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The Platinum Opportunity

Our Libertarian Party is now being presented with the ultimate in political opportunities.

Thanks to a clique of Washington warmongers, the Democratic and Republican party leaderships are lining up in favor of war with Syria. All Americans (minus about 9% of us) disagree with their establishment.

Thanks to the risks taken by the greatest living patriot, Edward Snowden, and the patriotic heroes who went before him to expose the Federal surveillance state's hideous crimes against our Republic, the great majority of the American people realize that the security state is a threat to them, personally, a threat that must be stopped.

Now, above all, Libertarian parties across America should be rising to the opportunity with our clear Libertarian message: Peace! Freedom! Prosperity! We are the one significant political party that calls for peace and rejects war and foreign adventurism. We are the one political party that insists that the Federal surveillance state must be put down via peaceful legal means like the mad dog that it is.

That's the message we need. Libertarians need to hear it much more loudly from our national and state parties.

SOD Brings You Trials by Lynchmaster™

Most Americans were shocked to learn that the NSA was tapping all our phone calls and recording all our emails and web visits. The NSA this under the guise of unconstitutional general search warrants, warrants justly condemned by the founding fathers as instruments of tyranny.

Now we learn from Reuters that the rot has spread beyond the spy agencies.

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has given us the general Special Operations Directorate (SOD). SOD is based in the DEA, but it includes agents from the IRS, FBI, DEA, closing on two dozen spy agencies. SOD is a secret scheme that uses telephone wiretaps to send tips to police agencies across America. The tips indicate who to stop, when to search, and where to go.

Most of these wiretaps were apparently illegal. The entire operation was a deep secret until American Patriot Edward Snowden blew the whistle on Federal Constitutional corruption.

How was the operation kept

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IPR Presidential Poll

Independent Political Report has run a Presidential Poll. Results are on page 8. The lead question was "Based on your personal opinion, please rate the viability of the following individuals who have expressed interest in or are running for the Libertarian Party's 2016 presidential nomination."

Where your Money Went Gary Johnson

Attendees at the 2012 National Convention had no idea of the size of Johnson's campaign debts. The latest FEC report they could see, the original FEC report covering March, acknowledged only \$152,373 in debts, a huge amount for a Libertarian Presidential campaign. Johnson actually owed eight times that much when he received our nomination, almost all for staff salaries.

In March 2012, the Johnson campaign had income of \$62,228, spent \$63,738, and had its total debts increase from \$984,535 to \$1,048,651. The spending

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North Carolina Plans for 2014

A message from their State Chair

It is less than a month until fourth quarter! Time seems to accelerate as we begin to approach the holidays and we'll soon be looking at New Year's Day 2014 in the rear-view. We have much to accomplish before 2014 and I'm confident we have a capable and motivated team to lead us into the 2014 elections. So what needs to be done between now and January?

1) Project 2020. Though this long term plan for the LPNC will constantly be changing and developing, we're working to have a comprehensive organizational plan fully functional by 2014. Thanks to the work of Jason Melehani and Erik Raudsep, the political planning and strategy portion is now well underway. Remember the goal of Project 2020: one N.C. Senate seat and four N.C. House seats in 2020.

2) Fundraising. The General Assembly voted to end the Political Parties Financing Fund, our main source of campaign funding in 2012. Fear not! LPNC has not had an organized fundraiser for quite a few years and we feel confident we can fund our planned political activities exclusively through private donations. I'll say that again: yes, we can reach our goal of one state Senate and four state House seats without public, corporate or PAC funding.

3) Institute of Political Leadership. I was fortunate enough to be selected to participate in the

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Editorials

secret? How did investigators explain the basis for their searches?

In short, they lied. Prosecutors and investigators created an unconstitutional process “parallel construction”. They created fake trails of mythical evidence that pretended to have led investigators to the person they arrested. They then deceived judges and prosecutors, leading them to believe that the fake evidence was real evidence. Because the evidence was faked, it always contained precisely what was needed to do what SOD wanted. Indications that the real evidence had been misinterpreted, tended to prove innocence, or was simply inadmissible was swept out of sight.

We now learn that the SOD program was supplemented by a private-enterprise program “Hemisphere”. Under Hemisphere, the Federal government had access to AT&T corporate records of all phone calls that had passed through their switching system as early as 1986. The New York Times for September 2 reports that federal agencies paid for AT&T employees to be placed in Federal groups and supply the telephone records.

What sort of trial is based on fake evidence? It’s no trial at all. It’s a lynching. The process may pretend to be a trial, but when a judicial proceeding is based on manufactured evidence the outcome is certain, no different than a Stalinist show trial.

The computer process that gives you these trials needs a name. Readers, I give you *Lynchmaster*, a device that generates inadmissible evidence at computer speeds.

And what about the victims? What about the people convicted on parallel-constructed false evidence? We can infer that the victims are mostly male, and mostly African-American. After all, if the prosecutor is stuck with a trial, he wants for his record a series of convictions. Pandering to American prejudice is a way to go. And the convicted ones?

As too few Americans realize, the life of an African-American man in a male prison is all too often a life of being sodomized and killed by his fellow prisoners. When a man is sent off after a phony trial, phony because it was based on phony evidence, there was no law and order. There was a committee of vigilantes who decided who was guilty, staged their phony trial, and sent their victim off to his doom. The African-Americans who died in prison after their phony trials were murdered. They were murdered by SOD, murdered just as surely as if the Virginia boys at SOD had donned their white sheets, burned their cross, and tossed a rope over the old apple tree.

Impeach the FISC Twelve

The eleven members of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and the Chief Justice who appoints them should be impeached by the House, tried and convicted by the Senate, and removed from office. The FISC Twelve are:

Reggie Walton
Rosemary M. Collyer
Raymond J. Dearie
Claire Eagan

Martin L.C. Feldman
Thomas Hogan
Mary A. McLaughlin
Michael W. Mosman
F. Dennis Saylor IV
Susan Webber Wright
James Zagel
Chief Justice Roberts, who appointed them.

I begin with our Constitution, Article II Section 4, which provides "The President, Vice President, and all civil Officers of the United States shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other High Crimes and Misdemeanors." "Misdemeanor" is a traditional term of art; it refers to abuses of office whether specifically criminal or not.

Historically, impeachments have usually involved criminal acts such as bribery. However, in 1862 West Humphreys was impeached and removed from office for waging war against the United States.

And now we come to the FISC 12. They should be sent on their way.

What are the charges?

One. Abuse of office, issuing writs of assistance and general search warrants as denounced by the founding fathers of our republic. I quote the Virginia Declaration of Rights:

"That general warrants, whereby any officer or messenger may be commanded to search suspected places without evidence of a fact committed, or to seize any person or persons not named, or whose offense is not particularly described and supported by evidence, are grievous and oppressive and ought not to be granted."

But that's what a FISC search warrant is, a general warrant. There can be no doubt. Issuing a general warrant is a gross abuse of power. For such an abuse, the cure is impeachment.

Two. Perjury, failing to adhere to their oaths of office to protect and defend the Constitution. General searches are completely forbidden by our Fourth Amendment, which provides "no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized". Precedents go back to the colonial-period case of John Entick (1765), who had all of his papers (not just the criminal ones) seized, with no probable cause. The search and seizure were voided under law existing

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even before our Constitution was penned. The FISC warrant targets every single person using a major telecomm firm. There's no possibility of probable cause. The FISC warrants are anything but legitimate warrants, because there is no particularity in the description of what is to be seized.

The proceedings of the FISC court are Star Chamber proceedings, kept secret not only from the people but from the attorneys of those being searched. Against secret hearings there is no possibility of defense. Again, we have here perjury, failure to adhere to the oath of office.

We now in addition have the interesting result that the NSA leaks evidence of alleged crimes to other law enforcement agencies such as the DEA. These other agencies then manufacture a fraudulent evidentiary trail, hiding the fact that the actual evidence for the crime was tainted. That's a massive violation of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. By failing to prevent these violations, or to speak out against them, the FISC Twelve failed to protect and defend our Constitution.

Three. Levying war on the United States. Oh, yes, electronic warfare is warfare. That's why the Department of Defense spends so much money on it. What is being done is a classic part of electronic warfare, sweeping up every scrap of our electronic communications, exactly as the Allies did against the fascists during World War 2. Thanks to various nefarious international agreements, it is the same allies doing the sweeping, but this time the target is not the German war machine but the American people. That's electronic warfare, and we the American people are the targets. The effect of the war is deny journalists their sources and frighten some Americans into silence.

The FISC Courts have destroyed one of our fundamental rights, a right so fundamental that it did not need to be spelled out, the Right of Privacy. To return two and a half centuries ago to the case of John Entick, the court held "Our law holds the property of every man so sacred, that no man can set his foot upon his neighbour's close without his leave." That's the Constitutional Right the FISC proceedings have trampled underfoot. My email is my property, and it is being set foot upon. Readers may wish to recall that privacy is the same right that gives women access to abortions and (recall Griswold) married couples access to contraceptives.

Finally, there are those who will defend the FISC 12 by claiming that the FISC 12 are simply obeying the law.

First, no law passed by Congress can override our Constitution. By authorizing writs of assistance and general search warrants, Congress has not merely violated our Constitution, it has smashed the Constitution to pieces. The Law of the Land, our Constitution, is being violated.

Second, we have a clear legal precedent. I refer to the third of the Nuremberg Trials, the Judges' Trial. Sixteen German judges and lawyers were tried on four major charges. The judges had the defense that they were obeying German law; furthermore, unlike the United States, there was no higher German law above the acts of the German Parliament. Most of the Germans

were convicted. The FISC 12 have no such defense. American does have a higher law, our Constitution, and they broke it.

Reject War with Syria

Our Libertarian Party's platform is clear

3.3 International Affairs

American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Our foreign policy should emphasize defense against attack from abroad and enhance the likelihood of peace by avoiding foreign entanglements. We would end the current U.S. government policy of foreign intervention, including military and economic aid. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.

For this reason, good Libertarians condemned the Republican Party war of aggression against Iraq and the Democratic Party bombing campaigns against Sudan, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, not to mention American land interventions in countries including Nepal, the Philippines, Uganda, Serbia, and a list of others too long to mention.

Now, once again, an American President is enmeshed in scandal, this time his own fault for failing to supervise adequately the activities of his servants in the NSA, the CIA, the DEA, the NRO, and a host of other spy agencies.

Now, once again, an American President wants to distract his way out of scandal through foreign war. A decade and a half, candidate for our Presidential nomination Don Gorman proposed the Monica II intercontinental cruise missile, a weapon that would roam the world on solar power until its press monitors detected a fall in Presidential popularity, at which point it would issue a press release and bomb the nearest target. In Syria, the Monica II missile has risen from the grave, preparing to demonstrate Presidential machismo by visiting strange lands, meeting strange children, and blowing them to smithereens.

State and Local News (Continued from p. 1)

IOPL's fall Fellows
Program. This is a series of 11 weekends of candidate training. My intention is to transfer what I learn here to LPNC candidate development and party management. Thus far, the content has been very professional and instructive.

My primary takeaway relevant to the LPNC was the comment of John Hood (from the John Locke Foundation) who pointed out that the Democrats in N.C. are now doing exactly what the Republicans did to gain their current status: campaign and run candidates locally. It's how the R's gained power, how the D's plan to take it back, and how the Libertarian's could become politically relevant. Hood's words, my paraphrasing. Let's prove him correct.

4. Win in 2013! We have an excellent slate of candidates for local elections across the state. Volunteerism is a key compo-

ment of local campaigns and we need all the volunteers we can get. Look at our candidates and support them with time, money or both!

It is an honor to serve as your chair during these exciting times for the LPNC. Feel free to contact me anytime.
J.J. Summerell

Northern California Freedom Summit

We quote from their press release:
The first ever Nor-Cal Liberty Summit will be a gathering of "believers in liberty" from all around Northern California. There will be a mixer on Friday, September 20, 2013 in the evening, and a full day of entertaining and knowledgeable speakers on Saturday, September 21, 2013 w/ an evening mixer follow by a semi-formal dinner, and an all day workshop on Sunday, September 22, 2013 focused on teaching the "Pathway to Self-Governance: Lessons on Exercising Your Civic Authority" facilitated by the President of the Center for Self-Governance, Mark Herr. More details on this event is below:

9/20 Friday Evening Mixer/Speaker Meet & Greet: \$15

6:00pm-9:00pm Light Appetizers Included, No-Host Bar

Featured Speaker

L. K. Samuels; Author of Facets of Liberty, and his New Book, In Defense of Chaos

When Friday September 20, 2013 at 6:00 PM PDT
-to- Sunday September 22, 2013 at 5:00 PM PDT

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Welcome to Liberty for America!

A magazine. A web site. An organization.
Liberty for America has had several inquiries on launching **Liberty for America** Chapters across America. A draft set of state/regional By-Laws appears on the **LibertyforAmerica.Com web site.**

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Virginia

Virginia has state elections in odd-numbered years. Their candidates this year include

Robert Sarvis - Governor

Jonathan Parrish - House of Delegates, District 23

Patrick Hagerty - House of Delegates, District 33

Laura Delhomme - House of Delegates, District 47

Anthony Tellez - House of Delegates, District 53

Christopher Sullivan - House of Delegates, District 55

Dan Foster - House of Delegates, District 78

Sarvis is running against a far-right-winger and a Democratic who has been subject to ethics questions. He has been over 10% in statewide polls. His campaign web site is <http://robertsarvis.com/>

New York Libertarians Nominate Multiple Candidates

Multiple candidates all over New York State successfully petitioned to run for local offices on the Libertarian line.

New York nominated candidates for offices in several city and county legislatures as well as Mayor in New York City and Albany. In all cases, candidates had to collect a minimum number of petition signatures ranging from 180 for the Batavia City Council to 3750 for New York City Mayor, Public Advocate, and Comptroller.

LPNY Chair Mark Axinn stated, "I am proud of our Libertarian candidates who put in the long hours gathering signatures to be on the ballot in Batavia, Syracuse, Albany, New York City and on Long Island. We will have many candidates on the ballot in various towns and cities this year, which will increase our exposure for next year's gubernatorial election."

Several candidates are running for the first time, including retired school teacher Jim Rosenbeck, a Batavia resident. "We have a message that resonates with the local voters," he said, "and we are prepared to work harder than either the R's or

the D's. People want a choice. We are offering it. We appreciate the support from our Libertarian brothers and sisters."

LPNY candidates in New York City are New York City candidates are:

- Michael Sanchez, Mayor
- Hesham El-Meligy, Comptroller
- Alex Merced, Public Advocate
- David Casavis, Manhattan Borough President
- Silas Johnson, Staten Island Borough President
- Helene Jnane, NYC Council, District 4
- David Garland, NYC Council, District 5
- Christopher Giattino, NYC Council, District 8

Alex Merced's campaign has published a QR code (one of those square black and white hash symbols) for his campaign. You can see it on Facebook at Alex Merced for New York photos.

Pennsylvania Enthusiasm

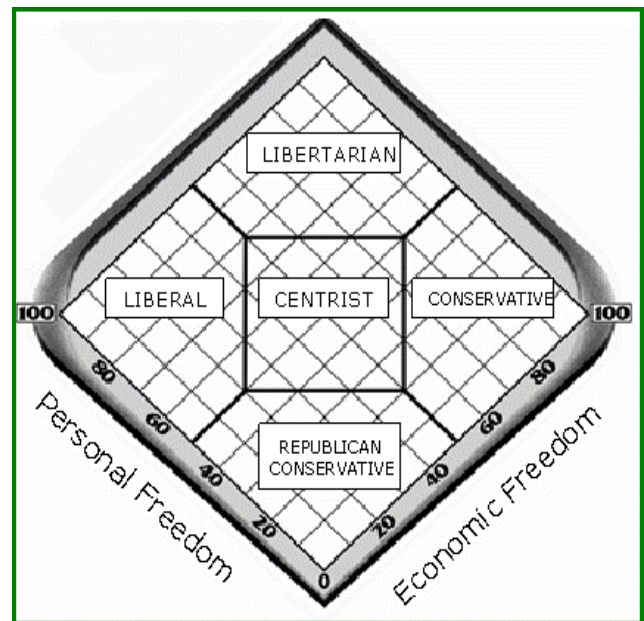
Steve Scheetz, whom became State Chair at the LPPA June 8 convention, writes of their great progress over the past three months: “

I know Membership has been busy sorting things out and is currently working on a NEW, new member packet. Marketing has been working on the new website and I believe we will have that up and running in a couple of weeks, so I am happy to hear an update from our new web design people once they start working on finishing the project that the old new web design people started... (what a keyboard full!) George Brown has been busy with helping the newly created county organizations, Henry and his Platform Committee has put forth a number of positive changes in our platform, Legal has been working behind the scenes advising me on various potential legal issues coming up, the Youth outreach has been busy formulating a plan for outreach, legislative has been busy helping us to stay current on what has been brought up in the legislature, particularly SB999 designed to help stop the NDAA here in PA, our Convention Committee did great things with very short notice in June in creating a convention that we can all be proud of, and I have done something that, apparently, no chair has done before. I have asked the Judicial Committee its advice on a matter before blundering into something that would require them to act!”

Ed Reagan writes that Northampton County libertarians assembled in late July to form a new, hopefully effective county party organization.

Tennessee

Allan Wallace on Facebook reports “The Libertarian Party of Tennessee in a Special Convention that took place in Knoxville yesterday (Aug. 31), LPTN Chair, Jim Tomasik was selected officially for a run as our state House Representative in the Special Election in District 91, a suburb of Memphis.” The Memphis Daily News memphisdailynews.com reports that Tomasik will face the winner of the ten-candidate Democratic primary in a two-person general election race.”



A Redesigned Nolan Chart—matching contemporary American political reality.

Louisiana

There is a special Congressional election ongoing in Louisiana. The Libertarian party has a candidate, Henry Herford herfordforcongress.com/ He is visibly trying to do fundraising on Facebook. The election is this October. Herford had been a Republican until he was “manhandled” at a Republican convention.

Texas

Saturday September 28 in Fort Worth the Libertarian Party of Texas is staging a leadership conference emphasizing campaign and local leadership training.

Massachusetts

Activist Jon Loya has been vigorously recruiting people to launch town and city Libertarian Party committees. Readers should recall that Massachusetts has substantially abolished county government. While Massachusetts has counties as geographic areas, few of them have county governments; all of them are not geographically contiguous units.

Missouri

You are invited to the St. Louis County Libertarian's annual fall picnic, Sunday, September 15, at the Lindbergh Picnic Shelter in McDonnell Park. The picnic is open to the Libertarians of St. Louis County and nearby counties, and friends. The park is located a few miles south of I-70, near Lindbergh Blvd. The picnic shelter is reserved from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, but the official start time is noon or 1:00. We are providing the hamburgers and hotdogs; however, we are requesting people to bring something to share. Lindbergh Picnic Shelter is near the sand volley ball pit – <http://www.stlouisco.com/Portals/8/docs/Document%20Library/parks/PDFs/parkmaps/McDonnell.pdf>

Florida

We now have three Libertarians running for their party's nomination for Governor: Steve LaBianca, John Wayne Smith, and Adrian Wylie. Florida Ballot access is somewhat intricate, with signature collecting or payment of a deposit and review by the state party appearing as requirements. It appears that the race is becoming somewhat heated.

Michigan

Michigan had some local elections. Their State Party newsletter reports "In the Livingston County Commission race, Michael Brennan received 176 votes, 9% of the total. Scotty Boman in the race for Detroit City Clerk received 4,451 votes or 5% of the vote (4th place). In the campaigns for city commissioner of Kentwood, William Wenzel won 217 votes or 12% of the vote (4th place). Erwin Haas is running for Kentwood city commissioner in the November 5, 2013, election. Similarly, Pat Clawson (49th District of the Michigan State House—special election) and Alex Fera (city council of Novi) are running in the November 5, 2013, general election."

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Libertarians have joined with many others in a campaign to block Concord, NH from buying a police tank, a mine-resistant Bearcat vehicle.

New Jersey

State elections in New Jersey are in odd-numbered years. The LP of NJ has five candidates this year: Ken Kaplan of Parsippany for NJ Governor; Don DeZarn of East Windsor for NJ State Senate; Sean O'Connor of East Windsor for NJ State Assembly (14th District); Steve Uccio of East Windsor for NJ State Assembly (14th District); and Patrick McKnight of Hillsborough for NJ State Assembly (16th District).

Vermont

September 18 is caucus day for the Vermont Libertarian Party.

State Chair Jeremy Ryan writes "Dear Vermonter,

It's time for all parties in Vermont to reform their town committees. The Vermont Libertarian Party will hold its town caucuses on September 18. If you are interested forming a town committee in your town, then email me at chair@vtlp.org asap so I can send you the forms you need and the directions.

We hope to be adding some new towns, but we also will be losing some town committees so your help is vital in making sure we can easily put presidential, statewide, and local candidates on the ballot to give Vermonters a choice of lower taxes, less government, and more freedom.

Caucusing is simple to do, but there are some laws that must be followed. For example, you need to post a notice in two places in your town at least 5 days in advance of your caucus, and if you have more than 1000 people in your town, then the notice must also appear in your local paper."

Party Web Pages

We are doing our regular survey of State Party web pages to report on activity. Some states are doing better than others.

Massachusetts—the State Party web page reports no events more recent than February 2013, no State Committee minutes since November 2012 (we do know that they have met), and no mention of their convention next month.

Michigan—An up-to-date colorful web page, a calendar packed with events, and an officer list with links. They have an excellent electronic newsletter, one that could be a model for other states. They are in the process of transitioning their web pages to a new format, so at the moment links to the newsletter are not up (the newsletters are there); there were no signs of State Committee minutes.

Minnesota — colorful, up to date web pages, events that have not yet happened, a long list of officers; no sign that there is a state newsletter or that state organization minutes are posted someplace.

Mississippi — Web page shows the 2010 officers, candidates for the 2011 election, and a most recent chairman's message from 2011.

Oklahoma—the State Party Web page reports three officers, but no way to contact them is apparent.

Oregon — the LP Oregon site reports a state committee, contacts via a Facebook link, current activities for September, and links to a facebook page and two county affiliates. The facebook page shows active recruiting for the 2014 elections. One county appears to be active. One county has a web site listing 2010-2011 officers. The lawsuit against them appears to have reached its end.

Pennsylvania — despite a chaotic recent set of events resulting in former officers departing, the PA web pages list a very extensive set of officers, contacts for every county I checked in a random search, and an extended file of past newsletters, which are published a few times a year. We gather that the state party is in the process of reconstituting its archives.

The Pennsylvania State Chair has circulated a statement that the Pennsylvania State Committee has terminated the membership of former Pennsylvania State Chair Tom Stevens.

Rhode Island — The news column is up to date, with events through the end of July. There is a contact form, but no list of officers. The most recent committee minutes are from 2011.

South Carolina — There are recent events listed. There is a pretty list of county officers and contact emails, but no sign of a list of state officers. The contact information for the state party has an address and phone number but no email.

South Dakota — The Party web page has nice photographs and minutes from the period of the 2012 state convention, but not more recently. South Dakota is a very small state; readers

should not be surprised that there is no party newsletter or series of forthcoming events to report.

Maine — the web pages speak of an upcoming Summer 2012 event. The front page promises new pages with the next week.

Virginia — the web page features an invitation to their forthcoming April 2013 State convention.

National Party News

(Continued from Page 1) is actual cash out the door. The increase in debt refers to goods and services that the Johnson campaign bought but did not pay for, because they did not have the money.

In April 2012, the days leading up to the National Convention, the Johnson campaign had \$59,447.89 in income and spent \$59,533.58. In the same month, the campaign's debts increased from \$1,048,651 to \$1,209,758.

How did Johnson 2012 spend its money and rake up its debts?

In March 2012, the Johnson campaign gave \$3200 to Daines Goodwin in payment on obligation, \$150 to Media Temple of Culver City for web hosting fees, \$1328.76 to Merchant Service of 455 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, for merchant services, \$80.13 to Zions Bank for bank charges and merchant fees, and \$58,950 to Political Advisors of Salt Lake City as payment on obligation.

In April 2012, the Johnson campaign gave \$6483.60 to Fundly for merchant fees, \$4572.75 to Daines Goodwin in payment on obligation, \$1418.34 to Zions Bank for bank charges and merchant fees, \$150 to Media Temple of Culver City for web hosting fees, 84.88 to PayPal for Merchant Charges, and \$46,824 to Political Advisors of Salt Lake City as payment on obligation.

What did the March payments cover? The payment to Daines Goodwin covered all but \$121.25 of a debt, line #46913, created in January. The Payment to Political Advisors covered \$58,950 of an original debt of \$84,324. This debt was originally created as FEC entry line #46743, originally created in the third quarter of 2011. That debt, now in the process of being paid off, was originally

Line #46743 for \$127,645, including
Senior Political Advisor 50 hours at \$16,250 (\$325.00/hour)
Creative Advertising \$13,500 for 60 hours (\$225.00/hour)
Press relations \$21,358 for 194 hours (\$110.00/hour)
Mid-level Management \$38,873 for 311 hours (\$125.00/ hour, a 30% increase)
Mid-level Management \$28,262 for 397.5 hours (\$71.00/hour, nearly a 75% increase)
"Outside subcontracts per agreement" \$9,400.

There were also new debts for March 2012, covered by lines #46964 and #46965. Line #46964 was \$17,742 for political

activities. Line #46965 was for \$106,143, six times as much; it covered salaries for campaign people.

#46964 included (numbers rounded)
\$1550 for placing web ads,
\$12,580 for candidate and staff travel,
\$59 for miscellaneous/supplies/office,
\$294 for media,
\$1573 for shipping, and
\$1687 for email marketing costs.

#46965 included:
Senior political officer, 50 hours at \$325.00 per hour totalling \$16,250.00
Mid-level management 598.5 hours at \$125.00 per hour totalling \$74,812.50
more Mid-level management 80 hours at \$95.00 per hour totalling \$7600.00
general clerical hours 59.85 hours at \$28.50 per hour totalling \$1705.73
10 hours of creative advertising at \$225.00 per hour for a total of \$2250
and "outside subcontracts per agreement" for \$3250.

That's still about four FTE staff members.

What did the April payments cover?

The payment to Daines Goodwin covered debt lines #46913 (created in January 2012), and #46935 (created in February 2012), and part of line #46966, created in March 2012. The payment to Political Advisors covered the remainder of lines #46743 and #46745 created in August and September 2011. Line #46743 was described six paragraphs above. Line #46745 covered September 2011 expenses, including
\$1118 for placing web ads,
\$9536 for candidate and staff travel,
\$812 for miscellaneous/supplies/office,
\$1467 for shipping,
\$1932 for email marketing costs, and
\$1150 for printing.

There were also new debts for April 2012, covered by lines #47006 and #47008. Line #47006 was \$24,110 for political activities. Line #47008 was for \$186,773, closing on eight times as much; it covered salaries for campaign people.

#47006 included (numbers rounded)
\$1990 for placing web ads,
\$12,060 for candidate and staff travel,
\$207 for miscellaneous/supplies/office,
\$1347 for shipping, and
\$1093 for email marketing costs, and
\$7411 for printing.

#47008 included:
Senior political officer, 50 hours at \$325.00 per hour totalling \$16,250.00
Mid-level management 663.85 hours at \$125.00 per hour totalling \$82,981.25
more Mid-level management 296 hours at \$95.00 per hour

totalling \$28,124.75

general clerical hours 48.9 hours at \$28.50 per hour totalling \$1393.65

10 hours of creative advertising at \$225.00 per hour for a total of \$2250

and "outside subcontracts per agreement" for \$31,023

That's not quite six FTE staff members.

Readers may correctly assume at least some of the Johnson 2012 campaign's former associates are honest libertarians, and that we have received representations on their behalf that they are not pleased with what they are now learning about the campaign. In particular, we have a specific statement from a former campaign associate that the \$325 at 50 hours a month to the campaign's "Senior Political Officer" was paid to the campaign manager and not as has been suggested in some circles to an eminence grise from Florida or New York.

Libertarian National Committee

Party membership at the end of August was 13580, a fall of 400 from the 13986 members at the end of the prior month. Membership at the end of December 2011 was 13468, so the Presidential Election Year pulse of new members has almost completely dissipated. In August 2012 the LPUS had 1192 new and renewing members. Most of these 1192 people had their memberships expire in August 2013. Of these expirees, 639 chose to renew, and 553 apparently did not renew. The renewal numbers are somewhat clouded by people who renewed before their year was up.

In addition, donations by new members have dropped markedly, from an average above \$40 per member in late 2012 to barely \$30 for the last three months. Donations by renewing members have also dropped, though not nearly so much, from nearly \$55/donor in the last four months of 2012 to nearly \$49 a month in the past few months.

For July the LNC raised \$132,820, taking their total income for the year to \$794,501, of which close to \$200,000 was for the Nolan 2% of a Building. The total included a single donation of \$32,400. Expenditures for the month came to \$101,502. As usual "1) No expenditures designated on Schedule B supporting Line 21b were made on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate(s)."

Employees were paid \$29,149, not to mention \$6013 for Federal withholding, \$5271 for Social Security, \$2939 for staff travel (the LNC meeting was in Vegas), \$2100 in withholding taxes, \$2004 for employee health and dental, \$1885 for 401K contributions, \$1233 for Medicare, and \$350 for employee search ads. Getting all these amounts paid cost \$153.75 in payroll processing fees. Food and lodging (this appears to be the cost of staging an LNC meeting) came to \$3403.

Having an office cost money, such as \$11,243.25 in office rent, \$1599 for postage machine maintenance, postage, and meter resets, \$812 for a copier lease and maintenance, and \$337 in office supplies.

We also employed outside experts, including \$6705 for tele-fundraising consulting, \$3000 for Legal expenses, \$2046 for annual auditing services, and \$1500 for FEC filings.

Information technology cost \$2153 to Broadview Networks for a phone system and usage, \$1279 for email marketing services, \$688 for Website hosting, \$574 for email server hosting, \$129 for website maintenance, \$125 to US Monitor for List Monitoring, \$94 for cable and internet, \$75 for address and telephone verification, and \$36 for toll-free telephone service.

Noncandidate printing and mailing totalled \$3840. One supposes that the printing and mailing refers in fair part to membership renewals and fund raising. Shipping cost \$1537.

Collecting and processing donations included \$2091 in merchant processing fees, and \$286 in bank service charges.

As actual political efforts, we spent \$4954 for the North Dakota ballot access drive, \$864 for outreach event setup, and \$330 for a facebook widget advertisement.

Presidential Polls

The answers ranged from excellent to poor. The top six in the point-scored outcome were

Gary Johnson

Jim Gray

Jesse Ventura

Warren Redlich

George Phillipies

Jim Perry

The poll also asked: "Based on your personal preference, please rank the following individuals who have expressed interest in or are running for the Libertarian Party's 2016 presidential nomination."

The top five vote getters were

Gary Johnson

Jim Gray

Jesse Ventura

Jim Burns

George Phillipies

Your author is aware of no basis for supposing that Jesse Ventura has any interest in running for our Party's Presidential nomination.

Joe Wendt of Florida has launched another Presidential Poll.

You can find it on SurveyMonkey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K8QVGCS>

Benedict Returns to D.C.

As previously anticipated here, Wes Benedict has returned to the LNC Offices to become Executive Director. Former Executive Director Carla Howell, whose contract was not renewed by National Chair Geoff Neale, has become party Political Director.

Yes, Virginia, There is Global Warming

Conservative Lie #1): Global Warming stopped in 1998. So at the end of this article is the graph is the actual world temperature graph courtesy <http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/cru/info/warming/> (And if someone mumbles at you about NASA and 1935, that was the average temperature in the USA.)

There is an averaged trend line (black) and there are year to year fluctuations (year numbers are the red and blue lines). 1998 is the red line sticking way way up, the line that does not match neighboring lines at all.

The trend is overwhelmingly visible, with flatness until around 1920, and then trending up with short and long term bounces around the trend.

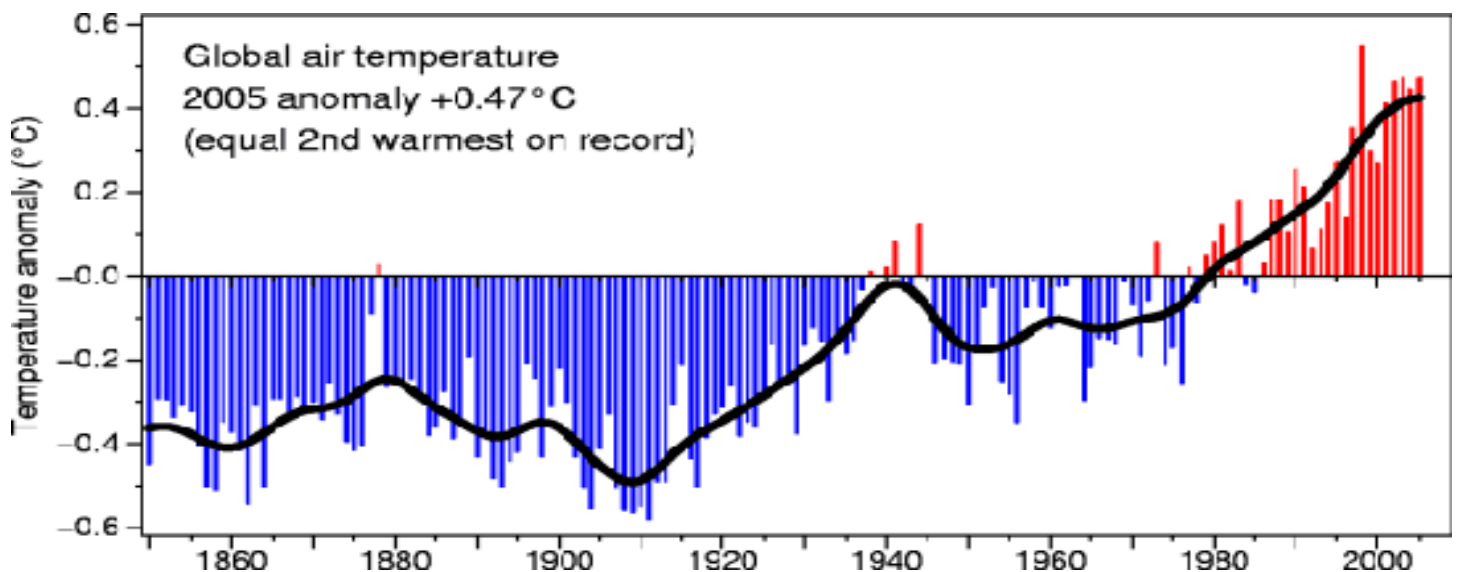
Of course, if you are an American conservative, you take 1998 as 'typical' and say 'we're getting colder again' which is clearly total nonsense.

Oh, why do we get these bounces from the trend? For one: The air holds heat. The ocean holds about a thousand times more heat. The deep ocean is shielded from the air. Change how the shallow ocean is stirred, and you will change how heat exchanges between ocean and air. This cools air all around the world, or heats air all around the world. The La Nina and El Nino Pacific events are examples of this mixing effect. These events last around a year, are unpredictable in advance, and cause some of the bumps you see in the graph.

Conservative Lie #2) If you can't predict weather, you can't predict climate. To predict my climate, you need to predict that Worcester gets around 4" of rain a month, more in some months, less in others. To predict weather, you needed to predict that, for this June, 3" fell on one day, and *which day* the 3" fall had occurred. Obviously getting the day right is harder than getting the month right. By the same token, it is much harder to predict next year's weather than to predict climate.

Conservative Lie #3) We can't measure climate change. I call the reader's attention to the marvel of modern 18th century science, the thermometer, a device that measures temperature quantitatively. Around the world are vast numbers of people recording and reporting the weather. Earth satellites measure much of the rest of the globe. Careful averages--some areas have fewer measurements than others--eliminate fluctuations, smooth out day to day changes, and give accurate measurements of the temperatures of the whole earth, with precision visible in the graph below

I could go on, but the short message is that climate change denial is wrong and dangerous, both to our country and our party. Denial is dangerous to our country, because it leads us to take bad decisions as private citizens and entrepreneurs. Denial is dangerous to our party, for the same reason that homophobia is bad for our party: If we deny global warming, the younger generation will justly and correctly reject us as idiots, even as the younger generation is rejecting that sinkhole of flat-earthery that is the conservatism of the Bush Republican War Party.



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