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I WANT YOU TO BE FREE by Harry Browne

I am running for President because I want you to be free ...

- Free to live your life as you think it should be lived, not as Al Gore or George W. Bush thinks you should live it;
- Free to raise your children by your values, not those of some far-off bureaucrat who sees your children as foot soldiers in a plan to create a Brave New World;
- Free to keep every dollar you earn—and spend it, save it, give it away as you think best, not as the politicians will allow after they've spent what they want.

In practice, this means I want to:

- Free you from the income tax by making the federal government so small it can handle its constitutional functions with just the tariffs and excise taxes already being collected.
- Unlock the door and let you out of the fraudulent Social Security system—so you can decide how much of your income to save and what to do with those savings, and so you can enjoy a truly safe and prosperous retirement. And for those already dependent on Social Security, provide a private annuity financed by selling unneeded government assets. No longer should you have to depend on politicians for your retirement.
- End the insane War on Drugs that has turned the drug business over to criminal gangs, locked up a million nonviolent Americans, spawned law-enforcement corruption, and provided a justification for destroying your individual liberty—whether or not you have any interest in drugs.

George W. Bush, Al Gore, Pat Buchanan, and Ralph Nader are arguing over one basic issue: which one is best qualified to run your life? Which one knows best what kind of school your child should attend? Which one knows how your health-insurance company should treat you? Which one knows best how to organize the economy, determine how much of your own money you should be allowed to keep, and decide what is a proper way for you to live?



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LP POSITIONS ON PROPOSITIONS



The Executive Committee of the LPC has taken the following positions on propositions to be voted on in the November election.

- NO** Prop. 32: AB2305, Bond: Veteran's Bond Act of 2000.
- NO** Prop. 33: ACA 12, Legislature: Retirement.
- NO** Prop. 34: SB 122, Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.
- YES** Prop. 35: Public Works Projects. Use of Private Contractors.
- YES** Prop. 36: Drug Treatment Diversion Program.
- YES** Prop. 37: Fees, Taxes. New Definitions, Vote Requirements.
- YES** Prop. 38: School Vouchers.
- NO** Prop. 39: School Facilities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIBERTARIANS PROTEST BRUTALITY

Libertarians made a good showing at the October 22nd National Day of Protest Against Police Brutality in Los Angeles. We carried a Party banner and handed out lots of flyers. (See photos below.)

I posted photos of the event, from the initial assembly to the face-off against the LAPD at Parker Center, at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/oct2000photos.html>

Also, check the revised Libertarian Coordination page at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/libertydemo.html>

Among other things at my site, I have new instructions on how to write a press release, a most useful item.

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COMMENTS ON THE LP PLEDGE

I am one who thinks of the pledge as not just “a central tenet” but THE ONLY foundation for everything my party advocates. Taxes can’t be collected unless the tax taker is willing to initiate force. Drugs can’t be prohibited unless the enFORCEment people are prepared to initiate force. Crime CAN be punished because the victim does NOT initiate force, but rather RESPONDS to an attack using force in self defense.

“Government” is the word we use for initiating force. “Liberty” can be defined as not initiating force.

I think the wording of our pledge is difficult for readers to absorb on the first pass, but my efforts to “simplify” or “clarify” it usually fail under careful scrutiny.

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I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals



Libertarians joined with about a thousand others to protest police brutality in Los Angeles on October 22. The LP contingent marched to Parker Center (and dodged some rubber bullets) to make their point.

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BULLET VOTE WILL HELP LIBERTARIANS WIN!

The **Bullet Vote** is a tool we should all be familiar with. Whenever you are presented with a “choose more than one” scenario on a ballot, it is important to vote **only** for the libertarian candidate. Don’t “waste” your other votes on that issue or race. By selecting **ONLY** the Libertarian and denying your support for the other candidates, you are **REDUCING** the number of votes that the opponents are receiving.

Remember...when presented with a slate and allowed to select two or more...**select only the libertarian candidate and leave the other options blank!**

For instance, if you are presented with a slate of four candidates for a three member board, like the Leucadia Water Board, you will want to vote **only** for me (Mike Ford) and leave the other two choices blank, thereby simultaneously increasing my vote count and reducing the vote count for the other candidates.

The bullet vote is a powerful tool...learn it, know it, live it. And get the word out. Using it we can increase our representation on school boards, water boards, fire districts, city councils and so on.

If you are at all unclear on this, phone me.

Mike Ford, (760) 942.9448

HEAR LIBERTY ANTHEM!

I am a longtime LP member and have a CD of original music including one song that could be the first “liberty anthem” of the new century — I’M NOT SUPERMAN — with the following chorus: “Don’t you tell me how to live my life, and I won’t tell you what you gotta do; you know that no one here is qualified to rule the other members of the zoo...” If you want to hear it and have an MP3 player, head over to <http://www.mp3.com/ErikJay> and check it out! If you like jazz, there’s some of that, too!

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY UPDATES



Our generous donors and pledgers will be honored in the next printed issue (December) of this newsletter.

To join our Monthly Pledge Program, contribute to Operation Breakthrough, or make a general contribution for party operations, please contact Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400, or E-mail: director@ca.lp.org.



MARK HINKLE

From the Chair:

We, as a Party, set two main internal goals this year:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month.

Goal 1: The September LPC membership was 6097. With the focus on the elections, we have not directed sufficient resources toward membership growth. Now that the elections are over, we must concentrate on membership growth once again.

Goal 2: The September monthly pledge base was \$4,672.15 coming from 223 individuals. Thanks to the recently concluded tele-marketing campaign, and the generous response by our membership, the new monthly pledge total is \$5,432.15, plus additional pledges being passed through to the local regions.

By the time you read this, the November 7th elections will be history. Like all elections during the Libertarian Party's history, there will be wins and losses. A few candidates will win, most will not. Some of the propositions that we supported and opposed will go our way. It's unlikely that everything will go our way.

That being said, we should avoid the post election depression that often comes to political activists, especially after a presidential election year. A quick review of our progress over the last four years is quite impressive. Let's review our progress at the national level, the state level, and then the local scene.

Since we have the same presidential candidate as four years ago, it's clear that significant progress has been made. Harry Browne has appeared on a number of nationwide TV shows. He's included in a number of polls. They've produced TV ads...and shown them nationally. The LNC has the largest budget in its history. We have more candidates than ever before. We have more elected and appointed office holders than ever before. Our dues-paying membership has more than doubled and voter registration numbers have never been higher.

On the California front, four years ago we were a part-time volunteer organization with a \$71,000 budget. Today, we have a full-time Executive Director, Juan Ros, a part-time assistant, Alex Goldbert, two part-time contractors, and an office. We've quadrupled our budget to \$305,000. We had 2,100 members then, and now 6,097. Four years ago, we were worrying about losing ballot status. Today, we have 94,538 registered libertarians (an all-time high). That's over the required 1% needed to maintain ballot status. We're mentioned in the media over 1,600 times so far this year. Just another record year for the LPC.

Locally, in 2000, we ran 305 local candidates, with a few reelections and some more elected for the first time. 305 candidates is more than double our previous best. We have more active regions than ever before, with only a handful yet to be organized, and those in the smallest, less populated, counties. Thanks to the Unified Membership Plan (UMP), local membership, local activists, and the funds they contribute, have never been higher.

So, now that the election is over, take a deep breath, enjoy the successes, learn from the failures, and get back to work. Our country's founders struggled for years to give birth to the United States. Our battle, while non-violent, is just as large and, at time, quite daunting. However, remember the goal: freedom in our lifetime.

Your participation and contributions fuel our successes.

Yours in liberty, Mark W. A. Hinkle

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Profit is the antidote to poverty ... so, isn't it a hoot that the elected politicians chose to fund their so-called "war on poverty" by making war on profit? That's like fighting syphilis with a war on penicillin, or fighting AIDS by outlawing condoms!

J R Graham


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INTERNS/VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Help the Libertarian Party of California

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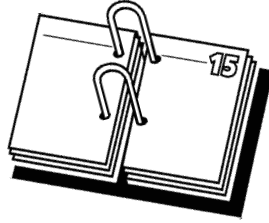
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CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, VOTE!

Election Day! Be sure to vote for the Libertarians in your area! Almost 300 Libertarians are running!



NOVEMBER 10-12

Student Seminar: Freedom and Civil Society, Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. Phone: (914) 591-7230. E-Mail: seminars@fee.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Cato City Seminar, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, NYC. Phone: (202) 789-5229 or visit: www.cato.org.

DECEMBER 9-10

Libertarian National Committee Meeting, Washington, DC. Phone (202) 333-0008 Ext. 228.

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FEBRUARY 16-19

LPC Convention, Doubletree Hotel, San Jose. Contact: Cullene Lang (916) 362-0855, E-mail: cullene@aol.com.

AUGUST 25-26

Regional Conference. Third Annual Conference of the Regional Parties, in Fresno. Contact Rodney Austin.

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Because of budget constraints, this issue of this newsletter was not printed. The December issue will be printed and mailed. All newsletter issues are online at <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpcm/>



October 4 at the local college—Cal State Monterey Bay. The LP was invited to talk with students about the up-coming election. Four members of the local LP were there to give out literature and try to organize some type of libertarian organization on campus.

Lawrence Samuels

NOTABLE QUOTABLE

Back in revolutionary days, Englishmen John Trenchard and Thomas Gordon wrote:

Men, when they first enter into [office], have often their former condition before their eyes. They remember what they themselves suffered from the abuse of power; so their first purposes are to be humble, modest and just; and probably, for some time, they continue so. But the possession of power soon alters their hearts. First they grow indifferent. Next, they lose their moderation. Afterwards, they renounce all measures with their old principles, and grow in conceit, a different species from their fellow subjects. And so, by too sudden degrees become insolent, rapacious and tyrannical. So that the only way to put them in mind of their former condition, and consequently of the condition of other people, is often to reduce them to it. A rotation, therefore, in power and [office], is necessary to a free government.

U. S. Term Limits Foundation, Weekly Commentary #237

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POLITICS AS USUAL

BIG BROTHER IS BAKING COOKIES

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Submitted by Firepig01@aol.com

TAXED TO DEATH

New York doubled its cigarette tax to a highest-in-the-nation \$1.11—and has hit small convenience stores in the process. Cigarette sales are off 30 percent to 60 percent since March 1, when the state added 55 cents to the price of a pack. Particularly hard-hit are stores anywhere near Pennsylvania or ones near a tax-free Indian reservation. Reason-Express: July 17, 2000

REGULATIONS RARELY WORK: EVEN IN GRADE SCHOOL

Children in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia have been keeping head lice in matchboxes to sell to each other – so they can get time off school. Under education department

rules, the children must take three days off if they are infected with the lice to ensure they do not pass them to other youngsters. But the authorities have stepped in after they discovered children were deliberately infecting themselves. A Bulgarian education spokesman said: “This regulation, aimed at stopping head lice spreading, appears to have worked against us, especially when there are a lot of exams.”

The Metro (London), October 2, 2000

HEROIN FUNGUS: POTENTIAL DISASTER

A novel weapon in the global war against heroin, a fungus that destroys opium poppies might lead to an ecological disaster, scientists fear. Britain and the U.S. are funding researchers in Uzbekistan to work on the biological weapon, which they claim could lay waste to millions of opium poppies in central Asia. UN documents highlight the possibility that once the fungus is spread, it might be difficult to contain. There is also concern that the fungus may mutate, or be used on food crops in offensive biological warfare. It is estimated the fungus would be ready for regular use within three years.

The Guardian (Manchester), Oct. 2, 2000

POLICIES LOWER CALCIUM INTAKE

Putting the lie to dairy industry arguments supporting California’s protectionist milk policies, a new Mad About Milk report

reveals that the state’s milk drinkers actually get far less calcium from milk than residents of nearby states as a result of those policies. “Consumers in nearby states are getting as much as 64% more calcium from the milk in their diets than Californians, on a per capita basis,” said Audrie Krause, director of Mad About Milk and author of the report. “This is clearly the result of California’s ban on the wholesome, natural milk that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and sold in the other 49 states. Combined with laws that prohibit retail grocers from selling milk at a discount, it’s discouraging Californians from drinking as much milk as consumers in neighboring states.”

BUSINESS WIRE, August 10, 2000

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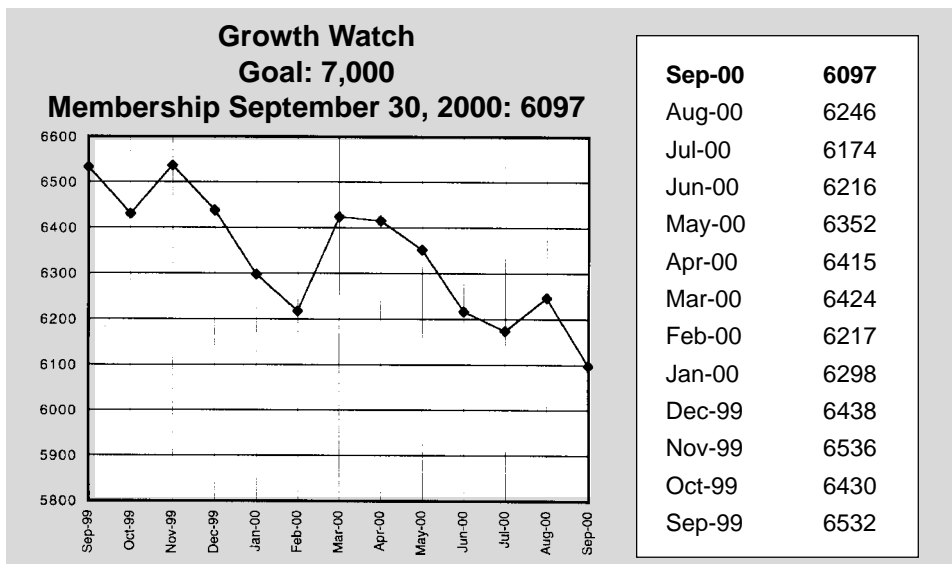
In testimony before Congress, Solveig Singleton (author of *How Big Brother Began*) discussed the dangers of government collection of individuals’ data because “it alone has the power of arrest and prosecution, and to demand asset forfeitures. Abuses of information collected by government in the past, show that government will not observe safeguards intended to prevent the abuse of the power to collect information.”

Cato Daily Dispatch, June 30, 2000
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QUICK QUIP

There is no virtue in compulsory government charity, and there is no virtue in advocating it. A politician who portrays himself as caring and sensitive because he wants to expand the government’s charitable programs is merely saying that he is willing to do good with others people’s money. Well, who isn’t? And a voter who takes pride in supporting such programs is telling us that he will do good with his own money - if a gun is held to his head.

P.J. O’Rourke



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**FULL STEAM AHEAD
PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY**

Pulls out all the stops in homestretch



JUAN ROS

LPC Executive Director Juan Ros dug his heels in and attacked on all fronts in an attempt to obtain as much free media for the LPC and LP candidates prior to the election.

“This is one of the most important elections in recent memory for the LPC. The party has undergone a massive change in policy and direction, resulting in more members, more support, and more candidates. This year’s election is the first opportunity we have to take advantage of that growth,” Ros said.

Among Ros’s activities over the final few weeks leading up to the election were:

- A last-minute burst of campaign appearances for his own congressional campaign, including a taped candidate debate for Adelphia Communications that reaches about 900,000 homes. Ros attacked Democratic incumbent Brad Sherman (24th Congressional District) for being disingenuous when Sherman claimed in his opening statement that he was “100% pro-choice.” “Congressman Sherman is far from ‘100% pro-choice’: he would not give his constituents the right to choose how to spend every penny they earn, or how to save for their retirement, or even what substances to put into their bodies.” Ros also appeared at a Universal City-North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce breakfast forum and at a Cal State-Northridge candidate event.
- Interviews by KFWB newsradio (Los Angeles) on two different subjects prompted by LPC news releases: the record number of registered Libertarian voters in California and Proposition 32. As of September 8, there were 91,472 registered Libertarians: an all-time high for the LPC. Ros also appeared on the “Tony the Weatherscout” online radio show at AdrenalineRadio.com.

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- Ros was also interviewed 11 times in October by various media outlets, including the *North County Times* (San Diego County), *Orange County Register*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Ventura County Star*, *Pasadena Weekly*, and *San Jose Mercury News*, on a variety of LP-related subjects.

Ros’s plan for the next two weeks? Deluge newsrooms with press releases. “I have three that I am working on simultaneously, and ideas for a few more. Now is the time to do a press release blitz!” Ros said.

And after the election? “I expect that we’ll have some new Libertarian officeholders, thanks to our candidate recruitment project Operation Breakthrough,” Ros pointed out. “After I call each one to congratulate them I think I’ll take a few days off!” ■

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AROUND THE STATE

LP VOTER REGISTRATIONS ARE UP!

The new voter registration numbers have been released, and the news is excellent. LP registrations have reached 91,472 as of September 8th, a 4.92% increase since February of this year. Registrations as a percentage of all registered voters increased to 0.60%. This is an all-time record high for the LP since achieving ballot status in early 1980!

This is significant because the LP continues to pull away from the 1% voter registration threshold — currently at 86,212 but expected to increase slightly in 2002 — needed to maintain ballot status if no statewide candidate achieves 2% of the vote. This virtually assures our ballot status in 2002 and future elections assuming the trend holds (and assuming no change in election law).

The Secretary of State has complete county and district breakdowns of registered voters at

http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_u.htm.

Juan Ros, Executive Director LPC

PETITION AGAINST THE INS

Let's make some waves and have a positive effect on liberty!

Visit the following link to print out a petition aimed at closing the INS checkpoints placed on our freeways and highways.

<http://www.lprc.org/inspetition.htm>

Gather as many signatures as possible and send them my way after each sheet is completely filled out. Once the elections are over and a new Congress is installed, we will submit the petitions to Capitol Hill.

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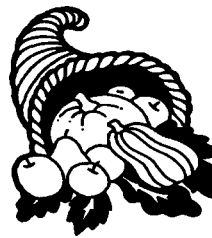
*Calvin Wallis
will be greatly missed*

Calvin was a physician and Methodist missionary who continued to serve throughout his life. Even in retirement, he worked as a physician at the Methodist Retirement Center where he lived. Calvin Wallis was a Life Member of the LP and long-time attendee at Region 67's Supper Club.

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Calvin has been a loyal supporter of the LP for several decades. He knew our fight for freedom would not be easy or short. He was in it for the long haul. The progress we make today was built upon the foundation built by the likes of Calvin Wallis. I was very sorry to hear of his passing.

Sadly, Mark Hinkle, LPC Chair



Including partisan candidates, I do believe that 500 (CA Libertarian) candidates is an achievable goal in the 2001-2002 election cycle.

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Libertarians protested the I-15 INS (Immigration Naturalization Service) checkpoint on several occasions. This photo was taken at the first checkpoint protest. (Photo by Thomas Stott).

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To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles,
we request our members to sign the pledge below.
(Non-signers cannot vote on party business.)

*I hereby certify that I do not believe in or
advocate the initiation of force as a means
of achieving political or social goals.*

Signature: _____

Membership Application

I choose to set my dues at:

- \$25 Basic _____
- \$100 Sustaining _____
- \$250 Sponsor _____
- \$500 Patron _____
- \$1000 Life _____

Plus additional contributions:

- \$ _____ Monthly Pledge to LPC _____
- \$ _____ Monthly Pledge to my Region _____
- \$ _____ One-time Donation to LPC _____
- \$ _____ One-time Donation to my Region _____

Total: _____

Payment:

- Check (payable to "Libertarian Party")
- Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____