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June 1998

Membership Continues to Skyrocket

*The LPC's ranks expand —
and so do its efforts to
recruit more members*

The Libertarian Party of California continues to grow, and grow rapidly. The Party's ranks swelled to 5,588 members at the end of April — making it the sixth consecutive month of growth for the LPC. (For illustration, see Growth Watch 1998 on page 5.)

Moreover, most signs indicate the overall trend is likely to continue. During his recent trip to Washington D.C., LPC Executive Director Juan Ros discussed the Party's growth with leaders from the national LP. "I had dinner with [former National Director] Perry Willis — he's very excited about our prospects for the next 24 months. If the national Party's test mailings prove accurate, we could see our membership quadruple within two years! That will bring us to one of the biggest but most welcomed challenges we've ever faced: coping with and assimilating the flood of new members!"

Recruiting new members is a primary goal for the LPC — one it is vigorously pursuing. "I want to have 7,000 members by the end of 1998," said LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "This year's budget for membership growth is two-and-a-half times greater than last year's — and I intend to use every penny of it to grow the Party. In addition, The national LP will be aggressively pursuing the same goal — attracting new members — and a good portion of them will live right here in California."

The LPC's dra- (continued on page 3)



Mr. Ros Goes to Washington: LPC Executive Director Juan Ros (L) is welcomed by LP National Director Ron Crickenberger (R) to the Libertarian Party's national headquarters in Washington D.C. (photo: Bill Winter)

Executive Director Begins Job

Juan Ros rolls up his sleeves and goes to work for the LPC

It's been a busy few weeks for newly-hired LPC Executive Director Juan Ros, but in just a short amount of time on the job, he has already launched several projects to build the party and increase its effectiveness.

"There's a lot of work to do," Ros said, "and a lot of things I'd like to accomplish. The first few months will be very challenging, but this is a great time to be a Libertarian, and I'm excited about the future prospects for the LPC."

Ros began working for the LPC at the beginning of May. Since then, his focus has been on the areas of media relations, regional development and legislative networking.

One of his first accomplishments was to contract with PR Newswire, a professional press release (continued on page 4)

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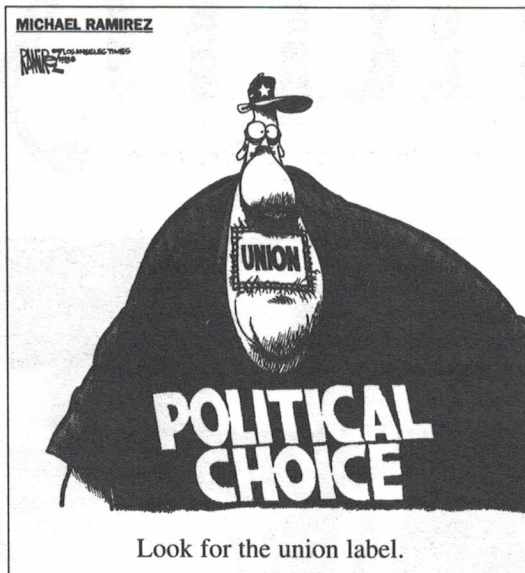
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LETTERS



The following letter was recently published in the San Jose Mercury News:

Congress and the IRS

Dan Thomas (Opinion, May 5) blames abusive practices by the IRS on Congress, and then he details the proposals for reform. Unfortunately, anything that Congress does will be inadequate if the past is any indicator of the future.

About a third of the income of the federal government comes from personal income tax. At least one extensive study shows that a third of the federal government is waste. Simple arithmetic shows that there is no real need for personal income tax.

If Republicans and Democrats in Congress cannot clean up the federal government and eliminate personal income tax, it will be time to elect Libertarians and others interested in their constituents rather than in their own re-elections.

STEPHEN J. HOLLY
Palo Alto, CA

Campaigning Can Be Fun

Recently I participated in a debate at Mission College in Los Angeles with the three other candidates running for State Senate, District 20. I was not looking forward to this 3-hour ordeal in a brightly lit auditorium with 200 people, cameras, and two very polished, experienced candidates since I don't have a public speaking background or a facile political brilliance.

Well, I was surprised! I held my own and even got some bursts of applause during the evening which was pretty good considering that most of the audience was holding up signs for my oppo-

nents and there weren't any Libertarians in the audience. Also, six people came to talk to me after the debate including the wife of the president of the college. One college student asked for more information and was very interested in the Libertarian viewpoint (which was new to him). This was a really stimulating experience, and I hope it did some small good for the party!

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Adopt-a-County

How about this idea for an LPC Goal — getting an LPC contact in every county in California by the end of this year? This could be done in kind of "Adopt-a-County" program...

Let's say your local region is next to a county that doesn't have a contact listed in LPC Monthly. You get a list of LP members or registered libertarians in that county and try contacting them by phone. After speaking with a few, you might find someone that sounds responsible and willing to be the LPC contact for that county.

This worked well with Trinity County... Al Swain of Shasta gave me a name to contact. I called her and asked if she could help get signatures for the Industrial Hemp and Free the People initiatives. The contact was willing and said she wouldn't mind being the LPC contact for Trinity County. The Shasta LP plans to help them get started soon.

We should try to find people who are on-line (though that's not essential), dues-paying LP members, and willing to do a little more than just let their name be listed as a contact in LPC Monthly. To reach someone in a neighboring county, the main things you'd need is a list of dues-paying LP members in that area (assuming there is at least one), and the most recent list of registered Libertarian voters there. Of course, dues-paying members are the first ones to contact. Tracking down registered LP voters can be a real pain, but if you get one or two good "hits," it might be worth it.

Think this a worthwhile project?

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LPC Hires News Service

LPC to use PR Newswire to distribute news releases



PR Newswire, an industry leader in the electronic distribution of news releases, has been chosen by LPC Executive Director Juan Ros to disseminate the Party's news releases.

"This is the most efficient and economical way of blanketing California with our news releases," said Ros. "PR Newswire has been providing this service for 45 years, and now we have the opportunity to take advantage of their experience."

To whom does PR Newswire send the news?

"The California circuit consists of over 200 media outlets," said Ros. "Our news releases get sent to TV and radio stations,

magazines, and every major daily and weekly newspaper in the state, from the *Arcadia Foothill Star-Tribune* to the *Westchester Ladera Observer*."

PR Newswire transmits news releases via computer-to-computer or satellite transmission. News releases are often routed directly into the central editing computers at newspapers. Other media points prefer receiving releases via fax, and some prefer e-mail.

Why not save money by faxing news releases ourselves?

"First, it would have taken a very long time to develop as extensive a media distribution list as PR Newswire already has," said Ros. "Second, PR Newswire has an excellent reputation, and our releases will get better attention coming from a such well-respected source. In addition, our releases get dis- (continued on page 8)

Membership Continues to Skyrocket

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matic six-month growth spurt is likely to experience a lull soon, when a large number of current memberships become due for renewal: typically, a percentage of those members will renew late, and some will drop off our roster indefinitely. However, once all renewals are processed, and responses start pouring-in from several upcoming membership recruitment mailings, our numbers should begin climbing again. Members are urged to process their renewals as soon as they receive them.

Why is growth so important?

"We need to be bigger if we are going to play in the same league with the big boys of politics," said Hinkle. "I'm impatient and selfish. I don't want more liberty and prosperity just for future generations: I want it for myself! I think most of us feel the same way. And the only way we're going to get more liberty and prosperity is by building the Libertarian Party until we are so big that we can start winning major victories."

To that end, Hinkle said he intends to "stay the course" with more massive recruitment mailings and efforts to professionalize the Party.

How can rank-and-file members contribute to the LPC's growth?

"By becoming a monthly pledger," says Hinkle. "Right now our pledge program brings in about \$2,100 per month. That figure is growing along with our membership, but we still need many more people to sign up. Our goal is to bring in \$6,000 per month by the end of the year. Having a steady flow of donations coming in every month is crucial to our growth — it's the fuel that keeps the race car on the track. If every member donated \$10-20 every month, the resulting membership growth would be fantastic!"

Members can become a monthly pledger by completing and submitting the form on the back of this newsletter, or by calling Juan Ros at (818) 980-8833. ■

LPC Endorses AB-1776

California Libertarians agree: "Scrap the car tax!"

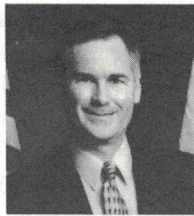
The LPC, joining a growing chorus of supporters, has officially endorsed AB-1776, a bill to repeal California's automobile licensing fee.

The bill by Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R-Northridge) would phase out the state's high car tax — formally known as the Vehicle License Fee — by 2003.

"Libertarians have always led the fight against excessive taxation," declared LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "Getting rid of the car tax sends a message to lawmakers: car owners are being driven crazy by taxes and aren't going to take it anymore."

California drivers pay an average of \$185 per vehicle annually in Vehicle License Fees, amounting to nearly \$4 billion a year.

"The Vehicle License Fee is nothing



Tom McClintock

but a property tax on your car," said Hinkle. "It's time to put the brakes on it."

The car tax was established in 1935 to pay for highways and related services. Today, revenues from the Vehicle License Fee are spent almost entirely by

local governments on health and social services programs.

"Taxing cars to pay for health and welfare programs makes as much sense as driving a convertible with its top down in the rain," noted Hinkle.

The Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation had scheduled to hear the bill on Monday, May 11, but Assembly Democrats who oppose the bill pulled it from the schedule at the last minute.

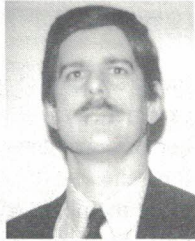
Recently, Governor Pete Wilson proposed slashing (continued on page 8)

From The Chair:

Support Your Candidates!

by Mark Hinkle

You know the saying: for all things there is a season. Between now and November 3rd, it is the political season. For about eight months every two years, the public becomes more focused upon politics — and more aware of government failures and abuses.



Mark Hinkle

Now is the season to reach out to them with our message of limited government and personal responsibility. This election season, the Libertarian Party of California has 95 candidates running for partisan office. They are selling the best mousetrap on the political market — libertarian ideas — to consumers desperately seeking a better product than the one they've purchased in the past.

Studies show that most people register Libertarian or join the Libertarian Party because they saw or heard a Libertarian candidate. Well, why not? We *do* have the best ideas, and most people know a good thing when they see it!

Our task, then, is enabling our candidates to be seen and heard.

In the past, many Libertarian candidates received little or no assistance from their local regions or the LPC. Too often we've recruited candidates with little or no campaigning experience and then tossed them into the political waters to sink or swim. That's got to stop. That's why the LPC held seminars last year to teach fundraising and campaigning basics to future candidates and current officials.

And that was only the beginning...

This year, our Executive Director, Juan Ros, will attend a two-day campaign workshop sponsored by *Campaign and Elections* magazine. Libertarians who

have previously attended these seminars call them invaluable. After the class, Juan will pass along the information he has learned to our candidates in a series of reports and future LPC-sponsored candidate-training seminars.

That is just one way the LPC will support our candidates; we intend to do much, much more.

What can *you* — an individual LPC member — do?

The answer is simple: donate your time, talent and money to one or more candidates. Remember: these folks are working for you. They are the *only* ones out there saying the things you believe in and fighting for the things you want. Surrounded by a cacophony of illogic, errors and lies, they are the voices of reason, freedom and self-responsibility. If you and I don't support them, many won't be back to run again. And that's not good: if we only run novices every election, it'll be harder to make significant progress. We need to encourage our candidates so that they will continue to run — and thus gather the skills they need to become better LP spokespersons and, eventually, to win.

If you want the Libertarian message to be heard by others, then our candidates need to hear from you.

Now is the season when voters most want to hear from us. Now is the season when voters contemplate the junk they've bought from rogues and hustlers in the past. Now is the season when they are looking for a quality product sold by individuals they can trust. Now is the season they are looking for The Libertarian Party.

You can help them find us.

So, please: select a Libertarian candidate that you think is worthy of support and then hold out your hand to them. Help them to be heard: they are speaking for you! ■

Executive Director Begins

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distribution service, to disseminate the LPC's press releases. (See related story, page 3.) Using the service, Ros has already sent out several press releases.

"One of them focused on AB-1776," he said, "a bill in the California Legislature that would repeal the state car tax if enacted. I also contacted the bill's principal sponsor, Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R-Northridge), and became acquainted with several of his staffers. McClintock is perhaps the closest thing to a libertarian in the state Legislature, and I felt it was important to establish a relationship with him." In addition, Ros drafted a resolution endorsing AB-1776, which was quickly approved by the LPC's Operations Committee.

Ros's first month on the job also included a trip to Washington, D.C., where he spent a day with LP National Director Ron Crickenberger, Director of Communications Bill Winter, and other members of the LP headquarters staff. "We exchanged ideas and discussed the future of the LP," he reported. "Ron, Bill and [past National Director] Perry Willis are very optimistic about the growth prospects of the LP over the next 24 months and are implementing strategies to help deal with the influx of new members expected." Ros was very impressed by the national headquarters and staff. "They are understaffed for the amount of work they do, but they are all very dedicated, hardworking and professional."

The month of May also brought Ros's first official media appearance as Executive Director, when he called into the Larry Elder show (790-KABC, Los Angeles) to announce the LPC's support of AB-1776. "This one's a no-brainer," he told Elder. "It should come as no surprise that the Libertarian Party of California supports the repeal of a tax."

Ros has plenty on his plate for the next few months... "I intend to continue cultivating our media relations by making follow-up phone calls to political editors ➡

after an LPC news re-release is distributed," he said. "I'm also planning my first trip to Sacramento to sit in on the State Assembly and Senate floor sessions — and hopefully to testify before some of the legislative committees."

In June, Ros will attend the Political

Campaign Seminar hosted by *Campaigns and Elections* magazine. "This seminar promises to be very valuable, and I intend to pass along whatever useful information I learn to our candidates," he said.

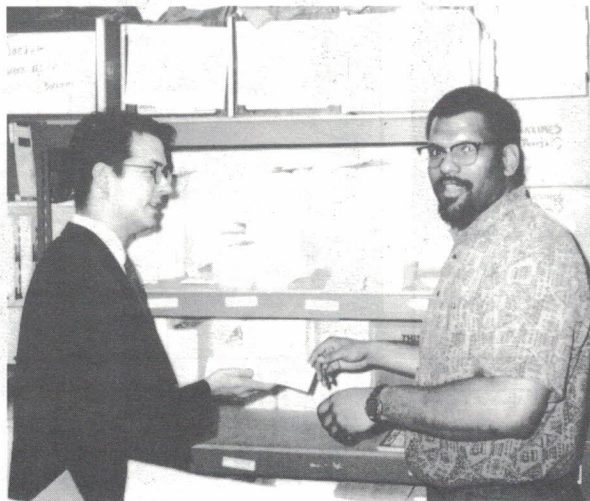
Ros has also tentatively scheduled an appearance on libertarian Rick Minyard's



Juan Ros tours the Libertarian Party's national headquarters. Left: Ros with intern Lisa Stronowski. Right: Ros with Affiliate Services Manager Daniel Smith. (photos: Bill Winter)

talk radio show in Modesto and plans to embark on a speaking tour of the local regions. "I'd like to meet the regional officers and members to let them know what I'm doing and to hear their concerns," Ros said. "It's very important for the LPC to work with the local regions to

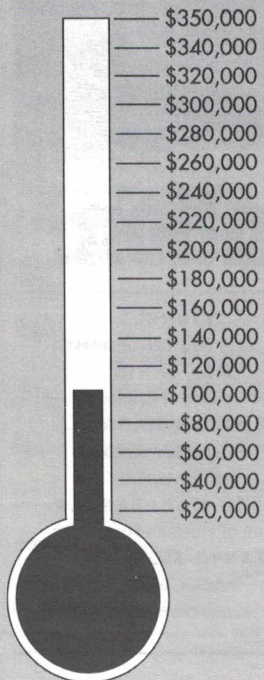
prepare for the tremendous membership growth that's just around the corner." On top of everything else that he has to do, Ros has one more major task to accomplish: completing the set-up of his home office. "My office is in disarray because my wife and I are in the middle of moving to a larger apartment. Disorder drives me crazy and I hope to have the office ship-shape in no time. Then I can really get down to business and starting building on what I've begun." ■



Growth Watch: April 1998

Revenue

Current: \$104,185
Year End Goal: \$350,000

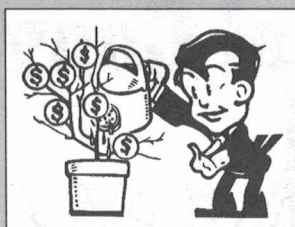


Donations

April Total: \$11,773

Pledges

April Total: \$2,270
Year End Goal: \$6,000 p/mo.



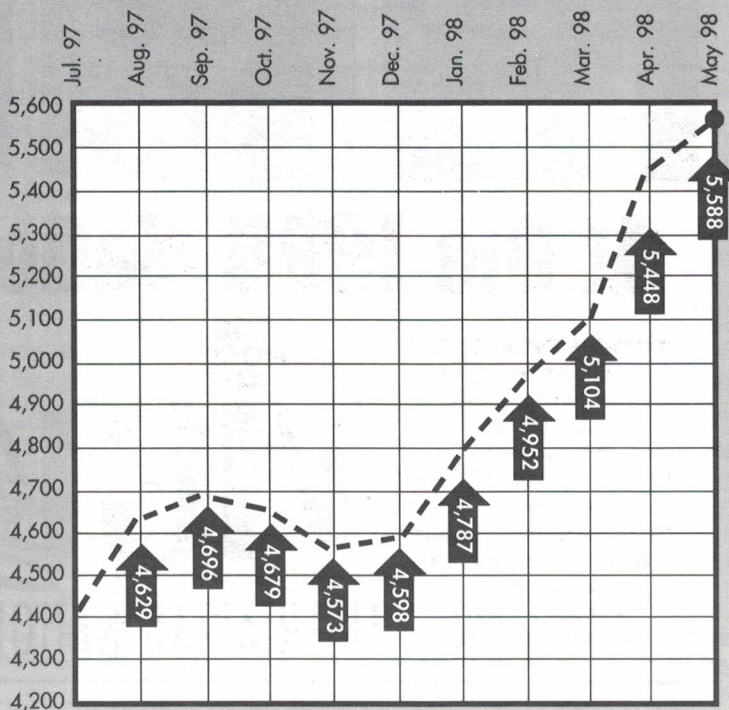
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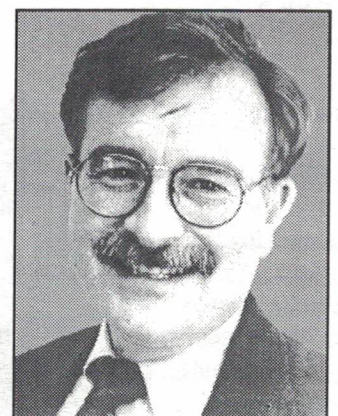
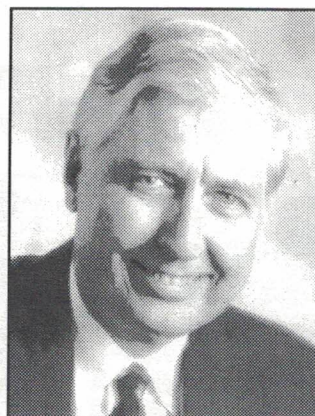
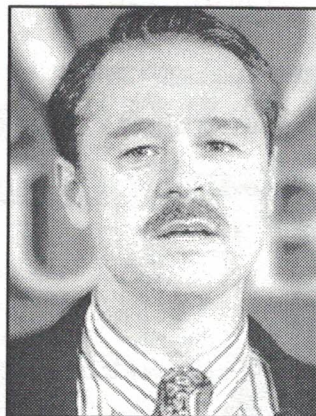
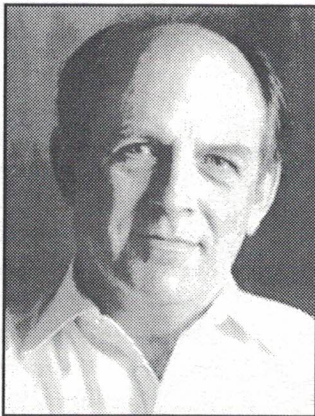
Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 980-8833. Please do it today!

Membership

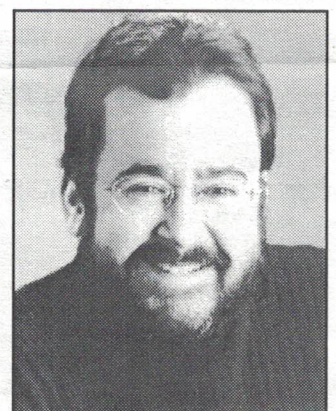
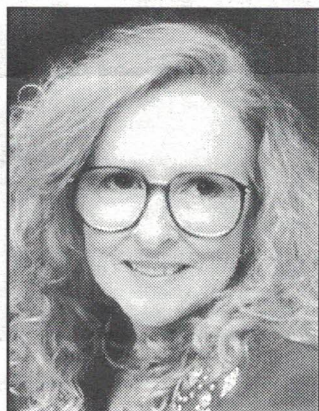
April 30th: 5,588

Year End Goal: 7,000





**The best minds
in the libertarian
movement want
to talk to you...**



At the 1998 National Convention.

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CHARLES MURRAY

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To Be A Libertarian*

DAVID BOAZ

Author of *Libertarianism: A Primer*

HARRY BROWNE

1996 LP Presidential Candidate

WALKER CHANDLER

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If there's one LP event you shouldn't miss in 1998, it's the National Convention — the biggest, most exciting political bash of the decade!

More than 1,000 delegates will be at Convention '98 in Washington DC (July 2-5). *Will you be one of them?* If not, you'll miss the chance to . . .

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- Select LP leadership for the next two years.
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C'mon — do you need any more reasons to attend the National LP Convention?

date & activist training sessions.

■ Celebrate the LP's success at the gala Saturday night banquet & awards ceremony.

■ Meet hundreds of enthusiastic fellow Libertarian activists.

Over the past several years, the party has grown to more than 25,000 members, with more than 250 office-holders. That's why the theme of the Convention is "The Road to Victory" — so we can celebrate what we've accomplished so far, and plan for the future.

You'll be part of that Libertarian future — and Convention '98 is your opportunity to play a major role in shaping it. *But only if you register today!*

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tributed to almost 150 online and database services. Within minutes of crossing the wire, LPC news is accessible to millions of Internet users on America Online, Compuserve, Infoseek, Lexis-Nexis, Prodigy and more. That's a huge value."

Of course, using PR Newswire won't guarantee that the media will use our news releases. "The LPC is competing with thousands of news release sources every day," said Ros. "If we want the media to pay attention to us, we have to *make* news. But the strategy of regularly sending out provocative news releases has worked for the national LP and I'm confident that, in time, the LPC will receive the media attention that it desires and deserves."

You can check out the LPC news releases online by performing a search at the PR Newswire web page at <www.prnewswire.com>. An archive of LPC news releases will also be maintained on the LPC web site at <www.ca.lp.org>. ■

AB-1776

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the car tax 75% by 2002 as part of his budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

"That just doesn't go far enough," said Hinkle.

Repealing car taxes has become a popular issue around the country. Virginia Governor James Gilmore made repealing that state's car tax the centerpiece of his campaign. Georgia and South Carolina are also weighing proposals to abolish their car taxes.

"Car owners across the country agree: the car tax needs to be ended *now*," demanded Hinkle. "The Libertarian Party of California urges lawmakers to put the pedal to the metal and pass AB-1776. As long as Californians continue paying the punishing Vehicle License Fee, they will continue feeling like victims of a political hit and run." ■

Q&A With Gail Lightfoot

A Conversation with the LPC candidate for Secretary of State

As part of our on-going series of interviews with Libertarian statewide candidates, this month we talk with our candidate for Secretary of State, Gail Lightfoot...



Gail Lightfoot

Q: What is your background?

A: I was born in Santa Monica in 1937. My father was a commercial fisherman who joined the Navy during WWII. When he returned in 1946, we moved to Catalina and then, in 1947, to Kodiak, Alaska. I returned to Los Angeles in 1952 when I was 16. After high school, I went to the L.A. County Hospital School of Nursing. I have a diploma in nursing, my RN license and a PHN certificate as well as numerous certificates in high tech procedures. I took a number of college classes between 1959 and 1979, switching to Early Childhood Education towards the end. My collage classes include political science. I've been married three times. I have three children and five grandchildren. My present husband, Richard Venable, also has three children from previous marriages. We live in Arroyo Grande in the Pismo Beach area of San Luis Obispo County.

Q: When did you become a Libertarian?

A: I began reading Ayn Rand in 1950. In 1964, I walked precincts for Barry Goldwater and attended the Nathaniel Branden Institute series on Objectivism. I subscribed to the *Ayn Rand Letter* and *The Objectivists Newsletter*. In 1966, I was given copies of all of Ayn Rand's books and read "Anthem," my favorite, for the first time. In 1971, I received LP membership information and joined as a charter member. I joined the LPC when it formed the following year. I've been a registered Libertarian ever since.

Q: What accomplishments as a Libertarian activist are you most proud of?

A: I've been a member of the LPC ExCom for most of the last 18 years. I served as LPC Chair in 1990, and from 1995-96. One of my goals was to be the

person to announce the California votes at the LP nominating convention. I did that on national television in 1996. I'm there on the videotapes of two conventions — and those videos will be there for my great-great-grandchildren to see that I did what I could to restore liberty in the

U.S. In addition, I believe that I did a good job building the Party and encouraging activism. I was always open to new ideas and never failed to listen to newcomers. During my term, we also provided a virtual office for the Party in two locations during a hectic election year.

Q: If you could ask members to do one thing to help the LPC, what would it be?

A: Support the candidates in every way that you can, from giving them the funds to print material and send out press kits to helping them reach voters at fairs and other public events. I would also encourage them to get involved in their regional organization in some way, even if only to write libertarian letters to the editor of their local papers. Whatever you can do to help the Party is needed and valuable.

Q: How would you describe your political opponents?

A: There is only one major party candidate seeking the office — the incumbent, who is seeking to advance his standard of living by leaping from one political office to another.

Q: If elected, what goal would be your top priority?

A: Simplifying the election process. I'd like to create better voter pamphlets with photos and statements by all of the candidates so that voters can make informed decisions without relying on political ads or media coverage.

If you would like to contribute to or volunteer for Gail Lightfoot's campaign for California Secretary of State, you can write her at P.O. Box 598, Pismo Beach, CA, 93448. Telephone: (481) 452-3434. E-Mail: <gkltft@aol.com>. ■

Ventura County: Libertarians Win Lawsuit

Ventura County Libertarians have successfully concluded a lawsuit against the Ventura library system. "The libraries had been requiring all patrons to sign a form agreeing not to view any sexually explicit material, not just 'legally obscene' material, when using computers online," reported LPC member **Dan Wiener**. Eleven Ventura Libertarians felt the library's policy violated the First Amendment and sued to have it revoked.

The lawsuit was filed on March 3 by attorney **William Weilbacher Jr.** "This isn't about the merits of pornography," Weilbacher told the *Los Angeles Times*. "It's about the government having no business saying what you can and cannot look at. The general rule is that the government is not allowed to regulate speech. It's perfectly fine to regulate unlawful speech like child pornography, but they're crossing the threshold by restricting adults from viewing what is legal."

On May 20, the Ventura library system acknowledged its error by agreeing to revise its policy to allow adults to view sexually explicit material as long as it is not legally obscene. Children, however, will not be allowed to view such material unless a parent consents. The agency has filed its stipulation agreement in federal court, which still must approve the settlement.

"I applaud the county for sitting down and looking for other ways to protect minors, while still giving adults an opportunity to exercise their First Amendment rights," Weilbacher said.

The Ventura Libertarians' lawsuit received substantial media coverage, including multiple articles published in

the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Ventura County Star*. "We are building a reputation in Ventura for being willing to sue whenever government agencies step over the line," Wiener said. ■

Sonoma County: Citizens Honored, Pols Dishonored

Members of the Libertarian Party of Sonoma County gathered on April 22 for the Freedom Days Annual Honors and Awards Dinner. Highlights included the First Annual Erwin Penry Award for Defending Liberty in Sonoma County as well as the annual Disgrace in Government Awards.

The Erwin Penry honor went to Sonoma resident **Cyndie Moi** for her efforts to defeat local, county and state daytime curfew legislation. Moi chairs the group, Californians Against Daytime Curfew.

Event coordinator **James Oglesby** said that Moi drew a line in the sand, continuing to work to oppose local, county, and state politicians who attempt to strip civil rights from innocent children through totalitarian legislation. Moi said: "I'm honored to be recognized by the Libertarians and to be selected from among such a stellar group of nominees. Erwin Penry's exemplary defense of civil rights in the 40's is, today, a role model for us all. It's crucial that each of us do everything we can to maintain civil justice in this country."

The Erwin Penry Award is named for a Sonoma County resident who, during World War II, raised a brave and solitary voice of protest against the internment of local Japanese-Americans — and who was in turn publicly denounced by many county residents.

The Disgrace in Government Awards went to several anti-liberty elected officials in the county. ■

East Bay: Libertarians Infiltrate UCB

Deep inside enemy territory — the pro-socialist hallways of academia — Libertarians have forged a beach-head! The Cal Libertarians, the student Libertarian group at UC Berkeley, is currently in its third semester.

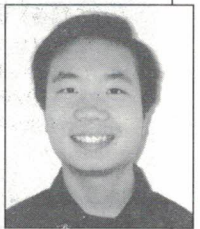
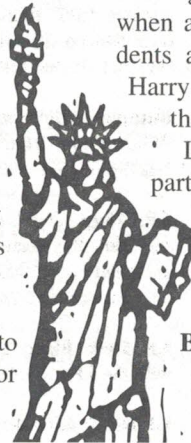
The group had its beginnings in 1996, when a small cadre of Libertarian students at UCB united to work on the Harry Browne campaign. Since then, the group has hosted several Libertarian speakers and have participated in demonstrations supporting Prop. 209 and opposing the possibility of entering into another Gulf War.

According to founder, **Dan Burton**, "We have about a hundred names on our e-mail list, about a dozen of whom regularly attend meetings — and both numbers are continuously increasing. We have a booth in UCB's Sproul Plaza and hold weekly meetings. In fact, a member of the Cal Democrats recently admitted, 'You guys really trounced us' in terms of activism."

In addition to Burton, who also designed the group's website, the Cal Libertarians officers include President **George Lee** and Treasurer **Makoto Shuttleworth**. Another active member is **Mark Goodman**, co-founder of the Young Libertarians of Saratoga High School.

"Right now," said Burton, "we're petitioning for two initiatives: one to abolish the state income tax, and another to require that juries be informed of their right to judge the law as well as facts. We also plan to organize debates with other political groups on campus."

To learn more about the Cal Libertarians, visit their website at www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~callib. ■



George Lee

For Your Information

Renewing Your Membership

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LP Stuff For Sale

Former LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot would like to announce that she is offering Libertarian Party promotional merchandise for sale. All proceeds will go to support LPC Region 40 (San Luis Obispo County). Items for sale include the following...

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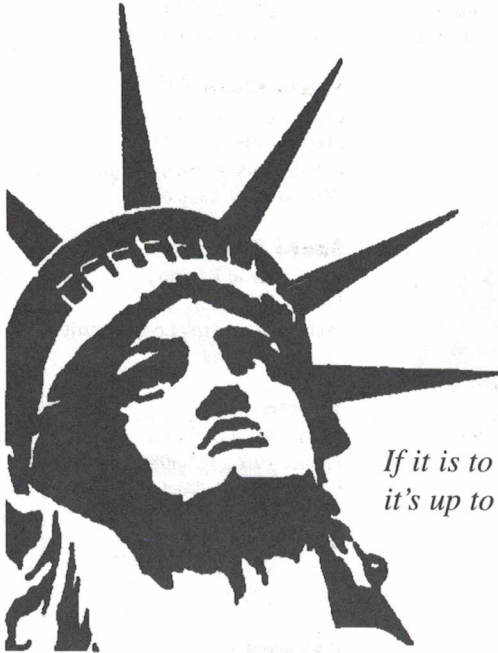
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