Building the Party

Nomination Committees Assist Candidates & Excite New Members

by Norm "Firecracker" Westwell

ost people who register Libertarian never hear from our party. We ignore this vast resource—over 80,000 registered Libertarians in California!—while every lot. However, all fees are waived election cycle our candidates struggle to attain ballot status. However, the untapped resource may solve our longstanding problem--through the forma- com/lpocnomcom. tion of countywide Nomination Committees

I've already formed one in Orange County. Its task is two- bers (those with a Libertarian

dated voter registration infor- them that the LP candidate's mation continues to hinder our nomination papers and instruccandidates. To solve this prob- tions will soon arrive by mail. lem, at least once per year Committee members need only every county LP's Nomination sign the papers, put them in an for money. Committee will email all regis- envelope, and mail them back. tered Libertarians in order to This voluntary electronic sys-



also impeded pay hefty filing fees (over \$1000) to qualify for the bal-

for any candidate who provides 150 valid nomination petitions (i.e., signatures). Details may be found at http://geocities.

To overcome this financial hurdle, a county LP will email its Committee memcandidate in their district) First, inaccurate and out- before an election, informing

Second, our sands of dollars and hundreds they are first registered. The recandidates are of man-hours of administra- gional website should also have tion time. Most of all, it helps a link. by having to Libertarian candidates get onto the ballot with the least amount

Ideally, each Assembly district would have a minimum of 150 members to fulfill the filing requirements. That sounds like a lot of people, until you remember

that we have over 80,000 registered Libertarians in California. Nomination Committees are a great way to introduce them to party activism-with-

out asking them

I suggest asking all newlyregistered Libertarians to join verify their voter registration tem will save the Libertarian this low-impact/zero-cost, Party of Orange County thou- prestigious Committee when

In 2006 NORM "FIRECRACKER" WESTWELL was elected to the Board of Trustees of financial and paperwork of the Ocean View School District. His email: normw@modernpublic.com.

VOLUNTEERS r the 2008 **Election Season** Fill out the inquiry form on the State Party web site www.CA.LP.org/volunteer.shtml In the "Other" field on the form, make sure to put down "Election 2008"

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M Carling invites members to submit their proposed changes to the National Bylaws Committee at bylaws@lp.org.

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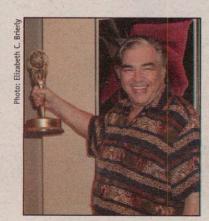
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The man who made Mad as Hell won't have to take it anymore

Aaron Russo, who produced movies, television specials and records, and ran for President in 2004, died of cancer last month. He left behind a lasting legacy: a dumbfounding documentary about greedy government called America: From Freedom to Fascism. At left he shows off his Emmy award for Bette Midler's "Ol' Red Hair is Back." For more see page 6.

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Book review: Blindspot graphic novel

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Local nomination committees

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Libertarian Mayor **Promotes Citizen** Self-Rule Cottrell was

by Casey Alpanalp

September 2007

Libertarian as your town's mayor? Nevada City knows! At the July 11 Nevada City city council meeting, the only item on the singlepage agenda was "the passing of the gavel" from outgoing mayor Libertarian since 1992) to his

Christmas bazaar, mid-summer only council chambers attested July parties encompassing all of to his success. He also wanted of yore. It's less well known people can self-regulate their as a Libertarian hotbed. "In own time at the microphone. the '80s Nevada City was 10% "I'm happy to say I haven't used Libertarians," said Cottrell. "Ed this gavel except to call or ad-

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Changes at Executive Offices

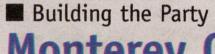
openly proud that grassroots hat's it like having a management has proven superior to stacked-up bureaucracy

In his outgoing speech, **Steve Cottrell** (a registered Cottrell enumerated his appoint- freedom dead in America? ments of ordinary citizens to posuccessor. Afterwards, council sitions of responsibility, and was bated at a mini-conference members and staff visited the openly proud that grassroots in the city of Monterey on bar next door to hoist a few management has proven supe- Saturday, October 13, from 1 rior to stacked-up bureaucracy. to 5 p.m. Events will convene Nevada City (pop: 3,001) lies As mayor he'd set his goals and at the Monterey Travelodge on Highway 20 in the Northern achieved them. He'd hoped to Hotel, 2030 N. Fremont Blvd., California foothills. The town involve citizens in their own in the conference room at the is widely known for its giant government; the standing-room Buzzards Restaurant. downtown, and huge gold finds to prove that, given the chance, Hollywood Libertarian

with a smile. Cottrell has been estranged from the local and state party 10% Libertarians" structures for some years now, but not for malice or spite. In - Steve Cottrell his view, the party simply faded away while he was serving on Clark came out here to formally the school board 20 some years announce his candidacy for ago. He was first elected to the vote. Statist culture produces for a quarter of a century," said President of the United States, city council 15 years ago and statist voters. Fortunately, Brad Linaweaver. "Dafydd ab Hugh has been continuously reelected since. He was doing while the party was theorizing. But he's not opposed to attending a party summit, or otherwise participating in events to build the Libertarian Party.

journ a meeting," he announced

The party returned to Steve, and he's receptive. He'll start receiving California Freedom now that he's been noticed as an elected official (granting him party membership), as well as Butte County's little rag. That's a start, and as we grow, we'll surely lift pints together in the near future as Nor-Cal events are being planned.



Monterey Conference Asks: Is Freedom Dead in America?

by Lawrence K. Samuels

ave the Constitution and Bill of Rights been gutted? Has the government revoked safeguards against illegal imprisonment (writ of warrantless spying, denial of council, torture to extract con- mist with President Reagan's FreedomWatch. fessions, and secret prisons? Is

That question will be de-



A BBQ din- KION 1460 AM in Salinas; and ner will follow Eric Garris, webmaster for both at 6 p.m.

The minicon will feature

Council of Economic Advisers: and radio talk show host for



• Henderson

in Carmel Valley Antiwar.com and LewRockwell. Sponsors include the California Libertarian Party, Prof. David R. the Libertarian Party of Henderson, Monterey County, Libertarians

habeas corpus and due process), author of The Joy of Freedom for Peace (Monterey County), and a former senior econo- the Sam Adams Forum, and Admission is \$15. Checks

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Screenwriter Brad Linaweaver **Plugs Libertarianism**

by Thomas M. Sipos

opular entertainment blogs or opinion journals. informs people's world-

to plug liberty in his sci-fi and horror tales, influencing teenagers who don't read political

"I've been getting libertarviews, and thus, how they ian messages into everything Linaweaver always finds room and I did four novels for Pocket



• Brad Linaweaver of Los Angeles



· In his award-winning novel the Nazis' rule perniciously after winning World War II

Books in the 1990s based on the Doom video game. We worked in a lot of libertarian messages. When the Marines are on their way to Mars in one of the books, they're passing around a copy of Bureaucracy by Ludwig von

• See Linaweaver page 6

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New Changes for Fall and Beyond



by Kevin Takenaga

s we end summer, I have work, we must mixed news to report. compensate ac-Executive Director Angela cordingly. Keaton and Office Manager Ali We're now Martin have both resigned to assessing our pursue other opportunities. office staffing

paid staff achieve the impos- and Secretary Beau Cain are LPC convention: February 22sible with few resources. Angela reviewing our resources, and 24, in San Diego. ExCom Rep and Ali worked under difficult how they meet our plans for Jesse Thomas heads up the

CHAIRMAN future staff hires with increased in the 2008 elections. donations and volunteer assis-

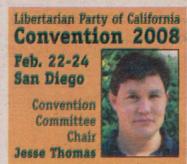
> tance. When we demand great

ogy should assist our far-flung members in serving the Party without meeting in a physical office. I'll know more after our September Executive Committee

In the meantime, ExCom Within our Party, nationwide, needs. Treasurer Don Cowles has set the dates for our 2008

FROM THE conditions and with high expection the upcoming year to support Convention Committee. He plans tations. We must support our county parties and participate great events for the Presidential election year.

We can cut costs without sac- I hope you had a great sumrificing service. Better technol- mer. It's time to push forward



I'd Rather Be Informative Than "Positive" FROM THE Denver in '08, but they'll give

by Thomas M. Sipos

quessed right. And on my first tion that. It isn't "positive."

It wasn't hard. One of them in the 1990s predicting a was a "pro-defense" libertar- Libertarian majority House and ian who's done much public Senate by 2010. I wonder how chest-beating over the need many new members had their for libertarians to be tolerant, hopes raised by such "positive" so I wasn't surprised by his stories, which were at best selfbehind-the-scenes intolerance. delusional, at worse deceitful. Of course, I've met both pro- I wonder how many newcomers and antiwar libertarians who later quit the LP, disheartened would ban the other side. They and disgusted and cynical. share the same rationale: that Journalism can irritate peo- (Of course, keeping opponents of California Freedom positive California Freedom is a sales tool ple, yet in the longterm it's a in the dark may be a goal of the and informative. But if I had to

ism? Is its purpose to promote the will more likely stick around party or to inform the members? if they believe they're getting

PR and journalism have oppos- sources. ing objectives. PR puts a posi- In this issue of California tive spin on events, the truth Freedom we broach the divibe damned. Journalism informs sive issue of platform reform people of unpleasant truths, the (see "Letters to the Editor"). A

to avoid unpleasant news, as it cedural debates; those should may discourage or "drive off" be left for the conventions. cynicism and distrust once the tion proposal. Clearly, members

happy facade is impossible to must prepare for the conven- starting point, then conduct maintain. To judge from some tions by discussing and debat- your own investigations. Inform n July 16, I addressed the libertarian articles over the ing issues in advance. And if CF yourself. Decide for yourself. topic "Should Libertarians years, one might think that all isn't the proper forum to debate Two brief, final notes. Former Build Alliances With the artists, musicians, young peothose issues, what is?

CF editor Elizabeth C. Brierly Build Alliances With the artists, musicians, young peo- those issues, what is?

Left?" at Los Angeles's Karl Hess ple, immigrants, entrepreneurs, Reporting on divisive issues now works as Media Coordinator Club. Prior to my talk, I was tech workers, hell, everyone on may not be "positive," but I for The Independent Institute, informed that some libertarians the planet, is already a libertar- didn't invent these party rifts; from which she submits "U.S. had objected to my speaking ian; they just don't know it yet. they're already there. It's just Role in Islamist Terrorism." there. While the KHC's facilita- Let's ignore that many people that some members are unaware Thanks Elizabeth, and congrats tor wouldn't outright tell me within those groups also de- of them, and thus might ar- on the new job! the names of those who would mand statist entitlements and rive at the conventions unpre- And much thanks to Angela ban me, he conceded that I'd protections. Please don't men-pared—or not show up at all. Keaton for her past service

for the LPC, so it must present better sales tool than PR spin. better-organized factions.) Ideally, it does both. However, "the real scoop" from LP news

consequences be damned. member once told me that CF Some libertarians want us shouldn't cover political or promembers in the short term. Unfortunately, the clock always Yet fake PR is more harmful in expires before we can vote on, the long run, because it breeds much less debate, every conven-

more likely stick around if they believe they're getting "the real scoop" from CF

the LPC in a "positive" light. People trust journalists over Tim Crowley's letter, and my But isn't California Freedom advertisers, which is why the reply, won't adequately explain latter try to mimic the former the issues that divided the na-Really, which is it? An organ through infomercials and advertional LP convention in Portland of public relations or of journal- torials. Likewise, LP members in '06, and will likely repeat in

EDITOR you a heads up.

CF editor Elizabeth C. Brierly

as Executive Director. I'm sorry I recall LP fundraising pieces LP members will she's left the building. She's a principled woman, with a sharp mind and a pen to match. "A young Ayn Rand," as they say in Hollywood. Although Angela's no longer obligated to produce a monthly column, I hope she'll submit pieces in the future. Please keep up with her at www.AngelaKeaton.com. I hope you'll find this issue

pick one, I choose the latter.

In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.

- George Orwell

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Book Review

Subverting the U.S. Role in Islamist Terrorism Stifling Suburbs

by Kevin Pyle Henry Holt and Co., 2007

Review by Hueso Taveras

uthor Kevin Pyle is familiar with the theme of war and its effects on Americans. He explored this is in his previous works in World War 3 Illustrated and in one of his own graphic novels, Eye of God. In Blindspot, he focuses on the vivid war fantasies of an American suburban boy.

Blindspot should be required reading for anyone who's ever dreamed of being a war hero.

railroad tracks as trains whizzed parental restrictions on his TV 1950s Sqt. Rock comics. watching, Dean retreats further less man's handmade shack, and and evocative story. to a stash of porn magazines. Due to the proliferation of with our fantasy-driven society.

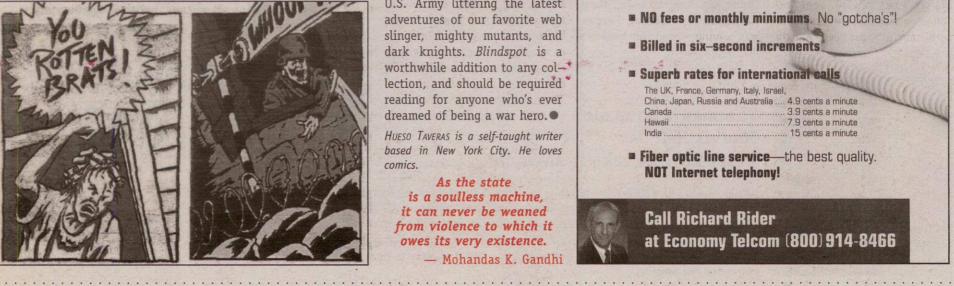


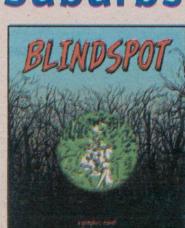
their theater of operations lay drifting from his friends, Dean in the backwoods just outside faces his increasingly consuming fantasies in the face of a harsh world. The author uses simple

> line drawings and single-color washes, a popular technique in indie comics. Pyle uses the power of color to elicit feeling

into his military fantasies, see- Dean is an intelligently written Afghanistan. authorities as another combat fantasies. Pyle does an excellent States could do to defuse the operation. The pressures of re- job of avoiding clichés, condeality mount as the boys' play scending dialogue, and stereo- this fact to explore the dileads them to destroy a home-types, and creates an inviting chotomy of fantasy and reality,

Looking for more, Dean gets the superhero genre, comics This book comes out at a great caught raiding a neighbor's ga- are synonymous with juvenile time, to coincide with copious rage and faces harsh repercus- entertainment. Blindspot uses ads for the Navy, Marines, and





above their heads and played Dean's introspection and happy military presence in Lebanon countries. in grammar school and facing color combat scenes right out of istence—a non-Islamic state in George H.W. Bush administration

went to war not against the in Iraq.

Because Ideas Matter

by Ivan Eland



in the late rationale disappeared. 1970s. The Even if the United States return if any Afghan govern-Russians believes the global oil mar- ment harbors al Qaeda, and use and create atmosphere in his learned it again when they oc- ket will fail to deliver Persian Special Forces to hunt down scenes. Dean's suburban world cupied Chechnya in the 1990s. Gulf oil to U.S. shores without al Qaeda's leadership. This prois rendered in monochromatic Israel's occupation of the West U.S. military forces protecting cess needs to be repeated in washes of light teal and sky blue. Bank and Gaza after the 1967 it (a dubious proposition), the Iraq and the Persian Gulf. The four boys travel through Six Day War and its military in- U.S. military could protect our The lesson learned is that Dean's home. They lay under their theater of operations in terventions in Lebanon triggered oil lifeline from offshore, withcamouflage green, the color of similar reactions, as did the U.S. out troops stationed in Muslim curity—it undermines it. U.S. capture-the-flag with an old moments. When confronting en- in the early 1980s. Indeed, it's The United States has done cially problematical. woman's underwear. Floundering emies, the story shifts to four- fair to say that Israel's very ex- so before. In 1991, when the

land claimed by the Muslims—is believed U.S. oil supplies were of the books The Empire Has No Although the theme is sim- part of the same pattern, as is endangered by Saddam Hussein's Clothes: U.S. Foreign Policy Exposed from stifling suburban life and ple, Pyle's book is anything but. the U.S. occupation of Iraq and invasion of Kuwait, U.S.-based and Putting "Defense" Back into land and air forces were sent U.S. Defense Policy. ing every confrontation with character trapped in his war There is much the United to the Gulf to push Saddam out

problem, and a good place to of Kuwait. After the job was start would be by removing done, those forces should have land-based U.S. forces from the been brought home. Instead, hen U.S. government Persian Gulf. officials and foreign Even Osam the United States established a Even Osama bin Laden claims large military footprint in the

policy pundits discuss he attacks the United States region, which, in retrospect, terrorism, they usually focus on primarily because of its mili- was exactly the wrong move. the characteristics, personnel, tary presence in the region. Now it's time to get rid of history, tactics, targets, objectives and effects of terrorist organizations. They rarely talk

Other reasons, he claims, are that unneeded land presence, not to increase the ante by talk-ling about permanent U.S. bases.

To fully understand Islamic United States, but against the Just look at the troubles the terrorism, one needs to under- Soviets in Afghanistan. When United States has caused in stand what triggers this extraor- he returned to his Saudi Arabia Afghanistan. There, the condinary rage. And throughout homeland after fighting the tinued U.S. occupation-which history one factor stands out Soviets, he found a large—and has changed its main focus from above all else: the occupation to him unacceptable-U.S. mil- killing or capturing bin Laden of Muslim land by non-Muslim itary presence in the desert to nation-building, counterinkingdom, which remained after surgency, and drug interdic-From the time of the Crusades, evicting Saddam Hussein from tion—is fueling a resurgence of

favorite game was soldiers, and with a boy he barely knows, and tent. The Soviet Union learned United States became a target. Only by minimizing the this difficult During the Cold War, one permanent U.S. military preslesson fol- could make a plausible argu- ence in Arab and Islamic lands lowing its ment for some U.S. involvement can we hope to stem anti-U.S. invasion and overseas to counter the expanterrorism. The United States occupation of sionist Soviet superpower. When should withdraw its forces Afghanistan the Soviet Union collapsed, that from Afghanistan, inform the Afghans that U.S. forces will

power on Islamic soil is espe-

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owes its very existence. - Mohandas K. Gandhi

a theme that should resonate

U.S. Army littering the latest

adventures of our favorite web

slinger, mighty mutants, and

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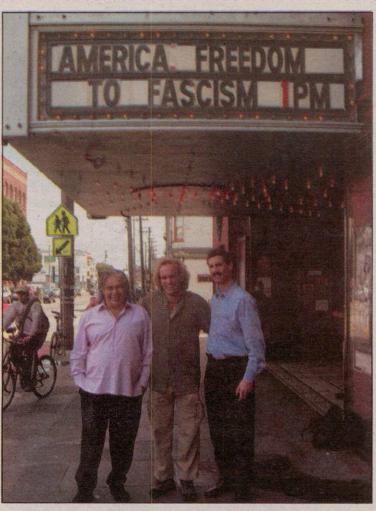
based in New York City. He loves

As the state

is a soulless machine,

it can never be weaned

from violence to which it



 Aaron Russo, Starchild, and Joe Bannister at San Francisco premiere of Russo's eye-opening documentary film

Linaweaver continued from page ?

14- or 15-year-old boys reading Doom noticed that we were promoting Mises, but we were."

messages are more explicit Linaweaver. "He's endorsed two in his original novels. In the of my books. Regarding Reagan, Prometheus Award-winning in late 1976 he did a radio Moon of Ice, the Nazis' kooky broadcast about one of the first paganism takes full bloom after articles I ever sold to a na- to capitalize on the Reagan Hitler wins World War II. And in Anarquia, co-written with J. Kent Hastings, Falangists and

Communists are both defeated by Anarchists in the Spanish Civil War.

Linaweaver enjoys story credits on sev-

eral films, such as Jacko, The Brain Leeches. The Low Budget Time Machine, and Her Morbid Desires (part of The Boneyard Collection). "My involvement Americans for Freedom, Reagan with movies has been mostly low-budget, exploitation stuff where ideology is not that relertarian idea. But with indepen- voice. be a propagandist."

As a straight political pun- Filmland, Cult Movies, or Filmfax, I would have anything in com-

Mises. I don't know how many dit, Linaweaver has written for National Review and been praised by no less than Ronald Reagan. "I've been friends with William Linaweaver's libertarian F. Buckley for many years," said on Battlestar Galactica novels. I cal hack in Washington, trying

"I've been getting libertarian messages into everything for a quarter of a century"

tional market. A piece called 'The Wish' that appeared in New Guard, the magazine of Young was saying, 'Brad Linaweaver, he became president because how right he is!"

That particular broadcast is in line with both my Old Right evant. When you're writing sci-reprinted in Stories in His Own conservatism and my minarchist ence fiction for a New York Hand: The Everyday Wisdom of libertarianism. That goal was publisher, you actually achieve Ronald Reagan. It's also avail- the end of the Soviet Union. something when you slip in a lib- able on CD in Reagan's own And Reagan succeeded. That is

dent, exploitation, low-budget Linaweaver is glad he didn't ertarian, including anarchists, Hollywood, there's already an learn of Reagan's praise until should celebrate Reagan's vicanti-authoritarian attitude. decades after the fact. "I never tory over the Soviet Union. That culture is by nature fairly would have had my career in "But after Reagan, the libertarian. There's less need to Hollywood. I might not have Republican Party went to hell written for Famous Monsters of in a handbasket. The idea that

Fallen Freedom Fighter

Aaron Russo, Rest in Peace

Aaron Russo: In His Own Words

From an interview by Elizabeth C. Brierly

"I was very successful as a movie producer, you know-

Emmys, Academy Award nominations, Golden Globes-

everything a man could want. And I gave it all up to get

involved in politics, because I wanted to make a change in

the country. From my point of view, it was an opportunity

to go do that, and then when I lost-even when I lost the

governor's race in Nevada (I came in second)-I was won-

dering, 'Why am I doing this? Why am I on this path?""

"This movie [America: Freedom to Fascism] is about the

system, what's happening. People are seeking truth, and I

think this movie is [going to give] it to them. This may be the

best work I've ever done; it's certainly the most important.

I'm more proud of this than of anything I've done in my life.

This has a chance to make a difference in the world."

"I believe in God--though I don't believe in religion--and

I realized in many ways, it might be because of this IRS

movie. I have a chance to demonstrate my movie skills,

which I developed first, and my political knowledge, which

came second, and then to combine them into making mov-

ies about things that are important. Maybe that's why I

had to go through the process I went through. That's what

I've come out of it with, and I'm happy with that."

at the San Francisco premiere of Theater. His passion and com-

America: Freedom to Fascism at mitment to our cause will be

by Starchild

aron Russo, libertarian activist and filli producer (The Rose, America: activist and film pro-Freedom to Fascism), succumbed to cancer on August 24, 2007. One of my fondest LP memo-

ries is sitting and rapping with Aaron and former national LP chair Geoff Neale on the floor of a convention hotel room in L.A. I'd taken out all the chairs, covered the lights and furniture with clothes and bedsheets, and strewn pillows across the floor to create a bit of countercultural ambiance. I was dressed in "play attire" (the purple butterfly/faerie outfit) while they were in "business attire"-and they both rolled with it like troopers!

Aaron was a big, brash, street-fighter kind of guy. But as Rachel Mills asked in a flier promoting him for the LP's 2004 presidential nomination, "Who would you rather have fighting for your freedom, Mr. Rogers or Tony Soprano?"

The last time I saw Aaron was the delightfully seedy Victoria greatly missed.

Foot Centerfold. I might not

have done the Sliders novels,

or worked with Richard Hatch

might have been a boring politi-

endorsement to be a political

What kind of libertarian is

Linaweaver? As he explains it,

became a libertarian in the

early 1970s when I realized

the conservatism I believed in

was dying under Richard Nixon.

I've always been a limited gov-

ernment minarchist trying to

return to what the Founding

Fathers had in mind. I became a

fellow traveler of Reagan when

speechwriter. I'd be a worse lib-

ertarian than I am today."

nor worked on Attack of the 60 mon with the 'conservatism' want a small government. You of George W. Bush is obscene. cannot have a small govern-Richard Nixon is John Galt out of Atlas Shrugged compared to impossible." Bush-and that's even with Nixon doing wage and price tion, Post-Nationalism: George controls. The Republican Party Bush as President of the World,

much lower it can go. in Iraq. I was misled. I had in the Republican Party. I predict no idea I was supporting a the Democrats will be in total "I was never an anarchist. I'm utopian experiment. I've spent control after the '08 election. my whole life opposing uto- There'll be a Democrat president an Old Right conservative who pian experiments. Now we have in the White House, whereupon the American military trying to I will expand Post-Nationalism achieve some kind of utopian into a larger book. My workdemocracy in Iraq. That drives ing title is Elephant's Graveyard: me crazy. I've always been fun- How Neoconservatives Destroyed

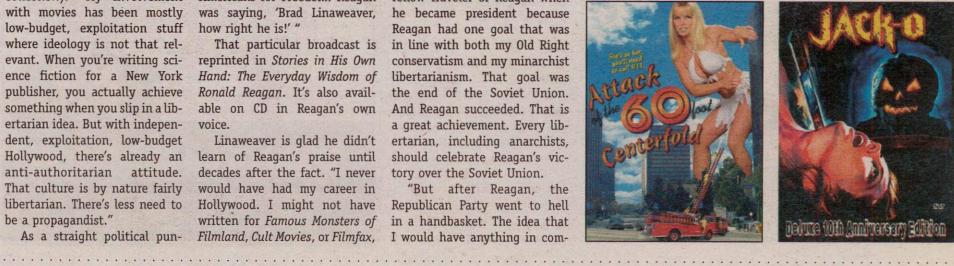
ment and run the planet. It is

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In his 2006 essay collechas fallen so low, there's not Linaweaver elaborates on his foreign policy views. "A handful "I'm embarrassed that I tem- of neoconservatives have killed porarily supported the Bush war off everything I still cared about damentally an isolationist. I the Republican Party."

· Linaweaver's work in low-budget Hollywood flicks has kept his career from being all serious, political commentary





Letters to the Editor

It's About Time

he new California right on principle. Freedom looks awesome! I'm glad they are finally giving the war issue the top attention it deserves. Too bad we were not doing this back in 2001 and 2002 and ever since. My congratulations to the

new editors! - Paul Frankel, aka "Paulie Cannoli" no permanent address

I Can Breathe Again!

been a breath of fresh air lately. I used to read both est. But the latest California Freedom actually had debate and discussion of ideas again. It's about time!

gration (people usually say "immore neutral term that doesn't assume the perspective of people watching others coming in) was terrific. Even though I'm strongly for open borders and don't agree with "English only" sentiments, you made a good case in favor of assimilation.

San Francisco, CA

No More Pro-War

You and I are of like minds, I hope, of keeping pro-war junk out of the newspaper. The Holtz article ["Antiwar Stance Does Not Grow the LP," August 2007] should say "opinion" on it. Please indicate in the future that this is the opinion of this one person. It says instead "LP" be a tool for all libertarians. Executive Committee," imply-ExCom.

because of Ron Paul's antiwar the only value.

future decisions to leave pro-war ument, not a litmus test. It LP should educate voters into sup-

Editor's reply: Since the vast major- www.ReformTheLP.org. ity of Californians are antiwar on Iraq, I agree that unambiguously

opposing the war would grow the LPC. More importantly, it would be

However, when I wear my journalist's hat, I feel obligated to present minority views. The "Because Ideas Matter" heading implies that Holtz's article is political discourse rather than hard news. The reference to "ExCom" merely informs readers as to Holtz's identity; I don't think anyone inferred that he was speak-

Platform Reform or Principles Trashed?

alifornia Freedom has he Libertarian Reform Caucus is a coalition of over 1,000 freedom lovers the state and national newslet- who desire an effective libertarters pretty much cover to cover ian party-one capable of winas soon as they came. But since ning elections now and turning Bill Winters stopped editing LP the tide from statism to more News, and especially [California liberty. The current LP cannot Freedom] under Bruce, they meet this standard. Its platform just weren't holding my inter- has been far too radical to allow significant electoral victory.

The changes at Portland were a first step toward addressing these issues, but the I thought your piece on mi- platform is still in dire need of reform. Planks based on the migration," but "migration" is a LRC's Statement of Purpose will help all Libertarians and LP candidates improve the political climate in our country:

> 1. The platform should propose a realistic vision for the next few years, as opposed to an idealistic vision of a libertarian future. The public expects a party platform to show what a party's candidates intend to do during the next term of office. If the party wants a long term vision statement or a Statement of Principles, it should be in a separate document labeled as controlled things for too long. Both

2. The platform should unite libertarians instead of dividing them. Where libertarians disagree, the platform should be silent. The party platform should

3. The platform should be ing this is the opinion of the based on the realization that there are other important val-Also, publishing an obvi- ues in addition to the nonously erroneous point of view is initiation of force. Freedom is not great. Our membership is up extremely valuable, but it is not

4. The platform should be I would support you in any viewed as a marketing doc- one LRC activist in Portland that the "(1) It required a mere majority to stuff out of the paper because it should be written to attract porting us, rather than us diluting 2/3 vote to replace it. [Most planks really hurts our membership. libertarians and libertarian- our principles to attract them. The were dropped or kept by a 49 to 51% - Mark Selzer leaners to vote Libertarian and activist said I belonged in a think margin, give or take a fraction of a Los Angeles, CA to join the LP. Suggested plat- tank rather than in a political party, percentage point—Editor.], (2) Many form planks can be voted on at which was "about getting votes." He non-reformers also believed that

- Tim Crowley

Editor's reply: I am troubled by the

LRC's readiness to trade principles for an illusory promise of political power. They talk of a "big tent" and ignoring "divisive" issues. I suspect that means: make "Republican lite" folk feel welcome by expelling the radicals, purists, and "weirdoes."

In Crowley's own words: "My main focus is to make the LP a little less of a validation tool for weirdoes." (See: www.reformthelp.org/home/ about/officers.php and click "Tim

well-organized and well-financed. Libertarians Rob Power and Brian (By whom, one wonders). They and candidates. They said the LP would attract stronger candidates if they were free to formulate their can soldier on without electoral sucown positions on issues (just like Demopublicans!).

"I've been called 'unprincipled' rean end to 'The Party of Principle.' It's about freedom! ... America needs a real libertarian party—one which gets freedom-lovers elected to partisan offices."

But we already have that. Every elected official is a "freedom-lover." "Freedom" is George Bush's favorite word. The Nazis and Bolsheviks and Big Brother all advocated "freedom"—as defined by them. "Freedom is Slavery."

A detailed LP platform tells the world, and our candidates, what we mean by freedom. It prevents us from drifting into Demopublitarianism. We can still nominate candidates who drift from our platform, but the platform is the compass that keeps us (roughly) on course. The LRC advocates a "big tent."

I suspect they plan to expand it by expelling, or at least shunting aside, radicals, purists, and weirdos who presumably "scare off" normal folk. LRC supporter Eric Dondero admits as much: "The Radicals have the RLC [Republican Liberty Caucus] and the LRC need to take the reigns of the entire libertarian political movement, and tell the Rads to sit down in the back of the bus, and shut the hell up. If they want to come along for the ride, fine. If not, they need to exit out the Exit Door; preferably at a high speed during peak trafic. (sic, see: http://www. smallgov.org/?p=331).

Every LRC activist I've met wants the LP to ignore the Iraq War, because the issue is "divisive" and diswas friendly, but I'm sure he pre- a platform rewrite was in order. ferred I exit his "big tent."

Meeting Notice

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You're Invited to ExCom!

LPC Executive Committee meeting. Saturday, September 15, 2007.

All members may attend and observe the next

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: For details and last-minute changes, check our web site at: : www.CA.LP.org

and divisive, hence, another issue guard. (4) Portland was expensive the LP should avoid. See the discus-LRC activists at Portland appeared sion between Crowley and Outright Miller at: http://outrightlibertarsaid the LP platform deterred voters ians.blogspot.com/2007/05/lrc-saysequal-rights-is-narrow-and.html.

Power correctly writes: "The LP cess as long as we provide a political home for the politically homeless. The LRC's Carl Milsted Jr. writes: But as soon as we have a platform indistinguishable from the major peatedly. So be it. It's time to put parties, we'll lose our core support and go the way of other parties who abandoned their ideological base, like the Reform Party. But I have a strong suspicion that this is the exact intent of at least some of the LRC's supporters who are really just Republicans seeking to eliminate the Libertarian threat as they did to the Reform Party via Pat Buchanan."

From where does the LRC get its

I also agree with Miller, who writes: "The LRC's definition of 'pragmatism' is truly bizarre. They demand that every issue where any Libertarian disagrees (including new Libertarians who are former Republicans and carry GOP 'baggage') be dropped from our platrm. I have to wonder-what's the allure of the Libertarian Party to a 'libertarian' who thinks that government discrimination against gays, Middle Easterners, immigrants, etc.

"Coming to the Libertarian Party and demanding that we stop fighting for the rights of ALL people because it makes him uncomfortable is just infantile and selfish. Not to mention uncompromising. There's plenty of room for legitimate disagreement within the LP...What there isn't room for is the undermining or selling out of the rights of a group of people in exchange for some ephemeral political power. We'd rather continue our pattern of steady electoral growth (see our great results in 2006) rather than win 'instant' power by co-opting a Republicratic agenda."

Yet the LRC has reason to brag. It suades "pro-security" people from gutted much of the LP's platform in joining. (More are needed to push the "Portland purge" (as some call eliminate an old plank. It requires a The reformatting in Atlanta (2004) Apart from the war, the LRC re- resulted in a platform that read Pittsburgh, PA gards "sexual rights" as controversial badly. (3) The purists were caught off

to get to. Many povertarian radicals stayed home.

Very true. Radicals, purists, and "weirdoes" were blindsided in Portland. They should be better prepared, and arrive in greater numbers, in Denver come 2008.

Proportional Voting in the LPC

hanks for all of your work. It's a pleasure to read such interesting articles, and an inspiration to send a letter to

I guess ya'll are aware I ran for LPC Chairman. I've been promoting parliamentary elections based on pure proportional representation for 12 years (started online August 5th, 1995).

I have several suggestions to expand the LPC's membership, and the numbers of people working together. This requires

that roadblocks be taken down. The current LPC system is not free (\$100 to attend and vote in the convention this year), and not parliamentary. Two huge roadblocks.

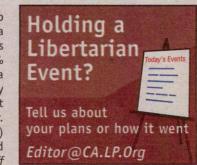
What I want to change within the LPC are two things:

(1) All voters should have the liberty to self-categorize as they wish without penalty. (For example, I'm a registered Libertarian, but I proclaim to be with the Free Parliamentary Party. Another person may be a Republican, but prefer to vote Libertarian.), and

(2) All elections should be based on pure proportional representation.

For an example, see how the U.S. parliamentary system works: www.usparliament.org

> -James Ogle Butte County, CA





Your Activism Needed

Lemonade Stand Ban Medical Marijuana Victory in Orange County Please contact the

by Brian Holtz

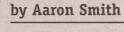
Child Fights

six-year-old, Zoe Holtz, has inherited her parents' libertarian inparents' libertarian instincts. After beta-testing her commerce skills with pretend lemonade and cookie stands in our living room, Zoe was shocked to learn that in her new hometown of Los Altos Hills (pop: 8000), lemonade stands are forbidden. So she accompanied me to a City Council meeting in April, resolved to ask city leaders why she can't sell lemonade. But although she'd rehearsed her case, arguing that "something shouldn't be against the rules just because it annoys some people, or else everything would be against the rules" she lost her nerve at the podium. So I asked her questions for her.

The Council members didn't seem to know that lemonade stands were banned. The Mayor inadvertently hinted at the dangers of such regulations one child's lemonade stand, dewhen he joked that Zoe's lemonade stand would be okay as long as he got free lemonade. When some staffers confirmed that the town code prohibits vending, Council members virtually tripped over each other in assuring Zoe that the authorities would look aside if her stand were safely off the road and open only during daylight

According to the Council minutes:

Zoe Holtz, resident, with the assistance of her father, asked the Council if it was "ok" for her to have a lemonade stand in her neighborhood. City Attorney Steve Mattas explained that with the exception of the sale of agricultural products produced on resident's property; sale of merchandise/goods was prohibited by the Town's Codes. Mattas offered that there were concerns about traffic and safety. He noted that historically, the Town did not enforce the code with respect to lemonade stands. Council consensus was to support her request with the stipulation that it be done in a safe



all-Republican Board of Supervisors voted to begin implementation of the card program. Thanks to all the patients in Orange County who contacted the Board, four of the five supervisors now support protecting medical cannabis pa-

the quiet street before her house, staffing it with her sister Shannon and best friend Cassie. (Zoe's said that she wants "employees.") Most of their sales were to parents and neighbors, so it's clear that Zoe has a bit to learn about location and

little more freedom to use it.

tients from arrest. Even in the face of fierce opposition from law enforcement, the Board of program, and let n July 16, Orange County's Supervisors listened to you and made the right decision!

Please e-mail or call the

board members who supported statewide medical marijuana ID the program, and let them know how much you appreciate Support their support of medical marijuana patients. They are: Chris disappointment over her lack of Norby (Fourth District, 714- compassion and reason. She can 834-3440, chris.norby@ocgov. be reached at 714-834-3110 or com), John M.W. Moorlach janet.nguyen@ocgov.com. (Second District, 714-834-3220, john.moorlach@ocgov.com), Bill to patients and their caregiv-Campbell (Third District, 714- ers by December of this year. 834-3330, bill.campbell@ocgov. Annual application fee for com), and Patricia C. Bates the card will be \$150 (\$75 for (Fifth District, 714-834-3550, MediCal recipients). Patients are patbates@hoa.ocgov.com).

> Nguyen was the lone super- so because it reduces the risk visor to oppose the program. of wrongful arrest, prosecution, If you live in Santa Ana, and seizure of property. Westminster, Garden Grove, or AARON SMITH is Statewide Coordinator

board members who supported the them know how much you appreciate their

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ID cards should be available not required to obtain the ID The First District's Janet cards, but many choose to do

Midway City, please contact her for Safe Access Now. Details at: spite a lack of complaints. Brian Holtz is an At-Large member of The following Saturday, Zoe the LPC's Executive Committee. His office to politely express your SafeAccessNow.com. opened a lemonade stand on email: Brian@Holtz.org.

Employer (required field)

Please sign me up at the following membership level:

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Home made .

Aspiring young business-

But the City Attorney is in-

correct about town history. An

article in the Los Altos Town

Crier (April 7, 2004) reported

that a deputy sheriff had shut

water too

woman Zoe Holtz

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News You Can Use

Campaigning in Mobile Home Parks

In addition to USPS mail-

plastic tube for newspapers and

internal mail from the landlord.

Campaign flyers may be placed

tion for USPS mail receipt, and

no individual newspaper tubes.

In these instances, campaign

band on coach doors. Always

use the back door, by the park-

ing area, to assure the owner

sees material. Front doors are

often unused for several days

It's possible to just lay mate-

Distribute your campaign lit-

erature to coaches on Saturday

and Sunday, or whenever the

park management is absent.

Avoid confrontations with resi-

dents. Don't engage voters.

Maintain a quick and steady

work pace. Be quiet. Walk si-

lently along the parking side

garage, to leave your material

distribution. Have a brief, po-

lite, friendly response to any

Resident: "What do you think

you're doing? Don't you know

there's no soliciting in here?"

Candidate: "Thank you for

asking. Do you vote? I'm prac-

ticing old-fashioned 'get out

the vote' campaigning. I'd like

your vote. Would you take my

flyer, and please vote for me?

This may or may not work,

but it's worth a try. Explain that

you're exercising protected po-

litical free speech in the grand-

est of traditions. Be prepared

to visit the on-site manager for

the same conversation. And be

Be prepared to defend your

on the rear porch door.

challenges:

Thank you!"

voter to touch your material.

Avoid Being Ejected

However, many parks have

inside these tubes.

at a time.

by John Briscoe

any mobile home parks have polling places onsite in the clubhouse! But to campaign successfully among mobile home residents, you must first know and respect this voter base.

- 1. Your voters live in mobile home parks—not trailer parks.
- coaches—not trailers.
- 3. Your voters usually own their coaches, and rent their spaces from the mobile home park.

4. Your voters have paid from home ownership. Many mobile Bill Clinton's "Trailer Trash" comment.

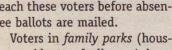
Know Your Neighborhood

Most cities have zoned mobile home parks for senior and low- speech. Most of them post No income housing. It's important to research each mobile home park in your District, including: 1. Name of the park.

- 2. Street address and zip code. 3. Map of the streets (use Thomas Guide, Google, or Mapquest).
- 4. Total coach spaces in the
- 5. Office manager's name and business address (if differ- of traditions. ent from the physical park address).
- hours.

Types of Parks

Voters in senior parks (where all residents are over the age of reach these voters before absen- to leave. tee ballots are mailed.







a lower voter anything inside the mailbox. participation rate, tend to be more liberal, and vote at the ballot

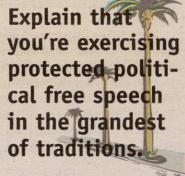
In a condominium park a central post office box loca-

each coach space is owned together with the coach itself, as one parcel. Many are senior 2. Your voters live in parks, but even if they're not, material may be hung by rubber their voting patterns are similar to senior parks.

Limits to Mobile Park Communication

Most mobile home parks are \$85,000 to \$450,000 for their not condominium parks; instead homes. They are proud of their they are privately owned by a rial on the step, but these can landlord. The landlord charges blow away and do not force the home residents still sting from a monthly rent for each coach space, ranging from \$350 to \$900 per month.

> Mobile home parks are private property, hence subject to limits on commercial and political Solicitation signs. Candidates



6. The manager's on-duty office assume this means commercial vendors, but many landlords, managers, and residents see it as excluding protected political free speech too.

Political candidates must 55) are high-propensity voters. keep a low profile when dis-They to be more conservative tributing material in a mobile and vote absentee. You must home park, or risk being asked

Never place campaign litera-Voters in family parks (housture in a mailbox. Only the U.S.

Yard Signs

prepared to leave.

After distributing your litrature to all coaches meet and engage owners near the entrance(s). Ask them to display your yard signs, so as to create an appearance of overwhelming support within the park.

Using the USPS

All mobile home park residents can be reached by USPS snailmail first class postage. If

you don't know your voters' names, but know the park ad- ing parks at least three times boxes, some coach spaces have a dress, you can normally reach with your literature. If residents voters by addressing your mail don't read it the first time, they to Occupant, as follows:

> Occupant Park Name ~ Space 123 4567 Main Street Anywhere, CA 98765

Parks that Self-Distribute

Some parks will distribute your material for you to each coach owner. Call the park's office manager before your visit, to learn their policy.

Visit these self-distributmay do so the second or third

Mobile Home Newspaper Ads

Many mobile home parks publish their own newsletters. Consider advertising in them.

JOHN BRISCOE, a Libertarian from Orange County, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Ocean View School District in 2006. Contact him at: www.Vote4Briscoe.com.

You're Invited!

The LPC Bylaws Committee will meet at the LAX Sheraton Hotel on Dec 10, at 7:00 p.m. This is east of LAX on Century Blvd., the site of the

2004 state convention.

LPC members may attend and propose changes to the Bylaws or Convention Rules—either during the meeting or (preferably) beforehand-to any committee member.

Proposals that are approved by the Committee require a majority vote of convention delegates; non-approved proposals requires a two-thirds supermajority.

LPC Bylaws Committee members are Michael Seebeck, Michael McMahon, M Carling, Don Cowles, and Dan Wiener.

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