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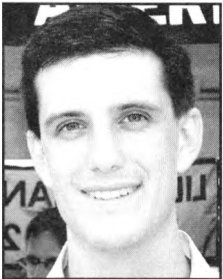
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We need YOU to run for office!

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Want a sign with your name on it?

Then run for office as a Libertarian!

With both Republicans and Democrats hiking taxes and spending and stripping rights in state legislatures and local governments, Libertarians are needed now more than ever.

There is still time to file for this year's state legislative races in Virginia and New Jersey, and we need candidates to get started for races in 2010.

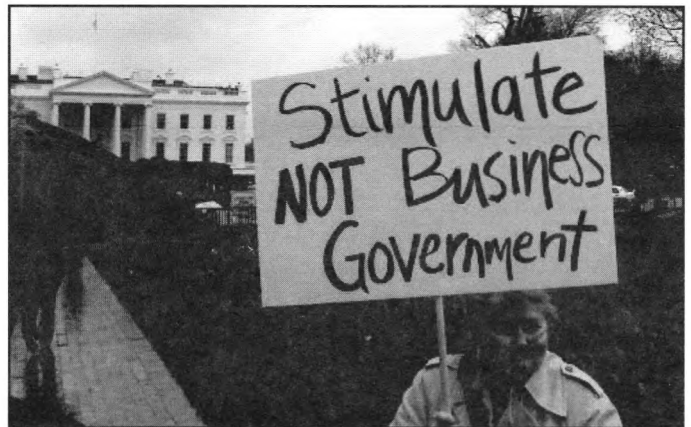
We don't expect you to run a million-dollar campaign with top-notch campaign managers.

All we ask is that you put your name on the ballot and uphold the principles of limited government. Simply putting your name on the ballot gives voters a real choice for once.

And I can tell you from personal experience being a Libertarian candidate is one of the most enjoyable things you can do – even if you're not a "people person."

Just go online to <http://www.lp.org/run-for-office> or call me at 202-333-0008 x. 225 to sign up! We'll put you in touch with your local Libertarians – the folks who actually nominate LP candidates and campaign for them.

And if you want to do more than just put your name on the ballot, we can help you out. We, and your local Libertarians, can give you the tools and know-how to run a winning cam-



Just one of the many Americans gathered in front of the White House at an April 15, 2009 "Tea Party." Now, more than ever, Americans are looking for alternative candidates who will oppose out-of-control taxes and spending.

paign and raise money.

It might just be one of the best experiences of your life, and you'll help win liberty back no matter the election results.

Whether you just want to put your name on the ballot and stay home, or get out and run a full-fledged campaign, the Libertarian Party needs you! Something as simple as seeing "Libertarian" on the ballot helps grow the party, drive up membership and win back our freedom.

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MAKE LIBERTY HAPPEN!

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Your Libertarian Party: In Office

Dixon targets "tax you to promote you" tax



Lago Vista, Texas City Councilman Pat Dixon (L), sponsor of "tourist tax" repeal

LAGO VISTA, TX -- The Lago Vista, Texas City Council voted Apr. 16 2-1 against an item by Councilman Pat Dixon to repeal the city's tourist tax. Dixon is chairman of the Libertarian Party of Texas and is also a member of the Libertarian National Committee.

Dixon's agenda item repealed the city's hotel occupancy tax. Under the tax, any business offering overnight lodging, particularly hotels and motels, are forced to increase the prices they charge customers, so the government can confiscate the money and then use it to promote the business.

"We tax anyone that charges for overnight lodging, take their money and put it into a government fund, then hand out some of it in order to promote those businesses. Right now we have over \$140,000 of their money just sitting in city hall doing nothing. Does that sound like a free market? It's not, it's socialism," said Dixon.

"Yet defenders of this tax say that the tax benefits these businesses. That is not the opinion of the business owners who wrote letters supporting the repeal of it. Defenders of this tax say that people don't complain about it. That's right, they just look at the artificially inflated price of the room and decide not to (book the room)."

Dixon's point is simple. Businesses should be able to promote themselves without government help, and offering a lower price by repealing the tax would do more to attract visitors than a government-run program.

Mo. Libertarian sworn in as councilman

GRANDVIEW, MO -- Grandview City Councilman-Elect Mike Ferguson became Grandview City Councilman Mike Ferguson as the Libertarian Party activist was officially sworn into office Tuesday evening.

Ferguson, already honored by the Missouri General Assembly, plans to focus on attracting new businesses to Grandview, improving local traffic flow and aggressively promoting the city's positive image and achievements.

"Creating an attractive environment for businesses involves more than government work," said Ferguson.

"We are all in this economy together. Government tax revenue is not the ultimate measurement of progress - good jobs, thriving businesses, reliable basic governmental services and both public and private amenities are all vital parts of a successful community."

Welcome to the Liberty Pledge Club!

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| Derek P. Bell | Chad Polenz |
| Melanie Folstad | Stephen Pratt |
| John Gorman | Heather Schieferle |
| Daniel Graham | Jeffrey S. Skinner |
| Gene Grant | Jay S. Steinmetz |
| Michael J. Kooreny | Carolyn Swanson |
| Joshua L. Lang | John Swanson |
| Elisabeth Larsen | James Wiebe |
| Mary A. Larson | Michael Wilson |
| Jason McWhorter | |

Thank you for you support!



Your Libertarian Party: Your Views

Libertarians deliver where GOP can't

Excellent note this week. This is exactly the kind of edgy, hard-hitting, no-nonsense whistleblowing that we want and need and that the Republicans are unable to deliver. I'm sending you money right now. Keep up the great work! - KD

Only LP can protect Constitution

At age 67, after a lifetime of supporting the Republican Party, I am unable to distinguish Republican from Democrat. The two major parties have seemed to merge in their tax and spend ideology. Something must be done to protect our Constitution and our American way of life! - William, Ohio

Military supports LP

Finally, someone understands how we feel!!!! I can't speak for all service members, but in my opinion, this party couldn't have come sooner. I am a veteran of the war (on TERRORISM), and I couldn't think of a more clear way to explain my thoughts about the way the government should be; you have officially hit the nail on the head. - Robert, Col.

"Tea'd" off, joins Libertarian Party

I am a long time listener of Neal Boortz and have voted Libertarian in a few past elections but with whats going on today and after hearing Ted Nugent play the National Anthem at the Alamo, I had to join. May God bless America...and the LP, we sure as hell need it! - James, Ga.

"Proud" to donate to LP

This is a very proud moment for me. I hope my contribution can help bring America home. - Brian, Tenn.

Soldier fights for liberty, with the LP

I have held off recently from contributing to the LP cause due to financial constraints and political fatigue. The past year has worn me out with worry and effort to get people to see what is obvious about our nation's socialist bearing. I am an American Soldier. I love my country and cannot stand to think she may fail. These revelations have convinced me of the need to contribute more to the party of Liberty and to invest more time and energy in getting the message of Liberty to the masses. - Eric, Ark.

Now is the time for Libertarians

If there has ever been a time in our nation's history for support of individual rights, smaller (MUCH SMALLER) government, financial responsibility and elimination of federal government laws and unfair practices imposed on businesses and individuals that unnecessarily restrict free trade, the time is now. - Gary, N.M.

A DISSENTING VIEW

The gears of capitalism...

I thought it was the Republican Party's job to grind up the working class to feed the rich... -Triften, Md.

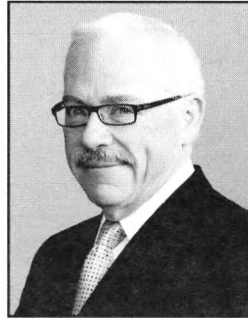
(Editor's note: Triften was notified that before Bush, a family making a combined \$1 million a year paid 33 times as much in taxes as a family making a combined \$60,000. After Bush, that increased to 38 times that of the \$60,000 family. His response was that "the rich" also get corporate tax cuts, ignoring the fact "the working class" either don't pay that tax to begin with, or benefit from it because most corporate profits are held in retirement accounts owned by "the working class."



Your Libertarian Party: In the Media

Bob Barr Criticizes Two-Party System *The Daily Colonial (Washington, D.C.)* April 15, 2009

America is being short-changed by fixating on a two-party political system, said Bob Barr, 2008 third party presidential candidate, during an address in the Marvin Center Tuesday night...



Bob Barr

...Curtis Eward '10 said he agreed with Barr: "He really stuck to his guns. I agree with what he said about us being restricted to the views and policies of the two parties."

When laws are passed by the two parties and go unchecked, then Barr said Americans receive the same policy results again and again. He said there was a serious chance of mortgaging America's future. He advised to cut down on government spending to rectify the economy, and increase transparency in government finances...

...Aside from critiquing the flaws of the two parties, Barr did not forget to endorse his own third party stature.

"We are hard-wired as Americans to love freedom and cherish liberty. This is America's oldest and largest Libertarian Party," he said. "Freedom to raise a family without government interference and recognizing economic opportunity should be aspired for by every American. Take a hard look at the Libertarian Party, you might like it."

Tea parties planned around Gwinnett *Gwinnet Daily Post (Atlanta, Ga.)* April 12, 2009

More than 200 years ago, a tea party in Boston changed American history, propelling colonists to assert their independence from Britain.

Next week, Libertarians are hoping to make a similar statement with "tea parties" planned throughout the country.

"Americans agree with the Libertarian Party that taxes and spending are out of control, and that bailouts and nationalizing industries destroys freedom and prosperity," said party Communications Director Donny Ferguson.

"Tea Parties are the kind of 'community organizing' Obama should have been doing, instead of peddling government dependency," Ferguson said...

Libertarians like protests, too *Cincinnati City Beat* April 8, 2009

The national Libertarian Party is urging its members to join in the rallies planned nationwide on Tax Day, April 15...

"The 'tea party' concept started with the Libertarian Party of Illinois, who began organizing a 2009 Tax Day 'Boston Tea Party' in Chicago back in December of 2008 and created a Facebook group for it on Feb. 10, 2009," a party press release states. "Nine days later, CNBC's Rick Santelli, broadcasting from the floor of the Chicago stock exchange, popularized the concept."

"Americans agree with the Libertarian Party that taxes and spending are out of control, and that bailouts and nationalizing industries destroys freedom and prosperity," said Donny Ferguson, a Libertarian Party spokesman.

"The Libertarian Party is the only party supporting shrinking budgets, lowering tax burdens, eliminating deficits and getting government out of the way of recovery."

At least the Libertarians are being intellectually honest in their protest. This week's Porkopolis column, in the issues of CityBeat hitting newsstands today, details the contradictions and fallacies employed by local participants...