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The LPNM's Candidates to Date

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Notes from the Editor

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New Mexico Liberty (the Web Site)

Recently, I received an email from Paul Gessing of the Rio Grande Foundation concerning a new project that the RGF had put together. Basically, it's a web forum for small-l libertarians and fellow travelers amongst the self-professed “conservatives” and “liberals.” Interestingly, the name chosen is . . . you guessed it – New Mexico Liberty. I signed up almost immediately, at first just to see what was going on there.

The URL is newmexicoliberty.com – check it out for yourselves, and join in the fun!

What's even more interesting about it is that it's run from a site called Ning – Ning is an outfit that lets you create your own scaled-down version of Myspace, complete with individual profiles and blogs for each member, groups akin to the ones on Myspace, and other goodies. Like Blogger, it can be used as part of your own domain-named website, i.e., mysite.com, or as part of the Ning system, such as the group that I've set up –

extropians.ning.com

As a member at the New Mexico Liberty site, I've set up the first (sub)group there as a spot specifically for libertarians – newmexicoliberty.com/group/libertarian.

And I've also set up a Ning group specifically for LPNM usage – lpofnm.ning.com.

Five Years Now

It's been five years now since I took over the editorship of *New Mexico Liberty*, back in July, 2003. Or was it August? (The first issue that I sent out was July/August 2003). Where has the time gone?

A State Platform?

I am formally recommending that the LPNM endorse and adopt Tom Knapp's World's Smallest Political Platform [WSPP], which if adopted, would read –

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.

More information is available at the *Rational Review* page that Tom set up to promote the WSPP – wspp.rationalreview.com.

This was originally the platform of the Boston Tea Party, which Knapp founded in 2006 after the the LP's platform was gutted in Portland at the National Convention there. Since the BTP didn't take off right away, Tom remade the BTP platform into a generic-use platform that any political party or other organization can use. After the 2008 National Convention, long-time libertarian Jim Davidson resurrected the BTP, but doesn't mind if other organizations adopt this platform. In fact, he explicitly encourages such adoption, in order to spread the message.

From the Bob Barr 2008 Provo Campaign – Sponsored by Mike Blessing of KCUF Media

Field Reports

From County Contacts

Bernalillo – The BCLP is hosting two meetings per month. For more information, see the BCLP website – lpm.us/bernalillo *New Mexico's Consumers' Advocate* is airing Wednesday nights at 8PM Albuquerque Comcast Channel 27. *The Weekly Sedition* will resume on 2 October 2008. See xanga.com/kcufmedia for more information.

Jay Vandersloot continues to be active in staffing at table at blade and gun shows at the State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque and could use some help at the shows – any assistance would be welcome, even if it is only for a couple of hours. Anyone interested in helping at the table at the gun show, providing literature to hand out, loaning us an LP banner, or a projection screen should contact Jay at either yprocrastinate-emailme@yahoo.com or call 505-362-1733.

Paul Gessing and Rio Grande Foundation have just established a social-networking site for small-I libertarians called New Mexico Liberty – newmexicoliberty.com is the URL. This is in addition to other activities, which can be found at the RGF's site – riograndefoundation.org.

Mike Blessing will begin posting flyers for the CNM Libertarians at various locations on campus during August and September 2008. For more information, see the group's website – groups.myspace.com/cnmilbertarians.

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.

Otero – The Otero County LP was recently organized by Dr. Gilberto Heredia. The OCLP is working on building its website, as well as having regular meetings.

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 or call him at 505-471-6928. He'd appreciate any help he can get.

TV Shows – Channel 27 in Albuquerque

(not necessarily endorsed by LPNM)

New Mexico's Consumer Advocate – Wednesdays at 8PM
xanga.com/kcufmedia / myspace.com/nmconsumers

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

The One Party State – Wednesdays at 11PM
Contact Lance Klafeta [lklafeta@yahoo.com] for details

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Calendar

Special Events

LPNM Central Committee Meeting – 14 September 2008

The LPNM's Central Committee will have its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, 14 September 2008, at the St. Clair Winery & Bistro, located at 901 Rio Grande Blvd (Map – tinyurl.com/52x2pe). No host lunch 12:00 PM, meeting at 1:00 PM. **County and Campus Contacts encouraged to attend!**

Road-To-Freedom Motorcycle Raffle

The LPNM's latest fundraiser involves raffling off a new, limited-edition Harley Davidson motorcycle for \$100 per ticket, with a maximum of 399 tickets available. More information on the motorcycle raffle is available at the following pages – tinyurl.com/2fu72e, tinyurl.com/22z3yp or sjclp.org/Rocker_affle.htm.

2009 Annual State Convention

The 2009 LPNM State Convention is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of 10-12 April 2009 for the Alamogordo area.

Regular Events

Wednesday, 6 August – Otero County LP meeting. Contact Dr. Gilberto Heredia for more information [thrill@zianet.com / 575-439-8234].

Thursday, 7 August and 21 August – 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 [lpbcnm@gmail.com / 505-918-6567].

Monday, 11 August – The Santa Fe County LP meets at the South Library at 6:30 PM. Contact Ed Nagel for details [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, 9 July – The Dona Ana County Libertarians will meet. Those interested are invited to attend and to contact Siebert Ickler [lpdac@peoplepc.com / 505-541-9079] for information on location and time.

Tuesday, 22 July – The Sandoval County Libertarian Party will meet – contact Ron Bjornstad [rbjornstad@earthlink.net / 505-288-4228] for details.

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“A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent of the people may take away the rights of the other forty-nine.”
– Thomas Jefferson

It always seems that time flies by so quickly that I don't realize just how fast the deadline has come upon me to get the next month's letter submitted for the *NML*. As is usually the case, I am late again this month in getting it submitted to Mike, so he can complete and publish the newsletter. Don't blame him for the newsletter being late, it's my fault, again. So, let's get right to it and continue our look at the new 2008 Platform.

National Platform of the Libertarian Party

Last month we compared the tables of contents of the 2006 and the 2008 versions of the Platform. While the new 2008 version may not yet contain all the planks that many would have wanted to see brought back into the Platform, it was evident that the 2008 platform is a definite improvement over its 2006 predecessor.

And, while that might not satisfy some of you, it is a step in the right direction. If, however, you are looking for further change, you have a chance to participate in bringing it about. The following announcement appears in the July issue of LP News. If you are interested in making a difference, and will be able to travel, then give it a try. The call for committee applicants read as follows.

Libertarian National Committee Now Seeking Applicants for 2010 Bylaws Committee. The National Committee will be selecting the 2010 Bylaws Committee at its September meeting. Anyone interested in serving should email LNC Secretary Bob Sullentrup by mid-August at rwsully@att.net. Demonstrable expertise, such as membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians, is desirable but not required. Members should expect to travel to at least one face-to-face meeting prior to the 2010 convention.

This month we'll take a look at the Statement of Principles. At the convention there was a concerted effort to change the Bylaws to allow for a lower percentage threshold to change the Statement of Principles, so that at least the work "cult" and possibly the phrase "cult of the omnipotent state" might possibly be removed from the Statement. This met with sufficient opposition to defeat the effort for change. Consequently the Statement of Principles remains intact.

Following the Statement of Principles we'll look at the first few of the planks, those that cover the aspects of personal liberty. As we get into the actual planks you'll quickly notice that the format has changed significantly. Each plank is now written much more succinctly, providing a quick statement of the principle for which the Libertarian Party stands.

2008 National Platform of the Libertarian Party

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life -- accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action -- accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property -- accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

1.0 Personal Liberty

Individuals should be free to make choices for themselves and to accept responsibility for the consequences of the choices they make. No individual, group, or government may initiate force against any other individual, group, or government. Our support of an individual's right to make choices in life does not mean that we necessarily approve or disapprove of those choices.

1.1 Expression and Communication

We support full freedom of expression and oppose government censorship, regulation, or control of communications media and technology. We favor the freedom to engage in or abstain from any religious activities that do not violate the rights of others. We oppose government actions which either aid or attack any religion.

1.2 Personal Privacy

We support the protections provided by the Fourth Amendment to be secure in our persons, homes, and property. Only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed crimes. We favor the repeal of all laws creating "crimes" without victims, such as the use of drugs for medicinal or recreational purposes.

1.3 Personal Relationships

Sexual orientation, preference, gender, or gender identity should have no impact on the rights of individuals by government, such as in current marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration, or military service laws. Consenting adults should be free to choose their own sexual practices and personal relationships. Government does not have the authority to define, license or restrict personal relationships.

1.4 Abortion

Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration.

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1.5 Crime and Justice

Government exists to protect the rights of every individual including life, liberty, and property. Criminal laws should be limited to violation of the rights of others through force or fraud, or deliberate actions that place others involuntarily at significant risk of harm. Individuals retain the right to voluntarily assume risk of harm to themselves. We support restitution of the victim to the fullest degree possible at the expense of the criminal or the negligent wrongdoer. We oppose reduction of constitutional safeguards of the rights of the criminally accused. The rights of due process, a speedy trial, legal counsel, trial by jury, and the legal presumption of innocence until proven guilty, must not be denied. We assert the common-law right of juries to judge not only the facts but also the justice of the law.

1.6 Self-Defense

The only legitimate use of force is in defense of individual rights – life, liberty, and justly acquired property – against aggression. This right inheres in the individual, who may agree to be aided by any other individual or group. We affirm the right to keep and bear arms, and oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense. We oppose all laws at any level of government requiring registration of, or restricting, the ownership, manufacture, or transfer or sale of firearms or ammunition.

BY THE WAY: I've said it before, and I'll say it again. I find the thought of EITHER of the two Major party candidates who are running being elected to be a scary thought. The way I see it, the only viable option is to vote your conscience. For me, that means voting Libertarian.

America's Borders Are NOT Open

by Mike Blessing [kcufmedia@gmail.com]

Back in April of this year, I wrote an article titled "Bring It On, Al-Qaeda!" [1] where I suggested that we should welcome the imaginary invasion that the Busheviks say is right around the corner if the American population stops supporting their ultra-left adventurism abroad in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

The points of the article were that if Al-Qaeda really wanted to commit more acts of terrorism against America, they would be over here doing it, and that such a campaign would be quite easily contained by Americans exercising their natural, civil, Constitutional, human right to own and carry weapons.

Anyway, a few days later (6 April), some doofus posts a comment that "WE'RE READY FOR YOU WITH OUR OPEN BORDER!!!"

If the border (I'm assuming that the poster is talking about the southern border with Mexico?) is "wide open" as suggested, then why do people coming north without permission from Washington DC have to sneak across that imaginary line in the sand? Why do they have to risk life and limb being crammed into a semi trailer with a hundred other people in 100-plus-degree heat, without water or sufficient ventilation, to cross that line if the border was "open" as suggested? Why don't these people just walk or ride across in the open if the border is as "open" as posited by the border-closers?

The fact remains that America's borders are **NOT** open as suggested – there's whole agencies of the federal government devoted to patrolling them, i.e. the Border Patrol, U.S. Customs, among others. Governor Richardson called for National Guard units to be posted on that same southern border.

What puzzles me about this "issue" is that people who are otherwise staunch advocates for Liberty call for the border to be sealed, physically. I'm not even sure if that's possible. And one thing that they forget is that a government powerful enough to keep all of the lettuce pickers out is powerful enough to keep us in.

[1] tinyurl.com/59f6s7

August 1st 2008

The Battle of Athens A Special Alert from JPFO

August 1 and 2 mark the sixty-second anniversary of the Battle of Athens, Tennessee, and we here at Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership intend to observe it. And we're asking you to join us.

On those dates in 1946, residents of McMinn County, most of them recently-returned veterans of World War II, took guns in hand and rose up against a corrupt and brutal administration they'd been trying to get the state's authorities to do something about for years – to no avail. Voting didn't help because the county elections – and ballot boxes – were controlled by the very criminals they were trying to dislodge.

What followed was a prime example of the reason America's Founding Fathers sought to protect the right of the individual to own and carry weapons. Without their guns, the citizens would have been nothing but helpless peasants, serfs, peons -- just like most of humanity over the last six thousand years -- ground under the thumbs of well-armed local racketeers.

To read more about this exciting story, go here –

jpfo.org/filegen-a-m/athens.htm

Next time that some victim disarmament advocate argues that the Second Amendment -- and the rights and hardware it protects -- are outmoded, outdated, and obsolete, you'll have something to tell them about.

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### The Idiocy of "Left" vs. "Right"

by Mike Blessing [ [kcufmedia@gmail.com](mailto:kcufmedia@gmail.com) ]  
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We hear it all the time -- "\_\_\_\_\_ is a left-winger," "\_\_\_\_\_ is a right-winger," etc. While most people rely on these "standards" as Gospel, in reality, it's just a pile of crap.

The whole "left vs. right" game isn't based upon any rational or objective analysis of the respective philosophies, doctrines, platforms, manifestos, etc., involved, but upon the seating arrangements of the 1791 French National Assembly.

After all, why should you think for yourself in examining the group or issue in question, when you can rely on some newspaper or TV pundit to think for you, using a 200-year-old seating chart as the basis of that analysis?

### Tailgate Party, Anyone?

by Mike Blessing [ [kcufmedia@gmail.com](mailto:kcufmedia@gmail.com) ]  
[tinyurl.com/65dbr8](http://tinyurl.com/65dbr8)

The day after the inauguration of a Libertarian Party candidate as President of the United States, I'll saw off a shotgun barrel to less than 18 inches in the parking lot of the local F-Troop (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) office.

I'll probably make a tailgate party out of it.

Date -- 21 January 20\_\_

Place -- 3rd and Marquette NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico



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For Raffle Tickets, send \$100 per ticket and your contact information, including name, mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail address to

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The official raffle page – [sjclp.org/Rocker\\_raffle.htm](http://sjclp.org/Rocker_raffle.htm)  
For more details about the motorcycle, see [tinyurl.com/22z3yp](http://tinyurl.com/22z3yp) or [tinyurl.com/2fu72e](http://tinyurl.com/2fu72e)

## None of the Above choice gains approval

More Americans reject McCain, Obama than 4 months ago

7 August 07, 2008 12:10 AM EST

[worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=71648](http://worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=71648)

WASHINGTON – In an a highly unusual development in U.S. presidential election campaigns, more likely voters are turning away from both of the two major-party candidates than are gravitating to them, according to the latest polling data.

This trend, says WND Editor Joseph Farah, author of the new book, *None of the Above*, demonstrates 2008 is a volatile election year that could be historic for defections from the Democratic Party and Republican Party nominees. He also says not voting for either Barack Obama or John McCain is the right choice.

"Normally, when an election campaign gets started, there are quite a few undecided voters," explains Farah. "As the campaign progresses, more of those undecideds begin to rally around the frontrunners who are getting all the media attention. What is striking about 2008 is that just the opposite is occurring. There are more voters undecided or voting for third-party candidates than there were in May."

The latest polling data comes from ATV/Zogby and shows only 83 percent of the public leaning toward McCain or Obama, leaving 17 percent either undecided or leaning toward a third party candidate. A similar Zogby poll on May 18 showed 84 percent leaning toward one of the two major-party candidates and 18 percent undecided or expressing support for a third-party candidate.

| Zogby Phone Polls | Aug. 1 | July 13 | June 18 | May 18 |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Obama             | 41%    | 46%     | 45%     | 47%    |
| McCain            | 42%    | 36%     | 40%     | 37%    |
| Barr              | 2%     | 3%      | 3%      | 4%     |
| Nader             | 2%     | 3%      | 3%      | 4%     |
| Other/Not Sure    | 13%    | 11%     | 10%     | 10%    |

While the disparity is within the margin of error of such polling, the growth of the undecided or "other" category from 10 percent to 13 percent in three months is worth noting, Farah says.

Farah's book, in which he makes the case for voting third party or writing in candidates for president, is due out in bookstores nationwide Aug. 19. Farah believes the publicity surrounding that book tour may fuel a trend that is already underway – a movement without any leader or direction.

Coinciding with the release of *None of the Above*, Farah intends to publish new polling data specifically designed to learn more about the depth of disenchantment with McCain and Obama.

"I think this is going to be a record year of protest voting," Farah says. "Even though there are no major third-party political stars running, a la Ross Perot, it appears there is a growing disillusionment with the nominees of the two major parties."

Farah's book makes the case that voting for neither Obama or McCain is the smart choice in 2008. *None of the Above* is the first book of its kind in modern American political history.

The book will be on sale in bookstores nationwide Aug. 19, but it is available now autographed by the author exclusively from WND's online store, where it is currently the hottest selling book.

"None of the Above" finds both Obama and McCain do not support the Constitution as the law of the land – the minimal standard, Farah says, we should demand before giving our support to a presidential candidate.

"This is not a year for supporting the lesser of two evils," he says. "There is simply not enough difference between the two major-party nominees to distinguish which evil is lesser."

Farah also makes the case that for freedom-loving Americans, the worst result would be a victory by McCain.

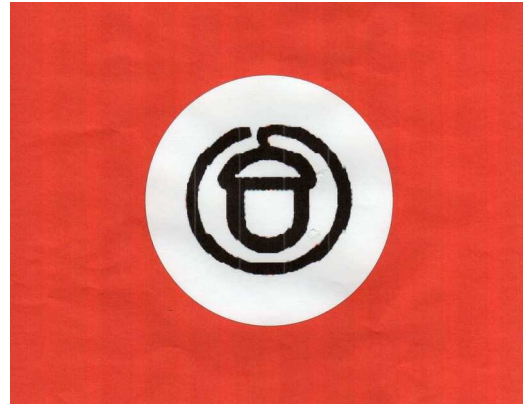
"Even die-hard McCain supporters have changed their minds about him after reading about the choice we face in *None of the Above*," Farah says.

To interview Joseph Farah, contact M. Sliwa Public Relations by e-mail [ [msliwa@msliwa.com](mailto:msliwa@msliwa.com) ] , or call 973-272-2861 or 212-202-4453.

## ACORN's Blood Flag

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One night after one of our TV shows, Bill and I were having our usual after-show beer and appetizers at the local Applebee's, and I came up with the idea of the "ACORN "Blood Flag" --

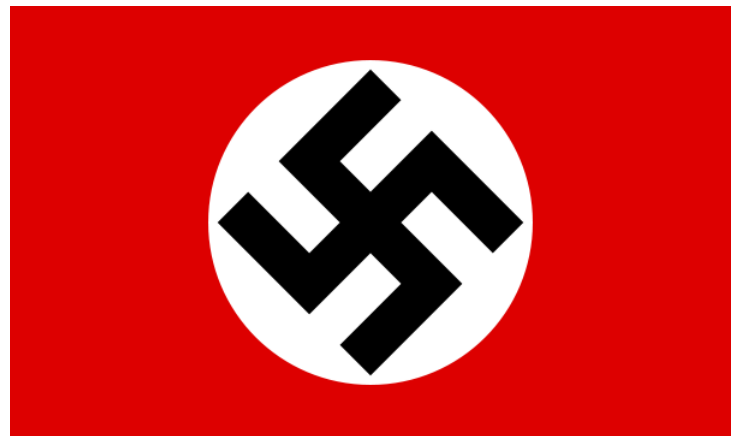


Bill liked it immediately, and I've gotten some good reviews for it from others, as well.

The funniest aspect of it is that ACORN and its socialist allies seem to think of it (ready for this?) as a compliment of some sort.

So I'll put the question to my assembled readership – is this truly a compliment – you tell me what it resembles the most.

If your answer is the Nazi "Blood Flag," then you're exactly right.



And that's because it's intended to provoke thought on the fact that "Nazism" is really just another form of socialism.

Don't believe me? "Nazi" is a contraction of the full name of their organization -- National **Socialist** German Workers Party -- "Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei" in the original German.

Now when I say that socialists of various stripes seem to think of this as a compliment, I'm not joking – one day, I checked the inbox at the Heil, ACORN! Myspace site, and there was a "Friend" invite from the Socialist Party of Great Britain -- that invite was what prompted me to write this blog entry.

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## Internet Resources

Official Website – [lpmn.us](http://lpmn.us)

LPNM Forum – [groups.yahoo.com/group/lpmn-forum](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lpmn-forum)  
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)

Facebook group  
[new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20233114967](http://new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20233114967)

Ning.com social utility – [lpmn.ning.com](http://lpmn.ning.com)

Myspace group – [groups.myspace.com/lpmn](http://groups.myspace.com/lpmn)

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## LPNM Vacancies

### Central Committee (2)

At-Large Representative, Seat A  
District 3 Representative, Seat A

### County Contacts (20)

Catron / Chaves / Cibola / Curry / De Baca / Eddy / Grant  
Guadalupe / Harding / Hidalgo / McKinley / Mora / Quay  
Rio Arriba / San Miguel / Sierra / Socorro / Taos / Torrance / Union

### College Contacts (3)

Eastern New Mexico University (Portales)  
New Mexico State University (Las Cruces)  
New Mexico Tech (Socorro)  
University of New Mexico (Various Campuses)  
Western New Mexico University (Silver City)

**Contact the state chair if you're interested in filling a slot.  
If you don't, who will?**

## 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 [kcufmedia@gmail.com](mailto:kcufmedia@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

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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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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[groups.google.com/group/nmliberty](http://groups.google.com/group/nmliberty)

If you are moving or change your mailing address, please use keep us in the loop so we can keep your *New Mexico Liberty* coming to you – contact Ron Bjornstad [ [rbjornstad@earthlink.net](mailto:rbjornstad@earthlink.net) ] if you're a print version subscriber. Otherwise, contact the editor.

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|---------------|--------|
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## THE LPNM OFFICIAL WEBSITE – [lpmn.us](http://lpmn.us)

### LPNM OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

918 Ivory Road SE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124  
505-288-4228

**If the date on your mailing label reads before 09/01/08, 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

This challenge is also on the web at [tinyurl.com/hn982](http://tinyurl.com/hn982)

To claim your prize, contact  
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send an email to [kcufmedia@gmail.com](mailto:kcufmedia@gmail.com)



**Libertarian Party of New Mexico**  
**Enrollment / Renewal / Donation Coupon**  
*(Please print in all areas)*

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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I am registered to vote as "Libertarian" in the State of New Mexico and wish to  join or  renew as a caucus member. I am paying \$25 annual dues. I will receive a one year (12 issues) subscription to the LPNM state newsletter "New Mexico Liberty" (the national "LP NEWS" IS NOT included) and I will have delegate status at state conventions. I oppose the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

I am not registered to vote as "Libertarian" in the State of New Mexico **and/or**  I do not wish to sign the statement opposing the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals. I am paying \$25.00 for a one year (12 issues) subscription to the LPNM state newsletter "New Mexico Liberty" (the national "LP NEWS" IS NOT included). I understand that I will receive no other benefits.

I am making a DONATION to the LPNM in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied as follows:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

**COPY OR PRINT, FILL OUT, AND SEND TO:**

**LPNM c/o Ron Bjornstad**  
**918 IVORY RD SE**  
**RIO RANCHO NM 87124**

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Customer Name (on account, please print): \_\_\_\_\_

DEBIT (charge) Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ (w): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is for monthly pledges only. Please pay dues and one time donations separately. Complete 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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RIO RANCHO NM 87124**