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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

by Mike Blessing [gunssavelives@comcast.net]

First, the battery on my laptop decided to quit on me as I was putting together this issue, so I'm rebuilding it basically from scratch. Fun, fun. Anyway, the replacement is on order at this time.

Some questions for the readership to ponder this month:

One: How should the LPNM go about increasing the number of candidates, and the vote totals that those candidates get on Election Day?

Two: The LPNM has about 150 Caucus (dues-paying) members, and 2000+ registered voters, yet there are only 15-25 active Libertarians in the entire state, from what I can determine. (I'd be happy to be corrected on this.) What can the LPNM do to get more people active in promoting the Party, philosophy and cause?

Three: Since we're not getting many more votes than our base in most races, how does the LPNM reach out to people who aren't libertarians, but agree with us on certain issues?

Four: How does the LPNM or its membership get more activity from those who consider themselves to be libertarian but for whatever reason, aren't motivated to join the LPNM?

NEWS ITEM: REP. CHARLES RANGEL THINKS COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE IS A GOOD IDEA!



National Service vs. National Servitude

by Chuck Asay of the Colorado Springs Gazette [www.gazette.com]
23 November 2006

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* resumes in January, 2007. *The Weekly Sedition* and *New Mexico's Consumer Advocate* are now available in webcast format. For the viewing links, see Channel 27 [www.quote-unquote.org] or the KCUF Media website [www.myspace.com/kcufmedia].

The Bernalillo County LP is currently seeking one or more persons to represent the BCLP in front of the Albuquerque City Council and / or Bernalillo County Commission in the public-comment sections of those bodies' meeting agendas.

Jay Vandersloot has been active in staffing tables at gun shows, the latest being on 19 August at the State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque. The next gun show in Albuquerque will be on 9-10 December, and Jay could use some help.

Jay Vandersloot gave the libertarian side of the issue concerning slavery reparations towards the American black population on a panel at Amy Biehl High School in Albuquerque on 21 November, and was invited to be a judge for the follow-up student debate on the issue.

Paul Gessing and the staff of the Rio Grande Foundation, has been getting columns and letters to the editor printed in the *Albuquerque Journal* on a regular basis. Some of those have been printed here in *New Mexico Liberty*. Others are available at the RGF's website – www.riograndefoundation.org

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.

San Juan – The SJCLP continues to sell tickets for their rifle and pistol raffle, the drawing for which will be held on Bill of Rights Day, 15 December 2006, as well as regularly getting letters to the editor and op-ed pieces printed in the *Farmington Daily Times*.

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

Valencia – While Paul Trujillo was defeated in his re-election bid for County Commission (District 3), he garnered one of the LPNM's best vote counts in years, both in terms of percentage (26%) and total votes cast (1006). Hats off to Paul!

"Fair" Tax Resolution

Passed by the LPNM Central Committee

10 September 2006

Introduced by Joseph Knight [nm_libertarian@yahoo.com]

Whereas some Libertarians are proposing various alternative tax schemes which institute a national sales tax, including the so-called "fair" tax; and

Whereas such proposals do absolutely nothing to limit the scope, size, and expense of government; and

Whereas such proposals, especially the "fair" tax, have features that are distinctly un-libertarian,

Be it therefore resolved by the Libertarian Party of New Mexico Central Committee that we are on record as opposing any national sales tax scheme, and especially the "fair" tax; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be posted on lpnm.org, printed in *New Mexico Liberty*, distributed to LPNM candidates for federal office, and forwarded to the state chair's list.

CALENDAR

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Central Committee Meeting – 10 December at Roper's Family Restaurant (Wyoming and Central SE) in Albuquerque. Lunch at 12:00 PM, meeting at 1:00 PM. Contact Jay Vanersloot (505-362-1733) or Mike Blessing (505-710-5197) for directions or details.

State Convention – 13 / 14 / 15 April 2007 in San Juan County. All Libertarian presidential candidates are invited. The keynote speaker will be Prometheus Award-winning science-fiction writer L. Neil Smith [www.lneilsmith.org]

REGULAR EVENTS

Thursday, 7 December and 21 December – 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, 9 December – 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, 13 December – Interested Dona Ana County Libertarians are invited to attend and to contact Siebert Ickler, 505-541-9079, for information on location and time.

Wednesday, 27 December – Due to the holidays, the Sandoval County LP meeting at JB's restaurant on 528 near Intel might be canceled. Contact Ron Bjornstad, 505-288-4228, for details or confirmation.

Saturday, 23 December – Due to the holidays, the LPDAC-hosted information table at the Farmer's Market in downtown Las Cruces may or may not happen. Contact Siebert Ickler, 505-541-9079, for details or confirmation.

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

New Mexico's Consumer Advocate
Wednesdays at 8PM

www.myspace.com/kcufmedia

Hemp TV – Tuesdays at 7PM

www.myspace.com/nmhemptv

Reeferhead – Saturdays at 6PM

Contact Brian Bakri at hippiegypsy@webtv.net for details



Which Direction?

By John Trever of the Albuquerque Journal [

www.abqjournal.com]

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Voice of the Chair

Jay Vandersloot

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“Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in.”

– Bill Bradley

Update on the Ballot Access Court Case

As you know, the recent court case filed on the ACLU on behalf of the LPNM concerning the New Mexico ballot access law was decided against us. Naturally, we are disappointed in the decision and we respectfully disagreed with that decision.

I've been in contact with the ACLU lawyer handling our case. He informs me that the ACLU has filed an appeal on our behalf with the 10th Circuit Court for decision. The Tenth Circuit has scheduled a mandatory mediation conference, which is currently scheduled for December 5th. While we are hopeful that there should be a good chance we could do well in the appeal, it's not guaranteed.

I hope to have a further update on the status of the appeal by the quarterly Central Committee meeting on December 10th.

Quarterly CenCom Meeting on December 10th

Speaking of the December Central Committee meeting, in addition to other topics on the agenda, we will be discussing the arrangements for the LPNM Annual State Convention that will be taking place in the Farmington area on the weekend of April 13-15th, 2007.

If you have any suggestions for the convention, or for that matter anything else that you believe the Central Committee should consider, please let either me (at jayvandersloot@yahoo.com or at 505-362-1733) or you Central Committee representative know about it before the meeting.

2007 LPNM Annual State Convention, April 13-15th Need Candidates for LPNM Elections

One of the topics during the convention will be the election of our LPNM officers for the next two years. This will include the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, representatives for each of the three districts, and at-large representatives.

I strongly encourage each of you to consider running for one of the positions. If there is even the slightest possibility that you could be cajoled, enticed, seduced, etc., into running for any of these offices, please let me know (at jayvandersloot@yahoo.com, or at 505-362-1733), or contact your Central Committee representative. Speaking for myself, and I am sure all the present and past officers and Central Committee representatives would agree, we are ready to provide you with whatever support and guidance we can.

LP Platform Undergoes Major Change

There were major changes to the LP National Platform passed at the Convention in July. Mainly, it eliminated the majority of the planks. I envision a flurry of efforts between now and the next LP Convention in 2008 to reinstitute as many of the planks as possible.

Let's take a look at the second of the remaining planks from our LP National Platform.

I. 4 – Property Rights

The Issue – The right to property and its physical resources, which is the fundamental cornerstone of a free and prosperous society, has been severely compromised by government at all levels. Public Policy instruments including eminent domain, zoning laws, building codes, rent control, regional planning, property taxes, resource management and public health legislation remove property rights from owners and transfer

them to the State, while raising costs of property ownership. Public ownership of real property, beyond that which is explicitly authorized in the Constitution, and claims against resources both owned and unowned (such as the oceans or waterways) is illegitimate and creates scarcity and conflict where none would otherwise exist.

The Principle – Only individuals and private entities have the full right to control, use, dispose of, or in any manner enjoy their property without interference, until and unless the exercise of their control infringes on the valid rights of others. Resource management and planning are the responsibility and right of the legitimate owners of land, water and other natural resources. Individuals have the right to homestead unowned resources, both within the jurisdictions of governments and within such unclaimed territory as the ocean, Antarctica and extraterrestrial bodies.

Solutions – All public lands and resources, as well as claims thereto, except as explicitly allowed by the Constitution, shall be returned to private ownership, with the proceeds of sale going to retire public liabilities. Resource rights shall be defined as property rights, including riparian rights. All publicly owned infrastructures including dams and parks shall be returned to private ownership and all taxing authority for such public improvements shall sunset. Property related services shall be supplied by private markets and paid for by user fees, and regulation of property shall be limited to that which secures the rights of individuals. There will be no legal barriers to peaceful, private, voluntary attempts to explore, industrialize and colonize any extra-terrestrial resources. The federal government shall be held as liable as any individual for pollution or other transgression against property or resources.

Transitional Action – Rescind all taxation of real property. Property, resources and rights taken from their legitimate owners by government or by government supported private action, shall be restored to the rightful owners. Reverse the Supreme Court decision regarding eminent domain - *Kelo v City of New London*. Repeal all legislation that transfers property rights to the state, including those enacted in the name of aesthetic values, risk, moral standards, cost-benefit estimates, the promotion or restriction of economic growth, health or national security claims. Sunset all federal agencies that own, regulate or administer property, as well as agencies at the local level which exercise control over private property and resources. Rescind and oppose all international treaties that exercise government control over unowned resources.

“Iron rusts from disuse; water loses its purity from stagnation . . . even so does inaction sap the vigor of the mind.”

– Leonardo da Vinci, artist and architect

“One person with a belief is equal to a force of 99 who have only interests.”

**– John Stuart Mill,
quoted in the Columbus, Ohio, Dispatch**

Less is More

www.tinyurl.com/t7et9

By Paul Gessing [pgessing@riograndefoundation.org]

More money in taxpayers' pockets trickles down to less poverty and a thriving economy

Originally printed in the Albuquerque Tribune

Many New Mexicans may remember that, at this time last year, our neighbors to the north in Colorado were having a heated debate over government spending and taxes.

Voters in Colorado narrowly approved the measure known as Referendum C, which allowed the state government to spend all the revenue it takes in for the next five years – but the state's taxpayer protections, known as the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, lives on. More importantly, Colorado's experience with strictly limiting taxes and spending provides New Mexicans a clear example of how we could change our state's economic fortunes for the better.

Government plays a major role in New Mexico's economy. In fact, \$2 is spent by the federal government within our borders for every \$1 our citizens send to Washington. As if the large federal presence were not enough, according to data from the Census Bureau, New Mexico employs more state and local workers per capita than all but two other states.

This reliance on government is not the economic boon that some would like to believe.

While like New Mexico in many ways, Colorado is not as reliant on government spending. In fact, in 1992, Colorado adopted strict limits on taxes and spending in a conscious effort to shift resources from government and into the private sector.

Unlike New Mexico, where politicians can raise taxes and spend as much as they like with few limits, Colorado's politicians must ask voters to approve any spending above the "natural" rate of government growth – the combined effects of inflation and population – and any tax hikes. Between 1997 and 2002, Colorado issued annual tax rebates totaling more than \$3.2 billion.

So what does giving voters greater control over the taxing and spending habits of their politicians do for the economy?

Well, in terms of personal income levels, which are probably the most effective mechanism for measuring living standards, Colorado outstrips New Mexico by wide margins.

In 1992, Colorado ranked a respectable 17th in personal income levels. Thanks in large part to its Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, it now ranks 8th in the nation. This was the greatest jump during the time period. New Mexico, on the other hand, ranked 46th in the nation in 1992 and ranks 46th today.

Even more impressive, especially given the opposition to fiscal restraint by most on the left, is the fact that spending restraint has resulted in significant poverty reductions in Colorado. That state's poverty rate is lower than all but 11 other states. New Mexico, on the other hand, has one of the worst poverty rates in the nation, beating only two states – Mississippi and Louisiana.

The problem is that politicians, if left to their own devices, will spend taxpayer money far in excess of the real needs of government. Much of this money is either wasted or used in ways that are not as beneficial to the citizens of that particular state as if the money was left in the private sector. Over time, this means that government consumes more of the economy, while the private economy, from which economic growth and innovation result, is less robust.

Some will assume that if we only elected the "right" politicians, the problem would be solved, but history shows this to be wishful thinking.

The Rio Grande Foundation analyzed the spending records of each of the last four governors of New Mexico and found that while Gary Johnson was the most fiscally-conservative and Bill Richardson the most spendthrift, Garrey Carruthers, a Republican, was a bigger spender than Bruce King, a Democrat.

Spending in New Mexico – not to mention around the country and at the federal level – is a bipartisan problem.

There is no reason for New Mexicans or our political leaders to accept our current status of economic lagging. It is not culture, our reliance on resource extraction or even our poor educational system that hinder our state economy. In reality, it is our willingness to let government take more of our hard-earned money than is absolutely necessary that keeps us down.

Only by placing strict limits on our political leaders will New Mexico's economic future brighten.

Gessing is president of the Rio Grande Foundation, which describes itself as "a nonpartisan, tax-exempt research and educational organization dedicated to promoting prosperity for New Mexico based on principles of limited government, economic freedom and individual responsibility."

INTELLIGENCE TEST



JOHN BERGSTROM 2006

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Intelligence Test

By John Bergstrom [www.attackcartoons.com]
22 November 2006



You have many rights as an American citizen toady. Pre-Paid Legal can show you how to protect your legal rights at a low cost. With Pre-Paid Legal you can prepay your most common legal needs, much like you prepay your medical needs. It is important to know and exercise your legal rights as an American citizen.

Call Jay Vandersloot, Independent Associate, at 505-362-1733

The Little Party That Saved America (with a little help from our friends)

www.libertyforall.net/?p=398

by George Phillies [www.phillies2008.org]

Having gone on at considerable length about the Republican Party and its War on America, we now reach the momentary denouement: The Republicans have lost.

They lost the House. They lost the Senate. With the Senate, they lost the ability to install far-right judges. With Congress, they lost the ability to field ultra-right legislation. In the next two years, there will be no more Patriot Acts. There will be no more Military Commission Acts. There will be no more Real ID acts.

And while the Democratic Party deserves much of the credit, in the end it is the Libertarian Party that plausibly has saved the America judiciary, at least for the moment:

I turn to three Senate elections:

Montana:

Tester (D)	198,302 – 49%
Burns(R)	195,455 – 48%
Jones (L)	10,324 – 3%

The Libertarian Party was far more than the difference between the two votes, with a candidate likely to have drawn far more Republican than Democratic Party voters. The candidate, Mr. Jones, who gained some publicity a few years ago through contracting argyrosis and turning himself blue, has now done one better: He turned his state blue.

Then there is Missouri:

McCaskill	1,047,049
Talent	1,001,238
Gilmour	47,504
Lewis	18,274

Here the difference is close to the Libertarian total, but the Libertarian total is larger. And by spreading the Libertarian message of peace, freedom, and prosperity (Gilmour polled as large as 9% at one point), Gilmour contributed to separating Republican voters from their (if you will forgive the pun) Senator, making Missouri Talentless.

Finally, when the Democrats did not bother to show up in Indiana:

Lugar (R)	1,155,577
Osborn (L)	169,858

Of course, there are a few things that Libertarians might reasonably ask from the Democratic Party in exchange for our help, recognizing that we all live in the America that we just saved. The most important is a systematic easing of ballot access laws.

In New Hampshire, the libertarian who was elected ran as a Democrat: Under New Hampshire law, that candidate was legally unable to run as a Libertarian. His choices were Democratic, Republican, and Independent. The newly-blue New Hampshire legislature could correct this. For example, many states allowed 'independent' candidates within reason to choose their own ballot line name.

In Massachusetts, more than 2/3 of all state legislators ran unopposed. This includes, incidentally, five surviving Republican State Senators. In most of Massachusetts, voters for state legislature had less choice than did voters in the old Soviet Union, where it was technically legal to vote "No". I can readily name people who have tried to run for office, collected far more than the legally required number of signatures, only to discover that the bulk of their signatures were invalid, e.g. Jim Fredrickson, who collected more than 6000 signatures in an

effort to run for Congress as a Libertarian, only to have 3/4 of his signatures invalidated.

It is legitimate to judge a legal process by its results. If a middle school admission exam mysteriously passes 90% of boys and only 9% of girls for no rational reason, a reasonable observer infers that something discriminatory has been build into the exam. We don't have to argue about what the something is; in the absence of an overwhelming state purpose, we insist that matters be fixed.

Massachusetts' ballot access laws float in the same boat. When most voters in most races get to choose between their one candidate and leaving the ballot blank, it is time to lower ballot access obstacles until choice becomes present. (As a reasonable first step, try cutting signature requirements in half, and if that doesn't work, cut them in half again.)

In Georgia, almost no third party candidates have run for Congress in most of the past century.

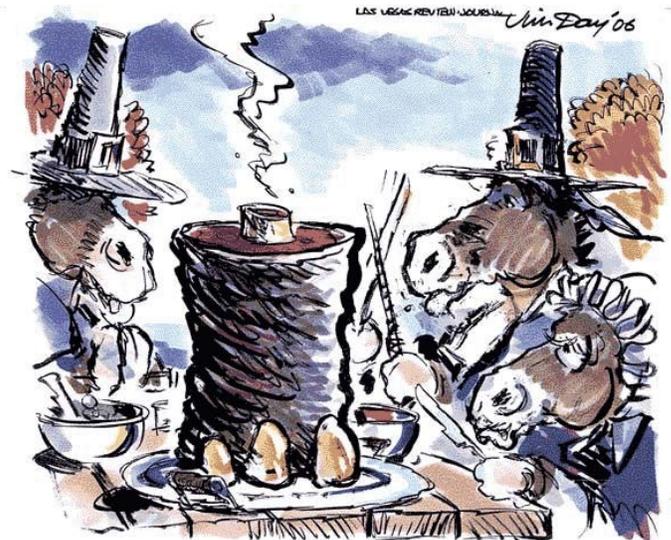
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Comment by Joseph Knight [nm_libertarian@yahoo.com]
November 28, 2006 @ 12:34 pm

THANK YOU for pointing out the legitimacy of the "balance of power" strategy.

In New Mexico, in 2000, the state party got behind our prez candidate more so than ever before. Harry Browne got more votes than the difference between Bush and Gore. In 2004 Karl Rowe supposedly said "We're not going to let those piss-ant Libertarians cost us New Mexico again." Badnarik targeted NM with TV and the GOP truly feared us. Badnarik was the first presidential candidate to EVER visit my home town - and Bush was the second, soon thereafter. Bush was in NM more than ANY presidential candidate in my lifetime.

Let's keep doing it - and watch those other guys try to sound like libertarians to get those votes back!



CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING...

By Jim Day of the Las Vegas Review-Journal

[www.lvrj.com]

21 November 2006



V Makes A Mark In DC

www.givemeliberty.org/RTP2/UPDATES/Update2006-11-18.htm
Worldwide Interest in RTP Stirred

It's working.

We are making good use of the powerful concept of en masse activist resistance used in the movie, V for Vendetta.

V is helping us as we build support for the unalienable Right to a Response from Government to our Petitions for Redress of Grievances regarding the Government's violation of the war powers, tax, privacy and money clauses of the Constitution.

V is helping us as we educate the public about the First Amendment's guarantee of our Right to Petition Government for Redress of Grievances.

On November 6, 2006, a lone man in a "V" mask and clothing visited security checkpoints at the White House, the main Treasury Building, the Department of Justice and the Capitol, to deliver a letter and the Petitions for Redress. A short videotape of the encounters has made its way around the Internet, including links from sites such as MySpace.com.

The letter informed the leaders of the Executive and Legislative branches of the federal government that up to 100 people in "V" masks and clothing would gather in silent vigil at those locations on November 14th to await a response to the Petitions for Redress.



True to his word, at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, nearly 100 men and women in "V" masks and clothing could be seen walking along different streets in downtown Washington, DC, all heading to Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House.



By high noon, the "V"s were facing the White House, in formation. Some were holding a 40-foot by 25-foot banner that read, "Dear Government, No Answers, No Taxes." Four were holding smaller signs that read "Obey The Constitution – The Right To Petition."

They waited about one hour for a representative of President Bush to approach them with some response to the Petitions.

As has been his wont, the President did not respond.

However, photographers, reporters, and tourists responded well to the rich imagery provided by the WTP demonstration. The appearance of dozens of "V"s delivering such a message was attention getting to say the least.



There was a sidewalk press conference with one "V" who had a red rose protruding from his hatband. No tourist with a camera could resist stopping to photograph the scene, whether he or she was alone or part of the very large group of high school students that was on its way to a tour of the White House.

The "V"s on the outside edges of the formation distributed hundreds of We The People Foundation brochures to anyone requesting one. The supply was nearly depleted by the time the formation moved on to the next location.

After the silent vigil in front of the White House, the "V"s broke ranks and reformed, with banner and signs, a few hundred feet down Pennsylvania Avenue, directly facing the main Treasury Building where they waited a half hour for a representative of Treasury Secretary Paulson to respond to the Petitions for Redress – especially the Petition regarding the privately owned Federal Reserve System and the violations of the money clauses of the Constitution.



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As has been its custom, Treasury did not respond.

The number of photographers and reporters declined at this point, but the interest among the picture-taking tourists did not.

The "V"s then marched down 15th Street and Constitution Avenue to the Department of Justice, where they waited for a half hour, with banner and signs for the Attorney General to respond to the Petitions for Redress.

As has been its tradition, the Department of Justice did not respond.

Interestingly, one professional photographer for the Foreign Press Photo Service took dozens of carefully crafted pictures while the "V"s were waiting outside the DOJ building.

The "V"s then marched to the Reflecting Pool and faced the Capitol as they waited for representatives of the House Speaker and Senate Majority Leader to respond to the Petitions for Redress.

Habituated, Congress did not respond.

Knowledge About Our Cause Is Spreading

It is too soon to know the full extent of the public's information and awareness about the DC event. Here is what we know so far.

We received an email from a reporter who works for Brazil's newspaper website www.estadao.com.br. He is writing an article and wanted us to answer a few of his questions.

We received an email from the Director of the movie, *V for Vendetta*. He was aware of our events and said he wanted to send a few words of encouragement and was happy that "V" had made it into the popular vernacular. He closed with the words, "Fight The Power."

An article will appear in Monday's issue of TaxNotes, which is America's leading tax news and research magazine.

We received word from a man who stated that while he was passing through an airport Tuesday, he saw television images on CNN of the "V"s across from the White House.

If anyone learns of additional media coverage, please let us know.

Coming: 1,000 "V"s in DC

Plans are now underway for a GiveMeLiberty 2007 Conference. Most likely it will take place in DC on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On one of those days we hope to assemble 1,000 "V" demonstrators on the street in support of our Right to Petition the Government for Redress of constitutional torts, including our Right to a Response and our Right of Enforcement if Government does not respond to our proper, constitutionally based Petitions for Redress.

We hope to convince those who were responsible for the making of the movie, *V for Vendetta* to help us obtain, hopefully by donation, the 1,000 "V" costumes needed for this next WTP event. If this happens, we would then give one to every person who attends GML 2007.

More to come.

Watch the streaming video documenting the lone V's visit to the Capital and his valiant efforts to Petition the officials of the Government [on the WTP / GML site www.givemeliberty.org -- Mike].

Oregon lawyer wrongly arrested after Madrid bombings settles lawsuit for \$2 million

By Anne M. Peterson
ASSOCIATED PRESS
2:09 PM 29 November 2006
www.tinyurl.com/yjbzzl

PORTLAND, Ore. – A lawyer the FBI wrongly arrested after the 2004 Madrid terrorist bombings because of a misidentified fingerprint has settled part of his lawsuit against the U.S. government for \$2 million.

Brandon Mayfield, who was detained for two weeks in 2004, maintained that he was arrested because of his Muslim faith.

"Not only does my detention as a material witness in the Madrid bombing underscore the fallacy that fingerprint identification is reliable, I hope the public will remember that the U.S. government also targeted me and my family because of our Muslim religion," he said in a statement Wednesday.

The local FBI office said Wednesday that it was proud of its work in the case – other than the fingerprint error.

"If a similar investigation was being conducted, and we were provided a fingerprint identification, we would do exactly what we did in the case of Mr. Mayfield," said agent Robert Jordan. "We are very proud of what we did here, but we recognize that our laboratory made a mistake."

Justice Department spokeswoman Tasia Scolinos said the FBI has since adopted suggestions for improving its fingerprint identification process "to ensure that what happened to Mr. Mayfield does not happen again."

The U.S. formally apologized to Mayfield as part of the settlement, Scolinos said.

Two internal Justice investigations cleared the FBI and prosecutors of wrongdoing, she said. A December 2005 review by the department's Office of Professional Responsibility found that federal prosecutors who handled the investigation acted appropriately.

A month later, Justice Inspector General Glenn A. Fine concluded that Mayfield's faith was not the reason the FBI began its investigation, and that the agency did not misuse provisions of the USA Patriot Act.

Mayfield was arrested in May 2004 on the basis of a fingerprint found on a bag of detonators in Madrid that was mistakenly matched to him after the March 11, 2004, train bombings that killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,500. Mayfield was jailed on a material witness warrant but was released after the FBI acknowledged the fingerprint was not his.

The government acknowledged in the settlement that it "performed covert physical searches of the Mayfield home and law office, and it also conducted electronic surveillance targeting Mr. Mayfield at both his home and law office," according to a news release from Mayfield's attorney, Elden Rosenthal.

The settlement allows Mayfield to continue to pursue his challenge of the USA Patriot Act, Rosenthal said. Mayfield claims the act violates the Fourth Amendment because it allows government searches without probable cause that a crime has been committed.

"The Patriot Act is decidedly not patriotic," Rosenthal said. "We will vigorously pursue this constitutional challenge to the highest courts in the country."

Associated Press writer Lara Jakes Jordan in Washington contributed to this report.

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"'Price Gouging' is a concept that only a politician, journalist or other short-sighted economic illiterate could coin."

Rex Curry

"Beware of altruism. It is based on self-deception, the root of all evil."

– Robert A. Heinlein,
Time Enough For Love (1973)

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"Yes, we've disagreed, even fought, but I would rather have someone who opposes me out of an honest belief in the rightness of his cause than someone who is always on my side because it was expected and required."

– Delenn,
"Rumors, Bargains and Lies"
Babylon 5, Season 4

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District 1 Representative, Seat A
District 2 Representative, Seat B

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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/hogsns

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

That "Weapons of Mass Destruction" in Iraq refers to an intact, armed nuke with a delivery system, but in the US refers to common self-loading rifles.

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

Charter Bank:

I authorize Charter Bank 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) Charter Bank, to the account of LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO, account number 0092040302

\$_____ LPNM General Fund \$_____ Chair's Contingency Fund \$_____ Major Player Fund \$_____ 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 Charter Bank has received notification from me regarding termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Charter Bank 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 / MASTERCARD / AMERICAN EXPRESS / DISCOVER

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

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

\$_____ LPNM General Fund \$_____ Chair's Contingency Fund \$_____ Major Player Fund \$_____ 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. PLEASE NOTE: LPNM receives 100% of your pledge when you use AUTOMATED TRANSFER, but pays substantial fees on CREDIT CARD pledges. Thank You !!

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ADMINISTRIVIA

Mike Blessing, Editor [gunssavelives@comcast.net]

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 9-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 each issue – midnight, third Tuesday of the month.

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 the message section of NML's Yahoo! group for that purpose. Or post your traffic to the LPNM's other email lists – LPNM-discuss or LPNM-forum.

Editorial Viewpoint

The basis for libertarian thought is the Zero Aggression Principle [ZAP] –

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, officeholders or appointed spokespersons at all levels of government or the Party 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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For a print subscription, contact Ron Bjornstad for details.

Finally, *New Mexico Liberty* will be posted to the web, in PDF format, both to the Archives section of the page on lpnm.org, and to the Files section of the Yahoo group I've set up for it:

groups.yahoo.com/group/nmliberty

If you are moving or change your mailing address, please use the enclosed envelope to let us know, so we can keep your *New Mexico Liberty* coming to you.

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Full page	Ø60.00
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Rates are subject to change at the discretion of the editor. The editor will do his best to make any such changes only when absolutely necessary.

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Submissions Policy

The editor reserves the right to refuse service to anyone for any reason. The editor will most often be willing to explain any such reasons. Appeals of the editor's refusal to post an advertisement, article, letter to editor, or anything else can be made to the LPNM's State Chair, Central Committee and/or Judicial Council.

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If the date on your mailing label is before 10/01/06, it's time to renew your LPNM membership.

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
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The Unanimous Consent Challenge is available online at the
KCUF Media site – www.tinyurl.com/hn982

REMEMBER –

by Mike Blessing [gunssavelives@comcast.net]

As a juror, you have the *right* and *duty* to vote your conscience not only on the facts of the case – did the accused do what s/he is accused of – but also on *the law itself* –

- Is it a good law?
- Is the law being properly applied?
- Does the punishment asked for fit the crime?

Using jury nullification, just one percent of the population that disagrees with a bad law (victim disarmament, Drug Prohibition, the tax code, etc., etc.) can start getting these bad laws knocked off the books.

See www.fija.org for more information.

See also You & The Police, by Boston T. Party, available at Javelin Press [www.javelinpress.com].

America: From Freedom To Fascism – Now Available

From: Linda C. on the [smith2004-discuss] email list

It looks like Aaron Russo's move America: Freedom To Fascism is now available online (free) to watch (109 min.):

www.informationclearinghouse.info/article15399.htm

It's also available on DVD for \$19.95 if you want to have a copy to show to others:

www.freedomtofascism.com



According to the FTC, in the last five years 27.3 million people have been victims of identity theft. The number in 2002 alone was 9.9 million. What if it happens to you? The Identity Theft Shield can help lessen your exposure. To learn how, contact Jay Vandersloot, Independent Associate, at 505-362-1733

The Simon Jester Project

www.simonjester.org

What is the Simon Jester Project?

If you haven't read the classic SF novel, The Moon is a Harsh Mistress, by Robert A. Heinlein, the whole Simon Jester thing may be confusing you. Simon Jester was the "imaginary" creation of a group of Loonies fomenting rebellion. He was a little devil who tormented the Lunar government with catchy little jokes, ditties, poems, slogans, and cartoons. Later, Simon expanded into the poltergeist business by playing practical jokes on gov-goons and bureaucrats. He always signed his work with a little cartoon image of a grinning devil.

"Simon" was a game everyone could play, anyone who wanted to bug the ruling authoritarians, that is. Any pissed-off miner could scribble a bit of seditious graffiti on a wall and attribute it to "Simon" with the easily scrawled logo. To the Authority, it seemed that Simon Jester was everywhere, all the time.

We need Simon Jester now.



A "meme" is an idea, a thought; hopefully a seed that will germinate in the recipient's mind and grow into a whole garden of worthwhile ideas. In theory, one exposes people to short, memorable phrases or images which stick with them; rather like the tune you can't get out of your head. In this case, the "tune" is akin to Yankee Doodle Dandy and is meant to generate thoughts on liberty.

Planting those mental seeds is what the Simon Jester Project is all about. To get you started, we've provided a few basic files.

Surely this is enough to get us started.

Enough plotting; let's get out and do something!

What to Do With This Stuff

Okay. We've told you who Simon Jester is. We've given you a bunch of files for posters, stickers, flyers, et cetera.

So what the devil (pun intended <grin>) are you supposed to do with this stuff?

Assuming you read The Moon is a Harsh Mistress, you should already have a pretty good idea. But here some specifics you might try:

- Flyers can go on bulletin boards, car windshields in parking lots, or simply be handed out.
- The same goes for folded pamphlets, or you might put some in the form slots on bank tables and the counters at the post office.
- Stickers can go anywhere: Service counters at DMV, the post office, post drop boxes, windows and doors. But if you're considering putting them on private property, also consider whether the owner might not appreciate it.
- Business cards can be handed out, left on magazine piles in waiting rooms, set on counters, stuck under windshield wipers, or even flung out high windows. Try including one in all your bill payment envelopes.
- The Cthulhu election posters can go up anywhere you see other campaign signs posted. Try putting them up in your car windows, too. If you stake out a polling station like the other campaign aides, come election time, the Cthulhu posters go great with the Democracy Explained flyers to get voters' attention.
- Stickers can also go on packages and envelopes. Kinda like Easter Seals, but a lot more fun.

Libertarian Party of New Mexico Enrollment / Renewal Coupon
Please print in all areas

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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I am registered to vote as a Libertarian and wish to join renew as a caucus member. Enclosed is \$25 annual dues payable to “**LPNM.**” (Sorry, we cannot accept corporate checks.) I will get the state newsletter “*New Mexico Liberty*” and will have delegate status at state conventions. I understand that the *LP News* is **NOT** at this time included in my membership.

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I oppose the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals.

Signed _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ for use as indicated:

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Please make donation check payable to “**LPNM.**” (Sorry, we cannot accept corporate checks.)

Credit Card Info: Type _____ Number _____
Exp. Date _____ Amount _____

Signed _____

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- The US Postal Service requires us to notify you that the annual *New Mexico Liberty* subscription cost is included in your LPNM membership dues of \$25.00.
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- The Federal Election Commission requires us to ask for the employer and occupation of each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

The preceding notices alone should be enough reason to join the Libertarian Party, the only political party working to increase your freedom.

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