

Personal Political Recycling

by Jim Ellwell

While consuming of one of the few government-

approved mind-altering substances, my friend Ray pontificated at length on the various species of freedom-loving people. He thinks there are three distinct classes:

Libertarians want to make government smaller and think that can be done through the electoral process.

Revolutionaries (or rebels) want smaller government, but think the current system is beyond salvage and so must be overthrown and replaced. This group includes militia members, Oklahoma bombers, many home-schoolers, etc.

Anarchists have no hope that a stable, minimalist government can ever exist for any length of time, and so eschew all political and revolutionary activities.

They simply try to live as unobtrusively as possible.

Accepting these definitions for the moment, there is still one in all of us. If you have ever knowingly ignored a government mandate or regulation, you are at least part rebel. And if you ever feel that reforming government is hopeless, you border on being an anarchist.

Personal Cycles
I cycle through these stages, somewhat in sync with the electoral cycle. During election years, I become more libertarian, in the truly American tradition of rooting for the underdog and never giving up. As all political fund raisers know, this is the time to hit people for donations.

Inevitably, the election comes and goes and no one to whom I contributed gets elected. Only a few bother to say "thanks," and I

become something fairly close to an anarchist.

This stage lasts a few months, and then, as I see the government inexorably continue to grow, anger takes over. Anger can be a very useful emotion if properly directed. My anger is generally directed at the idiots we elect who have no idea what the Constitution is all about, and

whose oath of office is no more meaningful than an eight-year-old swearing never again to forget to clean his room if Mommy will just let him go play baseball this once.

Anger Fires Fantasies
So I get angry, and start thinking about getting even. How can I get back at those greedy liberals who want all my money, and those ignorant conservatives who want to tell me how to live? How can I stand up and demand

my freedom from their coercion? How can I get them to understand I am a sovereign individual, beholden to no one unless I so choose, and a passionate defender of those same rights for all other human beings?

I cannot help but think of blowing up those buildings that house our mindless civil servants, or violating every victimless-crime law I can, or using a .50-caliber rifle to kill some blithering bonthead politician from a mile away, of ignoring the reams of useless paperwork the government forces on my employer, and infiltrating and destroying the local Democrat and Republican offices.

Then reality sets in and I realize that I have too much to lose (or, perhaps, too little courage) to do

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State Convention/Bray Dinner on May 22 Mark Skousen & Bob Lee Are Featured Speakers Question: Should LPUtah Withdraw from the National Party?

The LPUtah's 1999 state organizing convention will be held on May 22 at the Fairfield Inn at 4500 South and 600 West starting at 1:00 PM. (The hotel is on the north side, look for the Hampton Inn sign at the entrance.)

The agenda includes election of state officers, great speakers and a possible resolution to withdraw the LPUtah from the LP's national organization.

Great Speakers

Convention keynote speaker will be **Mark Skousen**, professor of economics and finance at Rollins College in Winter Park and author of *Persuasion vs. Force* (see page 2), a copy of which will be given to each convention attendee.

Skousen, a dedicated LDS and Libertarian, is editor-in-chief of *Forbes* & *Strategist*, which has 30,000 subscribers. He is also a regular contributor to *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, *National Review*, *Reason*, *Human Events*, *Liberty*, and *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

In 1997, Skousen became a columnist for *Forbes* magazine and writes a monthly column for *The Freeman* called "Economics on Trial," published by the Foundation for Economic Education.

Prof. Skousen has written 17 books on financial and economic topics. His economics books include *Economics on Trial*, *The Structure of Production*, *Discent on Keynes*, and his latest work, *Puzzles and Par-*

adoxes in Economics. His financial bestsellers include *High Finance on a Lean Budget*, *The Complete Guide to Financial Privacy*, and *Strooge Investing*. He is a former economic ana-

lyst. Make people think by saying things that get their attention. "There are two kinds of news," he points out, "junk news and real news, and I talk about both.



Mark Skousen
Hear his powerful message of persuasion versus force



Bob Lee
Broadcasts the gospel of less government and lower taxes

lyst for the CIA (1972-75), and has a Ph.D. in economics from George Washington University.

Bray Dinner

Bob Lee, PH drivetime host on K-News 570AM, will speak at our Karl Bray Memorial Banquet. Lee, born in Tooele, spent his early years in Grantsville, Murray, and American Fork before his family moved to California. He spent the next 20 years in Sunnysvale.

After graduating from San Jose State with a degree in advertising, he moved back to Utah in January '73, where he's been a welcome libertarian voice, most recently at KNSL and now on KNS (K-News). Bob's talk-radio philosophy is

I like to talk about what real people are talking about. They know what's going on in the world."

Bob confesses to being a news junkie, a condition only made worse by the World Wide Web. "Being able to read two dozen of my favorite newspapers every day has given me a much better view of the world. There's a lot going on in the world besides what the old media report."

The Bray Dinner will be held at a new venue, the Chuck-Ram at 2690 South Highland Drive, starting at 6:00 PM. Cost is \$20 for individuals, \$35 for couples, and nothing for monthly pledge contributors. RSVP to Kaylin Robinson at

Mark Your Calendar for May 22

1:00 PM - State Organizing Convention, Fairfield Inn, 4500 South, S.C. (Hotel is on north side of 4300 South, enter at the Hampton Inn sign.) Public is invited. No registration fee.
6:00 PM - The Annual Bray Memorial Dinner & Awards Banquet, Chuck-A-Ram, 2690 South Highland Dr., S.C. Cost: \$20 individuals \$35 couples \$00 monthly pledgers \$00 Kaylin Robinson, 801/465-6209.

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A Vision of an Ideal Society

by Mark Skousen

Martin Luther King, Jr., gave a famous sermon at the Lincoln Memorial in the mid-1960s. In it, King said that he had a dream about the promised land. Well, I too have a vision of an ideal society.

I have a vision of world peace, not because the military have been called in to maintain order, but because we have peace from within and friendship with every nation.

I have a vision of universal prosperity and an end to poverty, not because of foreign aid or government-subsidized welfare, but because each of us has productive, useful employment where every trade is honest and beneficial to both buyer and seller, and where we eagerly help the less fortunate of our own free will.

I have a vision of an inflation-free nation, not because of wage and price controls, but because our nation has an honest money system.

I have a vision of a crime-free society, not because there's a policeman on every corner, but because we respect the rights and property of others.

I have a vision of a drug-free America, not because harmful drugs are illegal, but because we desire to live long, healthy, self-sustaining lives.

I have a vision of an abortion-free society, not because abortion is illegal, but because we firmly believe in the sanctity of life, sexual responsibility, and family values.

I have a vision of a pollution-free and environmentally sound world, not because of costly controls and arbitrary regulations, but because private enterprise honors its stewardship and commitment to developing rather than exploiting the earth's resources.

I have a vision of a free society, not because of a benevolent dictator commands it, but because we love freedom and the responsibility that goes with it. —from Persuasion vs. Force

CALENDAR

April

- 1 Utah County — 798-0376
7:00 PM — Barnes & Noble, University Parkway, Orem
- 8 Davis County CONVENTION — 798-0376
6:30 PM — Doug & Emmy's Restaurant, 200 South Main, Layton
- 15 Tax Protest — Call your county chair
- 15 State Executive Committee — 963-1028
- 17 Salt Lake County CONVENTION — 521-4400
10:00 AM — Commission Chambers, 2100 South & State Street
- 24 Utah County CONVENTION — 356-8567
3:00 PM — 3424 North Brookside Drive, Provo
- 27 Summit/Wasatch CONVENTION — 435/649-2451
7:15 PM — Jury Room, Marsac Bldg., 445 Marsac Ave., Park City (Marsac is second street, after Swede Alley, east of Main Street)
- 28 Salt Lake County — 521-4400
7:00 PM — Sliders, SE Corner 3500 South & Redwood Road, SLC

May

- 7 Box Elder/Cache CONVENTION — 435/649-2451
7:00 PM — 4480 North H'way 38, 4 mi. north of Brigham City
- 22 State Organizing Convention — 963-1028
1:00 PM — Fairfield Inn, 594 West 4500 South, SLC
- 22 Karl Bray Memorial Banquet — 468-6209
7:00 PM — Chuck-A-Rama, 2690 South Highland Drive, SLC

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Be sure to check the Libertarian boxes (if filing jointly) when you submit your 1998 Utah income tax form. For some strange reason, the state is still collecting money for four groups that no longer qualify for registered party status. We have crossed off the has-been parties for your convenience.

. . . Then Help Us Protest All Income Taxes!

Libertarians throughout Utah will observe the 15th of April at local post offices by handing out "\$1 million bills" with LPUtah info to fellow suffering taxpayers.

There's no feeling quite like handing out money like a



generous Bill Gates. Especially, when that money makes the point that the Feds spend that much every five seconds on one failed program or another.

There's also a chance your protest will make the news, helping to make Utahns aware that we're here to help them throw off the burdensome yoke of tax-and-spend government. Utah now has a \$6.5 billion budget! That's \$1,030 per minute!

To find out where you can protest by acting like a generous millionaire, call your county chair or me at 963-1028.

Two people should work the line of cars at all times.

Demonstrations at post offices are legal but, please, do not:

1. Block sidewalks or entrances. (Better to give materials to people as they leave.

2. Harass or argue with customers or postal workers.

State party officers will start demonstrating at the SLC main post office near 2100 South and Redwood Road starting at 4:30

PM. You can join us or do one in your town. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the Party.

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How Harry Browne Can Raise Money Guilt-Free

by Robert Earl Norman Comstock

Lest I run the risk of being, amongst colleagues, considered as coquettishly coy, or even culpably recalcitrant, a careful response to Mr. Elwell's careening critique of my previously callous curmudgeonry, is currently called for. First I should address Mr. Elwell's challenge to me to pronounce a superior alternative to Harry Browne's current resort to the arm-twisting, guilt-instilling tactics that are most closely akin to the fire and brimstone haranguing of Pentecostal television preachers. Is there a better approach to the necessity of raising money for political campaigns? Yes, in fact, I believe there is.

If economics is the science and study of money and finance, then politics is, in the words of Senator Mark Hatfield, past all the pomp and pageantry, the science and study of human relationships. Entrepreneurs who seek to raise and increase money for business ventures first study the science of economics to acquire money. Political candidates who seek to win, and administer well, elected office, should seek first to acquire constituency and voter support. Yes, money is

necessary to political endeavor; however, if the needs for voter interest and strong party growth are first addressed, the financial means will more easily follow.

My Proposal

In practical terms, consider the following proposal: the Libertarian Party, according to our latest newsletter, just passed the 30,000 mark in active membership. For the sake of argument, let us say the basic membership dues in each state party are the same as ours in Utah: \$25.00 annually. Now, if every state party were to commit to a consistent contribution of 10% of all membership dues every year to the campaign of our presidential candidate (not an outlandish proposal) that means, every four years, that candidate would pick up only \$300,000—a fraction of the 30 to 40 million dollars required to win a presidential race.

Wait, there is the important next step. Let us initiate what might be called the "member a month" party recruitment campaign. Every active Libertarian party member will commit to attempting to recruit one dues-paying member a month. Given the fact that polls indicate that

60% of American voters agree that our government has become too big, too intrusive and too expensive, it seems actually plausible that the party that has consistently said the same for over 20 years should be able to shoot for this goal: 30,000 members times 12 new members per year times three years equals 1,080,000 members. If every new member enters the party with a commitment to recruiting six new members that can potentially mean 6,480,000 members times \$2.50 per member to the presidential campaign fund equating \$16,200,000 at the end of four years.

Sell Our "Product"

Raising money by building people first would not only produce the necessary funding, but would compel each member to have a ready answer and enthusiastic "sales pitch" at all times, convincing not only others but ourselves as well, of the relevancy and urgency of our message. The American voter feels cynical and betrayed, but if the shell of cynicism is breached, new party members are there for the taking.

After all, according to Harry Browne himself, "selling our product" is what it is really

about. We already believe we have the best product. Are we up to the challenge?

By the way, the word "Saruman" is actually a proper noun, the name of a literary character from J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Two Towers*, book two in *The Lord of the Rings*. I made the allusion, perhaps mistakenly assuming that because Lord of the Rings was required reading for counter-culturists in the '60s, many Libertarians would catch the allusion.

Saruman was a duplicitous wizard who used half truths and false comforts to lull his listeners into vulnerable complacency, just like the wizards today, who tell us that tax increases are our only option, but that they still know what's best for us, anyway.

Editor's Note: Under the Unified Membership Plan, combined state and national dues are \$25 with \$12 going to state party and \$13 to the national organization. No party can commit to or help any candidate until he/she has been nominated by convention. But we love the Member-a-Month idea! We suspect most Libertarians were reading Rand, not Tolkien.

What I Learned from the '98 Elections: Run Bill Gates

by Dwight Lee Wilder Steffner

By all the popular news paper accounts, 1998 was a bad year for Libertarians. But outside the mainstream media, another America is forming, tired of Republicans wasting millions of dollars investigating a president who is an adulterer and a fool.

The DemReps and RepDems are the same political party, favoring 45% taxes on the middle class while giving the rich as many tax breaks as possible. Both parties favor huge government, both favor massive debt,

and both favor massive waste of taxpayer money. Both parties are so much alike most people don't bother to vote anymore.

Reality Check

The 19 million who voted for Perot in 1992 didn't vote in '98, according to one poll.

Only 39% of eligible voters voted in most states in '98. The national average was 41%. The only state which significantly brought the voter tally up was Minnesota, where 61% of those eligible voted.

The reason for Minnesota's vote was that the Reform candidate for governor won the election. Hurrah for the election of Jesse "The Body Politic" Ventura!

Ventura also will make a fine governor simply because he cares about the same issues the average citizen cares about, something the DemReps and RepDems have forgotten about for years and years. Those issues include cheaper, more effective government, privatization, preventing government waste and a return to making government

a servant of the people.

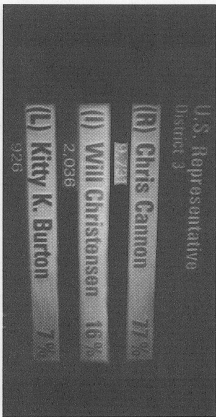
Clear Lesson

The lesson for the Libertarian Party is clear. We need high profile candidates.

For example, this voter favors the drafting of Bill Gates as candidate for president in 2000 on the Libertarian ticket.

Third parties need to follow Gov. Ventura's example and field well-known names for political office, men and women who are also well-qualified. Bill Gates fits both those criteria.

For The Record



Libertarian Candidate Results on TV
3rd CD candidate Kitty Burton and 2nd CD candidate Gerry Arthur both won enough votes to have their results posted on Utah news shows.



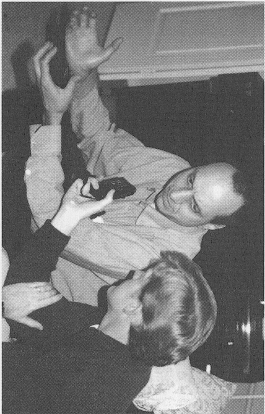
Salt Lake Gunshow
Lynn Clayton (l) and Kitty Burton (r) at the Salt Lake City Gunshow in February. Choune Pierce and Dick Forridge also worked the booth. Lynn and Dick also worked our booth at the Weber gunshow the weekend following.



St. George Gunshow
Choune Pierce, Jim Lorenz and Kitty Burton at the St. George Gunshow in February. In our first try, to date, four new members signed up. Colorful new signs replaced the old ones shown in the St. George photo at top.



Id of Salt Lake County Mesa
Members of a regular monthly meeting at Sliders Pub & Grill. See Calendar (pg 21) for the next meeting dates.



The Rest of the Story
2nd CD candidate Gerry Arthur (l) discusses his campaign and the problems facing non-Republicans in Utah with a reporter from KJZZ-TV who came to our election night booth at the Sliders.



Help the Utah Help Me
Henry Browne (l), exploring the possibility of becoming the Libertarian Party's candidate for president in 2000, addresses a gathering of admirers at 17 Henry's inspiring words inspired the Utah case nearly \$4,000 in monthly contributions to support Utah candidates in the 2000 elections... which means we only have another \$46,000 to raise to meet our goal of "\$50K By '00."

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these things. Besides, blow up a federal building and you simply give the feds an excuse to spend millions of dollars investigating it, prosecuting the perpetrators, rebuilding the building, and expanding the powers of the federal things. Get caught violating a victimless-crime law, and you find how quickly you can become a victim of our legal system.

Returning Home

So, after a few weeks of this kind of thought I get back to being a libertarian. I will spend my money and time trying to fix the system from within. I will run as a Libertarian candidate, help

with Party activities, donate my money, and generally try to spread the word. As the next election approaches, I will get excited again, and hope that the Libertarian Party makes progress in getting freedom-loving people elected to office, and somehow, reign in this horrible monstrosity we have created.

Perhaps I will find a way to measure the intensity of my emotional swings through the libertarian-revolutionary-anarchist forest. If my swings get more severe with each passing electoral cycle, then I can start to figure out whether to stock up on gold bullion, campaign flyers, or .50-caliber ammo.

Fraudulent Security System

by Brian Baird

Yesterday I received a very depressing report from the Social Security Administration. They sent me a copy of my "earnings report," showing how much I have "contributed" to my "fund" and how much I can expect to receive when I retire.

If this document were issued by a private investment firm, I would probably sue them for fraud and malfeasance (i.e. criminal incompetence). Of course, our federal government exempts itself from such lawsuits, so it is free to commit fraud and act in such a grossly incompetent manner without repercussion.

The fraud part is simple: it lists my "contributions" to my "fund," but lists only the portion I paid directly. The matching portion paid by my employer is conveniently forgotten, somehow to be sucked into the deep, black hole of socialism. Of course, any employer will tell you that the "matching" FICA (Social Security) amount is part of the employee's pay—it is simply taken out before the "gross" paycheck amount is shown; i.e., it is a hidden payroll tax, paid by the employee.

But, ignoring the fraud, one can hope that, perhaps, by living long enough, one can recoup a fraction of what one has contributed to the system. In fact, that is exactly the case: you can recoup a *fraction* of your "contributions" at best. The SSA routinely informs me that if I continue to work at my current wage for another 30 years (!!!) I

am 70), then I will receive the grand sum of \$2,000 per month in retirement benefits.

Doesn't Add Up

\$2,000 per month is a livable income today but what will inflation do in 30 years? A few simple calculations show the gross incompetence of those running the system.

Calculation 1: Compounding my total contributions (including matching FICA) over a 52-year working life, and presumably matching the SSA's contribution, would result in a grand total of \$4,487,000. Well over double the pitiful return that SSA will give me, and that's using very low-risk, conservative investments. Calculation 3: I invest in a stock market index fund while working, with a historical return of 11%, and then move to conservative 5% instruments at retirement. How much would I get per month? Would you believe \$25,778? Now *that's* a livable income! Heck, I'd donate half to the Libertarian Party, and still have \$12,000 a month to live on!

This really shows two things: first, how rotten the Social Security system is, for both payers and payees, and second, how little intelligent investment can pay off huge rewards, enough to make one happy at the checks the government will send you. If you simply put into savings an amount equal to what the government takes from you for Social Security, and invest it moderately wisely for your whole working life, you will have a *very comfortable* retirement.

Personally, I fully intend to donate my Social Security checks entirely to the Libertarian Party. I'll be able to do that for the simple reason that I can not depend on the government to support me when I retire—I have my own savings, and won't need Social Security.

Don't depend on Social Security, consider it as much a loss as your income taxes. Save for your own retirement, and whatever pitiful amount you may ever get from SSA, consider it a gift from the benevolent gods of socialism who now run our country.

"IRS" SCAM ALERT!

If you get a booklet from a company called the "Internal Revenue Service," DO NOT OPEN IT! This group operates a scam around this time every year. They claim you owe them money which they will use to pay for the essential functions of the U.S. government.

This is untrue! Very little of the money taken by the "IRS" is used to fund constitutional functions. This organization is also tied to another shady outfit called the "Social Security Administration," which claims to solve the money taken from your paycheck for your retirement. In truth, the SSA uses the money to pay for the same misquidated welfare state the IRS supports. These scam artists have bilked honest, hard working Americans out of billions of dollars. Don't you become one of them!

SEND THIS MESSAGE TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW!

Offered as a public service of the Libertarian Party of Utah. :-)

Human Action

by Ludwig von Mises

odium and morphine are certainly dangerous, habit-forming drugs. But once the principle is admitted that it is the duty of government to protect the individual from his own foolishness, no serious objections can be raised against further encroachments.

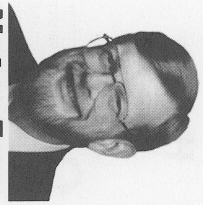
A good case could be made out in favor of the prohibition of alcohol and nicotine. And why limit the government's benevolent providence to the protection of the individual's body only?

Is not the harm a man can inflict on his mind and soul even more disastrous than any bodily evil? Why not prevent him from reading bad books and seeing bad plays, from looking at bad paintings, and statues and from hearing bad music?

Cure Worse Than the Disease

The mischief done by bad ideologies, surely, is much more pernicious, both for the individual and for the whole society, than that done by narcotic drugs.

These fears are not merely imaginary specters terrifying secluded doctrinaires. It is a fact that no paternal government, whether ancient or modern, ever shrank from regimending its subjects' minds, beliefs, and opinions. If one abolishes man's freedom to determine his own consumption, one takes all freedoms away. The naive advocates of government interference with consumption debate themselves when they neglect what they disdainfully call the physical aspect of the problem. They unwittingly support the cause of censorship, inquisition, intolerance, and the persecution of dissenters.



Notes From The Chair

by Jim Porter

New Vice Chair: I am pleased to announce the site elected **GERAARD A. BOMALA** as the new state vice chair. Charlie's active participation at gun shows, tax protests, county meetings, candidacy, and other contributions make him an excellent choice for the office. New state officers must be ratified at the next state central committee meeting. But the convention comes before that. Congratulations Charlie!

Checks On Hold: Our new constitution sets up revenue-sharing with county parties. We distribute those funds at state central committee meetings but only if the county chair or a representative shows up. Right now, I'm holding \$800 for Salt Lake & Utah counties, which I will gladly turn over to the new chairs when the election.

\$80K by 72K: We're searching now to raise funds for the 2000 elections. If every member contributes just \$1.0 a month, we'll raise nearly \$50,000 by November '00. Contributions can be made passively via credit card and all contributions can attend our social events, such as the Brag Dinner at no charge. Find out more at the conventions.

Run For Party Office: There's a lot of work to be done. Anything can do it if nobody else's doing anything. Will get done. County conventions are your chance to get involved and make a difference. Please attend your county convention and run for office. Dates and sites are shown on page 2.

Counties Counters?: We're looking at letting smaller county parties band together, especially where one county already has an organization. Examples include Summit & Wasatch and Cache &

Box Elder. When the smaller party's membership catches up, they can become independent. This can be done consensually with no need to change the constitution.

St. George Trip: My thanks to **KERRY MURROW & GAVIN PRINCE** for joining me in St. George to work the gun show. In our first foray to Dixie in recent memory, we recruited four new members! **TIM LORENZ** set up an organizing meeting but got kicked out of the reserved space when the powers found out what the meeting was about. We met elsewhere and will return to formally set up a Wasatch Mountain County party (perhaps with Iron as well) in the near future.

Hill Practitioners: I testified on several bills. But the statistics revealed and now we have 409 term-lans and a \$6.5 billion state budget. This is indeed the place . . . for taxing, spending and regulating.

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Opportunities Abound: We have lots of opportunities for Libertarians willing to volunteer, a little time (or a lot). We're especially looking for a newspaper editor/designer and a webmaster. Call me at 965-1028 or your county chairman.

A Second Term? The prospect of being freed from the burdens of this office and getting a life is very tempting. Your abandonment at the county and state conventions, your willingness to help out, as demonstrated by showing up and, perhaps, even running for Party office, will help determine if I run again. Then you'll have to decide if you want me to continue or if another candidate will do a better job.

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Liberty: It's Entirely Up To You

by Don W. Johnston, State Secretary

Internal vigilance is the price of liberty! But what does eternal vigilance require of us to deliver this value? It requires us to become more responsible for our own liberty. But how can we be more responsible for our own liberty?

We become more responsible when we actively participate by volunteering our time and/or our money to the Libertarian Party of Utah.

Everybody knows what money is—because we all have so little of it—and everybody knows what time is—because we all have so little of that as well. Nonetheless, a little from all given in the spirit of freedom can make a big difference and the liberty you help restore will rewardingly enough, be your own.

Now, money is often easier to give if you have little time and time is equally easier to give if you have little money. So, the big question is: Where do you fit in? Which do you have more of? More time or more money?

For the LP Utah to be successful, every member that includes you, needs to contribute money or time or both. For if the Party is to grow big enough to conquer the collective forces of socialism—money and time are the battlefield, we must have to achieve a healthy freedom.

As far as money goes, we don't expect anybody to starve themselves to death or go without other basic needs. Simply give what you can when you can and you'll be doing your share. As far as time goes—there is always much work to be done.

You Can Do Something!

We need sharp minds with the zeal of missionaries to help recruit new members. We need friendly faces to work our gun show and fair booths. We need polite extroverts passing out Libertarian literature at special events such as rock concerts,

public meetings, sporting events, and post offices on Tax Day. We need all members with good writing skills and talent to take advantage of that gift and share our message with others. . . . let your little light shine bright.

We also need leaders. Libertarians willing to take leadership positions in the Party by holding state or county office. Right now there are so many empty and unfiled chairs on all levels that you'd think we're running a furniture store rather than a political party. — The LP Utah now has over 200 dues-paying members, but only 30 or so care enough to contribute their time.

I guess what we really need are more members who feel a burning love and a fiery passion for liberty—for without that spark, without that flame, without that desire—our bodies cannot be engaged into action and thus we end up doing the worst thing possible—Absolutely nothing! Please, if we are to regain our freedom it won't be done by sitting on our hands.

Let's All Get Involved
All of us need to actively participate in one way or another, as the combined energy of many hands make the awesome task of winning our liberty smaller and simpler. I like to think that the more you give the sweeter and sooner the reward and blessing of liberty will be shared by all. Your loving care, kindness and charity for the cause of freedom is greatly needed for as the fruit is in the seed, the planting of your money and your efforts will eventually blossom and bear forth the fruit of liberty.

It shows that you really do care about liberty in Utah and take seriously the challenge of restoring freedom in America by investing your time and/or money so wisely.

Lifesaving Firearms

by Charles Hardy, State Treasurer

I'm just old enough to remember when CPR was considered "too risky for laymen to practice." How could we possibly expect someone to acquire, in a few short hours, both the skills AND judgement needed to render assistance WTHOUT making the situation worse? Don't medical professionals have to spend years learning lifesaving skills? Those outside the medical profession who wanted such training were sometimes viewed with suspicion. Did we really want a bunch of Marcus Welby "wannabes" taking medicine into their own hands?

"Experts" told us that broken ribs, ruptured lungs, and permanent paralysis were just some of the dangers of letting amateurs perform CPR. In the event of a suspected drowning or heart attack certainly the safest course was to call the professionals and wait for them to determine and administer the best treatment.

Life's lessons learned
Fortunately, experience has taught us better. Thousands of lives are saved, in this country every year, because CPR training is now common and encouraged for everyone. From Brownie Scouts to talent scouts, secretaries to CEOs, fears of ill-trained amateurs making matters worse proved foolish.

We still call the professionals but no longer do we helplessly stand by waiting for them to arrive. We have become more self-reliant—better prepared. Learning CPR no longer causes suspicion. Rather, it is considered a social obligation to be trained and ready to help. How unfortunate we have not applied our experience with CPR to other areas.

Today, there are self-reliant individuals who have obtained training in firearms handling and carry a weapon in preparation against criminal violence. Far too often these civic-minded adults are viewed with suspicion—as Rambo "wannabes" looking to take the law into their own hands.

"Experts" tell us that wild west shoot-outs and more accidental shootings are just some of the dangers of letting amateurs carry weapons. How can we possibly expect laywomen to acquire, in a few short hours, both the skills AND judgement needed to stop a criminal assault WTHOUT making the situation worse? Don't law enforcement professionals spend months learning their skills? In the event of criminal attack, certainly the safest course is to call the pros and wait for them to stop the bad guys.

Conceded lifeguards
Fortunately, experience is starting to teach us better. Common sense indicates robbers and rapists think twice about pulling their trade where potential victims can effectively fight back. Numerous unbiased, scholarly studies by Prof. Kleck, Loft, and others, conclude violent crimes decrease when and where law-abiding adults carry self-defense weapons. Further, the predicted rash of wild west shoot-outs and accidental shootings simply has not happened. We still call the professionals, but no longer must we helplessly stand by waiting for them to arrive. We have become a little more self-reliant—a little better prepared. In light of these facts, it is no wonder that "experts" and media men resort to base emotions in their calls to limit the legal ability of adults to defend themselves. While we give much power to the government, self-defense—like self-reliance—by very definition cannot be delegated away—even to the state. Equipping weapons of self-defense, like CPR, must always be in reach of the people.