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## Ed Thompson Announces Bid for Governor of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Mayor Ed Thompson officially announced his bid for the 2002 LP gubernatorial nomination today, November 15, during a "whirlwind tour" of the state.

Thompson, who currently serves as the mayor of Tomah, made his announcement on the steps of the capitol building in Madison.

He then flew to Milwaukee, Green Bay, Wausau, Superior, Eau Claire, and Sparta to make a brief statement and answer media questions. The tour concluded at the Oasis Supper Club in Sparta.

"For the past year, people have been telling me they're ready for a change," said Thompson. "People are ready for a breath of fresh air in Wisconsin politics."

Thompson, the brother of former Republican Governor Tommy Thompson, has been mulling a possible run for governor for several months. In April, he met with Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, who was elected in 1998 as the Reform Party candidate, to get campaign advice.

In addition, Thompson has already given speeches to several organizations including the Wisconsin Tavern League and the Wisconsin Builders Association, and has been interviewed about his potential candidacy by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and the New York Times.

A July survey of 600 Wisconsin voters found that 34% "would consider voting for a third party candidate like Ed Thompson." The survey was conducted by Chamberlain Research for the Tavern League of Wisconsin

and had a margin of error of about 4%.

If nominated at the state LP convention in 2002, Thompson would face incumbent Governor Scott McCallum, a Republican, in the general election. The Democratic nomination is currently being hotly contested by Attorney General Jim Doyle, U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett, state Sen. Gary R. George, and Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk.

Thompson said he doesn't particularly care who he faces in the general election.

"I call them Republicrats," he said. "Republicans and Democrats, there's no way you can tell the difference."

Thompson said his campaign would be based on four issues

\* Taxes. Thompson said his "first priority" as governor would be to slash taxes in Wisconsin, which currently ranks as the third highest-taxed state per capita in the nation. He would also eliminate costly business and farm subsidies, privatize certain government services, and use the "line item veto" to cut pork from the state budget.

"High taxes and over-regulation are crippling Wisconsin's small businesses," he said. "We need to focus on bringing family wage jobs back to Wisconsin."

\* Education. The Milwaukee school choice pilot program has been a "remarkable success," said Thompson. As governor, Thompson said he would push for similar programs statewide, and expand opportunities for charter schools, magnet schools, and home

## Campaign 2002 State Wide Positions Available

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Lt. Governor

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Comptroller

Land Commissioner

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Justices of Supreme Court, two positions available, Clifford Williams has announced his candidacy.

Justices of Supreme Court, two positions available, including an unexpired term

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## 2001 Midlothian Grad Running for School Board

From Joey Dauben,  
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Joey Dauben, a May 2001 graduate of Midlothian High School, wants to run for school board.

Dauben cites the recent drill team investigation involving the MHS director and lower voter turnout as reasons for running.

"That [investigation] is only part of it," Dauben said. "The majority of it is to try to get the younger people, ages 18-25 to vote."

The fact that Dauben graduated high school at age 20 doesn't bother him either.

"I used to be very ashamed of admitting that, but now, I use it as a positive motivational tool," he said.

The campaign, he says, wouldn't be anything fancy.

"Basically, I'll be running on name recognition only. If everything goes as planned, I'll just have my name on the ballot. If a sign company wants to donate bumper stickers and yard signs, I'll be more than glad to accept," Dauben said.

"But the main platform I'll be running on is getting the younger people out to vote. I'm a very active member in the Libertarian Party, and voter registration is a big deal to us," he said. "I don't expect to win, and really could care less if I don't, but it doesn't hurt to try I guess."

Dauben's announcement comes weeks after the Midlothian school board voted 6-0 to not take any action against the Midlothian High School drill team director for allegations involving mistreatment of members and mismanagement of funds, allegations brought forth by Dauben's mother.

"You could say that this campaign is politically motivated, no pun intended, but in all reality, the investigation is only a fraction of why I decided to run," Dauben said. "But I'll no doubt get some attention because of it."

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## OPH Booth, Autumn Music Festival

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Results from the LP Tarrant County Booth on 28 October 2001, from 11 am to 11 pm at

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the Autumn Music Festival in Ft. Worth, TX at Trinity Park.

We had seven volunteers. Larry Nickerson put in 10 hours. Leslie Herman was there for 4 hours. Dave Spaller contributed 3 hours plus a long drive from and to Plano. Jeremy Mauer volunteered for 2 hours and Joan Mauer for 1 hour, even though this was their anniversary date. Clyde Garland was there for 13 hours plus loading, a long drive from Bryan, Texas and unloading, and Sherry Garland was there for 9 hours plus a long drive.

600 people attended total with 200 being the average attendance at any one time. 500 were band, vendors (like us), and their friends. The event's promoters claimed 1,500 to 3,000 would attend.

Three hundred people who walked by the Booth with 230 quizzes taken. Of that number, 68 scored libertarian (28 scored Authoritarian.)

At a 09-21-01 Booth in Plano we had opposite results, with twice as many scoring Authoritarian as Libertarian as a result of the September 11 tragedy. We collected 52 names. We asked everyone who scored 120 or higher for their name. So, several of our names are "almost" Libertarian.

# Smoking Ban Going To Public Vote Declares Lubbock Libertarian Chair “Property Rights Can Be Restored By Voters”

Lubbock County Libertarian Chairman , David DeLamar, along with Vote For Freedom Coalition Chairman, Dr. John Turnbow, announced today (6 November 2001) that the Vote For Freedom Coalition, a coalition of Libertarian groups, has been successful in its efforts to collect the 1800 signatures necessary to bring to a vote the Freedom Coalition's proposed ordinance that repeals the Lubbock smoking ban.

“We have garnered over 5350 signatures on our petition which is well above the amount which requires the Lubbock city council to call for a public vote. We are going to ask Lubbock voters to vote **FOR** our ordinance that allows business owners and employers to have a smoking section or area if they choose to do so, ” stated DeLamar. DeLamar added that a no or against vote on the ballot would keep Lubbock's smoking ban in force.

Dr. John Turnbow, Chairman of the Vote For Freedom Coalition and Lubbock Citizens For Private Property Rights predicted a election victory overturning the smoking ban commenting that “ those who want to use government to take away freedom of choice and private property rights will be turned back by Lubbock voters. They will be turned back by the democratic process. Lubbock voters will restore the freedoms that the majority of the Lubbock city council, the mayor and the Lubbock Smokeless Coalition have taken away from business owners.”

## Capsule Commentaries

by Jacob G. Hornberger, president, The Future of Freedom Foundation, , [HTTP://WWW.FFF.ORG](http://www.fff.org)

U.S. officials are pleased that Army General Pervez Musharraf, the non-democratically elected head of Pakistan, agreed to help President Bush attack Afghanistan. (Neither the general nor the president secured a parliamentary or congressional declaration of war against Afghanistan prior to the attacks.) Of course, the general was made the proverbial offer he couldn't refuse: General, if you're not with us on this one, we might just deposit hundreds of millions of dollars in American bombs on top on your head; on the other hand, if you're with us, we will deposit \$600 million in cool cash into your bank account, compliments of the U.S. taxpayer. Now, what army general anywhere in the world could refuse that offer? Of course, one can only wonder whether the good general (who took control of the Pakistani government in a coup) can be trusted not to play two ends against the middle by sharing some of his new moolah with Mullah Omar, his old friend who heads the Taliban.

Some Pentagon officials are expressing misgivings about the president's decision to attack Afghanistan as part of his war against terrorism. According to an article in the October 20 issue of the *Washington Post*, “Some Pentagon officials are concerned about where the conflict ultimately will lead, and whether tactical military gains in Afghanistan could lead to bigger strategic problems for the United States and its allies.” One Pentagon general said that the Afghan war “seems to be a short-term, possibly shortsighted strategy. Our actions so far show only short-term thinking.” According to the Post, the officers wish to remain anonymous due to the “tight lid clamped down on the Pentagon.” But one cannot help but wonder whether another reason for the anonymity is that the officers are concerned about being accused of being unpatriotic Americans for not having blind allegiance to whatever the president does and instead questioning the wisdom of some of his actions. (See [HTTP://WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/WP-DYN/ARTICLES/A27875-2001OCT20.HTML](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A27875-2001OCT20.html))

Question: If the war on terrorism's bombing of Afghanistan ends up killing

Osama bin Laden, the Taliban leaders, and all the current terrorists but ends up producing a larger number of new terrorists, will it be considered a success?

Could public schooling, as well as religious indoctrination in public schools, be a principal cause of terrorism? According to an article in the October 20 issue of the *New York Times*, it just might be so. “The textbook for one of the five religion classes required of all 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Saudi public high schools tackles the complicated issue of who good Muslims should befriend. After examining a number of scriptures which warn of the dangers of having Christian and Jewish friends, the lesson concludes: ‘It is compulsory for the Muslims to be loyal to each other and to consider the infidels their enemy.’ That extremist, anti-Western world view has gradually pervaded the Saudi education system with its heavy doses of mandatory religious instruction, according to Saudi officials and intellectuals.” Since the U.S. government is devoted to spreading freedom and Western values around the world, why hasn't it recommended that the Saudis separate both church and school from the state and end all government involvement in both areas? Better yet, maybe the United States should lead by example by repealing all compulsory school-attendance laws and school taxes and leaving both education and religion totally to the free market rather than trying to use U.S. public (e.g., government) schools to inculcate students with Christian values?

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## Fourth of July Speech by U.S. Secretary of State to U.S. House of Representatives

And now, friends and countrymen, if the wise and learned philosophers of the elder world, the first observers of nutation and aberration, the discoverers of maddening ether and invisible planets, the inventors of Congreve rockets and Shrapnel shells, should find their hearts disposed to enquire what has America done for the benefit of mankind?

Let our answer be this: America, with the same voice which spoke herself into existence as a nation, proclaimed to mankind the inextinguishable rights of human nature, and the only lawful foundations of government. America, in the assembly of nations, since her admission among them, has invariably, though often fruitlessly, held forth to them the hand of honest friendship, of equal freedom, of generous reciprocity.

She has uniformly spoken among them, though often to heedless and often to disdainful ears, the language of equal liberty, of equal justice, and of equal rights.

She has, in the lapse of nearly half a century, without a single exception, respected the independence of other nations while asserting and maintaining her own.

She has abstained from interference in the concerns of others, even when conflict has been for principles to which she clings, as to the last vital drop that visits the heart.

She has seen that probably for centuries to come, all the contests of that Acedama the European world, will be contests of inveterate power, and emerging right.

Wherever the standard of freedom and Independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will her heart, her benedictions and her prayers be.

But she goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy.

She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all.

She is the champion and vindicator only of her own.

She will commend the general cause by the countenance of her voice, and the benignant sympathy of her example.

She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power

of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom. The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from liberty to force.... She might become the dictatress of the world. She would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit....

[America's] glory is not dominion, but liberty. Her march is the march of the mind. She has a spear and a shield but the motto upon her shield is, Freedom, Independence, Peace. This has been her Declaration this has been, as far as her necessary intercourse with the rest of mankind would permit, her practice.

When John Quincy Adams served as U. S. Secretary of State, he delivered this speech to the U.S. House of Representatives on July 4, 1821, in celebration of American Independence Day.

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## Letters

I feel the need to respond to Tom Kane's forwarded article in the October 2001 issue of *Lone Star Liberty*, "A Bill of Rights Culture Is the Only Answer". The piece is correct in that the enemies of a free society are going to use the attacks as an excuse to fulfill their own personal wish lists, but it bothers me that the writer calls the independent mentalities of the passengers on the first three doomed jets into question. Barbara Olson was not calling her husband in his official capacity as Solicitor General; she was calling the most important person in her life to reach a joint decision as to what she should do next.

Up to that point, all U. S. hijackings had ended with no loss of life (except for one where the passengers killed the would-be hijacker), and there was no reason for anyone to suspect what was about to unfold. I am virtually certain that the hijackers did not announce to the passengers that they were about to deliberately crash the planes into populated areas. If they had, the outcome would have been different. As soon as the passengers on Flight 93 found out the fates of the others, they took action. If the first victims had known what we know now, I have no doubt that they would have done the same.

All my best,

Bobby Bush, ANAAX@HOME.COM, Fort Worth

## LNC Endorses "Measured" Military Strikes Against Osama Bin Laden's Terrorist Network

The following statement was adopted by the Libertarian National Committee at its meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on October 14, 2001

On Sunday, October 7, the United States launched military action against Osama bin Laden, the terrorist believed to be responsible for the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The U.S. military also struck military bases controlled by the Taliban regime of Afghanistan, which has sheltered and reportedly assisted bin Laden.

While the Libertarian Party has been a consistent voice against reckless foreign interventionism by the U.S. government, we support action against the perpetrators responsible for the terrorist attacks. The vicious and barbaric attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, which bin Laden allegedly masterminded, cost 5,000 innocent Americans their lives. Such horrific crimes cannot go unpunished.

A fundamental role of the United States government, as defined in the U.S. Constitution, is to protect American citizens against foreign attack. Therefore, it is proper for the government to take forceful action against terrorists who have already killed thousands of Americans, and who have threatened to kill more. Such criminals must be rooted out and destroyed before more innocent people die. Their training camps and weapons must be eliminated. Their supply infrastructure must be shattered.

At the same time, the United States' response must be appropriate and measured. Every precaution must be taken to minimize injury or death to innocent civilians and non-combatants, in Afghanistan and in other nations. To do otherwise is not only a violation of America's ideals, it would also create future enemies for our nation and continue the cycle of violence and revenge.

We also call on the United States government to publicly reveal the evidence that conclusively links bin Laden and his terrorist network to the September 11 terrorist attacks. While much circumstantial evidence is available, and while bin Laden has made statements condoning the September 11 attacks, the U.S.

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## **LNC Meeting Summary, 13-14 October 2001**

From Joe Dehn, JWD3@DEHNBASE.ORG

The Libertarian National Committee met 13-14 October 2001 in Atlanta, GA.

The Chair made brief remarks, including comments on the world situation.

The Treasurer reported on the Party's financial condition, including the recent shortfalls in revenue, cashing in of reserve CDs, progress in paying off past-due accounts payable, and prospects for revenue levels in the future. New policies proposed by the Treasurer were approved, including a new reserve requirement to take effect in the second half of 2002, and a new liquidity requirement to take effect at the beginning of 2002.

The National Director reported on headquarters activities and responded to questions. Topics included recent fundraising appeals, statements on issues relating to the 11 September attack, candidate recruiting, office remodeling, and funding for the Michigan

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ballot drive. There was discussion of membership renewal statistics, an apparently exaggerated press report that a state affiliate was considering disaffiliation, an erroneous claim in a state fundraising appeal about fundraising problems during the Gulf War, and the policy for scheduling of mailings by organizations which rent the mailing list.

New procedures were adopted to improve the recording of disclosures made by LNC members and staff concerning potential conflicts of interest.

There was extensive discussion of issues arising from the strategic planning effort. Results of the recent fundraising letter survey on this subject were reported. LNC members reported on feedback from the affiliate parties. The Director outlined proposed increases in headquarters staff. Several LNC members agreed to "champion" various strategies. The staff was directed to present a proposed budget for 2002, intended to achieve the "metrics" recommended by the SPT at the August meeting, by 10 November.

There was discussion of questions which had arisen out of previous actions relating to "the Willis matter". It was decided not to do business with American Liberty Foundation

until the people in a position of responsibility have complied with the Chair's requests for information and complied with the resolution adopted in August calling for them to denounce Willis' actions. It was decided that Art Matsko / LiamWorks should be treated normally, without repercussions from this matter. It was decided that the LNC will reconsider participation in the proposed lawsuit against the FEC if asked again to join.

A committee was appointed to make recommendations concerning the compensation and job description of the Director, performance evaluation procedures, and a staff bonus plan. An updated contract for the Director, running until the beginning of August 2002, was approved.

A resolution concerning U.S. military action and the "War on Terrorism" was adopted.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8-9 December in the Washington, DC area. It was decided to hold the following meeting 16-17 March in Denver.

[Note: This is only a summary of the meeting, and is not intended to be relied upon as a complete record of business.]

# A Foolish War – Part One: The War of ‘We’

by Keith Shugarts, SHUGARTK@YAHOO.COM  
Reprinted from *The Libertarian Enterprise*, Issue 144, October 22, 2001

“Freedom through Strength and Unity” – seen written on a banner overhanging Route 66 East going into Washington, DC.

With supreme arrogance, the President of the United States strolls to the podium to address the assembled scribes and sycophants. The President speaks with the assured confidence of being able to define right and justice and without the need to accept responsibility for actions past. All the while, individuals are compelled to fall upon bended knee in supplication to ask for individual rights and liberties to be restored to them, to be able to protect themselves without the need of an omnipresent and omniscient state. The President speaks through parsing lips of freedom, yet it is not individual freedom that the President is worried about, the President is worried about the freedom of the group, the freedom of the collective, the freedom of the We.

Robert LeFevre, writing in one of his essays states, “that man owns himself and may never with propriety, own another human being.” If this is true, then how can the President of the United States order other individuals to obey his orders? If man owns himself then is he not subject to his own council and decision making and not that of the President, any member of government, or anyone? If freedom is to be defended, as the President suggests, then should not every individual in the country be free to make their own decision concerning not only the persecution of this war and their own participation in it, but also individual foreign policy, and other matters of concern? Since neither of these questions can be answered to the positive concerning the freedom of the individual, then the President must be speaking of defending the freedom of another. That other would be the group, the collective, the We. By denying an individual the freedom to defend himself, the government denies the

individual ownership of himself and instead makes him a ward of the state, essentially owned by the state.

Further illustrating this point, I choose the words of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld, speaking before the assembled multitude of propagandists that passes for the American media on those broadly defined terrorists, said, “We will not change the way we will, we will change the way they live.” Later in that same briefing he said, “They want to chase American values from the World.” This is a man speaking of the freedom of the group to act, the freedom of the collective.

It is the words the collective uses; we, us, they, them, our. These words have polluted even libertarian thought look at the use of we amongst the words of liberty and see how it is co-opted to speak for the group in the disguise of an individual. We infers total acceptance without debate or remark, without disagreement. Yet, as all these people speak of We, they do not speak for me. They pretend the arrogance of unanimous consent and approval where none exists.

Mr. Colonessi, in his letter to the editor of *The Libertarian Enterprise*, as well as others beseech the government to return to them legitimate freedoms and liberties. Mr. Colonessi wishes the government would end the War on Drugs and return to individual citizens the right to protect themselves through the carrying of arms. Others ask to be allowed to decide for themselves their own foreign policy rather than being compelled and coerced to follow the we, the group. Pilots asked to be allowed to carry side arms on planes; they were denied. They were denied by their Union. Their Union, a collective, a We. Yet all the measures taken by the United States government, the rulers of the collective, are group protections, are protections designed to allow greater freedom for the group while denying those of the individuals. The strength of the state is allowed to grow unchecked with the cheering fury of most of the collective We.

The We, acting through the government, needs to deny the individual, the I, the ability to protect themselves or there would be no need for the government. The We denies the individual weapons with the idea that harm may come to someone. The We denies the

individual the ability to protect themselves against plague and bacterium by denying them easy access to antibiotics on the idea that the individual is not intelligent enough to practice restraint, even with the fear-mongering propagandists acting as the media. The We again denies the individual knowledge, preferring instead to keep the individual in the dark and deny them the ability to protect themselves with knowledge. The We denies the individual the ability to act as a sovereign person by denying him his inalienable rights, liberties, and freedoms to be able to act for himself and instead insists that the individual acts with the We, if only with the support of stolen tax dollars.

The individual is damned in this war, and has been for a long while now. This collective action grows from the very majoritarian democracy that rules over this land, the despotism of 50.00001% ruling over the other 49.999999%. (For an alternative look to L. Neil Smith’s *A New Covenant*). Each collection of We wishing to impose their will upon another, burying the individual, the I and Me under their collective desires. Each collection of We wanting to impose the desires to see their schemes and wishes fulfilled upon the backs of the I and Me. The same aggression that the collective looses upon these broadly defined terrorists is also used against the I and Me as suggested by Robert LeFevre in his essay *Aggression is Wrong* when he says, “Governments, by their nature are invariably agencies of aggression. This is our excuse for having them; they can be employed against the ‘other fellow’ to compel him to provide the money for our schemes, to compel him to do or not to do in accordance with our wishes.”

Freedom through Strength and Unity sounds eerily like Arbeit Macht Ihr Frei and defines the ideals of the War of We.

Keith Shugarts graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in History, concentrations in Naval and Military History as well as American and British. His life changed when he read *The Probability Broach* that provided the frame for his proto-libertarian musings to coalesce into rational ideas. He will continue his series “American Fascism” after he completes this series of essays.

# LP Treasurer Calls Push for Stronger Reserve Requirement “Unethical”

From Joe Dehn, JWD3@DEHNBASE.ORG

In a sharply worded e-mail message to members of the Libertarian National Committee, Treasurer Deryl Martin has denounced an attempt by LNC member Joe Dehn to strengthen the party's reserve requirement as “unethical.”

The charge arose in connection with a proposal made by Martin at the October meeting of the LNC in Atlanta. Dehn, a Regional Representative to the LNC from Region 2 (California and Nevada), argued that Martin's plan put off the requirement for building a reserve too long. Dehn offered an amendment that would have had the reserve in place six months earlier. The amendment was defeated on a 4 to 8 vote, and Martin's original wording was adopted.

“I've been struggling to understand exactly what is ‘unethical’ about debating a proposal and offering an amendment,” said Dehn. “I thought there were good aspects to his proposal, and I said so. I thought there was a problem with it, and I tried to make it better. What's wrong with that? I thought that's why we go to these meetings.”

Martin claimed in his message that Dehn had “broadsided” him with the amendment, instead of suggesting specific alternative language prior to the meeting. He termed Dehn's actions “unprofessional, obstructionist, and downright unethical” and said they led to “needless and excessive” discussion which cut into the time available for “very important SPT work.”

Dehn says that he offered the amendment during the meeting after it became clear how long a delay Martin was proposing. “The proposal distributed prior to the meeting was not clear on this point. I was not completely happy with it for other reasons, and I have discussed some of my concerns with the Treasurer both publicly and privately over the last several months. But it never occurred to me in reading his proposal that he could have meant to put it off that long. When I realized how bad it was, that's when I decided I had to propose an amendment.”

The LNC has been struggling to build a reserve for several years. During 1999 and 2000, a system intended to set aside a fixed

percentage of revenue was used. For 2001, a plan was adopted that called for a reserve of \$150,000 in certificates of deposit to be built up at a rate of \$25,000 per month. Due to revenue shortfalls, the planned purchases were not completed and the reserve never got higher than about \$75,000. In September, Martin directed that \$50,000 be taken from the reserve without getting approval from the Executive Committee as required by the existing policy. According to a balance sheet provided by the national office, there was only \$25,464.79 in the reserve as of the end of September.

“As part of pushing his new proposal, Martin ridiculed the existing policy, which was put in place at the request of former Treasurer Mark Tuniewicz, as ‘not a policy.’ But it was a policy. It is in the Policy Manual. He either didn't understand what the policy required, or chose to ignore it,” Dehn said.

Ironically, Martin asked that his proposal, although adopted, not be included in the formal Policy Manual. “So, what the LNC has done is pass a ‘feel-good’ motion that doesn't actually have any effect until after a new LNC takes office after the 2002 convention, and it isn't even recorded where they are likely to look for it,” Dehn said. “If recent history is any clue, the new LNC may well end up devising yet another plan that doesn't take effect until 2003.”

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## Redistricting should not be done by humans

By Jon Roland, 512/257-2606

The recurring redistricting disorder should be replaced by a mathematical algorithm that would start at the corners of the state, adding voting precincts until population equality was achieved in each district, then transferring precincts between districts until the boundaries between districts are made as short, and the districts as compact, as possible. The algorithm should be applied by a computer program that would take no account of demographics other than population size, of voting patterns, or of incumbencies. Once the algorithm and program is adopted by the legislature, it should be run, and the districts determined, with no human intervention whatsoever. It should be a strictly impersonal process, with no role for officials to engage in political negotiations for the

advantage of their factions.

The rule of law means legal decisions being made according to rules that apply uniformly and impersonally, with little or no human discretion. It is time we replaced the rule of men in redistricting decisions with a rule of law. This should be made a top issue in the next election.

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### Online survey: LP members support military strikes against terrorists

Libertarian Party members and supporters believe the U.S. government “has an obligation to bring the terrorists who are responsible for the September 11 attacks to justice,” and strongly support military strikes against Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network, according to a new survey.

However, a strong majority agree that Congress should formally declare war before attacking any other nation, and most agree that a non-interventionist foreign policy is still the best defense against the threat of terrorism.

And Libertarians retain their traditional wariness about infringements on civil liberties, with an overwhelming majority opposing all or most of the search and surveillance provisions contained in proposed “anti-terrorist” legislation.

These are some of the results from an online poll of Libertarian Party members and subscribers to the party's “LP.announce” e-mail list, taken October 9-12.

More than 5,000 people participated in the unscientific poll, with 83.8% of them identifying themselves as Libertarian Party members or LP News subscribers. Another 11.3% said they were not LP members, and 4.8% did not furnish any specific partisan affiliation.

It was the first major poll of LP members taken since September 11, when terrorists commandeered four airliners and crashed three of them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. More than 5,000 Americans were killed in the attacks, which have been linked to Osama bin Laden and his al-Qa'eda terrorist network.

Despite Libertarians' long-standing aversion to foreign military intervention, 94.8% of survey respondents said they agree the U.S. government “has an obligation to bring the terrorists who are responsible for the Sep-

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tember 11 attacks to justice.”

Of that number, 84.0% strongly agree, and 10.8% somewhat agree. Only 2.7% somewhat or strongly disagree, while 2.5% didn't answer or were undecided.

LP National Director Steve Dasbach said the results seem to indicate that Libertarians see the September 11 terrorist attacks as an “initiation of force” against the United States.

“Libertarians believe that individuals and nations do not have the right to initiate force against others, but they tend to agree that the use of force for self-defense, against rogue nations, criminals, or terrorists, is appropriate,” he said.

However, Libertarians also firmly believe that a non-interventionist foreign policy makes terrorist attacks less likely, according to the poll.

While the poll showed that Libertarians overwhelmingly endorse bringing terrorists to justice, a smaller majority agrees about how to achieve that goal.

Poll-takers also strongly support the notion that the United States should not attack any foreign nation without a declaration of war by Congress. Fully 68.8% agreed with that statement, while only 18.1% disagreed.

When asked about the political fallout from the September 11 terrorist attacks, such as Congressional aid for the airline industry, proposed self-defense measures, and anti-terrorism legislation, respondents overwhelmingly oppose granting new power to government, with some exceptions.

“In most cases, by substantial majorities, poll-takers clearly refused to give up more civil liberties so the government could fight the War On Terrorism,” he said. “However, in areas like immigration control and detention of legal immigrants, a significant minority were apparently willing to consider proposals they thought might prevent future terrorist attacks.” (15 Oct 2001)

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### **Anti-terrorism Bills Should Be Rejected for ‘Recycled Police State-style Snooping’**

The anti-terrorism bills just passed by the House and Senate will allow the government to secretly search your home, spy on bank accounts around the world, and monitor your e-mail, provisions that Congress has rejected before and that Americans overwhelmingly oppose, the Libertarian Party said today.

“These bills could be called ‘Spying on Americans: The Sequel,’ “ said Steve Dasbach, national director of the Libertarian Party. “It appears that politicians are trying to use terrorism as an excuse for imposing anti-privacy measures that the American public has soundly rejected in the past. That's not just wrong, it's unpatriotic.”

This week, the U.S. House and U.S. Senate are working to reach agreement about conflicting provisions of two anti-terrorism bills: The USA Act, passed by the Senate on Thursday (by a 96-1 vote), and The PATRIOT Act, passed by the House on Friday (337-79).

A conference committee is working to resolve the differences between the two bills, and President Bush is expected to sign the final version by week's end.

Both bills dramatically expand law enforcement agencies' power to conduct searches, wiretaps, and other forms of electronic surveillance, and those provisions should be stripped out of the final bill, said Dasbach.

The USA Act or the PATRIOT Act would

- \* Allow “sneak-and-peak” searches.
- \* Authorize “Know Your Customer”-style bank spying.
- \* Expand the Carnivore e-mail surveillance scheme.

What both anti-terrorism bills have in common, said Dasbach, is that they would require Americans to give up fundamental civil liberties because the government claims it would help fight terrorists.

And both contain controversial provisions that have been debated before, and rejected.

“Libertarians share the desire to punish terrorists for their bloody attack on the United States,” said Dasbach. “But that goal can be achieved without inflicting collateral damage on Americans' privacy with these provisions, which are nothing but recycled police state-style snooping.

“As Congress debates these bills, Americans need to remember: The terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center, but they didn't destroy our Constitution. Only politicians can do that. We can't allow it.” (16 Oct 2001)

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### **Federalizing airport security Will air travelers be less safe?**

Federalizing airport security would be a catastrophic blunder, unless Americans want

to risk putting their lives in the hands of a security system with the perpetual long lines of the DMV, the “torment-the-customer” focus of the IRS, and the corruption of HUD, the Libertarian Party said today.

“H.L. Mencken once said that for every problem, there is a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong. Federalizing airport security is a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong,” said Libertarian Party National Director Steve Dasbach.

“If America federalizes airport security, we could end up with a security staff that is overpaid, under-performing, and impossible to fire. Our lives, and the lives of our families, could be dependent on government bureaucrats who are more interested in politics than protection.”

This week, the U.S. House is expected to consider a bill that would leave airport security screening to private firms, rather than turning the nation's 28,000 airport security personnel into federal workers. The bill would require the Federal Aviation Administration to set standards for airport security, and more closely monitor the process.

That bill is in conflict with already-approved U.S. Senate legislation, which would federalize airport security forces at an estimated cost of \$3 billion a year.

But turning airport security personnel into government employees is a mistake if the goal is greater safety for airline passengers, said Dasbach.

Instead, based on the government's track record, federalized workers would be

\* Not very secure: This week, the Project for Government Oversight revealed that mock terrorist attacks on Department of Energy nuclear facilities succeeded more than half the time. In May 2000, the General Accounting Office (GAO) announced that investigators posing as law enforcement officers were able to bypass federal security and penetrate the Pentagon, CIA headquarters, and the Justice Department. And in August 2001, the GAO revealed that hackers were able to infiltrate supposedly secure computer sites of seven agencies of the Department of Commerce.

\* Susceptible to corruption: Over the past few years, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) employees have been arrested for exchanging green cards for cash bribes, printing counterfeit checks, and selling templates of Border Crossing cards to document counterfeiters. Customs officials were convicted of helping drug dealers

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smuggle cocaine into the country. Government Services Administration (GSA) employees were arrested for stealing government property, extorting bribes from contractors, and accepting kickbacks. And Social Security Administration employees were convicted of taking bribes to issue phony Social Security cards.

\* More expensive: According to Martin L. Gross, author of *The Government Racket 2000*, federal workers earn 40% more than average American workers, and get benefits that are 75% greater than the average worker.

\* Prone to sloppiness: Over the past few years, the GAO reported that the IRS could not account for \$3 billion in expenses; the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had paid out at least \$900 million in excess subsidies; the Federal Aviation Administration had lost \$245 million in spare parts; and the Department of Education had no system to track more than \$3 billion in student loan defaults.

\* Badly trained and hostile to customers: A 2001 study by the Treasury Department found that IRS employees at walk-in centers gave taxpayers incorrect or insufficient information 73% of the time. A similar 2001 study by the IRS found that customers were turned away without service 21% of the time. And in 1998, Senator Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) described the actions of overzealous IRS agents trying to collect back-due taxes as "government violence directed against citizens."

Of course, not all government employees are corrupt, sloppy, or hostile, acknowledged Dasbach.

But when you consider their poor track record, you quickly realize that government workers are certainly not more efficient, more honest, smarter, or harder working than private-sector employees, he said.

"Based on the litany of past government failures, do we really want to trust federal bureaucrats to protect us against ruthless terrorists who are determined to kill us?" (23 Oct 2001)

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## Repeal Gun Control Laws That Leave Us Defenseless Against Evil Terrorists

With sales of guns soaring and support for the Second Amendment peaking after the September 11 terrorist attacks, it's time for

politicians to start repealing burdensome gun laws, the Libertarian Party said today.

"More Americans are beginning to realize that the Second Amendment is not some fossilized remnant of a frontier nation, but a practical solution to the 21st century problem of terrorism," said the party's national director, Steve Dasbach.

Over the past month, a number of news stories and polls have revealed a stunning increase in gun purchases and an unprecedented groundswell of support for gun rights. According to media reports

\* There has been "a surge in gun sales" following September 11, reported the *Washington Post* (October 2, 2001), with applications to buy handguns in Virginia doubling the week after the attack, and background checks for handguns, rifles, and shotguns up by 32%.

\* 45% more Americans "value Second Amendment rights" than before the terrorist attacks, according to an NRA poll reported in *U.S. News & World Report* (November 5, 2001).

\* In Colorado, background checks for concealed carry permits jumped 172% from August to October, according to the *Rocky Mountain News* (October 30, 2001).

\* In Connecticut, 41% more people bought guns in September 2001 than in the same month last year, according to the Associated Press (October 2, 2001).

\* Women across the country are signing up for gun safety courses in record numbers, according to NBC's *Today Show* (October 10, 2001), with sales of guns to women increasing by 60%.

\* In California, gun sales surged 42%, reported *CBS Morning News* (October 2, 2001).

There is an obvious explanation for such figures, said Dasbach.

"Americans have begun to understand that they must take personal responsibility for their own safety. That's why we're seeing such a surge in gun sales, especially to vulnerable demographic groups, like women."

Unfortunately, noted Dasbach, there are over 21,000 local, state, and federal laws that limit the right of Americans to purchase or carry guns, leaving millions of individuals still at risk. (30 Oct 2001)

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## Libertarian Party sets new record with 41 election wins on Tuesday

At least 41 Libertarians were elected to local office on Tuesday, setting a new record for LP victories in an election cycle.

At least nine states recorded Libertarian wins: California, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Washington state, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Virginia, and Utah.

The big winner was California, which scored nine Libertarian victories. Pennsylvania and Washington state tied for second-best showing, with eight Libertarian wins each.

In the November 1997 election, its previous high-water mark, the LP had elected 39 candidates to office.

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger said he was "thrilled" with the results, and said there are reports of election victories still trickling into the national office.

"We're waiting for final returns from some states, so it's likely there is even more good news still to come," he said. "Congratulations to all our record-breaking winners!"

This election also appears to feature an unusually large number of "significant" victories, said Crickenberger.

Libertarians won the following elections

\* In Colorado, Carol Hill was elected to the Leadville City Council in a three-way race. Hill defeated an incumbent and a veteran council candidate.

\* In Michigan, Fred Collins was re-elected to the Berkley City Council for a second term.

\* In Michigan, Andy LeCreux was elected to the Hazel Park City Council, coming in fourth out of five contenders and winning over 1,400 votes.

"It was a close election [but] hard work early in the campaign paid off with victory," said Campaign Manager Dave Collver.

\* In Michigan, Mark Owen was elected to the Owosso City Council. Owen finished fourth in an eight-way race, with the candidates vying for four seats.

"[This victory was] a fantastic follow-up to his historic district ordinance battle," said LP activist Greg Dirasian.

\* In California, six candidates were elected in unopposed races: Daniel Garisek (Big Bear Airport District, Short Term); Jonathan Tatomer (Carpinteria Sanitary District); Verne Skjonsby (North Humboldt Park & Recreation District); Gordon Martindale (Pinedale Public Utility District); Todd Foerch (Rim of the World Recreation & Park Dis-

## Ed Thompson Announces Bid for Governor of Wisconsin

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schooling.

"Competition will place a premium on the services of good teachers while increasing the importance of teachers in relation to the huge educational bureaucracy presently pervading Wisconsin's public schools," he said. "One size fits all education is as stifling for teachers as it is for students."

\* Crime. Wisconsin cannot afford to keep nonviolent offenders in prison, said Thompson, so he would advocate work release and community service programs. He would also call for the decriminalization of marijuana.

"Too often the enforcement of laws against victimless crimes diverts the attention of Wisconsin's police and courts from the enforcement of laws against violence and fraud," he said. "Too often violent offenders are released from prison early while nonviolent drug offenders serve full prison terms."

\* "Common Sense Government." Because he is not beholden to any special interest group, Thompson said he would be able to run state government "like a business," paying careful attention to waste and fraud.

"The continuing failure of the state government to adopt a balanced budget is evidence that arrogance, corruption and the misuse of government power are poisoning state government," he said.

A former Republican, Thompson left the GOP in 1999 after police raided his Tee Pee Tavern and Restaurant, and charged him with operating three nickel-slot video gambling machines. The felony charges of running an illegal gambling operation were eventually dropped, and he was elected as the mayor of Tomah in 2000 on the Libertarian Party ticket.

Thompson will need about 1,000 registered voter signatures to get his name and party affiliation listed on the November 2002 election ballot.

"It's time to shake the shackles of government," said Thompson. "We're going to pull this thing off. There's no doubt in my mind."

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## LNC Endorses "Measured" Military Strikes Against Osama Bin Laden's Terrorist Network

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government has an obligation to conclusively demonstrate that he is guilty of mass murder. Such evidence would not only help swing world opinion firmly behind the United States' actions, it would make a clear and compelling case that justice is being served by the recent military actions.

The Libertarian Party must take a more cautious stance about the military attacks on Afghanistan's Taliban government. Yes, there is considerable evidence that this totalitarian regime has aided bin Laden, and, yes, it refuses to assist the U.S. government in bringing bin Laden to justice. But it is a sovereign nation, and a military strike against it is an act of war. According to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution, only the United States Congress has the power to declare war.

If military action against the government of Afghanistan is indeed appropriate, then the U.S. Congress should establish this by debating and passing an official declaration of war. Such an action would make the attack constitutionally legitimate, and protect the vital separation of powers upon which this nation's government was founded.

The United States government should also announce clear, measurable, and finite goals for this War on Terrorism. Any military action must not be allowed to turn into an endless, global war against numberless, shadowy targets. America's best interests will be served by decisive action that targets the guilty, spares the innocent, and ends as quickly as possible.

Finally, the United States has an obligation to consider a new, positive approach to foreign policy for the future.

Years ago, President Thomas Jefferson articulated a foreign policy that consisted of "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none." Such a foreign policy, deeply rooted in American tradition and principle, would reduce the chance that terrorists will ever again want to strike a bloody blow at America.

As our nation embarks on this new war, the words of Thomas Jefferson echo down the centuries, and point in the direction of an America that can be at peace with the world, and have less to fear from foreign enemies. (15 Oct 2001)

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trict); and Marguerite Kaufman (Skyline County Water District).

In addition, Mark Anthony Dierolf was re-elected as the Hartnell Community College District #5 Trustee, and John Fleury and William Wennerholm were elected as McKinleyville Community Services District commissioners. Each received 22% of the vote, coming in second and third respectively in a four-way race.

\* In North Carolina, Joe Young won a seat on the Lenoir City Council. Young came in first out of eight candidates, with 15.4% of the vote.

\* In North Carolina, Ken Lankford was elected as Madison Alderman with 11.1% of the vote. Lankford came in fifth out of eight candidates vying for six seats.

"I cannot tell you how proud I am of all our Libertarian candidates in this year's elections," said LP Executive Director Sean Haugh. "Let me tell you, winning feels great!"

\* In Virginia, Matt Medeiros and Bill Wood won spots as Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District directors. Both ran for office as write-in candidates.

\* In Utah, Willy Star Marshall emerged victorious as Big Water mayor, edging out the incumbent by 23 votes.

"It is exciting to [get elected]," said Marshall. "It certainly appears to be a mandate for less government and lower taxes."

\* In Ohio, John McAllister was elected to the Gahanna City Council with over 57% of the vote; Ron Lisy won a seat on the Bedford City Council; Bob DeBrosse was re-elected as Piqua City Commissioner; Jim Schrader was elected as Millcreek Township Trustee; Rich Shetler won a seat as Bethlehem Township Trustee; and Carl Myers was elected to the Cedarville City Council.

\* In Washington state, Gene Hawkridge won a seat on the Northshore School Board; Don Vandervele and Judy Byrd were elected as Peninsula Park & Recreation Commissioners; Jim Richardson scored a victory as Skamania County (District 3) Cemetery Commissioner; Scott MacQuarrie was elected to the Northshore School Board, and Steve LePage emerged victorious as Benton County Conservation District Commissioner.

Also in Washington state, Bob Bromley was elected as mayor of Sumas with over 60% of the vote; Ray Huff Jr. won a spot on the

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Vote and Bruce White beat an incumbent to win a seat on the Kent City Council with over 59% of the vote. Kent is a city of over 100,000 residents.

\* In Pennsylvania, Phil Janusz was elected as a Philadelphia County Inspector of Elections; George Wright won a spot as Crawford School Director; Daniel Beatty was elected as a Crawford Inspector of Elections; Elizabeth Summers won as Luzerne County Government Study Commissioner; Tim O'Flaherty was elected as a Philadelphia County Inspector of Elections; and George Barnett won two elections as Potter County Constable and an Inspector of Elections.

In addition, Michael Decker was re-elected as a Halifax supervisor, and Tim Moir was re-elected as a Philadelphia County Inspector of Elections.

In other high-profile Libertarian races around the country

\* In Virginia, William Redpath won 14,431 (.76%) of the vote in his race for governor, coming in third. In the lieutenant governor's race, Gary Reams won 28,677 votes, or just under 2%.

The Virginia LP's top-of-ticket candidates did very well, considering that they were outspent by Republicans and Democrats by a factor of 1,740 to one, said state Executive Director Marc Montoni.

"It is irrational to dismiss Libertarian solutions as having been rejected by the voters yesterday," he said. "When one's philosophy is out-advertised by the margin ours were, the outcome is predictable."

\* Also in Virginia, Micah Gray won 15.92% in a two-way partisan race for House of Delegates (District 41).

\* In New Jersey, gubernatorial candidate Mark Edgerton won 4,294 votes (.22%), for a fifth-place finish.

\* In the New York City mayor's election, Kenny Kramer won 2,620 votes (.18%), coming in seventh out of nine challengers.

\* In the Miami mayor's race, Emiliano Antunez came in eighth out of 10 candidates with 289 votes. The top two finishers in that race will head for a run-off election.

\* In the Syracuse, New York mayoral election, Jennifer Daniels got 7.6%, coming in third in the three-way race. Her 2,442 votes gave her the best showing of any third-party mayoral candidate in 20 years. Daniels had been endorsed by both the state Libertarian Party and the state Green Party. (8 Nov 2001)

## Aggie Libertarians Win Big With Booth

by Clyde L. Garland, CLYDEGARLA@AOL.COM

The Aggie Libertarians (AL) of Texas A&M University hosted a Booth during Open House along with 200 other organizations, 2 September 2001. At the beginning of each school year, for five hours, a large section of the Student Center is divided among the A&M Clubs, each getting an 8' x 6' space, to attract new members.

Three volunteers (Steph Berlin, David Veksler and another) operated the AL Booth, giving 138 Quizzes and getting 58 names in five hours. Another 15 turned in their names later as a result of seeing the Booth, making the total 73 names. This works out to five names per hour per volunteer, making it the most efficient Booth ever for getting names.

The Booth is the one developed by Advocate for Self Government, which they call "Operation Politically Homeless," OPH for short. It is the Booth that uses the 10 question Diamond Chart to attract interest. Each quiz taker has a dot put on the chart according to his answers.

The AL Booth had an unusually high number of people score Libertarian (42%) with almost all of them leaving their name. Normally 20%\*\* score Libertarian with half leaving their name. This probably happened because the Booth had a large "Libertarian Party" sign on it. The sign would automatically cause those that felt strongly about another Party, or had negative feelings about the LP, to shy away from the Booth while at the same time attract those who had positive feelings or were neutral, but curious, and simply wanted to find out more about the LP.

\*\*20% would normally score Libertarian before the WTC attack, 11 September 2001. 10% is now normal since people want more government. They want the draft, closed borders and foreign aid.

## Clark Simmons to run for Texas House of Representatives

Clark Simmons has filed for convention nomination as the Libertarian Party candidate for District 31 in the 2002 election for the United States House of Representatives.

There will be ample opportunities to focus on and address all the issues. Among these are taxes, transportation, education, terrorism and all issues that affect the livelihood and well being of all Texans.

Mr. Simmons is a native Texan, and has enjoyed a professional career as a Field Engineer in the electronics industry. He is an Internet Service Provider. He is married to the former Lillian Martinez, who was born in Havana, Cuba. He has five adult children and one grandson.

The candidate subscribes to the libertarian concept of personal freedom where an individual's actions should be only constrained where they cause harm or loss to others.

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## Congressmen in Wonderland

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Committee Vows to Ban Internet Gaming, Then Orders Tide Not to Rise

With federal buildings in Washington closing down, musical-chairs fashion, in response to the ongoing anthrax terror campaign, and the undeclared war in Afghanistan escalating (the press being extremely careful not to call the hundreds of Americans now on the ground by the term "military advisers," with all its Vietnam-era resonance), it's understandable that the attention of Congress now focuses, more than ever, on matters of pressing national concern.

Like a ban on Internet gaming.

Did Osama bin Laden finance Al-Qaida's activities by wagering against the Yankees in the Series? No such evidence has been presented, yet the House Financial Services Committee voted 34-18 on Oct. 31 to virtually ban Internet gaming in the United States by outlawing payments for online wagers via credit cards, checks, or electronic fund transfers.

Banks and credit card companies would be obliged by law, under this and a companion measure, to "make a good faith effort to discontinue processing transactions to or from specific unlawful Internet gambling businesses," asserts Rep. Mike Oxley, R-Ohio, who then absurdly attempts to assure those institutions this won't "unduly burden" them.

This shows about as much comprehension of how easy it is to stop the movement of money on the Internet, or to track how it's being used, as medieval attempts to make it illegal to turn a telescope skyward and use it to

view the stars.

This is akin to admitting the government can't actually stop folks from smoking marijuana, and instead threatening to jail those who sell plastic sandwich bags later used to store, transport or consume the stuff ... while assuring SC Johnson that being required to track the end use of every Ziploc bag won't "burden them unduly."

Going a step further down the road to Wonderland, Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, then thundered, "Not to bring (Internet gambling) down is to say one supports unregulated gambling."

Really? So by failing to end something, a congressman reveals that he supports it? Can we thus conclude that, since Rep. Leach has (thankfully) not taken any steps that we know of to jail all homosexuals, he "supports sodomy"?

While Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., adds "Beware, because whether this bill passes or not, I'm going to suggest to every single bankruptcy court in America that any debtor who incurred debt due to Internet gambling be discharged from that debt because you, the credit card companies, have aided and abetted an illegal activity!"

Good one, John. And we also won't have to pay back our bank loans if we can show we blew it all on cocaine and ladies of easy acquaintance, right? After all, the bank "should have known." And what about gun stores? Surely Sens. Feinstein and Schumer will want to warn the banks they won't be able to collect if they finance gun stores. Where does the line form? How about if I go broke manufacturing radar detectors? Do I also get one of the "All Debts Forgiven, Get Out of Jail Free" cards?

Those who defraud Internet users by failing to pay off should be pursued under existing laws against fraud and confidence games. Protecting consumers from scam artists sited overseas does indeed present a challenge, the best solution may well turn out to be standard warnings of "caveat emptor," combined with rigorous enforcement of brand-name and copyright protections which allow consenting adults to know they're dealing with a reputable casino ... like the ones listed in the Las Vegas or Reno yellow pages.

But blocking consenting adults from spending their money "unwisely" over the Internet? Will the committee next investigate whether anyone really "needs" the kind of stuff being sold by Sharper Image or those stuck-up, European types at ELUXURY.COM?

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## Legal Duties of a County Chair

The State of Texas defines only four (4) legally required duties of a County Chair:

1. Accept applications for nomination from persons wanting to become candidates for precinct office or county office.

The application may be hand delivered, delivered by an agent, transmitted by fax or received by mail. A mailed application is considered filed before the deadline IF it is post-marked prior to the filing deadline.

2. Post the notice of the time and place of the Precinct and County Conventions.

The notices are posted on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the commissioners court and must remain posted continuously for the ten (10) days immediately preceding the dates of the conventions. Not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day preceding the convention, deliver to the county clerk written notice of the hour and place for convening each precinct convention.

Write a notice stating the date, time and place for each precinct convention and the county convention and send it to the local newspaper.

In a voting year, the county chair is entitled to a complete list (original, supplemental and correction) of all registered voters in the county. **This list is to be furnished to you free of charge** (§18.007, §18.008, §18.010 Texas Election Code).

Participants at the precinct conventions choose the delegates to the county convention. No one who has voted in a primary election in the current voting year may participate in a precinct convention. Participants in a precinct convention elect precinct officers for their precinct only.

3. Conduct the County Convention (or arrange for someone else to conduct it).

Delegates to the County Convention vote on the applicants for nomination for precinct and county office, choose delegates to any District Conventions and to the State Convention, and elect the county chair and other county officers.

4. Report the results of the County Convention.

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Harris County [WWW.TX.LP.ORG/HARRIS](http://WWW.TX.LP.ORG/HARRIS)  
Montgomery County [HTTP://LPMC.MAIN.COM/](http://HTTP://LPMC.MAIN.COM/)  
Nacogdoches County [WWW.TX.LP.ORG/NACOGDOCHES/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.TX.LP.ORG/NACOGDOCHES/INDEX.HTML)  
Tom Green County [HTTP://TGCLP.TRIPOD.COM](http://HTTP://TGCLP.TRIPOD.COM)  
Travis County [WWW.AUSTINLIBERTY.ORG](http://WWW.AUSTINLIBERTY.ORG)

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Texas Election Code [WWW.CAPITOL.TLC.STATE.US/STATUES.-ELTOC.HTM](http://WWW.CAPITOL.TLC.STATE.US/STATUES.-ELTOC.HTM)  
Texas Statutes [WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/STATUES/STATUTES.HTML](http://WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/STATUES/STATUTES.HTML)  
District Boundaries [WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/REDV/REDVIEW.HTM](http://WWW.CAPITOL.STATE.TX.US/REDV/REDVIEW.HTM)  
Initiative for Texas [WWW.INITIATIVE.FORTEXAS.ORG](http://WWW.INITIATIVE.FORTEXAS.ORG)  
Federal Election Commission [WWW.FEC.GOV](http://WWW.FEC.GOV)  
The Loose Cannon Libertarian [WWW.FREECANNON.COM](http://WWW.FREECANNON.COM)  
The Separation of School and State Alliance [WWW.SEPSCHOOL.ORG](http://WWW.SEPSCHOOL.ORG)  
Bill of Attainder Project [WWW.ISC-DURANT.COM/TOM/BILLOFTAINDER/](http://WWW.ISC-DURANT.COM/TOM/BILLOFTAINDER/)  
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2 Jan 2002 Last day to file application for nomination by convention  
11 Feb 2002 Last day to register to vote in general primary election  
2 March 2002 SLEC Meeting, Bryan/College Station  
12 March 2002 General primary election day  
Precinct conventions  
16 March 2002 County conventions

23 March 2002 District conventions  
28 May 2002 Deadline for submitting petitions and precinct convention lists to Secretary of State for placement on ballot  
8 June 2002 State Convention  
3 Sept 2002 Last day to withdraw from general election  
6 Sept 2002 First day to submit application for ballot by mail  
7 Oct 2002 Last day to register to vote in general election  
21 Oct 2002 First day of early voting  
29 Oct 2002 Last day to receive application for ballot by mail  
1 Nov 2002 Last day of early voting  
5 Nov 2002 General election

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