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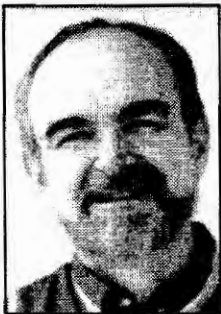
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## The Case "For" the Axe the Tax Initiative

By Alan Fanning and Jason Auvenshine

For at least three generations, the income tax has been both the engine driving the relentless expansion of the modern State, and one of the worst examples of the intrusive, manipulative and abusive policies of that State. Now, right here in Arizona, we have an exceedingly rare opportunity to spike that engine. The ballot initiative, titled "The Taxpayer Protection Act of 2000," if passed, will end the



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income tax in Arizona no later than December 31st, 2004.

Just imagine, if we do our part and with a little luck, there will be no more 1040AZ forms, no more state withholding and no more socially engineered tax credits to pit one favored group against the rest of us.

If we do succeed in Arizona, it will be like a warning shot across the bow, sowing confusion among our opponents and signaling encouragement to our allies. Not only would this be the first time a state income tax has been repealed, but there is also a good chance that other states would follow suit. Ultimately this movement could see an end to the IRS and the 16th Amendment.

# AXE THE TAX



## "Taxpayer Protection Act of 2000" Would End Arizona State Income Tax

The sponsoring organization for this initiative has many familiar faces from the successful Medical Marijuana initiatives of 1996 and 1998. If you look at the Axe the Tax brochure (or the web site at <http://www.axethetax.org>) you will see folks listed from all across the political spectrum. This is a great opportunity to work within a broad coalition to obtain a truly Libertarian goal.

Examining the initiative (refer to the petition or the website) you can see that "Beginning January 1, 2005, the income of indi-

viduals, corporations, partnerships and other legal entities shall not be subject to taxation by this state or by a county, city, town or any other political subdivision of this state." The advantages for liberty and privacy in this act are self-evident. The only criticism that I can muster for this provision is that it takes too long.

We all know that if denied one source of revenue, the state will simply try to tax something else. We also know that the legis-

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## The Case "Against" the Axe the Tax Initiative

By Mark E. Horning

As Libertarians, we should be a bit trepidatious about giving our formal endorsement to this latest attempt to overturn the state income tax. While no one can argue against repealing the income tax, this measure simultaneously goes too far in one direction, and not far enough in others. The success of the Arizona Libertarian Party is based, in large part, on our insistence on standing on the principles the party was founded to promote.



Mark E. Horning

This initiative, while it may accomplish some small short term gains, is most assuredly not based on Libertarian principles or ideals. If passed, this initiative would do three things. I shall take them in order as they appear in the text of the initiative.

This initiative would end the state income tax in 4 years. No rational individual can give a cogent argument for keeping the income tax. The income tax, at its most fundamental level, is a prior claim by the state on the fruits of one's labor, collected via force and the threat of force. While it can be argued that other taxes (especially the property tax) are more onerous, intrusive, abusive, or offensive, that does not fundamentally change the fact that the tax on income is all of these things as well.

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## Belief Is Cheap

By Michael T. Haggard

Do you believe in freedom? I mean, really believe that freedom is right and good and that all people have it? Do you believe that freedom is a cherished thing, to be protected in its totality and fullness? From lurking around "alt.politics.libertarian" and other news groups and listserves, I don't think many of you do.



Michael T. Haggard

However, for the sake of argument, I shall assume that everyone reading this article believes. By that I mean, that each of you want freedom, total freedom, for every individual person. I will allow that you completely agree that the initiation of force or fraud is wrong no matter what the motive. I will concede that you all believe that the individual is the only measure of justice, the only consideration of freedom, and the only focus of law.

Conceding that, I still think that the

majority of you believers are not doing enough. Your belief is cheap.

However, the reality is... I don't think many of you even really believe in freedom.

A dispute has come to a head in Arizona that seems to be bringing out strong feelings and views in other states as well. Perhaps Arizona started it, but I think it more plausible that all that has really happened is that the dispute here has opened the discussion of an existing problem. There is an artificial division in the Libertarian movement. Artificial because, by defining "liberty," one side is completely outside of libertarianism.

The issue has been described on many discussion boards as "The Purists verses the Pragmatists." We shall illustrate how wretched a label this is for the disease that has crept into the Libertarian Party over the past decade. But to define the label as it is used in common discussion: the pure libertarians (purists) are those who will not compromise even one dotted "i" or crossed "t" of the libertarian message. This, according to the "pragmatists," is in conflict with the work and efforts of the libertarians who will allow for incremental success and the watering down of the strong liberty message.

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# The View From The Chair

Liz Brandenburg-Andreasen

## Do State Parties Freely Affiliate With The National Party, Or Are They Enslaved To The Will Of The LNC?



ALP Chair,  
Liz Brandenburg-Andreasen

There has been much discussion burning up the Internet regarding the "Arizona problem" and its affliction within the LNC. The National Party finds itself facing a new revolution of sovereignty and the pursuit of freedom by former affiliates. As we look back in history we can see many occurrences of such problems, from Pre-Revolutionary War days to the actions that led up to the War of Northern Aggression. They too had sovereignty and freedom issues.

First, there were those who could not separate from England, who remained loyal to the Crown. Then, there were those who could no longer tolerate the Intolerable Acts of agents of the Crown. Their desire was for sovereignty and freedom. The first group feared sovereignty, believing that there were God-ordained illuminati set upon Earth to rule and guide them. The second group believed that they were created in God's image. That HE created them to be responsible for their own lives and destinies.

Prior to the War of Northern Aggression, the Congressmen of the North were heavily lobbied by the new Northern Industrialists to secure the raw materials of the South to supply their manufacturing and employment needs. The South, with their own trade agreements made with other nations, and not the Northern Industrial States, perceived the North's attempt to thwart their sovereignty and freedom in trade as enslavement. That attempt to thwart sovereignty and freedom was the prime reason for that War, not slavery! The punishment that the South endured after the War, and the manner in which the 14th Amendment was passed, are evidence of just how punitive the North was.

Fast-forward two hundred and twenty-five years, to the present. We find ourselves in a similar debate over sovereignty and freedom within a party that has purported to be a political homeland for Liberty and Freedom -- the "Bill of Rights Party." The LNC has become the ordained illuminati; it decides

who is and who is not a Libertarian. Within the Bill of Rights, Article I, we find the right to freedom of association. So, do we freely associate with the LNC, or by our very name -- "Libertarian" -- does the LNC make the decision for us? If we freely associate, then we are in an "at will" relational position. Either group can decide to call it quits. That may seem to be what happened in Arizona. So, in what way does the LNC hold decision-making power over our group?

The Arizona Libertarian Party is an organization with 25 years of political and educational activism. We also have three court rulings in our favor giving us control of important political issues. We are the declared Libertarian Party in Arizona. We control whether or not there is a presidential candidate on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot, the quadrennial beauty pageant set up to provide a preferential spotlight to Republican candidates. We have always believed that NO taxpayer money should be expended for ANY election, ballot, or nominating process that was specifically for internal party structure, particularly precinct committeemen.

In Arizona we have come to a crossroads; we have had to endure years of internecine actions by another group of purported libertarians in our state. We have made every attempt to deal with this other group in good faith, as philosophically stalwart libertarians. We have initiated no aggressions, and yet, we have been aggressed against many times and now we are aggressed against with the assistance of the LNC. In our attempt at "good faith and fair play" we subjected ourselves to a "vote" of all of the national party members in Arizona. Most of those with memberships in the national party, are not REGISTERED as Libertarians in Arizona. These "votes" constituted a "Clintonesque" poll for the spineless LNC to justify their decision as to whom to "grant" affiliation in Arizona.

At the time of this "vote" we were also in the Superior Court, once again defending

ourselves against yet another suit brought by the other Libertarian group in our state. Our attorney attempted to reason with members of the LNC, saying that the vote was premature on their part and should be delayed until the court issued a decision. This was excellent counsel, counsel that the LNC chose to ignore. In November of 1999, they held their vote and the other Libertarian group in Tucson was recognized by the LNC as the affiliate. This left a major conflict between the State of Arizona and the Libertarian National Committee.

On January 25, Judge Robert Myers entered a minute order acknowledging our group as the "State Recognized Party." The judge also upheld, although only in form, the Arizona statutes we were challenging. This recognition caused conflict on many levels; the "other" libertarian group wasn't happy, and they filed motions with the court asking the judge to "reconsider" his decision!

On the other hand, we swallowed VERY hard and, during our Annual Convention in Prescott, made significant changes to our Constitution and Bylaws to come into "bare letter conformity" with the Judge's ruling. These changes have caused some hard feelings between some of the most philosophically pure in our party and those of us who've sought to comply with the court's decision, again in "good faith."

Undoubtedly, many of you have heard or read about Project Archimedes and the boast of having the party's presidential candidate on the ballot in all 50 states. Well... it's not necessarily true.

Since the LNC has disaffiliated our group, and affiliated the Tucson group, the LNC has lost its access to the ballot in Arizona. Our group holds that ballot status. This has caused all sorts of Machiavellian maneuvering by the LNC. In February, Joe Dehn, while at the LNC quarterly meeting in Chicago, phoned the Secretary of State's office in Arizona to ask who would be placed on the Arizona primary and general ballot; the national party's nominee, or the nominee cer-

tified by the Arizona Libertarian Party? The response from our Secretary of State's office at that time was that they would place the nominee of the national party on the ballot after the national convention!

What does all this have to do with sovereignty? Well, if the LNC makes end runs around a state-recognized, non-affiliate party, and the LNC's chosen affiliate does not have statewide ballot status, it means that the national party has NO legal or constitutional power to put anyone on the ballot in that state! If we are not affiliated with LNC -- and we aren't -- then the LNC's interference with the ballot access of an independent and sovereign group for its own self-interest is decidedly NOT within the philosophical principles of libertarianism. The LNC believes that IT makes the choices, and IT makes the choices FOR the affiliate!

I say that the people who make up the free association of Libertarians in a state, whether they have the Charter of King Bergland or not, have the full sovereign authority to control the internal party structure -- including who is placed on the ballot!

So the question I pose now is, when a new affiliate doesn't have all the powers or privileges of a state recognized party, can the LNC, a national organization, meddle in the statutory affairs of a state recognized, but non-affiliated Libertarian Party? Again I say NO. We control the ballot access we have worked so hard for so long to acquire.

Since the LNC's bylaws state that it can not reaffiliate with us until after the Anaheim convention, we have no reason to rubber stamp their presidential nominee. They have no right to ask us to do so. Like the colonists two-and-one-quarter centuries ago who could not tolerate the Intolerable Acts of a King thousands of miles away, we stand under a new Liberty Tree. The LNC has become our King George. The Intolerable Acts we fight are the meddling and behind our backs dealings to ensure the wishes of King Bergland and his court. We are the new Patriots who must fight for our rights all over again!

If the LNC is allowed to go into a state and ignore the activists who have worked so long to attain ballot access, only to have their ballot access usurped by the placement of LNC's nominee on that ballot with no permission or communication whatsoever, then no free association of activists can remain as a sovereign association.

The members of the Arizona Libertarian Party, unaffiliated, freely associate as activists to bring the message of "just do freedom" and "your Bill of Rights, use 'em or lose 'em" to a state long believed to be the last bastion of the Old West. Ultimately, this issue will be one that touches all other state Libertarian organizations. So tell me, do you, in your state, control your group's affiliations, ballot status, and structures -- or does the LNC?

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# Send In The Waco Killers

by Vin Suprynowicz

If you don't already know the name VIN SUPRYNOWICZ, make sure you learn it, and learn it well. Why? Because he is the BEST, most articulate spokesman around for the FREEDOM MOVEMENT!!

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### Readers' Comments:

I am nearly in tears over how powerful this book is. I'm a Toastmaster, and your book will be the "Bible" from which years of speeches, letters to the Editor, and perhaps even political campaigns will come. **W.E. Allen**

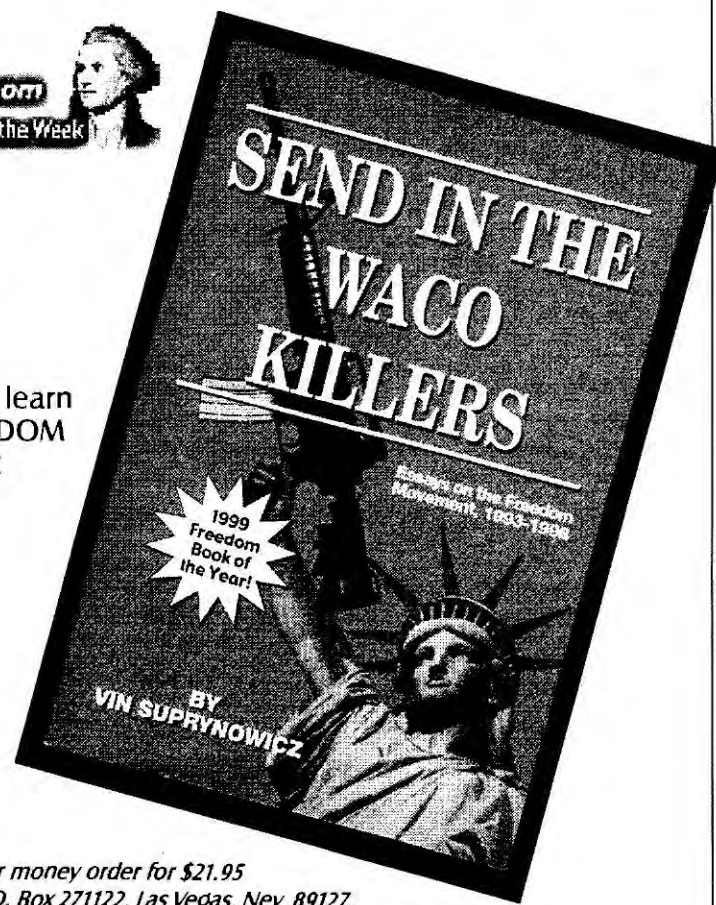
This is a beautiful piece of work... It is an eye opener that even well-read libertarians should add to their reading list. **J. Taylor**

I hardly put it down in the three days it took me to read it. I read some of it twice. It should be mandatory reading, along with the Constitution and its history, for every politician in Washington and every practicing attorney. **R. Emerson**

Prior to reading your book, I was in favor of gun control and, as a former public school teacher, against home schooling. I'm now thinking of purchasing a rifle or shotgun for protection and am thinking very differently about freedom and choice in education. **L. Barkan**

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## Time Line To The Train Wreck

By Tim McDermott

The term 'train wreck' has, at least in political circles, become the symbol of a deal-not-made. It conveys (spoken and silent) the dread of consequences (real and imagined) certain to be realized when both sides walk away from the conference table. Although the history of our five-year feud with what is now called the ALP Inc. has been ugly and divisive, the ALP has yet to take a position from which it cannot retreat. However, that time may be fast approaching. Much is riding on the next few months.

The Maricopa County Superior Court just made some change inevitable. It denied a Motion for Reconsideration from the ALP Inc., in effect affirming the ALP officers as the true and correct representatives of the party, at least for the remainder of this election cycle. So, an interesting dilemma has arisen for the Libertarian National Committee; having disaffiliated the ALP in favor of the ALP Inc, they now find that their affiliate does not have access to the ballot. The ALP, the group they threw out, has it and is under no obligation to put the National Libertarian Party's presidential candidate on its ballot.

If that happens, it will, in all probability, finalize a split in the national LP, which the National Committee began by disaffiliating the ALP in August of 1999. Both sides will have enough hard feelings to rule out any reconciliation; the ALP for being kicked out of the national party and the national party for seeing its presidential ticket left off the 2000 presidential ballot by the ALP. That really would be a train wreck.

Since the beginning of the Libertarian movement, there has been a constant debate (struggle, war; whatever) between the "purists and the pragmatists." The ALP was, and is, one of the most heavily purist state parties in the country. This affiliate drew attention from around the country for its commitment

to principle, showing just how practical it can be. The ALP continually showed slow but steady growth, attaining permanent ballot status by virtue of its increasing registration.

The national office was, most certainly, one of the most heavily pragmatist organizations in the country. They firmly believed that money was the mother's milk of politics, and were not bashful in pursuing it. They also discovered that, for a little inconvenience (and little acquiescence) the government had money to give. The only thing standing in their way was the party's pesky old philosophy and its commitment to being "the party of principle."

The determination to stick to principle apparently irritated some of the pragmatist crowd to the point that they decided that Arizona had to be dealt with. Some party activists in southern Arizona, with ties to the national crowd, set up their own organization. Hoping to take advantage of certain requirements in the antiquated state statutes, this group simply declared themselves the Arizona Libertarian Party, and proceeded to act accordingly.

The results of their efforts have been disastrous for the movement as a whole. In the five years since this group first made its presence felt, they have sued the ALP three times, expropriated the ALP bank account, made numerous false filings with the Secretary of State and the courts, and twice disrupted the ALP convention in failed attempts to gain control of the party.

They also managed to formalize a split in the party, by gaining the recognition of the national party while the State of Arizona still recognizes the ALP.

As noted above, this split may soon become permanent. The question becomes whether they are willing to give up on the practice of purging the purists. The national LP is now on the defensive for many of its excesses. If those responsible for stirring up the trouble either go quietly or mend their ways, it's possible for the split to just fade away. But the door won't be open forever.

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## How I Abandoned Illusion And Found A Home With The Arizona Libertarian Party

By Alan Fanning

Like the tribes of Abraham wandering in the desert, I have been politically homeless for nearly 30 years. Following some radicalizing experiences in the 1960's, I adopted a "pragmatic anarchist" viewpoint (even Heinlein knew this was contradictory), but even then I had not entirely given up on my family heritage. I grew up in a family that was exclusively Democratic and venerated FDR, Truman and JFK. Now, Will Rogers said he didn't belong to an organized party. He was a Democrat. So the internecine squabbling between ALP and ALP, Inc. is very familiar.

I first voted for a LP Presidential candidate in 1980; however, it was not until 1996 that I felt the national organization had graduated from the well-meaning amateur ranks to a serious political party. That realization, and disgust with Bill Clinton and the obvious corruption of both the Republican and Democratic parties, drove me to re-examine my political affiliation. I joined the LP shortly after the national convention in 1996.

From 1996 through the fall of 1999, I spent most of my time out of state working in tax hells like Massachusetts and agrarian socialist states like Nebraska. Arizona seemed like paradise in contrast. Imagine my surprise when I heard about the debacle at the ALP convention in 1999. After sending inquiries

to everyone I could imagine, Peter Schmerl finally replied and told me that the state party had been disaffiliated by the LNC. I gathered as much information as I could, using the wonderful tool of the Internet, reading all of the arguments and mailings and talking to people about what has been going on for seemingly an eternity. When the poll from the LNC came, I voted for the Arizona Libertarian Party. The Voth group. Whatever the ultimate relationship with the national party, I believe I have finally found my political home.

Politics is about the acquisition and use of power. Like a loaded gun, we must be careful how we handle it. Does the party structure serve to advance libertarian principle (or at least policies) or does it serve to promote the type of politics-as-usual that we have grown to hate when served up by the Republicans and Democrats?

The precinct captain and the state committeemen were the building blocks of the old party machines of Illinois, Pennsylvania and



Alan Fanning

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## The ALP Pundit:

Mike Dugger



### Revival Of The Fittest, Brought To You By The Natural Selection

The last year has pretty much been the epitome of the proverbial Chinese curse for the Arizona Libertarian Party. Not only have we lived through some of the most interesting (read tumultuous) times in my experience with the party, but ultimately, we came to the attention of people in high places in the process. Still, to borrow another tired cliché: "Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

Although it may be too soon to pronounce the party cured of the affliction which seems to flare up from time to time in its southern region, it does seem increasingly likely that we will be able to carry on a surprisingly normal, even thriving existence with only an occasional dose of judicial administration to clear up the last remnants of our statist infestation.

Allow me to give a brief recap to those of you who are blessedly unfamiliar with the party's internal strife:

In March 1999, two competing Maricopa County Libertarian Party chairmen showed up at the county elections department to receive a copy of the voter data which state law says that the party is entitled to. The County Recorder -- understandably -- was a bit taken aback by the fact that two different people were claiming to be the proper representative of the party. Predictably, she turned to the courts for direction in the matter, which would have been a mildly interesting determination in itself, but...

A month later the ALP held its annual convention in Tucson. Without going into all the gory details, that convention ended with two separate groups claiming to be the rightful governing board of the party. This dispute quickly became a part of the case initiated by the Maricopa County Elections Department the month before. Now we had a pretty well-defined, if contentious, disagreement for the court to sort out. This was unfortunate, though well-in-hand until...

A Washington, DC-based group calling itself the Libertarian Party of the United States, Inc., took it upon itself to become involved in the dispute. It began by disaffiliating the ALP, and then polling its (the National LP's) Arizona "membership" as to which of the two competing groups it should recognize. Unfortunately, a check of its "membership" revealed that only 38% of its members are registered to vote as Libertarians in Arizona -- with most of the remainder registered as Republicans. Two things became immediately obvious in this light:

1. We now understand where the LPUS' "Project Archimedes" obtained its membership increase from, and
2. LPUS' claim to be a "Libertarian" party is subject to serious dispute.

But that is a topic for another day. Eventually, the court ruled that the ALP -- that is, the one publishing this article -- is the "officially recognized" Libertarian Party in Arizona (as opposed to the LPUS-affiliated one) and that we must abide by certain state election statutes which we had challenged in the aforementioned court case. However, in the course of the judge's decision, he conceded the essential aspect of the law ALP was challenging. For, while he ruled the statutes in question to be constitutional, he had to concede that they did NOT establish who would be the official governing body of the party. The party's bylaws are the final determinant in this regard.

This right of self-determination by the group, which has been the Libertarian Party in Arizona for twenty-five years,

was crucial to ensuring the continued existence of a Libertarian party based on the fundamental principles of freedom of association, rather than a state-dictated structure not unlike those of, say, China or Cuba. In short, we've succeeded in maintaining an essential separation of Party and State which doesn't exist under communism. You're welcome.

All the same, in doing so the judge probably set the stage for still more attempts, by those who've sought -- literally -- to incorporate the party into the apparatus of the state, to seek increasingly arcane, yet decreasingly effective means of doing so. Like I said earlier, the disease is under control, if not entirely routed.

The best evidence I can point out to indicate the impending recovery by the party is contained in these pages. The "Axe the Tax" initiative has led two relatively new Libertarian activists, one in Tucson and the other in Phoenix, to ignore our tempest-in-a-teapot to work together to help repeal Arizona's income tax (See page 1). Both of these gentlemen became active in the party in the midst of our late, lamented internal squabble, yet have transcended the dispute in pursuit of Libertarian objectives. In the process, I believe they have set the stage for a stronger, resurgent ALP by striving to provide us with a banner issue to carry into this year's elections.

I sincerely urge you to do your part to add further momentum to our resurgence. Please take the enclosed petition and get as many registered voters to sign as possible. If everyone receiving this petition were to fill it out by having 15 friends, relatives and strangers sign it, we would easily qualify this initiative for the ballot. In addition, we will make it known to the powers that be that the Libertarian Party remains a force to be reckoned with in Arizona politics. If that and the tax savings aren't enough to motivate you, think of all the time you'll never again have to spend doing your state income tax.

Finally, as if we needed the ammunition, so to speak, the Arizona legislature passed HB 2095 at the close of its recent session (See page 5). This bill was initially drafted to prevent cities and counties from adopting gun control measures beyond those adopted at the state level. That is, until the National Rifle Association got involved and caused it to be amended to include the very same victim disarmament measures the bill's initial proponents sought to prevent.

HB 2095 is a textbook example (one of many recent ones) of the fact that the NRA is simply the nation's largest gun control lobby. The biggest lie (and this is saying a lot) perpetuated by the news media today is that which claims the NRA is a gun rights group. ALL the evidence is to the contrary. If you are a member of the NRA, I urge you to withdraw your support immediately and join the Gun Owners of America, Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, or any other group working AGAINST victim disarmament.

At the very least you should visit the website of the Gun Owners Liberation Front at <http://www.nguworld.com/golf>. There you will find irrefutable evidence that the Arizona legislature has absolutely no authority to pass laws regulating or restricting the possession or ownership of firearms by law-abiding citizens. You will also learn how you can assert and preserve YOUR right not to be disarmed.

When you read over GOLF's material, remember that it was a well-crafted declaration which founded the freest nation on earth and, lest we forget, it has been the use of arms which has defended that nation, and preserved that freedom from time to time ever since. It's time for us each to declare our determination to remain free.

# Is Big Brother Watching Over Me... Or Just Watching Me?

By Ernest Hancock

(Editor's note: this is a long story, a detailed story, sometimes a convoluted story. But it's a good story. Please bear with the length and read it through.)

Last year an actress working in Hollywood, but still living in Tucson, was stalked and killed by a deranged fan who got her address from the state drivers license records.

The legislature acted quickly to make this information more secure, but even more personal information is available to anyone, without question, at the county recorder's office -- for free, and with no supervision.

You walk into the elections department and sit down at any of a number of terminals. You enter the name of an individual (or an address), and you're able to get their mother's maiden name, their address, phone number, date of birth, last four digits of their social security number, and occupation, among other things.

Few people know this better than Scott Decker, an activist Libertarian who recently moved to Arizona. He wanted to continue his support of freedom here, and came to us with an interesting bit of information.

Scott is a process server for the courts. It is his job to locate individuals so they can be served summonses from the court system. This is often a thankless job and not without its hazards. Threats are not uncommon, and the "messenger of bad news" has justification for wishing to keep private the very information he uses to find others in the performance of his job.

Scott showed us the vast knowledge that can be obtained from government databases (In fact, we have a voter database in our possession which is supplied to political parties with ballot status at taxpayer expense).

Scott posed an interesting question: Can an individual exercise their right to vote without being required to make public their per-

sonal information? The answer is yes and no. You can, but only if you're a judge or a law enforcement officer!

"All the Kings Men" are allowed to keep their personal information secret. This "insulation" from the public makes it more and more likely that our "servants" will adopt the attitude of, "I was just following orders" or, "Individual rights? I represent the interests of the collective." This confidence by the authorities that they have a shield against the public -- whose rights they are supposedly hired to protect -- creates a mind-set completely contrary to the proper role of law enforcement officers and judges.

So, with these things in mind, it is easy to understand why we Libertarians would want to make the issue of personal privacy a keystone. One standard for a protected government class, and another for the rest of us who financially support that class, is totally unacceptable.

(By now you're thinking back to the media reports stating that we planned to publish all of this information on the internet, right? Bet you didn't like that, huh? Good! The real story is even more interesting than what you *think you know* from the media.)

Many incidents over the years led us to our decision to take on the government over the issue of privacy as it relates to voter information. One of the earliest is the following.

A few years ago I filed a federal lawsuit which wound its way to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and included this very issue. *Hancock vs. Symington, Woods & Mahoney* was responsible for many changes to Arizona election laws.

But one crucial point of law was ignored by this court: that the list of all registered voters in the State of Arizona -- which is supplied for free to political parties -- is

ity "to choose a standard-bearer who best represents their views." A blanket primary "makes ideology irrelevant," he said.

But Thomas Gede, California's lawyer, contended that a state's primary election "belongs to the voters," and not to the various political parties.

The court's decision is expected by late June.

Among the friend-of-the-court advice the justices received was a pro-blanket primary brief from Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who relied heavily on Democrats and independents in his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination this year.

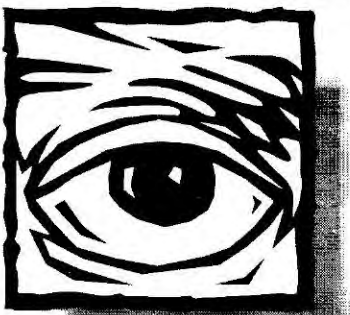
McCain got strong boosts from victories in New Hampshire and Michigan, states with open primaries, but in California he finished third behind Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush.

State primary laws fall into four major categories. At one end of the spectrum is the closed primary, in which only registered party members can participate in choosing a party's nominees. At the other end are blanket primaries, which, for example, allow voters to

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By

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denied to individuals who choose to remain independent of party affiliation. This is a clear violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution, but the Court chose to ignore the issue in their decision.

(An identical lawsuit -- and I mean *identical* -- was going through the same process at the same time: *Ziskis vs. Symington, et al*. The only difference was the plaintiff.

Because I thought it might prove advantageous to change my voter registration at some point during my case, I helped another man from Scottsdale mirror my every move in order to maintain clear standing on the issues. It was this identical case that got the final ruling we had hoped for only weeks after my appearance before the 9th Circuit.)

Despite the court's refusal to address the issue of who was qualified to get the voter lists, a victory not fully appreciated at the time was that the court's ruling, and many arguments from the State of Arizona itself, included the point that *political parties are independent from internal state controls*. This admission would become crucial to later interests of the Libertarian Party.

(Years later we learned that, unless a decision is considered by the court to be of great public interest, they do not "publish" it. In other words, no precedent is set, and later litigants cannot cite it in support of their own suit. Sadly, this means that we put a great amount of effort into this suit -- a long term

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project -- with no lasting results. We wonder if the court ruling on the issue of voter privacy will be a "published" decision?)

Often when we Libertarians get together, we discuss what the next issue is that we can use to make more widely known what government is and does, and what libertarianism is, while carving out a little more freedom in the process.

Libertarians are constantly criticized for not "getting anything done." Many of us know better. But the passage of legislation is only a small part our ultimate goal, which is to inform people as to what is going on in their government. (Like the town crier of centuries past, we are your warning call.) A short term success, the passage of legislation to prevent the widespread posting of voter data on the internet, is fine, but we have not won the war as yet.

The county recorders want to negotiate.  
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## Scott Grainger, '94 Arizona LP U.S. Senate Candidate, Beaten And Pepper-Sprayed By Mesa Cops

It is an alarming trend. More and more we see police and other officials exhibiting contempt for the average person's right to be left alone to enjoy basic privacy, not to mention their contempt for the concept of due process.

On March 2nd of this year, Scott Grainger, the 1994 ALP U.S. Senate candidate, was severely beaten and pepper-sprayed by Mesa police and thrown into jail for over 20 hours. Scott and his family will never again look at law enforcement the same.

Scott ran an excellent statewide campaign for U.S. Senate and received the highest-ever percentage in the nation

for that office -- and it was a three-way race! He primarily funded this effort with his own money and used his single-engine plane "Charlie" to make the many statewide appearances while still operating his very successful business. Grainger has made many, many friends in this state, and is also well-known for his excellent stewardship of the Maricopa County Libertarian Party as its chairman for many years. Grainger and his family are role models for us all. In many people's opinion, Scott could easily be the "Poster Libertarian" for the country. A no-compromise Libertarian who has been a successful man in his private, business and political life and who could

easily be the hero in any Ayn Rand novel.

So why all of this attention from the Mesa police? Because, while walking to the entrance of a Home Depot store from his parked car, a Mesa policeman approached him on foot and demanded that Scott ID himself. Scott insisted that he be told why. The Mesa officer refused to answer, despite repeated requests that he do so.

After making sure that he was NOT under arrest, and understanding that the officer had no probable cause for the request, and yet sought to violate his rights, Scott informed him that he had some shopping to do. Enraged, at least two (Scott's not sure since they attacked him from behind) Mesa police officers jumped him from behind, wrenched his arm behind him as far as possible, literally ground his face into the asphalt, permanently scarring his face, while emptying a can of pepper-spray into his face and mouth. The whole time the officers kept yelling for the benefit of the bystanders, "Stop resisting arrest, stop resisting arrest!" (That'll teach 'em not to respect our authority.)

Weeks later, the Mesa Police Department still has not filed charges against Grainger for "felony resisting arrest," (but has up to SEVEN YEARS to do so!) Their reluctance may be due to the interest the party has taken in this case, phone calls to and from the Public Relations Department and Internal Affairs, the hard-core, get-the-cops-on-the-stand-so-I-can-rip-'em-apart libertarian attorney, Marc Victor, who Scott has in his corner, and the fact that they made big mistakes with one of the most respected and well-known libertarians in the United States... Game On!

## Arizona Libertarians May Not Have To File Suit Over Open Primary Law

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court appeared close to scuttling "blanket primary" systems in which three states let voters cast their ballots for any candidate regardless of party affiliation. But the justices were warned Monday that protecting political parties' rights with a ban on such cross-over voting will endanger the open primaries in about half the states. Those states let voters choose which party's primary they want to cast ballots in.

"The very essence of the party's right is to define its own message and decide its own candidates," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said while criticizing California's blanket primaries that are under attack from four political parties.

Justice Antonin Scalia worried aloud about letting voters "with absolutely no commitment to a political party, not even for a day" help nominate a party's general-election candidate. "What about the party that doesn't want to follow the crowd?" he asked before warning of "the tyranny of the majority."

George Waters, a lawyer representing the political parties, argued that California's system is "a wholesale assault" on their abil-

# Home-Grown Activism



Rick  
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## NRA Bungles It Again; HB 2095 Guttled

By Rick DeStephens

A few people in a community gathering steam to fight for freedom where it counts most -- at home. From this was Arizona's HB 2095 grown. A few activists deciding to fight an obviously unlawful City of Tucson ordinance which banned possession of firearms, even by peaceful people in parks. The Arizona Revised Code seemed clear enough. A.R.S. 13-3108 stated: "Ordinances of any political subdivision of this state relating to the transportation, possession, carrying, sale and use of firearms in this state shall not be in conflict with this chapter."

Clear enough for Tucson freedom-lover Ken Rineer to arrange for his formal arrest in a Tucson park, well armed with an unloaded Lorcin .380 pistol.

"This is not about guns in parks," said Ken. "This is about the ability of one to defend their family and themselves."

The Tucson City Magistrate, Eugene Hayes, took the law at its word and correctly ruled the ordinance to be unlawful and unconstitutional. The City of Tucson appealed to the Pima County Superior Court, gavelled by Judge Cindy Jorganson, who overturned the magistrate. It is notable that this Arizona judge and former prosecutor, to justify her decision, cited *Morton Grove, Illinois case law!* Imagine, an Arizona judge relying on gun-ban case law from another state. Unimpressed by the meanderingly worded decision, Rineer went to the Court of Appeals. He lost. He then, with the help of a brief written by Branch Davidian lawyer David Hardy, appealed to Arizona's Supreme Court which refused to hear the case. A frustrated Rineer said in a press release, **the law does not mean what it says.**

The next option was to appeal to the Arizona legislature to strengthen the law which was gutted by judicial arrogance. We were in for a fight mounted by the elected officials of Tucson and Phoenix. They scheduled a press conference at the Capitol. We were there to meet them and do interviews. In a surprise move, the reluctant sponsor of the bill, Tucson-area Republican Lou-Ann Preble actually testified against it at hearing.

We discovered that the Governor had met with the anti self-defense Children's Action Alliance. She also met with officials from the City of Tucson: the Vice Mayor, the Assistant Chief of Police and the assistant City Manager. They confided in the Governor that Tucson's long-term goal was total control of handguns within the city limits. Further, they intended to use the CCW database as a tool to pull over selected vehicles and coerce a search. All they needed was a majority vote in the City Council and an end to state firearm preemption. Governor Hull didn't even blink.

Despite the double-dealing, the bill moved methodically through both houses and garnered *veto-proof* majorities. The day after Columbine, Governor Jane Hull, who had earlier ordered the Department of Transportation to remove illegal signs requesting *Weapons Must Remain In Vehicles* at state rest stops; who, after taking office, ordered the security magnetometers and X-ray machines removed as *too intrusive*; whose assistant's office has a sign warning, *This Office Protected By Smith & Wesson*, vetoed the pre-emption bill. It did not go unnoticed that Governor Hull was pro self-defense before the election and decidedly anti self-defense afterward. We fought to urge an over-ride at-

tempt, but legislative leadership did not want to *embarrass* the Governor.

Over the last year, Tucson-based Brassroots Inc., concentrated its efforts on another preemption bill. Sponsors were found. Activists from both sides attended and testified in hearings. Counter demonstrations were held when Phoenix City Councilman Phil Gordon brought out a host of police officials who came out against the bill. All funded by your tax dollars.

It was near this point when things began to take a turn for the worse. No, it wasn't the presence of law enforcement in front of television cameras. We more than showed them to be uninformed and illogical. It was then that we discovered that control of the bill was wrested from Brassroots by NRA lobbyist Darren LaSorte. As the bill moved briskly from another veto-proof majority in the House and over to the Senate for near certain approval, LaSorte began to bargain with the anti-rights Democrats Cumiskey and Guenther from a position eerily resembling weakness. Rather than taking the majority vote and sending the bill to Governor Hull, to sign or veto, in an election year (what would George W. say?) NRA's LaSorte got greedy. The currency with which he bargained was our rights.

Of course when we first learned the NRA was involved, we were pleased. Now we had some real firepower, we thought. LaSorte arrived like a White Knight. Backed by the NRA's legislative experience and influence, we welcomed him. Our mistake. Soon, instead of Brassroots members meeting with those who would vote on our fate, it was the NRA and an out-of-state lobbyist who would soon leave Arizona and leave us to clean up the mess, or live with it. No longer were we being kept abreast of negotiations we were once privy to. E-mails dried up. Phone calls went unreturned. We were left guessing, second-guessing, and feeling rather like neglected mushrooms.

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LaSorte was rumored to be cavorting with Senator Guenther, a nearly-sure "no" vote, who kept asking for concessions. Perhaps LaSorte wanted Guenther to be part of his veto-proof majority. But why burn the barn for the hay inside? Was it true that the NRA was offering, or considering, a complete ban in parks, state-wide? Or is it just in parks less than 100 acres in size? Or is it one-square mile in size? Preserves too? What does that mean? Oh, there is an exemption for CCW permittees? Two classes of citizens. Divide and conquer.

The strategy was not without its critics.

"The NRA wants to claim a victory because they only conceded 95% of our Rights instead of the 100% that the Governor

wanted," said Bernie Oliver, President of Brassroots. "NRA negotiator, Darren LaSorte, apparently is under the mistaken notion that he's dealing with honest, honorable people that actually mean what they say."

And now, the Trojan Horse. If cities may ban guns in parks for those peaceful citizens who will not bow down to the State to ask permission to carry the tools of self defense, what is to stop them from declaring all sorts of property to be parks? Mill Avenue Park. Central Avenue Sidewalk Park. Rio Salado Park.

By virtue of one phrase in a bill taken over by the forever-compromising NRA, we could see the beginning of the end to open carry in the state. No CCW, no carry. When will you stumble upon another Unarmed Victimization Park? Hard to say. But you can bet your speed-loader they will prosecute. They said the park ban was to keep criminals from carrying in parks. But they will use it against

you. You can choose to obey the law, or defend your life. Your choice.

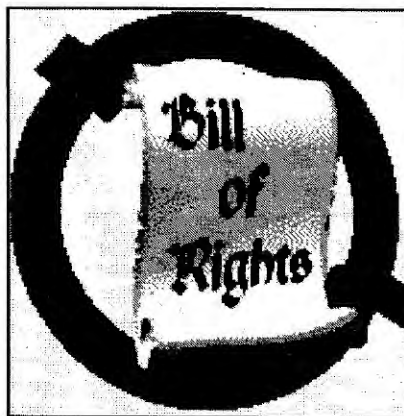
The mood and character of Brassroots is summed up in the words of the group's Vice President, Gary Taylor. "We at Brassroots feel that there is no place in this battle for any compromise. Whether it is the right to bear arms, freedom of speech or any of our other rights. It is beyond my comprehension how ANY organization would be willing to give away any part of the rights that they claim to protect and defend."

The legislature was e-mailed and phoned heavily. But when the debate on the Guenther amendment came, only Senator Scott Bundgaard of Glendale stood for us.

"This bill will infringe on the rights of people who wish to carry a gun for self protection whether it is in a park or state wide," said the Senator as quoted in an AP story.

Bundgaard may not have been able to sway them, but there is no way his fellow legislators can plead ignorance. The measure passed on a *voice vote*. No roll was called. Convenient. This is instructive on how much they fear us. And they should.

Our task, then, is to convince enough people of the basic truths outlined above. After that, we must activate. We must make those who would rob us of our rights aware that we will not be trifled with. Officials fear three things: they hate to be bothered; they hate to be embarrassed, and they hate to be ignored. I have no intention of ignoring them in this election year. It will take much effort from people who work 60 hours per week, and have families to raise. Good thing for weekends and lunch hours.



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# Is Big Brother Watching Over Me... Or Just Watching Me?



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With the parties next year and come up with state-developed encryption packages that will provide for internet posting of data, so long as the government can track who requested the data and who posted it, everything will be OK. Right? Uhuh... I hope that "You bet!" then they will pass laws to limit its use. And don't hold your breath -- you can be sure that initiative promoters will be barred from using it!

Are you starting to see a pattern? Systematic controls are put on our ability to govern ourselves, while at the same time the government makes it impossible for us to protect our identities. And worse, the "King's Men" can still cloak themselves in privacy!

This is why we approached this issue in such a public way. We know what their plans are before they do. We must use the press, the courts and the electoral process in this effort to keep our personal data private, just like "all the King's Men" can, or at the very least, stop the employees of the government from enjoying special privileges or immunities that do not apply to everyone else. We must insist on absolute strict adherence to the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause.

Will we -- can we -- win? We already have! In Arizona we employ a method of activism that does not require sanction from any government agent, be he/she bureaucrat, judge, elected official, or press). We use the government's own arms-of-collectivism to help us inform the population of the truth.

Quite often we are painted as the bad guys, but between the lines of propaganda the truth leaks out. Rarely is a Libertarian painted as the hero. We know this. So we take advantage of the fact that the media wishes to paint us as extremists. We let them depict us in such a way. It's not a nice, but provides us our link to the world in the liberal press. While they think that they are doing us harm, they are doing our bidding. We aren't looking to brainwash the masses, we are looking to provide a stable home for the freedom loving orphans of an increasingly statist environment. America will grow wiser as time goes on, and we're helping.

I want to share a little secret with you now. A thousand press releases will get no attention from the media unless one of two things happen: 1) You have at least a hundred people at one place for an entire day (an easy task for the government, who can pay their employees while they protest at the capitol for more legislation and money), or 2) You have a government number.

How do you get this magic number? You get a filing number when you sue the government in court, when you run for office, when you file an initiative, or when you're given a citation by the police. (When we step onto the government's playing field, we are at a very big disadvantage. It is their field, we're playing against their team [a team with unlimited resources], and they provide the umpires, the rules and the sportscasters who use a government-regulated media. We

know all this and yet we still do combat. Why? Because there is a big audience, and we hope that the audience will learn something. The score on the board (the vote totals, judgements, laws) mean less to us in the long run, than the fact that we got to teach the audience more about a rigged game.)

Nonetheless, media coverage is often the most cost-effective way of spreading an understanding of our cause, and, as pointed out earlier, the media rarely have anything nice to say about libertarians, despite the fact that Arizona Libertarians receive the largest percentage of voter support -- at all campaign levels -- of anywhere in the world.

Does this surprise you? The *Wall Street Journal* calls Arizona "the Libertarian state," for good reason. Controversy, inspired by the activities of the Arizona Libertarian Party, has created an awareness of the problems created by government to a larger degree than in almost any other part of the county. And the voter database issue is a perfect example. Allow me to explain.

In 1994, while my lawsuit was before the 9th Circuit, the Libertarian Party gained ballot status in Arizona. This accomplishment allowed us free access to the voter registration information in electronic form.

We announced to the media and all other political groups that they could have this information from us at our cost (free, plus the cost of the disk, etc.). United We Stand Arizona took advantage of the offer, as did other third party and even major party challengers.

Remember, in 1994 Al Banks (from the original *Axe the Tax*) was running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate against Jon Kyl. He was not given access to the list by the Republicans. He wasn't even allowed to speak at many party functions. This is but one example of how the Republicans and the Democrats have created another benefit for themselves in the area of "Political Welfare." Challenges to the "political elite" are thwarted through political advantages held close by the powers-that-be.

The charge for the voter data is 10 cents per name, to anyone other than recognized political parties. This is a \$300,000 hurdle for anyone running for a statewide office; and all you get for that expense is just an even *start* with the R's & D's. And that is just how they want to keep it.

The parent group of the *Arizona Republic* newspaper challenged this law in court claiming that, since public funds are used in the collection of the data, and since it is already available as a public record to anyone who goes down to the elections department and uses the terminals there, the paper should be allowed all the data on disk, as well. The court ruled against them.

Then the *Arizona Republic* approached me, and requested that I allow them access to the voter database. They knew that we were making it available for political purposes to anyone who requested it and who would also sign a form -- designed by the County Recorder's office -- stating that the data would be used only in accordance with the law.

Although the *Republic* never saw fit to inform candidates of our offer through their

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newspaper, they were very much aware of our position on the subject and hoped to convince me to *violate the law* so that they could have access to the data. Yeah, RIGHT!

Breaking the law in support of principle is less of a problem to me than to most people, but no way was I providing this list to the *Arizona Republic*, in violation of the law, when they had just lied to help protect their investment in the Diamondbacks and tried to defame Libertarians. (See sidebar, *Jinx*.)

We agreed to let them have the list if they would sign the statement that limited its use to political purposes, in accordance with the law. They refused. It was their position that publicly financing the accumulation of data made that

data a public record, and they did not want to weaken their position by allowing conditions to be put on the exercise of their First Amendment rights (All I could think of at this point was, "so I guess you guys now believe that I DO NOT need a permit to have a gun, RIGHT?")

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We knew we would get front page and above-the-fold coverage on this one. Why? Because we knew that the *Arizona Republic* could not resist giving it. (Please keep in mind that we have not done this -- if it was our intention to post this data on the internet, we would have pushed the button and published its location long ago.)

We gave a date of February 23rd as the deadline. Why that date? Because this was the day after the Presidential Preference Primary, and we had a four-year-old gripe on this topic.

Why was the date of the Presidential Preference Primary important? Because in 1996, Arizona Libertarians sued the government to have our candidate taken from this tax-funded popularity poll. This completely non-binding "preference" primary was nothing more than an effort on then-Governor Symington's part to help gain early momentum for his choice for the Republican presidential nomination, Phil Gramm from Texas.

But by the time the Arizona Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) arrived, Phil Gramm had dropped out of the race and Steve Forbes was leading in every poll in Arizona. The problem for the Republicans was that Forbes had not met the requirements for the new law that allowed for the tax-funded PPP and was not eligible to be included on the PPP's ballot.

Conveniently enough, then-Secretary of State Jane Hull made the "ruling" that the *internal activities of the parties could not be dictated by the state*, and that the listing of Forbes was an internal matter of the parties. If they wanted him on, then fine with her, no

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## DB JINX!

**D**ays before the opening of Bank One Ballpark, many activists who opposed the public funding of the stadium gathered at a meeting in Tempe (I had two lawsuits in opposition. Tim McDermott had one, and Ricky Duncan had one). The topic of discussion was what we were going to do on opening day to protest this taxpayer rip-off. Brainstorming ensued. In the end it was decided that we would fund a prize for the winning artwork of a DB (Diamondback) Jinx logo. \$400 was raised at the meeting to begin this effort. Cards were then made up on bright orange paper announcing the Diamondback Logo Contest and were then distributed on opening day to promote the contest. Thousands were distributed by hand and put on cars in every parking garage downtown. (This event is what prompted the Phoenix City Council to make the sidewalk in front of Bank One Ballpark [BOB] off limits to the public, and instead a part of BOB so that people could be kicked out for distributing fliers.)

Eventually the winning logo was selected and is still in use today for fun and games. This simple act of defiance was meant to play on the fears and superstitions of many of baseball's greats. Even though this got mentioned in the *Arizona Republic* (who are part-owners of the Diamondbacks), their spin on the story was "Libertarians Hire a Witch to Put Hex on Diamondbacks." This prompted Jerry Colangelo to get a Native American medicine man to "de-hex" BOB later, but they still had a terrible season.

Mary Jo Pitzel was the reporter who called me to verify the hex rumor. For twenty minutes I made it clear what took place at the meeting. Yes, there was someone who suggested that "for fun" we have a witch put a hex on the team. But it was decided in the end that the DB Jinx logo contest was a better idea. Apparently, she got the "witch" information from someone else at the meeting and already had her story written. Despite her full understanding of our real intentions, she published the witch story. BAM! Global news. Cool, but not true. Of course we got to do uncounted radio, newspaper and TV interviews telling the whole story and, in the end, we benefitted from the story and the Diamondbacks took a dump. But my faith in the integrity of the *Arizona Republic* was at zero... and I owed them one.



# Put On Your Running Shoes

Running for office on the Libertarian ticket provides a FREE platform for spreading the freedom message; or as some would say, the revolutionary message. Admittedly, some of us do not have the resources to effect change any other way than to stand on a soap box and tell it like it is.

If you spend a dime on your political campaign in the belief that you'll WIN with a freedom message you're likely kidding yourself. But that doesn't mean you won't have an influence and do a great deal of good.

I want all of you to consider the following. I have put the word out to various Libertarian email lists, and elsewhere, in an effort to fill vacant slots on the Libertarian ballot this election with candidates. I remember when we filled the ballot in 1994 and how effective it was in getting our message out. If

it were not for the Libertarian candidates on the ballot in 1994, at least 60 of the 90 legislative seats would have been decided in the PRIMARY.

By being on the ballot (which takes only 4 to 10 signatures of Libertarians) you get FREE coverage. At the very least garner some ink about your positions. It's like being guaranteed to have your letter to the editor published, and all you had to do was fill out a form and get 5 signatures. So I'm asking you interested Libertarians to help spread the message of freedom. It'll take less effort than you'd put into most anything else you can do and I'm willing to help you out. I have the candidate forms ready and a list of libertarians in your area. Each legislative district has 3 seats available. If we have too many candidates, then that's what our primary is for.

I warn you all, do not get caught in the

common trap of thinking that you have a better chance of winning if you just soft peddle the Libertarian message a bit. Compromise will get you the same treatment as the legislature got this session. Running as a Libertarian is very effective and the best thing I know to cause the politicians pain (to the opposition).

So, I am asking that all of you to consider doing the following: You'll be asked to speak at all of the candidate forums (that mostly consist of teachers and government workers of all kinds). However, candidate forums are increasingly attended by concerned people who are looking for alternatives to big government. I have enjoyed seeing this transformation over the last 10 years. In addition, you'll get to meet the very people who are the engine behind the political situation we are in now. And to top it off, you'll gain a greater voice when you write to your legislator in the future. You'll find that you are no longer dismissed as just another keyboard.

Typically you will be asked to do from 2 - 5 newspaper interviews that will result in at least 2-3 paragraphs of what you believe and why. You can expect about 3-10 minutes of TV time on news stations and PBS (sometimes they just turn on the camera and say "go," and you get to say whatever you want). In certain races you may get to do some in-studio talk radio.

Your clean and clear message is far more important than your appearance or speaking ability.

I can't stress how much fun it is to see a legislator squirm when forced to respond to your statements in a campaign, and then see them avoid you like the plague, only to be forced by the media to give a definite response



to YOUR main issues. And all this fun is at NO CHARGE! All of the ground breaking effort and cost has been paid for with a great deal of money and effort by freedom-loving libertarians over many years to provide you this opportunity to enjoy yourself.

Vote totals mean little in most cases. Hell, if you get more than 5% you're already beating the national average for Libertarian candidates. Here in Arizona, double digits are common and when a libertarian goes head-to-head against an incumbent party candidate in a state senate race, we get from 18-30%. My wife got 28% in 1994 against Mark Spitzer in Dist 18, the highest in the nation and all she got was one paragraph in the newspaper about her advocacy of Separation of School and State. You'll get to address editorial boards and tell them what you really think of them - please do, it's not like they are going to endorse you.

C'mon guys! A great deal of effort has gone into earning the right to REALLY be heard by all of the people that have tried to ignore you. But you'll also get to make your case to new, interested people as well. All you have to do is fill out a simple form and get five Libertarian signatures. Then make the most of your opportunity to be a Libertarian candidate for office.

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*(Editor's Note: All announced candidates for any Arizona or National office were asked to submit articles for this issue of the Arizona Libertarian. Every candidate who submitted an article has it printed here. We regret that only one presidential candidate chose to do so.)*

## What Is My Message?

~~~~ Barry Hess ~~~~

By Barry Hess

### Libertarian Candidate for President

As a true subscriber to the fundamental principles inherent to Libertarianism, my platform is no different from other Libertarian candidates. We all hold dear the ideas of individual liberty and responsibility, and the absolute necessity of cutting government involvement in the lives of the Citizenry. The "product" is the same; the differences that exist between us are only in our time frames and expectations.

#### We are all committed to:

- Completely eliminating the Income Tax, (although I am also committed to destroying the databases as well).
- Returning to a system of personal liberty and responsibility.
- Constitutionally limited federal and state governments.
- Revoking victimless crime laws, and releasing those imprisoned under them.
- A non-interventionist approach to foreign policy.
- Returning to a free market economy.
- Maintaining a strong national defense and,
- Returning America to a stable monetary system.

The question that will face the National Convention Delegates will be:

WHEN do you want to actually begin our return to Freedom and Constitutional Integrity? Do you want your Freedom on the lay-a-way plan, do you want it delivered sometime next month, or like me, do you want your return to Freedom, right now?

One candidate has stated he will be happy with just 5% of the vote (only ten times what he received last cycle--a good accomplishment for an individual, but still of no actual value toward implementing our ideas) and a "re-assurance" that we cannot win this time. I believe that accepting contributors' money to support a campaign resigned to losing from the outset is politically irresponsible. This then, is the "lay-a-way" plan. How can anyone get excited about rushing headlong into self-determined defeat?

If we choose to lose, I will personally guarantee our success. The fact is, all great political shifts have been "impossible" to those who lack vision. After all, winning takes real dedication, and real commitment, and real work. Each of the two larger parties have a nominee who will absolutely try to convince us they will win. At the same time, each of the nominees knows that somebody goes home alone on that fateful night in November. We have to be prepared to win, in order for it to become reality.

Another candidate seems to remain silent and uncertain as to when the necessary changes will be implemented. Actual commitment is a political no-no, and his experience as a State legislator seems to have served him well in this regard. Only 42 individuals in history have ever held the office of the Presidency, and every one of them has remarked that the position is so unique that there

is no way to prepare. If having participated in minor races, but listing no substantive accomplishments is a plus, I fail to see it.

My view is a bit more simplistic. Common sense, an appreciation for Freedom, and an understanding of our American Constitution far outweigh the value of having learned how to thrive in a corrupt system. I plan to change the way things get done in Washington, DC, so I care not a whit how they did it wrong. In this particular race, at this particular point in our nations' history, "political experience" is the last thing I would want to put on my resume. I have no desire to become a great politician, I shall be a success if I am known as a great leader. Here then, is your choice for Freedom, "sometime next week".

And finally, you have my vision, and my commitment to win, this cycle. But, the reasonable question is: CAN WE REALLY WIN THE WHITE HOUSE IN 2000?

There can be only one honest answer to this question, and that is, "absolutely YES!!!" A pipe-dream? An unrealistic goal? Tilting at windmills?

Maybe, but if we really desire Freedom in our hearts, it's our only chance. WILL we win, that I don't know, but CAN we win, absolutely. My experiences in all sorts of competitive endeavors have given me a unique perspective on being effective. At the same time, I have no fear of losing. I am committed to pressing onward toward the mark, regardless. In the words of Jim Rohn, "When the book of Life is written, let it show my wins, and let it show my losses...but please, God, don't let it show I didn't try".

In the simplest terms, with a clear vision, a strong strategy, a unified Party effort at the grassroots level, an acceptance by the voting public, personal commitment and effort, and a stumble on the part of our adversaries--we will win this election. We have to be prepared to actually win, so when, if, the opportunity presents itself, we can scoop up the prize without missing a beat.

Virtually everything has to go "right" for us to prevail, I'm well-aware. The worst case scenario though would be a repeat of the last election, where had we been prepared, I am certain we may have captured our place in history.

The actual strategy we are committed to can not be adequately summarized in this short space, so I will ask, if the idea of "winning" strikes a hopeful chord, that you come visit our website at [www.Hess2000.com](http://www.Hess2000.com) for the unabridged version. We Libertarians are strangers to brevity.

Finally, I am asking each of you for your active support, not just in thought and deed, but in action and resources. I'd like to share the words I read as a young man, written by a wise man, that I have only come to understand with life experience. He said:

"Only one who can see the invisible, can do the impossible".

My fellow Libertarians, I'm asking you, if you cannot see our win in November, will you let me be your eyes?

## ~~~~ Ray Price, Ph.D. ~~~~

### Monopolies And

### The Arizona Corporation Commission

By Ray Price, Ph.D.

#### Candidate for Corporation Commissioner

The Mission Statement given by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) in their 86th Annual Report (1997 - 98) reads:

"To exercise exclusive state regulatory authority over public service corporations (public utilities) in the public interest; to grant corporate status and maintain public records; to ensure the integrity of the securities marketplace; and to foster the safe operations or railroads and gas pipelines in Arizona."

Before discussing specific items in the mission statement let's think a little deeper -- about a basis for the ACC to make decisions and determine what actions to take. I believe that the mission statement should be carefully rewritten to make it obvious even to the casual reader that Commissioners believe that they are to serve all Arizona citizens and are

NOT to act as MASTERS telling individuals who own businesses and individuals who work for these owners what they MAY or MUST do and what they MUST NOT do!!

Upon taking office as a newly elected commissioner (with a small "c") I will present a draft of a revised mission statement to the other two Commissioners. I believe that if I were to ask them if they believe in Individual Rights, Individual Liberty, Free Markets, and Limited and Smaller Government, both would say yes without hesitation -- and would agree to my draft with only minor alterations, if any.

Now let's consider the first segment of the present mission statement and the specific example of electricity rates for businesses and residential customers. One does not have to think very deeply to come to the realization that those who supply electricity and those

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## ~~~~ Richard Duncan ~~~~

WE THE PEOPLE must see to it that the individual, whose rights are secured in our covenant, the CONSTITUTION, is free indeed; that he or she can freely come, go, and play; can keep and enjoy the fruits of his or her labor; can achieve an education; can lease, buy, sell, and truly own tangible property, real and personal; can access courts where the rights and guarantees of good old common law are applied impartially; and walk the earth, proud and erect, in the conscious dignity of one who knows that life and home, however humble, are protected by

the just and equal laws of our country.

If elected I will strive to see that the laws passed by Congress, are constitutional, uniform, and unbiased; that they promote law and order, not laws made to order. This is the smooth sea upon which our ship of state must sail. All others are tempestuous and uncertain.

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## Don't Be Your Own Worst Enemy!

By Marc J. Victor

I cringe to think how many times clients come into my office to discuss their criminal matter with me only to learn they have done possibly irreparable damage to their case. I have found few people who are aware of their constitutional rights.

Your awareness of some simple concepts may serve you well in the event you or a loved one is the unfortunate subject of a criminal investigation. First of all, always remember, you are not required to talk to the police. There may be occasions where your persuasive oral skills will serve to get you a stern warning instead of a costly ticket; however, talking with the police will rarely benefit you when the investigation is for a crime.

In addition, talking to friends and family about your criminal matter is usually not a good idea either. Although you do not expect a friend or family member to compromise your case, you may put him or her in an unfair position.

A prosecutor may summon your family member or friend to the witness stand in a criminal trial and ask questions about your statements. Such a dilemma will force your family member or friend to decide between perjury and possibly hurting your case.

Don't get caught up by the fact that the police officer failed to inform you of your "Miranda Rights." These are your rights to remain silent and to have an attorney present during questioning. So long as you are not under "arrest" the police officer may properly ask you questions without informing you of these rights.

You are never required to consent to a search. If a police officer has a search warrant, you must permit the search. However, if a search warrant has not yet been obtained, you should insist the officer obtain one before you voluntarily allow a search. The fact that you insist upon a search warrant does not mean you have something to hide. Rather, it is a confirmation of the constitutional concept that police do not have the right to arbitrarily conduct searches of your property.



A police officer has no right to detain you unless there exists reasonable suspicion that you committed a crime or traffic violation. However, a police officer is always allowed to initiate a *voluntary* conversation with you. Sometimes it is unclear whether or not a person is detained. If you are in doubt, you should ask the police officer if you are in fact free to leave.

If you are arrested, Arizona law mandates that you will be brought before a magistrate within twenty-four hours.

This is an important hearing for you. The magistrate will decide what conditions, if any, must be met before you can be released from jail. You have a right to retain an attorney for this hearing to argue for your release.

Regarding the crime of driving under the influence of alcohol, the best advice is to have a designated driver. However, if you are the

subject of a DUI investigation, you must be especially careful and thoughtful about what you say and do. In Arizona, a conviction for DUI guarantees a jail term.

Arizona law does not require you to submit to roadside field sobriety tests. Although these tests may assist you to convince an officer you are not intoxicated, as a general rule, refusing to take the tests is the better choice. Keep in mind, it is the police officer who subjectively decides whether you passed or failed the tests.

Deciding whether to submit to a blood, breath or urine test is a different matter altogether. If you refuse one of these tests, you will likely lose your driver's license for one year. You should consult an attorney before deciding to refuse or submit to one of these tests.

DUI is a complex area of the criminal law. However, like other criminal charges, the decisions you make during your initial contact with a police officer can be the difference between conviction and acquittal.

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## Arizona Libertarians May Not Have To File Suit Over Open Primary Law

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cast a ballot for a Republican candidate for governor, a Democrat for Congress and a Libertarian for state attorney general. California, Louisiana and Washington state have blanket primaries. In between are open primaries, in which voters are allowed to choose on election day which party's primary they vote in. Such voters get to select the nominees of one party only.

And in a fourth variation, some states permit newly registered and independent voters to participate in the primary of their choice. States that have modified their closed primary systems in that way include Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Rhode Island, the court was told in written briefs.

When asked by O'Connor whether invalidating California's blanket primary would cast doubt on other states' open primaries, Waters said a constitutional distinction could be made between the two systems. But Gede disagreed, saying striking down California's system "would jeopardize open primaries all over the country." He warned against "the slippery slope of total party autonomy."

Gede was peppered by questions and critical comments from O'Connor and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, both of whom often cast key votes in close cases.

Scalia and Chief Justice William H.

Rehnquist also sounded doubtful about California's system. Justice Clarence Thomas, who did not speak during the hour-long argument session, most often sides with them.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David H. Souter, John Paul Stevens and Stephen G. Breyer seemed more sympathetic to California's effort -- a 1996 ballot initiative overwhelmingly approved by the state's voters - to encourage nomination of more moderate candidates.

Gede said the blanket primary has resulted in greater participation among the states' 15 million registered voters, and has allowed 1.5 million independent voters to participate in the primary process.

The system was challenged by the state's Democratic and Republican parties, along with the Libertarian Party and the Peace and Freedom Party. They lost in lower courts.

The court's decision could cloud Louisiana elections scheduled for later this year. The state's open primary for local elections will be Oct. 7. The congressional open primary will be Nov. 7, along with the presidential election. Runoffs, where necessary in congressional races, will be held Dec. 9.

*On the Net: For the appeals court ruling in California Democratic Party v. Jones: <http://www.uscourts.gov/links.html> and click on 9th Circuit.*

## Licensed Cannabis Dealer Appealing Conviction

Our country's drug policy doesn't make sense. Our government expends huge amounts of tax revenue to subsidize drug industries, then spends twice as much trying to convince us we shouldn't use them. It's crazy. Today, if your neighbor brews beer in his garage you would call him inventive, but if he were to plant a seed of any variety of the hemp plant in the ground and nurture it to grow, he would quickly go to jail.

About seventy years ago the exact opposite would have been true. Growing hemp would have gained you praise while brewing beer would have landed you behind bars. Is that not crazy?

Of course, our government is addicted to the drug war. Maintaining a prohibited black market raises prices, drives demand and in turn creates not only more addicts, but also more criminals, and more government jobs. We're not supposed to win the drug war, just continue spending money to fight it.

Arizona made it clear it wanted to be involved in the drug trade. There was big money to be gained through property forfeiture laws. A.R.S. 42-1203 was an Arizona law that allowed for the licensing of dope dealers. Here we have yet another screaming contradiction. The state of Arizona wanted to make selling drugs illegal, but wanted to make money on what was not allowed to be sold by offering a license and tax stamps. Of course what criminal would be crazy enough to get a license?

No criminal would, but a political activist might to expose the hypocrisy of our government. That political activist was Peter Wilson. This author and engineer from Phoenix spearheaded the AZ4NORML campaign to legalize cannabis in Arizona. He purchased the license and stamps and began to sell cannabis openly and encouraged others to get licensed and do the same. He was arrested and

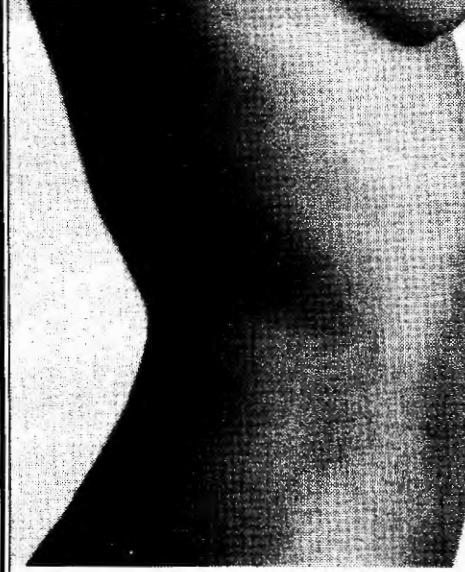
brought to trial in an Arizona justice court, but was acquitted of all charges.

The judge ruled that the state of Arizona must have intended Peter to be able to sell cannabis since they issued him a license to do just that. The media went nuts over the issue (finally), the legislature panicked and quietly repealed the law, and Peter was targeted for the trouble he caused.

When Peter was brought to trial a second time, the prosecutor made sure that there would be a much different ending. The second time he went straight to superior court where a professional judge would rule. The court ruled Peter *incompetent*, but then allowed him to represent himself. The jury was never allowed to know that Peter had a state issued license; that he paid tax for what he had sold; that he had already been acquitted of similar charges. Peter was never allowed to speak in his own defense.

Peter served time for his political activism. He lost his job; his family; his property; even his sense of optimism that the world might get better if he risked himself. The appeal is all that is left now and Peter could use your support. Maintaining the appeal is an expense that is difficult for him to bear in the wake of such crushing defeat.

You can support Peter and show him you care by visiting his website at: [www.peterwilson.com](http://www.peterwilson.com) and by making a donation to his defense fund. You can help continue the fight that he started by purchasing surplus stamps as souvenirs or by buying Peter's book, *What's the Difference*. For a donation of \$5.00 or more you can receive a copy of Peter's *Appellant's Opening Brief*, or just send a George Washington and some words of encouragement. Let Peter know that he may have been defeated, but he's not been forgotten.



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# What is Arizona School CHOICE Trust ?



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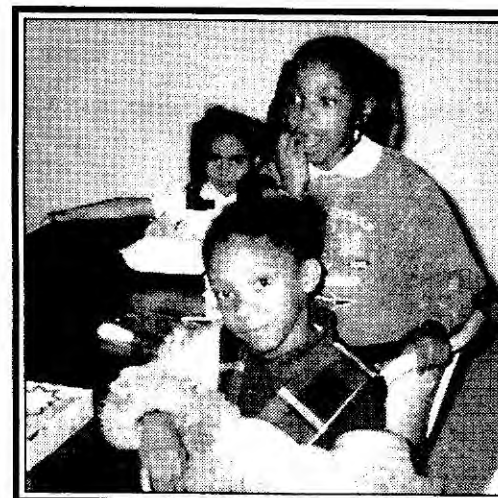
Although public schools serve some students well, many children in Arizona attend schools in which there is little educational value. Expectations are low, accountability and discipline are lacking, and the schools are often physically unsafe. Children "trapped" in these schools by economic necessity typically drop out or graduate without the tools they need to be successful.



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Increased accountability, parental involvement, academic achievement... these are the elements of real school reform.

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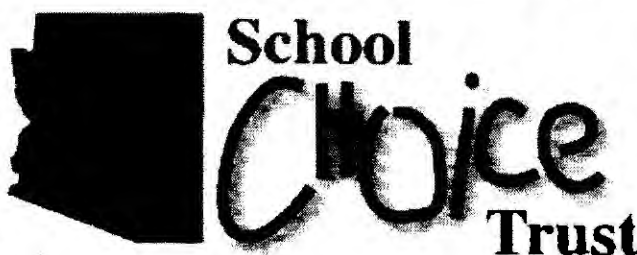
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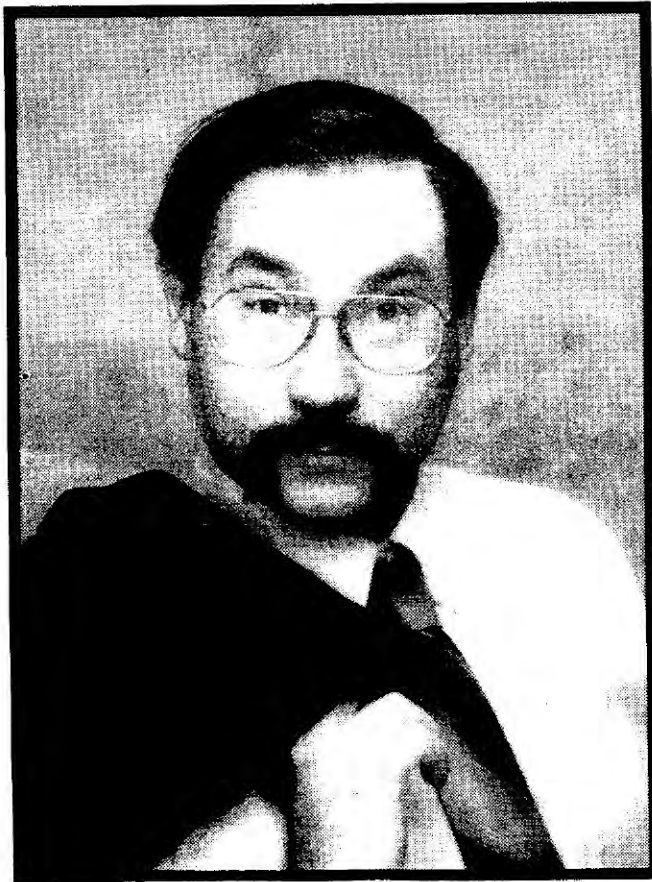
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By  
Sup

## A reader writes:

Mr. Suprynowicz:

I just finished reading your book, "Send in the Waco Killers," and I must say I was impressed. There were many times where my mouth opened to loudly protest your words... then shut again, as I read the following paragraph or page.

**T**he book was loaned to me by (a Libertarian activist and his mate). They may never get it back again (I only jest).

Much to my surprise, I find myself getting politically involved at a relatively late point in life; I'm 41. I've known of the Libertarian Party since 1980, but managed to avoid any real commitment for all the usual reasons (many of which you shot down quite nicely in your book).

After all, I'm an English/Japanese major; I prided myself on the fact that I "didn't do politics." Well, so much for that. I am cur-

rently in the process of forming a Libertarian chapter in (my) County, and I'm in it for the long haul. Sometimes the reluctant recruits are the best (or at least I like to think so), since we are going in with none of the dew-eyed enthusiasm of youth, and therefore are resistant to disillusion.

Still, I feel I am in way-y-y over my head. Furthermore, while I am getting some support from the state party, as well as from friends like Bruce, I'm still enough of a newbie to know there's no such thing as "too much" support. If I may, I'd like to pick your brain about resources, literature, contacts, advice - anything that might be useful to help this chapter get going and (more importantly) keep going.

I'm asking you because you strike me as being that rarest of Libertarians: balanced. On the one hand, your commitment to Liberty is unquestionable; for you, compromise is not an option. A "moderate Libertarian" is like being "kinda pregnant," isn't it? On the

# Party Building

other hand, you know what the world looks like, and your advice on how to proceed in today's political climate is both savvy and realistic. More than anything else, I'd like more of that advice.

My wife is a defense attorney here; we already know firsthand what happens to people who "step out of line," like many of the poor schmucks in your book. But hey! - you're still in business, right? - which means it's at least possible to advance the cause of freedom without getting incarcerated, beaten, or harassed by the State. Any "survival pointers" you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Once again, I'd like to extend a great big Atta-Boy for your book. It impressed the heck out of me, and THAT takes some doing.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

(Name & other identifying info deleted)

I replied, in similar fashion to what I have said to many others in this regard:

Hi --

I don't know that I'm much of a choice as an LP recruiter. I do speak before a lot of Libertarian Party affiliates, but I haven't attended "regular party meetings" in some years, and I daresay I'm often considered an apostate by the folks who run Libertarian Party headquarters in Washington, along with the associated Permanent Harry-Browne-For-President Campaign.

The main thrust of the national party, as you will learn, is encouraging local affiliates to recruit new members, to get those

members' names and addresses onto computer files, and then to make those lists available to "national" for their endless direct-mail fund-raising, the revenues from which keep the Watergate staff in the manner to which they've become accustomed, and also funds ... the Permanent Harry Browne Presidential Campaign.

For speaking this way, I'm regularly accused of hating Mr. Browne; hating his permanent campaign staff (Michael Emerling Cloud, Perry Willis, et al.); holding that no one should ever make any money or be paid for what they do; and -- worst of all -- not understanding that money is the mother's milk of politics.

In fact, I know Harry Browne, and find him to be a fairly articulate spokesman for our philosophy, in carefully prepared settings. Over the years, with some batting upside the head, he's actually gotten a bit better at rejecting some of the temptations to compromise. Where he used to propose replacing the income tax with a national sales tax or a flat tax, he now preaches "eliminating the income tax and replacing it with nothing." He's even pretty good on ending the War on Drugs.

Rather, my complaint is on the EXCLUSIVE focus of the party's energies (and members' donations) on running candidates for office, and beyond that the siphoning of MOST available funds to support an ongoing national presidential campaign conducted almost exclusively on C-SPAN and on call-in radio shows. (Mr. Browne is at least honest enough to assert he believes that touring around the country, shaking hands at local yokel factory gates and attending other functions where one can "only pick up a hundred votes," is a waste of time.)

If this strategy works, why did the LP ticket draw far less than 1 percent of the vote in 1996, running fifth behind such wackos as the Green Party's Ralph Nader, who was only on the ballot in a handful of states? (Once upon a time, we actually justified spending money on a national presidential campaign on the theory that, when the national candidate visits your local podunk town, that would attract media attention to the LOCAL LP and its candidates!)

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## Why Did It Have To Be... Guns?

Over the past 30 years, I've been paid to write almost two million words, every one of which, sooner or later, came back to the issue of guns and gun-ownership. Naturally, I've thought about the issue a lot, and it has always determined the way I vote.

People accuse me of being a single-issue writer, a single-issue thinker, and a single-issue voter. but it isn't true. What I've chosen, in a world where there's never enough time and energy, is to focus on the one political issue which most clearly and unmistakably demonstrates what any politician — or political philosophy — is made of, right down to the creamy liquid center.

**M**ake no mistake: all politicians — even those ostensibly on the side of guns and gun ownership — hate the issue and anyone, like me, who insists on bringing it up. They hate it because it's an X-ray machine. It's a Vulcan mind-meld. It's the ultimate test to which any politician — or political philosophy — can be put.

If a politician isn't perfectly comfortable with the idea of his average constituent, any man, woman, or responsible child, walking into a hardware store and paying cash — for any rifle, shotgun, handgun, machinegun, anything — without producing ID or signing one scrap of paper, he isn't your friend no matter what he tells you.

If he isn't genuinely enthusiastic about his average constituent stuffing that weapon into a purse or pocket or tucking it under a coat and walking home without asking anybody's permission, he's a four-flusher, no matter what he claims.

What his attitude — toward your ownership and use of weapons — conveys is his

real attitude about you. And if he doesn't trust you, then why in the name of John Moses Browning should you trust him?

If he doesn't want you to have the means of defending your life, do you want him in a position to control it?

If he makes excuses about obeying a law he's sworn to uphold and defend — the highest law of the land, the Bill of Rights — do you want to entrust him with anything?

If he ignores you, sneers at you, complains about you, or defames you, if he calls you names only he thinks are evil — like "Constitutionalist" — when you insist that he account for himself, hasn't he betrayed his oath, isn't he unfit to hold office, and doesn't he really belong in jail?

Sure, these are all leading questions. They're the questions that led me to the issue of guns and gun ownership as the clearest and most unmistakable demonstration of what any given politician — or political philosophy — is really made of.

He may lecture you about the dangerous weirdos out there who shouldn't have a gun — but what does that have to do with you? Why in the name of John Moses Browning should you be made to suffer for the misdeeds of others? Didn't you lay aside the infantile notion of group punishment when you left public school — or the military? Isn't it an essentially European notion, anyway — Prussian, maybe — and certainly not what America was supposed to be all about?

And if there are dangerous weirdos out there, does it make sense to deprive you of the means of protecting yourself from them? Forget about those other people, those dangerous weirdos, this is about you, and it has been, all along.

Try it yourself: if a politician won't trust

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### WHAT IS THE "TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2000"?

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Furthermore, it calls for our federally elected officials to pledge to abolish the federal income tax and have it so written on the ballot next to their name if they are a candidate for federal office from Arizona.



*"The collecting of the state income tax is complicated, inefficient and confusing to the taxpayer. It is a deterrent to business and economic development as has been shown in those states that do not have an income tax."*  
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*"Arizonans, by abolishing our income tax and requiring voter approval of any new taxes, will send a message that will be heard loud and clear across the nation. It's time to bury the income tax and return to the principle on which this nation was founded."*  
Dr. Jeffrey A. Singer



### WHY DO WE NEED THE "TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT"?

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# Isaiah's Job

By Albert J. Nock

*This piece was originally published in 1962 by The Foundation For Economic Education (FEE), Irvington-on-Hudson, New York 10533. The author, Albert Jay Nock (1870-1945) was Editor of the monthly publication of FEE the Freeman (1920-1924) and author of Jefferson, Our Enemy The State, and numerous other books and articles on the philosophy of government and human freedom. "Isaiah's Job" is extracted from Chapter 13 of his book, Free Speech and Plain Language, copyright 1937. This book, now out of print, was published by William Morrow & Company, New York, and this extract is printed with their permission. Write FEE at the address shown for a no-obligation trial subscription to the Freeman.*

One evening last autumn, I sat long hours with a European acquaintance while he expounded a political-economic doctrine which seemed sound as a nut

"Give it to them good and strong and keep on giving it to them. I suppose perhaps I ought to tell you", He added, "that it won't do any good. The official class and their intelligentsia will turn up their noses at you and the masses will not listen. They will all keep on in their own ways until they carry everything down to destruction, and you will probably be lucky if you get out with your life."

and in which I could find no defect. At the end, he said with great earnestness: "I have a mission to the masses. I feel that I am called to get the ear of the people. I shall devote the rest of my life to spreading my doctrine far and wide among the population. What do you think?" An embarrassing question in any case, and doubly so under the circumstances, because my acquaintance is a very learned man, one of the 3 or 4 really first-class minds that Europe produced in his generation; and naturally I, as one of the unlearned, was inclined to regard his lightest word with reverence amounting to awe... I referred him to the story of the prophet Isaiah. (I shall paraphrase the story in our common speech since it has to be pieced out from various sources.)

The prophet's career began at the end

of King Uzziah's reign, say about 740 B.C. This reign was uncommonly long, almost half a century, and apparently prosperous. It was one of those prosperous reigns, however -- like the reign of Marcus Aurelius at Rome, or the administration of Eubulus at Athens, or of Mr. Coolidge at Washington -- where at the end the prosperity suddenly peters out and things go by the board with a resounding crash.

In the year of Uzziah's death, the Lord commissioned the prophet to go out and warn the people of the wrath to come. "Tell them what a worthless lot they are." He said, "Tell them what is wrong, and why and what is going to happen unless they have a change of heart and straighten up. Don't mince matters. Make it clear that they are positively down to

their last chance.

"Give it to them good and strong and keep on giving it to them. I suppose perhaps I ought to tell you", He added, "that it won't do any good. The official class and their intelligentsia will turn up their noses at you and the masses will not listen. They will all keep on in their own ways until they carry everything down to destruction, and you will probably be lucky if you get out with your life."

Isaiah had been very willing to take on the job -- in fact, he had asked for it -- but the prospect put a new face on the situation. It raised the obvious question: Why, if all that were so -- if the enterprise were to be a failure from the start -- was there any sense in starting it? "Ah," the Lord said, "you do not

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## AXE THE TAX ♦ AXE THE TAX ♦ AXE THE TAX

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### The Case "For" the Axe the Tax Initiative

lature has a sorry history of financing things, like stadiums, that have only the flimsiest excuse for public funding. In that context the next provision of the initiative is beautiful. Any new tax or increase of an existing tax may only become effective if the legislature approves it by two-thirds majority, the governor signs it AND it is approved by a majority of voters at the next general election.

The arguments against this provision are several. "Tax increases are a legislative function and our representatives should be allowed to do their jobs. Putting tax bills on the ballot will distract the voter's attention from constitutional and policy issues that legitimately belong there. The tyranny of the majority could result in new taxes that unfairly single out a wealthy minority."

To quote Powell Gammill, "I have pretty much lost faith with my fellow voters, who will blithely vote themselves to be taxed by fractional cents, left and right. And on those occasions when the voters vote a tax down, they will be properly chastised for their short-sighted stupidity for failing to vote for such a wonderful tax proposal by their wiser representatives and the all knowing media, and the voters will be given the same opportunity to vote for the tax over and over again, until they vote to pass it."

So given the present state of affairs, while this provision is necessary to prevent the state from immediately imposing a 10% sales tax or otherwise shifting the burden of the bloated budget to some other sector, we need to be realistic about the ability of the voters to resist prodding by the politicians.

The authors of this initiative are really after the federal income tax. To advance their cause, they have proposed that all candidates for federal office be given the option to take a pledge affirming that the candidate will advocate and vote for:

1. The elimination of the federal income tax.
2. The elimination of the IRS
3. Enactment of a federal tax on economic consumption.

Now this one gives pause. In fact more than pause. If I run for federal office I will not sign this pledge. I would love to see the income tax eliminated and the IRS pushed into the dust bin of history, but we need a national sales tax like a hole in the head. This is strictly a voluntary provision and has no effect except to add a statement to the ballot if the candidate has "taken the pledge." Big deal.

All in all this is a very nice initiative.

No new bureaucracy, more economic freedom, the prospect of lower taxes overall, less intrusion into our personal lives and a powerful political message that will make the statist squirm. I'm going to work my butt off to see it prevail, I hope you will too.

If you oppose the Arizona income tax and agree that the "Axe the Tax" initiative is the right way to end it, we have made it easy for you to help out. Enclosed is a petition to place the "Axe the Tax" initiative on the ballot. Please sign this petition yourself, and get as many of your friends, family, neighbors, and associates as you can to sign it too. Every signature we get from volunteers like yourself saves money which would otherwise go to paid petitioners. This money can be spent promoting the initiative after it is on the ballot, and could make the difference in passing the initiative.

The full text of the initiative is attached to the petition, and must remain so in order for the petition to be valid. Also, be sure to fill out the top portion of the front of the petition; indicate that you are a volunteer, and the county of those who sign your petition. (All signers must reside in the same county for each petition sheet.) Once you have signed the petition and gotten as many additional signatures as you can, you will need to get the petition notarized. The notarization form is on the back of the first page of the petition.

Finally, use the enclosed envelope to send the completed, notarized petition in by May 31st. This will allow your petition to be turned in with many others, for signature verification. If you REALLY oppose the Arizona income tax, or just have a lot of friends, family, neighbors and associates, more petitions are available. Please contact Alan Fanning (Phoenix) or Jason Auvenshine (Tucson) at the email addresses given below. If you do not have access to email, you may also call the Arizona Libertarian Party telephone number, 602-248-8425.

If we succeed in placing the initiative on the November ballot, we will be organizing events to help promote and pass the initiative. If you are interested in participating in such events, again please contact Alan or Jason via email, or call the Arizona Libertarian Party telephone number.

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Phoenix, AZ

-----or  
Jason Auvenshine  
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Tucson, AZ

### The Case "Against" the Axe the Tax Initiative

As Libertarians we must oppose the income tax on principle. If we have established that the tax on income (wages actually) is unconscionable, then we must take steps to end it. That does not mean however, that we should allow the state to appropriate funds via this manner for another 4 years. By allowing for a tax on income to continue for another four years, this initiative effectively gives up the argument as to whether taxes on income are fundamentally wrong. We should not sacrifice the moral high ground we have worked so hard to obtain by endorsing an initiative that tacitly admits that there is nothing philosophically wrong with the income tax.

This initiative would make it far more difficult for the legislature to increase governmental revenues. This is the best part of the package so far; nonetheless, it is not without flaw. It institutes a requirement of a 2/3 vote of both houses to pass any future tax increases. Any tax increase, passed by the legislature, must then be reaffirmed by the voters in the next regularly scheduled general election.

Unfortunately, the initiative does nothing to address the ability of the legislature to place initiatives directly onto the ballot. Thus, the legislature can bypass the supermajority requirement by placing tax increases directly onto the ballot as initiatives. As we have discovered in recent years, placing tax increase initiatives on the ballot in low turn out, off-year elections is quickly becoming the

government's favored method of increasing revenues.

Finally this initiative would introduce into the elections process a method whereby a candidate could sign a pledge to do away with the federal tax on income, replacing it with a national consumption tax. Since no Libertarian would sign such a pledge, the argument has been made that this voluntary pledge is of no concern. Nonetheless, we must avoid ANY implication that we endorse ANY tax.

If the ALP were to endorse this initiative, it would be seen as an endorsement of a national consumption tax. Indeed, the initiative's backers own literature states that they believe that this initiative is the first step towards creating a national consumption tax. I believe we all understand the destructive inflationary effects of such a tax, and thus will not expound upon them here.

The problem with this initiative is not that it fails to eliminate the state income tax in an effective manner. The problem with this initiative is that it clearly endorses the idea of replacing incometaxes with consumption taxes. Libertarians must seize the high ground and work towards an end to state sponsored theft, not play the shell game of shifting the method of collection about.

Our credibility as a party stems from our principles. We must not sacrifice that credibility, nor our principles, for a small, short term gain.

## Income to Consumption: A Compromise?

By Jeffrey A. Hintz

The Taxpayer Protection Act of 2000 would likely have the effect of supplanting the Arizona state income tax with a consumption or sales tax. In libertarian circles the question may arise: Can a principled Libertarian (a redundancy, I hope!) support replacing one tax with another without compromising principle? Some will no doubt say that we as Libertarians should not endorse taxation of any kind for any reason; I myself am sympathetic to this position.

However, there can be little doubt that over the years many of our liberties have been undermined by small and incre-

mental steps, whereas some larger infringements have not taken root. Here I cite Clinton's failed plan to socialize medicine as an example. Even though the big plan was rejected we have still been saddled with many of its provisions by way of smaller, incremental steps; might I say, easier pills to swallow(?), such as the Kennedy-Kassebaum Act.

This incremental approach has been an effective strategy employed by the statist for many years. My only concern is that we will unilaterally disarm ourselves of this potentially useful tactic without at least having a thoughtful and open-minded discussion of its use.

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get the point. There is a Remnant there that you know nothing about. They are obscure, unorganized, inarticulate, each one rubbing along as best he can. They need to be encouraged and braced up because when everything has gone completely to the dogs, they are the ones who will come back and build up a new society; and meanwhile, your preaching will reassure them and keep them hanging on. Your job is to take care of the Remnant, so be off now and set about it".

What do we mean by the masses, and what by the Remnant?

As the word "masses" is commonly used, it suggests agglomerations of poor and underprivileged people, laboring people, proletarians. But it means nothing like that; it means simply the majority. The mass-man is one who has neither the force of intellect to apprehend the principles issuing in what we know as the humane life, nor the force of character to adhere to those principles steadily and strictly as laws of conduct; and because such people make up the great and overwhelming majority of mankind, they are called collectively

"the masses." The line of differentiation between the masses and the Remnant is set invariably by quality, not by circumstance.

The Remnant are those who by force of intellect are able to apprehend these principles, and by force of character are able, at least measurably, to cleave to them. The masses are those who are unable to do either.

The picture which Isaiah presents of the Judean masses is most unfavorable. In his view, the mass-man -- be he high or be he lowly, rich or poor, prince or pauper -- gets off very badly. He appears as not only weak-minded and weak-willed, but as by consequence knavish, arrogant, grasping, dissipated, unprincipled, unscrupulous...

As things now stand, Isaiah's job seems rather to go begging. Everyone with a message nowadays is, like my venerable European friend, eager to take it to the masses. His first, last and only thought is of mass-acceptance and mass-approval. His great care is to put his doctrine in such shape as will capture the masses' attention and interest... The main trouble with this [mass-man approach] is its reaction upon

the mission itself. It necessitates an opportunist sophistication of one's doctrine, which profoundly alters its character and reduces it to a mere placebo. If, say, you are a preacher, you wish to attract as large a congregation as you can, which means an appeal to the masses; and this, in turn, means adapting the terms of your message to the order of intellect and character that the masses exhibit. If you are an educator, say with a college on your hands, you wish to get as many students as possible, and you whittle down your requirements accordingly. If a writer, you aim at getting many readers; if a publisher, many purchasers; if a philosopher, many disciples; if a reformer, many converts; if a musician, many auditors; and so on. But as we see on all sides, in the realization of these several desires, the prophetic message is so heavily adulterated with trivialities, in every instance, that its effect on the masses is merely to harden them in their sins. Meanwhile, the Remnant, aware of this adulteration and of the desires that prompt it, turn their backs on the prophet and will have nothing to do with him or his message.

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## Monopolies And The Arizona Corporation Commission

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who buy and consume it have an interest in common with each other. Each party wants to transact business. In the following, let's not lose sight of the fact that suppliers of electricity and customers who buy electricity ARE NOT ENEMIES!

In a manufacturing company I headed, my Sales Manager and my Inventory Control Manager had a conflict of interest in that the Sales Manager wanted to maintain a huge inventory and the Inventory Control Manager was charged with the task of holding down the amount of cash tied up in inventory! They had to work cooperatively for the company to survive and continue to pay its employees --- but neither individual had to sacrifice any principle. If I wished to try to get more people to vote for me and if I sat on my conscience then I would say or imply that I would see that the masses of Arizonians could buy electricity cheaply and that business owners (a much smaller group of voters) using electricity would be charged a higher rate to make up the difference. I would attempt to get voters to ignore the fact that if a business owner has to pay a higher price for electricity then that cost of doing business must be passed on to the customer; otherwise the business owner would eventually go bankrupt and close the business.

As a commissioner, I would use my experience as a negotiator or mediator and conduct forums composed of suppliers and users of electricity. I believe that the end result of such sessions would be a deregulation solution accepted by all.

I want my grandchildren and yours to enjoy even more freedom than I experienced as a child. You can rely upon me to act in accordance with this attitude and to help Arizonians become even friendlier to business and become better known as the "land of opportunity" and freedom!

## Join The Arizona Libertarian E-Mail Lists!

Discuss issues or questions you may have about the party, keep informed about party events, and read articles about libertarian topics.

All Libertarians are invited to join the Arizona Libertarian Party's discussion list, "lpaz-discuss". This is an open, uncensored list where anyone may post their questions, opinions, or concerns about the party and libertarianism in general. All sides of any issue are welcome, and the hope is that by discussing any differences we have rationally, we can build the trust it will take to unify the party behind our common goal of liberty. It is a great way to get connected with the party, and understand what is really going on.

To join "lpaz-discuss", use either the email method or the web method.

**EMAIL METHOD** (The fastest, simplest way to join):

1. Send a blank email to  
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(You don't have to worry about putting anything in the subject or text of the email you send, as long as you send it to that address.)

2. You will receive an email from ONelist. You must reply to the email ONelist sends you, in order to confirm your subscription. The subject of the email will be "Confirm your subscription to lpaz-discuss". The email might take a while to show up in your email inbox. Don't forget to reply to the email when it comes. You won't be a member of the list until you do.

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1. Enter the following URL into your web browser:  
<http://www.onelist.com/group/lpaz-discuss>
2. Click the "subscribe" link (on the right, beneath "Join Now".)

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## Worldwide And National Trends -- Deregulation Of Monopolies And Privatization

By Ray Price, Ph.D.

Candidate for  
Corporation Commissioner

Here, in our great country, we have had and still have many government supported, government instigated, government EN-FORCED, and taxpayer subsidized monopolies. A worldwide trend today is the reduction of government control, government intervention, and the size of big government by privatizing many government functions and removing or decreasing government regulations. This trend is now perceived by almost everyone and, I believe, is accelerating! I am more and more optimistic!

One industry caught up in this trend is the electric power industry. Some regulatory agencies are moving to break up electric utility monopolies in the U.S.

Several years ago, the political leaders in California built a reputation of being unfriendly to business if not downright anti-business. Then, the governor of California signed a new law that opened the state to competition in the electric power industry. Business and residential customers are able to select power companies just as they pick long-distance telephone service companies.

New Hampshire has a statute similar to California's. Thus these two states have laws in effect that give businesses and residents in their states a competitive edge over residents in other states that are continuing monopolies or delaying joining the aforementioned trend.

I have read that some operations in Arizona have recognized the trend and have developed short and long range strategic plans to make the transition from being a monopoly to being a competing company. Upon assuming office as a new commissioner I plan to ask (not COMMAND) these companies to send to me a summary of the key points in their strategic plans for privatization and for deregulation.

I will discuss the other segments of ACC's Mission Statement at a future time. I would be pleased to answer any questions voters and companies have regarding my position on any issue. Party politics or political party should not be involved in your (the voter) choice of Corporation Commissioners on November Seventh, 2000. Vote for the candidate you believe in. With the cooperation and coordination of all involved, Arizona has a fantastic future! We can do it!!

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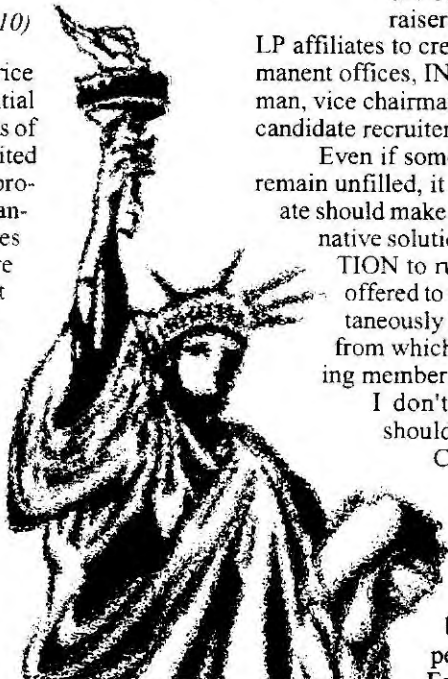
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And look at the price we pay. Every presidential election cycle, thousands of new members are recruited into the LP. Since the professional campaign managers warn the candidates that the media will ignore them if they admit they're not likely to draw even 10 percent of the vote, they're all coached to claim, "We can win; I'm running to win." Then, because they're "running to win," they dare not "throw away votes" by shocking people with the REAL paradigm of freedom -- boldly announcing that yes, we need to legalize machine guns and cocaine immediately.

Instead, they're coached to deflect such questions, saying "We just need to investigate spending some of our Drug-War resources on more sensible treatment and diversion options." or "The 20,000 gun laws already in place should be enough; the key is to enforce those before we think about enacting any more."

In other words, they act just like Republicans and NRA flacks: only they're obviously pseudo-"Republicans," perceived as having no chance to win.

Then, in November, they pretty much all lose in embarrassing landslides -- not because they're "bad candidates," but because our current system is an incumbent-protection racket, where victory depends on collecting millions of dollars of "campaign contributions" in what H.L. Mencken called the "advance auction of stolen goods." (And who's going to contribute more than pocket change to some third-party nobody who obviously "doesn't know how the game is



played," since he or she refuses to promise to manipulate the levers of power to favor his big-ticket backers once in office?)

Come election night, the LP's tallies are lucky to even show up as single digits on TV. And two-thirds of those new members you've worked so hard to recruit quietly slip away, never to be seen again, figuring either they've been lied to, or that THEY'VE failed the cause.

So -- much to the apparent consternation of the fundraisers at "national" -- I advise

LP affiliates to create three or four new permanent offices, IN ADDITION to the chairman, vice chairman, secretary-treasurer, and candidate recruiter/trainer.

Even if some of the positions initially remain unfilled, it seems to me an LP affiliate should make it clear what kind of alternative solutions and tactics (IN ADDITION to running candidates) can be offered to re-expand freedom, simultaneously identifying interest groups from which the LP should be recruiting members.

I don't see why each affiliate shouldn't have a Home-School Coordinator, a Fully Informed Jury Coordinator, a Second Amendment Coordinator, a Tax Reduction Referendum Coordinator, and possibly a "Medical Liberty Expert" and a "Resident IRS Expert." Obviously, such

souls would have to understand the importance of saying "I'm not a lawyer; I can't give you legal advice." But they COULD keep up-to-date files on their assigned area of expertise; refer lost souls to the appropriate national support organizations (like the Save-a-Patriot Foundation, in Westminster, Md., in the case of tax resistance); bring in speakers on their particular area of specialization (advertising that particular meeting to the target interest group), etc.

This doesn't mean you can't still recruit and run a few local candidates, though I would emphasize "a few." Only run candidates obviously qualified for the office in question -- and spend your time briefing and coaching them on the issues. Resist the temptation to "fill all the ballot lines" with "placeholders."

Why? Imagine the local newspaper ignores your candidates for governor and congressman, but notices that in one local race for state representative or water commissioner, a Libertarian faces a Republican in a TWO-WAY RACE. So, that candidate, far

down the ballot, is the ONLY ONE they invite in for an endorsement interview. Because you filled the lower part of the ballot with volunteers who promised nothing but to pay the filing fee, the one and only "Libertarian candidate" who shows up at the newspaper office is a kindly old coot in a stained T-shirt, who frankly admits he hasn't read the newspaper in 10 years and isn't familiar with any of the issues they're asking him about. After he leaves, the editors shake their heads and laugh. How many years will it take to overcome that first impression of your local Libertarian Party?

Anyway, back to my main point: Someone calls the LP and complains they're about to be arrested for truancy for home-schooling. You put them in touch with your local LP affiliate's Home-Schooling Coordinator, who is in touch with attorneys who can quickly intervene. That home-school mom and four of her friends become new recruits to the party -- recruits who will hardly notice or care if none of your candidates win in November.

Another caller complains her son-in-law is being railroaded on minor charges by an overzealous prosecutor. Your Fully Informed Jury Coordinator starts to educate the caller about fully informed juries, and how to pamphlet the public areas of the courthouse with FIJA brochures.

Your Second Amendment coordinator mans an LP table at local gun shows, helping to coordinate a campaign with GOA and JPFO (not the NRA) to lobby for restoration of the rifle team at the local high school, or for designation of expanded areas where citizens are allowed to go practice their shooting.

In all these cases, you're recruiting new folks who might not have ever considered the LP before, but who now see it DOING SOMETHING of direct interest to them, other than holding endless, sterile "Roberts Rules of Order" meetings and political debates. And given their areas of special interest, such newcomers are far less likely to EXPECT a victory right away this November... or to walk away if you fail to achieve one.

The counter-argument will likely be that such an approach will fragment your efforts; that the job of a political party is only to run political candidates; that nothing can be achieved until we elect a majority of members of the Legislature and nothing should be allowed to distract you from that goal.

That is, indeed, the majority opinion. I admit that.

But I reply: The Socialist Party never elected more than two or three congressmen in the 1920s, but by 1935 virtually their entire platform had been made law... by the Democrats. Why did they succeed? Because they never compromised, never re-wrote their demands to make them more "saleable in the short-term." And because they were always

there to help organize a rally on behalf of four more black youths being railroaded by "the system."

Sure, they were cynical and their goals were hideous. But socialism is now the prevailing doctrine in our government schools. And it's going take decades to root it out. That's how successful THEY were. By never pretending to be anything but in-your-face socialists.

Besides which: If we can only win freedom by electing 218 "capital-L" Libertarian congressmen... I think we'd better start loading MREs in our backpacks, and take to the hills with our M-14s right now.

The best folks I can advise you to contact for any advice you may need are the Arizona Libertarians -- Rick Tompkins and Kathy Harrer at spooner@doitnow.com; Eric and Liz Andrasen at quixote@netzone.com; Ernie and Donna Hancock at ernest.hancock@inficad.com. (I warn you, though, that this is the gun-toting, Quasi-Anarchist wing of the Libertarian movement. The national staff at the Watergate will "disavow all knowledge" of this gang ...) There are also some good, strong LP affiliates in places like Pennsylvania and Colorado -- John and Carol Geltmeyer just organized a new county affiliate in Colorado Springs -- they're at JGELT@aol.com.

**Y**ou'll want to be on the mailing list for the Laissez Faire books catalog out of San Francisco. Also find and read a copy of John Ross' "Unintended Consequences" (yes, it should have been edited down by about 25 percent -- but the 2nd half is well worth the slog), and Stephen Halbrook's "That Every Man Be Armed."

I assume you've read Ayn Rand, whose "Atlas Shrugged" remains vital. Objectivists and Austrian economists are part of our movement, and it's better to read them than to try and re-invent the wheel on free-market economics ... though they'll talk you dizzy and leave you to wash all the coffee cups. Nor should you ever "start out" a new recruit by handing him "Human Action" or "The Road to Serfdom." Please.

(Shameless plug: Heavy bulk discounts are available on "Send in the Waco Killers," at 1-800-244-2224. Not a bad outreach tool. Sell them for \$20 and still make some money.)

See if you can get on the mailing list of the Ludwig von Mises Institute in Auburn, Ala. And of FIJA -- Larry Dodge, FIJA's co-founder, is at hlm5703@blackfoot.net.

And Aaron Zelman's JPFO, at jpfo@execpc.com.

Which is probably a lot more advice than you really wanted.

*In Liberty,  
Vin Suprynowicz*

## Join The Arizona Libertarian E-Mail Lists!

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"lpaz-announce":

This is a list for party announcements only. Please take discussions to lpaz-discuss.

"lpaz-repost":

This is a list for reposting articles of a libertarian nature. Again, please take discussions to lpaz-discuss.

The subscription process is really quite straightforward once you get started; especially once you've completed your one-time, personal ONElist registration. So, to reiterate:

If you would like to read or participate in discussions about Libertarian ideas and activities, you should subscribe to lpaz-discuss.

If you would like to receive news and announcements from the Arizona Libertarian Party, you should subscribe to lpaz-announce.

If you would like to read and or post previously published articles and editorials of interest to Libertarians, you should subscribe to lpaz-repost.

By all means feel free to mix or match any of the lists as you see fit. All three will help to keep you abreast of things Libertarian in Arizona. We hope that our three list "flavors" will allow you to order up just the right blend of content to suit your tastes.

## Vital Libertarian Internet Addresses -- Bookmark These or Add Them to Your Favorites

*The internet revolution has definitely reached the Arizona Libertarian Party. Below are some useful URLs for your use and reference.*

<http://www.ArizonaLibertarian.org>

First is our website where you'll find out everything you want to know about the Libertarian Party in Arizona (and probably more). Keep up-to-date on campaigns, views and events of interest to Libertarians.

<http://www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.htm>

If you'd like to register to vote as a Libertarian, or you've finally convinced a friend or relative of the wisdom of doing so, go to this address to acquire a printable PDF version of the voter registration form which you, your friend or relative will need to fill out and mail in.

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By L. Neil Smith

(Editor's note: While this letter was written 6 years ago, it is now revealed to be not only prophetic, but more pertinent than ever.)

**Dear Mike --**

Years ago I noted a tendency among the "girls" my wife works with at the office to urge her to cut her long silky hair because it would be "cute" and "so much more practical." I became suspicious that the "girls" didn't have my wife's best interests at heart -- in fact, if they thought they could get away with it, they'd probably advise her to wear *mud* on her face because it would be "cute" and "so much more practical."

You'll appreciate my feelings, then, when I saw your reply to a reader of *The Blue Press* who wrote to you about the Libertarian Party. (You said) "All successful political movements start at the bottom. If you want a Libertarian senator, representative or president, first nominate them as a Republican or Democrat. Indeed, a vote for any third party is a pure squandering of votes. The place to install candidates is in the primary elections. This November, we can't afford the luxury of voting for principles alone."

There's much I could say (and will) about this "advice." Before I do, I want you to know I agree with your opinion of Linda Thompson which preceded it. Even if she's not an *agent provocateur*, we'd still be treated like the 1932 Bonus Army (or worse) if we marched on Washington as she demands.

Those who see the Bill of Rights as the Ten Commandments of American political conduct must *become* the government through traditional channels, no matter how much time or effort it takes -- and then arrest the criminals who sponsored and voted for the Brady Bill and the Feinstein Amendment, along with those responsible for the 1968 Gun Control Act, and any dinosaurs still living who illegally crammed the 1934 National Firearms Act down the nation's throat.

The question, Mike, is which party is likeliest to aim for that objective -- or better yet, you tell me who "squandered" their votes, those who voted in the past for consistently pro-gun Libertarians, or those who voted for...

**R**epublicans of the US Senate Judiciary Committee, and later the whole Senate, who approved the appointment of Janet Reno despite her often-stated desire to confiscate every privately-owned weapon in America?

Ex-Senator Jack Kemp, the Great White Hope of Republican conservatism, who on "Face the Nation" advocated banning semiautomatic weapons?

John Chaffee, Republican Senator from Rhode Island who introduced a bill last year to confiscate every handgun in the United States?

Republicans of the House and Senate like Kay Bailey Hutchison, without whose help the Brady Bill would never have passed?

Pete Wilson, Republican governor of California (and no worse than his predecessor, George Dukmejian) who let that state's Roberti-Roos "assault weapon" law pass when he could have vetoed it?

New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman and New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who have done nothing to relieve their constituents of the burden of illegitimate gun laws?

Republicans of the New Jersey Senate who refuse to repeal that state's illegal ban on semiautomatics?

Thirty-eight Republican members of the House, and "conservatives" in the Senate like Hank Brown, who voted for the Feinstein Amendment?

Richard Nixon, who stated shortly before his death that the Brady Bill doesn't go far enough because "Guns are an abomination"?

Late Republican Chairman Lee Atwater who gloated that Republicans can afford to ignore gun people, who'll vote Republican no matter what, because where else are they gonna go?

# Who's Wasting Their Votes?



## An Open Letter To Mike Dillon, Dillon Precision Products, Inc.

Again I ask, Mike, who "squandered" their vote? Top to bottom, leftmost to rightmost, the Republican Party has been trying since at least 1988 to "broaden its appeal" by "moving to the center" -- a process which consists of dumping traditional constituencies which its leadership in their "wisdom" see as "marginal" in terms of social acceptability or political correctness. And *foremost* among such "marginal constituencies" are gun owners.

Great men don't "move to the center," Mike. Great men *move the center*. Given the history of the last 20 months, given the pattern of the last several votes in Congress, given the disdain with which George Bush held up that tiny stainless revolver in his first Presidential campaign, or the treachery with which he outlawed importation of semiautos, I don't believe we'd be better off today if he'd been re-elected.

If you do, I'm disappointed in your powers of observation. It's now much more than perfectly clear that the most likely way any gun-owner can "squander" his vote is by casting it for a Republican. The course you suggested to your Libertarian reader is like telling German Jews of the 1930s that if they want their own Chancellor, they should nominate a National Socialist.

The Republican Party is rotten through and through. William Bennett started all the fuss over semiautos, proposing to ban those weapons most clearly meant for Constitutional protection. William F. Buckley is said to have endorsed the Brady Bill, and so is Barry Goldwater. George F. Will demanded repeal of the Second Amendment *months* before Michael Gartner. And some blame all recent gun legislation on Nixon, since Edwin O. Welles and William Colby of the Nixon-era CIA founded the national anti-gun lobbies.

Nor should it ever be forgotten that Waco was planned and rehearsed during the Bush administration. And even Rush Limbaugh, although he often pays lip-service to the Second Amendment, is friends with Kemp, an outright toady to Bennet, and was a towering mountain of Jello all through the Waco siege.

At this point, in the absence of a suitable Libertarian candidate, it's better to elect the slimiest liberal Democrat than risk getting daggered in the back -- again -- by a treacherous Republican. We Libertarians, Mike, aren't the ones responsible for that miserable state of affairs. We aren't the ones who made the Republican Party unworthy of respect by any decent individual. We aren't the ones who chose to violate the oath of office and betray our country by voting for one blatantly unconstitutional proposal after another. We aren't the ones who made it necessary to choose between the Republican Party and the Second Amendment.

*So don't take it out on us.*

Fact is, if people like you (and the NRA, whose principal distinguishing characteristic the last 60 years has been a palpatingly

spineless compulsion to surrender in the face of enemies like Sarah Brady, Diane Feinstein, Janet Reno and Hillary -- or even Chelsea -- Clinton) had listened 20 years ago and endorsed our candidates then, we'd be the majority party by now, and none of us would be in the present mess.

Until you face that fact and accept your responsibility for it, you will be wading in the cesspool of shirked responsibility and unaccountable power that your side so often accuses liberals of having created. You will have taken up residence in the cloud-castles your side accuses Libertarians of building. So let's do this one more time.

Mike, to make sure we've got it straight...

Libertarians oppose all proposed and pending victim-disarmament laws -- commonly but improperly known as "gun control" -- and, *given the political power*, Mike, will:

1) repeal, nullify or otherwise dispose of the more than 20,000 victim-disarmament laws already on the books (not one of which is Constitutional or consistent with the concepts of individual or human rights) and abolish all agencies, at every level of government, responsible for enforcing them;

2) promote unregulated "Vermont Carry" of concealed weapons by civilians nationwide, and decriminalize the act of self-defense, so that it no longer costs an individual's life savings to defend himself from the government, once he's successfully defended himself from *freelance* criminals;

3) pardon and provide restitution to anyone ever inconvenienced in the slightest by victim-disarmament laws;

4) arrest, prosecute, convict, fine and imprison any senator, congressman, state legislator, county commissioner or city councilman who ever introduced, sponsored or voted for victim-disarmament legislation, along with every sheriff, chief of police, mayor, governor and president who ever enforced it, and throw them all in jail where they belong; and

5) where such a violation of individual or Constitutional rights has resulted in a fatality, impose the maximum penalty on such officials.

Can Republicans be counted on to offer the least of these things? In a broader sense, will Republicans work toward a Constitutional separation of medicine and state that will forever prevent nationalized healthcare? Will Republicans promise to eradicate every last trace of socialism from America? Will Republicans extend America's borders for the first time in a century by offering statehood to any Canadian province that ratifies the Bill of Rights? Will Republicans get us back to the Moon and beyond, this time to stay?

My party, the Libertarian Party will, Mike -- I'll personally see that it does.

For your part, it's time that you -- and the entire nation -- discovered that the words "conservative" and "Republican" are fully separable.

The "girls" at the office don't have my wife's best interests at heart, so I always urge her to ignore their "advice." For the same reason, I think we Libertarians will forgo yours -- which over the decades has brought us straight to the brink of disaster -- and follow our own course, wherever it takes us and the rest of the country. Wherever that may be, it has to be better than where the Republican Party has led us.

**ADDENDUM --- AUGUST 21, 1994**

*Since this letter was first written and sent, Republicans have continued to betray the Second Amendment, most recently today by contributing more than enough votes to pass the Clinton "crime" bill in the House of Representatives.*

*Thus I reiterate: in the long run it's better to elect the slimiest liberal Democrat than to vote for any Republican ever again. The Republican Party must be amputated from the American body politic like the gangrenous limb it has become.*

## Why Did It Have To Be... Guns?

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you, why should you trust him? If he's a man -- and you're not -- what does his lack of trust tell you about his real attitude toward women? If "he" happens to be a *woman*, what makes her so perverse that she's eager to render her fellow women helpless on the mean and seedy streets her policies helped create? Should you believe her when she says she wants to help you by imposing some infantile group health care program on you at the point of the kind of gun she doesn't want you to have?

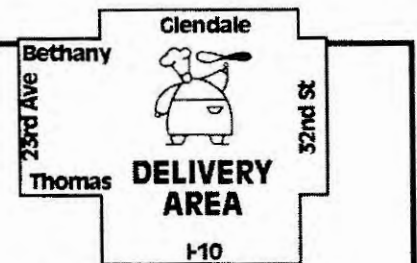
On the other hand -- or the other party -- should you believe anything politicians say who claim they stand for freedom, but drag their feet and make excuses about repealing limits on your right to own and carry weapons? What does this tell you about their real motives for ignoring voters and ramming through one infantile group trade agreement after another with other countries?

Makes voting simpler, doesn't it? You don't have to study every issue -- health care, international trade -- all you have to do is use this X-ray machine, this Vulcan mind-meld, to get beyond their empty words and find out how politicians really feel. About you. And that, of course, is why they hate it.

And that's why I'm accused of being a single-issue writer, thinker, and voter.

But it isn't true, is it?

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## How I Abandoned Illusion And Found A Home With The Arizona Libertarian Party

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many other industrial states that became Democrat during the Depression. The heavily ethnic and unionized neighborhoods of those states still form part of the coalition that elected Bill Clinton. What best characterized these organizations was patronage and pork. The precinct delivered the votes because the party pols expected and got significant rewards in power and prestige when their man reached public office.

The structure described in Title 16 of the Arizona code and endorsed by AZLP, Inc. demands that the precinct committeemen expend some energy campaigning to be elected by registered Libertarians in a tax funded election. Not all those pursuing these elections should be assumed to be principled, freedom loving Libertarians, motivated only by the best interests of the party. We could reasonably expect that some would be self-serving, manipulative, unprincipled individuals interested in controlling the party apparatus to enrich or otherwise benefit themselves and their cronies. In other words, just like the other politicians that operate in similar circumstances. In fact, one of the tidbits I picked up in my research was that the election laws were deliberately amended in the 1970's to foil the newly created Libertarian Party.

Whether we favor direct democracy or a representative structure, artificially design-

ating the precinct as the base unit of organization and then relegating the individual member to "Class C" status does not strike me as an obvious way to encourage growth or to establish a Libertarian Party structure. In fact, the ALP, Inc. organizing documents explicitly recognize that the state can change the party structure simply by changing the law. They say jump, we say how high?

There has been much made of the question of whether the election laws are Constitutional or not. I believe that a Libertarian must reject the notion that the statist courts are the only entities capable of interpreting our founding documents. We do not need a court system that has demonstrated its corruption repeatedly to tell us what the federal or state constitution means.

In the Arizona Constitution, there are significant barriers to the state interfering either with the free speech or internal organization of any private organization, including political parties. For the U.S. Constitution, we have the words of Hamilton, Madison and Jay

to guide us. Nowhere did they favor the establishment of "factions," and the state meddling in the structure of political parties would seem to be just such an "establishment" provision.

Libertarian literature and internet forums have had a lot of discussion concerning the good or evil of accepting tax funding for party elections or individual campaigns. In the big tent theory of libertarian advance there

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would be room for those who argue that tax funding of elections is a legitimate function of government, such funds are merely being reclaimed from the state, or that the contributions are voluntary. I do not personally accept these notions, but I would not exclude anyone based upon that litmus test. We had the reverse situation presented in the affiliation vote. By endorsing these laws, ALP, Inc. excluded those objecting to tax funding of

party elections and state interference on principle.

How are we going to reach the great libertarian future if we jettison those who refuse to compromise their principles along the way?

Now we have an Arizona Superior Court judge ruling that the ALP is the recognized party by the state and the LNC saying that ALP, Inc. is the affiliated party of the national Libertarian Party. As directed by the court, the ALP amended its Bylaws and Constitution to comply (narrowly) with the laws as interpreted by the judge. Significantly, he does not require that the "governing authority" of the party be the "statutory" state committee.

I want to get on with the battle against the real enemies -- the Republocrat and Demolican elites who believe that you cannot be trusted with liberty and who constantly chip away at what little still remains. We have in Arizona an enviable record of defending our freedom and our rights. Part of that success belongs to the Arizona Libertarian Party, and with help from every Libertarian we can do better. We have to, because our children's freedom may depend upon it.

## Belief Is Cheap

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Many others have argued eloquently about the lack of success that the "pragmatic" effort has given us. They have also pointed out that limited or incremental freedom is limited slavery. One can also argue very effectively that if we must fight for liberty within the culture and system that the statists' insist upon, then we are hamstrung from the starting gate.

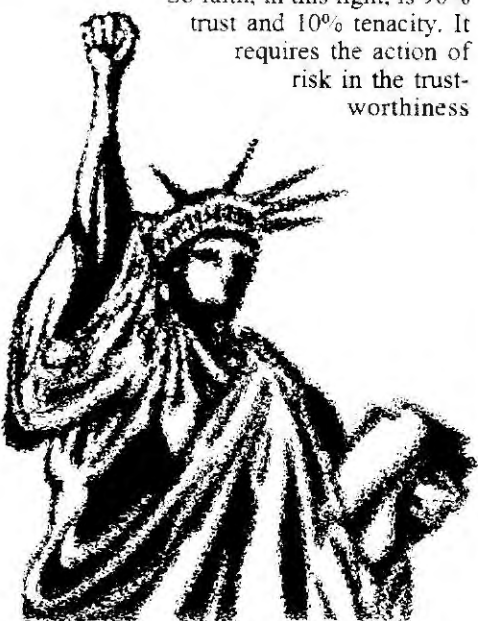
I do not what to address these issues. **I** argue that the "pragmatist" side is not pragmatic. The pragmatists simply do not have any real belief, or rather faith, in freedom. I further argue that the "purists" are the camp of the true pragmatists.

Faith and pragmatism are brothers. They come to us from classical Greek philosophy. There are three words from the Greek language that I need to familiarize you with; *pistis*, *hypostasis*, and *pragmatos*.

In Greek philosophy, no one could exist and life could not continue without *pistis* in something. We translate the word *pistis* as "faith," but that is rather poor translating. When you get out of bed in the morning and place your feet upon the floor and stand up, you are executing *pistis* in the fact that the floor will not give way under you. If you sit down in the chair beside the bed, you are fulfilling *pistis* in the chair that it will not dematerialize under you and spill you onto the floor.

*Pistis*, then, is faith or belief that requires an action of trust upon an object of physical or non-physical focus. There is a quality in the word that suggests "leaning upon a staff" or "hanging your body upon."

So faith, in this light, is 90% trust and 10% tenacity. It requires the action of risk in the trustworthiness



of some object or force outside of yourself. The Greek argued that you could not function in life without *pistis* in something. Whether that be a political belief or a god or gods, you needed a focus of trust in action to live.

How do you get that? First, you gather your *hypostasis*. One translation for "*hypostasis*" comes from an archaeological discovery in the 1800's. A box was found with documents from a woman who was going to court over the ownership of a property. She sent to the court the box which proved her claim. She said, "In this box is my *hypostasis*, proving my claim." *Hypostasis* means "that which evidenced ownership." It was the "title deed" proving the claim. It was the "substance" of her hope that she had possession of that property.

Are libertarians CLAIMING freedom? Are we living as if we own it? So many libertarians I talk to are acting as if freedom comes from the government, or that somehow the government can take away freedom. To really have *pistis* in freedom, you must claim it and use it and have your living and being in it. Possession and use are nine tenths of the law, I understand. Use it or lose it, I hear. So, where are the hoards of libertarians carrying concealed weapons without concern for the law? Where are the groups of libertarians building houses without permits? We do not see masses of libertarians opposing licensing and taxation.

"Rule of Law!" some scream. Oh... Rossa Parks, then, was an evil anti-American for sitting in the front of the bus? Rule of law, my eye.

Once you claim freedom, how do you hold it, prove it, and share it?

*Pragmatos* (where we get the words pragmatic and pragmatizing) in Greek meant "to gather evidence." It did not mean that you gathered evidence for a court case. It meant you gathered experiences that built up your faith/belief in what you claimed to be your possession.

*Pistis*/faith is action demanding *hypostasis*/title-deed (or substance which provides confidence for the action) and becomes the *pragmatos*/evidence that the substance is real.

*Pistis* means you never relax the grip or back off. You set your head in faith and, if necessary, you die not having obtained the promise of that *hypostasis*. If you stop that *pistis* action at any time, you give away the title deed and disqualify your *pragmatos*/evidence.

Is there anything that we have claimed in *pistis* that is not our possession? If you

claim liberty and freedom and do not possess them in your actions, and have evidence of its workings in you life's walk, then your belief is cheap. In fact, it is not "belief" at all.

This is not a battle between the purists and pragmatists in the party! It is a fight between people who really believe in freedom for all and those who do not!

You see, there can be no true pragmatism in a group that is not purist in the belief of their goal.

What is more pragmatic: to say we will put a libertarian in office if we water down the message and take small steps towards freedom; or to say we are not going to have a libertarian as president until we give the full freedom message to everyone through our no-holds-barred libertarian activities? In the terms of classical philosophy, only one side of this example has claimed what is already theirs, hung their body on it, and has current evidence. The other side has nothing, but hopes to gain something without ownership or evidence of its existence.

**T**he Greek philosophers argued, as was stated, that *pistis* was a requirement for functioning through life. One had to have *pistis* in something. So, if the don't-believe-in-freedom side has no focus of *pistis* in liberty and freedom, what do they *pistis*/believe in? Well, they have told us: working within the laws that hamstring freedom, looking and acting "respectable" like the other parties, eliminating parts of the libertarian message that offend the masses, and accepting non-freedom for now as we work for the masters and convince them that freedom is okay. How do they *hypostasis* this? By getting some libertarian elected at any cost... even at the cost of the liberty and freedom of others. By initiating and supporting the initiation of force through taxation and rule of unjust law. What is their *pragmatos*? They see how good the Republicans and the Democrats have it. They show how well the media responds to our new image.

They have *pistis* in statism.

This split, in Arizona and in the nation, is not purist verses pragmatist. It is freedom-believing, hang-your-body-on-liberty faithers in libertarianism verses non-liberty-believing, won't-trust-freedom coward-statists.

The issue in Arizona and in the nation is libertarians verses statists.

If you do not have action-resulting faith in freedom, claiming ownership in liberty with your actions, evidencing liberty and freedom for all to see in your life no matter the law, government, or public outcry... then you do not believe in libertarianism.

Start believing in freedom.

Have faith in liberty.

Show ownership of liberty and freedom.

Produce evidence that they exist outside of what is imposed.

Or go join the Republicrats.

How shall we then solve the Arizona issue? How then shall we heal the party? There is a phrase we use willingly for government -- "kick the suckers out!" Why are we so afraid to use it in the party?

Because we don't really believe in freedom. We have not hung our body on it. We do not have that tenacious do-or-die hold on liberty.

What you need to understand to gain the ownership of freedom WITHIN the party is evidence that the side calling itself "pragmatic" in NOT LIBERTARIAN.

Only libertarians need to be in the party. Only libertarians need to be in leadership of the party. Kick the suckers out.

I hang my body in trust that freedom will hold me up. I do not trust that the government will see me playing by their rules and play along. What is needed in the LP is not the disbelief message of liberty we are being offered. What the LP needs is faith in liberty and ownership of freedom.

Only by believing in freedom will we be free.

Only by faith in liberty will we be libertarians.

Those of you who will hang your body on liberty and take possession of your freedoms, meet in Anaheim with the same resolve that the Minutemen had when they met to hang their bodies on freedom and took possession of liberty at Lexington and Concord.

And what if the fight is not at Anaheim? Then we take it to the glens, valleys and streets where the people live and where the statists sow the seeds of disbelief in freedom's call. What do we do? We live free, showing that faith in freedom and liberty can produce ownership of freedom, and liberty and is evidenced in being free and libertarian.

There is no reconciliation with statists who do not believe in freedom. There is no common ground with fools who will not hang their bodies on liberty. We need not waste time with rejoining the two sides that are wrongly called purists and pragmatists. Only in total freedom and complete liberty can we show evidence of ownership of our lives, properties and futures.

Without action and total commitment to trust in the libertarian message, your belief is cheap. I do not seek reconciliation with those until they seek ownership of liberty, and faith in freedom.



# Isaiah's Job

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Isaiah, on the other hand, worked under no such disabilities. He preached to the masses only in the sense that he preached publicly. Anyone who liked might listen; anyone who liked might pass by. He knew that the Remnant would listen.

The Remnant want only the best you have, whatever that may be. Give them that, and they are satisfied; you have nothing more to worry about. In a sense, nevertheless, as I have said, it is not a rewarding job. A prophet of the Remnant will not grow purse-proud on the financial returns from his work, nor is it likely that he will get any great renown out of it.

Isaiah's case was exceptional to this second rule, and there are others -- but not many.

It may be thought, then, that while taking care of the Remnant is no doubt a good job, it is not an especially interesting job because it is as a rule so poorly paid. I have my doubts about this. There are other compensations to be got out of a job besides money and notoriety, and some of them seem substantial enough to be attractive. Many jobs which do not pay well are yet profoundly interesting, as, for instance, the job of research student in the sciences is said to be; and the job of looking after the Remnant seems to me, as I have surveyed it for many years from my seat in the grandstand, to be as interesting as any that can be found in the world. What chiefly makes it so, I think, is that in any given society the Remnant are always so largely an unknown quantity. You do not know, and will never know, more than 2 things about them. You can be sure of those -- dead sure -- but you will never be able to make even a respectable guess at anything else. You do not know, and will never know, who the Remnant are, nor what they are doing or will do. Two things you do know, and no more: First, that they exist; second, that they will find you. Except for these two certainties, working for the Remnant means working in impenetrable darkness; and this, I should say, is just the condition calculated most effectively to pique the interest of any prophet who is properly gifted with the imagination, insight and intellectual curiosity necessary to a successful pursuit of his trade.

The fascination -- as well as the despair -- of the historian, as he looks back upon Isaiah's Jewry, upon Plato's Athens, or upon Rome of the Antonines, is the hope of discovering and laying bare the "substratum of right-thinking and well-doing" which he knows must have existed somewhere in those societies because no kind of collective life can possibly go on without it. He finds tantalizing intimations of it here and there in many places, as in the Greek Anthology, in the

scrapbook of Aulus Gellius, in the poems of Ausonius, and in the brief and touching tribute, "Bene merenti," bestowed upon the unknown occupants of Roman tombs. But these are vague and fragmentary; they lead him nowhere in his search for some kind of measure on this substratum, but merely testify to what he already knew *a priori* -- that the substratum did somewhere exist. Where it was, how substantial it was, what its power of self-assertion and resistance was -- of all this they tell him nothing.

Similarly, when the historian of 2,000 years hence, or 200 years, looks over the available testimony to the quality of our civilization and tries to get any kind of clear, competent evidence concerning the substratum of right-thinking and well-doing which he knows must have been here, he will have a devil of a time finding it. When he has assembled all he can and has made even a minimum allowance for speciousness, vagueness, and confusion of motive, he will sadly acknowledge that his net result is simply nothing. A Remnant were here, building a substratum like coral insects; so much he knows, but he will find nothing to put him on the track of who and where and how many they were and what their work was like.

Concerning all this, too, the prophet of the present knows precisely as much and as little as the historian of the future; and that, I repeat, is what makes his job seem to me so profoundly interesting. One of the most suggestive episodes recounted in the Bible is that of prophet's attempt -- the only attempt of the kind on the record, I believe -- to count the Remnant. Elijah had fled from persecution into the desert, where the Lord presently overhauled him and asked what he was doing so far away from his job. He said that he was running away, not because he was a coward, but because all the Remnant had been killed off except himself. He had got away only by the skin of his teeth, and, he being now all the Remnant there was, if he were killed the True Faith would go flat. The Lord replied that he need not worry about that, for even without him the True Faith could probably manage to squeeze along somehow if it had to; "and as for your figures on the Remnant," He said, "I don't mind telling you that there are 7,000 of them back there in Israel whom it seems you have not heard of, but you may take My word for it that there they are."

At that time, probably the population of Israel could not run to much more than a million or so; and a Remnant of 7,000 out of a million is a highly encouraging percentage for any prophet. With 7,000 of the boys on his side, there was no great reason for Elijah

to feel lonesome; and incidentally, that would be something for the modern prophet of the Remnant to think of when he has a touch of the blues. But the main point is that if Elijah the Prophet could not make a closer guess on the number of the Remnant than he made when he missed it by 7,000, anyone else who tackled the problem would only waste his time.

The other certainty which the prophet of the Remnant may always have is that the Remnant will find him. He may rely on that with absolute assurance. They will find him without his doing anything about it; in fact, if he tries to do anything about it, he is pretty sure to put them off. He does not need to advertise for them nor resort to any schemes of publicity to get their attention. If he is a preacher or a public speaker, for example, he may be quite indifferent to going on show at receptions, getting his picture printed in the newspapers, or furnishing autobiographical material for publication on the side of "human interest".

If a writer, he need not make a point of attending any pink teas, autographing books at wholesale, nor entering into any specious freemasonry with reviewers. All this and much more of the same order lies in the regular and necessary routine laid down for the prophet of the masses. It is, and must be, part of the great general technique of getting the mass -- man's ear -- or as our vigorous and excellent publicist, Mr. H. L. Mencken, puts it -- the technique of boob-bumping. The prophet of the Remnant is not bound to this technique. He may be quite sure that the Remnant will make their own way to him without any adventitious aids; and not only so, but if they find him employing any such aids, as I said, it is 10 to 1 that they will smell a rat in them and will sheer off.

The certainty that the Remnant will find him, however, leaves the prophet as much in the dark as ever, as helpless as ever in the matter of putting any estimate of any kind upon the Remnant; for, as appears in the case of Elijah, he remains ignorant of who they are that have found him or where they are or how many. They did not write in and tell him about it, after the manner of those who admire the vedettes of Hollywood, nor yet do they seek him out and attach themselves to his person. They are not that kind.

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They take his message much as drivers take the directions on a roadside signboard -- that is, with very little thought about the signboard, beyond being gratefully glad that it happened to be there, but with every thought about the direction.

This impersonal attitude of the Remnant wonderfully enhances the interest of the imaginative prophet's job. Once in a while, just about often enough to keep his intellectual curiosity in good working order, he will quite accidentally come upon some distinct reflection of his own message in an unsuspected quarter. This enables him to entertain himself in his leisure moments with agreeable speculations about the course his message may have taken in reaching that particular quarter, and about what came of it after it got there. Most interesting of all are those instances, if one could only run them down (but one may always speculate about them), where the recipient himself no longer knows where nor when nor from whom he got the message -- or even where, as sometimes happens, he has forgotten that he got it anywhere and imagines that it is all a self-sprung idea of his own.

Such instances as these are probably not infrequent, for, without presuming to enroll ourselves among the Remnant, we can all no doubt remember having found ourselves suddenly under the influence of an idea, the source of which we cannot possibly identify. "It came to us afterward," as we say; that is, we are aware of it only after it has shot up full-grown in our minds, leaving us quite ignorant of how and when and by what agency it was planted there and left to germinate. It seems highly probable that the prophet's message often takes some such course with the Remnant.

If, for example, you are a writer or a speaker or a preacher, you put forth an idea which lodges in the Unbewusstsein of a casual member of the Remnant and sticks fast there. For some time it is inert; then it begins to fret and fester until presently it invades the man's conscious mind and, as one might say, corrupts it. Meanwhile, he has quite forgotten how he came by the idea in the first instance, and even perhaps thinks he has invented it; and in those circumstances, the most interesting thing of all is that you never know what the pressure of that idea will make him do.

## Libertarians, Religion And Sin

By Robin L. Mackenzie

We Libertarians often hear conservative Republicans lament, "Your party has many good ideas regarding the purpose and function of government, and I would (fill in the blank: Vote for your candidates... change my political party preference to Libertarian... donate money to your cause...) except that I don't agree with your positions on sex, drugs or pornography. It is sinful."

In fact, we have several prominent Libertarians who are active members of Baptist, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist churches who would agree with you that individuals engaging in these behaviors are sinning. They are also aware of something else. The Libertarian Party is not a church. No political party exists to reprimand or punish sinners. That is the mission of a religious institution. The United States was not formed as a religious theocracy, but as a constitutional republic. Let's take a look at these issues one by one:

**SEX:** Libertarians favor repealing the state statutes regarding cohabitation and consensual sexual behavior. In a free society, personal friendships and relationships of any nature -- business, romantic, or platonic -- are the sole concerns of the two people involved. The government must have no interest or involvement in personal friendships

unless one party was harmed or violated by the other. Our Constitution *does* guarantee us the right of freedom of association.

I would also like to point out that about half of our 50 states have no law prohibiting consensual homosexual or heterosexual behavior. If you believe these acts are immoral, and should be punished by civil code, consider the case of President Clinton's adulterous affairs. Does he need to go to court and be punished for his affair with Monica? Or is it best handled by him dealing directly with his wife, daughter, clergyman and congregation? Libertarians vote for the latter. Case closed.

**DRUGS:** If you say recreational drugs are harmful to the body, you may be correct. But if you say they should be illegal for that reason, think again. If we were to outlaw everything harmful to the body, certainly alcohol and tobacco products need to be at the top of the list. Many millions more Americans use these (legal) drugs than use drugs that take the form of weed or powder, and with far deadlier results. But they are not illegal, of course, because to criminalize their use would send this country into total chaos and upheaval.

We have already experienced the social consequences of alcohol prohibition (1919-33). We presently experience the failed

policy of drug prohibition, which has resulted in gang warfare, black market profiteers, overflowing jails and prisons, and obscenely high prices for an otherwise inexpensive commodity, which in turn, results in crime such as auto theft, armed robbery and burglary in order for those addicted to purchase the product.

**L**ibertarians believe personal choices in such matters as alcohol, tobacco, and drug use are yours to make in our land of liberty, even if they are unhealthy/unpopular, choices. Keep in mind that ALL drugs were entirely legal in this country until the 1914 Harrison Narcotics Act and marijuana was legal until 1935. Do you recall reading anything in history books about societal drug problems in the early 1900's, requiring the need for criminalization? No, of course not -- because there was no real drug problem when drugs were legal. The legislative acts of 1914 and 1935 were proposed for political reasons only -- not for reasons of a nation crazed by legal, affordable drugs.

**PORNOGRAPHY:** While many would consider such books, magazines, and movies distasteful, including Libertarians, free people in a free society must be able to

make these, and other, personal choices for themselves. We do not believe in censorship.

I would like to touch on two further items. First, Libertarians do not necessarily practice these or other controversial freedoms themselves, nor do we advocate that others do so; rather, we believe that unpopular choices and opinions need to be eternally protected in our "land of the free." Emerging democracies throughout the world look to our country as the ultimate example of a free people. What message will we be sending them if we prosecute lovers who are not yet married, if we imprison citizens because their body has a physical dependency for a particular chemical substance, and if we jail those who watch movies or read books -- in the privacy of their own home -- considered sexually-explicit?

Second, regarding religion and sin, there are many religions with differing definitions of sinful behavior. Some faiths consider gambling, drinking alcohol, dancing, wearing make-up, smoking, attending any movie theater, or consuming caffeine (another drug) sinful behavior. All of these activities are currently legal! Our country cannot and should not be legislated by the demands of what one religion or another consider sinful when individual rights are concerned, especially when no second party is harmed.

# Is Big Brother Watching Over Me... Or Just Watching Me?

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matter what the law said.

(Once again, we see from this that the government will spout the Constitution whenever it suits them, and flout it if it gets in their way. Libertarians in Arizona had to sue in court for recognition of our First Amendment right to determine our own internal structure. But we won!)

Even though the immediate past State Chairman of the Arizona Libertarian Party was running for the nomination for President of the United States on the LP ticket, the thought that we would make use of tax dollars in a popularity contest didn't sit well with our principles.

Think about it. Rick Tompkins was running to make sure that the Browne campaign stayed true to our platform (and would not accept federal matching funds -- a real possibility at the time, I assure you). We surely would have benefitted from an easy stomping of Browne in Arizona at such an early date and at the height of Arizona's activism.

But all of these things didn't appeal to us because we knew that the public funding of a non-binding popularity contest was against everything the Libertarian Party stood for. The Democrats even joined in our lawsuit and we both won the ability to remove our parties from the ballot. The Republicans hated this, of course, because they needed other parties on the ballot to make their little popularity poll look legitimate.

Inexplicably, we found ourselves in the same position in the 2000 PPP, wherein Browne requested he be placed on the Arizona ballot -- again, in direct violation of the bylaws of the Arizona Libertarian Party, not to mention Libertarian principles.

The Secretary of State said that the ruling of 1996 applied to that year only, and that there must be a court order before the printing of the 2000 PPP ballots, or the Libertarians would be *forced to participate* (The Democrats had already been removed by their own request!)

This put the Republicans in the position of having to justify this taxpayer-funded popularity poll once again, which we firmly believe played a role in the decision to force the participation of the Libertarian Party. It is ironic that the Libertarians were needed on the ballot to "legitimize" it. I don't feel any better about it, do you?

Before the Secretary of State, a Republican, had made her decision about the inclusion of the Libertarians in the PPP, the presiding Judge of Maricopa County's Superior Court had made a ruling that the ALP, rather than the ALP, Inc., was in fact the "Governing Body" of the Arizona Libertarian Party and that the ALP maintained control of our ballot status.

But, since this was only a "minute entry" and a significant amount of time would pass before a "final judgment" was entered into the record, both the Secretary of State and the opposing party from Tucson (ALP, Inc.) ignored the decision of the court in order to serve their own goals.

Note: ALP, Inc. often references the results of a mail-in ballot prepared by the National Libertarian Committee as support for their contention that they are the legitimate LP affiliate. What most do not know is that the list used for the balloting was comprised



of anyone and everyone who had subscribed to the National newsletter, and that only 38% of the people on that list were registered Libertarian. This "vote" justified the affiliation of ALP, Inc. by the national party. It is my opinion that the National Libertarian Committee thought that this would carry weight with the judge, cause the ruling to

be in ALP, Inc.'s favor, and that Browne would then go unchallenged in his attempt to be on the Arizona PPP ballot. And with that, it would have allowed the replacement of our bylaws with ALP, Inc.'s and made possible the acceptance of public money for Arizona campaigns.

The startling realization that Arizona's National Party membership was almost two thirds non-Libertarian also made us realize that their "Project Archimedes" -- a scheme purportedly designed to increase Libertarian Party membership -- had gotten most of its gain from Republicans. The Libertarian Party was, in a very short time, becoming not much more than another Republican club. For details about Project Archimedes, the growing dissatisfaction with National's turn away from libertarian principles, and the growing unrest throughout the country, see related articles in this issue.

A great deal of fundraising from Libertarians in Arizona was done by ALP, Inc. in the name of the Libertarian Party of Arizona, and we had too few resources to campaign against this deception or to compete for financial support, and still be able to fund any upcoming campaign efforts.

We had hoped that Arizona Libertarians would be served best if we just bit our tongues, waited for the rulings to come down, and let all of the behind-the-scenes games play to their conclusions. But in the meantime much damage was being done because of the lack of knowledge of some crucial points on the part of registered Libertarians in the state.

For example: that the Arizona Libertarian Party had continued its opposition to the PPP, on principle, as they had in 1996; that the method of selecting our candidate for president on the Arizona ballot had been determined three days BEFORE the PPP, at our state convention (the actual candidate has yet to be selected); and that ALP, Inc. had lost their attempt in court to take control of the party (for at least the fourth time). This information is now common knowledge to the media and most Libertarians. But earlier it wasn't as widely known as it should have been.

This colossal lack of understanding caused us at least 36 hours of damnation in the press -- until talk radio and some TV stations started to realize what was going on. Slowly, those interested in politics began to see that our efforts were intended to protect private data, not to abuse it. In every campaign this

election cycle the candidates will be asked about this issue. So, for your information, I write this in the hope that you will be able to make use of this issue to maximum benefit.

Immediately after the Arizona Republic published the story of our threat to put the voter data on the internet, the County

Recorder's office announced a press conference in the office of the Maricopa County Attorney. (By this time the story had gone national and there was great interest. To make sure that Libertarians around the country had access to the real story, I provided daily e-mail updates to the Libertarian National Committee so that the regional reps could pass on the information to local activists. From the top of the Party and from the roots, the activists around the country had access to the story and an insight as to how we play the media game here in Arizona.)

Channel 3 in Phoenix had asked that I go to the press conference at the County Attorney's office so that I could comment on the County Recorder's position. When I arrived, I was able to make our intentions clear to the local TV and radio crews, as well as to the newspapers and the Associated Press.

In less than 8 hours the story began to turn in our favor.

During the press conference, the County Attorney's office and the Recorder's office tried to take the position that they were there to protect the privacy of the Maricopa County voters. But most of the reporters already knew how the system worked and those that didn't were informed by me before the press conference.

I was ushered in with the rest of the press waiting in the lobby. Aides thought I was one of the reporters until the Recorder, Elections Director and Assistant County Attorney all recognized me. It was too late then. They were sunk from the start. Even the printed material that was passed out by the County Attorney supported my contention that as long as the information was for political purposes the method of distribution didn't matter.

The reporters began with questions like, "Isn't it true that I can walk into the County Elections Department, sit down at one of the terminals that face out to the public, and look up anyone I want?" The County Attorney said (read: lied), "But you first have to present ID and fill out a form before you would be allowed to do that."

Every reporter knows that this is not true. Most of them have used this very database in the past to track down people for investigative stories. One of the reasons that the Arizona Republic wanted the database in the first place was so they wouldn't have to leave their offices for the information.

They also asked, "Isn't it true that the County Recorder's office sells this information to private vendors?" The reporters understood exactly what was going on.

After the press conference I told reporters I would be available downstairs for any questions. At that moment, Kat Gallant from ALP, Inc. showed up seeking her own media time. Rather than compete, I simply told the reporters that when they were done talking to Kat, I'd be available outside.

Moments later the interviews began. It became clear to the reporters that I had used this issue to get media attention and they wanted to know why. I focused on the fact that the County's own admission made it clear that the data you provide to the government for voter registration is being sold. The only restriction on the free data that is provided to the "Political Elite" is that it be used for "political purposes" (a very broad definition), and that commercial use is restricted to the County Recorder who can then contract its use at a handsome, monopolistic profit.

The claim that they care about individual privacy is BS, and that was made very clear. The only individuals allowed privacy are judges and law enforcement, thus creating a protected government 'class' in violation of both the state and United States constitutions.

On March 20th, the County Attorney's office asked the court to allow them back into the case they originally filed last year (when

they had asked the court to determine who the party was in Maricopa County and the State of Arizona). They had removed themselves from the case months earlier.

They wanted back in now so that they could ask for a Temporary Restraining Order against my releasing the data on the internet. The judge denied the "TRO" following arguments on that issue, and on the question of whether or not the County Attorney should even be allowed to argue a case he had asked to be released from months earlier.

Judge Myers, the Presiding Judge of Maricopa County Superior Court, made it very clear that he was not buying the County Attorney's argument. He understood very well that no law was being broken as long as the data was not being used for commercial purposes.

The fact that we have been making the data available for free carried weight in light of the fact that the R's and D's have been selling the data for decades (to their own candidates, etc)... isn't that commercial use?

Judge Myers has become familiar with Libertarian philosophy during his dealings with us and has become accustomed to our making every issue a political one, if possible. In fact, Tom Rawles, as attorney for the county party and myself, made that very point in his opening argument. "Nothing Ernest does is without a political objective."

After over an hour of arguments, Judge Myers paused a minute or so and gave an order that the county attorney meet with Rawles to see if there was something she could offer that we would accept in the manner of the internet publishing of this data, and said that at noon on that Friday he would render a decision. Judge Myers acknowledged that there was obvious tension between the County Attorney and Rawles, but that he would do the county a favor by ordering a meeting to give them one last chance to have some influence in the data release.

All offers from the County Attorney's office were unacceptable, and applied only to the Libertarian Party and not to the others. On Friday, the County Attorney's office requested that the Judge allow another week for negotiation. The request was granted.

They then made an offer that, if I would publicly state that I had no real intention of publishing the data on the internet, they would pull their motions. Nope. (The main benefit of this exercise was to educate the people as to just who was selling them out and to set the stage for the lawsuit that will be filed by Scott Decker on the equal protection violation of the statutes that give special rights and privileges to government employees.)

Judge Myers will rule in favor of our position, I'm sure: "The law is clear and it does not specify the method of distribution of this data for legal purposes." And the only thing that will stop Libertarians from putting the whole database on the internet (available to anyone who will agree to comply with the law) is, guess what?... Libertarian Principles!!

This why the legislature felt pressured to pass a new law prohibiting the internet-posting of voter data. (And some people say that Libertarians can't get legislation passed!

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**Editor's Note: We want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Tom Rawles, and his wife Linda Rawles, for all the time and effort they have expended on behalf of the Maricopa County Libertarian Party. Their legal knowledge and superior courage have been indispensable in our battles with the powers-that-be, both governmental and others (they know who they are!).**



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;) We have long suspected that this data was being passed around over the internet by other organizations and wanted it to stop. With this legislation on the Governor's desk, the judge ruled that the data could not be posted on the internet. But this is only step number one. The next plan of attack is to get the law changed so that any individual can have their data omitted from the list -- entirely. This step will require the courts and media attention. Ready?

(Judge Myers is also the Judge responsible for striking down the Clean Elections Act as unconstitutional. This law provided a great deal of money for all state races in Arizona. Example: Qualified candidates for Governor would receive over \$300,000 for the pri-

mary and another \$600,000+ the day after the primary. Our party by-laws forbid us to take this money. Now can you see why someone would want to take over the Libertarian Party of Arizona and change the bylaws?)

The distribution method of this data is not the real issue here is it? The real issue is: Can I vote in an election (exercise my franchise) without having to *buy that right* through the sale of my personal data so that the government can use it to gain more power and control, while at the same time allowing all the king's men, as a protected class, to be insulated from the rest of us?

The day after the story broke in the press, I was on the Jay Sharpe show on KFYI talk radio with state Representative Steve May (R). Representative May was campaigning for a bill of his which would make it more difficult for banks to sell their customers' per-

sonal information without their knowledge.

Of course, my concern was that this standard was not being applied to the information that was provided free to the political parties. May began to argue in support of the idea that politicians had a greater right to the data than the people had to their privacy, but he quickly saw that he was getting the crap beaten out of him by Sharpe and me on this issue, and backed down. His support of the double standard wasn't flying.

**R**epresentative Steve May then did us a great favor (one he'll regret and hear about from his colleagues till the end of time). He said, "Ernie, you're a master marketer. I have been given the authority by the Governor to appoint individuals to a 'privacy commission' and I'll make sure you are on it."

This prompted a commitment in the form of a promise that was forced on the Representative by host Jim Sharpe. Sharpe asked to be kept informed on the progress of Rep. May's promise... Since then we haven't heard a peep out of May, despite the fact that I asked that John Buttrick's name replace mine on the commission. But I did get a call from Speaker of the House Jeff Groskost's office requesting that I attend a meeting in his office that Thursday afternoon at 4pm.

The meeting consisted of an aide, the Speaker, three lobbyists and myself. It was my impression that the Republicans, the Democrats and the AFL-CIO were represented. The gist of it was this: The labor unions wanted easier access to the data without having to pay a lot for it. I made it clear that the data was accumulated with tax dollars and that the Libertarians have made it available free to anyone for legal use since 1994. But for some reason they were pushing very strongly for the data being made much cheaper, with direct access by PACs. The Democrats had little to say (a former state senator represented them).

But another gentleman couldn't understand what the big deal was. "Everybody knows that any of this data is out there for anybody to get, so what's the big deal?"

Here is where I made my case to the people that make the law. "That is the big deal," I said. "If you want to instruct your party's candidates to run on that sentiment, then I thank you. Libertarian candidates will argue that it is the government that is selling our identities and our privacy. The protection

of personal data is allowed in Title 16, but only for government employees. I say that this is a constitutional violation of equal protection and the voters will say the same thing.

Here you are, arguing how much MORE available you're going to make it, while refusing to address the privacy issues. What you're advocating is the idea that I must first *buy* my right to vote with my personal information so that it can then be sold by the government for a profit. And any claim that all of this data is required for security is crap. If that is so, then what do you need my occupation for?

"I have teenage children who will soon have the chance to register to vote, and guess what? I'll counsel them *not* to register to vote as long as they do not have the opportunity to keep their personal data private. Anyone with an eighteen-year-old daughter going off to college has to know that anyone, stalkers included, can find out the most personal data with just a name if she is registered to vote.

I'm pushing for awareness on this issue, not only as a Libertarian, but also as a father who wants his children to be able to exercise their 1st Amendment rights by voting, without giving up their right to privacy just so the government and political parties can gain more money, power and control over me, and as time goes by, my children."

It was made painfully clear to me that they were not going to address the issue of privacy this session, and that the only bill that was going to be introduced, to make nice with labor, was the bill to expand access to the data. I told them, "I have no problem with the data being available as long as individuals have the chance to have their data deleted from the database, just as the government employees do."

And then I suggested that maybe I would publish on the internet voter ID numbers, along with the voting history of those numbers. That way, anyone would be able to look at their own ID number on their voter card and go to the web and see the history that was recorded there. I wondered aloud how many people would complain that they were listed as having early-voted in elections that they had not voted in at all?

That's when the meeting ended and I left to retrieve the gun I had the DPS officer check at the front desk in the House of Representatives.

And now you know the rest of the story. A story that isn't over yet, folks.

## Cockfighting

By John Mills

With animal rights rhetoric on the rise, many people are learning that this movement is against animals of domestic breeding.

Animal rights groups are trying to get us emotional so we'll think, "Look at that poor dog on that chain!! So let all animals roam free." This is a good example of how these groups put things in front of us to frighten us. In the process, cockfighters, such as myself, are being demonized with the ultimate goal of eliminating domesticated animals.

Dr. Clifton D. Bryant, a Behavioral Scientist and Author, took on the task of finding out more about cockfighting and its effects on society. Dr. Bryant's specialty is Deviant Psychology, which seeks to find out what causes people to do evil.

**D**r. Bryant could see it already; two men hunkered down in some barn with a mouth full of chew, fighting roosters. After years of traveling the world to study cockfighting and those who enjoy it, he came back relieved of his preconceptions. As it turns out, cockfighters are average human beings doing what they enjoy in life and, ultimately, providing a positive economic benefit to the poultry industry.

How does cockfighting benefit us and the gamebird? His symbol is courage, strength, fertility, and endurance. Only the ant has more strength for its weight than a gamecock. The gamecock's natural spur is horn-like, with a point which splinters off into the flesh of his adversary, causing infection. This naturally builds up the bird's immune system. Compare this to factory-farmed chickens which are fed large doses of antibiotics to prevent infection, but which ultimately compromise their natural immune defenses and taint their meat.

Game fowl are not just chickens. There is some scientific evidence that gamefowl are the closest relatives to the dinosaurs. They do not experience physical pain as we know it because they do not have a developed thalamus in their brain.

All gamebirds have a built in painkiller that used to be available at grocery stores called tryptophan. This non-prescription nutrient was a concern to pharmacies because it competed with other more profitable pain killers. Some readers may recall that the FDA outlawed over-the-counter tryptophan sales a few years back after a few people were sickened by a tainted batch from one manufacturer - despite no evidence of toxicity from this essential amino acid itself. Today tryptophan is limited to scientific research and formulations. Ironically, the most common dietary source of tryptophan is turkey, another domestic fowl, which explains the relaxed, even sedated feeling people commonly experience after a hearty Thanksgiving dinner.

Cockfighting is the only blood sport in which both combatants participate willingly and it ensures the continuance of the game fowl species through their natural selection process. The goal of being the next generation donor ensures that stronger, more vigorous, birds are the end result of cockfighting. Many gamefowl live long lives because of the health and vigor that has developed in

them. Also, because game fowl are not housed, they are generally healthier and less disease-prone than other domestic fowl. Indeed, compared to factory-farmed poultry, game fowl lead positively pastoral, Methuselan lives.

Game fowl provide a necessary gene pool to preserve the complete continuation of domestic bloodlines in poultry. Even though they are not domestic, they will cross with domestic chickens. They are the vim and vigor necessary to continue the breeding of egg and broiler producers.

Cockfighters are scattered throughout the United States and help in alerting universities of diseases brought in by migratory birds. California has been helped this way and saved their poultry industry. These important facts have led to the development of medications improving the industry.

Who are the invaders of freedom here? It all started when England had control of India. The English learned the ways of the Hindu and similar religions. When the English came back to Europe, they held animals at an equal status to humans, and began banning commercial ways of raising animals and poultry. The laws enacted drove many businesses into bankruptcy because every animal was allowed so much roaming room.

The dominant philosophy of India may explain their poverty to some degree. Will we fight in America to preserve our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness?

I am John T. Mills, and have had chickens all my life. I have read every book on chickens that I could find. After toying around with many breeds of poultry, the gamecock stood out by itself. Many famous men in our history were cockfighters. Just to name a few; George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Andrew Jackson.

My thanks go to a handful of dedicated Libertarians who have given their time and ideas to keep cockfighting in the courts with hope that one day it will be a freedom once more. Thanks to Richard Duncan for his research, Liz Andreasen in helping our lawyers, John Wilde for his knowledge. Also, to Ernest Hancock for giving me the chance to get this information out to the public. And most of all to the God of the Bible for his principles that are trumpeted by the

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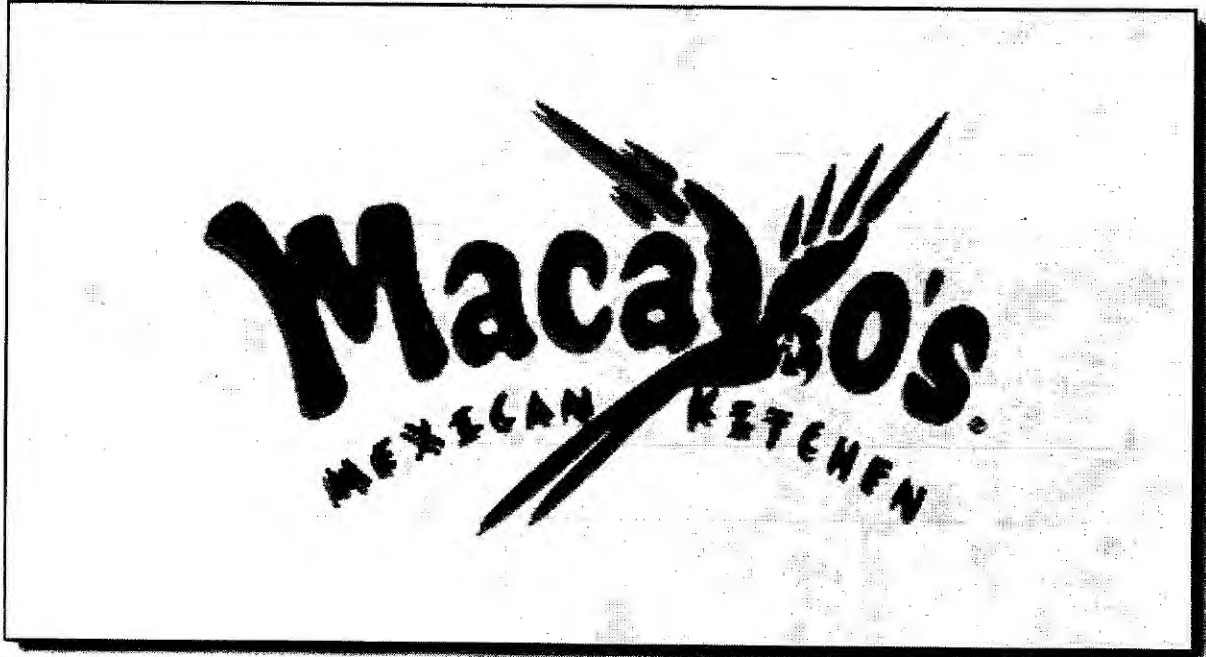
**Macayo Central!!!!!!**

4001 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Az. 85012

Third Tuesday of Every Month  
**6:30pm - 9pm**

*Next meeting: May 16th*

Meal+Beverage+Speaker = **\$15**



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