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If there is, feel free to check out my email blog (link below). I think that between Bill and myself, that those among us wanting the LPNM to sign on to various forms of socialism would've found a rather warm reception.

groups.yahoo.com/group/mikes_place

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I get enough socialism on the job, with my boss' attitude of "Everybody helps everybody else." Funny how not many others there are willing to help me carry leaky trash bags out to the dumpster when I get stuck doing that. The LPNM is the LAST place I expect to the membership expressing any desire to control the peaceful behavior of others and those they interact with by mutual consent.

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As for disbanding the LPNM, I will admit to mixed emotions and thoughts there. One the one hand, I agree with Joseph's comments as cited on page 6.

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On the other hand, electoral politics is the most expensive and regulated way to get your side of the story out. The "Wasted Vote" excuse that I hear so often from others doesn't do much to improve my sentiments, either.

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LP OF SAN JUAN COUNTY ACTIVITIES

by Joseph Knight [nm_libertarian@yahoo.com]

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The Libertarian Party of San Juan County will soon be running radio spots in Farmington in an attempt to defend the right of businesses to determine their own policies regarding smoking by patrons. We invite Libertarians and others from around the state to help out by participating in our firearms raffles.

We have added a pistol raffle to the rifle raffle. The pistol is a Taurus stainless steel snub-nose .357 Magnum revolver.

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If the date on your mailing label is before 09/01/06, it's time to renew your LPNM membership.

Chances are Ø5 each, or 5 for Ø20. If you do the 5 for 20, you can get some for the pistol and some for the rifle. See this link for more information about the rifle – www.tinyurl.com/qhc8n. What else can I say? For 5 chances, send Ø20 to:

Libertarian Party of San Juan County
P.O. Box 1493
Farmington, NM 87499-1493

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"The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases."
– Thomas Jefferson

Please include a SASE so we can mail the stubs back to you, and don't forget to specify pistol, rifle, or both. Need not be present to win, but must be at least 21 for the pistol, 18 for the rifle, and pass the gov't mandated background check.

Finally, I've made a flyer in MS Word format for those interested in picketing the Demonazi / Republicommunist primaries. This flyer explains how those not in those two parties get to pay for their primaries and conventions anyway. If interested, email me and I'll send you the file so you can print your own.

FIELD REPORTS

From County / Campus Chairs

Bernalillo – The BCLP is hosting two meetings per month, as well as a weekly hour-long TV show (*New Mexico's Consumer Advocate*) on Albuquerque Comcast Ch.27. Show times are Wednesdays at 8PM. For more information, see the BCLP website – www.lpnm.org/bernalillo.

The Weekly Sedition and *New Mexico's Consumer Advocate* are now available in webcast format. See the sites for Channel 27 [www.quote-unquote.org] or KCUF Media [groups.myspace.com/kcufmedia] for the viewing links.

Dona Ana – The LPDAC Central Committee has been having monthly meetings, as well as an information table at the Las Cruces Farmer's Market. See the LPDAC website – www.lpnm.org/dona-ana – for details.

Sandoval – The LPSC is having its monthly meetings at the J.B.'s on 528, north of Intel.

LPNM'S 2006 CANDIDATES

- Siebert Ickler for U.S. Senate.
- John Pfersich for Commissioner of Public Lands.
- Stan Raczynski for State Treasurer.
- Mike Blessing for Bernalillo County Sheriff.
- Jay Vandersloot for Bernalillo County Commission, District 5

THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT CHALLENGE

CASH Ø10,000 PRIZE

To the first person to write a logical and documented essay showing one of the following to be compatible with the Declaration of Independence:

- Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890
- Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906
- Federal Communications Act of 1934
- National Firearms Act of 1934
- Banking Act of 1935
- The Internal Revenue Code
- Controlled Substances Act of 1970
- RICO Act of 1970
- Federal Elections Act of 1970
- Plumbing Products Efficiency Act of 1992
- Anti-Money Laundering Act of 1992
- USA PATRIOT Act of 2001
- Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

To claim your prize, contact Mike Blessing at 505-710-5197 or gunssavelives@comcast.net.

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"The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism, but under the name of 'liberalism' they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program until one day America will be a socialist nation without ever knowing how it happened."

– Norman Thomas, Socialist Party presidential candidate and co-founder of the ACLU

CALENDAR

See groups.myspace.com/lpnm for details, updates, etc.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Central Committee Meeting / Special Convention
Sunday, 11 June at Roper's Family Restaurant in Albuquerque (Wyoming & Central SE)
12:00 PM Lunch, 1:00 PM Meeting

REGULAR EVENTS

Thursday, 1 June – Bernalillo County Liberty Forum meets in Albuquerque, 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Fiesta's Restaurant & Lounge (Carlisle & Montgomery NE). Contact Mike Blessing, 505-710-5197, for details.

Saturday, 10 June – San Juan County LP meets at 6PM – contact Bob Ziesmer, 505-327-6681, for details. The San Juan County LP's Central Committee will meet at 5PM.

Wednesday, 14 June – Interested Dona Ana County Libertarians are invited to attend and to contact Siebert Ickler, 505-541-9079, for information on location and time.

Thursday, 15 June – Bernalillo County Liberty Forum meets in Albuquerque, 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Fiesta's Restaurant & Lounge (Carlisle & Montgomery NE). Contact Mike Blessing, 505-710-5197, for details.

Saturday, 24 June 2006 – LPDAC will host an information table at the Farmer's Market in downtown Las Cruces from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Contact Siebert Ickler, 505-541-9079, for details.

Wednesday, 28 June – Sandoval County meets at JB's restaurant on 528 near Intel. Contact Ron Bjornstad, 505-288-4228, for details.

**TV Shows – Channel 27 in ABQ
(not necessarily endorsed by LPNM)**

The Weekly Sedition
Wednesdays at 8PM
groups.myspace.com/kcufmedia

Hemp TV – Tuesdays at 7PM
www.myspace.com/nmhemptv

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"If the officers spend their shifts in fear that the average middle-aged motorist is hoping for a chance to pull out a little .25 and plug them, why did they volunteer for this line of work? None of them were drafted.

"Or why don't they at least lobby heavily (don't tell me they don't lobby the legislatures; they do it all the time) to end the War on Drugs and the War on Guns and all these revenue-seeking traffic stops, whereupon they could simply go back to answering emergency calls and chasing violent felons?"

– Vin Suprynowicz [www.thelibertarian.us]

Drilling for Votes
www.tinyurl.com/ftnsr
 04 May 2006

N.M.'s representatives in Washington have no business accusing big oil of price gouging

By Paul J. Gessing
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Price gouging can be defined as "pricing above the market when no alternative retailer is available." Sure, gas prices are higher than most of us might like, but this recent talk about collusion among oil companies to gouge consumers is rubbish, and our elected officials know better.

Unfortunately, rather than admitting their own recent mistakes are at least partially to blame for high gas prices, Sens. Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, along with Rep. Heather Wilson, are pointing their fingers at big oil.

First, the facts on so-called price gouging. Unlike the U.S. Postal Service, Amtrak and public schools, oil companies face real competition. Why else would gas stations display their prices so publicly? If these companies could really manipulate prices at will, why wouldn't they have colluded to sell gas for \$3 a gallon five years ago, when prices were low?

In a competitive environment, if you choose to purchase a product or service from someone, whatever the cost, price gouging is simply not taking place. If it were, then those of us who purchased homes when prices were low and are planning to sell for double and even triple the original price are gouging, too.

The real wild card is, of course, Congress. While talking up the gouging issue, our elected officials seem unwilling to face up to their own mistakes, so they have chosen to demonize the oil industry.

In an effort to promote policy solutions instead of useless name-calling, New Mexico's congressional delegation, especially the ringleaders on price gouging – Domenici, Bingaman and Wilson – should consider the following ideas provided by the Competitive Enterprise Institute:

Open a small portion of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas production. If there is as much oil as the U.S. Geological Survey's estimate shows, this would increase America's proven domestic oil reserves by approximately 50 percent. There is majority support in both the House and Senate for opening the refuge, but an obstructionist minority blocked enactment last year. The Senate again voted 51 to 49 earlier this year to open the refuge.

Open the Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico offshore areas to oil and natural gas production. America's deep-sea reserves are potentially enormous, but – except for the western Gulf of Mexico, which is the United States' largest producing oil field today – they have been put off limits by the federal government.

Environmental concerns about deep-sea production are unwarranted. The last significant offshore oil spill in the United States was in 1969. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita last summer destroyed many oil rigs and platforms in the gulf but did not cause any significant spills. Congress should enact legislation this year to open offshore areas currently under moratorium and share federal royalties 50-50 with the states involved.

Repeal the new ethanol mandate included in the energy bill passed last year. The new mandate requires refiners to double their 2005 use of ethanol to 7.5 billion gallons per year by 2012. Higher demand is causing ethanol prices to soar. The mandate will require 22 percent of the U.S. corn crop to provide 4 percent of gasoline supplies. Repeal the current 54-cents-a-gallon tariff on imported ethanol. Domestic ethanol producers already receive 51 cents per gallon in federal subsidies. They don't need any more protection.

All-too-often, our elected officials look for short-term electoral gains at the expense of sound policy objectives. We are now reaping the consequences of an energy bill that has failed economically and politically. Rather than enacting unwise price-gouging legislation, New Mexico's elected officials should use their influence to promote a healthier debate focusing on real solutions.

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Gessing is president of New Mexico's Rio Grande Foundation – www.riograndefoundation.org.



Airline Pilot
 by Scott Bieser [www.scottbieser.com]

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"America was neither founded, nor freed, by the well-behaved."

– Audience member on a Seattle TV talk show, commenting on drug decriminalization

CHOOSING THE WHITE ROSE

by Joseph Knight [nm_libertarian@yahoo.com]

It is understandable that, on occasion, we each feel the burden of long odds.

After all, they – “they” being the authoritarian statist – have all three branches of the federal government. They have the state government. They have our local governments. They have most of the news media. They have most of the entertainment media. They have the two major parties and a few minor parties. They have the Public Indoctrination System for our kids. And they even have the hearts and minds of the majority.

In view of this, it is understandable why morale has always been a problem in the Libertarian Party (and the larger libertarian movement as well). And it is unfortunate that most libertarians have already given up by the time they reach the Party.

But even though it's understandable that defeatism makes frequent visitations amongst our ranks, it is neither understandable nor desirable that we allow it to destroy the Party or the movement.

Defeatism can be compared to fear. Old soldiers will tell you that it's not cowardice to experience fear as any rational person would in the face of danger. However, it is cowardice to allow the fear to control your actions. It is not unreasonable for libertarians to experience occasional defeatism but it is unreasonable to allow the defeatism to control our actions.

The thing of it is, most of us knew the odds were long when we joined. Over the years, it's been a real roller coaster ride. But even though we didn't have the numbers, or the financial resources, or the political savvy, we've always had two things going for us: (1) our principles, and (2) our tenacity.

THE WHITE FLAG WING

Our guiding principle – the non-aggression principle – is the essence of freedom. It has been the constant that unifies us in purpose and in action. It is the basis for our issue analysis, and even if we never achieve a society based on it, it is the ideal toward which we strive.

Our tenacity is the basis of our hope. For over three decades other minor parties have come and gone, yet the LP has persisted as the little party that won't go away. And so long as we won't go away, and remain true to our principles, we will have a chance, however slim, of someday winning (or at least achieving considerably more freedom than we have now).

These days however, it seems that there is a whole wing of the Party bent on running up the white flag by abandoning and undermining our principle and/or disbanding the party.

The Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of San Juan County asked the 2006 LPNM Convention to pass the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Libertarian Party of New Mexico, in convention assembled, that LPNM favors retention of the non-aggression principle as the guiding principle of the Libertarian Party and favors retention of the non-aggression pledge for Party officers, delegates to conventions, and candidates for public office; and be it further resolved that the LPNM delegation to the National Convention is instructed to bring this resolution to the attention of the Convention.”

The state convention did not pass the resolution. In the meantime a “Reform Caucus” which has a number of members among us, is busy plotting the removal of the non-aggression pledge at the national level.

“Disbanding” is something else we're hearing from the white-flaggers.

I deeply regret the role I played by even bringing it up during the national debate over dues. The San Juan County LP raised the specter of disbandment to send a message to the Libertarian National Committee that doubling dues to \$50 would damage, if not destroy, the LP. The consequence of playing high-stakes nuke-option internal politics has been that disbandment has actually been considered as an option.

First, in San Juan County, a disgruntled member of the Central Committee resigned and then tried to call a special convention to consider disbanding. Then, an executive officer of LPNM put disbandment of the entire LPNM on the agenda of the state convention. And finally, the LP of Chaves County was disbanded by its Central Committee.

I question the propriety of the Chaves County LP disbandment. If it takes a county convention to vote it into existence, it should at least take a county convention to vote it out of existence.

Furthermore the LPNM Constitution states, “The purpose of LPNM shall be to move society and public policy toward the ideals embodied in the Statement of Principles by nominating, supporting, and electing candidates for public office; by lobbying officials and governmental bodies; by engaging in educational and informational activities; by general advocacy, and by other means deemed appropriate by LPNM.” Disbanding a county affiliate is not consistent with this purpose, and the LPNM Constitution further states, “No County Libertarian Party shall take any position or action which is inconsistent with the constitution, principles, or purposes of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico.”

But legal and proper or not, “disbanding” the affiliate was a bad idea.

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The former Chaves County Chairman – who in my opinion would by virtue of presentation and talent be a tremendous leader as a future state chairman or serious candidate, if not infected with defeatism – states in the “Article of Surrender” published in New Mexico Liberty, “We simply had to face the reality of a declining membership and our inability or failure to enlist new (and active) members. After well over two years of very concentrated effort, we were simply burned out.”

Two years? The battle for freedom is eternal. The ebb and flow of membership stats is one way to gauge progress, and is important. But it is not the only way. The presence of an active LP in Chaves County did not go unnoticed by the body politic. If nothing else, they have earned name recognition and this alone helps pave the way for future activity.

If the leadership was truly so paralyzed by defeatism that they couldn't function effectively any more, they could have at least re-filed their constitution with the county clerk, and then simply resign. An active organization is better than a paper organization, but a paper organization is better than no organization at all!

A paper organization is open to somebody else assuming leadership, even if in just a “caretaker” capacity. You can still run candidates, or sponsor speakers, or publish stuff in the local paper. You can keep the organization “on the shelf” until some important local issue comes along, and then even a paper organization can be an useful tool, taken off the shelf when needed and returned when the task is over.

For a few years, Margaret Mathers was the only active Libertarian in San Juan County. There were just a few more registered. She called a county convention but she was the only one who showed up. She elected herself county chair, and even passed resolutions, which were covered by the paper. It was a few more years after I came along before we really started getting people, but in the meantime we projected a persona of a larger group just by being visible and vocal. We continue to do that to this day, and while small in numbers, we have an impact on the political agenda of the community.

WHITE FLAG VS. WHITE ROSE

Defeatism is like Athlete's Foot: it may start with just one toe but if not dealt with quickly the whole foot becomes infected and it's difficult to eradicate. (De agony of de feet!)

In the short term, the best boost for morale is a victory. That's why it's always good to occasionally pick a fight you know you can win. Party re-certification was a victory and that should have boosted morale. Recruitment of the Valencia County Commission Chairman was a significant victory, which should have been a major morale boost but from where I'm setting, it seems most of the LPNM hardly noticed. So it will take more than the occasional victory to defeat defeatism.

I fight the white flag syndrome within myself with the White Rose syndrome.

In Hitler's Third Reich, the anti-Nazi resistance was small and fragmented. One group was the White Rose Society, a tiny group of students and veterans who ran an underground pamphleteer operation centered at the University of Munich. The members of The White Rose used a hand-operated duplicating machine to create thousands of leaflets – “The Leaves of the White Rose” – and mailed them from various cities to people chosen from telephone directories, to scholars, and to pub-owners. They traveled throughout Germany to mail leaflets from undetectable locations. Leaflets were also left around the University of Munich in the middle of the night.

The leaflets took on the Nazis, and the German people for allowing the Nazis to remain in power. Most Americans, even libertarians under Bushevik tyranny, cannot imagine how incredibly dangerous this was. They worked in the face of odds so hopeless that by simple contrast they cast shame on we libertarians (including myself) who whine about our own inconvenience and difficulty.

The Gestapo stamped out most of the White Rose, yet there was never a move to disband. Two of the founders were caught at the University leafleting. Although classes had let out, they still had a few pamphlets left so they ran upstairs to drop them from above, even as the Gestapo was surrounding the building. As one of them was executed, he shouted his final words, "Long live the freedom!"

I am a “bitter ender.” I choose the white rose faction over the white flag faction. In that spirit, I will close with two White Rose faction axioms from my organizing and leadership manual.

The Slim is Better Than None Axiom

It may be that despite our best efforts, we might lose.
It may even be that despite our best efforts, we will probably lose.
But if we give up, we will certainly lose.
A slim chance is always better than no chance at all.

The Victory through Tenacity Axiom

Quitters never win.
Winners never quit:
never give up, no matter what.

[Those interested in the White Rose Society should go to the following links:

- en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Rose
- en.wikiquote.org/wiki/White_Rose
- www.jlrweb.com/whiterose

As for White Rose vs. white flag, I'm declaring myself to be in the White Fang faction, as in "Give them your teeth, not your belly!" – MWB]

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"A government that demands absolute control over what substances a supposedly free citizen may, peacefully and privately, put in his or her own body will, sooner or later, demand absolute control over what weapons that its supposedly free citizens may, peacefully and privately, own."

– Unknown

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It's amazing what one has to believe to believe in gun control
by Michael Z. Williamson
www.tinyurl.com/88mu3

That a person with a gun that isn't registered is "armed outside the law," even though no such registration laws exist.

That we should ban guns because people have a "right to feel safe," but the right to feel safe by owning firearms for defense is not valid.

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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."
- Ronald Reagan

LPNM VACANCIES

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San Miguel / Sierra / Socorro / Taos
Torrance / Union

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(Portales)
New Mexico State University
(Las Cruces)
Western New Mexico University
(Silver City)

Contact the state chair if you're interested in filling a slot.

If you don't, who will?

INTERNET RESOURCES

Official Website
www.lpnm.org

Mailing lists on lpnm.org
www.tinyurl.com/hogsn

LPNM Discussion
groups.yahoo.com/lpnm-discuss

New Mexico Liberty
groups.yahoo.com/group/nmliberty

LPNM Activists
www.tinyurl.com/z7ug5

LPNM Business List
groups.yahoo.com/group/lpnm-biz
(Caucus membership required)

Myspace.com
groups.myspace.com/lpnm

The SW Region LNC list
www.tinyurl.com/e8khh

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"I let go of all desire for the common good, and the good becomes as common as the grass."
- Lao Tsu

**AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATED TRANSFERS
(DEBITS AND CREDITS)**

Los Alamos National Bank:

I authorize Los Alamos National Bank (LANB) to initiate an electronic transfer via the Automated Clearing House (ACH) as noted below:

Customer Name (on account, please print): _____

DEBIT (charge) Financial Institution Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Routing Number / ABA: _____ / _____ / _____ Account Number: _____
(Please include a deposit slip or voided check)

CREDIT (deposit)	Los Alamos National Bank customer, LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO		
\$ _____ 0049491720	LPNM General Fund	\$ _____ 0049404620	Chair's Contingency Fund
\$ _____ 0049412720	Operation Major Player Fund	\$ _____ 0056293920	Operation Win One Fund

TOTAL AMOUNT of electronic transfer \$ _____ MONTHLY on the _____ day of each month starting ____/____/____

I understand this authority is to remain in full force and effect until LANB has received notification from me regarding termination in such time and in such manner as to afford LANB a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I also understand this transfer is not immediate and could take up to two business days.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Social Security Number: _____

BANK USE ONLY Bank Employee: _____ Date: _____

Authorization processed by: _____ Date: _____

MONTHLY CREDIT CARD PLEDGE

I authorize the Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico to charge my credit card MONTHLY as indicated below:

CARD TYPE (circle one): VISA or MASTERCARD

Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expires: ____/____/____

\$ _____ on the _____ day of each month beginning on ____/____/____ to be used as follows:

\$ _____ LPNM General Fund	\$ _____ Chair's Contingency Fund
\$ _____ Operation Major Player Fund	\$ _____ Operation Win One Fund

I understand that this agreement remains in effect until I notify the Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico, in writing, to cancel or alter this agreement.

NAME (on card, please print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE ____/____/____

FEDERAL INFO REQUIREMENTS, DISCLAIMERS, ETC.

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax deductible. Your contribution may be used to fund federal election activity.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (h): _____ (w): _____ E-mail: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

This form is for monthly pledges only. Please pay dues separately. Complete either the AUTOMATED TRANSFER section or the CREDIT CARD section, and the INFO section. Mail the entire form to the address below. Thank You !!

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NEW MEXICO LIBERTY – ADMIN NOTES

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If you have news, interesting stories, op-ed pieces, a letter to the editor, or timely information that you think belongs in the newsletter, please send it along. I can be contacted at 505-710-5197, or just send it to email address gunssavelives@comcast.net.

When sending your submission as an MS Word (or Open Office Text) file, send it single-spaced in 10-pt Arial – like this is. Margins should be half-inch (0.5”) around, with no headers or footers. If you send it in a text-only format, make it clear to me if you want anything in **bold type**, underlined, *in italics*, ~~struck through~~, **different colors**, etc. I'm not telepathic here, so help me out.

Graphics (pictures, cartoons, etc.) – send the highest quality graphics you can – email them to me at the address above, and I'll do what I can to get them in the next issue. In particular, what I want are pictures of YOU the LPNM members, either at LPNM-sponsored events or at other peoples' events.

Submission deadline for the June issue – midnight, Tuesday, 23 June 2006

Articles

As for writing your article, It should be concise (no longer than a full page) and topical. A bit of humor helps, especially for op-ed pieces.

What I'm really looking for in the way of articles is what's going on in the LPNM – what YOU the membership are up to in spreading the message. For example, an article about the stupidity, insanity and evil of the UN might get put in, depending on available space and the quality of the article. A group of LPNM members counter-protesting the raising of a UN flag by the city council WILL get put in, and probably will get first priority.

Letters to the Editor

The editor will publish letters on a space-available basis. The same standards apply for letters that apply for articles – keep them concise and topical. The editor will NOT publish letters in response to other letters – *New Mexico Liberty* is NOT a message board – use [LPNM-discuss] or [LPNM-forum] for that purpose.

Editorial Viewpoint

The basis for libertarian thought is the Zero Aggression Principle –

A libertarian is someone who believes that *no* human being has the right – under *any* circumstances – to *initiate* force against *another* human being, nor to threaten, incite or delegate its initiation.

New Mexico Liberty holds that Libertarian candidates and officeholders at all levels of government should refrain from advocating new or more restrictive laws, new or more expensive spending programs, or new or higher taxes. To paraphrase from the medical profession, “First, do no harm.”

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The text version will go out as email messages, and back issues will be available on the web in the Messages section. The PDF version will be available in the Files section.

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SUMMER FUNDRAISER

We're in the middle of 2006, and it's up to us to make it a good year. We'll have quite a few State Representative seats whose incumbents will run unopposed this year, if the LPNM doesn't step up to the plate and offer candidates against them. It doesn't matter if they are Democrats or Republicans, or BOYN-A and BOYN-B as I call them. Some principled opposition is in order, if no other reason than to keep them a little honest. Just running against the unopposed has value, as we'll be seen as The Opposition Party.

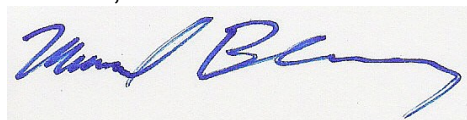
The time to get started on these candidacies is NOW. We all know that SOS Becky and AG Patsy Madrid like to play around with filing dates, so the earlier you get started collecting signatures, the better. At the same time, start on the other stuff – research, brainstorming, and a little under-the-table fundraising. (As for the signatures themselves, the State Representative races have the lowest requirements out there – it only takes a couple of nights of knocking on doors to complete them.)

Which brings me to my point – as someone (I forget exactly who) once said, “Money is the mother's milk of politics.” All of the activities involved with campaigning – advertising the candidate, printing up literature – cost money. And the LPNM itself needs cash on hand, to cover operating expenses – otherwise, try running as an “independent,” where the signature requirements are THREE TIMES as high as those for a “minor party” candidate. That's right – more piles of Federal Reserve Notes is what I'm asking for here. Don't send it to me, send it to the LPNM.

We all know that it has been a tough few years, and that you have been hit up hard to contribute to the LP's national operations. But if you can spare a dime or spare some time, would you please consider one or more of the following:

- Make your best contribution to LPNM. We pledge to use your contribution to promote the cause of Liberty to the best of our ability. You can use the one time contribution, or use the convenient monthly pledge form on the back page.
- Contact your county chair and make a donation to your county campaign kitty, or find out what else you can do to help. If you have no county chair, contact Jay Vandersloot. Maybe he'll appoint you!
- Sign up one new caucus member each month. You must ask them point blank!
- When your county chair calls for people to run for elected office, don't be afraid to throw your hat in the ring, especially for State Representative. The signature-gathering requirements aren't that high, and are rather easy to complete just by walking around your neighborhood.

Thanks,



Mike Blessing,
New Mexico Liberty Editor [gunssavelives@comcast.net]

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