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New State Chair Says Ballot Access "Challenge Of the Decade For Texas Libertarian Party"

Newly elected Libertarian State Chair, David DeLamar, says retention of ballot status is the top priority in 2002 for Libertarians in the state of Texas. "Our governor candidate must get at least 2% of the vote or another statewide candidate must receive 5% of the vote for us to retain ballot status" stated DeLamar. "This is the challenge of the decade for Texas Libertarians. We cannot afford to go backwards. We must retain ballot status."

If ballot status is lost, then it is estimated that nearly 100,000 signatures will have to be garnered by petitioners in 2003 for the Texas party to get back on the ballot, which DeLamar called an "expensive, time consuming task that will zap the party of monetary resources and act as a gigantic road block to the political capital and momentum many of our county parties have built up over the years."

DeLamar, the former Lubbock County Chair, campaigned for the Texas Libertarian Chairmanship on a platform of grassroots action by the counties.

DeLamar said the only way for our statewide candidates to have a chance in November is for our local counties to become more active which will in turn produce votes for our candidates. Those activities include candidate forums, monthly letters to the editor, tax protests, petitions to overturn local ordinances, regular calls to radio talk shows, weekly news releases on a hot local issue, and appearances at public hearings. "None of these activates will cost a dime but they will bring the local Libertarian Party to the attention of media and voters," said DeLamar

In a effort to promote statewide candidates DeLamar said the state party will be working on a coordinated schedule with county chairs to host candidate forums.

"For those of us who truly care about the Libertarian Party as a political party as opposed to a debate society or social club now is the time to step up to the plate. We all must do more and the clock is ticking towards November. We must get active," stated DeLamar.

Texas Libertarian Party Elects New State Chairman

The Libertarian Party of Texas elected a new slate of officers and statewide candidates for their party over the weekend including a new Chairman, David DeLamar.

DeLamar is the former Lubbock County Libertarian Chairman who campaigned for the Libertarian Chairmanship on a platform of party building and local activity. "Local Libertarians can and do make a difference in their local communities by running for public office and adding to the debate about different issues affecting those communities," said DeLamar.

DeLamar, who is a self employed real estate investor, said his number one goal for the Liberations this year is to maintain ballot status in Texas. "We must have a statewide candidate get at least 5% of the vote or our governor candidate must get 2% of the vote in the upcoming election for our party to retain ballot status. When our candidates get our message out of lower taxes and freedom I believe the electorate will respond and our ballot status will be preserved."

When asked what Libertarians stand for DeLamar responded, "To put it simply, we believe in personal freedom and responsibility both economically and socially."

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John Hawley of Dallas was elected to serve as Vice Chair. Stephanie Berlin of College Station was reelected as Secretary. Bob Lockhart of Pasadena was reelected as Treasurer.

Scott Jameson Heads Up Large Libertarian Ticket

Scott Jameson of Dallas was nominated for U.S. Senate by the Libertarian Party of Texas. He heads up a record breaking ticket that includes 175 candidates for public office. The Libertarians also selected ten other candidates for statewide office including Jeff Daiell of Sugarland who is the Libertarian nominee for Governor. Mr. Daiell last ran for office in 1990 when he earned the best vote totals ever recorded for a Libertarian gubernatorial candidate.

The other statewide candidates are

Mark Gessner of Austin, Lieutenant Governor;

Marjory Staehle Glowka of Austin, Commissioner of General Land Office;

Stephan Kinsella of Houston, Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 1;

Steve Martin of Houston, Comptroller of Public Accounts;

Vincent J May of Austin, Commissioner of Agriculture;

Quannah Parker of Abilene, Supreme Court, Place 1;

Nazirite R. Flores Perez of San Antonio, Railroad Commissioner;

Jon Roland of Cottonwood, Attorney General; and

Clifford William of Houston, Supreme Court Chief Justice.

The U.S. Senate nomination required four ballots due to strong competition from candidates Ken Grubaugh of Houston and Michael Idrogo of San Antonio. Mr. Jameson won out over Mr. Grubaugh by only 4 votes in the crucial 3rd ballot. Outgoing State Chair Geoffrey Neale, who is running for National Chair of the Libertarian Party, expressed the opinion that all three candidates for U.S. Senate would have made fine Libertarian nominees and that the contested race demonstrates the growing support for the Libertarian ideal of individual freedom and personal responsibility.

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Jeff Daiell Nominated for Governor

Texas Libertarians nominated Jeff Daiell for Governor this past weekend in Dallas.

Daiell, 50, is a Houstonian. His 1990 race for Governor attracted over 129,000 votes.

The State Convention also elected Lubbock's David DeLamar as the Texas party's new State Chair.

In his acceptance speech on Saturday, June 8th, Daiell decried the increasing division of Texans and Americans into two classes of citizens: government officials and special interests being the first class, and all others being the second.

With a poem by African-American writer Langston Hughes as his inspiration, Daiell said of those who contend Texans need politicians and bureaucrats to make our decisions for us, "We'll show them what free women and men can do."

The vote was 102 delegates supporting Daiell, and one ballot cast for None Of The Above.

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Competition Heats up for At-Large LNC Spots

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At least nine individuals are now competing for at-large positions on the Libertarian National Committee, the "board of directors" of the Libertarian Party at the national level. The election for these positions will be held at the LP national convention over the 4th of July weekend in Indianapolis. There are five at-large spots.

The nine candidates are:

- Al Anders (AK)
- Richard Freedman (MA)
- Sam Goldstein (IN)
- Don Gorman (NH)
- Austin Hough (IL)
- Dan Karlan (NJ)
- Bette Rose Ryan (CO)
- Starchild (CA)
- R. Lee Wrights (NC)

There are also three announced candidates for Chair, two for Vice Chair, and two for Secretary. Among the officer positions, only the position of Treasurer is apparently uncontested, with the incumbent being the only known candidate.

The full Libertarian National Committee consists of the four officers and five at-large members, elected by all the delegates at the national convention, plus nine members selected by regional groupings of states.

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.dehnbasede.org/lpus/library/lnc-candidates-2002.html)

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

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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 north of Dallas. Mr. Wilson was elected to the position by his fellow council members despite his brand new status as an Alderman which he earned in the May 2002 city election. Mr. Wilson is believed to be the first Libertarian to serve as Mayor *Pro Tem* in the state of 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*.

You can read about Mark Wilson's election in May on the National Libertarian Party website at [HTTP://WWW.LP.ORG/LPNEWS/0206/WILSON.HTML](http://www.lp.org/lpnews/0206/wilson.html)

Trash the "Twinkie Tax" Says Texas Libertarian Chair

"Texas State Representative Lucerio's proposed tax on soda pop needs to be trashed," said Libertarian Party State Chair David DeLamar. "Our elected officials in Austin can't balance the states budget due to runaway spending. They should curb the fat from the state budget rather than impose 'Twinkie Taxes' to bail them out."

Libertarians are disturbed by the growing trend among state and national legislatures to expand the scope of so-called "sin taxes" in order to balance budgets. The proposed tax on fatty foods and sodas is particularly harmful since it will disproportional hurt those least able to pay it. Representative Lucio's claim that this tax will help prevent children from going hungry is completely wrong as the tax would reduce the amount of groceries that families would be able to afford.

"If Mr. Lucerio and other 'Twinkie Taxers' want to truly help our children, then they should bring more fiscal discipline to the state budget. Real tax cuts backed by real reductions in state spending are what is needed to help

Texas families. This ill-advised tax proposal needs to go in the trash can. Stop the 'Twinkie Tax!'" said DeLamar.

Correction

From Robert "Rock" Howard, ROCKMH@AUSTIN.RR.COM

In the previous issue of *Lone Star Liberty*, I wrote an article describing the Austin area District Convention where a candidate for State Board of Education had been elected by the convention after the original candidate lost to "None of the Above." To accomplish this, the District Convention used a rule that, it turns out, was only applicable to the election of Party officials. Therefore the election of the replacement candidate should not have been allowed. This matter was brought forward to the State Chair who agreed that an error occurred and that the nomination in this race was therefore null and void.

After this incident, an effort was made to draft new state party rules that would allow for the replacement of a candidate who loses to "None of the Above." Unfortunately research indicated that such a rule would probably contradict the Texas Election Code. Based on this research, no such rule change was brought forward at the State Convention. This matter is still being examined by the State Party and will likely come up again in the discussions of the new Rules Committee which was established at the June SLEC meeting and is being headed up by Tom Kane.

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A Brief Legislative Review

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Prior to the destruction of the World Trade Center, the current administration, in the person of Attorney General John Ashcroft, tried to pass a number of repressive, and unconstitutional enactments as a part of the "war on crime" and the "war on drugs." They were generally given little chance of passage.

However, Since September 11, 2001, there have been literally hundreds of bills submitted to either the House of Representatives, the Senate, or both, regarding "terrorism." A recent review of statutes via the Library of Congress "Thomas" search engine, ([HTTP://THOMAS.LOC.GOV/](http://THOMAS.LOC.GOV/)) showed 576 propose bills with the word "terrorism" alone filed with either house since September 11th. While some of these are unrelated, (i.e., a few seem, on very cursory review, to appear to refer to abortion, or other topics), most appear to be a part of the "war on terrorism."

So, after September 11th, Ashcroft and company joined the fray, by merely recaptioning many of their proposals as "anti-terrorism" legislation. Possibly the greatest legislative obscenity fostered by the Ashcroft fascism factory to date, and sponsored by some of his legislative pet trolls, is the USA Patriot Act. Congress, of course, enacted it reflexively.

There are any number of dangerous, ridiculous, abusive and/or clearly unconstitutional provisions in that law. The following is a partial list only.

Sec.101: Counterterrorism fund. Establishes a slush fund which need not be reauthorized from year to year.

Sec.104: "Requests for technical assistance." The military can be brought in for "technical assistance" by civilian agencies in numerous cases, in contravention to the Posse Comitatus Act.

Sec.105: Electronic snooping. The Secret Service shall develop a national network of "electronic crime task forces" for purpose of "preventing, detecting, and investigating various forms of electronic crimes, including terrorism." (Translation: May develop more abilities to spy upon people, including American citizens, for any alleged crime. Not limited to investigations relating to espionage

or terrorism).

Sec.203: Sharing of information. Takes down post-Nixon protections against spreading around information, including tax information, to criminal investigative agencies, at the determination of a government official that it, in some way, it might have something to do with foreign intelligence or counterintelligence.

Sec.215: Secret Warrants. Amends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), to allow it to get and serve secret search warrants to anybody, demanding information on anything, on the certification that, in the opinion of an FBI agent, it has something, anything, to do with "terrorism" or espionage. Yes, I said "secret," and I said "everything."

That a search warrant must be signed by a judge is of little comfort. Any law enforcement organization worth 2 cents already has a list of judges who will sign *anything*.

Further, just to make it even easier, FISA established a special court and special judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, (and therefore even more predisposed to sign anything put in front of them). The hearings are "in camera." (i.e. secret), "ex parte," (i.e., the victim or his attorney are never told about the proceeding, not permitted to attend even if they knew about it, and no public record of the proceeding is kept), and may consider "secret evidence" (which would probably include massive amounts of unreliable hearsay, but since it cannot be viewed, will never be questioned).

So far, this provision has apparently been used at least three times, according to an editorial by liberal writer Nat Hentoff, in the *Legal Times*, on such dangerous, anti-American organizations as libraries and/or book stores. (The Hentoff article can be found at [HTTP://WWW.LAW.COM/CGI-BIN/GX.CGI/APPLOGIC+FTCONTENTSERVER?PAGENAME=LAW/VIEW&C=ARTICLE&CID=ZZZHRP0-H4ZC&LIVE=TRUE&CST=1&PC=0&PA=0](http://WWW.LAW.COM/CGI-BIN/GX.CGI/APPLOGIC+FTCONTENTSERVER?PAGENAME=LAW/VIEW&C=ARTICLE&CID=ZZZHRP0-H4ZC&LIVE=TRUE&CST=1&PC=0&PA=0)).

Sec.223: Impediments to suing or prosecuting federal government or officials. Under Sec.223, if you wish to sue the government for violating your rights, by way of any the above provisions, you are limited to a Bench (i.e., non-jury) trial. Despite the secrecy provisions, making it virtually impossible to find out if they have screwed you, you must bring an action within two years of the event, or within two years of "...the date upon which the claimant first has a reasonable opportunity to discover the violation," or you lose the right to sue. The act does not

define what "reasonable opportunity" means.

Next, the government can apply for a stay (i.e., a stopping) of the proceedings, for as long as a tame judge is willing to stay it.

There are several provisions of the law, (so mealy-mouthed as to be laughable) that say that the government cannot use this against protected political activity, (such as free speech). But, that was true long before this law was enacted. (A fact which has never stopped the FBI from doing what it wanted). However what is the penalty if someone targets you for your political beliefs and protected activities? No much. The following is too nauseating to describe, so I have merely reprinted the appropriate provision below

"Sec. 223(d): Administrative Discipline. If a court or appropriate department or agency determines that the United States or any of its departments or agencies has violated any provision of this chapter, and the court or appropriate department or agency finds that the circumstances surrounding the violation raise serious questions about whether or not an officer or employee of the United States acted willfully or intentionally with respect to the violation, the department or agency shall, upon receipt of a true and correct copy of the decision and findings of the court or appropriate department or agency promptly initiate a proceeding to determine whether disciplinary action against the officer or employee is warranted. If the head of the department or agency involved determines that disciplinary action is not warranted, he or she shall notify the Inspector General with jurisdiction over the department or agency concerned and shall provide the Inspector General with the reasons for such determination." Sec.223(c)(1)

Of course, the way this usually works, if someone does demand a criminal prosecution of an agent or other person for violating someone's rights, (for example, murdering them), someone will offer up this little gem as an exclusive remedy against the agent. My guess is, they will probably get away with it, too. So, they can destroy your business, your home, incarcerate you, and even kill you, and all they get (at most) is a few days off without pay.

Finally, this is the "exclusive remedy" for anyone damaged by government actions, taken pursuant, or purported to be taken pursuant, to this Act.

As a part of their "war on terrorism" Reichsmarshal Ashcroft and Co. have gone so far as to indict an attorney defending a muslim clergyman, on the grounds that an-

Letters

NOT AN APOLOGY

That's right.

I did it, and I'm not sorry.

First, let me tell you about a dog I once knew. Her name was Annie, and Annie was an Airedale. Now, Airedales are noted for being headstrong, and since Annie was from a line of one hundred pound Airedale stock, we thought we should learn a little about dog training, so we bought a cassette on "Training Your Puppy."

It seems (according to this tape) that dogs "want" to know what you expect from them. They "need" to please. This desire to please, and get along with the group, (and especially the Alpha dog, or human, as it may be), can be used to instill just about any behavior in a dog.

Works well with dogs. Works equally well with some humans too. Some people "need" to be told what's right, what's acceptable.

But there are always shining exceptions.

Rosa Parks knew well what was acceptable, but she just got tired of letting someone else *tell* her what that was.

Peter McWilliams had the nerve to ignore what someone else's idea of acceptable self medication was, so he used what worked for him. (The Federal Government murdered Peter for that.)

Rick Stanley and Ron Crickenburger each took a stand against what *they* thought was wrong. Rick drew a one year prison sentence for his beliefs, Ron, a lighter penalty.

What's all this leading to?

Clifford William.

I am the one who caste the winning nominating vote for Mr. William, knowing he was not eligible (acceptable) for the position of Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice. (It would be easy to say that I was just one vote, but I prefer to take all the responsibility for Clifford's nomination. Remember: I AM *NOT* SORRY!)

Why did I do it, and moreover, why am I not sorry I did it?

There are those in the Party who seem to be acting as if they were members of the LRC (Libertarian Republican Caucus). By that, I mean that some of our number are expressing angst that we may be giving the Party a bad image, with all this civil disobedience, and that we need to stop rocking the boat. They seem to believe that a larger party of more "contented" Libertarians is better than a smaller party of activists.

BULL!

We *are* the Party of Principle, and when the Republicrats require membership in a private club (the Texas Bar Association.) as a condition to run for a public office, it's time to stand up and tell them they are full of it.

The Texas Bar is just another trade guild which controls just who can practice law, and who cannot. As Libertarians, we should oppose any kind of licensure by private organizations (the lack of which license makes you a criminal in the eyes of the state should you work in that occupation.)

Clifford William has the nerve to go up against what is clearly an unjust situation, and is currently involved in a court action seeking to have the "Bar membership" requirement struck down.

As a believer in Principle, I support his efforts, and feel this is the right thing to do.

To anyone who feels this will weaken our Party, or it's image, I say, "Go join the compromisers in the Republicrat Party."

We don't need your concerned anguish here.

Steve Kirby

ACLU Director to Speak

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Sunday, July 21 at 4:00, **Will Harrell, Executive Director of the Texas ACLU** will be the Distinguished Speaker for the Central Texas Libertarians. Mr Harrell's topic will be John Ashcroft's Crusade Against Civil Liberties, an analysis of post September 11 legislation and administrative actions. If you're concerned about the increasing role of government in our lives, join us for what's sure to be a riveting exposé of what our government has been up to in the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack.

Whatever your political leanings, you and your friends are invited to attend the Distinguished Speaker Series, sponsored by the Central Texas Libertarians. It's the third Sunday each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 at the LCRA Building, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd, across from the Hula Hut, two miles west of the Mopac in Austin. Free admission. Call Rick McGinnis 512-413-5928 for more info.

The Party of Principle?

Ernest A. Whiteside

Open letters to the State of Texas and the Libertarian Party of Texas.

To the State of Texas

Dear State Representatives:

I am writing to let you know that I and other Libertarians are opposed to the idea of having our tax money sent off to Washington D.C. where they skim off a portion of it and then send it back to the State of Texas with all sorts of "strings attached". Then after the State of Texas gets it, they send a portion of it to localities with even more "strings attached". I just wanted to let you know how annoyed I am by this policy.

Concerned Citizen

To the Libertarian Party of Texas

Dear Representatives:

I am writing to let you know that I and other members are opposed to the idea of having our membership fees sent off to Washington D.C. where they skim off a portion of it and then send it back to the State of Texas with all sorts of "strings attached". Then after the Libertarian Party of Texas gets it, they send a portion of it to localities with even more "strings attached". But wait, we don't even do that any more since the SLEC, at its last meeting, voted to end all regular payments to the counties. Well, I just wanted to let you know how annoyed I am by this policy.

Concerned Member

There are 2 Types of Libertarians . . .

1.) Those who like to argue and debate with each other for no significant reason

&

2.) Those who like to argue and debate with the socialists/
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The German Syndrome

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After the Second World War, when the German people were confronted by the Holocaust, most of them said, "We didn't know!" Well, they knew about the kristallnacht. They knew about the Ghettos. They knew about Jews, Gypsies, gays, and others who were disappearing. They knew about the trains heading 'East'. They heard the stories and rumors, and the tales of horrible things going on. They had the information, but they didn't KNOW! Why? Because if they did they would have had to make a choice. They would have had to stand up, to cease their support for the butchers running their country, and they would have had to work to bring down the animals responsible for the barbarity. Otherwise they would have to stand with their government, and bear moral responsibility for what that government did. We humans are good at that, at ignoring what we do not like, at refusing to KNOW rather than facing up to the decisions that knowledge makes necessary. Sometimes it is simply easier not to know.

The urge not to know is by no means confined to Germans. In the twentieth century people all over the world have worked desperately, not to know. The communists in the west have refused to know about the White-sea canal, where it's said a human death accompanied every meter of earth that was dug. They didn't know about the millions of Ukrainians starved to death to enforce collective farming. They didn't know about the purges, the Gulag's, the wholesale executions, the displacements of native populations. They didn't know about the capture of western P.O.W.'s at the end of the war, or the anti-communists, butchered after the west turned them over to Stalin. They didn't know about the untold millions of Chinese murdered by the communists over a period of thirty years. Nor the chemical weapons used against the peoples of Southeast Asia and Afghanistan. Because if they KNEW, they would not be able to escape the fact that their dreams of socialist utopia were really blood soaked nightmares.

Today we Americans face a crisis of not knowing. Our fellow countrymen refuse to know that their government has it's hands

soaked in the blood of it's citizens. They refuse to acknowledge that the Constitution no longer restrains the men in who's hands we have placed our nation's future. They refuse to know the crimes carried out in the name of the People. They refuse to KNOW, because then they would have to do something about it.

I have a friend who is a lawyer. He claims to support the Constitution, and to love the Second Amendment. He says that he is a lawyer in order to protect peoples rights. When I attempt to show him some of what is being done by our government however, he refuses to believe. He asks for chapter and verse of the incident, and if I cannot provide them, he scoffs. If I do, he attacks the source, or claims the evidence is incomplete or open to interpretation. If he can do nothing else, he says that it is just an isolated incident and not representative. I used to wonder how he could be so blind, but now I understand that he has no choice. He cannot accept that what I show him is real because he is a part of the system, if that system is corrupt, if that system is destroying the things he believes in, then he must abandon it, or admit that it is HE who is destroying the rights, and indeed the nation, which he has sworn to protect.

We must learn this lesson, we must learn it well and we must learn it right now. When we point out the errors and crimes of our government to people, we are attacking THEM. It is not the abstract concept of our nation, it is not something called a government, it is that person which we are bashing. When you tell a cop that other cops are killing innocent Americans, you are telling him that HE is a member of the Gestapo, that he is part of a group that murders people. How do we expect them to react? They call them Brother Officers for a reason. When you tell a veteran that his country is running around the world beating up defenseless people, you are telling him that he and those he served with were bullies and thugs, fighting, not to defend freedom and democracy, but simply to impose something on somebody else. Do you expect him to admit to it?

Do you expect him to thank you for opening his eyes?

People tend to identify themselves with the things they love, they do not separate themselves because they cannot. We are all Americans, so what attacks America is attacking us. Some time ago Vin Suprynowicz was attacked in these pages for suggesting in issue #140 that we;

"... Make war in Southwest Asia by following the rules of the last fellow to successfully conquer the place. Genghis Khan graciously accepted the peaceful surrender of any city that would send him tribute ... even allowing them to keep their religion and customs. Those who demurred were left with no stone standing atop another. Their surviving male inhabitants had their hamstrings cut so they'd be crippled for life, while their women and children were herded back to China to serve as slaves and concubines."

I doubt Mr. Suprynowicz was seriously advocating that we start hamstringing anyone who failed to bow quickly enough, or bring Afghan women to the U.S. to serve as concubines. I believe he, like myself and many others I know, simply felt that the September 11 attack was an attack on HIM, not on an abstraction called American. Like a man who has had a loved one attacked, he sought to express his rage and need for vengeance. I think this illustrates my point. Mr. Suprynowicz is no knee-jerk, "America, love it or leave it" reactionary, but his visceral reaction was to destroy the enemies of his nation. Why should we expect others to react differently when we attack the things that they hold dear?

Yes, I know that we are trying to bring back the true spirit of American. I know that our attacks are aimed at the vermin infesting our institutions and spilling the blood of our innocent fellow- countrymen, but we must realize that others do not see it that way. We must begin to approach our fellow Americans with the understanding that they will defend the status-quo, both out of reflex and out of a sense of self-preservation. So much of their ego is wrapped up in the idea of The United States that they cannot separate themselves from it.

Nor can we expect those who are victims, or potential victims, of the system to respond properly. In the words of Rabbi Mermelstein of the J.P.F.O.;

"In Germany, Jews said things like 'Hitler is a passing fad,' 'Kristallnacht was an isolated occurrence,' 'We will be set free from the labor camps and returned to our homes soon.'"

How many people, faced with government charges of violating un- constitutional laws on weapons possession, the environment, drugs, taxation, etc. go eagerly into a courtroom expecting to be vindicated, when they know, that thousands languish in prison for similar acts? What makes people expect

British Parliament Committee: End Marijuana Arrests

From Bruce Mirken, Marijuana Policy Project director of communications

Britain moved a step closer to making marijuana possession a non-arrestable offense today as the Home Affairs Select Committee of Parliament endorsed a proposal to sharply reduce marijuana penalties. The idea was put forth last fall by U.K. Home Secretary David Blunkett and was endorsed in March by the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, the government's scientific body on drug policy.

Today's (22 May 2002) committee report, the result of a 10-month-long investigation, marks a key step in the government's consideration of this major policy change.

Blunkett has proposed that marijuana be "downgraded" from Class B to Class C, the "least harmful" category of illegal drugs under British law. Class B includes drugs of "intermediate" danger, including barbiturates and amphetamines. Class C drugs include Valium and anabolic steroids. Such drugs remain illegal, but possession generally brings a warning or fine rather than arrest and jail.

In the United States, marijuana remains in Schedule I, the category reserved for substances such as heroin and LSD, which are deemed the most dangerous.

The report, available at WWW.PUBLICATIONS.PARLIAMENT.UK/PA/CM200102/CMSELECT/CMHAFF/318/31802.HTM, urges a shift in anti-drug policy to focus on abuse and misuse rather than on occasional users who do little harm to themselves or society. Regarding marijuana, the document points out the damage done by excessively strict laws, arguing that "we do not believe there is anything to be gained by exaggerating its harmfulness. On the contrary, exaggeration undermines the credibility of messages that we wish to send regarding more harmful drugs."

The parliamentary group's conclusions echo those of the Advisory Council, which stated, "The high use of cannabis is not associated with major health problems for the individual or society." The council also noted that the addiction potential of marijuana is "well below nicotine and alcohol."

"The British government is taking a thoughtful, science-based approach to reconsidering its drug laws," commented Bruce Mirken, director of communications for the

Washington, D.C.-based Marijuana Policy Project. "In this country, policymakers regularly commission expert reports and then ignore them when they don't like the findings. From the National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse in 1972 to the 1999 Institute of Medicine review of the data on medical marijuana, experts have repeatedly challenged the assumptions underlying marijuana prohibition. The British are listening to their experts. Maybe someday the U.S. will do the same."

The Marijuana Policy Project works to minimize the harm associated with marijuana, both the consumption of marijuana and the laws that are intended to prohibit such use. MPP believes that the greatest harm associated with marijuana is imprisonment. To this end, MPP focuses on removing criminal penalties for marijuana use, with a particular emphasis on making marijuana medically available to seriously ill people who have the approval of their doctors. For more information, please visit WWW.MPP.ORG.

Libertarians Blast Unlawful Detention of Jose Padilla

On Sunday, June 9, 2002, the president of the United States signed an executive order declaring that Jose Padilla is an enemy combatant who does not have any rights. Mr. Padilla, aka Abdullah al Muhajir, is now reportedly in the custody of U.S. military forces somewhere in South Carolina.

Little is known about Mr. Padilla, or why president Bush has decided to violate his own oath of office by denying an American citizen the equal protection of the laws. Jose was born in the Bronx, and he lived in Puerto Rico, Chicago, and Florida before moving to Egypt in 1998.

The government has only named one witness in the case, a Mr. Abu Zubaydah, who is also currently in the custody of the U.S. military. Zubaydah is a foreign national who reportedly served as a top leader in al Qaeda before he was captured. He has lied to U.S. government officials on several previous occasions, causing some embarrassment to the Bush administration, which has issued erroneous terrorist alerts based on Zubaydah's say-so. This time, apparently, Zubaydah is telling the truth.

Reporters from the *Chicago Tribune* have interviewed several Afghani experts on al Qaeda. Those experts have never even heard of Jose Padilla, nor of Abdullah al Muhajir. They deem it unlikely that Mr. Padilla is part of any terrorist plot.

Even John Ashcroft has publicly admitted that Mr. Padilla has never had any of the radioactive materials necessary for constructing a "dirty bomb" in his possession. The Attorney General continues to insist, however, that Padilla is a grave danger to America's national security, and that it's perfectly legal for the federal government to proceed against an American citizen as if the Bill of Rights does not exist.

Contacted at his home in Colorado Springs, retired Lt. Colonel Biff L. Baker, an Army Ranger with more than 20 years of military experience and currently the Libertarian candidate for U.S. House in Colorado's fifth Congressional district, had this to say:

"The federal government has known about our enemies' desire to build weapons of mass destruction ever since 1996. That's when 'Project Sapphire' retrieved some enriched uranium or plutonium that was being sold to Middle-Eastern terrorists by the Russians. Rather than increase the budget for human intelligence to defend America, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives continued the downward budgetary spiral, resulting in a 40% reduction in our defensive capabilities. All the terrorists had to do was wait while we downsized the military. Now all Americans are vulnerable to their attacks."

Rick Stanley, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate from Colorado, was even more blunt than usual. "The president has clearly exceeded his constitutional authority by imprisoning an American citizen without even filing a criminal charge. Jose Padilla may be a bad man, but the law is the law and nobody, not even the president of the United States, is above it."

"Benedict Allard took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States," Stanley continued. "But when a member of his own party makes open war on the Constitution, the traitor, Allard, is conspicuous by his silence."

"I will not be silenced. The Constitution says that no person shall be deprived of liberty without due process of law. Jose Padilla is a person. He has been deprived of his liberty without due process of law. The people who did that to him are criminals. Case closed."

FBI: Stupidity, at Best

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The Federal Bureau of Incompetence must have had it in for the World Trade Center. How else can you explain it?

In 1993 the Feebs ran a supposed "sting" operation against a group of terrorists. Some terrorists – They wanted to blow something up, but were unable to figure out how to do it. So the FBI hired an explosives pro to teach the wanna-be's how to do the job. And then the feddies even gave them the explosives.

Their consulting bomber reportedly objected to the use of real, live explosives for what was billed as a simple sting operation. He said there was no need of the real stuff, and it would [be] safer for everyone if it wasn't there.

But the FBI agent in charge insisted. Boom.

Never mind everything else the FBI has done – Waco springs to mind - this one incident tells us that there is something seriously WRONG in the FBI. These ... creatures deliberately maneuvered a group of criminals into committing a terrorist act in the heart of one the world's largest cities. They taught them, they armed them. But was it caused by gross, criminal incompetence and stupidity of a magnitude that can make a congress thingy appear bright in contrast? Or was it something more sinister, that would appeal to those prone toward conspiracy theories?

Since I've had personal contact with some of the FBI's finest in the past, [HTTP://MEMBERS.SURFBEST.NET/SAMIZDAT@SURFBEST.NET/BUST.HTM](http://MEMBERS.SURFBEST.NET/SAMIZDAT@SURFBEST.NET/BUST.HTM), I was quite willing to chalk it up to stupidity. I've encountered grapefruit smarter than some feds.

But now we have a new installment in the FBI's terrorism tale. Remember Zacarias Moussaoui, the first man actually charged regarding the 9-11 horrors? Guess what ...?

FBI Director Robert Mueller has finally admitted that the FBI had been warned last summer that Moussaoui might be planning to fly an aircraft into the WTC. But "Maniac" Mueller said, "I do not believe that it gave the signpost of that which would happen on September 11th."

Blink.

Lessee ... The report stated that a flight student (ding!) might fly an airplane (ding!) into the World Trade Center (ding!, ding!, ding!). So, we have an official report from a field agent that specified a particular person (whom even the feds say has terrorist ties) learning to fly, a specified target; and a specified form of attack...

And Mueller thinks that it wasn't worth following up on? They came after ME with a squad of cops because I was wearing the wrong color ball cap.

What was he waiting for; flight reservation confirmation numbers?

At least we now know how they caught on to Moussaoui so quickly after the attacks. They already knew what he was allegedly planning.

But, considering the FBI's role in the last attempt to destroy the WTC, was that all?

We already know that the FBI has no qualms about killing Americans; they wanted to give Horiuchi a medal for blowing the head off an unarmed mother, after all. But what's happening here?

– Is the FBI staffed with idiots in need of keepers to wipe the drool off their chins?

– Maybe they were just going to keep an eye on Moussaoui, in hopes of running another "sting". And then lost track of him. See above.

– Or... Did you notice that post 9-11 legislation finally gave the FBI nearly every surveillance and "security" tool for which they've been pleading for years? Did they let 9-11 happen? It isn't as though they would have done anything actively wrong; they just had to... be a little slow off the mark. Then rake in the legislative benefits spurred by that nasty example.

Whichever of those three alternatives turns out to be true, one thing is clear. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is dangerous to Americans. Lethally so.

The FBI needs to be exterminated, the Hoover Building razed, and salt sown upon the earth where it stood.

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Libertarians Make Points at Public Event

Eight local Libertarian nominees spoke on a wide variety of issues at the first Travis County Libertarian Party Candidate Forum of the 2002 campaign. Besides expressing their views on the topics of the day, the candidates also enjoyed intense feedback from the audience about the candidates' articulations of their Libertarian viewpoints.

The participants, who are all official party nominees, were

Jon Roland, Attorney General,

Robert Rock Howard, Texas State Rep. District 49,

Clark Simmons, U.S. Rep. 31,

Michael Badnarik, Texas State Rep. District 48,

Michele Messina, U.S. Rep. District 14,

Rob LeGrand, Texas State Rep. District 50,

Wes Benedict, County Commissioner Precinct 4 and

Vincent May, Agricultural Commissioner.

Additional candidate forums are planned as the 2002 campaign proceeds. Candidates from any party are welcome to participate. Contact Travis County Libertarian Party Chair Pat Dixon for details.

Newsletter to Become Electronic Publication Only

Lone Star Liberty will be unavailable as a printed publication after this issue until further notice. Beginning with the August 2002 issue, it will be available online at WWW.TXLP.ORG. Anyone wishing to have *Lone Star Liberty* e-mailed directly to him, please contact Barbara Cunningham at CHARLESB@TCA.NET. Include in the message your name as well as e-mail address.

Ballot access is critical for the future of this party, and budget constraints make this a necessary move to conserve money in case we need to fund a ballot access petition drive.

If Rights are Wrong, I Don't Want to be Right

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There has been a lot of disparagement lately of "rights talk" and not merely among the usual statist suspects. What was held as "self-evident" truth in the Declaration of Independence in 1776 is being questioned in the America of 2002.

To wit, do each of us as individuals possess inalienable rights, including the right to life, liberty and property? Are we as individuals to be free from coercion and aggression, as autonomous beings that may never be used as a means to another person's end?

The Cato Institute's leading defender of global capitalism, horrendously misnamed "globalization," a term that clumsily lumps together voluntary exchange between individuals living in different geographic regions with the proponents of world government, Brink Lindsey has had a lot to say about rights lately on his 'blog website. As an avowed libertarian, one would think his posts would be celebrating individual rights.

Instead he has written about the "incompleteness of rights theory" and how to balance rights and values in a liberal social order. But if a right is truly a right, a proper claim of ownership, how can it justly be violated? If rights can be subject to various social values, in what meaningful sense can we say that rights exist at all? At that point, rights are privileges generously bestowed by government or "society," not an inalienable basis for human freedom.

FrontPage magazine columnist Robert Locke goes even further. Locke recently criticized conservative writer Dinesh D'Souza's latest book, *What's So Great About America*, for suggesting that freedom is what makes this country distinctive. Locke questioned D'Souza's conservative credentials, suggesting he is actually, horrors, a libertarian.

In a previous column, Locke's case against the United States being a propositional nation, that is, a nation that's essence is a set of ideas, criticized the Declaration of Independence as "contradictory" and even seemed to reject the idea of natural individual rights. John Locke he is not.

(In fairness, it is possible that he was only arguing that natural rights were not actually

the proposition the nation was founded upon, as he labeled such assertions a "noble lie." Whether he believes that such rights actually and inherently exist is unclear.)

So are rights just meaningless abstractions? Or are they proper claims that must be respected to sustain freedom? Rights do tend to seem somewhat abstract until it is yours that are being violated.

As a conservative libertarian, I find Lindsey and Eugene Volokh's "presumptive libertarianism" appealing. But those truly concerned with liberty are compelled to examine the pitfalls of a philosophy that presumes rather than asserts rights. It is easy to see how quickly this can degenerate into something that is not recognizable as libertarianism at all.

Lindsey mentions what critics of both rights theory and the non-initiation principle tend to view as the "hard cases": Blacks protesting private-sector segregation, people trespassing on someone else's property to save a child and the issue of blackmail. Of course, he avoids any possibility that rights and these cases can actually be reconciled. For example, during Jim Crow segregation was frequently mandated by law. Is the property owner who is being trespassed against committing an act of aggression against the child? A case can be made that blackmail is coercive and is a violation of rights rather than the exercise of a right. The presumption of this presumptive libertarianism seems to be: If it doesn't fit neatly into the "my fist, your nose" paradigm, the notion of rights must immediately be junked.

It doesn't take long for this viewpoint to collapse into a limited defense of statism. Lindsey went on to write, "Likewise, I accept that public law may impinge appropriately on the margins of our rights, through health and safety and environmental regulation, through restrictions on property rights in the name of conservation and historical preservation, through tax support for a safety net, education, and scientific research." Granted, Lindsey doesn't favor these to the extent that a typical 21st-century liberal Democrat, or probably even conservative Republican, would, but that is not the point. If being a libertarian meant nothing more than favoring less government than the most liberal Democrats, Ron Paul would not be the only libertarian in Congress.

Once you have rejected both rights and limits on government in principle, the presumption will always be in favor of expand-

ing government and violating the sanctity of the individual. This is because there will always be people with claims that they argue trump what have previously been understood as rights and every debate over the role of government will be diverted into the minutiae of specific policy proposals. Sure, there are sometimes conflicts between rights and what is right. The problem is Lindsey comes up with no convincing resolution to this that actually recognizes rights. If "sometimes those conflicts are properly resolved by asserting our values at the expense of protecting rights," when are they not? Whose values are "our values?"

Can one human being own another? If not, then the idea of individual self-ownership and the attendant rights this ownership would suggest is a moral imperative. This does not resolve every conceivable social conflict, but it does provide a more coherent defense of liberty than a presumptive libertarianism that presumes rights are expendable.

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News from National

Continuing embargo on Cuba does more harm to American freedom than to Castro

By continuing to support the U.S. embargo on Cuba, President Bush is undermining the freedom of the American people.

"The U.S. government has no business ordering Americans not to trade with or travel to Cuba or any other nation," said LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach. "By stubbornly refusing to repeal this failed, 40-year-old law, Bush is punishing the American people for the crimes of Fidel Castro."

In an appearance in Miami's "Little Havana", Bush called for democratic reforms in Cuba and reaffirmed U.S. support for the trade embargo imposed on dictator Fidel Castro in 1962.

But by focusing on removing Castro from power, Bush has ignored the fact that the embargo is undermining two fundamental American freedoms: the freedom to trade and the freedom to travel. Federal law imposing sanctions on Cuba makes it illegal for U.S. firms to trade directly with that nation, and travel restrictions created in 1963 impose fines of up to \$50,000 on Americans who are caught traveling there.

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“The trade ban violates the economic freedom of every American,” Dasbach said. “Individuals and businesses in a free country should be able to buy and sell goods freely to whomever they like, without getting government approval.

“According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, U.S. firms lose between \$600 million and \$1.2 billion worth of business per year by not being able to trade with Cuba. Why should American businesses and consumers be punished because Cuba is a communist state?

“And why should American workers be deprived of jobs simply because their government has singled out one particular tyrant for punishment? After all, the United States trades with or gives foreign aid to other dictatorial states like Jordan, Egypt, and China.

“The Cuban embargo has, in effect, created a list of ‘government-approved dictators,’ like those in Jordan, Egypt, and China, and ‘unapproved dictators’ like Fidel Castro,” he said. “U.S. politicians should abolish this arbitrary list and let American people and businesses decide for themselves which governments should be punished with a trade cutoff.

“The travel ban is reminiscent of authoritarian regimes like the former Soviet Union, East Germany, and yes, Cuba,” Dasbach said. “The freedom to come and go as you please is a fundamental human right. Politicians have no business ordering Americans not to visit ‘unapproved’ countries, then fining and interrogating them when they return.”

And the travel ban is enforced, Dasbach noted. The Treasury Department estimates that 50,000 Americans visit Cuba illegally every year, and an estimated 800 are prosecuted. (21 May 2002)

Failure of drug czar’s TV ad campaign shows that agency should be abolished

A \$1 billion anti-drug ad campaign that may have actually increased teen drug use shows that the Office of National Drug Control Policy is incompetent and should be abolished.

“This is your government’s brain – on drugs,” said Ron Crickenberger, Libertarian Party political director. “The television ads financed by this bumbling federal agency could be luring your child into using drugs.

It’s time to recognize the danger posed by cash-snorting bureaucrats who are addicted to your money, and abolish the drug czar’s office.”

Drug czar John P. Walters was forced to admit that the five-year, \$929 million ad campaign developed by the Partnership for a Drug Free America “isn’t reducing drug use” after a devastating study released recently by the Westat research firm and the University of Pennsylvania. After showing the ads to a group of 12- to 18-year-olds, researchers found no decline in the number who said they intend to try drugs in the next year.

More shocking, some kids who saw the TV ads, particularly girls aged 12 to 13 who did not already use drugs, said they were slightly more likely to smoke marijuana after seeing the ads, prompting Walters to admit that some of the ads may “incite (kids’) curiosity.”

“If Walters is correct, this failed ad campaign has turned the government into a de facto drug pusher,” Crickenberger said. “The fact that politicians are increasing drug use accidentally doesn’t really matter. Whether your child is lured into using drugs intentionally by a slimy street-corner pusher, or accidentally by a slick government TV ad, the result is the same.”

Adding insult to injury is the fact that parents are actually paying for the TV ads that are enticing their kids to smoke marijuana, Crickenberger added.

But instead of canceling the ads, Walters has asked Congress for an additional \$180 million to create a new, “more effective” advertising campaign next year, Crickenberger noted.

“Walters has responded to his agency’s failures like any other addict, by promising to change, to reform, to ‘do better next time’ if only taxpayers will give him another chance – and more money.” (29 May 2002)

FBI should stop doing sex and drugs and focus on terrorism

Here’s one question Congress should ask as it investigates whether U.S. intelligence lapses contributed to the September 11 terrorist attack: Why were a dozen FBI agents investigating a brothel in New Orleans on the same day that terrorists crashed airliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

In an unusual federal prostitution case that has set New Orleans abuzz, the FBI is prosecuting a mother-daughter team who ran

a bordello out of a white-columned, Victorian mansion in the French Quarter. The madam, Jeanette Maier and her mother, Tommie Taylor, are accused of providing discreet sexual favors for \$300 an hour to bankers, stockbrokers, an ex-NFL football star and even a New Orleans judge.

The agency revealed last week that an FBI undercover team had eavesdropped on more than 5,000 phone calls to the brothel over the past year, and as a result it has indicted the two women and 12 prostitutes on conspiracy and racketeering charges.

The most shocking bit of information to emerge on September 11, the day terrorists commandeered four airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, FBI agents were conducting an “investigation” by eavesdropping as hookers arranged sexual liaisons, according to *The Washington Post*. Even worse, agents continued monitoring the brothel after the 9/11 attacks, Dasbach noted.

“Americans should be appalled that at the moment a team of terrorists murdered 3,000 innocent people, a team of FBI agents was busy protecting people from sex,” Dasbach said. “This is clear and convincing evidence that the FBI’s priorities are downright dangerous. At a time when terrorists are planning further attacks on Americans, deploying even one agent to spy on hookers is a threat to national security.”

The FBI obtained wiretap authority 13 months ago by claiming the bordello was involved in mob dealings and illegal drug transactions; yet no such evidence ever surfaced, Dasbach said.

“The same agency that quashed an effort to search the computer of the suspected 20th hijacker, Zacarias Moussaoui, had no problem getting a warrant to listen to dirty phone calls,” Dasbach pointed out. “Why was the FBI more vigilant about voyeurism than about terrorism?”

“We’ll never know if 9/11 could have been prevented had these agents been tracking terrorists instead of tapping hookers’ phones. But we do know that the next terrorist plot won’t be foiled by FBI agents stationed outside a bordello.”

And sex isn’t the only victimless crime that the FBI is wasting its time on.

“The agency squanders its resources on ‘crimes’ like drug dealing, gambling and Internet pornography, all of which harm no one except perhaps those directly involved.

“It also prosecutes crimes that should be done by state and local police instead, such

I'm Okay; You're Not So Hot

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The title of this piece refers to the attitude of every person, country, ethnic group and tribe that has ever been toward Outsiders. This belief, which is really, "We're human, but you're not quite, or not even close," has been one of the pre-eminent causes of war and genocide throughout history. Technically, it's called narcissism.

One of the few decent contributions that Freud made to psychology was his study of narcissism. Wacky he certainly was, but he made up for it by being a superb diagnostician. He was the first that I know of who wrote about "infantile grandiosity." Adult grandiosity has been noticed for thousands of years. The Greeks called it Hubris, always followed by Nemesis. The Bible speaks of "pride going before a fall" (the correct translation of "pride" is the same as "Hubris"). Satan's catastrophic flaw was that of pride, or a completely unrealistic and self-deluded grandiosity that led him to believe he could be God. But Freud was the first to locate this grandiosity as starting in our infancy (Thomas Hobbes came close when he noticed, "The evil man is the child grown strong").

Psychologists of the Object Relations School believe that every infant goes through a period of splitting their selves, and the world outside, into "all-good" and "all-bad." In a sentence, the "all-good" is grandiose; the "all-bad" is envious, rageful, and hating. Those who don't outgrow this, when they grow up, are afflicted with (among other things) Narcissistic Personality Disorder or, much worse, Anti-Social Personality Disorder (those with Anti-Social Personality Disorder used to be called psychopaths or sociopaths). Hitler is a prime example of a psychopath; so is Clinton, but he is a much lesser danger, although I don't have the same conviction about his evil Marxist wife. Satan, too, is the story of a psychopath, grandiose, rageful, hating, envious. Psychopaths have no conscience, leading them to believe people are things to be exploited and manipulated for their benefit. They are almost always quite charming, as Clinton is ("con man" means confidence man, since they are very good at gaining your trust).

I am familiar with only one fiction writer who has consciously written about our tendency to split things into all-good and all-bad,

and that is the humorist Tom Bodett, who, in his book *The End of the Road*, writes about a liberal vegetarian bubble-headed woman who cannot stand the fact her true love has joined the Army. And she *cannot* forgive him. "Tamara's personal iron gates were guarded by a demon that painted everything black or white," writes Bodett. "Black or white. And she was the only cold judge of which was what. This was black, and her demon would not let her see the light even as it burned inside her." The result? She leaves him, forever. "And Tamara Dupree, soldier of conscience, paragon of wholeness, went out to her bus, looked at the lit, empty windows of a Holiday Inn, and fell apart." Hubris, followed by Nemesis.

Probably the most well-known writer who unconsciously portrayed everything as black or white was the narcissist Ayn Rand, who tried to elevate her mental illness to the status of something divine (she grandiosely called herself "the perfect woman" and the "second-greatest philosopher ever," and denigrated her opponents as "sub-humans" living in "a hell"). Her long-time friend, the psychologist Alan Blumenthal, diagnosed her as suffering from Narcissistic, Paranoid, and Schizoid Personality Disorders. If you know what to look for, all three of these disorders are easily discernable in *Atlas Shrugged*.

Unfortunately, all of us are prone, in greater or lesser degree, to splitting the world into "all-good" and "all-bad." Tragically, it is part of our nature, and we especially engage in it when under great stress. One of the problems is that *we don't know we do it*. Since we can't stand the rage, hate and envy in ourselves we cast it onto others. This is scapegoating. We blame the other person. *They're* the ones responsible for my life, my problems, and my bad feelings! The perceptive and wise story of the Garden of Eden explains it well: Adam scapegoats Eve ("It's her fault!") and Eve scapegoats the serpent ("It's his fault!") The serpent, not at all surprisingly, is a symbol of envy, meaning envy is the basic cause of narcissism and scapegoating (this is exactly what Object Relation theorists have concluded, a few thousand years later). This is also why one of the Ten Commandments reads, "You will not envy." Envy oftentimes leads to murder and theft, two of the other main prohibitions in the Commandments.

The worst eruptions of rage and hate I have ever witnessed came from envious people. And it was directed at people who weren't much better off than they were. It was then I realized the envious are truly greedy, no matter

how much they're given, it's never enough. What they really want is to drag everyone down to their level. No matter how much taxes are raised on the rich, it will *never* be enough for the envious.

Rage may be hot, but hate is ice-cold. Only that kind of complete cold-heartedness could allow people to pilot planes into buildings, knowing that children and babies would die.

Every tribe that has ever existed has grandiosely called itself "the Humans" or "the People," devaluing outsiders to the status of sub- or non-humans. Group narcissism, Erich Fromm called it, in such books as *Escape From Freedom*. Group narcissism explains why tribes could do such bizarre things as treating their own with great kindness and spitting outsiders' babies on spears. Every religion has tried to overcome this Original Sin of ours with such commandments as "Love your neighbor as yourself" or "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The Golden Rule, as C. S. Lewis has pointed out in *The Abolition of Man*, exists in every religion.

I find it curious, and somehow significant, that the word Jesus used, "Gehenna" (mistranslated as "Hell" in some Bibles), is a valley in which infants were sacrificed to the idol Moloch. Much as the "Palestinians" are doing today with their children, and in the same area. Human sacrifices a form of scapegoating; it's also based on our narcissism. Little noticed is that when Jesus drove the money-changers from the Temple he also drove out those selling pigeons and doves for sacrifice to God.

Nations are just tribes writ large. They grandiosely call themselves "the Fatherland," "the Motherland," or speak of "God and Country." I've come to the conclusion it is possible for the citizens in nations to be hypnotized into a mass psychopathology. If they couldn't be, then all those millions of soldiers would not have marched off to be slaughtered in WWI and WWII (I've had this fantasy for years that when governments try to start wars everyone in all the countries involved says, "Naw, I don't think so...I'm just fine in my recliner here. Beer?")

Propaganda works by appealing to our narcissism. Propaganda dehumanizes, then demonizes and scapegoats "the enemy," then calls for their destruction, supposedly leading to peace. Steven Spielberg, for a good example, did a despicable thing in his pro-war propaganda film, *Saving Private Ryan*. He did not portray one of the Germans as a human being. All are cowardly, murderous, shaven-headed thugs (and being shaven-headed they are as interchangeable as cogs. And cogs are things, not

Jimmy Carter's Freedom

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Jimmy Carter's remarks during his recent trip to Cuba are a perfect reflection of the muddled mindset that characterizes both Democrats and Republicans when it comes to the subject of freedom. Carter raised the importance of four aspects of liberty during his trip: political liberty, civil liberty, economic, and educational liberty.

With respect to political liberty, Carter rightfully criticized Cuba's totalitarian dictatorship and emphasized the importance of such things as free and open elections in which people have the right to elect their political leaders. Most Democrats and Republicans would agree with Carter's remarks.

With respect to civil liberty, Carter emphasized the importance of fair and open trials. Many Republicans, however, even while condemning Fidel Castro as a Communist, would sympathize with how Castro deals with suspected criminals. In Cuba, there are no jury trials, and accused criminals are tried by military tribunals. There are no independent defense attorneys, no right to counsel, no right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and no right of appeal. In fact, there are none of the protections in criminal cases provided in the U.S. Bill of Rights that Republicans often condemn as "constitutional technicalities."

But it was Carter's remarks about economic liberty and educational liberty that caught both Democrats and Republicans flat-footed and silent. On the first day of his visit, Carter said, "Our people are completely free to form their own businesses, to hire other people to work, and make a profit."

Excuse me? Completely free? Carter's words might describe Americans in 1890 but they bear absolutely no resemblance to America today. In order to form such businesses as law, medicine, hairdressing, shoeshine, restaurant, and many more, Americans must first secure a license from the state (just as Cuban citizens must do) and if they fail to secure such permission, they're put in jail (just as Cuban citizens are). If Americans hire illegal aliens, both the employer and employee are subject to being incarcerated and fined (just as they are in Cuba). Employers and employees are legally prohibited from

entering into a labor contract that calls for a wage lower than the legally established minimum (just as they are in Cuba). Finally, profits are strictly controlled by the amount of income tax levied by the Internal Revenue Service (just as they are in Cuba).

To Carter's credit, even while claiming that Americans have economic liberty, he did seem to recognize what Republicans refuse to recognize: that the U.S. government's decades-long embargo against the Cuban people itself is a violation of the economic liberty of the American people. Here is what Carter said, "The embargo freezes the existing impasse, induces anger and resentment, restricts the freedoms of U.S. citizens and makes it difficult for us to exchange ideas and respect." Unfortunately, for decades the U.S. government has embraced socialist controls on the American people in the purported attempt to free the Cuban people from a communist dictator.

The most humorous aspect of Carter's pronouncements, however, involved his praise of Castro's socialist economic and educational system, comments that neither Republicans nor Democrats would dare touch with a ten-foot pole. Carter said, "The Cuban government is dedicated to providing superb education, health care, and equal opportunities to all the people" and "We have struggled unsuccessfully to guarantee the basic right of universal health care for our people."

Whether he realizes it or not, Carter is effectively saying that socialism is great in the areas of education and health care and that Americans should continue moving in that direction! Which Republican or Democrat would disagree? The only difference is that Democrats and Republicans honestly believe that such things as Social Security, public schooling, Medicare, and Medicaid are "freedom and free enterprise," while Castro and his communist cohorts correctly recognize them as socialism.

The War on Privacy

by Rick Stanley

The spin doctors are at it again.

Figuring out that the FBI's recently announced "War on Terrorism" is really a War on Privacy is hardly rocket science. Anybody with a little common sense can see that. Just look at the government's previous record with the "wars" they have already declared on America's social problems.

- During the Great Depression, Roosevelt's "War on Unemployment" quickly became a war on sound money, a war on the supreme Court, and a war on the system of checks and balances. The New Deal had very little real effect on unemployment in America. It took a real war, World War II, to snap America out of the economic doldrums. But the New Deal did concentrate a great quantity of totally unconstitutional power in the office of the president.

- Lyndon Johnson introduced us to the "War on Poverty." Anyone with a little common sense saw through that one right away. In truth it has always been a war on your pocketbook, and a war on the independent practice of medicine. Thirty-five years later poverty in America is just as widespread as it ever was, and the Medicare program has driven the quality of medical care down while simultaneously driving the price through the roof.

- Tricky Dick Nixon introduced America to the "War on Drugs," another unconstitutional exercise of governmental power designed to control the citizenry. And what is that war really all about? It's about stealing billions of dollars of private property via unconstitutional "asset forfeiture" actions. It's about keeping the price of certain drugs unnaturally high so that the foreign interests who smuggle the drugs can reap immense profits. And it's about treating the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Amendments as if they were so much toilet paper.

Now George W. Bush and Robert Mueller are introducing us to a brave new "War on Terrorism." Is it any wonder that thoughtful American patriots fear these two, and their latest unconstitutional power grab, more than we fear al Qaida? Isn't it perfectly obvious? This isn't a war on terrorism. It's another war against the Constitution. It's another assault on your unalienable rights.

When the FBI was first created, there were grave doubts about the constitutionality of a federal police force. When Tricky Dick Nixon used the FBI to investigate his political enemies, the resulting hue and cry eventually forced him to resign his office.

Yesterday the director of the FBI announced that the agency's mission has been altered. It's not a law enforcement agency any longer. Now it's a domestic spy agency. It will poke and pry its way through America's mail, and e-mail, and phone calls, without even the semblance of probable cause and without a judicial warrant.

What the Government Doesn't Want You to Know about the Constitution

by Rick Stanley

"We, the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Fifty-two words. Fifty-two beautiful words.

The words are familiar. Perhaps you had to memorize them in school. Maybe they have been etched into your brain because you have re-read them so many times. They are the Preamble to the Constitution; the introductory clause that opens the supreme Law of the Land.

Everybody knows what the Preamble says. Sadly, far too few of us ever take the time to give due consideration to what it actually means. Let's spend a few moments reflecting on it together, to deepen our understanding.

Stripped of its internal baggage, this sentence reads "We the People ... do ordain and establish this Constitution." What could possibly be clearer? The people of America, you, and I, and everyone else who inhabits our great nation, have established the Constitution. And what, precisely, is a constitution?

My dictionary defines a constitution as "the system or body of fundamental rules and principles of a nation ... that determines the powers and duties of the government and guarantees certain rights to the people."

When I reflect on this definition, and on the words in the Preamble, three great essential truths stare back at me.

*Since We, the People, have established the Constitution, we are the ones who have written the fundamental rules and principles for America. When deep questions about the relationship between the government and ourselves arise, the government's agents cannot answer them. We must answer them.

*Since We, the People, have ordained the Constitution, we have determined the powers and duties of our government. When questions about the proper extent of those powers and duties arise, the government's

agents cannot supply the answers. We must supply the answers.

*The Constitution is not the source of our rights, and neither is the government. The Constitution we have written simply guarantees our rights. The government cannot decide what our individual rights are. It must, instead, protect and defend the rights we already had before we established the Constitution.

Now when I look around me to learn what the conventional wisdom is, I see that a great popular misconception has been spread across the land. How and why this misconception arose need not concern us here. The men who have spread this falsehood have been at it for decades. I could write a book.

Here's an example of this pernicious lie, lifted from the pages of the *Rocky Mountain News*. In an editorial column about me published on May 8, 2002, the editors at the News opined, "Since 1803, however, when the Supreme Court decided Marbury vs. Madison, the state of the nation has been that laws are unconstitutional when the court says they are."

By the plain language of the Constitution itself the News is flatly wrong. And students of history can tell you that many of the founding fathers never accepted the dictum of Marbury vs. Madison. Here's an example. Writing in 1820, Thomas Jefferson had this to say about that infamous decision, "To consider the judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions (is) a very dangerous doctrine indeed, and one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy."

Which is it to be, America? Do you want to live under the despotism of an oligarchy? Will you accept the government's opinion, which says you will be ruled by judicial fiat? Or are you willing to take your own Constitution at face value?

Do you want to live in a free country? Then you must help me dispel this pernicious lie. Help me put the Constitution over the government once again, where it ought to be. Help me put an end to the creeping judicial despotism that Thomas Jefferson feared so much.

It's your country. The future is up to you.

The LPUS Mailing List

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Purpose

The LPUS mailing list is dedicated to discussion of Libertarian Party business at the national level. It is expected that the content will primarily be of interest to committee members, officers, staff, and contractors of the national LP and its state affiliates, but any LP activist, member, or even non-member is welcome to participate as long as comments are constructive and on-topic.

LP "business" means matters pertaining to the LP as an organization. Messages about political theory, about libertarian approaches to public policy questions, about other libertarian organizations, or about activities of interest to libertarians in general belong elsewhere. Please do not post newspaper articles or messages copied from other lists unless they relate specifically and directly to a matter that is itself on-topic.

"National level" means that messages should pertain to the national LP, to the relationship between the national LP and its affiliates, or to matters that would be of interest to LP organizations anywhere in the U.S.; messages about topics of purely local concern (i.e., within one state) should not be posted here.

Category System

In order to facilitate the selection of messages by users who may not be interested in following all of the discussion on all topics, each LPUS message is assigned to a "category" as follows.

LPUS: news and announcements of overall interest

LPUS-CAMP: campaigns for public office (other than presidential)

LPUS-PRES: presidential campaigns

LPUS-DATA +: databases / mailing lists

LPUS-DROP +: Ds, Rs, and other parties

LPUS-PLAN +: strategic planning

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LPUS-PUBS +: newsletters and other publications

LPUS-TV +: television/video

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LPUS-MISC: discussion that does not fit into specialty categories

Categories are assigned primarily on the recommendation of the user posting the message; however the list owner reserves the option to change the category of any message. For a detailed description of each category, see the "Category Descriptions" section below.

Subscribers may specify which categories are included in their subscriptions, except that the main "LPUS" news and announcements category will be sent to all subscribers. By default, subscriptions will additionally include LPUS-CAMP, LPUS-PRES, and LPUS-MISC. Categories marked with "+" in the list above will only be sent upon request.

Each message is posted under one category only, i.e., no "cross-posting" across categories. All subscribers receive the basic "LPUS" distribution of news and announcements, so there is no need to post those items again under another category in order for them to be discussed. If you have information that everybody really needs to see, it probably belongs in the "LPUS" category. Otherwise, if you have something to say about more than one topic please post separate messages focused on each topic, to allow subscribers to concentrate on the aspects which interest them.

Related Lists

The Libertarian Party operates a list for official announcements intended for wide distribution. LPUS subscribers should subscribe to or otherwise arrange access to these messages, so they don't need to be cross-posted to LPUS. To subscribe, send a message to "ANNOUNCE-REQUEST@LP.ORG."

Many states now have mailing lists for discussion of LP business at the state or local level. For further information, see the list at [HTTP://WWW.DEHNBASE.ORG/LIBERML/](http://www.dehnbased.org/liberml/) or check with your state party.

Subscriptions

LPUS is available via the Internet as a mailing list. Mailing list subscribers may elect to receive their messages one at a time (i.e., as soon as available) or in "digests". (A digest contains several LPUS messages sent as one e-mail message.)

Users may additionally specify which categories they wish to receive. Users may request any combination of categories except that the main "LPUS" category is always included.

To subscribe, to change your category selection, or to cancel your subscription, send a message to the request address: LPUS-REQUEST@DEHNBASE.ORG

To post a message, send to CATEGORY@DEHNBASE.ORG, where "category" is the category you believe best fits your message. For example, to post a general announcement, send your message to "LPUS@DEHNBASE.ORG," to post a comment about a presidential campaign, send to "LPUS-PRES@DEHNBASE.ORG."

If your e-mail address changes, or you are going to be unable to receive e-mail for an extended period, please send a message to LPUS-REQUEST@DEHNBASE.ORG requesting a change or cancellation of your subscription. Please be aware of limits your Internet provider may put on your mailbox size and read your messages frequently enough to avoid "mailbox full" conditions.

If your e-mail address appears to have become invalid, your subscription will be cancelled. If messages cannot be delivered to you due to a persistent "mailbox full" condition, your subscription may be reduced to the news and announcements category only. In either case, to request resumption of regular delivery when the situation has been corrected, simply send a message to the request address.

Netiquette

Please apply the commonly-accepted standards of courtesy when making use of LPUS. Do your best to express your ideas without being offensive to other users. At the same time, please be tolerant of the behavior of others, and not be too easily offended.

If you are new to LPUS or to e-mail discussion in general, please review the following points:

- * Remember to limit your messages to matters that relate to LP business.

- * Try to avoid personal attacks, if you have a disagreement with what somebody else has written, comment on the idea not the author.

- * If somebody posts in a way that you find offensive, let him or her know how you feel via a private message, rather than making a fuss about it to everybody.

- * When somebody doesn't understand what you have said, try to explain it in a dif-

ferent way, don't just repeat what you said before.

- * If only one person really needs to see your message, send it privately rather than to the list.

- * Read your messages over before sending them and try to correct errors (facts, spelling, grammar) before they trigger an avoidable extra thread of corrections/comments.

- * Keep in mind that it is not necessary to reply to every post.

- * Put a little more time and thought into coming up with a comment that can turn the discussion in a useful direction, rather than just replying with a "me too" or an insult.

- * If somebody says something that seems pointless, ignore it.

- * If you find yourself stuck in a loop arguing with a particular person, stop.

Category Descriptions

LPUS [included in all subscriptions]

News and announcements relating to the Libertarian Party overall.

Discussion of items posted here should be conducted under one of the other categories.

Examples of appropriate messages

- * announcements and reports from national officers and committees

- * news from the national office

- * announcements of candidacy for internal party offices

- * news about legislation that would affect party business (e.g. ballot access, campaign finance)

- * corrections to previous messages in this category

LPUS-CAMP [included by default]

News and discussion relating to Libertarian campaigns for public office other than president/vice-president. As this is a national forum, messages should relate to the interests of a national readership, in one or more of the following ways

- * messages about campaign techniques and procedures of general applicability nationwide

- * messages about campaigns of national prominence

- * messages which illustrate a question or problem that is likely to be of interest to people working on other campaigns

The following types of messages should NOT be posted

- * announcements of local campaign meetings or appearances

- * internal discussion of plans or problems of a specific campaign

LPUS-PRES [included by default]

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News and discussion relating to Libertarian presidential and vice-presidential campaigns.

LPUS-DATA [included only on request]

Discussion of databases and mailing lists for LP organizations.

Examples of appropriate topics

* software suitable for state and local LP organizations

* the national office database

* techniques for sharing data among LP organizations

* policies relating to member data privacy and list sharing

Note: As LPUS is a public list, care should be taken to avoid posting messages containing data that may be considered personal or confidential. For example, in discussions of database problems, names of actual members or contributors should not be included in any sample transactions or reports.

LPUS-DROP [included only on request]

Democrats, Republicans, and other parties in relation to the LP. Appropriate topics include

* cooperation with other parties on issues or strategy

* opportunities for recruiting members from other parties

* comparisons between the LP and other parties

LPUS-PLAN [included only on request]

Strategic planning. Appropriate topics include

* actual proposed plans

* major elements of long-range planning, including possible strategies and goals

* planning methodology

* communication/integration of plans between the national organization and the state affiliates

* measurement/evaluation of plans

Discussion of future activities inevitably involves reference to past activities. However, the purpose of LPUS-PLAN is to discuss future plans, and overall plans rather than details of individual projects.

Mention of past results in the context of what can and cannot be expected to work in the future is appropriate. However, detailed discussion of specific projects (past, present, or future) should be done using one of the other categories.

Messages posted to LPUS-PLAN should emphasize strategy rather than tactics, long-term rather than short-term, general ap-

proaches rather than detail of implementation, and how projects fit together for the success of the LP as a whole rather than the projects as separate activities.

LPUS-PLAT [included only on request]

Discussion relating to the national Platform. In order to allow extended discussions of several topics to go on simultaneously without requiring all subscribers to follow all of them, messages may be assigned to sub-categories according to plank. To post a message to a sub-category send it to LPUS-PLAT-XXX@DEHNBASE.ORG, where "XXX" is a code for the plank. (Codes are currently the same as the filenames of the planks in the online archive of the Platform at [HTTP://ARCHIVE.LP.ORG/PLATFORM/](http://archive.lp.org/platform/), e.g., "foc" for "Freedom of Communication", "agr" for "Agriculture.")

LPUS-PROG [included only on request]

Development of the national Program, including selection of issues and drafting of planks.

LPUS-PUBS [included only on request]

Discussion of newsletters and other publications.

Examples of appropriate topics

* desktop publishing software and techniques

* policies concerning editorial content and advertising

* how to find suitable material, writers, reporters, etc.

LPUS-TV [included only on request]

Discussion of production and distribution of television/video programming for LP organizations.

LPUS-WWW [included only on request]

Discussion of WWW sites for LP organizations -- issues of site construction and maintenance, helping people to establish new sites, ideas and tools for improving existing sites.

LPUS-MISC [included by default]

Discussion of any topic relating to the national LP organization or to LP organizations nationwide other than those for which there is a separate specialty category.

Examples of appropriate topics

* matters relating to the LNC or the national office

* techniques for state and local party organization

* campaigns for internal party offices

Discussion of Libertarian Party business necessarily involves consideration of many topics which are also covered by other mailing lists. The emphasis of messages posted

here should always be on how these topics relate to what Libertarian Party organizations are doing. For example: LPUS-CAMP is for discussion of LP campaigns, not all the issues of public policy that may happen to come up in campaigns.

LPUS-DATA is for messages about LP organizations making use of databases, not for discussions of computer science or the software industry.

And although LPUS-MISC is "MISC," remember that it too is still "LPUS." This category is not intended as a general libertarian discussion forum. All messages in all categories should still meet the basic LPUS criteria of "LP business" and "national."

Libertarians Blast Unlawful Detention of Jose Padilla

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Rick Stanley is the Libertarian Party's candidate for U.S. Senate (Colorado) in this year's election. More information about Rick's campaign can be found on his web site located at [HTTP://WWW.STANLEY2002.ORG](http://www.stanley2002.org).

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swering questions from the press constituted communicating terrorist information; (and virtually guaranteeing that the next hundred defendants, foreign or domestic, accused of terrorism or other anti-government activities will be unable to secure competent defense counsel); demanded the "right" to bug all communications between (certain) defendants and their attorneys; broken into offices and searched them, with no notice, under "secret" warrants, (in clear violation of two hundred years of constitutional jurisprudence), and engaged in the sort of behavior that only a Lavrenti Beria or a Heinrich Himmler would consider a proper part of "law enforcement." And this is just the beginning. It is the nature of things like this that they start slowly, against those people the public dislikes most, and grow over time, both in type and frequency of use, and in type of target, (i.e., victim). If it is allowed to stand, it is only a matter of time before it is read more and more broadly, before the word "terrorism" is applied to more and more activities, and before more statutes like it are written, under the rubric of "national security," with more secret warrants, "no-knock" searches, for more alleged "crimes." It is coming.

The German Syndrome

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that their rights will be upheld, when the rights of so many others have not? What makes people think that what happened to Randy Weaver, or the Branch Davidians, will never happen to them? Are they not reacting just like the Jews Rabbi Mermelstein mentioned?

In picture after picture from the Holocaust, we see German soldiers and SS men herding Jews and others with unloaded weapons. Submachine gun bolts forward, rifle firing pins down, pistols secured in full-flap holsters, these people had no fear of those they led to slaughter. They knew that the people they killed had no will to resist, and they were right. Not because the Jews or Gypsies were inferior, but because the victims refused to believe what was happening. In the movie 'Schindler's List' as the women are going to the gas-chambers and bemoaning their fate you hear a voice cry out, "They wouldn't do that to us, would they?". That is the sound of denial, that is the sound of the NRA and Civil-libertarians as new restrictions

on our rights are imposed, because no matter what violations have occurred before, some will refuse to believe the newest outrage. Because if we admit the truth we must do something about it.

The day the NRA admits that the government plans to deny our rights and kill those who resist, the NRA must call upon its members to act. The day the ACLU admits that the destruction of the Second Amendment heralds the destruction of all rights, they must act to preserve it. The day that the American people admit that the government is out of control, that it murders its citizens and oppresses its people, they must do something about it. They must decide to risk their fancy houses and SUV's, they must risk their lives and the futures of their children, or they must accept the blood of innocents staining their hands, and admit that the gold the government gives them is pried from the mouths of victims just like them.

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as combating street gangs, prosecuting auto thefts, and investigating telemarketing and mortgage-loan fraud.

"Congress should immediately order the FBI to stop wasting resources in this way," Dasbach said. "Consider it a prophylactic against terrorism." (13 Jun 2002)

Jesse Ventura's decision proves that third parties can't succeed by selling out

Jesse Ventura became an instant third-party hero when he was elected governor of Minnesota, but failed dismally once in office because he governed like a typical Republican or Democrat.

"Jesse Ventura is a case study in what third parties must avoid if they want to succeed in the long term," said Steve Dasbach. "After all, if voters want elected officials who lie, break promises, and raise taxes, as Jesse Ventura did, then there's plenty of Republicans and Democrats who are more than qualified."

Ventura announced that he would not seek re-election this year, citing what he called unfair media reports that his son had trashed the governor's mansion during late-night parties.

However, political observers speculated

that sagging popularity ratings and public anger over a flip-flop on raising taxes were the real reasons Ventura decided not to seek a second term.

Ventura, a former professional wrestler and Navy SEAL, garnered worldwide headlines when he was elected in 1998 on the Reform Party ticket, becoming the nation's only third-party governor. In 2000, he resigned from that party and joined the Minnesota Independence Party.

Ventura's election was a milestone for modern third parties in America, acknowledged Dasbach.

But once in office, Ventura squandered his reputation by acting like a typical Republican or Democratic politician, said Dasbach. Over the last four years, Ventura

* Broke his promise not to raise taxes.

* Broke his promise not to use tax dollars to build sports stadiums.

* Broke his promise to limit the growth of government. (19 Jun 2002)

Congress shouldn't throw its weight around in case of "jumbo flyers"

The American Obesity Association should drop its complaint against a Southwest Airlines policy of charging overweight passengers for an extra seat because it flies in the face of common sense.

Southwest Airlines came under fire for its policy of charging "jumbo" flyers for two seats when the American Obesity Association said it may file a lawsuit, or even ask Congress to outlaw the two-ticket policy. The airline says it has stepped-up enforcement of its 20-year-old policy in response to complaints that obese passengers who wedge themselves into one seat were making things "uncomfortable" for other flyers.

The rationale used to challenge Southwest's policy? It's not their fault they're overweight.

Miriam Berg, president of the Council on Size & Weight Discrimination, said, "If a person takes up more than one seat, that's not the problem of the person, that's the problem of the seat."

"Instead of acknowledging the reality that overweight people consume more space, these customers are trying to force a business to give them something for free," Dasbach said. "The good news is that two similar lawsuits against Southwest Airlines, one in 1990 and one in 2000, were decided in the company's favor. The bad news is that

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if Congress decides to 'weigh in,' anything can happen.

"For example, the Americans with Disabilities Act defines obesity as a disability in some cases, but so far the law hasn't been used to force airlines to give up an extra seat. However, disability lawyers, inspired by the Southwest Airlines controversy, are already pushing Congress to reverse that."

But if Congress can prohibit airlines from charging overweight people for two seats, what's next?

* Should restaurants be forced to fork over "super-sized" portions of food to overweight people, at no extra charge?

* Should bars be prohibited from charging customers for a second, third, or fourth drink if they claim "it's not their fault" that they can't stop drinking?

* Should a men's clothing store be compelled to charge 7-foot-1-inch basketball star Shaquille O'Neal the same price for a suit as an average man?

* Should it be illegal for a home-builder to charge large families more money because they need a bigger house?

"Common sense dictates that companies can't have a one-size-fits-all pricing policy," Dasbach said. "But when has common sense ever stopped Big Government from throwing its weight around?" (21 Jun 2002)

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humans). I wonder if he's familiar with *All Quiet on the Western Front* or the movie, *The Boat*?

The US government, sadly, is no different than any other government in the history of the world. We were founded as something truly different, but now it has gotten to the point where our government has relegated many other nations, outsiders, as Not Quite Human. It has meddled for decades in the internal affairs of other countries, supporting murderous tyrants who have slaughtered and abused their citizens. Is it surprisingly the US government is absolutely hated by so many people in the world? That it is called "the Great Satan"? The USG is engaging in a type of human sacrifice, "We have to sacrifice them to save ourselves."

I honestly thought after the collapse of the Soviet Union we were looking at new era of peace. I did not believe the American Empire, without the Cold War to restrain it, would just simply explode across the world, interfer-

ing and meddling in nearly every country's business. We have troops in 140-145 countries, and some of the lunatics in the administration believe we should have troops in every country. If other countries had troops here, how would we feel about that?

When you apply the concept of narcissism to politics, it explains many things. Let's take Osama bin Laden (who I now believe is dead). Here was a guy with grandiose, unrealistic fantasies covering up the humiliating fact his religion had its Golden Age 1000 years ago and has been left behind by the West. The Islamic countries are so weak we can conquer all of them, although I'm sure it would be a Pyrrhic victory because of guerilla warfare and the loss of domestic liberty. I'm sure bin Laden was eaten alive by envy, hate, and the desire for revenge. I'm also sure he scapegoated the West and blamed all problems on it (I think one of the reasons the WTC was targeted because the essence of envy is to "bring down" the envied. I'm sure most of the Third World envies us and wishes to bring us down, even if they go down with us).

Yet, for all his delusions, bin Laden was right about the US government committing genocide in Iraq. After all, we had to sacrifice them to save ourselves. And it certainly was "worth it," as the oozy Madeleine Albright put it (whenever I see her on TV, I close my eyes and see Jabba the Hutt).

While everyone else was narcissistically idealizing bin Laden as some sort of satanic genius, I instead saw him as a deluded, envious nut, who covered up his humiliation and feelings of inferiority with grandiosity, and who had no idea of what the United States military could do to anyone who got in its way. Stupidity is envy's retarded little brother.

Much of the Islamic world scapegoats Israel ("That country is the cause of all our problems"). If Israel ceased to exist would the Islamic Golden Age bloom again? Nope. What would happen is the standard of living of everyone in the area would collapse. Then someone else would be found to fix the blame upon. And you would find people saying, "We need another 60 years to overcome the fact Israel was here for 60 years," just they way I've heard Americans say, "We need another 300 years to overcome the fact we were slaves for 300 years." It's denying self-responsibility, the bane of humanity.

The United States scapegoated alcohol and tried to get rid of it with Prohibition. What we ended up with is organized crime, which still plagues us. Currently the State is scapegoating

drugs, which is why we have that catastrophic failure known as the "War on Drugs."

The essence of narcissism is abuse. In a sense, all countries, politically, are psychopathic in their dealings with other countries. They try to exploit, abuse and manipulate them. This is why I consider the State to be a satanic entity. It's chaos intruding into order.

Narcissists also can't take a joke. They are completely lacking in a self-deprecating sense of humor. That's also of the main characteristics of the State. And most politicians, too (when I think of the typical politician, I think of C. S. Lewis' description of Hell "a state where everyone is perpetually concerned about his dignity and advancement, where everyone has a grievance, and where everyone lives the deadly serious passions of envy, self-importance and resentment").

The US government has been narcissistically abusing the citizens of other countries, treating them as expendable things, while seeing itself as "good" (This is why Dubya said, "They hate us because we're good"). Foreigners returned the favor and flew planes into our buildings, treating us as things. So we returned the favor again, speaking of "the axis of evil" and "the evil ones" while bombing the rubble in Afghanistan into even smaller rubble. It sounds like children hurling insults at each other, "You're the Great Satan!" "No, I'm not, but you're the Evil Ones!"

Right now the US government is trying to scapegoat Saddam Hussein, who, like Manuel Noriega, used to be a "friend" of the US (Henry Kissinger once made the comment that as dangerous as it was to be an enemy of the US, it was fatal to be a friend). Whether or not this is going to lead to an unnecessary war, I am still not sure.

Because governments are consistently psychopathic in their dealings with each other, and because they are consistently trying to scapegoat each other, the best thing countries can do is have as little political dealings with others as possible. They should engage in little more than free trade.

Around and around and around we go, and when everyone learns their lesson no one knows.

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Collin County www.tx.lp.org/collin/
Dallas County <http://lpdallas.org>
Denton County www.tx.lp.org/dentonindex.html
El Paso County www.tx.lp.org/elpaso/index.html
Harris County www.tx.lp.org/harris
Montgomery County <http://lpmc.main.com/>
Nacogdoches County www.tx.lp.org/nacogdoches/index.html
Tom Green County <http://tgclp.tripod.com>
Travis County www.austinp.liberty.org

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LP Texas: Email LPTexas@LP-Texas.org with "subscribe lptexas" in the body.

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Other Sites of Interest

The Advocates for Self-Government www.theadvocates.org
Alliance for the Separation of School and State www.sepschool.org
The Ayn Rand Institute www.aynrand.org
Bill of Attainder Project www.isc-durant.com/tom/billoftainder/
District Boundaries www.capitol.state.tx.us/redv/redview.htm
Federal Election Commission www.fec.gov
The Future of Freedom Foundation www.fff.org
The Heritage Foundation www.heritage.org
Incumbent voting records <http://scorecard.taxpayer.net>
Initiative for Texas www.initiativefortexas.org
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Lone Star FIJA www.juryduty.org
The Marijuana Policy Project www.mpp.org
National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws www.norml.org
www.norml.texas.org
The Reason Institute www.reason.org
Skeleton Closet www.realchange.org/
Texas Election Code www.capitol.tlc.state.us/statues.-eltoc.htm
Texas Statutes www.capitol.state.tx.us/statues/statutes.html
The Loose Cannon Libertarian www.freecannon.com

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Paul Hansen US Representative, District 29, www.paul.hansen.org
Clark Simmons, US Representative, District 31, xld.com/public/campaign/home.htm
Michael Badnarik, State Representative, District 48, www.badnarik.org/
Robert, Howard, State Representative, District 49, groups.yahoo.com/group/rock4rep
Robert Restivo, State Representative, District 72, electrestivo.tripod.com
Ron C. West, State Representative, District 91, www.taig.org/west.htm
Robert Paty, County Treasurer, Nacogdoches Co., www.netdot.com/patyr/candidates/rpaty.htm
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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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The War on Privacy

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Have you seen the FBI's definition of a "domestic terrorist"? They published it four years ago. It's already been widely publicized. It says that people who "defend" the Constitution are domestic terrorists. It says that people who ask questions when they're stopped by the police fit the profile. It even says that "lone individuals" are probably domestic terrorists.

That description fits nearly every citizen of the United States. Think about it. Have you ever been a "lone individual"? Have you ever asked a traffic cop why he pulled you over? If so, then you fit the profile. You are a suspect. You are now under investigation as a "domestic terrorist."

The FBI's "War on Terrorism" is not what it claims to be. It is another monstrous fraud on the American public. It is just the latest in a long train of usurpations and abuses pursuing invariably the same object: to reduce you, and me, and every other freedom-loving American under absolute despotism.

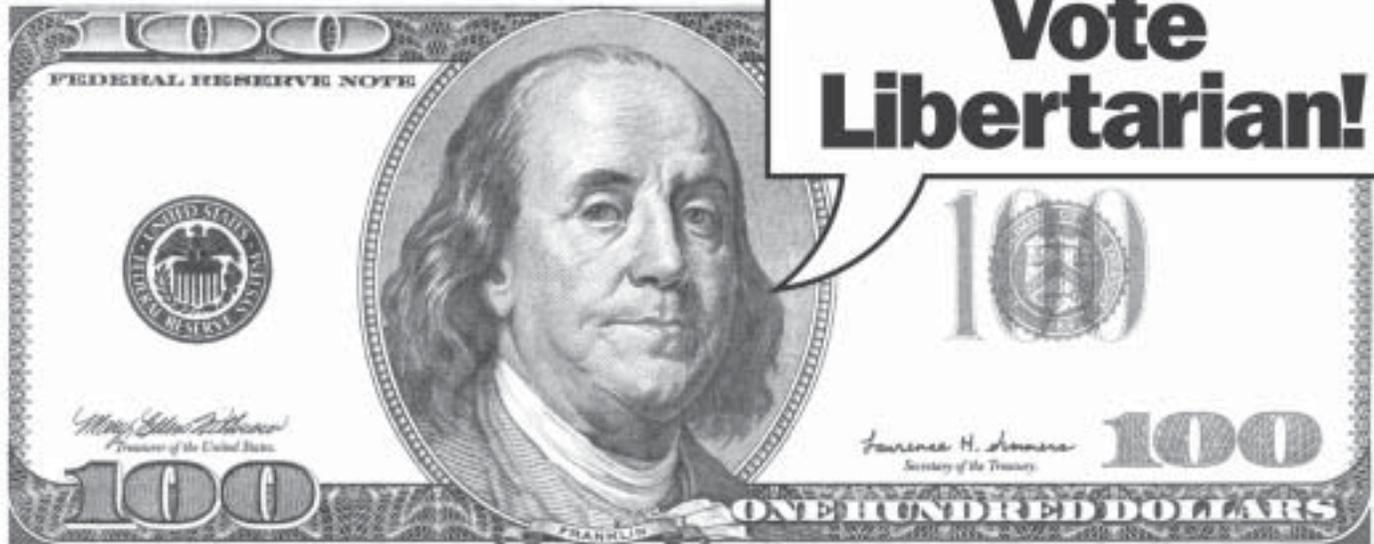
Enough is enough. It's time to call a halt. We must stop the runaway "War on Terrorism" before it destroys our beloved country. It's time to identify the Senators and Representatives who have sold us out as the traitors that they truly are.

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