area. All the rooms are huge suites, with separate living room and bedroom, large bathroom plus kitchen area with refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker.

We have an incredibly low group rate of only \$89 for single occupancy and \$10 for each additional person per room. This rate includes the two-hour complimentary drinks in the evening plus full made-to-order breakfast in the morning. **To reserve your suite, call the Embassy Suites at (214) 630-5332 and be sure to tell them you're with the Libertarian Party of Texas to get the group rate.**

Oh, yes, the hotel has a beautiful indoor pool, perfect for the family, just off the atrium.

Because the breakfast is already included in the room rate, the package prices are lower than in the past. A full package is only \$85 and includes the Friday night Reception and the Lunch and Banquet on Saturday, and all workshops and speakers. There is no charge to just be a delegate, and individual events pricing is available. For more details see the brochure that you will get in the mail, which will include a registration form. You can also visit the website [www.tx.lp.org](http://www.tx.lp.org) and go to the Convention link.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Neale at (512) 263-1681 or e-mail [torchess@austin.rr.com](mailto:torchess@austin.rr.com).

Be a part of this **Weekend for Winners!**

## What Concept Would the Political Parties Refuse to Publish?

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They want what the human mind wants, by its singular design regardless of institutional perceptions.

It is the word-arrangements that differentiate the perceptions. And it is the failure to tediously question those words that leaves the contradicting perceptions in place to thus compound the contradictions of the subsequent perceptions.

The above paragraph caused a significant percentage of readers surviving this article that far, to stop there and move to another article. Countless people attempt proverbial stardom with ten percent of the necessary effort, including those with political goals in political parties. What will you do to achieve your goal? Is not the most valuable effort of a human, the effort to think?

Analyze their words, and thus notice that every political party in history has failed its espousals. Every party has said it wanted a better life for its people, precisely what you want. No political party leaders wanted the life of an army private in perpetual wars, for themselves or their children, nor did they want perpetual campaigning for elusive political offices. They want a better social result for their personal investment of effort, like yourself.

So why have they all failed the social espousals? Why are the only social improvements the verifiable results of individual thinking and enterprise? Why are the political parties consistently attempting armed rule, or majority rule to write laws backed by armed police and prison? Has not the use of arms and force, under any procedural ruse, failed for a species predicated on its mind? And so again, why have all the political parties failed? What is your answer? Use it.

Does not the correction of a problem first require the recognition its origin? Can you correct a contradiction with a contradiction, and be left without a contradiction in need of correcting?

Is there any mechanism within the human mind for one mind to force another mind? Is not the mechanism of a human mind, that of reasoning alone, the asking and answering of questions to identify and resolve contradictions? What happens in the mind when you fail or refuse to identify a contradiction, to question it, or to answer a question?

Which political parties evade publishing

the identification of contradictions created by political parties as an institution, and evade answering related questions? What are the obvious results? What would occur if the Libertarian Party leaders, for the first time in human history, identified and questioned the institutionally inherent contradictions created by political parties, and answered those questions, then developed a party strategy on their answers?

What is the controlling contradiction of the Libertarian Party?

Did the Libertarian Party want the titles of government offices, or the knowledge? Which was sought by the other parties? Which consumes the party money and time to only create the contradictions that the other parties therefore achieve? Which can achieve LP espousals, and which has history proven can never achieve them? Which questions are you willing to answer, to thus advance your useful knowledge beyond those who fear to answer questions? Which of your own mind's answers do you utilize?

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## A Call to Libertarian Charity

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motive, but for a purely self-interested one to remove the stigma of callousness that hangs over our heads and make libertarianism a plausible political ideal to more Americans.

If we do, more Americans will soften up to libertarian ideas, and we'll get that much closer to the libertarian Utopia we seek.

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# 2002 State Convention Preliminary Agenda

June 8, 2002

9:00 AM	Call to order	1 minute
9:01 AM	Credentials Report	90 minutes
9:10 AM	Election of the Convention Chair	5 minutes
9:15 AM	Introductions	5 minutes
9:20 AM	Setting of Agenda	5 minutes
9:25 AM	Check of paperwork	5 minutes
9:30 AM	Rules considerations	150 minutes
	Rules Committee Report	
	Rules motions from the floor	
12:00 PM	Recess for lunch	90 minutes
1:30 PM	Nominations and elections for public office	180 minutes
	Governor	
	Lieutenant Governor	
	US Senate	
	Commissioner of Agriculture	
	Commissioner of General Land Office	
	Comptroller of Public Accounts	
	Railroad Commissioner	
	Attorney General	
	State Supreme Court Chief Justice	
	State Supreme Court Justice Place 1	
	Court of Criminal Appeals Justice Place 1	
4:30 PM	Nominations and elections for party office	45 minutes
	State Chair	
	State Vice-Chair	
	State Treasurer	
	State Secretary	
5:15 PM	State Executive Committee District Caucuses	15 minutes
5:30 PM	Adjourn for the day	

June 9, 2002

9:00 AM	Call to order	1 minute
9:01 AM	Platform Consideration	150 minutes
	Platform Committee Report	
	Platform motions from the floor	
11:30 AM	Resolutions	15 minutes
11:45 AM	New business	45 minutes
12:30 PM	Adjourn the convention	

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Bill of Attainder Project [WWW.ISC-DURANT.COM/TOM/BILLOFTTAINDER/](http://WWW.ISC-DURANT.COM/TOM/BILLOFTTAINDER/)  
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Federal Election Commission [WWW.FEC.GOV](http://WWW.FEC.GOV)  
Incumbent voting records [HTTP://SCORECARD.TAXPAYER.NET](http://HTTP://SCORECARD.TAXPAYER.NET)  
Initiative for Texas [WWW.INITIATIVE.FORTEXAS.ORG](http://WWW.INITIATIVE.FORTEXAS.ORG)  
League of Women Voters [DNET.ORG](http://DNET.ORG)  
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Texas Election Code [WWW.CAPITOL.TLC.STATE.US/STATUES.-ELTOC.HTM](http://WWW.CAPITOL.TLC.STATE.US/STATUES.-ELTOC.HTM)  
Texas Statutes [WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/STATUES/STATUTES.HTML](http://WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/STATUES/STATUTES.HTML)  
The Loose Cannon Libertarian [WWW.FREECANNON.COM](http://WWW.FREECANNON.COM)

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8 June 2002 State Convention  
3 Sept 2002 Last day to withdraw from general election  
6 Sept 2002 First day to submit application for ballot by mail  
7 Oct 2002 Last day to register to vote in general election  
21 Oct 2002 First day of early voting  
29 Oct 2002 Last day to receive application for ballot by mail  
1 Nov 2002 Last day of early voting  
5 Nov 2002 General election

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, boardroom of the LCRA  
Hancock Bldg, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd., outreach  
Radio: KOOP 90.7 FM, "The Liberated Space", Thursday,  
6:30 PM  
Television: Cable Channel 10: "Live and Let Live", Satur-  
day, 8:00 PM, "Smash the State", Saturday, 9:00 PM; Cable  
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