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Texas Candidates Shatter Old Records!

Monday, January 14, 2002 – Libertarian Party of Texas Chairman Geoffrey Neale delivered “the list” of candidates for state and federal level offices to Melinda Nickless, Assistant Director of Elections for the Secretary of State.

The list represented a record number – 113 – of candidates for public office ever filed in the State of Texas. “This list, of course, does not even contain the dozens of candidates filing for county and city level offices, which are filed through the respective County Chairs,” stated Mr. Neale. The total number throughout the state could be around 200. “We broke our previous record last time, and will surpass that in 2002! And the media is paying more and more attention to us.”

Something that should also gain some media attention is that there will be several (internally) contested races for nomination, including three Texas LP candidates for U.S Senate (the seat being vacated by Phil Gramm). This

will promise to add excitement to many of the District Conventions, and to the State Convention as well.

“One of our challenges this year,” cautioned Mr. Neale, “will be to maintain our ballot status by getting enough votes in a statewide race. We have to get two percent of the votes for our gubernatorial candidate, or five percent in one of the other statewide races.”

Mr. Neale added, “We easily accomplished this last time, but unlike in 2000, the Democratic Party (and the GOP as before and now) has filed a candidate in every statewide race.” The Greens, too, have candidates in many races. “The 2000 election showed that the LP here in Texas has made great advances and has proved that it was truly the third party. Hopefully that will continue – and increase – in 2002.”

A complete list of Texas LP candidates can be seen on the web site at WWW.TX.LP.ORG.

David DeLamar to Seek State Chair Position

From Lubbock Libertarian Party,
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Lubbock County Libertarian Chair David DeLamar said today that he will not seek the Lubbock County Libertarian Party's nomination for a second term as the Lubbock County Libertarian Chairman.

DeLamar said his political career is far from over though as he has filed an application for the Chairmanship of the Libertarian Party Of Texas. DeLamar said he also plans to manage the campaign of a yet to be disclosed Lubbock city council candidate.

DeLamar listed as some accomplishments during his three years as Lubbock County Libertarian Chairman as running a record number of candidates in 2000 and in the upcoming 2002 election, establishing the Lubbock County Libertarian Party as a liberty machine that will challenge local Republicans and Democrats for office, giving voters a choice at the polls and establishing the party as a influential force in regard to local issues.

DeLamar went on to add that if elected the State Chair he would motivate every Libertarian county party in the state to run candidates in every local race. "It can be done. We've shown it is possible by example here in Lubbock County."

We're in the Market for a Political Director! Would You like the Job?

The State Executive Committee has approved the funding for a Political Director, and we are looking for good candidates from which to select. The Political Director will perform many functions, which include:

- * Supporting and training candidates,
- * Establishing relationships with the media,
- * Developing and soliciting position papers,
- * Setting a political agenda for candidate use,
- * Arranging exposure events for candidates,
- * Writing press releases and more.

This position has been budgeted for \$2,000 per month, and the initial contract will be for six months. This is NOT an employee position. The Political Director will be an independent contractor, and will be responsible for any filing and reporting. There is an additional budget for reasonable expenses. The Political Director will be expected to be readily available for media contact purposes, but will not be required to work set hours.

Would you like this job? Then send your resume to our chair, Geoffrey Neale at CHAIR@TX.LP.ORG, 12903 Grubstake Gulch, Austin, TX 78738. Or call him at 512-554-1523 (cell) or 512-263-1681 (home) with any questions. The only restrictions we have for the position at this point is that the Political Director cannot be a member of the SLEC, and cannot be a candidate for office.

Texas State Convention - June 8 and 9

Texas Libertarians will meet in Dallas on June 7 through 9 for their biennial convention. The program, hosted at the Embassy Suites at the Dallas Market Center, will include the nomination of our state office candidates, election of new officers, including State Chair, and a Saturday Banquet to sa-

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lute our **Libertarian Winners**. These are the folks who have been nominated to run under the party banner in November, of which we will have about 200.

Convention programs, speakers and rates are not yet set, but most convention goers will save some money because of the location. The Embassy Suites offers a complete breakfast and an evening cocktail gathering for their guests. We have negotiated a room rate of \$89, plus \$10 for each additional person. Attendees not staying at the hotel will have to pay an added fee to attend these functions, but the overall program cost will be below the \$115 charged in Corpus Christi in 2000.

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New Grants Program to be Administered by the Marijuana Policy Project

Objective of Grants Program

To support, with grants up to \$50,000, efforts that foster measurable changes in U.S. public policy that will lead to marijuana's being regulated similarly to alcohol and to marijuana's availability for medical use. The grants program does not fund political campaigns, state ballot initiatives, or hemp-related projects.

Grants Manager

Please send all questions, comments, and proposals to Chad Thevenot, Grants Manager, Marijuana Policy Project, P.O. Box 77492, Washington, D.C. 20013, 202-462-5747 ext. 104 (phone), 202-232-0442 (fax), CHAD@MPP.ORG.

Application, Decision, and Funding Dates

Grant applications received by January 15 will be approved or not by March 1 and, if approved, funded by March 31. Applications received by May 1 will be approved or not by July 1 and, if approved, funded by July 31. Applications received by September 1 will be approved or not by November 1 and, if approved, funded by November 30.

Pre-application Process

Potential grant applicants are encouraged to send concise letters of inquiry at any time (by e-mail, fax, express carrier, or U.S. mail) to the Grants Manager outlining the grant idea. Please do not call. After reviewing the letter of inquiry, the Grants Manager will say if it makes sense to complete a formal application.

Formal Application

Please submit on 8.5" by 11" paper, with pages dated and numbered. (Please omit cover pages, tables of contents, and divider pages.) "Attached" documents via e-mail are also acceptable. The first six items below should comprise no more than eight pages.

1. Applicant name and names of key contacts with addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for all.

2. Precise objective to be achieved with the money sought.

3. Project or organizational plan (starting and ending dates, budget, actions planned, milestones), including identifying other funders and cooperating organizations.

4. Clear statement of how, when, and by whom project success will be measured and reported.

5. Description of applicant's mission, history, accomplishments, and current activities.

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7. Applicant's financial statements for past three years (if available), and organizational budget for current fiscal year and/or next fiscal year.

8. Applicants seeking 501(c)(3) funds, which is a plus but not required, should include the IRS letter of recognition.

9. Relevant publications and/or video clips.

Platform Committee Minutes

From C. David Eagle, MINGOVIA@WT.NET

These are the minutes of the Libertarian Party of Texas Platform Committee meeting held in Austin, TX on December 9, 2001.

1. Only Marianne Robbins and David Eagle were in attendance.

2. The following Children's Rights plank was recommended for adoption, as section I.3.

"Some rights and responsibilities of adulthood are withheld from children until they reach sufficient maturity. No 6 day old child is mature enough to vote, serve on a jury, hold public office or enter into binding contracts. Therefore, children need guardians to secure their rights and to aid in the exercise of those rights.

"We hold that guardianship normally belongs to the parents, who are the persons most likely to love and value the child and his or her development, and never to the state. The parents are the natural guardians of the child by virtue of their participation in the act of conception. Since both parents participated equally in that action, the parents have equal rights and responsibilities as guardians.

"Guardianship status may not be involuntarily modified save by a showing of unfitness, and certainly does not depend upon

the parent's sex, race, religion, political beliefs, sexual preference, financial solvency or marital status.

"We support the repeal of all laws (such as curfew) which make certain actions crimes if performed by children, but not if performed by adults.

"Children have the right to prove their maturity by assuming the administration and protection of their own rights, ending dependency upon their guardians and assuming all the responsibilities of adulthood."

2. None of the proposals submitted by Peter Taylor were approved. Mr. Taylor has been notified that extra advocacy on his part could have won approval for one or more of his proposals. Here are the actual votes on those items

a. Instant Runoff Voting: 2 votes against
b. Proportional Representation: 2 votes against

c. End Electoral College: 2 abstentions
d. End at-large positions: 2 abstentions

3. David Eagle announced that, as of the adjournment of the meeting, he was stepping down as Chair of the Platform Committee.

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Regarding the End of Air Travel

From Tom Kane, FREEDOM2@FLASH.NET

Once again, violence comes around and bites our nation in the butt. Violence against individuals and their rights always comes back on us, the problem is, we never know how, where or when.

Who would have dreamed that using physical force to ban handguns on airplanes would lead to the bankruptcy of the airline industry? But so it has.

The right of self-defense is inviolable and sacred. We violate it at our own peril, because there is something there, in that basic right, that is bigger than our puny ability to manage, restrict, and control.

Once again, Libertarianism proves itself to be not just a theory, but rather humanity's only hope to avoid destruction. Libertarians are accused of being unrealistic and impractical; but we are the only ones who are realists and practical. Every attempt to infringe on basic liberties leads to disaster, every time.

As Libertarians, we will never be popular, especially with those who profit from the pain of others, such as politicians, bureaucrats and politically-favored businesses. But we can be respected if we relentlessly confront them with the truth.

Perhaps we erred in "blaming" American foreign policy for the terrorist attacks and "blaming" Congress for banning handguns on airplanes. Blaming makes us seem superior, and in a crisis people resent that. People in pain need comfort, not confrontation.

But blame is an understandable reaction on our part, we spend our lives warning about things like this. We warn, and we warn, and we warn, but secretly we hope our warnings will never come true, because we love these people, and we want them to be safe, live long, and prosper. That's why we warn them; because we care.

But suddenly, POW! Our warnings come true. They happen; the disasters we were trying to prevent for years, exactly what we warned of, exactly what we fruitlessly dedicated hours and days and years to prevent. And they happen precisely because no one listened to us, and no one did what we said to do, and instead did everything we told them not to do.

Our problem is that knowing it was going to happen is cold comfort, actually, no comfort at all. We feel the pain as much as any one; perhaps more so because we saw it

coming. Like every animal in pain, we lash out and bite whoever comes near.

So we "blame" those who didn't listen to us, those who ridiculed us, those who ignored us, those who lied about us, those who thought we were fools. But no blame is justified here; there is only cause and effect. Those who refused to hear us didn't do so out of malice; rather, they didn't hear us because they couldn't. Something inside them blocked what we told them, kept it from being heard. Some deep inner fear kept them from dealing with the truth we repeatedly faced them with.

And so, from now on, we must modify our rant. It must become not a complaint, not an accusation, but a somber chant, the voice of sad, mature pain. "If you do A, then you will reap B, and you will reap B in a way you never dreamed, at a time you least expect."

If our nation continues to violate individuals' natural rights, and continues to intervene in other nations' affairs, we will reap an endless harvest of destruction, bankruptcy, and death.

Calling all Libertarian Toastmasters!!!

From David Earney, RES06BME@VERIZON.NET

Fellow Toastmasters,
I am in search of Libertarian Toastmasters for a meeting to be conducted during the upcoming State Convention, in June 2002. As you would be asked to participate in any Toastmasters meeting, I am asking now for volunteers.

I would like to have the following roles filled for this meeting

- Toastmaster
- Grammarian
- Timer
- Ah Counter
- Vote Counter
- Listener
- General Evaluator
- Table Topics Master
- Speaker #1
- Speaker #2
- Speaker #3
- Sergeant at Arms
- Inspiration and Pledge

Once I get some names and some speakers I will be putting together a little mailing list so we can get organized and make this meeting a success. The goal of this meeting is to show our fellow Texas Libertarians the value of being a Toastmaster, and to give them a feel for the organization. I want to present this, as closely as possible, in the same manner as a real meeting.

I would welcome any input or criticism from each of you and please, let me know what roles you would like to fulfill.

Toastmasters of any level are welcome to participate!

Please send your responses directly to me, David J Earney

Campaigning in Nacogdoches County

From Robert Paty, PATYR@NETDOT.COM

Being the Public Relations VP of Nacogdoches Toastmasters has given me the opportunity to make several observations concerning the political scene locally.

I have contacted all the local chairs to try to get the candidates to join and learn what I can at the same time.

Nacogdoches County Libertarians: Small group, as yet I am the only applicant of record, the chair has my paperwork.

Nacogdoches County Republicans: Pretty well organized and have the most applicants at present.

Nacogdoches County Democrats: Mixed feelings here; they do not schedule regular meetings, do not seem as well organized or work as well together as well as any of the other parties. The chair is frustrated with having to have to hold the candidates hands and guide them through the single page of paperwork, most potential applicants have not done their paperwork.

East Texas Greens: They have regular meetings and have a campus organization. They lack political savvy and at present have only one applicant, a member from Mt. Enterprise who hopes to run for state senate. They also have an impressive membership, though most seem like hippies from the 60's they are pretty well organized, and there are quite a few.

Should their applicants join Toastmasters, I will have the opportunity to preview their public presentations and prepare rebuttals. Also, as a Toastmaster recruiter, I will attend their meetings as I am able to keep abreast of their progress.

Wanted: Delegates to the National Convention

Disgusted with national party leadership? Become a delegate to the National Convention and you will have an opportunity to change things.

At the National Convention, you will be able to vote on proposed changes to the By-Laws and Platform. You will be able to vote for your choice of National Chair. Your voice will be heard.

All you have to do is sign up with State Chair Geoff Neale to become a delegate to the National Convention. Send your notice to Geoff at 12093 Grubstake Gulch, Austin, Texas 78738. Deadline for signing up with Geoff is 31 May 2002.

On Rigging Computer Elections

From John Kormylo,
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Some years ago I poll watched at the Astrohall as the votes were counted on election night. I quickly came to the conclusion that the only way to rig the election at that location would be by rigging the programs which do the counting, and that could only be caught by a hand count. Now that Harris County is switching to eSlate computer ballots, that check on election fraud is gone.

There is one very nice feature to the eSlate system, namely that one can print out the elections results at the precinct as soon as the polls close. Poll watchers could then collect copies of each precinct results to check against the totals released by the county clerk. (This also eliminates the problem of ballot stuffing while the ballot boxes are in transit from the precincts to the Astrohall, a trip which has taken several hours for some precincts.)

This leaves just the eSlate system itself.

There are ways to make a secure computer ballot system. All executable code should be placed on ROM, so that the ROM chips would have to be physically replaced to change the programs, and these changes would show up if tested. The ballots (names, referenda, races by precinct, etc.) could be encrypted and placed on Flash RAM using

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public key encryption.

The reason for public key encryption is that one could always hack into the eSlate and determine the decryption method and public key used, but only the private key holder could create a ballot. Besides one could then release the code so that anyone could verify the ballot and run tests.

The eSlate system does incorporate some of these features, but they have not released their code. The code has been verified by supposedly independent organizations and approved by the Texas Attorney General (the same folks who misplaced all that money from garnished wages). Until they release the code (or we obtain a bootleg copy), we are forced to simply trust them.

The ultimate question is whether more local governments would buy a ballot system that cannot be corrupted, or one which can. If we assume the latter (and as libertarians we do), then it stands to reason that such a ballot system will be developed, marketed and most of us will wind up using it.

Campaign 2002 Ensor Files For State Senate District 28

From Lubbock Libertarian Party,
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Lubbock resident, John Ensor, has filed a application for the Lubbock County Libertarian Party's nomination for state senate according to Lubbock County Chairman, David DeLamar.

Ensor, who is a loan officer for Automax, said his campaign will focus on three issues in need of a new approach in state government those being prisons and law enforcement, education and health care.

"I definitely want to see education go to a free market as well as health care and we need to focus prison and law enforcement resources away from non violent crime and towards violent crime."

Lubbock County Libertarian Chairman, David DeLamar, said he expects more applications to come in before the January 2 deadline and currently has 6 applications in hand. The voters deserve small government candidates and we are going to give them some to vote for said DeLamar.

Future of Freedom Foundation

Christian Charity vs. Government Welfare

by Thomas L. Johnson

The idea that government-sponsored welfare programs to assist the needy are compatible with, and justified by, Christian philosophy is probably the most widespread erroneous belief that permeates American society, and is hastening the destruction of freedom in the United States. This tragic flaw in the thinking of both well-educated and uneducated Christians has already brought misery to millions, and if this thinking persists in this country, it will result in economic chaos followed by political totalitarianism.

Government welfare programs, even those providing temporary relief, are in complete opposition to, and destructive of, acts of Christian charity and are totally inconsistent with Christian tradition.

One of the fundamental tenets of the Christian church is that the human is a creature possessing free will. It is because of the Christian recognition that man has control over his actions by means of his own will, that he is considered responsible for all his actions. (Our system of jurisprudence is built upon this foundation.) It is also held that for a Christian to perform an act of charity and to gain the spiritual rewards for this act, it must be performed by the deliberate intent of the individual. An act of charity, an act of helping those in need, can only be a Christian act when it involves the application of free will.

It is the concept of free will that is absent from all forms of government welfare.

A government, by its nature, can only act by means of force. The first act of a government is a legislative one, the passing of laws, followed by the carrying out of these rules of social behavior by the executive and judicial branches. The government possesses a legal monopoly in the use of force in executing its duty of seeing that citizens obey the law, and in punishing them if they do not. Thus, the essence of government is coercion.

Force and free will are opposites. Government welfare programs which are executed by means of law and the enforcement of this law, i.e., by the threat or application of force, are diametrically opposed to Christian acts of charity which must be performed by an act of the individual will.

Many Christians consider the support of government welfare programs to be consonant with the tenet of free will, and one often hears the expression "I am a taxpayer, and therefore

I think that such and such a program should be supported by tax money." Such individuals forget the fact that taxation is not a matter of individual choice and that all men are bound by law to pay taxes. They also forget that although they should have the right to designate how their own property is dispensed in charitable ventures, that they do not have the right to make this choice for other men. A majority voting for a welfare program supported by tax money is inconsistent with Christian behavior, for it abolishes the act of choice (free will) of all those who voted against the program. (Such matters should never be brought to a vote for no man has the right to force others to support a welfare project.) True charity, without choice, is an impossibility, and when attempted, negates the concept of Christian love.

Every Christian realizes that he does not have the right to perform an act of charity at the forced expense of his neighbors, that he does not have the right to enter another's home and steal property that he intends to use in a charitable venture. But when the act of stealing is impersonalized by authorizing, by way of a vote, an established agency (government) to perform the confiscation for him, he loses a conscious awareness of the immorality of this practice.

As government welfare activity continues to expand at a phenomenal rate of speed, greater sums of money are required to support this "charity-by-force" undertaking. Taxation thus remains at a high level, with more of the tax dollars diverted to welfare programs, leaving little money in private circulation which can be used for Christian charity. Government welfare action is, of necessity, destructive to Christian giving and will almost completely stifle voluntary acts of benevolence if the present trend continues.

Because of a lack of understanding of one of the basic premises of Christian belief, that of free will, and its application to acts of charity (welfare), most well-meaning, but misguided, Christians have vigorously or silently supported government welfare programs. Others, observing the disastrous consequences of legalized welfare, the demeaning of the human spirit and the creation of parasitical degeneration, as well as the enslavement of the productive members of society who are required, by law, to provide support for welfare recipients do not wish to continue to uphold the cause of this evil (government welfare legislation). But they feel a strong sense of guilt if they do not do so, and fear that if they oppose government welfare they will be considered as unchristian. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

Any Christian who does not openly and vehemently denounce all forms of government welfare, cannot, in truth, call himself a Christian, for government welfare is the antithesis of Christian charity. Government welfare operates on the premise of force, whereas Christian charity can only exist where there is freedom of choice, where there is an act of the individual will. Since government welfare programs are outside the control of the individual, and thus outside the realm of free will, they are outside the province of Christian morality and are consequently evil, and must be condemned by all moral men.

It is not only the right, but the duty, of every Christian to actively seek the demise of all government welfare programs, for they are in total conflict with the Christian doctrine which recognizes man as a being possessing free will, the fundamental premise upon which all Christian morality is based.

Dr. Johnson was associate professor of biology at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia when this article appeared in the April 1970 issue of *The Freeman*, published by The Foundation for Economic Education, 30 South Broadway, Irvington-on-Hudson, New York 10533.

Campaign 2002 January 1, 2002 Newsletter

From Clark Simmons, CLARK@XLD.COM
Candidate, U.S House of Representatives
Texas District 31

[HTTP://XLD.COM/PUBLIC/CAMPAIGN/HOME.HTM](http://xld.com/public/campaign/home.htm)

Campaign Strategy

I plan to run a very active campaign. It will be as aggressive as possible. I've hand carried press releases to Cedar Park, Georgetown, Taylor, Round Rock, Elgin, Giddings, Caldwell, and Brenham newspapers. It was quite productive. I plan to do the same the other cities in the district after the New Year's holidays. I expect to be in the Brazos County area on January 3.

The Round Rock Leader said that I was the most experienced campaigner at the time the article was published. It was reported elsewhere that one of the Republican candidates spent over \$3 million of his own funds on a race in 2000... and lost. Now that's what I call experience.

Web Site

The web site is on line. It will be updated constantly as issues and priorities vary. It is designed with content in mind. Pages should be fairly fast downloading.

Hang Male-Bashing Out to Dry

by Wendy McElroy, AC@IFEMINISTS.COM
Reprinted from *The Libertarian Enterprise*, Issue
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Robert Rowan is proud of stealing 21 ceramic penises that were part of a domestic violence art show at the Boulder Public Library in Colorado. The faux severed penises were strung on a clothesline under the title "Hanging 'Em Out to Dry."

The Boulder library is the same one that recently refused to display a ten-foot American flag in its entrance because some patrons might be offended. A smaller flag was draped in the wake of controversy.

Rowan was disturbed that his five-year-old daughter might see what he calls an "anti-male" and "pornographic" display while using the public library. On Veterans Day weekend, he carefully placed the genitalia into a garbage bag as library patrons watched. In their place, he left a calling card, "El Dildo Bandito was here," and hung an American flag. Then Rowan called Denver's KOA radio station to confess. The police arrived at his home in the wee hours and ticketed him for "misdemeanor criminal tampering" which may lead to a \$1,000 fine and one year in jail.

The library is using words like "censorship" and "intolerance" to describe Rowan's actions. But Rowan put his finger directly on the political issue when he pointed out the difference between private art galleries and public, tax-funded spaces.

"If they had put this up at a private art gallery that would have been fine. That way people could pay and see this stuff," Rowan said. In a private gallery, the exhibit would be a freedom of speech issue rather than the abuse and improper use of tax dollars to promote a political view.

The strung penises exhibit was displayed at a public library for the benefit of the Boulder County Safehouse, a domestic violence center predominantly supported at the public trough. This constitutes political expression being hosted at taxpayer's expense. Rowan is a taxpayer who objected. Like Henry David Thoreau, author of *On Civil Disobedience*, Rowan publicly and peacefully expressed his disapproval of an improper government practice. He is willing to face the consequences.

Library officials cannot dismiss the issue of the message of the exhibit by claiming to be impartial about what they display. They attempted to deny the American flag a presence at the entrance. The library seems to want to use tax dollars to fund only politically correct expression and the likes of Rowan should shut up about it.

Susanne Walker, the artist who created the

exhibit of tax-supported penises, has stated that dissenters should discuss the matter with her. Perhaps Ms. Walker was not on-site to speak with critics. Whatever the case, Rowan felt he could not "debate [penises] hanging in the public library."

Why is the exhibit so controversial? The main problem is that a public institution is supporting one side of a hot political debate and disenfranchising the other.

The art exhibit and the Boulder County Safehouse do not merely educate the public about domestic violence, they are advancing an anti-male agenda.

Consider merely one fact: According to the Justice Department's 1998 National Violence Against Women Survey, some 1.5 million women and more than 800,000 men are abused by an intimate every year. However, a flood of new research indicates that the rates of domestic violence for men and women are roughly equal and suggests that the incidence of battered "husbands" is almost certainly under-reported due to the social stigma attached to male victims of domestic violence.

Yet the library's domestic violence exhibit portrays men as the perpetrators, never the victims. The display included a sign reading, "Abuse by husbands and partners was ... the leading cause of injuries to women."

The Boulder County Safehouse states that its mission is to provide support and advocacy for battered women and their children. Another sign at the exhibit read, "in approximately 60 percent of the cases where the woman is being abused, so are the children." Yet nowhere is it stated that women commit most of the child abuse and child murders in America.

Given that the group lives off public funds and is therefore prohibited from discriminating on the basis of sex, how can its mission embed discrimination into the organization's *raison d'être*?

It is not merely that victimized men are being ignored. Hatred is directed toward all men as a result of the brutality of a statistical few.

Anti-male slander so frequently passes for domestic violence "awareness" that the YWCA of Middle Tennessee was recently able to run an ad in two Nashville newspapers that depicted the blurred photo of a boy near a front door. The caption read, "One day he'll own his own house ... drive his own car ... beat his own wife."

The "Hanging 'Em Out to Dry" exhibit provides the same sort of "awareness" as does an *a priori* indictment of all boys as wife beaters. It is hate speech directed at a category of human beings. If you doubt this, imagine a display of black penises strung up. It would be condemned as racist in an instant. Why is it less hate speech to expand the category from "black men" to "all men"?

Rowan intends to make a test case of this incident and he has the eager support of a

burgeoning men's movement. The last two chat rooms at the prominent Web site MENSACTIVISM.ORG have revolved around El Dildo Bandito and how best to assist him. The participants draw a hard line between public-supported hate speech and privately funded opinion. Tax-funded hatred must be eliminated; private expression must be tolerated under the First Amendment.

As for Rowan, if the library is imprudent enough to restring the penises, which are now in police custody, he will remove them again. He will protect his daughter from publicly funded hate speech directed at her father and all men.

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Capsule Commentaries

By Jacob G. Hornberger, President, The Future of Freedom Foundation

At the first post-9/11 Christmas, perhaps it is appropriate to draw the distinction between the private and governmental assistance provided to the families of the World Trade Center victims. The outpouring of support from the private sector reflected the caring and compassionate nature of the American people because it came from the willing heart of the individual. The U.S. government, scurrying to appear to be caring and compassionate too, also "donated" large amounts of money. But the government money doesn't reflect anything good about either the U.S. government or the American people. First, the money was taken by force by the IRS, a government agency that relies primarily on the infliction of terror produced by threats of audits, confiscations, jail, and other physical and mental abuse. Second, the distribution of money is authorized and distributed by elected members of Congress and appointed government bureaucrats, who are attempting to be good with the money that the IRS has taken by force. Who's the caring and compassionate person in all this coercive taxation and largess? The answer is: No one, not even the taxpayer. The more important question is: Who is morally responsible for the wrongful taking of someone's money for the purpose of giving it to someone to whom it does not belong?

One Man Can Make a Difference

by Rick Stanley

My name is Rick Stanley. I am a Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate, from Colorado. I am a Denver businessman running a company called Stanley Fasteners & Shop Supply. I have 27 years of business experience. Most good, some bad. I am only one man.

There are hundreds of thousands of unconstitutional laws in America today, passed by city councils, county boards, state legislatures, and federal government officials, all of whom have sworn an oath to defend our national constitution and the Bill of Rights. I guess I just got tired of people telling me that one man can't do anything to change all that. I decided to take a stand, on principle, against an unconstitutional law in Denver, the city where I live.

At 1220 pm on Saturday, December 15, 2001, at the Bill of Rights rally held near the state Capitol, I was arrested after giving a twenty minute speech about the Second Amendment and then putting a loaded pistol in a belt holster around my waist, per my Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. Besides infringing my Second Amendment rights, the arrest also violated my right protected by the Colorado constitution, Article II, Section 13, which guarantees to every person the right to keep and bear arms in defense of person, home, and property. Apparently the constitution does not apply in Denver, because the city council and mayor of Denver are in fact enforcing an unconstitutional, and therefore illegal, law.

OK, so now I've been arrested. I'm in the back seat of a Denver police cruiser with my arms behind my back, wearing handcuffs. A few minutes later I'm in the parking garage under the city jail, across the street from the Denver Mint. I thoroughly enjoy all the attention from the SWAT team, the multitudes of police officers in blue uniforms, the undercover police in the crowd, the mounted police on their horses, dozens of marked and unmarked police cars, the crowd of supporters, the cameras, the microphones; this is pretty exciting stuff. There is one thing, though. I'm under arrest, in handcuffs, in the city jail. Sobering. And I'm not even drunk.

Did I hurt anyone with my actions? Did I violate another person's rights, or damage or steal someone's property? No. Can they arrest me when I have not broken a constitutional law? Yes. They can, and they did, and I am the proof of that fact.

I committed an act of civil disobedience against an unconstitutional law so I can challenge that same law all the way to the Su-

preme Court if necessary. I want to prove a point. One man can make a difference. One man can change everything.

I'm starting with one bad law. Some wonderful predecessors helped educate me about civil disobedience. The list is lengthy. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Henry David Thoreau, William Penn, Susan B. Anthony, and John Peter Zenger are just a few notable individuals who have challenged the government with acts of civil disobedience. Others committed an act of civil disobedience by signing the Declaration of Independence, people like John Hancock, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, and Richard Henry Lee. Whether you've heard of them or not, they are all American heroes who, because of their unshakeable faith in liberty, had the courage to stand up to an oppressive government.

Let's think about Rosa Parks. She was a woman, a black woman, who had the temerity to say she wouldn't sit at the back of the bus, behind the white people. One woman, a simple woman who had the courage to stand up against an oppressive law backed by a tyrannical government. She didn't think of the consequences. She just decided to say "no more."

I will be proud if anyone considers my action comparable to this wonderful woman's act of disobedience. But that's not my motivation. My intent is to galvanize American citizens, who have become complacent, uncaring, and unmotivated, to do something about the erosion of freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

The seed has been planted. We will soon see if the American people believe their rights are important enough to defend. We have slated our next Bill of Rights rally for Saturday, January 19, 2002, at high noon, 1200 pm, at the Capitol in Denver (Lincoln Park) and at every state Capitol all across America, to showcase the people's right peaceably to assemble and to petition our government for the redress of grievances. The purpose of these rallies is to demand the repeal of all unconstitutional laws at every level of government.

We want government officials, legislators, and the president of the United States to examine and consult with the people about the myriad laws that violate the Constitution. We must immediately start repealing all the unconstitutional laws enacted over the last 150 years. Those "laws" have been destroying our rights, rights secured with the blood of American patriots who fought for freedom in the First American Revolution of 1776.

Please don't misconstrue the slaughter of American Indian tribes as being part of any patriotic bloodletting. I'm speaking of the

blood shed and the lives lost in defense of liberty and freedom for all Americans. That is the one thing about this country we can take absolute, total pride in. Without our heritage of liberty and freedom, we would be lost and morally bankrupt.

The time is now. Let us throw off the oppressive part of our government and demand that the oppressors respond patriotically to the Second American Revolution.

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Convention Committee Appointments

From Joe Dehn, JWD3@DEHNBASE.ORG

The following appointments to committees for the 2002 national convention were made by the LNC at its meeting of 8-9 December

Bylaws Committee (10 members, all selected by LNC)
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Sam Goldstein (IN)
Don Gorman (NH)
Tim Hagan (NV)
Paul Hager (IN)
Dana Johansen (VA)
Dan Karlan (NJ)
Richard Moroney (IA)
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Marianne Volpe (VA), 1st alternate

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Ed Hoch (AK)
Robert Murphy (OK)
George Squyres (AZ)
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Note: LNC appointments to the Credentials Committee will be made at the next meeting.

Statement of the Hon. James G. Huse, Jr. Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Social Security Administration

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Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Social Security of the House Committee on Ways and Means Hearing on Social Security Administration's Response to the September 11, 2001, Terrorist Attacks November 1, 2001

Good morning, Chairman Shaw, Congressman Matsui, and members of the Subcommittee. I have come before you on many occasions to discuss the misuse of Social Security numbers, but never before in a situation such as this. In the past five weeks, we have learned that the risks inherent in failing to adequately protect the integrity of the SSN may have serious consequences.

My office is currently involved in a great many investigations of subjects and witnesses suspected of association with the events of September 11. It has quickly become apparent just how instrumental the use of a fraudulent SSN has been for these individuals, who rely on aliases and assumed identities in order to integrate themselves anonymously into our society.

I would like to describe one example of an investigation being conducted by the FBI and one of our Field Divisions involving an individual currently under INS detention for immigration violations. The investigation determined that the individual purchased a fraudulent Social Security Number processed by a former SSA employee who was indicted and prosecuted. The fraudulent Social Security number and associated INS documents enabled this man to remain and function without restriction in the United States.

This is only one example of how inte-

gral the SSN has been to the national investigation into the September 11 attacks. Our office has been a busy participant in the investigation from the start. Within minutes of the attack on the World Trade Center, my Special Agent-in-Charge for the New York Field Division was in contact with the FBI, offering the services of the eighteen Special Agents under his command. Our involvement in the ongoing national investigation, mandated by the role the SSN plays in establishing false identities and committing the financial crimes necessary to bankroll terrorism, has grown on a daily basis.

While top management officials at our Baltimore headquarters worked with the Commissioners of Social Security and the Internal Revenue Service to secure appropriate authority to share data with the FBI, our field agents swung into action. Nine of our agents in the New York/New Jersey area remain assigned exclusively to the FBI investigation. At headquarters, one of our agents was quickly assigned to the FBI's Strategic Information and Operations Center, another to the National Infrastructure Protection Center. Six members of our electronic crime team have rendered assistance to the FBI, while two of our computer specialists write programs to more specifically query SSA's databases for information the FBI needs. Seven additional agents are fielding those requests for SSN information on suspects and witnesses, each of which is routed through the FBI's Baltimore office to our headquarters. Across the country, more of our agents are assigned to Joint Terrorism Task Forces, and four senior investigative officials in Baltimore oversee all of our emergency operations. Many of our investigators are working full-time on the terrorism investigation and responding to allegations of SSN misuse. This has obviously left us somewhat short-handed in other areas.

What has become apparent in the case I discussed a moment ago, and in all of our work on the national investigation, is that a purloined SSN is as useful a tool for terrorists as it is for identity thieves. We must now address that reality as we continue our efforts to deal with these problems.

The first step in that renewed effort is to face again an unavoidable reality. While never intended to be such, the SSN is used as our national identifier.

The SSN is used legitimately in so many areas of our lives that it is impossible to think that we can turn back the clock and reserve

its use to tracking earnings and paying benefits, the uses for which it was originally designed. We can, however, take two critical steps.

The first is to stop the issuance of SSNs to those who would use them to commit crimes. Enumeration, the process by which SSNs are issued by the Social Security Administration, has been the subject of several audits by my office, and we have made numerous recommendations. Most notable is the need for independent verification of evidentiary documents submitted in support of applications for SSNs. Whether by statute, by regulation, or by policy, SSA must be required to verify the evidence submitted by SSN applicants before approving any SSN application. And if those documents originate with the INS, the INS should certify them. H.R. 2036, introduced by this Subcommittee, does require verification of birth records for SSN applicants and moves us closer to the INS certification requirement. It is my hope that upon enactment of this Bill, SSA and the INS will move quickly to establish such a program. SSA is justifiably proud of its track record of outstanding customer service, but we must achieve a more effective balance between security and expediency. I believe the Enumeration Work Group chartered by the Acting Commissioner within days of the terrorism attacks is developing appropriate adjustments to our business processes to respond to this need.

The second step we must take is to better protect validly issued SSNs. The Subcommittee's Bill not only provides better enforcement mechanisms, but is designed to stop the indiscriminate display of SSNs on public documents and the sale and purchase of SSNs over the Internet and by other means.

By acknowledging that the SSN is our virtual national identifier, we accept the responsibility to protect its integrity—not only to prevent the financial crimes that have historically defined SSN misuse, but to ensure that it is not used for other criminal purposes as well.

By limiting the public availability of SSN information and continuing to review the added value of stronger controls over the issuance of SSN's, even if those controls are more time consuming and more expensive, we can make true progress. We must not maintain the status quo and provide any advantage to those with criminal intentions.

We have already fought long and hard

Re: Long Read on “NetWar”

From Tom Kane, FREEDOM2@FLASH.NET

Our problem is that our ruling parties insist on acting as if there were no networks. The only solution is to replace them with Libertarians.

For example, our current ruling parties (Democrat and Republican) think they can occupy Arab holy places and bomb rogue Arab states with impunity, as if we were still in the era of Orwell's *1984*.

In the era of *1984*, the three great power axes could work out their differences by staging wars in outlying areas such as Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan, attacking each other indirectly without provoking the ultimate nuclear response by an attack directly on another axis' homeland.

The trouble with that strategy is that, in 2001, there are NO outlying areas. All areas are directly connected to our homeland. Access is a matter of seconds.

The United States was the “winner” in the *1984*-style diplomacy, hastening (by financing Afghan terrorists) the collapse of one of the other axes (USSR) and contributing mightily (in other ways) to the imminent collapse of the third axis (China).

However, it was not so much the United States government that led to the collapse of these two axes, but rather network technology itself, which eventually renders centralized axes and empires impractical, inefficient, impoverished and powerless. In the 1980's, the United States used its relatively free and heavily-networked economy to amass weapons and distribute aid in such a way as to hasten the collapse of the other two axes. But the collapse was caused more by the fax machine than by any act of statesmanship or militarism.

Misinterpreting the events of the 1980's and 1990's, the United States' ruling parties (Democrats and Republicans) continue to imagine that bombing, occupation, and foreign aid are useful tools of diplomacy. These ruling parties still imagine that the world is “out there,” far away, on the fringes, where it is safe to bomb and destroy.

But in reality, the world is no longer “out there;” rather, the world is now “up close and personal.” A bomb dropped in Iraq in 2001, just like “foreign aid” distributed to Afghan terrorists in 1985, does not stay “out there” like it did in *1984*. Rather, these “interventions on the fringe” grow fingers and ten-

tacles that eventually reach into our heart. No American is safe as long as any American is playing at war.

George Washington advocated neutrality for America because, in part, America could, like no other Western nation, “pull it off;” we were geographically isolated from European entanglements, and we could, with a firm act of political will, remain politically and militarily isolated. Neutrality worked for America, and was essential for the building of the American civilization in the 1800's.

But neutrality is even more essential in 2001 than it was in 1800. In 2001, only a neutral nation, impartial to all, taking no sides, initiating no force, can muster the millions and billions of individual allies needed to counter a networked war.

Countering a networked war requires the voluntary and enthusiastic cooperation of the vast majority of networked individuals of good will. If any significant group of networked individuals withhold their cooperation from the effort for peace, the networked war will wreak tremendous destruction.

What causes individuals to withhold their support from networked peace? Acts of aggression against what they hold sacred and dear. Any act of non-neutrality will cause a percentage of individuals to withhold their cooperation with any peace effort. These individuals will see peace as enabling further interventions by the aggressor. They don't see our so-called “peace” as peaceful, because it is not a neutral peace; it takes sides, and their side loses.

For example, suppose that our quartering troops in the Arab's Holy Land (Saudi Arabia) causes 10%, or about 1,000,000 Saudis, to secretly support terrorists like Osama Bin Ladin. Even if we reduced the mountains of Afghanistan to powder, we would never be safe, because those million Saudis control wealth and power enough to destroy our nation far beyond our ability to defend.

It is much cheaper to destroy than it is to defend. There is not enough wealth on earth to defend against the networked revenge of 1,000,000 individuals of good will who have been harmed by an act of military occupation. The only solution to terrorism, in this example, is to remove the offense, remove the troops that they feel are sacrilegious, “liberating” their holy places, and depriving the terrorists of any moral claim on the support of those million networked individuals.

There will always be terrorists. We will always need to defend ourselves against them.

But they will only have hundreds of millions of dollars to work their destruction if individuals of good will see them as somehow “evening up the score” for acts of aggression.

This example happens to be actually taking place today. We are networked with millions of Saudis. Saudi Arabia is only a click away. And Osama Bin Ladin is no accident; he is a respected leader of a respected religious faction in Saudi Arabia (and Pakistan and other Muslim areas as well). He is a click away from our children, from our homes.

If we kill Bin Ladin, those million Saudis will use their wealth to raise up another in his place, as long as we occupy their holy ground. We are as defenseless against them as they are defenseless against us. We could blast them to oblivion, and they, by financing desperate terrorists, could do the same to us.

What goes around still comes around. It just comes around faster than it used to. We used to say, “The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine.” But today only the second half of the proverb is true. The mills of God are no longer slow.

A networked world means that no nation, even the “only remaining Superpower,” can bomb or bribe with impunity, ever again.

Principles, Schminciples!

From Willy Chaplin, WILLY@DREAMAGIC.COM

The most frequent criticism we get from Libertarian Party members is about our insistence that “principled politics” is an oxymoron. As we often state in this column, principles are for religion, not politics. The latter is unabashedly about POWER. Without power, a party's principles might make its true believing members feel all warm and fuzzy, but nothing whatsoever of lasting value is ever accomplished. So it has been with the LP. Each election cycle, our members get out there and spread the word, usually attracting hoards of new bright eyed and bushy tailed volunteers. Then the Taliban, the old farts who chair the Central Committee of the LP, “restore” discipline to the unruly right, probably in order to get elected. As things now stand, he couldn't become a member of the LP even if he wanted to. Then there is Jesse Ventura, the “independent” governor of Minnesota. He declared himself a libertarian BEFORE he was elected, but he was not then

News from National

Forget Terrorists: Government Launches Massive Crackdown on Seatbelt Violators

Americans worried about the threat of terrorism this Thanksgiving may be relieved to know that 10,600 law enforcement agencies will be prowling the highways over the long weekend.

The bad news is, they aren't looking for terrorists; they're launching a massive, nationwide effort to arrest or ticket Americans for not wearing seatbelts.

"The federal government has warned us that murderous terrorists could strike again at any time. So why are police resources being diverted to stop, harass, ticket, or arrest ordinary Americans who forget to wear a seatbelt?" asked Steve Dasbach, the national director of the Libertarian Party.

"It is an absolute outrage that at a time when terrorists have killed 5,000 Americans, and threaten to kill more, the highest priority of law enforcement seems to be setting up random checkpoints in all 50 states to crack down on seatbelt violators."

Yesterday [19 Nov 2001], National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Marion Blakey said 10,600 police departments in all 50 states will be mobilized to use roadblocks, checkpoints, and unmarked patrol cars to track down disobedient motorists.

The NTSB justified the massive police dragnet, dubbed Operation ABC ("America Buckles up Children"), as a way to improve compliance with child safety laws. However, the Transportation Department admits 97% of parents already obey child seatbelt laws.

The seatbelt crackdown may be even more disruptive than usual because more Americans are expected to travel by car this Thanksgiving, thanks to lingering fears about air travel. The National Safety Council estimates that 30 million Thanksgiving travelers will take to the highways, a number that "may be even greater" than in previous years.

If that's true, it means that even more Americans than usual will be inconvenienced, interrogated, ticketed, arrested, or stuck in traffic jams, said Dasbach.

The one potentially positive aspect of such random police roadblocks, said Dasbach, is that they may make many Americans rethink their support of such meddlesome "victimless crime" laws. (20 Nov 2001)

Unbelievable! EEOC Forces Airport Security to Hire Foreign Arabs from Terrorist Nations

If the U.S. government really wants to protect us from murderous terrorists, why did it force an airline security company to hire non-citizen Muslims from terrorism-friendly nations to operate airport metal detectors?

And can we expect more of those kinds of wacky "anti-discrimination" rulings now that the federal government has taken over airport security?

A shocking news report revealed that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission used "religious-bias" regulations to prevent potential terrorists from being removed from sensitive airport security jobs.

"Anti-discrimination laws have gone too far if they make it illegal to discriminate against potential foreign terrorists," said Steve Dasbach, the Libertarian Party's national director. "You have to ask: How many American lives are federal bureaucrats willing to risk because of their ever-growing, crazy patchwork quilt of anti-discrimination laws?"

According to a copyrighted story on WORLDNETDAILY.COM, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) forced Argenbright Security, Inc. to rehire seven Muslim women.

The women, who worked at security checkpoints at Dulles Airport, had filed a religious-bias complaint with the EEOC after they were fired in 1999. Four of the women were from Sudan, a nation on the State Department's terrorist blacklist. Another woman was a citizen of Afghanistan; another was from Egypt.

Argenbright Security said it fired the women because they refused to take off their traditional Arab head-coverings while operating airport metal detectors and X-ray baggage-screening devices.

The company said it had received complaints from customers who were nervous at the sight of Middle-Easterners staffing airport security stations after the two 1998 African embassy bombings.

The EEOC forced Argenbright Security to rehire the women, give them a written apology, pay them \$2,500, and schedule Muslim "sensitivity training" for all employees.

Ironically, Argenbright Security is now under investigation by the Justice Department, following the September 11 terrorist attacks, for failing to properly screen its security personnel.

Given the Argenbright Security case and

current anti-discrimination laws, what can we expect once the airport security workforce is completely federalized?

We may get a bureaucracy that is more interested in protecting potential Arab terrorists against alleged religious discrimination than protecting the lives of Americans, said Dasbach.

"It sounds crazy, but it's true," he said. "In the past, the EEOC has ruled that employers can face a \$300,000 fine if they fire an illegal immigrant with discriminatory malice (even though it is against federal law to hire illegal immigrants in the first place); that it is illegal to fire employees for being mentally ill or emotionally unstable; that it is illegal to refuse to hire ex-convicts; and that it is illegal to ask prospective employees if they are former drug addicts or current alcoholics.

"And now it is illegal to fire foreigners because their Middle-Eastern appearance terrifies airport passengers.

"In other words, thanks to the EEOC, your last line of defense against murderous terrorists may soon be immigrants from terrorist nations who have been hired as baggage screeners at your local airport. Does that make you feel more secure?" (29 Nov 2001)

Why Did Police Arrest 734,498 Pot-smokers, Instead of Tracking Murderous Terrorists?

American law enforcement is guilty of something close to "criminal neglect" for arresting 734,498 people for marijuana violations last year [2000], instead of investigating and stopping murderous terrorists.

"Thousands of innocent Americans may be dead because law enforcement considered it more important to raid college frat parties and arrest people for smoking marijuana than to find and stop the deadly terrorist 'sleeper' cells that were plotting the greatest mass murder in American history," said Steve Dasbach, the party's national director.

"You just have to wonder: If the tens of thousands of law enforcement officers, the millions of man-hours, and the billions of dollars that were spent monitoring, investigating, arresting, charging, processing, jailing, and bringing to trial non-violent marijuana users had been used, instead, for anti-terrorist activities, could the September 11 atrocity have been prevented?"

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Volunteers

We need volunteers for our campaign committee. The campaign chairman and treasurer positions are still open. When ample funds are acquired, we hope that there will be a stipend to go along with these positions.

We also are recruiting county coordinators to serve as a contact point in each county.

We also need volunteers to plan and host fund raising events.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of a campaign.

Announcements

I've been invited to participate in the Travis County candidates press conference. It will be held on January 2nd in the House speaker's conference room in the state capitol at 3:00 PM.

Social Security

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to reduce SSN misuse, and we stand ready to do more. We know now, without question, that this illegal activity not only facilitates financial crimes, but provides capability for organized criminal enterprises to sustain themselves while engaged in acts of terrorism. Certainly I cannot state that the SSA Office of the Inspector General can prevent terrorism, or even completely eradicate SSN misuse. But the time has come to attempt and accomplish-still more. Thank you, and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

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and is not now "pure" enough to attract the support of the miniscule LP of Minnesota. Why not?

In the Midwest, Libertarians have a HUGE electoral opportunity in the year 2002. Ed Thompson, the brother of Tommy Thompson, the ex-governor of Wisconsin who is now Bush's Secretary of Health and Human Services, has left the Poobloobs and declared for Governor as a Libertarian in the 2002 race. Polls show that his "might vote for" numbers are currently at 32%. Ventura's were at 13% at a comparable time in his race in 1998. Furthermore, Ventura will run again in 2002 and kick MAJOR ass! His favorable numbers are still way over 50%, despite what you might read in the Poobloob/Demidupe press. He will win in a landslide, garnering more votes than both other candidates combined.

What does this suggest for the Minnesota LP? We should endorse Ventura and try to get him to openly support Thompson's election in Wisconsin. The two of them could herald the beginnings of a "Midwestern Libertarian Revolution."

Also, after Bush's people finish stripping us of many of our civil liberties in their vaguely defined "War on Terrorism," for surely that is precisely what will happen once Al Qaida is mopped up in Afghanistan, there will be an enormous opening in 2004 to elect a Libertarian President, or at least to make a good showing. After all, who are the Demidupes going to run? Whatsisname Gore? Zionist Joe Liberian? How about Blow-Dry Bob Kerry or Senator Beach Ball, the honorable Senators from the People's Republic of Massachusetts?

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That question has become especially crucial now that the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) has released new figures showing that marijuana arrests in 2000 hit an all-time record.

According to figures collected from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report, police arrested an estimated 734,498 people for marijuana violations last year. That's up from the 704,812 Americans who were arrested in 1999 on marijuana-related charges.

Of the almost three-quarters of a million people arrested in 2000, approximately 88%, or about 646,042 individuals, were charged only with possession of marijuana.

The most chilling thing about those numbers, said Dasbach, is that every arrest for marijuana represents a "missed opportunity" for law enforcement.

"Local and state police, the FBI, and federal law enforcement agencies have only a finite amount of people, time, and money to investigate and stop crimes," he noted. "By directing so many of those resources to the War on Marijuana, law enforcement made the ill-advised decision that detecting murderous, fanatical terrorists was less important than arresting non-violent Americans who choose to use marijuana.

"The nearly 4,000 Americans who were killed in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and aboard Flight 93 may have paid the price for that tragically misguided decision."

Of course, what law enforcement did last year can't be altered now, admitted Dasbach. However, such policies can be changed for the future.

"We can't bring back the thousands of Americans who were killed on September 11," he said. "And we can't bring back all the law enforcement resources that were squandered in the past. But we can learn from our mistakes, and we can learn from the actions of other nations."

For example, noted Dasbach, Great Britain reclassified marijuana in October so it is no longer an arrestable offense.

"For the safety and security of our nation, it's time for the United States to follow the lead of Great Britain," he said. "Then, we could redirect law enforcement, at the local, state, and federal levels, to focus on preventing future barbarous acts of terrorism, instead of arresting marijuana-smokers who are no threat to anyone." (30 Nov 2001)



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