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## Party's newest tool, the LP Ballot Base, launched at convention

As outgoing LNC chair Michael Dixon was addressing the floor at the Libertarian National Convention in Portland, he was interrupted by a ringing sound. He picked up a telephone located at the main podium and the entire delegation heard a female voice over the auditorium sound system. "Hello, sir, may I please speak with Mr. Gregory Herzsch?"

As Dixon was calling Mr. Herzsch to the podium to take the call, a Web page appeared on the main screens above the stage with the following information on it:

Gregory Herzsch  
1776 Liberty Lane  
Clarksville, IN 47129  
(812) 555-GOTV

"My name is Lorena and I am calling Libertarians in Indiana's Ninth District to let you know about Dr. Eric Schansberg, our Libertarian candidate for Congress.

"Dr. Schansberg is the only candidate for Congress with a real tax relief plan for working poor and middle class families of southern Indiana.

"Help the Libertarian Party send a message to Washington that the politicians and the news media can't ignore. Dr. Eric Schansberg is our candidate for Congress. On Election Day, please remember to get out and vote Libertarian.

"Thank you very much for your time and have a nice day!"

Following the staged telephone call, Dixon went on to explain, "You have just witnessed a live demonstration of an exciting new project: the LP Ballot Base.

"The LP Ballot Base is a web-based tool that will assist our campaigns and affiliates to identify likely Libertarian voters, contact them, and motivate them to turn out and vote Libertarian on Election Day.

"When Libertarians vote, we can achieve and maintain ballot status...and elect Libertarians to public office.

"We've already had the chance to hold a trial run of this project in last month's special congressional election in San Diego, California.

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# LP moves forward as 'Party of Principle' in 2006 Libertarian National Convention

By the close of the 2006 Libertarian National Convention that took place in Portland, Ore. on July 1 and 2, it was clear that history had been made. While delegates conducted their standard business of electing new LNC leadership and modifying the party bylaws, a significant statement was made by the delegates when it came to changing the Libertarian Party platform. There are now 15 planks in the Libertarian Party platform, as compared to the 61 planks it used to have.

"To understand this move by the delegates, you have to have a clear understanding of what the platform is and what impact it has on our candidates, elected officials and the party as a whole," said Shane Cory, the Libertarian Party's executive director.

The preamble to the LP platform states: "In the following pages we have set forth our basic principles and enumerated various policy stands derived from those principles.

"These specific policies are not our goal, however. Our goal is nothing more nor less than a world set free in our lifetime, and it is to this end that we take these stands."

The Statement of Principles remains unchanged.

"What has changed is the level of detail we provide in our policy statements as described within the body of the platform," said Cory.

"We've gone from 61 statements, which previously included an in-depth analysis on space exploration and stances on secession, down to 15 statements.

"Consider it a move that we would love the federal government to make. We've reduced our own party bureaucracy to allow our candidates to express their own viewpoints while holding true to our statement of principles.

"Our candidates will no longer be governed by a slate of restrictions and "guidelines" jumbled together over a few decades. They will be given

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■ Free State Project board member Morey Strauss addresses delegates at the 2006 Libertarian National Convention.

## William Redpath elected to Libertarian Party's top post

On the closing day of the recent Libertarian National Convention held in Portland, Oregon, William Redpath was elected to the Libertarian Party's top post, receiving 64% of votes of the attending delegates.

Libertarian Party Executive Director Shane Cory stated, "We are extremely pleased to have Bill Redpath as our new Chair. Bill will continue the work that has been started in recent months that will help the Libertarian Party gain traction in the political arena. The headquarters staff and I are eager to start our work with the Chair, along with the other members of the LNC who volunteer their time, money and energy to the Libertarian Party. Because of Bill's background, we'll have a much easier time moving policy and elections in a more libertarian direction."

Bill Redpath was born and raised in Findlay, Ohio. He received his BA in Economics and Political Science from Indiana University (1978) and his MBA from the Graduate School of Business at



■ Photo of new Libertarian Party Chairman William "Bill" Redpath as results from the chairman's race appeared on the convention floor.

Redpath served as chairman of the Ballot Access Committee from 1990 to 1997. He has personally collected more than 10,000 signatures for the Libertarian Party.

The University of Chicago (1980).

Bill is a vice president of Consulting for BIA Financial Network, Inc., a financial consulting and valuation firm that specializes in the appraisal of broadcasting, cable, and telecommunications properties. Prior to joining BIA in 1985, he was a senior financial analyst with NBC in New York. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Chartered Financial Analyst, an Accredited Senior Appraiser in Business Valuation in the American Society of Appraisers and holds the Accredited in Business Valuation designation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The new chairman of the national Libertarian Party has been a member since 1984 and has achieved a distinguished record of service and accomplishment. He recently completed a term as an at-large member of the Libertarian National Committee and continues as the Ballot Access Project manager for the LNC. He has served as treasurer for the Libertarian Party on two occasions (1991-1993 and 2003-2004). He also

serves as the treasurer for FairVote, a non-profit organization that seeks electoral reform in the United States.

In 2001, Bill became the first Libertarian candidate for governor in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Redpath has also run for the Virginia House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate, and has served as chairman, vice chairman and treasurer of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

Bill Redpath is perhaps best known for his work on ballot access. He served as chairman of the Ballot Access Committee of the LP from 1990 to 1997. In 1992 and 1996, the Libertarian Party presidential ticket was on all U.S. ballots. This marked the first time in U.S. history that a "minor" political party placed its presidential ticket on the ballot in all states in successive presidential elections. He returned as Ballot Access Project manager in 2003 and led the effort that placed the LP presidential ticket on the ballot in 48 states and the District of Columbia in 2004.

Redpath and his wife, Melinda Moore, live in Leesburg, Va.



## LP Ballot Base unveiled on convention floor

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"Thanks to the 3300 calls made by Libertarian volunteers across the country between the special primary and general elections, I am pleased to report that our Libertarian candidate more than tripled his vote totals."

"By combining online volunteer activity with the LP's Ballot Base, we can now utilize our national on-line volunteer base to target specific races," said John LaBeaume, the party's national campaign coordinator in a breakout session held the following day. "As the other parties are fielding more candidates, it's tougher for them to effectively apply national resources to each and every race."

The Ballot Base allows activists to volunteer online. Once they've logged into the system, they are given a targeted calling script and a telephone number to dial from their personal telephone. The scripts are currently targeted based on voter registration information. Independents, Libertarians, Republicans and Democrats all receive custom tailored live messages from callers.

While exploring options to develop this project, the LP staff received quotes that began at \$10,000 per participating state; half-a-million dollars for national deployment. As a result, the project was nearly shelved because of the overwhelming costs. In a final attempt to get the project off the ground, the LP began consideration of developing the product internally. They sent out an e-mail asking for volunteers and advice. The volunteer base came though and the project was officially announced at the national convention.

The Ballot Base had already received some attention before it was officially launched. A test run of the new political tool was performed in California's 50th Congressional District, where Libertarian Paul King was running for the seat vacated by Duke Cunningham. King was opposed by Republican Brian Bilbray and Democrat Francine Busby. The LP's new Ballot Base helped the Libertarian candidate to more than triple his number of votes.

Because of the disparity between his primary and his special election vote totals, a writer at the Web site [DemocraticUnderground.com](http://DemocraticUnderground.com) noted that something seemed amiss. The popular site [HuffingtonPost.com](http://HuffingtonPost.com) ran an article suggesting a Diebold conspiracy was the reason that King received significantly more votes than Libertarian candidates in neighboring districts. In reality, it was the Ballot Base.

You can volunteer to assist in this exciting new project by visiting [BallotBase.org](http://BallotBase.org).

# Delegates mandate political action at Portland convention

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and 'guidelines' jumbled together over a few decades. They will be given the freedom to address each issue on its own merit without restriction by some supposed higher authority.

"The delegates of the 2006 Libertarian National Convention freed candidates for office to address issues with reason and in real time. For that, they should be applauded. Now we can get down to the business of 'moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office.'"

Toward this end, the Libertarian Party launched or publicized several new programs which provide specific political tools to local campaigns and candidates. Three of these projects were the Libertarian Leadership School (LLS), the Ballot Base, and a recent branding survey.

The results of the Libertarian Party branding survey (see related article) were also detailed by LNC member Jeremy Keil and market research specialist Mick McWilliams.

The branding project surveyed 1,000 voters in December 2005 to find their political thoughts and leanings so Libertarian Party candidates and educational efforts might better target their intended audiences.

"Our main discovery is that you can't create Libertarians, but you can discover them, said Keil. "You cannot convince the majority of America that we are right on any issue, but what you can do is find the 23 percent of people who agree with us on that issue and motivate them to donate or vote LP."

The survey found that while 23 percent of Americans could be classified as libertarian, they were only libertarian on specific issues. The key libertarian issues with voters are grouped into these categories: gun control, abortion rights and sexual freedom and foreign military involvement.

LP policy analyst Matthew Dailey presented a breakout session explaining the Libertarian Leadership School, which was officially launched earlier this year. The Libertarian Leadership School is an online university which was developed to train prospective candidates, campaign staff, party members and activists in a variety of topics directly related to winning elections and moving public policy in a libertarian direction.

"LLS provides a lot of the basic information our candidates and campaigns need to win elections," said Dailey. "As the courses are presented online over six week semesters, it makes it easier for people squeeze a course or two into their tight work or school schedules."

The courses that are offered at the present time are Candidate

Recruitment, Campus Organizing, Campaign Training, Campaign Fundraising, Candidate Training, Campaign Management, Advanced Campaign Management and Blogging.

Additional courses are expected to be offered later this year. The next semester begins on July 31, 2006.

Also unveiled was the LP's new GOTV (Get Out the Vote) project. The project, dubbed Ballot Base, is administered online at [BallotBase.org](http://BallotBase.org).

"With Ballot Base, we are able to utilize our national volunteer base to target local political races," said John LaBeaume, the party's national campaign coordinator. "We're now able to employ a similar tool to what the Republicans and Democrats use to conduct their campaigns."

The Ballot Base allows activists to volunteer online. Once they've logged into the system, they are given a targeted calling script and a telephone number to dial from their personal telephone. The scripts are currently targeted based on voter registration information. Independents, Libertarians, Republicans and Democrats all receive custom tailored live messages from callers.

Other breakout sessions included "Developing a Libertarian Organization," which was run by Libertarian Party of Oregon State Chairman Adam Mayer. This lecture provided a new approach to how to look at the Libertarian movement. The four parts of the Libertarian movement are Activists, Intellectuals, Politicians and Administrators. The theme was illustrating that when each part works together you will have a successful Libertarian organization and will minimize infighting.

"Campaign 101" was taught by Libertarian Party of Oregon State Chairman Adam Mayer and Derek Bradley of the Libertarian Party of Oregon staff. It provided information about how to run as a libertarian, how to avoid common mistakes and how to make the most of your campaign. Additional discussion

was on guerilla tactics that can be used to run an effective campaign against the two major parties.

The fundraising session was lead by Arin Sime, founder of Donor Town Square. Sime provided mechanisms for raising money for political candidates and state party organizations. Special emphasis was placed on online fundraising and attracting people using email, weblogs, podcasting, and internet advertising.

The Libertarian Party of Oregon Executive Director Richard Burke provided a detailed workshop discussing elements from the other workshops and how they all tie together called "Advanced Political Strategy and Infrastructure Development."

Bill Hall, an attorney working underretainer to the Libertarian National Committee, discussed federal campaign finance law and how to be compliant with the FEC. He emphasized local political parties that engage in limited federal-related election activity.

In addition to national Chair Bill Redpath (see related article on page one), other new officers were elected to lead the party until the 2008 convention. Chuck Moulton, a 27 year old recent graduate of the Villanova University School of Law, was elected vice chair. Former LP Chair Geoffrey Neale was elected as treasurer and Bob Sullentrop ran unopposed for the position of secretary.

The new at-large members of the Libertarian National Committee are radio host Angela Keaton; Lago Vista, Texas city councilman Patrick Dixon; retired Navy Vice Admiral Michael C. Colley; financial advisor Jeremy Keil; and writer and consultant Dan Karlan.

The new regional representatives are Tony Ryan of South Dakota with Julie Fox of Wisconsin serving as his alternate; Hardy Machia of Vermont with Eric Sundwall serving as his alternate; M Carling and Aaron Starr of California with Scott Lieberman

of California and Richard Burke of Oregon serving their alternates; Emily Salvette of Michigan with Rebecca Sink-Burris of Indiana serving as her alternate; Mark Bodenhausen of Alabama with Stewart Flood of South Carolina serving as his alternate; Jim Lark of Virginia with Steve Damerell of Virginia serving as his alternate; and Wes Benedict of Texas with Nancy Neale of Texas serving as his alternate.

The speaker lineup included former Congressman Bob Barr, Sky TV founder and current BBC correspondent Andrew Neil, Judicial Watch's Christopher Farrell, founding member of the rock band Nirvana Krist Novoselic and Gregory Nojeim of the ACLU.

Maricopa County, Ariz. Superior Court Judge John Buttrick; 8th grader Meagan Dickson; LNC member and Libertarian Party of Texas Chair Patrick Dixon; former vice presidential candidate Tonie Nathan; former presidential candidate Michael Badnarik; Davenport, Iowa Alderman Bill Lynn; Advocates for Self Government President Sharon Harris and former national board member Bette Rose Ryan spoke from the floor at the convention.

While there was some heated floor debate over platform and bylaws issues, the enthusiasm of the delegates to become more engaged in the political process was apparent at the convention. When programs such as the Ballot Base were introduced, the applause level was a clear indicator that delegates were extremely excited about being able to implement the political tools which will help their campaigns become more successful.

"If there was any mandate from this convention, it's that an overwhelming majority of the delegates wished to engage in the activities which help us conduct and win elections," according to Shane Cory, executive director of the Libertarian Party. "The theme of 'Uniting Voters' was persistent throughout the convention."

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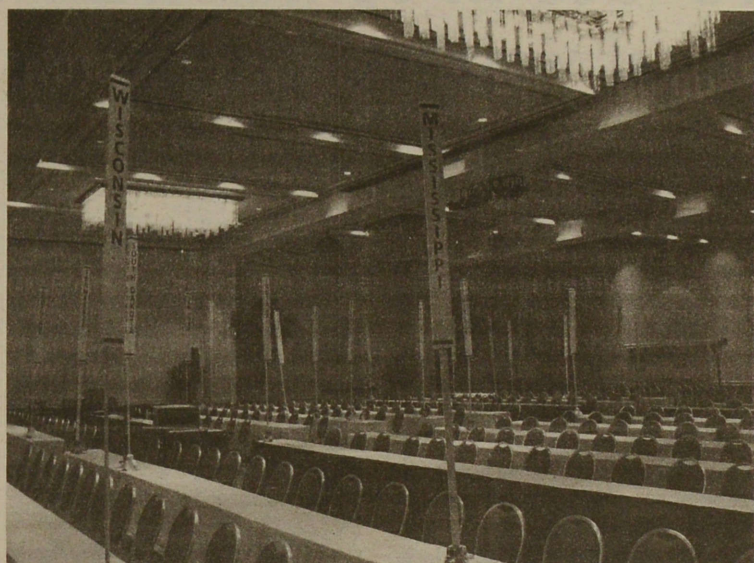
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■ Convention floor at the Libertarian National Convention, which was held at the Portland Hilton and Executive Tower in beautiful downtown Portland, Ore.

Delegations to the national convention were seated by state shortly after this photograph was taken.

■ Volunteers manned the registration and credentialing booths at the national convention.

The Libertarian Party of Oregon played a vital role in this year's convention by providing a steady flow of outstanding volunteers throughout the weekend.

Inessa Hamilton-Lee serves as the volunteer director for the LPO. Inessa along with Richard Burke and Adam and Christiana Mayer were a huge help to LPHQ staff.



■ *Free Liberal* publisher and editor Kevin Rollins, along with Brenda King, interview convention attendees outside of the main convention hall.

Kevin declined his status as a Virginia delegate to cover the 2006 convention as a representative of the press.

Rollins is working on a convention documentary.



■ Lorena Seitz and April Atkins manned the pledge booth, where people who signed a new pledge for over \$10 were eligible to win one of two special Libertarian Party iPods.

Lorena produces *Pledge News*, which is a free publication for anyone who pledges over \$10 a month.

April recently replaced the automated telephone system at LPHQ.



## Marketing survey reveals how many Americans are libertarian

Market research specialist Mick McWilliams and branding project coordinator Jeremy Keil presented the results of the Libertarian Party branding survey at the national convention. Branding the Libertarian Party was directed by the LP's 2001 Strategic Plan.

A thousand voters were surveyed in December 2005 to find their political thoughts and leanings. From this survey, Keil and McWilliams were able to discover how to group voters based on how voters feel about particular issues. They were also able to determine how people relate to authority and learn how that affects their political leanings.

The statistical data provides that 23 percent of Americans are Libertarian, but they are only Libertarian on specific issues. The top libertarian issues with voters currently are gun control, abortion rights and sexual freedom, and foreign military involvement.

According to the survey, American voter opinion is divided along ten specific political issue areas. Very few Americans hold Libertarian views with respect to all or even a majority of the ten general issues. These issues groups are abortion rights and sexual freedom, government influence on personal lives, foreign military involvement, the war on drugs, gun control, individual rights, affiliation with major political parties, free international trade, immigration and taxation.

Americans who are libertarian on a majority of today's prevalent political issues are a very small minority. However, about a fifth of the electorate leans Libertarian on at least some political issues. According to McWilliams, opportunity exists and can be tapped by appealing to "partial Libertarians" first on the basis of the specific issues on which they

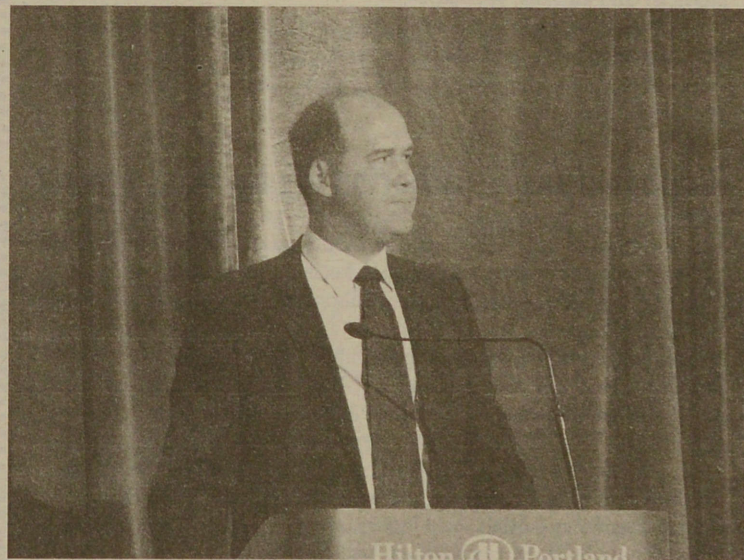
share libertarian views.

Based on the survey data, voters were broken into groups. Keil and McWilliams identified these as a Libertarian group, a counter-libertarian group and one to three intermediate groups.

Based on these groups, Libertarians are only slightly outnumbered by counter-libertarians overall (21 percent vs. 24 percent). Libertarians outnumber counter-libertarians on three of the ten issue areas, but the reverse is true for another three of the ten issue areas. Intermediates for three of the ten issue areas lean somewhat Libertarian, while they lean somewhat counter-libertarian for another three of the issue areas.

With respect to authoritarians, Keil and McWilliams determined that there is nothing to be gained from wasting effort and resources trying to turn these solidly counter-libertarian voters to the libertarian cause. Significant authoritarian resistance to the Libertarian agenda derives from a basic psychological tendency to distrust any political thought that runs counter to positions supported by the present "neo-conservative" political leadership. As long as the perceived authorities are not seen as supporting the Libertarian agenda, the great majority of right-wing authoritarians will oppose it in "a somewhat non-thinking and reflexively change-resisting way."

At their presentation, Keil and McWilliams proposed finding the pro-libertarian hot points for individuals and groups and then getting these individuals and groups to see that Libertarians share their sentiments on those key issues. By establishing voter credibility through points where there is already agreement, voters can be gradually introduced to other libertarian issues.



■ Nirvana founding member Krist Novoselic speaks at a Sunday morning breakfast regarding electoral reform. Krist serves with new LP Chairman Bill Redpath on the board of FairVote, an organization dedicated to electoral reform and the easing of ballot access restrictions.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Maine voters will likely support TABOR

In a recent statewide poll in Maine, three-quarters of respondents said they will likely support a Taxpayer Bill of Rights that will be on the ballot this November.

The tax and expenditure limitations bill would force voter approval on almost all tax increases, allowing taxes to be increased without a referendum only to match the cost of living index.

The Maine Supreme Court voted recently to put the TABOR on the November ballot, giving voters the right to have a say in the future of taxation in their state.

The Maine LP supports the bill, with state LP Chair Mark Cenci saying that he and other Libertarians "will be doing all that we can to pass this initiative."

The number of people supporting TABOR has increased over the last year and a half or so.

In the fall of 2004, 57 percent of those surveyed said they would support such a bill. That grew to 78 percent in the fall of 2005, then dropped slightly to 75 percent this spring.

The number of people who said they would not be likely to support TABOR has remained fairly constant, however, with the number growing from 20 percent to 21 percent between the first and last of the three polls.

In each poll, the number of people who said they simply don't know how they would vote in such a referendum was very small, at 2 percent or less — with the majority of new supporters for TABOR coming from the self-described "neutral" camp.

In the fall of 2004, 21 percent of those polled said they were neutral on the question, and that number has dropped to 3 percent.

### Phillies to seek LP's 2008 presidential nod

George Phillies, who ran for the chairmanship of the national Libertarian Party in 2004 and again this year, announced prior to the national convention in Portland, Ore., that he plans to seek the party's nomination for president in 2008.

The Libertarian Party has "the positive, people-friendly solutions" to America's problems, including the federal budget deficit, Social Security, attacks on civil liberties, and severe issues with immigration and education, Phillies said when announcing his candidacy.

"Now all we need to do is to put our Libertarian solutions into effect and save America."

The party needs effective spokespeople who can deliver the libertarian message "in a way that will be heard," he said — noting that the "spokespeople are called candidates" and the "message delivery is called the campaign."

Through advocacy, activists and advertising, Phillies said, he believes he would be able to serve as an effective presidential candidate for the party.

"I have already had a long and successful professional life as a physicist and author," he said.

"I've been active in our presidential nominating and general election campaigns at a high level. I've seen what needs to be done. In fact, I wrote a book on what we did in past cycles, and how we might do it better next time."

### Rainbow Family gathering hit by mass arrests

The federal government has decided that an annual gathering of neo-hippies called the Rainbow Family poses a serious threat, and has reportedly been arresting, ticketing and holding hundreds of early-arriving free-spirited people in detention camps near Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

This year's festival was to be held July 1-7, but the National Forest Service decided this year that a permit is required for the gathering. The group has been meeting on park land annually during these "pilgrimages" since 1972, but this year they apparently needed permission.

In late June, a federal "incident team" gathered to deal with the Rainbow Family, with representatives of the Colorado State Patrol, county sheriffs and other local law enforcement officers being brought under the umbrella of the National Incident Team.

What makes this year different? Officials said there was a significant danger of fires being started by the group.

It's likely that any fires started will be of an emotional nature: According to the ABC News affiliate in Denver, a confrontation occurred early on between Forest Service guards at a police checkpoint and about 200 people armed with sticks and rocks.

Meanwhile, the Rainbow Family's Web site contained a banner message saying to "ignore all rumors of cancellation" of the gathering.

## Phil Mamyin's race in Connecticut gaining political writers' attention

Libertarian candidate Phil Mamyin's campaign is starting to generate some buzz in Connecticut's hotly contested Fourth Congressional District, and the *National Journal's* influential *House Race Hotline* is taking note.

Maymin's bid to oust incumbent Republican Representative Christopher Shays was highlighted recently in his hometown paper, the *Greenwich Time*, which recounted Maymin's American success story: "A Moscow native who immigrated with his family in 1980, the Harvard-educated Maymin and his father, a former mathematics professor, operate a Greenwich hedge fund called Maymin Capital Management LLC."

The *House Race Hotline's* "Veterans to Watch" column featured

excerpts from the *Greenwich Time* under a headline asking "Good News for Farrell?" — referring to Shays' Democratic challenger, Diane Farrell.

The message this mention sent to the political professionals and media insiders that regularly read *HRH* is that Libertarian Phil Maymin is poised to help unseat the House Republican co-author of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, the law that stifles political speech and imposes onerous regulations on groups like the Libertarian Party.

This race is one of the most closely watched in the country, as Farrell makes a second try to topple Shays, a feat at which she was nearly successful in 2004.

In this district, which is an-

chored in New York City's affluent Connecticut suburbs and has been trending Democratic in recent elections, Shays has managed to hold onto his seat by stressing his independent streak.

But on the campaign trail this year, the Congressman is learning the hard way that his constituents aren't buying that line anymore. Shays' ardent defense of the War in Iraq and the PATRIOT Act is proving to be a "tough sell" in a district where President Bush's approval ratings are in the cellar.

While editors over at *House Race Hotline* wonder how many votes Maymin will snare from previous Shays supporters, he may very well benefit from voters looking for a

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## Georgia candidate courts voters at 2006 Atlanta Pride Festival

Kevin Cherry, the Libertarian candidate for Public Service Commission in Georgia's District Five, attended the 2006 Atlanta Pride Festival at the end of June, saying that in his opinion, members of the gay and lesbian community are tired of being used by the Democrat and Republican parties for political leverage.

Noticeably absent at the event, said LP Georgia Executive Director Trevor Southerland, were Mark Taylor and Cathy Cox, the two Democrats fighting for a chance to oppose incumbent Gov. Sonny Perdue, a Republican, in this year's election.

Despite the fact that some Democrats participated at the event, the "lingering cloud hovering overhead" was that Taylor and Cox both decided the festival wasn't worth their time, Southerland said in a press release issued shortly after the event.

The festival drew an estimated quarter of a million people, and

should have been a natural draw for the Democratic candidates for governor, Southerland opined.

"The Democratic Party has a history of saying they support the

government should keep its hand off your wallet, and its eyes out of your bedroom."

Cherry echoed this statement, saying the LP is "the only political party who offers the personal freedom to live our lives as we see fit, not as politicians and the government want us to live."

Cherry also attended the festival in 2005, working with the "Outright Libertarians" booth and talking to festival attendees about the party.

On that occasion, "hundreds of people dropped by the information booth and we were able to get the libertarian message out to potential voters," he said.

The Democratic Party has abandoned any pretense of defending personal liberties, Cherry said.

As evidence, he pointed to the fact that Georgia's "Gay Marriage Amendment would not have passed without the support of Democratic Party."

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rights of all individuals, but they continue to show their true colors and expose them for what they are," Southerland said, noting that only the Libertarian Party believes that

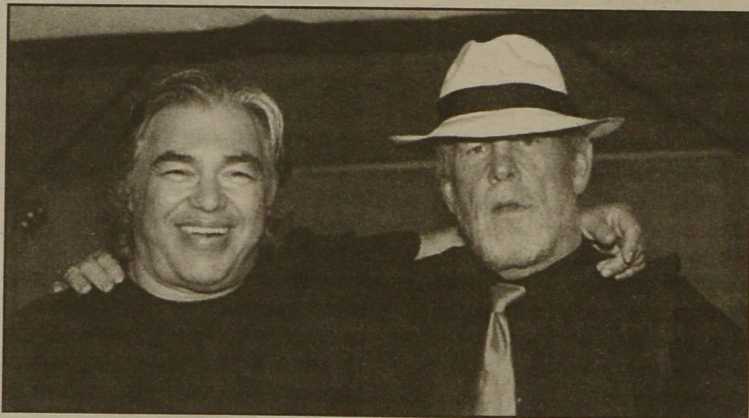
## Russo's "Freedom to Fascism" premieres in Cannes

In late May, Aaron Russo's new political documentary "Freedom to Fascism" had its international premiere in Cannes, France.

The Cannes film festival is well-known as one of the most important venues for film in the world, and even making it to the festival with this movie was a coup for Russo.

Of course, Russo (who was one of the primary contenders for the Libertarian Party's nomination for president in 2004) is no stranger in Hollywood: Movies he has produced include "The Rose" with Bette Midler and "Trading Places" with Eddie Murphy and Dan Aykroyd.

But taking a pro-liberty movie to Cannes is an accomplishment worth celebrating, and "Freedom to Fascism" certainly fits the bill.



The movie focuses on the federal income tax, voter fraud, the national I.D. card, and other aspects of modern American life — making the argument that the United States is taking on many characteristics of

a police state.

Russo is shown (at left in the photo above) with actor Nick Nolte, who said after the premiere that "the information in this film is something everybody has to know."



# Libertarian Bill Peirce will appear on Ohio ballot as an 'independent' gubernatorial candidate

**B**ill Peirce, a Libertarian who is running for governor in Ohio as an independent, has been certified as an official candidate by Secretary of State's office.

State law requires 5,000 valid signatures for an independent candidate for governor to be on the ballot.

The Peirce campaign filed a nominating petition with 13,394 signatures on May 1, and the petition was accepted in late June. Mark Noble will be Peirce's running mate.

Of the raw signatures, 9,389 were judged "valid," giving the Libertarians nearly twice as many signatures as needed to attain ballot access for this fall's election.

According to campaign reports, all 88 counties of Ohio are represented in the petition. The signature drive extended to all major cities and most rural areas in the state.

Peirce, who holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard and a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton, is currently Professor Emeritus of Economics at Case Western Reserve University, where he has been teaching since 1966. For six years he was chairman of the university's economics department.

His decades of experience as an economist and economics professor make Peirce uniquely qualified to help direct Ohio into an economically sound future.

"A prosperous and free Ohio will create new jobs, improve our quality of life, and secure our children's future," Peirce says on his Web site, [PeirceForOhio.com](http://PeirceForOhio.com).

"Ohio will grow and create jobs only when the crafty, connected and ambitious in this state can no longer get rich by grubbing for favors in the Statehouse," he said in a press release issued after it was announced he would be on the ballot.

"I believe that smart, talented, hard-working Ohioans, set free from bureaucracy, waste and fraud, will

bring prosperity to Ohio by using their energy to build real businesses throughout this state," he continued. "I have spent my entire career studying economic development, and that's what Ohio needs now."

"There's a growing consensus among many economists that economic freedom is closely linked to economic growth. The only way to

get more rapid growth is to get more economic freedom."

Complementing his academic credentials are his published works, including books (*Bureaucratic Failure and Public Expenditure*; *The Economics of the Energy Industries*; and *Technological Innovation and Industrial Leadership*, which was co-authored with Bela Gold, Gerhard Rosegger,

and Mark Perlman) as well as many journal articles and book chapters.

He has lectured at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands and served as a visiting scholar at the University of Mannheim in Germany; was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the American Institute for Economic Research in 2004; and serves as an Academic Advisor

for the Buckeye Institute and the Heartland Institute.

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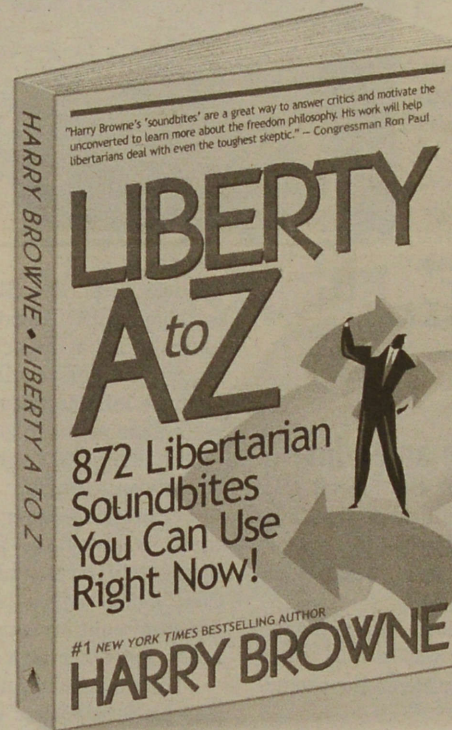
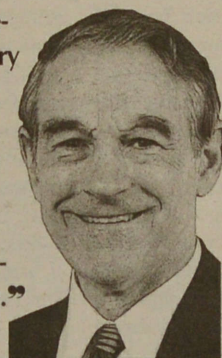
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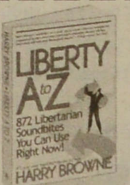
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## TALKING POINTS

# 'Independent' Republicans, Rummy and Katrina relief fraud

## ■ Rumsfeld's worth

One of the foxy things about Donald Rumsfeld ... is that he is always "exactly what is needed."

Have you noticed that? The president certainly has. Faced with unusually stark calls from within the military to dump Rummy for what one retired general called "his absolute failures in managing the war," Bush rallied to his defense, declaring, "Secretary Rumsfeld's steady leadership is exactly what is needed at this critical period."

Now, I know you may have heard the opposite from some of those so-called experts — four-star generals, lieutenant generals. Your typical doves. I know some of them actu-

ally served in Iraq, but clearly they missed critical opportunities to realize how much we need Rummy.

But the best defense came from the secretary Himself, who can deftly turn (and turn and turn) a phrase: "Out of thousands and thousands of admirals and generals, if every time two or three people disagreed we changed the secretary of defense of the United States, it would be like a merry-go-round."

The problem, however, is this: Mr. Secretary, there are not "thousands and thousands of admirals and generals." To be exact, there are currently thirty-nine generals and admirals in all the armed forces. Counting lower-level generals and rear and vice admirals, there are 881.

—JIM NELSON, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
GQ  
June 2006

## ■ Marriage amendment

Proponents of the Federal Marriage Amendment claim that it is needed immediately to prevent same-sex marriages from being forced on the nation.

That fear is even more unfounded today than it was in 2004, when Congress last considered the amendment.

The better view is that the policy debate on same-sex marriage should proceed in the 50 states, without being cut off by a single national policy imposed from Washington and enshrined in the Constitution.

A person who opposes same-sex marriage on policy grounds can and should also oppose a constitutional amendment foreclosing it, on grounds of federalism, confidence that opponents will prevail without an amendment, or a belief that public policy issues should only rarely be determined at the constitutional level.

Whatever one thinks of same-sex marriage as a matter of policy, no person who cares about our Constitution and public policy should support this unnecessary, radical, unprecedented, and overly broad departure from the nation's traditions and history.

—DALE CARPENTER  
Chicago Sun-Times  
June 4, 2006

## ■ Quasi-independent

Republican Rep. Christopher Shays cites his differences with President George W. Bush, produces a chart outlining his moderate voting record and pledges his independence from party leaders in Congress.

His Connecticut colleague, Re-



publican Rep. Rob Simmons, says working with Democrats comes naturally in a district where voters favored Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry over Bush by 10 percentage points in 2004.

For Shays, Simmons and other Republicans running for Congress in Democratic-leaning or swing districts in November, playing down their party label and playing up their independence has become a matter of political survival in a year when "Bush" can be a dirty word.

"The reality of my district is if we play partisan politics we lose," said Simmons, who takes pride in representing one of the most Democratic districts in Republican hands in the country.

—JOHN WHITESIDES  
Reuters  
June 15, 2006

## ■ Securitization

Bernice Bogart, 83, had a hip replacement seven years ago and isn't supposed to stand without her walker. Her daughter, Sally Moon, says she was assured that Frontier Airlines and Transportation Security Administration staff would not require her mother to leave her wheelchair while going through security at Denver International Airport.

But while Moon was placing her bags on the x-ray screener, TSA officials chose her mother, who suffers from dementia, for additional screening and got her out of the wheelchair. When Moon reached out to keep her mother from falling, a TSA official shouted at her not to

touch the old woman.

And when Moon pointed out her mother is under doctor's orders not to stand, she says the screener threatened not to allow them on the plane. The screener had Bogart raise her arms, but she could only raise them so far because of the effects of breast cancer surgery, so the screener raised them herself.

When Moon asked for the screener's name, TSA officials refused to provide it.

—CHARLES OLIVER  
Reason Online  
May 26, 2006

## ■ Increased fines

President Bush on Thursday signed into law legislation that raises fines tenfold for radio and television broadcasters that violate U.S. decency standards by airing extensive profanity or sexual content.

The new law, which boosts fines to as much as \$325,000 per violation from \$32,500, could help congressional Republicans woo conservatives in a tough election year as they have faced ebbing support from key core constituencies.

The Christian Coalition had placed legislation to increase

the fines as the No. 5 item on its 2006 legislative agenda. The new law also caps any continuing violations from an incident at \$3 million.

—ABC News  
June 15, 2006

## ■ Questioning the feds

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on March 6 ruled that the Salt Institute, a nonprofit association of salt producers that provides public information on behalf of its members, lacked standing to bring a lawsuit challenging government-disseminated misinformation about alleged health risks of salt.

... [T]he decision raises grave questions about the public accountability of government agencies.

The federal government collects, stores, and disseminates vast amounts of information every day, and the American public relies on that information in making myriad decisions, from what foods to eat to which products to buy.

The lawsuit sought to clarify what happens when the federal government disseminates information that is incorrect and what recourse an individual or company has to correct faulty information.

The salt ruling is a clear defeat for anyone who relies on or utilizes federally disseminated data or who is affected by those who do.

—WILLIAM L. KOVACS  
Heartland's Environment News  
June 1, 2006

## ■ Relief fraud

Problems with the distribution of federal disaster assistance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused potential fraud and waste topping \$1 billion, an audit by the Government Accountability Office found.

Debit cards given to people displaced by the storms were improperly used to buy diamond jewelry, a vacation in the Dominican Republic, fireworks, a \$200 bottle of champagne at a Hooters in San Antonio and \$300 worth of "Girls Gone Wild" videos, the audit found.

According to the GAO, \$1,000 from a FEMA debit card went to a Houston divorce lawyer, \$600 was spent in a strip club and \$400 was spent on "adult erotica products," all of which auditors concluded were "not necessary to satisfy legitimate disaster needs."

The GAO concluded that at least \$1 billion in disaster relief payments by the Federal Emergency Management Agency were improper and potentially fraudulent because the recipients provided incomplete or incorrect information when they registered for assistance.

And the GAO said the scope of the problem may be even larger, because it only looked at the validity of registration information and not at other forms of potential fraud.

The GAO also found that FEMA provided housing assistance to people who were not displaced, including at least 1,000 prison inmates, and also provided rental assistance to people who were simultaneously living in free hotel rooms.

GAO investigators estimated that 16 percent of FEMA's disaster relief payments were made to people who submitted invalid registrations, to the tune of about \$1 billion. However, because the figures were calculated using a statistical sample, the agency said the amount could range from \$600 million to as much as \$1.4 billion.

—CNN  
June 14, 2006

## ■ Phone companies

In the wake of reports that the NSA is monitoring phone records, Senator Arlen Specter, the Judiciary Committee chairman, said he would subpoena phone companies to appear before his committee. The phone companies said they would try to be there sometime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

—TINA FEY  
Saturday Night Live  
May 20, 2006

## ■ Eminent domain

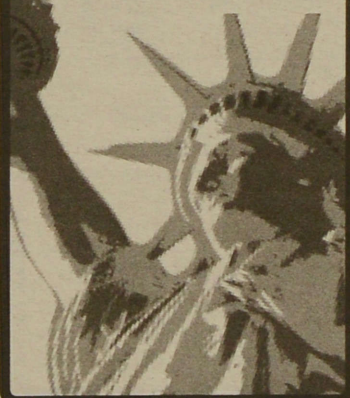
It's been almost a year since the Supreme Court decided in *Kelo v. New London* that bureaucrats may seize homes and businesses through eminent domain and transfer the land to private developers in the name of economic progress.

Although the Constitution says government may condemn land only for "public use," the court held that this term means the same thing as "public purpose" or "public ben-

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efit."

Thus whenever a city council thinks it would "benefit the public" to snatch a house or small business and give it to Costco or Home Depot or any other company, it may do so, and courts will not intervene.

Americans reacted with outrage to the decision and urged state officials to pass laws protecting them from eminent domain. But so far this backlash has achieved mixed results.

Of the 16 states that have acted since Kelo was decided, only six — South Dakota, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Florida — have imposed meaningful restraints on government power.

Other states have either done nothing or have enacted laws so riddled with loopholes that they allow government to seize whatever property they consider "blighted."

—TIM SANDEFUR

The Star Telegram  
May 28, 2006

## National language

Speaking in support of legislation to make English the U.S. national language: "If the American people got any whiff that we thought having a national motto or a national anthem ... or a national language was unimportant to us, I think they would throw us all out."

—U.S. SEN. LAMAR ALEXANDER (R-TENN)

Quoted in TIME magazine  
May 29, 2006

## Conservative?

One of President George W. Bush's top policy advisers and former chief speechwriter, Michael Gerson, is stepping down to pursue other opportunities, a White House spokesman said on Wednesday.

Gerson was Bush's chief speechwriter during the president's first term and was promoted to policy and strategic adviser in 2005. He had been crafting major speeches for Bush since joining the former Texas governor's presidential campaign in 1999.

Gerson, listed as one of the 25 most influential Evangelical Christians in America by TIME magazine last year, is credited with helping Bush give voice to his "compassionate conservative" philosophy, a central theme of his presidential campaigns.

"It is compassionate to actively help our fellow citizens in need. It is conservative to insist on responsibility and on results. And with this hopeful approach, we can make a real difference in people's lives," Bush said in an April 2002 speech in California.

—JOANNE ALLEN

Reuters  
June 14, 2006

## Not 'combat ready'

From comments by Karen Mazurkiewicz, a spokesperson for the western New York district of the U.S. Postal Service, responding to a Buffalo News reporter who was trying to determine why National Guard ser-

geant Jason Lyon, deemed combat ready after recovering from a 2004 ankle injury sustained in Iraq, was turned down for a mail carrier job on the grounds that he had a physical impairment:

"We have a rich history of hiring veterans, but we have to look at each candidate and make an assessment of how they would handle the physical requirements of the job. There is a lot of bending, twisting, lifting and walking on uneven surfaces for a mail carrier."

"It is a very strenuous job."

—MARGINALIA

Playboy  
July 2006

## Racism redefined

Are you salting away a little money for your retirement? Trying to plan for your kids' education?

If so, Seattle Public Schools seems to think you're a racist.

According to the district's official Web site, "having a future time orientation" (academese for having long-term goals) is among the "aspects of society that overtly and covertly attribute value and normality

to white people and Whiteness, and devalue, stereotype and label people of color."

Huh?

Not all the district's definitions of racism (and there are lots of them) are so cryptic.

The site goes on immediately to say, "Emphasizing individualism as opposed to a more collective ideology" is another form of "cultural racism."

Did I mention that the district thinks only whites can be racist in America?

See if this sounds familiar: a gov-

ernment agency redefining a highly charged word to advance a particular ideology. ...

Um, note to the Seattle School Board and administration:

George Orwell's novel 1984 was a cautionary tale, not a how-to book. And the folks trying to control people's thoughts through state manipulation of the language — they were the bad guys.

—ANDREW J. COULSON

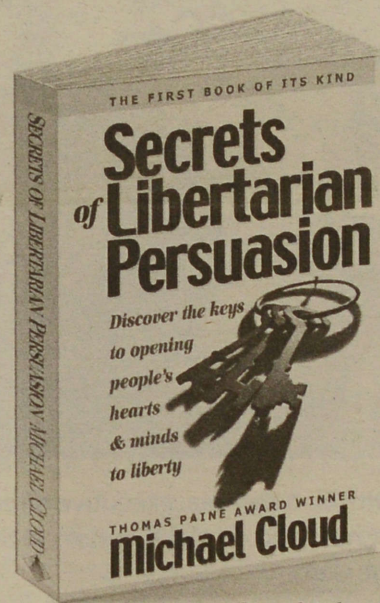
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# New Tennessee eminent domain law does little to prevent abuse of confiscation power

An eminent domain bill signed into law by Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen in early June may mollify some members of the public who don't pay close attention to the law's phrasing. It does next to nothing, however, to protect private property owners, according to the

state Libertarian Party.

The LP warned about the bill's inadequate protection of private property, but it was approved by both the state House and Senate and was quickly signed into law by Bredesen — and lawmakers congratulated themselves on responding to the

public outrage that came to the surface following the Supreme Court's Kelo decision a year ago.

"If you think this bill is going to significantly protect you from eminent domain abuse, you are mistaken," Tennessee LP Chair Alicia Mattson said in a press release is-

sued before the bill was voted on in the House.

"This bill is merely a pretense," Mattson added. "It was designed to let our elected officials claim that they voted to protect your property rights, when in reality it specifically allows eminent domain abuse."

How? The new law specifically allows local governments in the state to seize private property for industrial parks.

So even though the bill "starts off on the right foot, declaring that 'public use' does not include private use, benefits from economic development, increased tax revenues, increased employment opportunities, etc.," the press release said, "it allows the very thing that private property owners need protection from after the Kelo v. New London ruling."

State officials even admitted during debate of the law in the House that using eminent domain to seize land for an "industrial park" could be extended to using the land for other purposes, including "a retail store like Wal-Mart or just about anything else a lawyer wanted it to mean," Mattson continued.

"The bill basically proclaims that we have no property rights. We are allowed to temporarily use our prop-

erty only by the government's good graces, and the government can sell it off to the highest bidder as long as they call it an industrial park."

The Libertarian Party isn't the only group dissatisfied with the bill. Drew Johnson, president of the Tennessee Center for Policy Research said the new law is "a joke — and the joke is on property owners across the state."

Johnson noted that the law also specifically allows for government confiscation of private property for playgrounds, recreation centers and "land that may one day be turned into a lake."

How serious is America's problem with government officials seizing land and using it for private development?

Very serious indeed. When the Kelo decision was handed down, public officials around the nation said such use of eminent domain is very rare.

But that's clearly not true: According to the Tennessee Center for Policy Research, in the 12 months following the Kelo decision, "more than 4,000 properties have been threatened or condemned by governments that hope to transfer properties from their owners to politically connected developers."



■ Convention speaker, Krist Novoselic, mingles with Rob Kampia, executive director of the Marijuana Policy Project; Rob Latham, Utah State Chair; and other LP donors at the Pledge Reception to honor members of the Liberty Pledge Club.

## Vermont LP survey reveals local officials want fiscal responsibility from their state

This spring, the Vermont LP issued a survey of 12 questions to local officials around the state, asking what their positions were on issues ranging from eminent domain to death with dignity.

They received responses from officials in 31 towns around the state, and reported the results in a May 31 press release.

"The survey responses highlight the need for a state government and party that better represents the respondents' views," said Vermont LP Chair Hardy Machia.

"Nearly all survey respondents wanted much tougher eminent domain restrictions. Only one respondent agreed with the weak bill passed by the Vermont legislature this year."

Of those who responded, 70 per-

cent thought spending should be reduced instead of raising gas taxes. Also on the fiscal front, 70 percent thought Vermont's state budget should be \$4 billion or less, with 25 percent saying spending should be rolled back to the 2002 level, \$3.3 billion.

If \$4 billion sounds high, it's important to know that the governor and legislature have approved a 2006 budget that is \$4.4 billion — a 10 percent increase over 2005's \$4 billion budget.

Nearly all survey respondents said they think the state needs major reforms in health care, but were split on the issue of who should pay: 40 percent called for a "single payer system," while 60 percent said a free-market-based system would be a better way to accomplish the goal

of reform.

"Death with dignity and treating marijuana like alcohol both had strong support, with over 80 percent supporting both these reforms," Machia's press release said.

And not to ignore education, which many respondents said (in response to an open-ended question) is still a top priority for many towns.

In response to a direct question, absolutely none of those who responded to the survey said they think Vermont's school system is "working great," and a majority of them said they support getting out of President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" — along with allowing public and private school choice and limiting state spending increases to the rate of inflation.

## Former Alaska LP vice chair running for Juneau Assembly

Sara Chambers, former vice chairman of the Alaska LP, announced recently that she is running for the city assembly in Juneau, the state capital.

She was the first person to file her candidacy for the assembly in the upcoming October elections with the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

The post is nonpartisan, but Chambers made it clear to a reporter with the *Juneau Empire* that she would incorporate the libertarian belief in small government into her leadership if she is elected.

In 2000 she ran for Congress while living in southern Indiana, garnering 2 percent of the vote.

"I ran in 2000 for the same reasons I am running today: to help government live within its means," Chambers told Jason Steele of the *Empire*. "Our government expects families to make decisions based on what we can afford, so why shouldn't it be expected to do the same?"

Juneau is a home-rule municipality, with a nine-member assembly. Assemblymen are elected to rotating three-year terms.

There are currently no female members of the assembly.

Chambers has already received the endorsement of the CEO of the

Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Cathie Roemmich, who described the candidate as "bright and a part of the Juneau business community."

"I think she would be a wonderful asset," Roemmich said. "She has what it takes to be a positive member of the Juneau Assembly."

Chambers said she was driven to run for office in part by the fact that the tax assessment on her home has risen 29 percent in the five years she has lived there, without any significant improvements to the house.

"Too many homeowners in Juneau have had similar experiences without seeing an appreciable response from the city to correct the problem," she told the *Empire* reporter.

"The very real problem of rising housing costs and lack of affordable housing is driving families out of Juneau, and the Assembly needs to commit to action for the sake of the community."

Chambers currently runs a company, Chambers Management, which manages nonprofit organizations. Previously she was a specialist with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

She is married, and has a two-year-old daughter.



# Libertarians gear up to fight sales tax in Georgia

Libertarian Party leaders in Douglas County, Ga., are taking a lead role in fighting a proposed \$145 million sales tax on the ballot on July 18. Voters will be asked to extend the county's current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for six more years.

In Georgia, a SPLOST must be approved in referendum, and an extension to such a tax (which tacks an additional 1 percent onto the local sales tax) must also be approved by voters.

The county commission is diligently misinforming voters about the import of the tax, said Mike Raiford, chairman of the county LP. Raiford is also chairman of the Douglas County Taxpayers Coalition.

The ballot question has been worded in such a way to make voters believe the tax money would go to

pay for a host of local services and building projects — including parks, roads and water projects — but the last few lines of the 27-line ballot question dedicate \$87 million of the anticipated \$145 million in revenues to a new jail.

If the tax is approved, the money collected would go to the jail first, representatives of the taxpayers coalition said — and without a defined location for the new jail, a detailed cost estimate for construction or

operations, or a timeline for completion, the jail would almost certainly exceed the \$87 million the county commissioners and the sheriff have publicly discussed.

Voters should be wary about the county commissioners' forthrightness in planning construction projects, Raiford warned, pointing out that a recently constructed "aquatic center exceeded cost estimates by 300 percent."

Raiford and other representatives

of the taxpayers coalition met in early June to plan their fight against the tax extension.

"The citizens and commission candidates who attended came prepared with news articles and government documents that show the public has been misinformed about the need for a new jail," Raiford said after the meeting. "I was encouraged by the response and I look forward to getting this information into the hands of voters."

James Bell, a Libertarian activist with the Libertarian Action Network, organized local tax opponents to do roadside demonstrations to encourage voters to learn more about the proposed tax.

"I've found that few of my neighbors know about the proposed tax and those who do say they oppose it and want to lower their tax burden," Bell said. "People are sick and tired of the tax-and-spend liberal ways of our county government."

## Weld replaced as NY governor candidate

Delegates at the New York LP's convention on April 29 nominated former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld as the Libertarian candidate for governor of New York.

New York is one of the few states that allow candidates to run for office as the nominee of more than one party, and Weld was also seeking the Republican nomination.

Weld didn't win the Republican nomination, though, and he decided to drop out of the race rather than running solely as a Libertarian.

After that move, the New York LP restarted its campaign by naming former state LP Chair John Clifton as its gubernatorial candidate, with Donald Silberger to run for lieutenant governor.

The LP's campaign for statewide ballot status had stalled when Weld dropped out of the race on June 6, but it was cranked back up when Clifton and Silberger were nominated on June 20.

Both Clifton and Silberger have previously run for U.S. Senate.

Clifton is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He has the distinction of being a former drug counselor who is against the War on Drugs, and is now a social worker who is opposed to the welfare state.

Silberger is a math professor at SUNY-New Paltz.

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There will be a primary election in September, with very intense contests for both the GOP and Democratic nominations. The Democrats are expected to unite behind their nominee ... but the Republicans almost certainly will not. Randy Graf, a hard-line social conservative, is expected to win in a five-way contest

with 40-45% of the votes cast. Kolbe has endorsed one of the moderate Republicans in the primary and will not support Graf in the general election if he is the nominee, because of Graf's stands on social issues. So the likely result is a race with 45% or more of the voters — independents and unhappy Republicans — up for grabs.

Recognizing this extraordinary opportunity, the Arizona Libertarian Party persuaded the founder of the Libertarian Party, David F. Nolan, to enter the race. David is widely known as the Founder of the LP, and creator of the Nolan Chart. As soon as he announced his candidacy, support began pouring in. The media are starting to show interest. But if we are to really take advantage of this unique opportunity, we need your support as well.

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# 'Wasted Vote Syndrome' may well be a curable disease

All Libertarian candidates have heard it, the person who says; "I'd like to vote for you, but you have no chance to win." This is known as Wasted Vote Syndrome.

However, there is some good news to be obtained by examining data collected by Rasmussen Public Opinion Research during Libertarian Michael Badnarik's presidential campaign in 2004:

**By Rolf Lindgren**

Wasted Vote Syndrome is a curable disease.

How bad is the effect of Wasted Vote Syndrome?

A November 2002 Wisconsin poll found that Libertarian Ed Thompson lost 52 percent of his votes in the governor's race to Wasted Vote Syndrome. In the poll, 23 percent said they liked Thompson best, but only 11 percent voted for him. You can't win a three-way race when 52 percent of your votes are siphoned off.

A May 2004 national poll indi-

cated that if he was the Libertarian candidate for president, Aaron Russo would receive about 3 percent of the votes in a four-way race with the Democrat, the Republican, and Independent Ralph Nader. The same poll indicated Nader would have gotten about 8 percent. Nader ended up with 0.3 percent. His drop-off can be at least partly attributed to Wasted Vote Syndrome.

A July 2004 national poll indicated that Badnarik lost 57 percent of his votes to Wasted Vote Syndrome.

Seven percent liked Badnarik the best, but only 3 percent were willing to vote for him at that point. The amount of media coverage a candidate polling at 7 percent gets, compared to a candidate polling at 3 percent, is immense.

A July 2004 California poll indicated that Libertarian Senate candidate Judge Jim Gray lost 56 percent of his votes to Wasted Vote Syndrome. When polled, 18 percent of likely voters liked Judge Gray the best, but only 8 percent were will-

ing to vote for him at that point. Wasted Vote Syndrome is not as pronounced in July as it is in November. Gray ended up with only 2 percent of the vote.

An October 2004 national poll indicated that 3 percent of likely voters liked Badnarik the best. Badnarik finished at 0.3 percent. Badnarik lost 90 percent of his votes to Wasted Vote Syndrome.

Obviously, what we call the Wasted Vote Syndrome hits Libertarians and other third-party candidates pretty hard; I'd say it reduces our vote totals by 90 percent.

Now here's the good news. Polling data indicates that when voters are exposed to the concept that a vote for someone they like is an investment for the future, they are less likely to vote for the "lesser of two evils".

This question was posed to likely New Mexico voters in October 2004: Suppose there was a presidential candidate you agreed with, but who had no chance to win. Would you consider a vote for that candidate to be an investment for the future? Of those polled, 65 percent answered yes, 23 percent answered no, and 12 percent said they weren't sure.

That's promising! In theory, we can cure two-thirds of the people suffering from Wasted Vote Syndrome, simply by suggesting that their votes are an investment.

Here's another question from the same poll, with the results: Which best describes your definition of a wasted vote for president?

- You vote for someone you don't like (11 percent)
- You vote for someone who has no chance to win (16 percent)
- You vote for someone who wins, but the candidate wins by so much that your vote didn't matter, they would have won anyway (4 percent)
- No vote is wasted if it is counted (66 percent)
- Not sure (3 percent)

Only 16 percent thought voting for someone with no chance to win was a wasted vote, when exposed to alternatives.

While these last two questions were from surveys conducted in New Mexico, I can think of no reason why voters in other states would think differently.

Here is one final poll question, asked in 2004, regarding the nation's largest "third party": Do you think the Libertarian candidate for president has a chance to win in the presidential election scheduled for the year 2016?

- 19 percent Yes
- 53 percent No
- 28 percent Not sure

There you have it: A Libertarian vote is an investment for the future. Most voters from the 2004 election will still be alive in 2016.

**About the author:** Rolf Lindgren, vice chair of the Wisconsin LP, was polling director for the 2004 Michael Badnarik presidential campaign.

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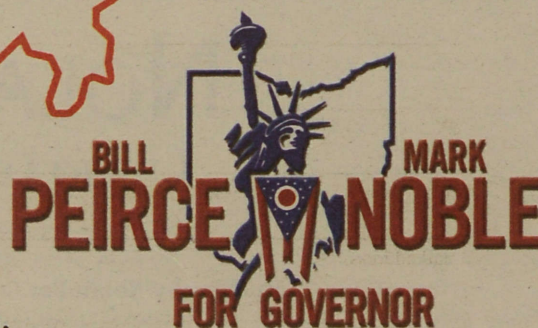
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# Libertarian candidates sought for unopposed Indiana elections

According to the Libertarian Party of Indiana, analysis of the upcoming state House races this fall shows that 44 of the 100 House seats will go unopposed this fall, while an estimated nine of the 25 Senate seats will similarly offer no choice to voters.

The state LP leadership is trying to encourage party members to step up, offering to run for office

— to ensure that voters are given options.

As of mid-June, tentative candidates had been found for three of the districts where there would otherwise be only a single Democrat or Republican running, and the goal is to get a Libertarian candidate in at least half of the races that are currently uncontested.

"We clearly want to provide voters a choice in all of those districts," said Dan Drexler, executive director

of the Indiana LP. "Whether they choose us is a totally other issue.

"Are we likely to fill all fifty-three state House seats? Not likely. We're still growing and we simply don't have the reach yet into every county just yet. But, we're going to give it a good shot. The key is that we've given voters a choice where the other parties have essentially dictated who the representative for them will be at each level."

The Democrats and Republicans

each hold 22 seats where voters currently can expect no choice in the November general election, a situation Drexler said is a result "of years of political manipulation of our districts by the D's and R's. I love it when people say, 'I'd vote Libertarian if I thought it would not waste my vote.' The reality is, a vote for the old parties is the wasted vote."

Through years of gerrymandering, the two older parties have managed to all but eliminate choice

when it comes to voting in many state House elections.

"The way these districts turn and twist street by street across our state is really a political tribute to Rep. Mahern and his House colleagues," Drexler said.

"He's obviously good at engineering away choice. He and his crew clearly balanced the state's districts so voters don't have to worry about making a choice. We're really only competitive in 10 or 11 seats."

## Court okays illegal entry into homes

Police officers may now enter homes without giving the previously required warning to occupants, and any evidence found can be used in court against the purported perps.

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The vote was a 5-4 decision by the Supreme Court's justices, a majority of which have now decided that the "unreasonable searches and seizures" mentioned in the Constitution are now perfectly reasonable.

In his majority opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia said that criminals shouldn't get off scot-free just because the police didn't wait long enough before entering their homes.

George W. Bush's newly appointed Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. cast the decisive vote on the issue: Former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor heard the case when it was argued in January of this year, but retired before the case was decided. The case came up again when Alito replaced O'Connor, and he became the tie-breaker.

Police officers have been advised in numerous cases in the last decade that they should wait about 20-30 seconds after calling out "Police!" before entering a home they have a warrant to search, but courts have said previously that waiting isn't necessary if there's a danger that the suspects may spend that time destroying evidence.

The four judges who dissented with the majority opinion said that the legal requirement to "knock and announce" will be meaningless is police officers can simply ignore it whenever they like.

With astounding naivete, Justice Scalia pointed to what he sees as the "increasing professionalism of police forces, including a new emphasis on internal police discipline," ignoring the fact that several people have been shot in recent years when police officers broke into the wrong homes when serving warrants.

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# Montana LP opposing bond issue

At a public hearing in late June, county commissioners in Missoula, Montana, voted unanimously to put an "open space" bond on the ballot in November, giving voters a chance to decide whether to issue a bond for \$10 million, half of which would be used for preserving open space in the greater urban area, and half for the rest of the county.

According to a report in the *Missoulian* newspaper, about 20 people spoke at the hearing, and only two of them spoke in opposition of the bond initiative. One of them was Mike Fellows, chairman of the Montana LP, who said he isn't opposed to preserving land, but that having a government entity issue a bond for that purpose is neither necessary nor fair to taxpayers.

Unfortunately, "all the groups that could supply the money to preserve open space were for the bond issue," Fellows said, noting that these groups included the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Five Valleys Land Trust and the Clark Fork Coalition, among others.

The money will be used to purchase land that will be set into a public conservation program, but that's what the other groups exist to do: to use private funds (not taxpayer dollars) to preserve the land.

Local residents who spoke in favor of the bond issue said previous land purchases similar to the one proposed have proven to be a tremendous boon to the area — and Fellows doesn't disagree.

The *Missoulian* quoted him as saying open space is a great idea if it is secured through the voluntary

participation of willing donors, but that setting up a tax for this purpose "picks other people's pockets," and forces everyone in the community to pay for something they don't necessarily support.

Even comments from bond supporters bolstered the argument that the bond issue isn't necessary. One local environmental activist said that in other communities, a \$10 million bond has rendered \$30 million or \$40 million in total funds, through matching grants and donations from private individuals and preservation groups.

In other words, a majority of the money other counties have raised for land preservation came from private sources — illustrating Fellows' point that tax-funded preservation isn't necessary.

"It is not government's job," he

was quoted as saying. "I don't think it is an essential government service. We just keep burdening taxpayers."

The newspaper report cast the libertarian point of view in a good light, Fellows said, noting that he thinks the local Libertarian Party affiliate's anti-bond campaign will stand a good chance of saving the taxpayers some money.

If approved, the tax to repay the bond would cost local homeowners about \$20 per year for 20 years.

The bond requires a simple majority to pass, if voter turnout in November is at least 40 percent.

If voter turnout is between 30 and 40 percent, 60 percent of voters would have to support it, and if less than 30 percent of voters go to the polls, the initiative will automatically fail.

## Phil Mamyin gathering votes

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change who aren't enthused by Farrell, as well.

Maymin summed up his appeal to both liberals and conservatives, Republicans and Democrats looking for a new alternative in a profile that ran in the *Greenwich Post*:

"He insists that the message of his party — government should stay out of people's lives — is one that should appeal to liberals and conservatives alike.

"Conservatives believe in freedoms," he said. "They 100 percent believe in economic freedom. Then there are questions about social freedoms — what should be done

with school and prayer — a lot of issues that, I think, if the conservatives were to really think about it, they would agree it should not be a government decision. Democrats, he said, are right in wanting to keep the government out of people's private lives, but they're too often willing to redistribute wealth in the form of federal programs — something he's staunchly against."

Wherever Maymin's votes ultimately come from, insiders are already taking note that in one of 2006's most watched battles for a U.S. House seat, the Libertarian candidate will be a factor that can't be ignored.

## THE REVIEW

### Big Government's failure

■ *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast*, by Douglas Brinkley. 685 pages, hardcover, \$29.95.

Reviewed by J. Daniel Cloud  
LP NEWS EDITOR

Much has been said about the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf South region in late August and early September 2005, especially on New Orleans and the Mississippi coast, but much of the blame for the disastrous outcome has been misplaced. A majority of the horror that came with Hurricane Katrina can fairly be attributed to a massive failure of government on all levels.

In his newest book, Douglas Brinkley — a professor of history at New Orleans' Tulane University — provides voluminous evidence that corruption, laziness, mismanagement and even plain old stupidity on the part of government officials caused more misery than did the storm itself. Brinkley's *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast* breaks down the story of the hurricane and its effects, dispelling myths and illustrating in excruciating detail what can happen when Big Government fails.

With background information scattered throughout this predominantly day-by-day exposition of what went wrong, Brinkley tells how government mismanagement began many years before the hurricane struck. For years preceding Katrina, federal money "earmarked for levee improvement [was often diverted] into harbor upgrades, canal dredging, and other initiatives that actually improved the chances for a hurricane to do even more damage," he explains.

Brinkley also points to the fact that, historically, insurance companies were unwilling to underwrite homes for storms and flooding along the coast — which "probably ought to have sent a message that the coastline was simply too dangerous for permanent development."

No one is better equipped than insurance companies to consider the risks posed by natural disasters, he explains. But starting in 1968, the federal government began offering insurance policies to those living in high-risk areas. In other words, much of the damage done to homes — resulting in a tremendous loss of life — could have been averted long before the hurricane happened. But through thinking they knew better than free-market forces, politicians lured hosts of Americans to live in what was obviously an unsafe region.

Bureaucrats and politicians also lulled New Orleans residents into believing they were safe from flooding because of the system of canals, levees and other water-management infrastructure protecting the city.

But they didn't maintain the systems they installed, and in some cases even sabotaged them following Hurricane Katrina.

For example, at a time when the pumping stations (that were capable of getting 16 million gallons of water per minute out of below-sea-level New Orleans) were more necessary than ever before, officials told the employees manning some of the pumps to turn them off and abandon their posts. These workers were even evacuated to a site 110 miles away, where they would be unable to quickly return to work.

Other breakdowns in government included many New Orleans Police Department officers who actually joined the looters, competing with them for the biggest and best swag; continual lies (or simple misinformation) spread by officials from Mayor Nagin to Police Superintendent Eddie Compass to FEMA's Michael Brown; and a veritable plethora of idiotic decisions made by FEMA.

FEMA refused a massive amount of assistance offered by businesses and individuals, including the offer of hundreds of seats on an empty train heading out of town (it left, still empty), the donation of water and food supplies by several corporations (their trucks were prevented from entering New Orleans), and an offer from the head of the American Bus Association to provide transportation out of town (FEMA officials refused to take their calls). FEMA didn't even respond to an offer from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to assist in rescue efforts.

Brinkley doesn't ascribe all blame for the damage to government officials, and he doesn't claim all officials were crooked or inept. He gives liberal, well-deserved praise to those who effectively did their jobs during these catastrophic days. But it would be impossible to read this book and not come away with a sense that government action gone awry contributed heavily to the disaster that was Hurricane Katrina.

Brinkley didn't set out to demonize government. For the most part, he simply quotes various officials saying directly contradictory things, or tells the reader both what an official said and what really occurred — allowing the bureaucrats to bury themselves in their own lies.

Be warned: *The Great Deluge* is not an easy read. Brinkley's descriptive powers are prodigious, and many of the stories recounted are painful to experience, even third- or fourth-hand.

But there is so much of value here that this book should be read by anyone who wants to understand what really happened during that dreadful week just one year ago.

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## THE PROFILE

## Chef Charlie Trotter

By Bill Winter  
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Most libertarians love to talk about politics and economics. Not Charlie Trotter. You're more likely to hear him debating condiments than the Constitution; macaroni than macroeconomics; second courses than the Second Amendment; and bleu cheese than black markets.



That's because Trotter is apparently the only world-renowned American chef who is also a libertarian.

Trotter's two passions — cooking and liberty — intertwined when the Chicago City Council voted in April 2006 to ban the sale of foie gras. Animal-rights activists had charged that foie gras is inhumane, since ducks are force-fed cornmeal to create the enlarged, fatty livers used to make the French delicacy.

Much to his dismay, Trotter was cited as an inspiration by some of the

foie gras prohibitionists.

Trotter, who runs the acclaimed, five-star restaurant Charlie Trotter's in Chicago, had decided in 2002 to stop serving foie gras because he found its production methods unnecessarily cruel.

But such an individual decision is quite different than using politics to ban the pricey dish, he said.

"I never wanted to become the de facto poster boy for the no foie gras movement," Trotter told the *New York Times* (Sept. 14, 2005). "It's pretty soon going to be legislated to death, and pretty soon we won't need to think because the government will think for us."

After the ban was passed, Trotter revealed his broader philosophical opposition to the law. "When I took foie gras off the menu, I was not trying to make a political statement," he told the *New York Times* (May 3, 2006). "I am certainly not gleeful about this. I am very much a libertarian."

How does a gourmet chef become a libertarian? In Trotter's case, he was a political science major in college when he discovered Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*, he told *TheAtlasphere.com* (Dec. 15, 2003).

"It was like music to my ears — for the first time in my life someone was espousing my point of view," he said. "And to me, Rand's philosophy exalts our possibilities here on earth; that anything less than the pursuit of excellence is a crime."

Trotter still gives copies of *The Fountainhead* and *Atlas Shrugged* to staff members at his restaurant to inspire them.

For most of his patrons, the food served at Charlie Trotter's is inspiration enough. Since it opened in 1987, the restaurant has been widely acclaimed as one of the best in the United States; it earned Five Stars from the *Mobil Travel Guide* and Five Diamonds from AAA. In 2000, *Wine Spectator* named it the Best Restaurant in the United States, and in 1999, the James Beard Foundation named Trotter America's "Outstanding Chef."

Charlie Trotter's menu — which changes from day to day — features everything from Indiana bobwhite quail to braised oxtail, and from garlic chutney to quince sorbet. One reviewer said the menu combines "European traditionalism with Asian minimalism and American ingenuity."

Trotter has written or contributed to 11 books, including *Charlie Trotter's Seafood* (1997), *Lessons in Excellence from Charlie Trotter* (with Paul Clarke, 1999), *Charlie Trotter's Meat and Game* (2001), and *Raw* (with Roxanne Klein, 2003). His television show, "The Kitchen Sessions with Charlie Trotter," airs regularly on PBS.

Away from his kitchen, Trotter is active in philanthropic work. He raised \$2 million for scholarships for young people to attend culinary school, and \$1 million for the American Cancer Society. In 2004, Trotter won the "Humanitarian of the Year" award from the International Association of Culinary Professionals.

"I think that success and philanthropy go hand in hand," he told *TheAtlasphere.com*. "I think it is a businessperson's responsibility to effect some good. Not only to improve your own business, but also your neighborhood and community. I try to justify my existence every single day."

■ Each month, LP News features a column about celebrities who call themselves libertarian. This article reprinted with permission from the *Advocates for Self-Government*. To read profiles of dozens of libertarian celebrities, visit: [www.TheAdvocates.org/celebrities.html](http://www.TheAdvocates.org/celebrities.html).

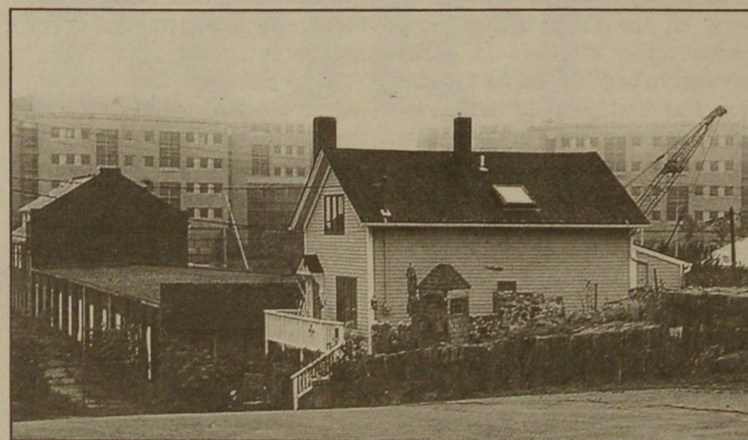
## Kelo can't keep her property, but she gets to keep her home

Susette Kelo, the resident of New London, Conn., who refused to sell her home when New London officials tried to condemn it so businesses could be built (leading to 2005's landmark Supreme Court case saying eminent domain can be used to make way for private businesses) will at least get to keep her home.

The famous little pink house she's lived in for years has become a national symbol of the fight against abuse of eminent domain powers, said Scott Bullock, senior attorney for the Institute for Justice, which represented Kelo in her Supreme Court case.

And now the house will at least not be destroyed: Kelo had proposed keeping her house and moving it to another location in New London, and on June 30 the city accepted her idea.

"I am not happy about giving up my property, but I am very glad that my home, which means so much to me, will not be demolished and I will remain living in it," Kelo said, noting that she proposed the same compromise "years ago and was



turned down flat" by the New London Development Corporation.

Apparently the negative attention the development corporation has received in recent years has made it at least a little more willing to listen to reasonable suggestions.

The precise location for Kelo's home has not yet been determined.

Since the Supreme Court decision in June 2005, legislators in 47 states have introduced, considered or passed legislation limiting the government's eminent domain pow-

ers when the land is to go into a different private use, and 25 state governors have actually signed legislation into law.

In addition, six states have constitutional amendments to limit eminent domain power on the ballot for November's elections.

Unfortunately, some of the legislation that has already been approved — and some of the amendments suggested — do not go far enough in limiting the government's powers.

## Minnesota LP nullifies endorsement for member Jeffers' quest for governor's seat

In early 2006, the Minnesota LP endorsed Sue Jeffers for this year's gubernatorial race. She is a member of the Libertarian Party.

However, Jeffers decided in April to seek the Republican nomination for governor, causing a ruckus in Republican ranks: GOP insiders said they couldn't believe that a Republican would have the effrontery to challenge the sitting Republican governor, Tim Pawlenty.

Jeffers actually worked on the Pawlenty for Governor campaign in 2002, but said his record has proven that he is by no means a fiscal conservative — in addition to the fact that the GOP "no longer represents the principles it once stood for [including] freedom and personal rights, and smaller, affordable and effective government."

She took the campaign motto "People Before Politics," adding to her message that party affiliation is subservient to helping people through effective government.

Jeffers' decision forced Libertarians to rethink their endorsement.

"It was a very difficult decision, and there was much discussion," said Minnesota LP Chair Lee Brennise, State Chair, "but as a result of Sue's decision to forgo our endorsement, in conjunction with her intent to run as a Republican in the gubernatorial primaries, we will be unable to petition for ballot access for Sue Jeffers to be in the general election as a Libertarian."

"As exceptional as a candidate as Sue is, the Libertarian Party of Minnesota will not endorse a candidate in the Republican primaries, or a Republican for the general election," Brennise continued in a June 13 press release.

The party's bylaws prevent them from endorsing a candidate for another party. That said, the LP doesn't plan to endorse another gubernatorial candidate for 2006, and Brennise went so far as to "encourage individuals to continue support in a volunteer capacity."

He noted further that "no other current gubernatorial candidate is as dedicated to the cause of liberty as Sue Jeffers."

Jeffers is known locally as an outspoken opponent of the planned smoking ban and a proponent of personal freedoms, and has said her first move if elected governor would be to order an audit of all levels of Minnesota's state government.

"There are so many layers, you could basically eliminate half of them," she told a newspaper reporter, pointing out that Minnesota's state government is the largest employer in the state. "It's outrageous. The government's role is not to provide jobs."

Because of her stance on small government, Jeffers says she is the sole fiscal conservative running for governor in Minnesota. She points to Gov. Pawlenty's proposal of borrowing nearly \$1 billion to finance

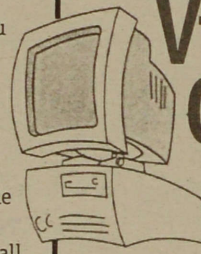
construction projects.

Jeffers said her inexperience in politics will be both her greatest challenge and one of her strongest assets in the race: She isn't a career politician like the other candidates. Instead she has spent 26 years running a restaurant and bar she owns, gaining common sense and learning how to run a business.

However, it will be a challenge to figure out all of the "unwritten rules" that help people running for office, she said.

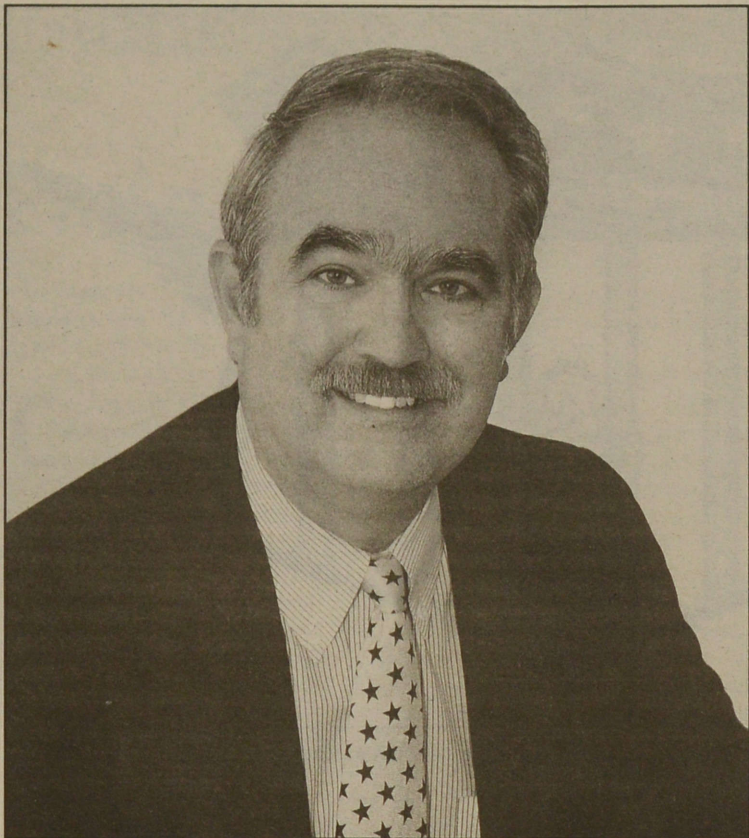
The biggest thing she'd like to bring to Minnesota politics would be getting the state government to live within its means, just like families and businesses have to do, she notes on her Web site.

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■ David F. Nolan, who lives in Tucson, Ariz., is running as the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 8th Congressional District — which the *Washington Post* recently ranked as one of the top three most-closely-watched congressional races in the nation this year.

## Libertarians lead fight against smoking ban

Members of the New Mexico LP are taking a leading role in fighting a proposed indoor-smoking ban in Farmington, a city of about 45,000 in the northwest corner of the state.

In late June, the city council voted to move forward with the proposal, and final action on the ban is scheduled for Aug. 22, following a public comment hearing in early July.

If city council members vote to approve the proposal, smoking would be banned indoors at bingo facilities, almost all places of employment (including retail stores and shopping malls), in public and private educational facilities, in public convention centers, and in any restaurant or bar where less than 50 percent of the revenue is generated through alcohol sales.

One city council member opposed allowing smoking even in bars, saying that allowing smoking in a bar with a higher percentage of alcohol sales and banning it in a restaurant or bar with a lower percentage "would be an unfair business practice" in that it would "provide an unfair business advantage" to some establishments.

Members of the Libertarian Party and business owners in the city argued that the city shouldn't try to tell private businesses how they should be run.

"I am not going to tell a customer to take (their) cigarette and turn it out and leave," one business owner

told the council, according to a report in Farmington's *Daily Times*.

"I think it's our right as business owners. If someone doesn't like my policy, they don't have to go to my place of business."

That is, of course, the Libertarian Party's stance, as well.

Gary Wood, chair of the San Juan County LP, gave the council a petition signed by about 3,000 people asking that the ban be rejected. Representatives of a group called Citizens Concerned About Second-hand Smoke turned in a petition with about 1,800 signatures.

"Let businesses set their own policies," Libertarian Joseph Knight said. "This sets a bad precedent that gets a foot in the door. Where is it going to lead?"

Leading up to the first public hearing, which drew about 200 local residents, the LP ran about 70 radio ads on five stations, Knight said — pointing out that "the vast majority of people who spoke [at the hearing] spoke against the ordinance."

Many of those who oppose the ordinance were drawn to the public hearing by the LP's radio spots, he added.

"On the bright side, the final vote meeting will be in late August, after the county fair, so we could use the fair to our advantage," Knight concluded, noting that some members of the city council may be persuaded if there is a "large enough continuing outcry" against the proposal.

## LP founder runs for Congress

David F. Nolan, in whose Colorado living room the Libertarian Party was created some 35 years ago, is one of 13 candidates (so far) for Congress in Arizona's 8th Congressional District.

The Republican incumbent, Jim Kolbe, is not seeking re-election, leaving the race wide open: Voter registration in the district is approximately 39 percent Republican, 34 percent Democrat and 25 percent unaffiliated — with Libertarians and Green Party members making up the other 1 percent.

However, because of intra-party disagreements, the probable Republican candidate is likely to alienate a sizeable number of unhappy Republicans, which could leave a massive percentage of voters (Nolan

estimates 45 percent, including the independents) up for grabs.

Because the district lines are not drawn to greatly benefit any one party, because the incumbent isn't running for re-election, and because of the number of candidates, a *Washington Post* writer has rated this district's congressional race as the third-hottest in the nation — meaning that a strong Libertarian turnout there could give the LP a huge shot in the arm.

"While it's very unlikely that I will win, we should be able to get 10 percent easily," Nolan said in a letter to delegates at the Libertarian Party's national convention, held in Portland, Ore., the weekend before Independence Day.

"We've already done a lot of the

groundwork for this race," he said. "My nominating forms and the necessary petition signatures have been turned in to the Arizona Secretary of State. I have a campaign manager and treasurer. We've lined up an office space that we can use rent-free, at least until the primary, and my campaign Web site is currently under construction."

As a first step in raising local support, Nolan said, his campaign plans to reach out to the 2,813 registered Libertarians in the congressional district.

After that, they'll target independent voters who will be looking for a candidate to get behind.

"This is one of the very few races that really are up for grabs," he told a Tucson newspaper recently.

## NH LP leaders shake up state politics

In an unusual move, New Hampshire LP Chair John Babiarz is running as a Democrat for the state House of Representatives, while his wife, Rosalie, is running for the state Senate as a Republican, according to a June 28 story in the state's *Monitor* newspaper.

In the past, both of them have run as Libertarians: John has run twice for governor, while Rosalie has run for several offices, including Congress.

No, they haven't changed their minds about the Libertarian Party. Rather, they told *Monitor* reporter Daniel Barrick, they are running under the two larger parties to increase public awareness of the difficulties third-party candidates have in getting on the ballot.

Republican and Democrat candidates can get on the ballot by

simply paying a small fee — \$2 for state representative and \$10 for state Senate — while Libertarians and other party candidates must collect petition signatures if their parties don't get at least 4 percent of the vote in the previous gubernatorial election.

New Hampshire law requires 150 signatures to get on the ballot for the state House, and 750 signatures to run for the state Senate.

"I'm looking for some way to make it easier ... to get on the ballot," John told the *Monitor*. "The Libertarian Party is not gaining any traction, and until we get parity with the other parties, it's morally offensive to make us gather petitions."

By running under the banners of the Republican and Democrat parties, Babiarz said, he and many oth-

er New Hampshire Libertarians are hoping to force the larger parties to rewrite election law in their state.

The decision reportedly irks the leadership of the other parties: Kathleen Sullivan, the Democratic Party chair, told the *Monitor* that she thinks the Libertarians are "abusing the system" by not accepting the fact that they need to collect signatures to get on the ballot.

"I suspect a real effort will be made to let Democratic voters understand that there's someone on the ballot who's pretending to be a Democrat and taking advantage of election laws," she was quoted as saying — ignoring the fact that the Democrats and Republicans routinely "take advantage" of the election laws to maintain their stranglehold on the political system.

## New Jersey LP wins access to public records

Activists with the New Jersey LP have succeeded in getting better access to government documents in their state, including in the township of Old Bridge.

In 2005 John Paff, secretary of the state LP, requested documents from the township clerk and was denied access without being given a reason.

The Government Records Council, which oversees the Open Public Records Act, ruled that no clerk is allowed to deny access to meeting records — even executive session minutes — unless they cite a state law as rationale.

"They acted like they had something to hide," Paff told newspaper reporters, noting that he believes there is a direct correlation between corruption and closed government.

In March, Paff also won a case before a state appeals court, when a panel of three Appellate Division Court judges struck down Edison Township's policy of charging \$55

for the simple act of putting township council meeting minutes on a computer disk.

The case stemmed from a 2004 incident, when Paff sent a computer diskette to the town clerk, asking that minutes from several meetings be saved to it. He included money for return postage.

The township sent him the disk containing the minutes, along with a bill for \$55.

The minutes of the Edison Township Council are theoretically updated on the town's Web site, but Paff explained that the site is frequently not updated for several weeks at a time.

A Superior Court judge upheld the exorbitant fee when the case was first heard, in November 2004.

But the appellate court judges agreed with Paff, saying in their ruling that "the only discernible rationale for the fee is to discourage the public from requesting information in this format."

In a story printed soon after, Paff told the *Home News Tribune* that he was pleased with the court's decision.

"It's wonderful," he said. "I feel good about it. It seems absurd to charge \$55 for a 40-cent diskette."

Township spokesman David Donnelly told the newspaper that he realizes "we're here to serve the public" and that the local government will "revise how we handle [Open Public Records Act] requests to better serve the public."

According to an Associated Press report, Edison's new mayor — Jun Choi, who was elected last fall and took office in January — said he wonders "why the previous administration even contested this in court."

Choi has reportedly said several times that he strongly believes in open government, and his uncomplaining acceptance of the appellate court decision lends credence to this.



## THE EDITOR

### I'm not calling for reform

This will be my final "From the Editor" column for *LP News*. After about two and a half years — 29 monthly issues, to be exact — I have resigned from my position as editor of this publication and am going on to other projects I have had on hold while working for the Libertarian Party.

Almost every person who was on the LP headquarters staff when I became the editor of *LP News* in January 2004 has gone on to other things, and almost every time someone leaves the rumor mill starts churning.

So just to clear up any potential confusion, no, there isn't a cloud over my head (no pun intended). I simply feel it's time to resume work on projects I've been putting off for years.

With that, a few words to close out my tenure as editor.

In my first column for *LP News*, printed in the March 2004 edition, I mentioned that "many long-time LP members continue saying how non-libertarian others in the party are," and I expressed hope that Libertarians could set aside "the in-fighting that is — in my opinion — the greatest shortcoming of the LP."

By J. Daniel Cloud

LP NEWS EDITOR

I have personally been attacked on some libertarian blogs as a reformer (gasp!), while others have insinuated that I'm part of the LP HQ cabal that is supposedly determined to keep the party insignificant. Some people have accused me of trying to push my own agenda, while others said I didn't take a stance on anything.

In perhaps the most idiotic attack, one misguided soul even slammed me as a "skinhead Nazi" on his "small government" blog because I shave my head. (For the record, I'm mostly bald naturally and shave the rest simply to finish the job Nature started.)

How do attacks such as these benefit the party? They don't. What they do is allow some people (who have nothing productive to do) to feel better about themselves by attacking others, typical bullying.

Some months ago I wrote another column, challenging members of the party to quit bickering with each other, to look outside their circles of libertarian friends, and to get busy working on actual politics.

Even that column was attacked by some Libertarians. I'm still not sure why. Somehow it was interpreted as a call for reform, both by people who think the party should be reformed and by those who think the party should remain exactly as it is.

In fact, the column was not a call for reform at all, unless you consider getting involved in the political system to be "reform."

I, for one, believe that working in politics is the point of the Libertarian Party. The LP's platform, oath and other documents should serve only to assist and clarify that mission.

Most of you probably know the LP's mission statement. For those who aren't familiar with it (or who need a refresher course) here it is: The mission statement of the Libertarian Party is "to move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office."

Being politically active or calling for other Libertarians to be politically active is not a call for reform. Rather, it's encouragement to do exactly what the Libertarian Party was formed to do.

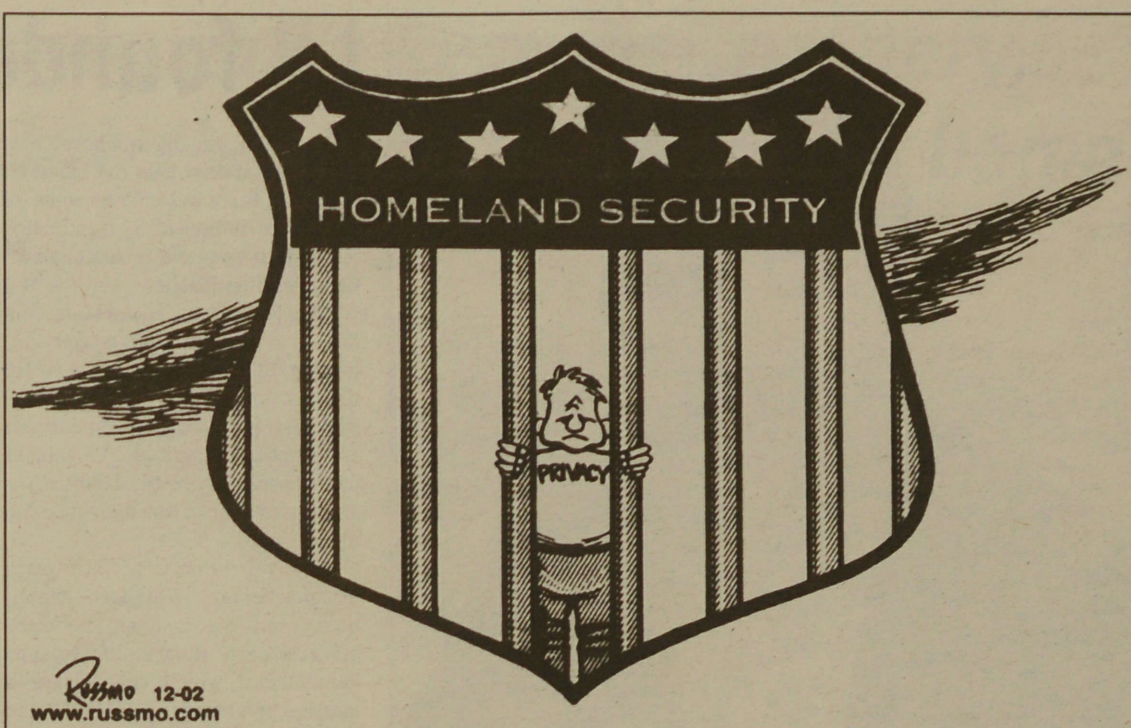
I keep wanting to say that it's time for Libertarians to get busy, to quit arguing amongst themselves, to quit questioning the libertarian credentials of others. I have to continually force myself not to say that it's time to start working toward a libertarian America.

It's not time to do any of these things: It's long past that time.

My very first column for this paper encouraged LP members to stop arguing and start trying to elect Libertarians to public office. Unfortunately, many Libertarians need still further exhortation in that direction. But as I said, I remain hopeful that members of the national LP will decide that external activity is more important than internal strife communication.

I'm not a reformer. I don't have an agenda inside the Libertarian Party. In fact, by the time you read this, I won't even be editor of the *LP News*.

What I am is a libertarian. My agenda is to change America, to do what I can to reject tyranny in this country and to push freedom forward. And I honestly believe that fighting with other Libertarians is not the way to get that job done.



Cartoonist Russmo is on hiatus. This classic cartoon is, unfortunately, as apt now as when it first appeared in *LP News*.

## THE MAILBOX

### ■ Slogan

A potential slogan for LP Congressional nominees:

"This November, you can show your concern for America's combat forces. Or, you can keep on voting for Democrats and Republicans."

—JEFF DAIELL

Houston, Texas

### ■ Russo film

I believe the *LP News* and the Libertarian Party are missing out on a fantastic opportunity to reach the masses. I think we should be doing everything in our power and pulling out all of the stops to help promote Aaron Russo's film "America: Freedom to Fascism."

I can currently see no better opportunity to use the major media to reach the American People with what is essentially the Libertarian viewpoint. Perhaps he would be willing to promote the Party in exchange for our helping him?

—EDWARD T. RAMSEY

Chandler, Arizona

### ■ Immigration

The general public and in particular the mainstream media seem utterly confused about the libertarian position on the recent immigration debate.

On the one hand, the public wants secure borders and an immediate stop to illegal immigration.

On the other hand, Congress and in particular the Senate seems to recognize that a majority of the American people don't mind the ten million plus undocumented workers already living here, if they appear to be good, decent human beings.

What has been missing in the

debate over immigration is the role of Congress in creating the current situation.

The vast majority of the illegal aliens who have come here to work and live should have come as legal immigrants, of course.

But as has been pointed out by immigration officials, these people cannot go to the end of the line, because current law would never allow them to become legal immigrants.

**THE DIFFERENCE  
between politicians  
and the public is that  
the public  
recognizes the  
current immigration  
policy is unfair.**

In 1965, Congress removed "wanting to become an American" as a valid reason for granting a visa. Even worse, in 1985 Congress enacted a law that barred foreign embassies from issuing tourist visas to people who seemed interested in becoming Americans. The very people who would make the best future citizens are not allowed to even visit the U.S.

The disconnect between the politicians and the public is that the latter recognizes the unfairness with the current immigration policy.

The Republicans can't get over the fact that the presence of illegal aliens represents millions of law breakers. The Democrats can't get over the fact that the nation has no

control over who crosses the border.

The other third of the general population, who are probably libertarians at heart, feels correctly that most of the illegal immigrants should not have been made illegal in the first place.

—TOMAS DE PAULIS

(Immigrated from Sweden in 1985)  
Hermitage, Tennessee

### ■ Shopping

I read and totally agree with Shana Fassett's article "Why libertarians and capitalists shouldn't shop at Walmart." I have a couple of points to add.

I personally avoid shopping at (Whatever)Mart, Barnes and Noble, Staples, and all of their ilk whenever possible.

The reason is that they are almost exclusively found in shopping malls which are a prime ingredient in the suburban lifestyle. The suburban lifestyle is not sustainable, and cannot exist without a great waste of energy and massive government subsidy.

Secondly, if one was to dust off the text of Economics 101, one would find that one of the basic tenants of capitalism is that there are so many suppliers in any market that if one should be added or disappear, there is no perceivable change in the supply.

This is simply not true in many markets today. Basically capitalism equals small business.

Most of those accusingly called capitalists by our uninformed press are actually oligopolists.

—DAVID BYAM

Springfield, Vermont



# THE BEST OF THE BLOG

## Eminent domain, global warming and treason

### - Is Congress Intending to Bring Back the Sedition Act?

—By Stephen Gordon

—June 26, 2006

Claiming it necessary for the War on Terror, Congress has already shredded most of the Bill of Rights, included the portions of the First Amendment dealing with freedom of speech and peaceable assembly.

Now we can go ahead and get rid of that pesky little freedom of the press clause, too. From CBS News:

"Here we go again. Last week, the *New York Times* revealed the existence of a secret government program in which counterterrorism officials 'examined banking transactions involving thousands of Americans and others in the United States.' And Republican representative Peter King ain't happy about it.

"We're at war, and for the *Times* to release information about secret operations and methods is treasonous," said King. He said yesterday that he is urging Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to 'begin an investigation and prosecution of the *New York Times* — the reporters, the editors and the publisher."

Reporters, editors and publishers keep revealing the existence of all sorts of troublesome things about which the government doesn't want us to know: Guantanamo Bay, covert prison facilities, torture at Abu Ghraib, etc.

King's position makes me wonder if he's planning to introduce a new Sedition Act in Congress.

#### Reader Comments:

If this was truly a secret project, and not also illegal, then the tipster should be found and prosecuted. What measures may the FBI take to infiltrate potential terror groups, gather information, run down tips, etc. without violating Constitutional rights?

The LP must — like it or not — offer a program that gives some comfort to the millions of Americans who live in fear of another terrorist attack.

Posted by: Creech

### - Republicans Unveil Their 'Values' Agenda

—By Matthew Dailey

—June 28, 2006

Knowing that their reckless spending and mishandling of the Iraq War will not help them get reelected, Republicans came up with a distraction in the form of a policy agenda that will appeal to social conservatives, called the "American Values Agenda."

In their continuing plan to make the public forget that the Republican Party has turned into a party of big government conservatives, the American Values Agenda will include

measures that cover abortion, cloning, flag burning, religious freedom and internet gambling.

House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) made the announcement about the American Values Agenda on Tuesday. Part of his statement made my head spin:

"The American Values Agenda is a collection of legislative initiatives that speak to the values many American citizens hold dear. Freedom to display the American flag ... freedom of religious expression ... the right to keep and bear arms ... respect for the sanctity of marriage, and the dignity of all human life. These are values that have defined the American character, protected our families, and shaped our society."

Boehner and his fellow Republicans are going after non-existent problems. To the best of my knowledge, my right to display the American flag or express my religion was never in question. However, my right to privacy is being encroached upon under the Bush administration.

Republicans need to familiarize themselves with the entire Bill of Rights, not just a few.

#### Reader Comments:

Values. It's an empty word to those that put the arms trade and a permanent American military base in Iraq above dead Americans who died for another country's freedom.

Posted by: Tim West

Now let's hope the delegates in Portland come up with a Liberty Agenda that is realistic and something that is attractive to more than 2 percent of the voting public.

Posted by: Creech

Why aren't there any groups lobbying with a liberty agenda? Why are we so focused on relying on political parties to come up with plans?

Isn't the libertarian philosophy to set government up in such a way that its actions do no harm? To take on the responsibility of securing your own life, liberty and property?

Posted by: willmack

To get back to the "values" aspect of this post, I'm not sure if issues like gun control and religious expression are "non-existent" prob-

lems. Democrats want to limit the use of handguns, and have wanted to do so for a while now. There's not a consensus by any means in Congress about that issue.

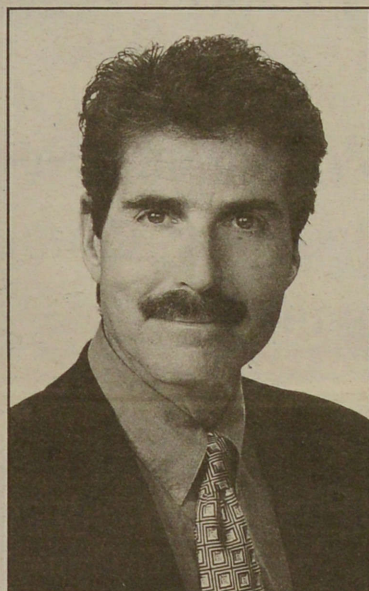
Posted by: Marcus Brutus

### - Settlement Reached in New London, Connecticut

—By Stephen Gordon

—July 5, 2006

It seems the final battle of the *Kelo v. City of New London* case is now over. Susette Kelo and Michael Cristofaro have signed a deal with the city as the aftermath



### "Convenient Lie"

—By Matthew Dailey

—July 5, 2006

Libertarian journalist John Stossel, in his latest *Real Clear Politics* column, takes a swipe at Al Gore's convenient lie about global warming.

Stossel shines some light on the other side of the global warming debate. It is the side that is often overlooked by the mainstream press.

Stossel gives an example of the gloom and doom reporting by the mainstream press: "*The Washington Post* reported that because of melting ice caps and glaciers, 'The End Is Near!'

But melting Arctic ice won't raise sea levels any more than the melting ice in your drink makes your glass overflow."

Stossel shows how Gore goes for the dramatic in his new film, "An Inconvenient Truth," and doesn't let facts get in the way:

"The former vice president's film shows dramatic film of big chunks of ice breaking off glaciers, but the 'calving' of icebergs is a normal, natural process involved in the growth of glaciers into the sea.

"The movie features some majestic glaciers that existed in the 19th Century that have all but disappeared today — but it doesn't bother to mention any of the glaciers growing in Norway, New Zealand and even the United States. The U.S. Forest Service reports that the Hubbard Glacier in Alaska's Tongass National Forest is advancing so rapidly, it threatens to close off a major fjord."

Stossel asks the question, Why don't we hear about the other side of the global warming argument?

Here is the response he received from Harvard astrophysicist Dr. Salie Baliunas: "It's the money! Twenty-five billion dollars in government funding has been spent since 1990 to research global warming. If scientists and researchers were coming out releasing reports that global warming has little to do with man, and most to do with just how the planet works, there wouldn't be as much money to study it."

#### Reader Comments:

Sure, Al Gore exaggerated and got some of his facts wrong. And,

yes, all sides of the debate should be heard. And, yes, it would be wonderful if it were an honest scientific debate free of politicized B.S.

But there is a lot of evidence of global warming, and we libertarians should deal with it head on. To simply deny that there may be a problem is to leave others full reign to implement their idea of good "public policy".

Posted by: Mike Laursen

If, in fact, man-made CO2 is responsible for global warming, then it is already too late to do anything about it.

China will be burning an additional 1 billion metric tons of coal per year by 2020. That's equivalent, according to *Forbes*, to three billion (yes, billion) Ford Expeditions doing 15,000 miles per year.

How do we offset China's increased coal usage? Add all the other fossil energy uses by all the other rapidly developing nations and nothing the U.S. and Europe can do will arrest the rapidly increasing CO2 in the near term.

Posted by: Creech

The Earth has undergone, and will continue to undergo, natural cycles of heating and cooling. During the earlier Triassic, the Earth was extremely hot and much of the land was desert. There have been periods when most of the land area of the planet was tropical. And of course ice age cycles as well.

Funny how you credit John Stossel when other people have already written columns on the exact same things, and they actually cited their facts. However, because of Stossel's popularity it will reach more people.

Posted by: Jeremy

When the global climate is damaged, everyone's property rights are violated, and we as Libertatians ought to be concerned about that.

Posted by: zstrommen

The changes necessary to enact any change have to occur within the market. Period.

In other words, stop trying to sell us the good science, and sell us the good products!

Posted by: Action Liberty

My wife and I saw Gore's movie last week.

The fact is, Gore builds a powerful statistical case for the reality of global warming. Just why this is happening is controversial, however.

Stossel doesn't do himself any favors in his attack on Gore's arguments.

Posted by: LJ



THE MAILBOX

Moving up

If there has ever been a chance, since possibly the Bull Moose Party in 1912, for a third party to "move up" in American politics, between now and 2008 seems to be the golden opportunity for that to occur.

If the Libertarians think theirs is going to be that third party moving up, they had better take a careful look at their program to achieve that status. At this time conserva-

tive Americans (many of us) are looking for a new home, now that the Republican Party has left us.

I've recently started sending your party a few dollars from my limited supply and so I'm receiving your *LP News*, and the June 2006 issue is responsible for this message to you.

I am old (80+ years) but I'm not an old prude. I'm aware our country is in flux, but I'm hopeful some of our adults will both wake up and grow up.

However that may develop, you are not going to find many conservatives who will join you when your first few pages prominently write about a musician, author and activist, whose band played a concert in support of gay rights, and also when you write about your candidate for California lieutenant governor, Lynnette Shaw, who is "the owner and founder of the nation's oldest legal medical marijuana clinic." Your long article by Steve Kubby, your Lib-

ertarian 1998 California governor candidate, also is not calculated to attract conservatives.

The above is found on just the first three pages of your June issue. Possibly you are aiming to move up on the Democratic Party. If you are aiming for the party of the gays and druggies, fine. Go for it.

But if you hope for better than that, watch your words.

—RICHARD NETZLEY  
Evans, Georgia

[Editor's Note: Thanks for your support, Mr. Netzley. However, the cornerstone of libertarian thought is

that people have the right to do what they like with both their money and their bodies. We aim to be the party of all who believe they have the right to live life as they see fit — and it just doesn't get "better than that."

—LP News Editor J. Daniel Cloud]

The Single Tax

I agree with the critics of the "Fair Tax" that it would still require an intrusive IRS bureaucracy in one form or another.

Perhaps some of my fellow Libertarians are familiar with the ideas of 19th Century economist Henry George, who proposed what he called the Single Tax, also known as the Land Value Tax (LVT).

Essentially, the only thing that would be taxed is land. Note that this is not a property tax that would hit buildings and equipment; only the land would be taxed. Definition and enforcement of the LVT would be extremely simple. The tax is "X" percent of the assessed value of the land. You can try to hide income but you can't hide land.

Wealthy owners of high priced real estate would pay the bulk of the tax, but the marginal tax on both income and consumption would be zero.

Could this work? If my math is right, taxing all the privately held land in America at an average of just five cents per square foot would raise about \$3 trillion — roughly equal to the current federal budget.

Now, it's true that Henry George wrapped his ideas in some socialist sounding rhetoric about community ownership of land. But I'm not too concerned about that. I still see George's concept as a very practical means of tax reform and a form of taxation that is the most compatible with Libertarian values.

—FREDERICK SINGER  
Huntington Beach, California

Libertarian or not?

Reading the "Reform the LP" ad in June's *LP News* reminded me of a situation I encountered at the May 2006 meeting of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the NY LP. The ad points out that if you subscribe to most of the LP's positions, but not all, then many people say you're not a Libertarian at all.

I fall into that category. I don't support term limits. I also support the direct election of President and vice president. One person, one vote. At the May 2006 meeting, I mentioned this. One person there told me that I was a statist.

Incidentally, I don't know what the LP's position on the electoral college is. But because I disagreed with the member on a single issue, according to him I'm a statist.

Do we really need a thought police? I support the direct election of president, because it will encourage more third party candidates. I also feel that each individual vote should have equal weight.

Would someone tell me how this makes me a statist?

—KEN MITCHELL  
Newburgh, New York

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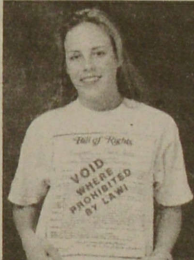
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**Cato University**, to be held at the Don CeSar Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach, Fla. The event will include a host of lectures and presentations by Cato faculty and others. For more information, visit [www.cato-university.org](http://www.cato-university.org) or call (202) 842-0200.

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### - August 4-7, 2006

**Doctors for Disaster Preparedness Annual Meeting**, to be held in Portland, Ore. Of particular interest to Libertarians: John Charles, president of Cascade Policy Institute, will talk about how compliance with the Kyoto Protocol could affect private individuals and local governments. For more information, visit [www.oism.org/ddp](http://www.oism.org/ddp) or call (520) 325-2680.



■ Charles

### - August 7-12, 2006

**Foundation for Economic Education, Freedom University:** The Political Economy of Freedom, second summer session, to be held at the foundation's campus in Irvington-on-Hudson, New York. Speakers to include FFE President Richard Ebeling, Sheldon Richman, Dr. Paul Cwik, and Dr. Ivan Pongracic. For more information, visit [www.fee.org](http://www.fee.org) or call (800) 960-4FEE.

### - September 15-17, 2006

**Illinois LP Convention**, to be held at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield. Speakers to include Thomas DiLorenzo, professor of economics at Loyola College; Wendy McElroy, research fellow at the Independent Institute; and Jonathan Bean, professor of history at Southern Illinois University. For more information, visit [www.il.lp.org](http://www.il.lp.org) or call (800) 735-1776.



■ DiLorenzo

### - October 28, 2006

**New Hampshire LP Convention**, to be held at the Red Blazer Restaurant and Pub in Concord, NH. Speakers to include eminent domain prohibition activist Charles Douglas and state Rep. Neal Kurk, who is a privacy rights activist. Event also to feature a forum on homeschooling. For more information, visit [www.lpnh.org](http://www.lpnh.org).

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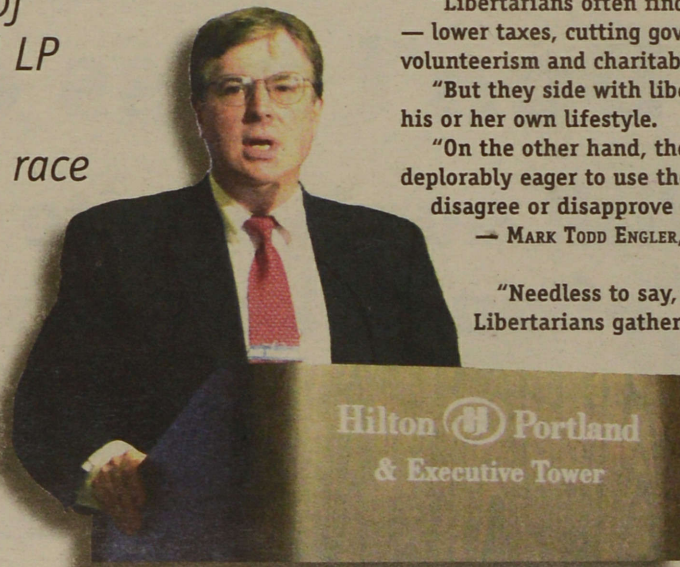
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"Libertarians often find themselves aligned with 'conservatives' on issues of economic freedom — lower taxes, cutting government bureaucracy, easing regulations on business and looking to volunteerism and charitable giving in the private sector to provide society with a 'safety net.'"

"But they side with liberals on personal tolerance, and respecting an individual's right to choose his or her own lifestyle."

"On the other hand, the view of most Libertarians is that Republicans and Democrats are each deplorably eager to use the force of government as a tool of oppression against those with whom they disagree or disapprove of — either to steal their wealth or restrict their personal freedom."

— MARK TODD ENGLER, *NW Meridian* (Oregon), June 27, 2006

"Needless to say, politics as usual was not on the agenda last weekend, when hundreds of Libertarians gathered in the downtown Hilton Hotel to set a course for one of America's most durable, competitive and radical minor parties."

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— ZACH DUNDAS, *Willamette* (Oregon) *Week Online*, July 5, 2006