

# LGLC

## NEWSLETTER

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#### Secretary's Report

By Raymond Warner

*(Editor's note: Secretary Warner submitted these Minutes of the most recent LGLC meeting.)*

LGLC Annual Convention, Seattle, Washington, 24 June 1995.

LGLC International Coordinator James Hudler greeted the members and presented the agenda.

Philip De Block assumed the title of Sergeant at Arms without objection.

Hudler polled the members on the need for by-laws, they were rejected without exception.

Mark Fulwiler and Bill Hamilton volunteered to rewrite the LGLC introductory brochure. A motion to establish an editorial committee for the brochure was defeated.

A motion requiring the quarterly publication of the LGLC newsletter was defeated.

A motion to place ads for the LGLC in the following publications was passed: *LP News*, *Reason*, *Liberty*, *NY Native*, and the *Advocate*.

- ★ LGLC-'96 International Meeting to be held July 2-7, Washington DC, and the National Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention, p. 3
- ★ LGLC member Gene A. Cisewski to run for Libertarian Party National Chair, p. 4
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A motion to hold the next LGLC meeting in conjunction with the National Libertarian Party Convention, to be held July 1996 in Washington DC passed. Philip De Block will host event. □

#### GLIL's *Quill* newsletter enclosed!

As a special bonus for our readers, we're enclosing free an issue of the newsletter of Washington, DC-based Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty.



## From the International Coordinator

By James Hudler

Once again I am late getting out our newsletter. Please remember that your subscriptions and memberships are based on the number of issues you are sent and not by the calendar year. I shall endeavor to do better.

### LGLC-'95 Meeting in Seattle

We had a small but productive meeting in Seattle. We (all ten of us) marched in the very large and famous Seattle gay pride parade on June 25. For a state-wide function, it was a very sizable parade—much larger than any gay parade in Michigan, which has a larger population than Washington. Seattle has a very large gay community, which is no doubt the reason this parade is so successful.

We were well received during the parade. There were a few boos, however, from the Spartacus League and the Bolsheviks on Bikes crowd.

At our annual meeting we transacted a few items of business and then listened to a speech by Jesse Walker, who is on the editorial staff of *Liberty* magazine and had just returned from Russia. He spoke about the fall of the Soviet Union, the Russian liberal revolution and he commented on civil liberties in Russia.

### Aggressive 1996 Ad Campaign Planned

In an effort to expand our membership, to gain more support for the libertarian political philosophy in the gay community and to combat the liberal Democrat/MAC (mystic-altruist-collectivist) axis stranglehold over the gay movement, we have decided to start running ads in several gay

publications. In fact the Warner for Congress Committee has already started running ads in the major Michigan gay periodicals. We need money and suggestions for this project. We shall be sending out a fund raising letter for this project shortly. Please help us with this endeavor.

### Vaid, HRC and the Left Gay Establishment

I and many other LGLC fellow fighters for liberty and justice are symbolically declaring war on the Human Rights Campaign, Urvashi Vaid and the whole left-wing gay Democratic establishment for the following reasons:

(A) The Human Rights Campaign continues to ignore libertarian political candidates, though it is supposedly a non-partisan political action committee, distributing funds to gay-friendly candidates of any party. Every time I have run for office in the past five years, they have declined to support my campaign, asserting that I had not done enough for the gay community and that they were not sure I supported human rights—what nonsense!

Raymond Warner has also been refused support for similar reasons. Though Ray was one of the founders of the 1970's Gay Liberation movement in Detroit and has been active in the gay community there ever since, the HRC and Detroit's Triangle Foundation, a similar local organization, are supporting Ray's opponent Barbara-Rose Collins. Incumbent Collins, a Democrat, is under investigation for illegal use of campaign funds, has the worst attendance in Congress and fired a gay employee of hers after his lover died of AIDS. She used polygraph tests to check employees sexual orientation and HIV status.

(B) Urvashi Vaid, former executive director of the National

Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is an outspoken socialist whose prominence as a gay/lesbian leader ill serves any of us in the US who are not leftists. Vaid now wants to be called a progressive. But in an interview with David Barsamian of Alternative Radio, Vaid said that the word "socialist" has gotten a bad rap ever since the fall of the USSR (no kidding!) so socialists needed to change what they are called. In the same interview she asserted that creeping libertarianism was a threat to her vision of equality and human rights for gays and lesbians. The worst problem with  
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## CALENDAR

July 2, 1996

LGLC meets GLIL, 6:30 pm at J.R.'s Bar, 1519 17th St NW, Washington DC 20036. J.R.'s is located between Q and R Streets. From the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill take the Red Line Subway.

July 4, 1996

LGLC Annual Business Meeting, 4:00–6:00 pm, Hudler/LGLC Suite, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. Following the business meeting we will have a pizza party in the suite. At 7:00 pm we will walk to the Mall to see the fireworks.

July 5, 1996

LGLC Lustleather Party featuring an appearance by Dominique Détoit, the Motown dominatrix. Cash bar. Festivities begin at 9:00 pm. Hudler/LGLC Suite, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill.

July 6, 1996

Detroit's Fourth Street Fair. The Warner for Congress Committee will have a booth. For details and to help out, phone 313 259-7714

July 7, 1996

Metra Gay Picnic, Royal Oak, Michigan. The Warner for Congress Committee will leaflet for Ray Warner, Libertarian Party candidate for Congress. For details, phone 313 259-7714.



## LGLC Member Seeks LP National Chairmanship

Gene A. Cisewski, the head of the Libertarian Party Council of State Chairs and a leader in the Washington, DC-based Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty, is running for National Chair of the Libertarian Party.

His primary theme is putting the major focus of party efforts into building strong, grassroots organizations in every state, down to the county level. His other initiatives include diversifying national fund raising and improving the integrity in the national party headquarters.

He's written columns for the lesbian and gay press, including an article that appeared in papers from coast to coast this spring that said it's none of the state's business who

marries whom. Twenty one years ago, Cisewski (pronounced: sha SEV ski) started his political life in Minnesota with appointment as a city's Bicentennial Commission chair. In 1979 Gene won election to the Ironwood City Commission (MI). Listed in Who's Who in American Politics throughout the 1980s, he was a GOP party officer in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin.

At a 1992 news conference with Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou at his side, Gene left the GOP and joined the LP. Since then he has become a national leader in the party and published the Libertarian candidates' beginner's manual *How to Have Fun Losing Your Race for Congress*, which was accepted for inclusion in the permanent collection of the Library of Congress. He also wrote the Libertarian Party County Organizing Manual.

Gene is a Certified Radio Marketing Consultant with seven

years experience in broadcast advertising and another ten years in direct mail marketing. He developed the pilot project for the RNC's data base marketing program and has worked on successful presidential and gubernatorial races and managed successful congressional, state, and local races.

Currently Gene is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Monticello Group, his own Washington-based strategic market communications consulting firm. He managed D.C.'s successful 1994 term limits initiative (an effort that included gathering more than 32,000 signatures in 67 days!), is chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia, publisher of the Libertarian newsletter *Unconventional Wisdom*, and the first Libertarian member of the American Association of Political Consultants. In October, he was elected by his fellow State Chairs to lead the Libertarian Party Council of State Chairs. □

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## Willy Marshal to Run for Utah Legislature

*(Editor's note: LGLC member Willy Marshal recently wrote this letter to your Editor. Reprinted with permission.)*

Dear Jim,

Well, I'm running for office again after being out of it for a few years. This is my 13th time running for office, and, seriously, the best chance I have to actually win. I'm sure you've heard that too many times like I have. The difference is this year I am running on two party tickets. On March 18 I was at the lieutenant governor's office looking over the list of filed candidates in the different legislative races. I noticed that the incumbent Democrat in my state senate district appeared

unopposed, and this was on the last day of filing just minutes before the deadline. I just couldn't resist. But should I run as a Libertarian or a Republican? I called Salt Lake County LP Chair Fred George and asked his advice. He said to run as both. A loophole in the revised election law was big enough to drive a political party through! So I did. The next day I found out that there is also a Republican lady running for this. She had filed at the county clerk's office so the papers weren't up at the capitol yet. Oh well. I might as well give it a shot.

The state Republican Party convention was May 4. I sent letters to all the delegates in my district and called many of them the night before the convention. During the caucuses, each candidate was allowed to speak for 4 minutes. When it was time for my district, the chairman said "This next race has Will Marshall who is a

Libertarian and is also running as a Republican. We don't have to allow him to speak if we don't want to, but we will let you vote on it. All in favor of hearing him speak say aye... all opposed. The nays carry. I called for division. She took another vote. The nays carried again. I asked for a count. All the delegates from my district stood up. By show of hands, all in favor of hearing Will Marshall speak. All voted yes but 3. So the nay votes were from others in the crowd who weren't from my district. I suspect too that some in my district may have voted no on the voice vote but were ashamed to raise their hands and appear closed-minded.

That settled, the chair then took a motion that we each only be allowed 2 minutes. That passed. Fine with me. I knew I could hit hard with only 2 minutes. My opponent

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## Why I Am A Candidate

By Raymond Warner

*(Editor's note: LGLC Secretary Ray Warner is running for Congress on the Libertarian Party ticket. He resides in Detroit.)*

I would like to thank the Chairman for his kind introduction.

Behind a great candidate is his campaign crew and I would like to introduce you to my Theban Band.

I would also like to thank: Bill Burroughs, Aleister Crowley, Michael Foucault, Nietzsche, Ayn Rand, Anne Rice, Max Stirner, Gore Vidal, Oscar Wilde, Robert Anton Wilson, Lao Tse and the man who made me a Libertarian, Henry David Thoreau.

What I am going to present this evening is a Libertarian perspective on the issues of the day. I'm not going to give a discourse on Libertarian philosophy; if you want that I can recommend three hundred books on the subject. Suffice it to say that as Libertarians, we speak as individuals. But if you want a brief definition I might use an analogy from Star Trek: a Libertarian is what you get when you cross a Vulcan with a Ferengi!

### Description of district.

Michigan's Fifteenth District is an area that comprises the coast of Detroit, from Grosse Pointe to Ecorse, and from Hamtramck to Downtown. The district covers an urban landscape that includes some of the finest homes in historic neighborhoods and burnt-out public housing. On one block you can safely walk at night and on the next block you

wouldn't drive through in daylight.

I'm proud to say that I've been a resident of this district from most of my life. In fact, my ancestors settled on the Windsor side of the river in the 1640's. I am descended from a sect of French Huguenots, Protestant dissenters who called themselves Libertines. "Libertine" was Latin for a slave that had been freed. The term was adopted to show the rejection of popes and kings.

### The Great She Elephant

Currently the Fifteenth Congressional District is aptly



**Raymond Warner, LGLC Secretary, Libertarian Party of Michigan Platform Committee Chair and LP candidate for Michigan's 15th Congressional District (I) and Barbara Goushaw, LGLC member, Jon Coon Campaign Manager and LP candidate for Michigan State Board of Education**

represented by a career office holder, Barbara Rose Collins. Ms. Collins has served on the Detroit School Board, in the Michigan House of Representatives, and on the Detroit City Council. She will be seeking her fourth term. She holds the current record for absenteeism, which from a Libertarian perspective is commendable. Also to her credit: not a single piece of legislation bears her name. She is currently in hot water with both the House Ethics Committee and the Federal Election Commission for late reports, incomplete information and commingling of funds. If you believe

that government is too big, too slow, incompetent and uncaring, then Barbara Rose is the poster child.

During election campaigns politicians love to speak of God, family and country. I'll do the same: I'm against them all. God is dead, the nuclear family has meltdown and the nation state is irrelevant in an emerging global civilization.

### God

Let's talk about God. Since Christians have forgotten that His Kingdom is not of this earth and they have chosen to enter the political arena, they're fair game.

Now the other day Congress presented a gold medal to Billy Graham. (Doctor Billy Graham. In the South a Baptist who can read is called Doctor.)

Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? No? Are you a grown-up with imaginary friends?

Which gives me the opportunity to tell my favorite Billy Graham story. In one of his stock sermons, he declares that the first fifteen Roman emperors were homosexuals.

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Well, in fairness there were a couple of bisexuals. At any rate he goes on the retreat a classic Christian myth, that homosexuality destroyed Rome. Well, in fact Rome is still there, always has been. It's had some hard times, like Detroit. Now this is not my idea—just read Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Christianity became the state religion in 325 and the City of Rome was sacked in 475. When homosexuals ruled it was called the Pax Romana. It was precisely the imposition of a state religion that fractured a diverse and tolerant culture. Bottom line: Christianity destroyed the Roman Empire.

The Religious Right has a tremendous influence in American politics, but why in this day and age would anyone want a Bronze Age value system? You wouldn't accept the technology, living standards or political rights of that era.

Christians often speak of family values in the Bible, yet all the characters of the Old Testament were polygamous and the folks in the New Testament are portrayed as celibates. I challenge you to find one nuclear family in the Bible.

But that's the Bible game: use what you like and ignore the rest. I remember growing up, one of the church elders remarked "I'll take Moses and the Old Testament anytime. Jesus was a sissy."

I don't understand where the Righteous Right gets its program.

Although churchgoing peaked in the '80's with the Jimmy, Tammy and Jimmy Show, the Christian Right is still the driving force behind the issues of abortion, capital punishment, censorship and sexual hysteria. It reaches even into foreign policy, especially US support of Zionist Israel.

## Family

Family values. Family worship centers. Family entertainment. Family dining, family cars, Family

Research Council. "Family," the "F" word.

Here in Michigan it's been proposed that no-fault divorce be repealed, and that the State go on record as opposing same-sex marriages. Now, in several nations including Israel and India, such matters as marriage, divorce and inheritance laws are handled by ecclesiastical courts, depending on your religion, or you can always choose secular law and civil courts. I would like to strengthen churches in America by making marriage once again a religious matter. We can privatize everything.

## *Nothing characterizes the loss of liberty in America more than the racist drug war.*

Family values? The average household in the US is now 1.9 persons. An anthropologist recently projected that most North Americans will live a majority of their lives alone. Freedom and liberty are about choices. Your body and household are *your* business, period. The nuclear family myth was propagated in the 50's in television sitcoms. Today we see family life portrayed by *The Simpsons*, the Bundies, and Roseanne. You know, folks in the trailer next door.

The most dangerous effect of the Judeo-Christian value system is sexual denial and hysteria. The guy who said Mother Theresa would be a better person if she got laid was right.

The McMartin day school case was the classic. It was clustered with dozens of other cases, where hundreds were accused and, after legal inquisition, were all ultimately acquitted.

New laws, broadly drawn, now register so-called sex offenders. And the public demand to know the names of these characters is totally

out of context. The first rule of pedophilia is *grow your own*. Most pedophiles are parents; I learned that from Catholic priest. Which brings us to the age-old taboo of incest. It's only called a taboo. If a child is raped or murdered it's standard police procedure to polygraph the parents.

This sexual hysteria has been driven by the spread of AIDS, which nearly a third of the gay and black communities believe is germ warfare and has most certainly been exploited by authoritarians.

My personal peeve are those ads by the Michigan Department of Public Health that tell you to use a latex condom, be in a monotonous relationship, that the only safe sex is abstinence. Well, the only safe sex is masturbation. Surgeon General Elders got fired for saying that, and it's still true, but only if you use a rubber glove.

Family values? How about that case in St. Clair Shores where the parents are being held responsible for the actions of their sixteen-year-old? Now if the police can't handle this delinquent, why charge the parents? What about personal responsibility?

If a seven-year-old can fly a plane, good for her. Jessica D. was a home-schooled, bright young person, and the control crowd danced one her grave and wouldn't wait for her body to get cold before they introduced legislation.

Yet in Oakland a six-year-old stomps a baby nearly to death, and behold! there's no law for a pre-juvenile, although the judge had the good sense to place him in a detention center.

I believe individuals should be judged on their own merits. I reject ageism, parental  
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responsibility, parental notification, age of majority, age of consent, in short, the legal apparatus that compels individuals to be treated as children when they're acting like adults. No more double standards.

## Country.

Let's talk about America. Freedom from sea to sinning sea and as thin as Bob Dole's lips. As Bill Burroughs put it, we've gone from the Land of the Free to the Land of the Fink. The nation seems dominated by the spirit of every pinched-faced, anal-retentive, there-ought-to-be-a-law, not-in-my-backyard, you-can't-use-that-language, rap-your-knuckles old bitch who ever sat her fat ass on a hard pew.

Simply stated, what you stick and where you stick it is a matter of politicalization, legislation, regulation and redetermination. No one could possibly mind their own business if they wanted to.

## Drug War

Nothing characterizes the loss of liberty in America more than the racist drug war. Not since Nazi Germany has a minority been subjected to dehumanization by

pseudoscience, denied basic rights, denied employment, subjected to asset forfeiture, and finally just killed. There is a line in the hard core libertarian film *Legends of the Fall*: governments solve problems by killing people. Newt Gingrich said at a Republican meeting in Mackinaw, Michigan that drug dealers should get the death penalty. Well, that was true for Malice Green, too bad they didn't follow police practice and shoot him in the back.

There are no bad drugs. Everything is toxic or tonic, the difference is in the dosage

## *Capitalism means choices. Government is one size fits all.*

(Paracelsus, founder of chemistry).

Addiction is bunk! Libertarian psychologists from Szasz, Breggin, and author Wendy Kaminer have exposed the treatment industry. For example, the most addictive drug is nicotine, it kills 400,000 a year. Yet tens of millions of Americans have kicked this addiction without 30-day treatment retreats or sitting in church basements chanting the

Twelve Steps. How can you be addicted to heroin and shopping? Say No to drugs unless of course there's a patent and FDA approval.

## Crime and Punishment

The racist drug war shows the nature of the law enforcement industrial complex. Punishment doesn't deter, punishment does not correct, punishment dehumanizes all parties involved. I am indebted to the French situationalist Michael Foucault, whose work in penal reform demonstrated that punishment is for sadists. The prison system should be reserved for those predators we will never release. Any short-term imprisonment is counterproductive, no one comes out of these jails a better person. We need to remember how we deinstitutionalized the so-called mentally ill. Sure, we didn't like what these people said and even less what they did, but they had a right to be free and free from involuntary treatment. We kept the worst and turned the rest loose. And we learned to ignore the homeless.

Crime and punishment are part of the spectacle of the state. Genetics, lead contamination, demographics and the economy drive the crime rate. At any given time the state has less than a tenth of the criminal population under observation. Government does badly what needeth be done at all. Live in a gated community, use lights and locks. Lock up goods and not people. By confining nonviolent offenders in veal pens, exposing them to these schools of crime, you get recidivism of 85%.

Operant psychology teaches us that rewards reinforce good behavior and punishment reinforces bad behavior. The carrot is



The Warner for Congress Campaign Committee: writer John T. Quinn, Raymond Warner, assistants Tom Hayman and Victor Rodriguez. Photo by James Hudler, campaign advisor.

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## Writing on the Wall

By Raymond Warner

### Jenny Jones

On March 13, 1995, Scott Amedure died from two shotgun blasts to his chest, delivered by Jonathan Schmitz. Three weeks before the murder, Scott had expressed a secret crush for Jonathan at a taping of the Jenny Jones talk show. Several local feminists applauded the case for setting the president that unwanted advances may be met with deadly force.

### Trash TV

Personally I rarely watch the TV trailer trash follies, I prefer committee hearing on C-SPAN. The other day I caught a lecture by Richard Reeves a Camelot court historian, who recently authored "President Kennedy." He tells a story that it has been the practice of modern presidents to arrange meeting with their most personal staff, while the President of the United States is in the nude, and the staff is dressed. Now Mr. Reeves tells the story for a bit of titillation and blows it off as a old boy locker room practice. But this psychohistorian recognizes the rituals of Imperium if not divinity. Hail Caesar!

### Hawaii Marriage Case

A legal researcher sent me the Appellate brief of a case in Hawaii which seeks to legalize same sex couples, with a note attached which said that this is the stuff of civil war. The states of Utah and Idaho have gone on record that they will not recognize such unions, strange since polygamy could be considered a alternative life-style. Here in Michigan the theocratic right is pushing a proposal to repeal the no-fault Divorce law. What ever happened to anonymous sex?

### Indictment: the McMartin School Case

HBO has done a stunning recreation of the notorious McMartin School child molestation case. This outbreak of hysteria is still so controversial that the producer's home was burned to the ground. Check your local video store.

### Harpers Says Suck!

"...a study followed 6,704 men in the San Francisco City Clinic Cohort and found that in five years there were precisely two infections that might be attributed to oral sex. This represents a .0003 percent risk of HIV

transmission over five years." *Harpers Magazine* May 1995

### Foucault: Nietzschean in Leather

Its been a while since I've come across an author that I just can't stop reading. Michael Foucault was a media star and a French intellectual of the rank of Voltaire or Rousseau. He died of AIDS in 1984, and has fallen into disfavor in academic circles. I think I found the reason for his fall from grace. In James Miller's "The Passion of Michel Foucault", he mentions with some dismay, that after leading the intelligentsia to a Post-Modern-Marxist-Freudian position, in a series of lectures in 1979 he recommended the works of von Mises and Hayek. Miller's book is a good introduction to Foucault's work, I would also recommend any of Foucault's histories, his philosophical works are impossible to read.

### Braveheart

Mel Gibson has produced a rousing libertarian epic, William Wallace was a Scottish leader of a popular militia which fought for independence, while the local nobles were on the Plantagenet payroll. Wallace was betrayed, hung, drawn, and quartered. GLAAD sponsored protests because a gay character in the film is tossed out a window by Edward I called Longshanks, I think Longshanks was like a Mafia moniker. True the boyfriend of the Prince of Wales is sent flying but it was for backtalking his Sovereign. The Prince of Wales became Edward II who died with a hot poker up his arse. It was the thirteen century.

### Pridefest

LGLC members sponsored a literature table at Pridefest, Metro Detroit's annual fair for the sexual minority community. Upwards of



five thousand people attend the fair in Royal Oak, a northern suburb of Detroit noted for tolerance of alternative live-styles. Nearly two hundred people picked up literature promoting the Libertarian Party and the LGLC. The event was successful in identifying folks who are ready libertarians. In general our attitude on the drug war was topic of most of the positive comments. On the other hand the gun issue drew most of the negative remarks.

(Editor's Note: Raymond Warner had been a activist for over three decades in gay, libertarian, and gnostic circles.) □



## One Contract Was Enough

By Paul Varnell

Within recent weeks, the Christian Coalition proposed a Contract with the American Family, the Virginia-based Christian Action Network proposed a Pro-Family Contract with America, and the Rev. D. James Kennedy of Florida's Coral Ridge Ministries proposed a Family Values Contract. There will doubtless be more.

Clearly, imitation is the sincerest form of political aspiration.

Taken together, these pro-family contracts provide us with an unusually clear window into the world view of the Religious Right.

In brief, it sees people as besieged on all sides by a whirling, seething chaos of sensuality and license that beckons and lures the unwary. It feels the ground constantly slipping beneath its feet and fears that the least misstep or accommodation could lead to complete personal and social destruction.

Our goal here is not to argue with Religious Right groups but to examine how their world view suffuses their policy recommendations and how they present their desire for increased social and political controls in the language of personal choice, reduced government, even equal treatment.

It is useful to begin with two non-gay issues.

### Abortion

The Religious Right favors a ban on all abortions (and abortion counseling) and argue that a pro-choice position is actually pro-abortion because it allows women the freedom to have abortions. Thus they structure the argument as an either/or choice between abortion or no abortion.

But there is a third position. What if a government strongly pressured or even compelled women to have abortions? Population pressures have led some governments to institute compulsory abortion. And we can all easily imagine individual cases where a woman is unable to care properly for more, or any, children and has no business having them.

In such circumstances, opponents of abortion might find a pro-choice position more appealing. They could argue that people with strongly held religious or moral scruples should be exempt from the policy because it violates their right of individual conscience.

Compelling women to undergo abortion is no more

morally offensive to the rights of conscience than compelling them to bear children they do not want. But since no one is arguing for this opposed position, it is more difficult to see pro-choice as the moderate, individualist position it is.

### Religion in School

Similarly, the Religious Right wants to promote school sponsored prayer in public (government) schools, contrasting that with the secular "godless" schools we have now. But again, a school system concerned to teach the truth about gods would explain that all gods are mythical, imaginary beings, and that thinking any exist is shameful for an intelligent person.

And it would explain further that the whole idea of petitionary prayer to a supposedly all-knowing god is absurd and self-contradictory. (It could also point out the

disapproval of public prayer placed in the mouth of Jesus in Matthew 6:1 and 6:5-6.)

We have been willing, however, to compromise and say that government schools should not teach the truth, but simply be silent on the topic, permitting parents at home to teach error uncontradicted if they wish. But by failing to argue that

rationalism should be taught, we are failing to force the Religious Right to compromise on a tolerant neutrality.

### Tolerating Gays

When we come to gay issues, what the Religious Right wants is a total monopoly of public discussion and social visibility. In public schools, for instance all gays want is an end to the government policy of not mentioning our existence or discussing it hostilely. But even that is viewed as threatening.

The Family Values Contract says it opposed "curricula which present homosexuality as moral or acceptable." The Christian Coalition complains that often in sex education classes "homosexuality is *promoted* as an acceptable alternative lifestyle" (italics added).

And the Christian Action Network refers to such instruction as "homosexual sex education," deliberately conflating the notion of teaching *about* something with teaching to do something.

The case is the same with the military gay ban. The Pro-Family Contract says that in seeking an end to current governmental discrimination, gays are demanding "acceptance and promotion" of their behavior, rather than government non-interference. And the Christian Action Network says that even the current

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(MARSHALL, *from page 4*) spoke first. She first said that "Will Marshall is a Libertarian, but I have been a Republican for many years", worked hard for the party, etc. She also boasted that she was handpicked and recruited by the Governor's office and the state Republican Party leaders to run for this seat. She didn't say one word about what she stood for.

My turn to speak. I got up and said "Yes, I'm BI... partisan! The Libertarian vote is good for between 2 and 5 percent of the vote. I'll take it. If I had thought of it, I would also have run on Ross Perot's Reform Party ticket because I believe in term limits. I think politicians ought to be limited to 2 terms... one in office and then one in jail! (They laughed and applauded.) I will defend your rights. The concept of rights is meaningless unless it refers to individuals. Groups don't have rights. Government doesn't have rights. Government has power. Only individuals have rights. My number one issue in this campaign is that of government lands. In Grand County (one of the 6 in my district), 95% of the land is government land. How can you have any economic development or tax base when 95% of the land is off the tax rolls? (I put my cowboy hat on.) I will be a strong supporter if not a leader of the 'Cowboy Caucus'. We need to resurrect the Sagebrush Rebellion in Utah! Thank you." (Much cheering, whistles and applause.)

Then the delegates voted. I got enough votes to go on to the primary election which will be on June 25. If I make it through the primary I am quite confident that I can win. But the PACs won't give money to anyone until they are through the primary. One of the beer distributors has given me \$250. It usually costs around \$15,000-20,000 to win a state senate race in Utah. But to win the primary will only cost about \$5,000 and then I can easily raise the rest of the money from PACs. My

district is VERY rural, basically the southeast fourth of the state, about 60,000 population.

I will be sending press releases to all the small county newspapers and will run ads in same about my race. I have found the hot issue and I have made it mine: the Sagebrush Rebellion. The incumbent Demo is just a good old boy and has never done anything on this issue. My Republican opponent, a Mormon lady, has not yet stated any opinions on this or any other issue. She just brags about her connections and how

she deserves the nomination. One delegate asked her where she stood on the issues and she said "I'll just do whatever the Governor says". Don't you love it?

One of the state Republican delegates told me "The land issue is the one that will get you elected. Democrats will cross over and vote for you on that issue." There is no Demo primary, too, which helps.

Got a few thousand to spare? Any contributions would be much  
(See MARSHALL, page 11)

(VARNELL, *from page 9*)

"don't ask, don't tell" policy "opens the military's door to homosexual activists."

So ending a policy of active hostility is presented as moral endorsement, promotion, even encouragement to others. And ending a discriminatory exclusionary policy is presented as an intrusive government policy.

The same argument also applies to sodomy laws and the gay marriage ban, both governmental discrimination programs.

When it comes to gay civil rights laws, the Religious Right actually has a much stronger case that the laws are intrusive—but unaccountably they do not use it.

### Freedom of Association

When the laws extend their reach beyond governments to force private parties not to discriminate against gays, there is no doubt that—as the Sixth Circuit Court noted in the recent Cincinnati case—they infringe on the "associational liberty" of "persons who elected to disassociate themselves from homosexuals."

But instead of talking about intrusive government, the Religious Right says that gay rights laws provide "special rights" or "special protections" for gays. As the Pro-

Family Contract put it, "let homosexuals enjoy the same rights as all other citizens, but no special legal sanctions."

But this claim is flat out wrong. Uniformly the laws cover "sexual orientation," which includes heterosexuals as well as gays. If the laws provide "special rights," they provide them equally for everyone. One might still oppose such laws as intrusive, as many pro-gay libertarians do, but no one can plausibly say they privilege one group over another.

The laws seem to favor gays, of course, because there have been few complaints that gays discriminate against heterosexuals. So, as before, it is the lack of the opposite position, prejudice or demand that makes the middle position harder to defend.

But, of course, here gays may change. As they acquire more power, position, and authority, they themselves may find non-discrimination laws less appealing since the laws limit their "associational liberty" too.

(Editor's note: Paul Varnell is a columnist whose work regularly appears in Chicago's Windy City Times, where this article appeared last summer. Reprinted by permission.) □



(MARSHALL, from page 10)  
appreciated. I do have a good chance of winning this. I have also been endorsed by J. Bracken Lee, the former Repub governor of Utah, who was quite a tax rebel in his day and a local hero of Price, Utah, the biggest city in my district. He was also mayor of Price for 12 years. Price is the home town of the current Democrat incumbent, so this endorsement will take votes away from him right in his own town.

The national talk radio host Lowell Ponte heard me speak at the Utah LP convention about my race and he said I was the best speaker he'd heard in a long time. He said he will put me on his radio show, which is carried on 2 stations in my district.

Oh, one more thing. I will also run some ads on the little community TV stations in my district (there are 2). I bet my opponent won't even think of it until it is too late.

Anyway, I hope to hear from you. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, as I am sure the legislature will ban multi-party candidates after this. If you look at the history of the LP, you will notice that all of the non-Alaskan state reps were dual-party candidates. This is the only chance I will have to do this on both tickets. And if I win it will be the highest state office ever attained by a US Libertarian. It's a unique opportunity.

So the big questions are:

#1. Can I count on you for a donation, personally? How much money have you given to LP candidates in the past who claimed to have a shot at winning but the results were disappointing? Or how much have you spent on your own races and with what results? As I said before, this is only to get me through the primary, then I can raise plenty of money from PACs. The possible upside is that of victory as a dual party Libertarian and Republican like in New Hampshire. If I don't win the Republican

nomination, I will still be on the ballot as a Libertarian and will try to spoil the election so the Democrat incumbent wins. But such an outcome is unsatisfying and a terrible opportunity lost.

#2. Do you know of any well-heeled Libertarians, gay or not who would be interested in donating to this cause?

I have never gone to out-of-state Libertarians for money before and have become rather skeptical when I get fundraising letters from same, running for mayor of Tucson or Congress or whatever, claiming they have a shot at winning. But I think you can see the difference in this campaign: the added votes of Republicans while not abandoning my identity as a Libertarian.

Can you help me? If not, can

you point me to someone who can? Time is of the essence. The primary is June 25.

In Liberty,

Willy Star Marshall  
e-mail: mood@xmission.com  
phone 801-364-7216  
Contributions may be sent to:  
Willy Marshall  
1048 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

P.S. Jim, do you think you could e-mail this to some of the other LGLC people? I sent it to [just three people]—that's about all the ones I have e-mail addresses for. I look forward to seeing you again in DC.... Willy ☐



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(WARNER, from page 7)

mightier than the stick. That's why capitalism works. I believe in total tolerance. Zero tolerance is based on zero intelligence. If O. J. Simpson can walk the streets then we've got over a million people who shouldn't be in jail.

That's my point of view on my favorite issues. Now with the help of my psychic connection, let's look at upcoming elections.

### Prospects

It's going to be a great year for Libertarians. Clinton's great lead in the polls is backed up by his solid support of all elements of the political class. Dole is a dud. The Republican congressional contract was a failure. Now there is an opportunity for Libertarians, holding the banner of civil society and the market economy. If you add in Perot and Nader, I think the more choices the more likely people will choose something other than the major parties. I am especially proud to be a part of a slate of candidates that can take a majority of the House of Representatives and back up President Harry Browne. A four-way race for the Presidency, in our winner-take-all system, is the best scenario for victory.

### Vision

Capitalism means choices. Government is one size fits all. There is an emerging global civilization that sees the nation state as an impediment to business. Market economies are taking hold in Asia. Biotechnology and computers are changing the world at a rate of change reaching exponential levels. I believe that unbridled capitalism will abolish poverty and work itself. Biotechnology will enable us to have designer babies, each individual will be custom made, family as a DNA sequence will end. Computers will

access information eliminating the middle managers of government and the professions.

The individual will be self-educated, self-employed, self-medicated. The question is whether we take control of history. Shall we turn the Social Security system into a private pension system or wait until it collapses? Will you home-school your children or incarcerate them in the public schools. Take control of your life today. Awake from the spectacle of the state. Vote Libertarian in November. □



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Vaid is that the media accept her as spokesperson for the gay movement. Last autumn, the *Advocate* had a cover photo of Vaid with the caption "with no other gay leaders in sight, is Urvashi Vaid the answer?" I say no!

### LGLC-'96 International Meeting

Every year we have an international LGLC meeting somewhere around the country and always concurrent with the National Libertarian Party Conventions in the years that those are held. This year we will meet during the LP Convention in Washington, DC. I hope to see you there. □

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## The Stars Come Out for GLIL and SMYAL

### The Oscar Night Event Grows Even Bigger This Year!

When the stars gather in Hollywood to see who will win this year's coveted Oscars®, we will be raising money for a youth agency — with a little help from some of the stars themselves.

On Monday, March 25, GLIL will again present an ACADEMY AWARDS® CELEBRATION FOR YOUTH with 100% of the proceeds going to support the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL). The event takes place at Club Zei where you can watch the awards ceremony on a three-story bank of television monitors, enjoy great food, and take part in a celebrity silent auction.

According to event co-chair Gene A. Cisewski, the auction was one of the most popular features last year. Already, he has gathered an amazing array of items, including autographed pictures of **James Earl Jones** and **Debbie Reynolds**; autographed copies of *Breaking the Surface* from **Greg Louganis**, *Love! Valour! Compassion!* and *Master Class* from author **Terrence McNally**, *The Human Animal* from **Phil Donohue**, the "Chuckles Bites the Dust" script from **Mary Tyler Moore**, a cook book from **Julia Child**, *Free to Be...A Family* from **Marlo Thomas**, *Selected Plays of Edward Albee* from the author; an autographed baseball hat from **Ted Turner**, an autographed photo with T-Shirt from **Anne Meara & Jerry Stiller**, "The Tour" sweatshirt from **Julie Andrews**, and an official 1996 poster from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences.

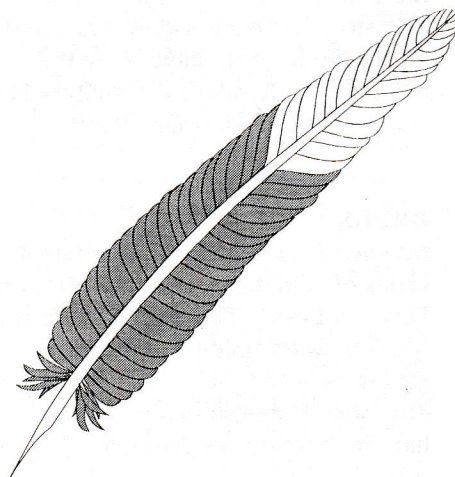
There's another special item going on the block: one of the few remaining copies of the original *Happy Days* scripts from (and signed

by) **Henry Winkler**, including hand-written notes on the front page. This script is from the episode originally titled "Not So Happy Days," with "3-On a Porch" penned in later. It was the 48th episode of 255 and bears the "received" stamp from producer Tony Marshall dated August 25, 1975.

According to GLIL president **Odell Huff**, "This year we'll have improved viewing in the Producers' lounge on the third floor of Club Zei." Huff said that the event is shaping up to be a huge success and organizers hope to raise nearly \$10,000 for SMYAL.

SMYAL is a non-profit, volunteer-based group serving sexual minority youth in D.C., northern Virginia and Maryland. They provide support groups, healthy social programs, family counseling services, and a Hotline.

Tickets will be available from GLIL members, at SMYAL, or at Lambda Rising Books and are \$100 and \$30.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD


#### 'CONSERVATIVES' CHOKE ON GAY 'MARRIAGE' ISSUE

Since the "threat" that Hawaii will eventually legalize gay marriage has become credible, 18 states now have introduced legislation limiting "marriage" to opposite-sex couples, and three have considered bills which would void their recognition of the Full Faith and Credit Clause to honor other state's same-sex marriage. At the Iowa Caucus, "conservatives" gloat in their rallies to "Protect Marriage." So Bob Dole admonishes that resolutions to defeat gay marriage don't go far enough. We have to "provide tax incentives to married couples and tax credits for those couples who produce children"

OK, Bob Dole, do you mean an unmarried man without children should subsidize the raising of other people's children? Is the government once again going to define all single people as a second class citizens with (to quote the Cat talking to the Piglet in the film *Babe*) no "purpose"? Does this give the government a "moral" right to pick pockets?

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### **FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL ACTUALLY MAKES A LIBERTARIAN SUGGESTION**

According to Gary Bauer of the FRC, employers should offer

"family-oriented workers greater discretion over when, where, and how they work for pay." Well, Gary, why not all workers? In other communiqués, the "pro-family" crowd is coming up with some doozies. "No society can afford a succession of Me generations" .... "If you produce your babies four or more years apart..." "The average household income for homosexuals is \$59,000 per year, versus \$32,000 for heterosexuals. Almost 60% have college degrees versus 8% if the general population." Groups like Focus on the Family love to assert they don't hate homosexuals, and then they collect and manipulate "statistics" with all the integrity of "psychologist" Paul Cameron. They love to calculate the average life expectancies of gay men based on obituaries in gay newspapers.

### **THE MILITARY BAN DEBATE WILL GROW BACK**

All the Republican candidates are disapproving of "don't ask, don't tell" and are at least implying an outright ban on gays in the military should be re-imposed. (Forbes indicated he would follow the advice of his commanders). That is, the government is supposed to ask 17-year old male recruits about their sex fantasies or if they like girls yet. Sure. Watch what follows for civilians holding security clearances and for teachers. It's back to the closet of Hoover and Cohn, characters who, like the opera hero Lohengrin, tried to get through life without saying who they were. And closet doors can be kicked open by burglars.

But the Dec. 31 In *Newsweekly* (A gay tabloid from New England) reports there are four (TV or cable) films on gays in the military

in production or at least negotiation. Imagine what is coming for this fall's campaign. This subject needs to be on a 70-mm Panavision screen.

### **INDECENCY**

A Federal judge in Philadelphia temporarily blocked part of the Communications Decency Act, making it a crime to make "indecent" material available to minors (even incidentally) over computer networks. The undefined word "indecent" will leave reasonable people perplexed, the judge wrote. Indeed. Could AOL have allowed its Gay and Lesbian Forum to continue? Would our own WWW page be jeopardized?

The ACLU, which outside of the affirmative action quagmire is becoming more libertarian, has criticized the mandated TV V-chips because they carry precoded ratings of minor acceptability, allowing the government to decide what TV programs are suitable for children.

### **GAY TEACHERS**

In Michigan this fall, religious conservatives have tried to force a school board in Byron Center, MI to fire a music teacher, Gerry Crane, upon rumors that the teacher had engaged in a same sex marriage. At one point, the school board try to buy the teacher out to get him to leave. The story has been widely circulated on the Internet. It shows how the mentality underneath the military ban surfaces in civilian occupations.

### **DRUGS**

*National Review* is now publishing a series of commentaries, "The War on Drugs is Lost." The case is made that the drug wars simply hand over to government the job of preventing otherwise responsible adults from harming themselves through

self-medication. Furthermore, our Constitutional protections are perverted by witch-hunts, and "civil" asset forfeitures. How decriminalization should be done is not yet clear. But ending the drug ware would not be an endorsement of drug abuse. We should immediately free certain drugs like marijuana, now withheld for political purposes, for legitimate medical use in AIDS and cancer chemotherapy. We can still allow employers (within the limits of test reliability) to test for drug abuse in protecting the safety of their workplaces, even when the drugs are "legal."

### **GUNS**

In Virginia, it may soon be legal to carry a concealed weapon into a bar. You may be able to protect yourself in the parking lot. Though, we have no bar now in Old Town now, so there's no danger of getting mugged in Alexandria.

### **BIG GOVERNMENT**

The day after the second government shutdown ended, a clerk blurted out that the FHA might soon be abolished, along with its mortgage insurance. Good riddance! Government mortgage insurance just makes homeowners think they don't have to cover deficiencies if they default after they lose when they gamble with other people's money.

### **Pat Buchanan grabs the New Hampshire Primary**

Dole pretends Buchanan really lost to Dole + Alexander. So Bill Clinton is laughing because a plurality of voters in some states don't recognize Buchanan for what he is, a "national collectivist" who will put gays and lesbians together with Wall Street Bankers as the next group for Cultural Revolution re-education and relocation.



## NEWS ABOUT GLIL MEMBERS:

**David Morris**, the immediate past-president of GLIL, who was elected ANC Commissioner in Washington, D.C. in November of 1994 and serves as treasurer of the Libertarian Party of D.C., was elected Chair of the Logan Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission for 1996.

**Gene A. Cisewski** is the Chair of the Libertarian Party of DC and National Coordinator of the Libertarian Party Council of State Chairs.

On February 12, he took the stand in U.S. District Court as a co-plaintiff in the Black Police Association, et. al. vs. District of Columbia Board of Elections & Ethics. The suit, sponsored by the ACLU and being argued for the plaintiffs by the D.C. law firm of Ross, Dixon & Masback, seeks to overturn the strict campaign contributions imposed on D.C. residents by Initiative 41.

According to Cisewski's testimony, the severe limits put minority parties at a serious disadvantage because establishment parties were able to create huge lists of potential donors prior to the established limits. New parties have to spend a far greater proportion of their resources just to develop lists that will generate enough funds to mount campaigns.

... and on the West Coast ...

Saying that "the party of slavery and corrupt city bosses" no longer represents working and middle class citizens, Cisewski also called on his party to target Democrats in the keynote address he presented to the state party convention in Long Beach, February 17. He said that while the Constitution doesn't limit voters' choices to only two parties, that's the way the system has evolved. "It would be a serious error on our part not to build us as the Democratic alternative."

In making his case, Cisewski cited more than 100 elected officials who have crossed party lines in the past 12 months, the high number of Democratic retirements facing Congress, and President Clinton's "State of the Union message where he sounded more enthusiastic for Republicanism than the anemic Bob Dole did in his response."

With Libertarians planning to run more than 1,000 candidates this year, including candidates for more than half of the Congressional seats, this strategy could have a profound effect on who controls government after the elections. In close contests, the LP has been credited with throwing a growing number of tight races, including the recent special U.S. Senate race in Oregon.

Cisewski was critical of the GOP's agenda, but said that's "a fight we have to save until after we put the Democrats out of their misery and we have some power to fight them in our city halls, our state houses, and in the halls of Congress."

**Robert Cassler** will soon publish a play *Second in the Realm* about the historical background of the Magna Carta.

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friend of Liberty,

The gay individual rights movement has made great progress the past decade. We owe gratitude and tribute to the individuals and groups that have helped gays and lesbians become comfortable with themselves, helped us come out, helped regain some of our rights, and cared for our sick.

However, much work remains to be done.

The government is still the chief oppressor of gays. Big Daddy continues to exclude qualified soldiers from the military because they are honest. We still cannot form legal

domestic partnerships in any state.

Our children are forced to "learn" in schools that teach intolerance and not much else. Bullies terrorize, teachers propagandize, and non-teaching educrats work to eliminate parental choice in schooling and deny gay and lesbian students their dignity.

Our health care choices are severely limited by an FDA that arrogantly dictates what risks we are allowed to take and what care is right for us, and then denies our dying friends medicines that could ease their pain and provide comfort.

What do the establishment gay leadership organizations propose as the solution to these problems? Why, the government should help us!

The irony of looking to the Great Oppressor to deliver us from the problems it itself creates is not lost to GLIL members.

Since when has the government been our friend? We do not have faith that the state can deliver us from its own addiction to coercion.

While we must always be grateful to the establishment groups for the good they have done, we also must have the courage to depart when their policies are misguided.

We must speak up when they deny the ideological diversity of our sub-culture and pretend that all gays and lesbians are big-government socialists enamored of social engineering, income redistribution, and laws that erode our right to freely associate. We must oppose when they propose to eliminate our liberties in the name of protecting them.

Pro-freedom gays can provide options to the gays and lesbians throughout the country who feel alienated by the establishment gay leadership. I believe that most gays do not want to desecrate the family, the church, and the community. They are angered by the tactics of the gay agitators who serve mainly to stir-up political backlashes, such as



Colorado's Amendment 2, to promote negative stereotypes, and to solidify anger and fear among religious groups and mainstream families that are offended.

I believe that most gays do not see themselves as victims — except by the government — and are offended by the notion that we need the government to protect us in our jobs and housing decisions. Gays and lesbians discover, by coming out and treating our straight friends, family members, and colleagues with patience and understanding, that bigotry is usually eroded. They know that bigotry and hate are no enduring threat to us unless it can be institutionalized and legitimized through government force.

GLIL will work to solve the serious problems of gays and lesbians through peaceful, voluntary means. We will try discover and promulgate solutions that protect the liberties of all individuals. And we will continue to offer an alternative to the failed promises of big-government establishment groups.

If you are not yet a member of GLIL, but want to become involved with our work, I invite you to join us today. Our ideas and strategies are different than any other group. I believe our ideas are the best hope for gays and lesbians to live peacefully alongside our straight friends, families, and colleagues.

Help us create the institutions for a new generation of gays and lesbians that will help them become happy, healthy, productive, and responsible adults.

Yours in liberty,

Odell Huff



## EDITORIAL

### License Expired

by Gene A. Cisewski

With legal battles in Hawaii, legislative initiatives from the right wing and the usual gay activists, the gay marriage issue is rapidly consuming us. Before the battle lines become any more rigid, are there options yet to be explored? Maybe nobody should get a marriage license!

The gay community could take a page from conservative rhetoric. Consider a couple of key terms from House Speaker Newt Gingrich: privatization and less government intrusion into the everyday lives of Americans.

Start with fundamental questions. Why should government regulate marriage? What does a government issued marriage license mean?

One assumes that to get a driver's license, one must demonstrate a certain degree of competence in driving. The same reasoning is true of cosmeticians', morticians', law, and medical licenses. Such is not the case with a marriage license.

One can hardly make a case for encouraging marriage to sustain the population. We won't run out of people. And with the teen birth rate, nobody has to encourage child bearing.

That leaves one argument that conservatives use; the institution helps stabilize families. In light of their attacks on lesbians and gays, it seems they should embrace same-sex unions.

Those who frequently bash lifestyles different from their own rarely talk about negatives in marriage. Dead beat dads, battered spouses, and incestuously abused children grow ever more common within these licensed units. Certain family models may provide statistically better environments for the masses, but this collectivist argument for public policy goes against individual liberty and responsibility.

Consider a separation of marriage and state. Eliminate marriage licensing. Strip the law of references to marital status.

That would reduce the intrusion of government into our everyday lives. But do conservatives really mean what they say about less government? This idea would also mean that all people are equal before the law. Can that satisfy gay and lesbian activists?

Family life and matrimony will not end just because government gets out of the business. People got married long before officials issued little pieces of paper. With government out of the way, the private sector will fill the void.

Each religious denomination would continue to marry people. They can offer marriage contracts to pick up where Common Law falls short. No law should ever force a community of faith to perform a ceremony for those who don't share their values.

For those choosing to marry without a religious context, lawyers and paralegals can prepare the partnership contract. Office Depot could even carry standardized forms.

As far as government is concerned, marriage is a voluntary contract entered into by individuals. That won't change. One just wouldn't have to ask permission to do it. All of the legalities would still be in place with the courts to arbitrate any dissolution as necessary.

When adults fall in love, it's none of the government's business. These matters properly belong with families, churches, and the individuals involved. When that love grows to a point where individuals want to form a permanent union, there should be no governmental authority higher than that love. The responsibility to develop the relationship and the consequences of those actions belong to the individual parties.



## HOW SHOULD LIBERTARIANS RESPOND TO THE 'NO SPECIAL RIGHTS' INITIATIVES'

by David D. Doss

In the past few years several states have put initiatives on the ballot or proposed state constitutional amendments which would severally limit gay advances in civil rights reform and pose potentially dangerous consequences to the civil liberties of all Americans. Proponents of these initiatives have had limited success thus far, with only Colorado's Amendment 2 having successfully passed the ballot test.

Are these efforts an attempt to stop the spread of "special rights" or are they an attempt to deprive an identifiable segment of the population certain fundamental rights? As with any law we should ask: "What will the effect be on the individual in relationship to the state if this initiative becomes law?"

Should these initiatives become law they will place free speech restrictions on what teachers may and may not teach in public schools, will limit what counseling services may be provided to young people, will restrict access to specific books in libraries, will mandate a constricted standard of morality, and will institute official state definitions of what constitutes a family.

These initiatives are often based upon a deeply stereotypic views of gays and lesbians as predators of young children and destroyers of the family structure. Libertarians should question themselves seriously to decide whether or not discrimination based on sex, race, religion, sexual orientation or whatever, is truly in keeping with the basic tenets of libertarian philosophy. It can be argued that the core tenet of libertarianism is the individual and the protection of the sovereignty of the individual from aggression.

Discrimination based on invidious bigotry has no place in a libertarian society, for bigotry has no other purpose than the demeaning and destruction of individual identity.

When Colorado's Supreme Court handed down an opinion affirming the injunction against Amendment 2 and proclaiming it unconstitutional, the court in its decision affirmed the doctrine that "One's right to life, liberty and property ... and other fundamental rights may not be submitted to vote." The thought of people actually voting to restrict the civil rights of targeted groups of people should frighten everyone.

These initiatives should be viewed as a clear warning to libertarians. The vigilance which we apply to the State must also be applied to groups who seek to use the power of the state to tyrannize and encroach on the rights of others. Vigilance must extend to protecting everyone's right to live as they see fit; the only intervention warranted by the State is when someone interferes with the rights of others. Rights which are inherent within each of us cannot always be easily defined, but when they are sufficiently defined and acknowledged, they should be protected with zeal. Only with this constant awareness can each of us be allowed to live our lives to the fullest.

It may be unsettling for many people to come to grips with the issue of civil rights for gays and lesbians, and, quite frankly acknowledgment of those rights may cause major disruptions in our society, but come to grips with this issue everyone must. It is unfortunate that people must continually fight battles for their liberty and the right to live their lives as the sovereign individuals they are.

Libertarians are well positioned to enter the debate of "special rights" versus "basic human rights." The discussion that should emerge from these proposed

initiatives is not what are or are not "gay rights," but rather whether the basic human rights of gay or lesbian people have been subverted or violated by the state. Fundamentally, liberty means that we are all sovereign individuals, with differing views as how to live our lives peacefully. However, no one is better able to decide how each of us should live our life, than ourselves. Should not we as libertarians be actively concerned in taking a stand to preserve everyone's rights, no matter how differently lifestyles are perceived. Is this not the essence of liberty?

### EDITORIAL REPLY:

It is very important that we recognize the distinction between government discrimination vs. private discrimination. Government actions that use race, gender, religion, orientation, et. al. are morally wrong because the government is owned by all people. On the other hand, when the government goes too far and coerces the private sector, we get a special rights situation like that which arose in Madison, WI, when a lesbian sued two other women for not accepting her as a room mate. Surely the government has no place forcing people to chose folks with whom to live based on a quota system of sorts.

Similarly, we must also make a distinction between rights and privileges. A right is something we all have equally and exists without denying somebody else of their equal rights. A privilege is something often called a special right when one person gets the access to such privilege through the use of government force at the expense of somebody else's equal rights.





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**EDITOR'S PITCH:**

Do you believe government should get out of the social engineering business, and stop stealing wealth we have really earned? Do you also believe should get out of the bedroom and back out of legislating ambiguous areas of cultural morality? Do you believe that commitment to others in intimate relationships should remain the prerogative of the individual or family and not become predicated on government approbation? Are you a person who keeps promises out of own character and honor regardless of what the government does? Then, you are a libertarian. GLIL can help give you a voice.

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**GLIL Condemns Denial of Custody "For the Love of Tyler"**

"In a bizarre and tortured ruling, Virginia Judge William Boice has dealt a death-blow to the family of Sharon Bottoms, her son Tyler Doustou, and her partner April Wade," said Richard Sincere, a co-founder of Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty (GLIL) and a Virginia political activist. "Despite his claims to the contrary, Judge Boice's ruling is based on unabashed bigotry. This strikes at the heart of true American family values."

Sincere stated that GLIL believes the integrity of the family is vital for the survival of a free society. "This decision is, without a doubt, an assault on the integrity of the family and should be condemned in no uncertain terms. Judge Boice has given birth to a shameful, anti-family decision."

In a bizarre twist, Sincere noted, the judge condemned Sharon Bottoms for accepting \$75,000 in payment for permission to use her story in a TV movie of the week. "The judge argued that Tyler should not grow up on the 6 o'clock news. Yet his own recalcitrance and bigotry forced Tyler into the klieg lights to begin with. He tries to have it both ways, arguing that Sharon Bottoms is an unfit mother because of her uncertain economic circumstances, then condemning her for accepting a windfall that could pay for Tyler's education, food, and shelter for many years."

Sharon Bottoms lost custody of her son in a court battle that has been going on for three years. Sincere asked: "How can the government come along and rip a family apart like this? What does that say about the values of our society?"

Sincere called on Governor George Allen to condemn Judge Boice's ruling. "Governor Allen is a prime proponent of a 'parents rights' amendment to the Virginia

constitution. If he genuinely believes in the rights of parents to control the upbringing of their children without the interference of the government, he should start by demanding that Sharon Bottoms regain control of her own son's upbringing." Sincere added: "The law should protect families, not separate them."

"Our country's future is in its children — gay or straight, black or white, immigrant or native-born — and we cannot scar their future by tearing them from their mothers' arms," Sincere concluded.

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