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Editorial: A New Broom!

Welcome to the thirty-third edition of Liberty! I have some good news! Libz has found a new leader – Mr Bernard Darnton! Bernard is a godsend! He is articulate, witty, and competent. Old ladies like him, young ladies swoon, and he is in Wellington! Which, I see as really essential for the Libz leader in order that he engage with the bloody journalists who infest the press gallery down there.

It is true that Bernard has been quiet for a while. Previously he regularly penned semi-satirical articles for the Free Radical (e.g. "Click Here for Freedom," TFR Issue 47). In his defence, he did make the appalling mistake of becoming happily married in that time, and of starting a successful career. We should come to expect this, our battle is a lifetime one, and Libz people are going to have to occasionally go away and regroup; and come back to the battle refreshed, re-armed and with pockets full of cash. So, to summarise, in my view this is not just good news — it is great news. I for one am ecstatic. We've got a Dream Team, to whit:

Bernard Darnton, Party Leader

Scott Wilson, El Presidente

Sally O'Brien, Vice President

Stephen Berry, Deputy

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Peter Cresswell, Policy Coordinator, and Media Coordinator

Bernard Darnton, Party Leader

When you take a good look at it, I think in all modesty that is a team to kick some serious arse. I would really like to think you

could all get behind it, with your enthusiasm, your hard work and with your cash.

Other News—Lindsay Perigo's "The Free Radical" magazine turns 10 in May this year, and in typical style, a party is being thrown in its honour in the Grand Hall of Parliament Buildings, Wellington, between 5.30-8pm 19 May. Further details are to be found on page 5.

Libz are holding a **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** just before the TFR bash. A venue has yet to be arranged, but contact **Stephen Berry** for details (stephenberry@xtra.co.nz, Ph: (09)-629-2750. Mob: 021-037-5720).

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PRESS RELEASE: Libertarianz Health - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

“Eat those Greens”

Libertarianz Spokesman for Health Deregulation Dr. Richard Goode has commended the Green Party for their Children's Food Awards initiative. "It is seldom that the Greens have anything to say that has both political and scientific merit," said Goode, "and ironic that when they do, they get dumped on by the likes of the New Zealand Dietetic Association and the New Zealand Nutrition Foundation."

The Greens recommend eating 'good' foods, such as seasonal fruit and vegetables, and advise against consuming 'bad' foods, such as sugary breakfast cereals and carbonated soft drinks. "From a nutritional point of view, this is much better advice than the Nutrition Foundation's dumbed-down recommendation of 'variety, moderation, balance and enjoyment', said Goode.

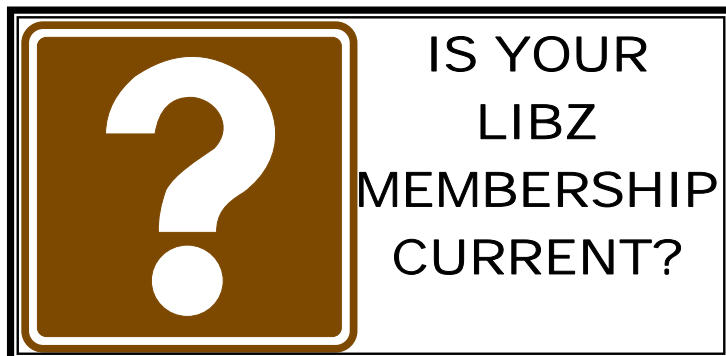
"Nutritionists have been promoting their so-called 'healthy eating messages' for years now, with as much success in curbing the rising epidemic of obesity as prohibitionists have had in curbing recreational drug use - none at all!"

But Goode issued a warning to the Green Party: "Don't take your healthy eating campaign any further. Persuasion is one thing, and legislating good eating is another. Thanks for the dietary advice, but don't try to tax or legislate junk food off the menu. Some of us enjoy eating nutritionally worthless junk food, and what we choose to put in our bodies or serve up at the family dinner table is our business - not yours."

Dr. Goode issued his own libertarian dietary advice: "Exercise your individual freedom and eat whatever the hell you like, but accept personal responsibility for the health consequences of your choices." And he added, "Eat greens, but don't vote for them - even in moderation!"

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PRESS RELEASE: Libertarianz Law and Order - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

Water Scab Gets Priority Over Crime

Libertarianz Deputy Leader Stephen Berry has found a new way for the police to crack down on burglaries and violent crime. "Stop wasting money on conferences with scabs, he says!" His comments follow revelations that two veteran activists - Lisa 'someone else pay for the hero parade' Prager and Penny 'someone else pay for my water' Bright - led five 'workshops on protesting' at which 200 police were harangued by the two women.

The workshops were arranged by Inspector Rob Marshall, and enthusiastically supported by Auckland Central Inspector Derek Davison, who okayed the release of the 200 policemen for the sessions. Says Berry, "It is an abhorrent situation when the police force is unable to protect people's rights because they have been holed up in a room listening to two women explaining how to violate people's rights," Berry said, adding "Even as policemen cry out or more resources to keep up with the rise in crime, three hundred police hours have been wasted to give these two women a forum for their poisonous, leeching ideas."

"Lively crosstalk" reportedly ensued, gushes Protestor Bright. "We had one lively debate where we were challenged: Why do you protest? And we were able to talk about how women now have the vote, how New Zealand is nuclear-free and Auckland's water is not yet privatised." Berry suggests that New Zealanders familiar with the Water Pressure Group will be aware that Penny Bright and her 'scab brigade' make no differentiation between respecting individual rights and protest. "Examples would be the smashing of a window on late councillor Phil Raffil's property, and the fire-hosing of the Bolivian embassy in Auckland. Bright would call this freedom of expression; I would call it a violation of private property rights."

"Taxpayers should be as disgusted as I am at the waste of police labour as burglaries and violent crimes continue to rise, Berry says. "Bright may be pleased with herself, but she has never had a concern at wasting other people's money." Bright reported that her and Prager received an ovation at the end of their last workshop session. Stephen Berry says "I would have applauded too, if it meant keeping them quiet for ten seconds."

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So-called Prostitution Bylaw

Submission to Tauranga City Council. 2nd May 2004.

Here is an abridged version of Mike Gordge's submission to the Tauranga city council. It is another example of something you can do to beat the bastards back. Just remember to stick to a single, transparent principle and do not fly off on too many tangents. Politicians are politicians because they do not have the intellect to make money any other way! So keep it simple for them! – Ed.

This submission has been written for one reason, to counter the seven Tauranga councilors who are offended by individuals who mind their own business and live their own lives. It does not matter whether they live by a set of values that allows them to work within the sex industry.

Commercial sex is, nothing more than a combination of the free market and sex. Therefore, it is somewhat of a mystery why there is any objection at all. The free market is described as, individuals freely choosing to deal with other individuals by mutual, voluntary consent. Agreements for transactions are reached peacefully and morally without deceit. Mostly, both or all parties making themselves aware of each other's obligations prior to any transaction. If there is deceit or a breach of the agreement, then there are legal avenues for recourse.

It is extremely hard to find any reason to get upset with the free market. Is it the sex aspect that upsets people? Because, it appears the council have already wasted ratepayers money determining what a "Commercial Sex Premises" is, however when it comes to defining sexual services there is no mention of how many sexual services must be sold before it becomes commercial sex. Would it include the promiscuous secretary desperately wanting a pay rise from her promiscuous boss? Because that is how it is written, and gosh how would you prove it?

Frankly, I find this whole thing a bizarre and total waste of ratepayer money to have council discussing the oldest, most peaceful and for the participants clearly the most gratifying, profession known to mankind.

So what is behind all this nonsense? Why are people getting so upset? Obviously, it is because there is a bogus belief that individuals have a right, not to be offended by another individual's actions.

However, do we? Do we really have any legal, let alone moral right, not to be offended? Should we have any right, in

law, to stop the actions of rational and peaceful people going about lawful and peaceful business just because their actions or activities *offend* us, not physically threaten our property or us? Clearly the answer is no!

Take for example, Winston Peters and Margaret Wilson. Personally, I find these two to be the most offensive politicians in New Zealand today. They both offend me to a point of absolute gut wrenching nausea. Each time I hear their voices, read their ideas or see their ugly faces plastered all over new papers, billboards, TV, election hoardings etc I just feel sick and grossly offended. However, in reality this offence is something that I inflict upon myself. It is NOT your fault that I am offended by the actions and ideas of Margaret Wilson or Winston Peters, it IS something I do to myself.

So morally, I have no right to expect you, or demand of you, that council invoke a bylaw to protect ME from myself. Let alone it is repugnant to believe others should have to pay, including those who I inflicted myself with offence over, for the costs of enforcing that bylaw.

Offence is a self-inflicted wound, to ask for legal protection from being offended is, to demand a law to protect you, from your own values and to charge other people to do so. Rational people do not act in this manner.

By the way, charging prostitutes "Council Commercial License Fees" is bizarre! How dare any of you, who object to commercial sex, solely because you inflict yourself with offence over it, even think for a second that it is OK and non hypocritical of you to partake of a portion of the proceeds from commercial sex, albeit indirectly by license fees as extra council income, that contributes to your pay as councilors.

We may not like the values that other peaceful individuals choose to live by. Indeed, we may be very offended by their actions. However, I reiterate, offence is a self-inflicted wound and to demand laws to protect you from offence is, to demand laws to protect you from yourself.

You have the volition and ability to ignore any values that you disagree with. Moreover, that is what a moral society does, it leaves peaceful people alone to choose and live by their own self-chosen values.

Just as I would deserve to be told by Council to "grow up and get lost," if I demanded a Bylaw to protect me from the nausea that the ideas and behaviour of Ms Wilson and Winston First induce in me – so I say to you, stop making an issue where there isn't one! It is time society matured, it is time for council to grow up and *for once* do nothing!

Mike Gordge

Tauranga Rate-Payer.

Libz Letters to the Editor: Steve Hoefsloot.

The Waikato Times "Letter of the Week" Saturday 6 March 2004.

[Two weeks previously some Waikato-based busybodies objected to two Thai girls running a brothel in the Chedworth area of Hamilton -- home to an Indoor Cricket Team sponsored by the "California Girl's - Massage Parlor". One woman would "fight to the death" to have the brothel removed. Of this letter, Steve writes, "This was indeed pleasing because many of my letters never get printed by the Times, apparently too controversial or differing from the Editor's political leaning. I know from feedback that they draw a lot of interest, and writing them is an enjoyable pastime." - Ed]

I'd like to take up the cause of the ladies somewhere in Chedworth. The girls have sensibly kept a low profile, so it is up to us fair-minded red-bloods to plead their case. Alas, due to my age, I can only be a disinterested spectator; any encounter of any kind with one of them would mean the end, nice as it might be. I grew up in Europe where perhaps the people are more honest in that regard. We children knew about it and saw it; sometimes it could be a bit of a sideshow, but also a great tourist attraction. I don't think I was ever harmed by it. As for the noise that they may cause, it would but be exclamations of another satisfied customer. I feel indeed sorry for the complainers if something similar doesn't emanate from their bedrooms at least twice a week. The Hippocratic oath states, "First, do no harm"; these girls don't harm anyone, unless it is themselves. They supply a safety valve for run-amok testosterone, remove them from society and many more women will risk molestation. Remember the song "Harper Valley PTA" of 30 years ago? Be sure you're not one of the hypocrites.

Steve Hoefsloot — Hamilton

Libz Letters to the Editor: Duncan Bayne.

The New Zealand Herald Saturday 28th March 2004

Dear Sir,

Michael Cullen considers the economic reforms of the 80's and 90's to have made New Zealand competitive in the international market, and furthermore, that his party has only fine-tuned them, without making any major changes. Perhaps he should tell Helen Clark, who recently claimed that we've economically speaking been on the "wrong track" for 15 years, and have failed to provide prosperity or fairness. Just like with the foreshore issue, the Labour

Government is telling different stories to different audiences. Before, they were saying one thing to Maori and another to Pakeha – this time, they're saying one thing to German investors, and another to the New Zealand people. To whom are they lying this time?

Duncan Bayne – Auckland.

Libz Letters to the Editor: Robin Thomsen.

The Waikato Times. Saturday 20th March 2004

Dear Editor

It seems the anti-fun brigade is once again out in force. In your article in the Saturday, March 13 edition of the Waikato Times, you report that health officials are supporting the outlawing of several party drugs, including Rapture, Frenzy, Exodus and Charge on basis that several students landed in Dunedin Hospital while taking these pills. While I have never taken these drugs, I have observed friends taking them and the effects from an outsiders perspective were simply that the users were alert and enjoying themselves in a harmless and sociable way - and still lived to tell the tale. Once again, our freedoms are being stripped away from us by nanny state busybodies with too much time on their hands. God forbid that Jim Anderton will discover that drinking too much water can inflict confusion or even put people into a coma.

Robin Thomsen – Hamilton.

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PRESS RELEASE: Libertarianz Education - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

"Illiteracy Part of Willing Legacy."

"Trevor Mallard's announcement of a major extension to He also observes, "The blame cannot be completely laid on Mr literacy programmes for primary and secondary schools is Mallard. Parents and teachers also must accept responsibility for nothing more than just another desperate PR job for which the this disaster. After all, they have for years willingly allowed the taxpayer is once again being screwed," says Peter Osborne, State to make their decisions for them as far as their children's Libertarianz Spokesman for Education Deregulation. "More of education goes. What we are now seeing are things running the same failed nonsense as before," is what he says their natural course and these will continue to run to their disparagingly of the new 'programmes.'

Osborne says that people must surely realise that this new scheme will do no more to improve New Zealand's abysmal literacy levels than the past litany of failed schemes emanating from the same source. "Despite Mr Mallard's stupefying declaration that 'on average our literacy levels are excellent' literacy levels are a disgrace, and that the blame for this can be squarely aimed at our State-enforced factory schools." Mr Osborne continues, "The Minister is proud to announce that he is scabbing \$43 million annually off the taxpayer in order to keep our kids illiterate. While he's forcing his system on our children, he's doing his darndest to shut out the competition. One only needs to ask any private education provider how bogged down in red tape they are and how constrained they are by an over-bearing and ineffectual curriculum."

ultimate, devastating conclusion unless New Zealanders wake up and retrieve control over their own lives and those of their children.

Osborne concludes, "Libertarianz will put an end to this madness. We will close down the Ministry of Education and allow New Zealanders to keep their hard-earned cash to pay for whatever education they think fit. Competition in a free market will guarantee excellence and variety in the education sector. This will give parents a real choice in finding an education that they consider will suit their child. Mr Mallard and those of his ilk will be left to concentrate on their own children instead of interfering in those of everyone else."

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**Peter Osborne
Libertarianz Education spokesman**

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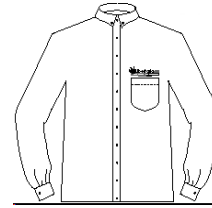
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Kill [The Arms Amendment] Bill #3

Peter Linton — Libertarianz Firearms Spokesman.

Currently, Hideous Helen's Hard Labour Government is occupied with other issues but if you are still wondering what has happened George Hawkins' Arms Amendment bill, Libertarianz are sorry to say that it is still lurking in the bowels of Parliament. It is predicted that this will be introduced late in 2004.

Anti-gun legislation happens to be one of Boy George Hawkins favorites. This is in spite of it being a financial loser in both Australia and Canada. For instance, Australia has imported more firearms in the last three years-100,000 than the Australian Government stole/confiscated during its latest Handgun ban. Canada has spent over \$1,000,000,000 on its Firearm Registry with very few guns registered. The Canadian Government believes it can still be fixed if they have more money and draconian powers.

Now Hawkins is not known as one of the brightest politicians, so it is no surprise that he has incorporated the following "gems" into the forthcoming legislation. You will be relieved to know that each of these provisions is supposed to enable our Government to track what *you* do with *their* firearms. [What? Did you think those guns were your private property just because you paid for them? You foolish little voter! – Ed.]

- (1) "Universal registration"
- (2) Restrictions on magazine capacity for semi-automatic firearms.
- (3) Higher security requirements for the carriage & storage of firearms.
- (4) More restrictions on air-gun ownership
- (5) After 10 years you have to reapply for the license.
[Goody! A second chance to lie to the Police Arms Officer

when he asks me once again, "If you had a loaded gun and were suddenly confronted by a crazed, golf-club-wielding maniac who was and threatening to kill you – would you shoot him?" – Ed.]

Of these, the most dangerous is the Shooter Registration provision. This is because on four previous occasions the gun registrar has been used to confiscate [steal – Ed.] New Zealander's private property.

So what is the good news? *YOU* have *ONE* last chance to Kill [The 3rd Arms] Bill! Before it can become law, it *must* pass the Parliamentary process of Select Committee hearings. *THAT* will be your *ONE* and *ONLY* chance to demonstrate to *vote-hungry* politicians that you thing their law stinks! Shooters *need* to participate in these meetings and make their points clear & concise

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