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### Notes from the Editor

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### 2009 Annual State Convention

This year's State Convention will be hosted by the Otero County LP in Alamogordo at the Holiday Inn Express. The schedule will include speakers, the banquet and the Saturday afternoon business session, including but not limited to election of officers and the Central Committee. The new Central Committee will have its first meeting immediately following the Die-Hard Breakfast speaker on Sunday morning.

### A Proposal for the Business Session

It's been noted in the past that the LPNM doesn't have an actual platform. My proposal is to change that. Basically, it would be added to Article I of the LPNM State Constitution and Bylaws –

#### 1.6 – PLATFORM

a) The LPNM's platform is as follows:

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico supports reducing the size, scope and power of government at all levels and on all issues, and opposes increasing the size, scope and power of government at any level, for any purpose.

b) Notwithstanding any other or subsequent provisions for amendment to these bylaws, the LPNM's platform, and the entirety of this article, shall be perpetual and unmodifiable.

### Networking Opportunity

Dear fellow patriots,

Recently I volunteered to help coordinate the upcoming We the People meeting, to be held in Albuquerque on Saturday, March 21st. Mr. Bob Schulz will be speaking to us to provide an update on the proposed Continental Congress 2009. This gathering will include delegates from all 50 states and its principal purpose will be to formally discuss and deliberate on how to respond to our government's relentless abandonment of the U.S. Constitution and the founding principles of our nation, along with their consistent refusal to respond to the people. For more information, go to [givemeliberty.org](http://givemeliberty.org)

Please accept my personal invitation to attend this crucial meeting. Recent trends and events make it imperative that we join together in a true spirit of cooperation and patriotism. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this important meeting! Here are the details:

We the People Meeting with Bob Schulz  
Saturday, March 21, 1-4 pm  
At UNM Continuing Education, North Building, Meeting Room C  
1634 University Blvd. NE in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Yours in the struggle to restore our Republic,

Dave Batcheller  
State Chairman, Constitution Party of NM  
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### Exit MS Windows

This will most likely be the LAST issue of *New Mexico Liberty* that I publish using Microsoft Windows, as I've found a Linux distribution (“distro”) that works for me. In my case, that's OpenSuse v.11.1.

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**Field Reports**  
From County Contacts

**Bernalillo** – The BCLP is hosting two meetings per month. For more information, see the BCLP website – [lpm.us/bernalillo](http://lpm.us/bernalillo). See [xanga.com/kcufmedia](http://xanga.com/kcufmedia) for more information concerning *The Weekly Sedition* and *New Mexico's Consumer Advocate*.

Paul Gessing and Rio Grande Foundation have just established a social-networking site for small-I libertarians called New Mexico Liberty – [newmexicoliberty.com](http://newmexicoliberty.com) is the URL. This is in addition to other activities, which can be found at the RGF's site – [riograndefoundation.org](http://riograndefoundation.org). Paul Gessing and Jim Scarantino have launched a radio show on JOY 1550 AM, along the lines of the libertarian-oriented show that Bob Finch was seeking sponsors for.

Mark Curtis has taken over manning a table at the NMGCA gun shows at the Manuel Lujan Building at the State Fairgrounds.

**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 for details – [lpm.us/dona-ana](http://lpm.us/dona-ana).

**Otero** – The Otero County LP recently established its website – [lpm.us/otero](http://lpm.us/otero) – and will be hosting this year's state convention in April.

**Sandoval** – The LPSC is having its monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**Santa Fe** – Ed Nagel is working on organizing an LPNM county affiliate for Santa Fe County. Contact him at [ed123nagel@aol.com](mailto:ed123nagel@aol.com) or call him at 505-471-6928. He'd appreciate any help he can get.

**Calendar**

**Special Events**

**2009 Annual State Convention**

The 2009 LPNM State Convention is scheduled for the weekend of 17-19 April 2009 for the Alamogordo area at the Holiday Inn Express. See page 5 for more.

**LPNM Central Committee Meeting – 12 April 2009**

The LPNM's Central Committee will have its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, 19 April 2009, following the Annual State Convention. **County and Campus Contacts encouraged to attend!**

**Regular Events**

Wednesday, 4 March – Otero County LP meeting. Contact Dr. Gilberto Heredia for more information [ [thrill@zianet.com](mailto:thrill@zianet.com) / 575-439-8234 ].

Thursday, 5 March and 19 March – Bernalillo County Liberty Forum meets in Albuquerque, 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Fiesta's Restaurant & Lounge (Carlisle & Montgomery NE). Contact Mike Blessing for details [ [mikewb1971@gmail.com](mailto:mikewb1971@gmail.com) / 505-918-6567 ].

Monday, 9 March – The Santa Fe County LP meets at the South Library at 6:30 PM. Contact Ed Nagel for details [ [ed123nagel@aol.com](mailto:ed123nagel@aol.com) / 505-474-0300 ].

Ed specified these directions for the South Library –

Although the mailing address is on Jaguar St, the best way to get there is to turn south off Airport Rd onto Country Club Rd (by the golf course), proceed 6 tenths of a mile to Valentine Way, and make a left (heading east), and an immediate right into the parking lot of the South Library.

Wednesday, 11 March – The Dona Ana County Libertarians will meet. Those interested are invited to attend and to contact Siebert Ickler [ [lpdacnm@lpm.us](mailto:lpdacnm@lpm.us) / 575-541-9079 ] for information on location and time.

Tuesday, 24 March – The Sandoval County Libertarian Party will meet – contact Ron Bjornstad [ [rjornstad@earthlink.net](mailto:rjornstad@earthlink.net) / 505-288-4228 ] for details.

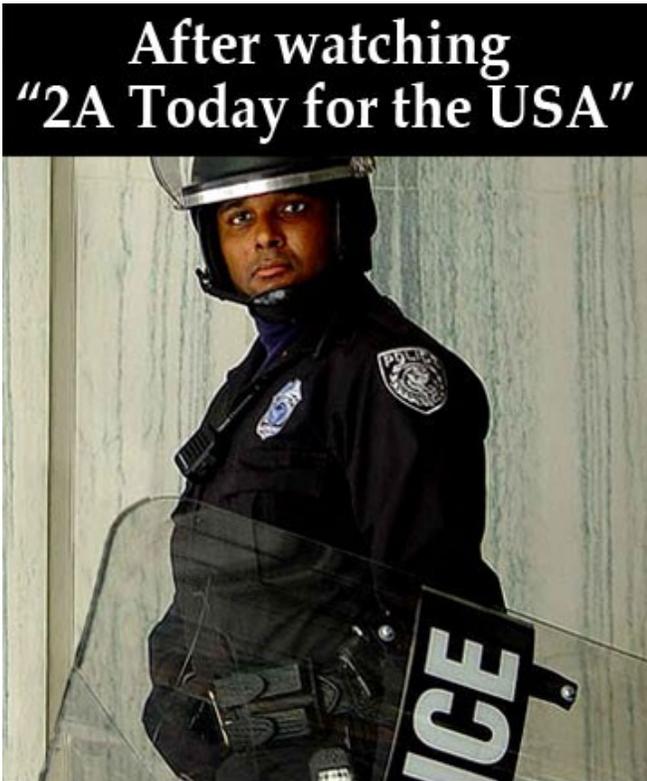
**TV Shows – Channel 27 in Albuquerque**  
(not necessarily endorsed by LPNM)

*Hemp TV* – Tuesdays at 7PM  
[myspace.com/nmhemptv](http://myspace.com/nmhemptv)

*The One Party State* – Wednesdays at 11PM  
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*Reeferhead* – Saturdays at 6PM  
[myspace.com/reeferheadtv](http://myspace.com/reeferheadtv)

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## People Ask Why? – Why I Carry a Gun

Forwarded by Jay Vandersloot

My old grandpa said to me, "Son, there comes a time in every man's life when he stops bustin' knuckles and starts bustin' caps and usually it's when he becomes too old to take an ass whoopin'."

I don't carry a gun to kill people.  
I carry a gun to keep from being killed.

I don't carry a gun to scare people.  
I carry a gun because sometimes this world can be a scary place.

I don't carry a gun because I'm paranoid.  
I carry a gun because there are real threats in the world.

I don't carry a gun because I'm evil.  
I carry a gun because I have lived long enough to see the evil in the world.

I don't carry a gun because I hate the government.  
I carry a gun because I understand the limitations of government.

I don't carry a gun because I'm angry.  
I carry a gun so that I don't have to spend the rest of my life hating myself for failing to be prepared.

I don't carry a gun because I want to shoot someone.  
I carry a gun because I want to die at a ripe old age in my bed, and not on a sidewalk somewhere tomorrow afternoon.

I don't carry a gun because I'm a cowboy.  
I carry a gun because, when I die and go to heaven, I want to be a cowboy.

I don't carry a gun to make me feel like a man.  
I carry a gun because men know how to take care of themselves and the ones they love.

I don't carry a gun because I feel inadequate.  
I carry a gun because unarmed and facing three armed thugs, I am inadequate.

I don't carry a gun because I love it.  
I carry a gun because I love life and the people who make it meaningful to me.

Police Protection is an oxymoron. Free citizens must protect themselves.  
Police do not protect you from crime, they usually just investigate the crime after it happens and then call someone in to clean up the mess.

Personally, I carry a gun because I'm too young to die and too old to take an ass whoopin'.

author unknown (but obviously brilliant)

### A LITTLE GUN HISTORY

In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.

China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: 56 million.

It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by their own Government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars. The first year results are now in:

List of 7 items –

Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent.  
Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent.  
Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent)!

in the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent. Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned them in, the criminals did not, and criminals still possess their guns!

While figures over the previous 25 years showed a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12 months, since criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed.

There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the ELDERLY. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort, and expense was expended in successfully ridding Australian society of guns. The Australian experience and the other historical facts above prove it.

You won't see this data on the US evening news, or hear politicians disseminating this information.

Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws adversely affect only the law-abiding citizens.

Take note my fellow Americans, before it's too late!

The next time someone talks in favor of gun control, please remind them of this history lesson.

With guns, we are 'citizens'. Without them, we are 'subjects'.

During WWII the Japanese decided not to invade America because they knew most Americans were ARMED!

If you value your freedom, please spread this anti-gun control message to all of your friends.

The purpose of fighting is to win. There is no possible victory in defense. The sword is more important than the shield, and skill is more important than either. The final weapon is the brain. All else is supplemental.

SWITZERLAND ISSUES EVERY HOUSEHOLD A GUN!  
SWITZERLAND'S GOVERNMENT TRAINS EVERY ADULT THEY ISSUE A RIFLE. SWITZERLAND HAS THE LOWEST GUN RELATED CRIME RATE OF ANY CIVILIZED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!!!

IT'S A NO BRAINER! DON'T LET OUR GOVERNMENT WASTE MILLIONS OF OUR TAX DOLLARS IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE ALL LAW ABIDING CITIZENS AN EASY TARGET.

Forwarded by Jay Vandersloot

### Stimulus explained

Shortly after class, an economics student approached his economics professor and said, "I don't understand this stimulus bill. Can you explain it to me?"

The professor replied, "I don't have any time to explain it at my office, but if you come over to my house on Saturday and help me with my weekend project, I'll be glad to explain it to you." The student agreed.

At the agreed-upon time, the student showed up at the professor's house. The professor stated that the weekend project involved his backyard pool.

They both went out back to the pool, and the professor handed the student a bucket. Demonstrating with his own bucket, the professor said, "First, go over to the deep end, and fill your bucket with as much water as you can." The student did as he was instructed.

The professor then continued, "Follow me over to the shallow end, and then dump all the water from your bucket into it." The student was naturally confused, but did as he was told.

The professor then explained they were going to do this many more times, and began walking back to the deep end of the pool.

The confused student asked, "Excuse me, but why are we doing this?"

The professor matter-of-factly stated that he was trying to make the shallow end much deeper.

The student didn't think the economics professor was serious, but figured that he would find out the real story soon enough.

However, after the 6th trip between the shallow end and the deep end, the student began to become worried that his economics professor had gone mad. The student finally replied, "All we're doing is wasting valuable time and effort. When this process is over, everything will be the same level it was before, so what have we accomplished?"

The professor put down his bucket and replied with a smile, "Congratulations. You now understand the stimulus bill."

### Happening Now

Norman Mattoon Thomas (November 20, 1884 - December 19, 1968) was a leading American socialist, pacifist, and six-time presidential candidate for the Socialist Party of America. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1911.

As a candidate for President of the U. S. Norman Thomas said, in a 1944 epoch speech:

"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 knowing how it happened."

He went on to say: "I no longer need to run as a Presidential Candidate for the Socialist Party. The Democratic Party has adopted our platform."

### Bailouts, Big Spending and Bull

From: Adrian Moore  
To: Jay Vandersloot  
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2009 8:29:08 AM  
Subject: ABC News Special "Bailouts, Big Spending and Bull"

Jay,

On Friday, March 13, John Stossel and ABC News has a special, "Bailouts, Big Spending and Bull." As John put it in his announcement, this special is produced in partnership with Drew Carey and Reason Magazine. Indeed most of the segments are based on videos from Reason.TV.

As John describes the specials, it will look at: the conceit of the ruling class.

The huge bailout: President Obama has said, "Economists from across the spectrum have warned that if we don't act immediately ? our nation will sink into a crisis." But more than 300 economists say the stimulus spending does more harm than good. I interview some of them and confront Majority Leader Steny Hoyer about why the politicians believe they can spend \$300 million of American's money better than we can.

War on the middle class: President Obama says, "Middle-class families are struggling." But don't believe the doom and gloom, wages and living standards have been on the rise for all Americans since the 1950s.

Universal Pre-K: President Obama says, "We need to enroll more children, and we need to start at an even earlier age." That Obama campaign promise sounded wonderful: Let's help sweet little preschoolers get a strong start in school. But should that be the job of our government?

Our border control: Will a giant wall across part of the Mexican border really secure our country? So far, the bad guys just go around the wall or climb over it or cut holes in it.

Private highways: Traffic on your morning commute is only going to get worse. Private highways may be the answer, but some people don't like them.

Medical Marijuana: Thirteen states legalized medical marijuana, but the federal government wants to put the owner of a California dispensary in jail for 100 years.

It is going to be a great show, be sure to watch it.

Adrian

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Adrian Moore  
Vice President, Reason Foundation

**Libertarian Party of New Mexico**  
**2009 Annual State Convention**  
Alamogordo, New Mexico  
Friday, 17 April – Sunday, 19 April

Please begin planning now to attend our LPNM 2009 State Convention, to be held at the Holiday Inn Express in sunny Alamogordo, located at 100 Kerry Ave [ Mapquest link – [tinyurl.com/lpnm2009stcon](http://tinyurl.com/lpnm2009stcon) ]. 575-434-9773 is their phone number.

The following convention program is tentative, and should be finalized by the time of the April newsletter.

FRIDAY EVENING

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | No-Host Cocktails and Networking                                   |
| 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM | Welcome Program<br>Opening Address: State Chariman Jay Vandersloot |

SATURDAY

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|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  | Registration, Coffee & Rolls, Networking                                                                 |
| 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM | Speaker / Panel (to be determined)                                                                       |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  | LPNM Annual Business Meeting (open to the public, but only LPNM caucus members may make motions or vote) |
| 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM  | Speaker / Panel (to be determined)                                                                       |
| 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM  | Speaker / Panel (to be determined)                                                                       |
| 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | Banquet<br>Keynote Address –<br>Fund Raiser Auction                                                      |

SUNDAY MORNING

- |                     |                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM   | Diehard Breakfast Buffet (scrambled eggs, meats, fruit, rolls, coffee, juice)<br>Closing Address (Speaker to be determined)<br>Adjourn the Convention |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | State Central Committee Meeting                                                                                                                       |

### Government Jobs Are Breaking Us

J. Scott Moody and Wendy P. Warcholik, Ph.D.

9 February 2009

[tinyurl.com/bcu9f5](http://tinyurl.com/bcu9f5)

The recently-convened Legislature is now working to close deficits for both the current 2009 Fiscal Year and the upcoming 2010 Fiscal Year. A multitude of localities around New Mexico face similar deficits. To close these budget gaps, state and local policy-makers must include the size of government and the high level of employee compensation as part of any serious discussion about getting government spending under control.

Unlike the private sector, it is difficult for citizens to judge whether they are getting their “bang for the buck” for the goods and services the public sector provides. In a new study published by the Rio Grande Foundation, we provide an indirect way to better understand the productivity of the public sector by comparatively examining government employment and compensation levels across the 50 states.

The basis of comparison is the examination of the number of jobs and compensation in New Mexico versus the national average. There is nothing magical about the national average; however, since it represents an amalgam of 50 states, one can reasonably assume that being above the national average indicates “low productivity” among the government’s workforce and vice-versa. The following is what we found:

First of all, state and local governments employ far too many people that, in 2007, totaled 164,702 workers. This is more people than are employed in each of the top 3 biggest private sector industries including retail trade (121,258), accommodation and food services (85,558), or construction (82,267).

Overall, this translates into 24.5 workers for every 100 people employed by the state’s private sector – the 3rd highest level in the country. The national average is only 16.22. Lowering government’s employment level to that national rate would result in a far more manageable state government and a savings to taxpayers of up to \$2,341,182,208.

Since there are often hundreds, if not thousands, of vacant positions in state and local government; it is possible to trim employment levels without layoffs, generating considerable taxpayer savings both now and into the future.

Not only are there too many government employees, they are paid too much. In 2007, the average state employee compensation was \$45,516 while the average private-sector compensation was \$41,669. As a result, New Mexico’s government employees on average receive 9.6 percent higher overall compensation than private sector employees. The national average is 0.6 percent higher pay for government employees.

The ratio of government employee compensation to private sector compensation is the 15th highest such ratio in the country. Bringing that ratio more in line with the national average would mean an additional savings to taxpayers of up to \$590,045,792.

Those are real, sustainable, budget savings worth a combined \$2,931,228,000. With this saving, New Mexico could either eliminate the state and local portions of the business-killing gross receipts tax (\$2.5 billion in FY 2006) or eliminate the personal and corporate income tax and all state and local property taxes (\$2.5 billion in FY 2006).

The high level of compensation afforded by government employees is driven in part by the extraordinary cost of the benefits they receive. Moreover, they enjoy these benefits in retirement as well. Such generous benefits packages are virtually unheard of in the private sector due to run-away costs.

The savings generated by bringing benefit levels back to the real-world would also reach well into the future. While the present-day costs of the high levels of government employment and compensation are hard for New Mexico’s taxpayers to bear, the future costs are even more enormous. The state government alone has promised its employees retirement pensions and retiree health care benefits whose projected costs stretch into the tens of billions.

More disturbingly, a considerable portion of these promised benefits are being put on the taxpayer’s credit card. In 2006, state pensions had a \$4,076,390,000 unfunded liability while other post-employment benefits (primarily healthcare) had a \$4,990,000,000 unfunded liability. Put simply, New Mexico’s state government has promised retirement benefits that exceed their ability to pay by over \$9 billion.

In a nutshell, we find that New Mexico government exhibits a very low level of productivity relative to the workforces of other states, especially in terms of over-employment. In solving this problem by cutting the overall size of state and local government and compensation levels, policymakers will help ensure lower tax burdens for future generations as well as helping to fix today’s budgetary woes.

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By John Trever of the *Albuquerque Journal*  
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Caucus membership required, per the Central Committee

LPNM Discussion – [groups.yahoo.com/lpmn-discuss](http://groups.yahoo.com/lpmn-discuss)  
Open forum (unmoderated for the most part)

Blog – [lpofnm.blogspot.com](http://lpofnm.blogspot.com)

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## Administrivia

by Mike Blessing, Editor

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 505-918-6567, or just send it to email address [mikewb1971@gmail.com](mailto:mikewb1971@gmail.com).

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 quarter-inch (0.25") 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. And **NO** Wordperfect files – I can't open those.

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.

### Editorial Viewpoint

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Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

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