



Campaign reform lawsuit goes before judges

The lawsuit against the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) — which features the Libertarian Party as a co-plaintiff — will get its first hearing in court on Wednesday, December 4.

The case will be argued before a special panel of three federal judges in Washington, DC.

The lawsuit, *McConnell v. FEC*, is spearheaded by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY). Along with the Libertarian Party, there are about two dozen co-plaintiffs in the case, including the NRA, the ACLU, the Republican National Committee, RealCampaignReform.org, and the AFL-CIO.

The judges could hand down a summary judgment as soon as December 4.

At stake in the hearing: “The future shape of the American political system,” according to the Washington Post.

“Defenders and critics of the new law [will make] their case for and against the most far-reaching changes in the campaign finance system since the post-Watergate overhaul of the 1970s,” the newspaper reported.

The case is the first major legal test of the BCRA, which was passed by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush in 2001. It took effect on November 6, 2002.

The law bans “soft money” contributions to national political parties, prohibits soft-money financed “issues ads” before elections, and prohibits people under 18 from making political contributions.

Although described by supporters as an attempt to take the “corrupting” influence of money out of campaigns, the law could have a debilitating effect on smaller political parties like the Libertarian Party, said former LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach.

“It’s a flat-out horrible law,” he said. “In addition to eliminating some sources of revenue, it greatly increases the administrative and regulatory burden on the party at all levels.”

For example, the BCRA will force many LP state organizations to register with the FEC in order to transfer funds to the national LP or participate in any “federal election activity,” said Dasbach.

The Libertarian Party signed on as a co-plaintiff in *McConnell v. FEC* in March 2002.

Another plaintiff in the case is 2002 Massachusetts LP U.S. Senate candidate Michael Cloud, who said he joined the lawsuit because “I want to be able to exercise my First Amendment freedoms of speech, association, and press.”

“The real purpose and effect of the campaign

finance laws are to concentrate power in the hands of the media and incumbents, and to hold challengers and new ideas at bay,” he said. “Our legal challenge, if successful, would put these laws out of commission.”

At the hearing on Wednesday, lawyers will argue that the ban on issues ads violates the First Amendment’s protection of free speech, and that the ban on soft-money donations “cripples the ability of political parties to play their traditional role in campaigns,” according to the Washington Post.

Bill Hall, an attorney for the national LP, said he anticipated a mixed verdict from the court.

“I expect certain of the electioneering portions of the law to be declared unconstitutional,” he said. “In addition, the LP has made a compelling case for overturning the provisions that prohibit soft money contributions and contributions by minors. However, I’m not optimistic that the Supreme Court will overturn this wretched law entirely.”

No matter what the outcome, the loser will likely appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, said Hall. The high court could hear the case before it adjourns in June 2003.

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Seven MORE WINNERS!

After the Election was certified and past last month’s deadline we found seven more elected Libertarians. They are: **Gavin Wilkinson** - Inyo Mono Resource Conservation District

John B. Ferguson - Spring Valley Community Planning Area

William G. Stevens - Majestic Pines Community Services District

Dan Thornton - Valley Center Fire Protection District

Teri Kahn - Kern

Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District

Robert Dickson - Timber Cove Fire Protection District

Stephen Kerrigan - Saratoga County Water District

This brings our victories to 27 this election for a current total of 90 elected Libertarians in California.

A 43% increase in one election cycle! Congratulations to all.

Campaign Aids for Candidates

First, THANK YOU, everybody who ran for office this year.

To those who were elected, congratulations!

But you all deserve thanks for running, not only for the effect you had this year, but because you were paving the way for more and better Libertarian campaigns in the future.

And before the memories of this year’s campaigns fade away, I’d like to ask you to consider one more very easy way you may be able to help our candidates in the future.

Did you produce some-

thing for your campaign that other Libertarian candidates could use? Perhaps a piece of literature, perhaps an advertisement? Would you be willing to share it with future candidates, so they don’t have to start from scratch?

I’m starting up an online library of campaign tools.

I’m looking for three kinds of things: ready-to-use material, customizable material, and good examples.

* ready-to-use material

Did you produce something that could be

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From the Chair

In last month's column I noted that we had at least twenty-one California Libertarians winning electoral victories in 2002. Well, that number has increased to twenty-seven, approaching double our best year ever!



Aaron Starr

Hopefully, we'll do even better in future years, but for now we must focus on growing the size of our membership.

Growing to the next level is going to require a new level of professionalism. To assist us, we'll be hiring a marketing consultant to improve our message and help us add more members.

The Executive Committee just passed a budget for 2003 that will spend a record amount of money on membership recruitment. But it's going to require your pledges to make this happen. If you haven't already done so, please make a pledge of \$0.25, \$0.50 or more for each new member we acquire.

Call me at 805.404.8693 to make a pledge today.

In addition, we need your time. We need you to sell others on joining us.

We're putting together a Sales & Marketing team to figure out cost effective methods of growing our ranks. If you have professional knowledge in this area and want to be part of this team, please give me a call.

And if you're not a professional in this area and want to learn how to add more members to our ranks, come to our workshop at the state convention. Professional speaker Larry Robert Pinci is tentatively scheduled to give an all day workshop on effective communication at the Libertarian Party of California annual convention on February 15, 2003 in Ontario.

The title of the workshop is Power of Influence: Communication Workshop. The aim is to help you become better at establishing rapport with others so that they'll be more likely to hear your ideas, adopt your beliefs and join your party.

The workshop is FREE to all Libertarians.

And while you're attending the workshop, consider attending the rest of the convention. We've got some excellent speakers lined up, such as State Senator Tom McClintock, Judge James P Gray, and Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association President Jonathan Coupal.

One last thing, I've very much enjoyed these last two years serving as your chair. And though we've accomplished a lot, there is so much more to be done. I will be running for re-election at the February convention. I hope to see you there and I hope to earn your support once again.

Aaron Starr, CPA
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From the Editor

To err is human but to really screw things up takes a computer.

my LP paycheck to the Membership Fund and 25% to the Convention Fund in addition to my regular monthly pledge to the EBLP. I hope that my example will inspire you to make a Pledge to the Membership Program, your Region and/or attend Convention.

Money may be the Mother's Milk of politics, but volunteer activity is its Life Blood.

Only four years ago I attended my first State Convention. I've never been the same since. Meeting the people who attended that Convention inspired me to achieve things that I never dreamed possible. I led a campaign to stop a \$650 Million sales tax increase in 2000 and won! I helped defeat a \$1.1 Billion Dollar Bart Bond in 2002. I ran for Congress. I got a job editing a Newspaper.

Little Old Me could just as easily be Little Old You.

We have about 5000 dues paying Members, about 500 who are volunteer activists, but only a couple of hundred will show up for Convention. These are the cream of the crop. Come meet them this February and become one yourself.

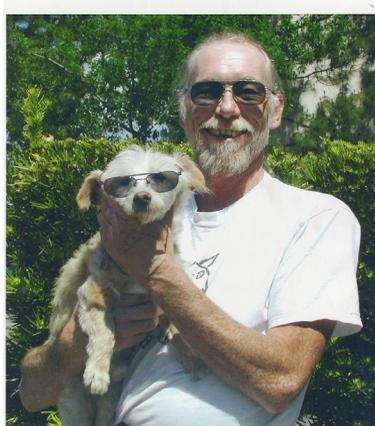
Gail Lightfoot has confirmed me as a speaker but I'll only talk a few minutes. The rest of the weekend will be spent asking a question and listening.

What did you do for Liberty this year?

Q:->

PS How much do I get? \$250 an issue divided by hours of effort equals less than 1/2 of minimum wage. But don't call the Labor Board; it's piece work, I'm really slow because I re-write things so often and besides I'm not doing this for the money.

See you at Convention.



Uncle Sam & Scott Wilson

There were several significant errors in last months LPCM that I take complete and full responsibility for.

While it looked really good on my computer screen, I experienced difficulty in up-loading it to Walden Press, the printer in Atlanta Ga. I want to thank Jacque Atha and Mike the Geek at Walden Press for their patience and effort in resolving the problems. I learned new technological definitions for the words "distill and embed." (Previously where I drank and slept.) Furthermore as the Libertarian Lifeline Editor I published JPEG pictures in grayscale. I have the new challenge of acquiring TIFF pictures that will be published in CYMG. The government isn't the only one with alphabet soup.

I want to specifically apologize to Gail Lightfoot for omitting her contact information for the Convention and George Amberg for omitting his name after his LTE titled: "Does this have a familiar ring?" I also want to apologize for the picture quality.

I believe that LP Officers must lead our Members by example. Likewise, our Members, the World. As one of the few paid contractors, I accept an added personal responsibility

I know that I will never put out a "perfect" newspaper but last months did not live up to my minimum standards. I agree with Aaron Starr that Members should pay for performance, not effort. Therefore, I will voluntarily donate 25% of

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Parke Boneysteele is a Libertarian Wizard!

Which is more valuable, a pound of water or a pound of gold?

Conventional Wisdom says the gold but "The Market" answers; "That depends on how thirsty you are and more often on the relative availability of the water, not the gold."

I would like to introduce you to a 21st Century, Libertarian Wizard. Parke Boneysteele. Who at 80 years young is the oldest Libertarian elected (not to mention re-elected) to a public office in the United States of America.

While Dark-Ages alchemists tried to turn lead into gold, this modern day Merlin has turned shit into water in this California desert since 1967! (A far more useful skill and in the process he turned some of it into gold selling the re-claimed water!) Now that's a magician!

A card carrying Libertarian since the early 90's, Parke was re-elected to the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District for the umpteenth time last November.

He cast his first ballot for a Democrat in 1944 but that Party drifted away from his belief in justice. He switched to the Republicans in '67 but they drifted away

from his belief in liberty. In the early '90s he decided to "Do the right thing." and joined the Libertarian Party.

Drafted into WWII, he still questions why he was ordered to "guard" innocent Japanese-American families at the Tule Lake Internment Camp in California. He was re-assigned to the 13th Armored Division which was sent to Germany. "Thirteen's my Lucky Number. Oh sure, we got strafed and bombed a couple of times but we got off lucky before Hitler blew his brains out." said the modest Purple Heart Veteran.

Then they were going to send him to the South Pacific but: "an 'experimental bomb' went off in Japan and I knew that I was going to live through this"

He married Dorothy, a Marine sergeant, who stands by him still today.

Semper Fi!

After discharge, he worked for the Public Utilities Commission, PUC, from 1953 to 1985. There he learned the ins and outs of government bureaucracies. He remembers being the primary opponent when the PUC was considering whether or not to allow Utility Executives to receive stock options as part of their compensation packages in the early 1980's. The then

President of the PUC pushed it through anyway and shortly there after left. Two years latter the former President is back at the table, on the other side, as an Executive for Southern California Edison, with stock options. Ain't politics grand? *Q:-(>*

The philosophical purists in *The Party* may consider Parke a "watered down" Libertarian because he thinks we sometimes take a bit "too radical a position" on guns and drugs. While he donates extra money occasionally he hasn't attended Libertarian Meetings in the past, although he may in the future. But he has attended meetings, twice a month, that MAKE POLICY. He won't pass a "Lifeboat Test" of libertarian philosophy. When Parke saw the problem he quietly got into the bilge and started bailing, almost forty years ago. Isn't that better than sitting in the deckchairs and loudly complaining the ship is sinking?

He's welcome in my lifeboat anytime, if only so I can listen to more of his stories while he helps me bail.

Congratulations on re-election Parke Boneysteele, now go work some magic.

Scott Wilson Q:->



Parke Boneysteele

Excerpt from Parke Boneysteele's candidate statement:

"Why vote for me?"

I bring a solid practical and professional experience and good judgement while seeking further improvements.

I never have and do not aspire to any other elective office.

I finance my own campaign - never accepted and do not

intend to accept campaign contributions. My only obligation is to the people of the District.

I have strived to bring the District to its present preeminent status, nation's finest wastewater agency, as attested by numerous excellence awards.

I ask that you vote for me and give me the opportunity to continue to serve you on the CCCCS Board."



The Homeland Security Monstrosity

by Rep. Ron Paul, MD

Congress spent just a few short hours last week voting to create the biggest new federal bureaucracy since World War II, not that the media or even most members of Congress paid much attention to the process. Yet our most basic freedoms as Americans – privacy in our homes, persons, and possessions; confidentiality in our financial and medical affairs; openness in our conversations, telephone,

and Internet use; unfettered travel; indeed the basic freedom not to be monitored as we go through our daily lives – have been dramatically changed.

The last time Congress attempted a similarly ambitious reorganization of the government was with the creation of the Department of Defense in 1947. Back then, congressional hearings on the matter lasted two years before President Truman finally signed

legislation. Even after this lengthy deliberation, however, organizational problems with the new department lasted more than 40 years! What do we expect from a huge bureaucracy conceived virtually overnight, by a Congress that didn't even read the bill that creates it? Surely more deliberation was appropriate before establishing a giant new federal agency with 170,000 employees!

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credulous rank-and-file Congress that the new department would be "budget neutral." The agency simply would be a reorganization of existing federal employees, we were told, and would not increase the federal budget. In fact, the agency was touted as increasing efficiency, rather than expanding federal power. Of course the original 32-page proposal sent over by the White House quickly grew to 282 pages in House committees, ending up at more than 500 pages in the final version voted on last week – with a \$3 billion price tag just for starters. The sheer magnitude of the bill, and the technical complexity of it, makes it impossible for anyone to understand completely. Rest assured that the new department represents a huge increase in the size and scope of the federal government that will mostly serve to spy on the American people. Can anyone, even the most partisan Republican, honestly say with a straight face that the Department of Homeland Security does not expand the federal government?

The list of dangerous and unconstitutional powers granted to the new Homeland Security department is lengthy. Warrantless searches, forced vaccinations of whole communities, federal neighborhood snitch programs, federal information databases, and a sinister new "Information Awareness Office" at the Pentagon that uses military intelligence to spy on domestic citizens are just a few of the troubling aspects of the new legislation. To better understand the potential damage to our liberties, I strongly recommend a November 14th New York Times op-ed piece by William Safire entitled "You Are A Suspect." The article provides a devastating critique of the new Homeland Security bureaucracy and a chilling warning of what the agency could become. The article can be read on my website, under the section entitled "Speeches."

November 19, 2002
Dr. Ron Paul is a Republican member of Congress from Texas and former LP Presidential candidate. <http://www.house.gov/paul/>

Federal Computer Database to Spy on All Americans

Alarming new federal government plans for spying on all Americans are straight out of George Orwell's 1984.

The feds are busily creating a massive database that will create files on virtually every American from cradle to grave. The Pentagon's creepy new Office of Information Awareness is building a system called "Total Information Awareness." Total Information Awareness will, among other things, monitor virtually every purchase and financial transaction made by American citizens to seek "patterns indicative of terrorist activity." This consumer information will be merged with government database information including visa records, passports, arrest records or reports of "suspicious activity" previously given to law enforcement agencies. The program will also pursue development of biometric technology to enable the further identification and tracking of individuals.

According to federal spokesmen, such things as large cash withdrawals, or the purchase of one-way airline tickets or firearms, could trigger investigations via the Total Information Awareness database. The database will know your reading habits, phone and Internet use (thus creating a First Amendment chilling effect), know when you buy a gun (thus creating de facto national gun registration), and so on. No warrant, no suspicion of criminal activity is required for this information-gathering.

According to the ACLU, Total Information Awareness will "effectively provide government officials with immediate access to our personal information: all of our communications (phone calls, emails and web searches), financial records, purchases, prescriptions, school records, medical records and travel history....Under this

program, our entire lives would be catalogued and available to government officials."

The Office of Information Awareness's unbelievable logo seems to flaunt the Orwellian nature of the agency: a huge eye atop a pyramid scanning the globe, with the Latin motto "Knowledge is Power."

See it for yourself at:

<http://www.reason.com/0210/artifact.shtml>

As Reason Magazine noted: "If you wanted to play on the fears of every paranoiac in the country, you couldn't do much better than the Office of Information Awareness's logo." Of course, given the unprecedented nature of the Total Information Awareness program, it's hardly paranoid to be alarmed by this sinister agency.

If that wasn't enough to set you shivering, the Total Information Awareness program was conceived by, and is headed

by, the notorious John Poindexter, the former national security adviser to President Reagan who was convicted on five counts of misleading Congress and making false statements during the Iran-Contra investigation.

"John has a real passion for this project," one government official told Fox News. (Why aren't we surprised?)

Total Information Awareness is a police-state measure, pure and simple. It violates the spirit, if not the letter, of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, and it will mean a society in which federal agents are constantly monitoring every move of every citizen.

The government — of course — defends Total Information Awareness as a necessary tool to fight terrorism. British statesman William Pitt (1759-1806) had the proper response to that:

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

Increasingly it seems the biggest threat to American liberties isn't from terrorists, but rather from government officials intent on doing to our Constitutional liberties what the 9-11 terrorists did to the World Trade Center.

(Sources:

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ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

(e.g., The Statue of Liberty was a gift from which country? Answer: France.)

Freshman Level

1. What material was used to make the shell of the statue?
2. What lies at Liberty's feet, symbolizing the overthrow of tyranny?
3. Where in the statue are 25 viewing windows located?
4. What is the original title of the Statue of Liberty?
5. Provide the next two words of the poem: "Give me your tired, your poor, your _____."

Graduate Level

6. Until 1956, Liberty Island was known by this name.
7. What is printed on the tablet that Liberty is holding?
8. What is the title of the poem inscribed on the base?
9. Who wrote the poem?
10. In which state is the Statue of Liberty located?

Ph.D. Level

11. What famous publisher

was the champion fund-raiser for the pedestal?

12. Who was the sculptor of the statue?

13. The sculptor had originally envisioned the statue to mark what geographical site?

14. What role did the French frigate Isere play in the statue's history?

15. Who modeled for the Statue of Liberty sculptor?

Answers:

1. Copper. 2. Broken chains. 3. In the crown. 4. "Liberty Enlightening the World". 5. Huddled masses. 6. Bedloe's Island. 7. July IV MDCCLXXVI. 8. "The New Colossus." 9. Emma Lazarus. 10. New York. 11. Joseph Pulitzer. 12. Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. 13. Suez Canal. 14. Transported it to America. 15. His mother.

Scoring:

- 24 to 30 points — congratulations, doctor;
- 18 to 23 points — honors graduate;
- 13 to 17 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind;
- 5 to 12 points — you really should hit the books harder;
- 1 to 4 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately;
- 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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CBS News

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Ben Franklin's son was a Loyalist who rejected the Revloution.

KQED

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43 different taxes imposed by federal, state, and local governments add a whopping 54% to the price of a gallon of fuel. Without these taxes a \$20 tank of gas would cost \$9.80.

Americans for Tax Reform

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Lori Blumke thought she was doing her civic duty last week when she told a judge her recent hard feelings toward police officers might taint her ability to serve as an impartial juror.

She was stunned when David Buter, chief judge of Grand Rapids District Court, declined to excuse her from jury duty. Instead, he ordered her to perform 24 hours of community service.

"I feel like I got punished for being honest about my opinion," said Blumke, who manages Bridge Street Superwash Laundromat on Grand Rapids' West Side. ".....I'm being treated like a criminal because I told the truth."

Buter insists he did not punish Blumke but offered her a choice between community service or changing her mind about police.....

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two police officers from Raleigh , North Carolina, traveled to Wilson, NC to conduct a class on submachine gun handling. But when they arrived found that their bags – containing a handgun, a machine gun, and several clips of ammo – had fallen out of the back of their pickup. Motorists found the guns along the highway and handed them over to authorities. Presumably, the next time the police conduct a course on machine guns they'll have a section on proper transport and storage.

Reason

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the Washington state Court of Appeals ruled recently that the water running through a drainage pipe 15 feet below the south parking lot of Northgate Mall is not a creek deserving of stringent enviromental safeguards.

Liberty

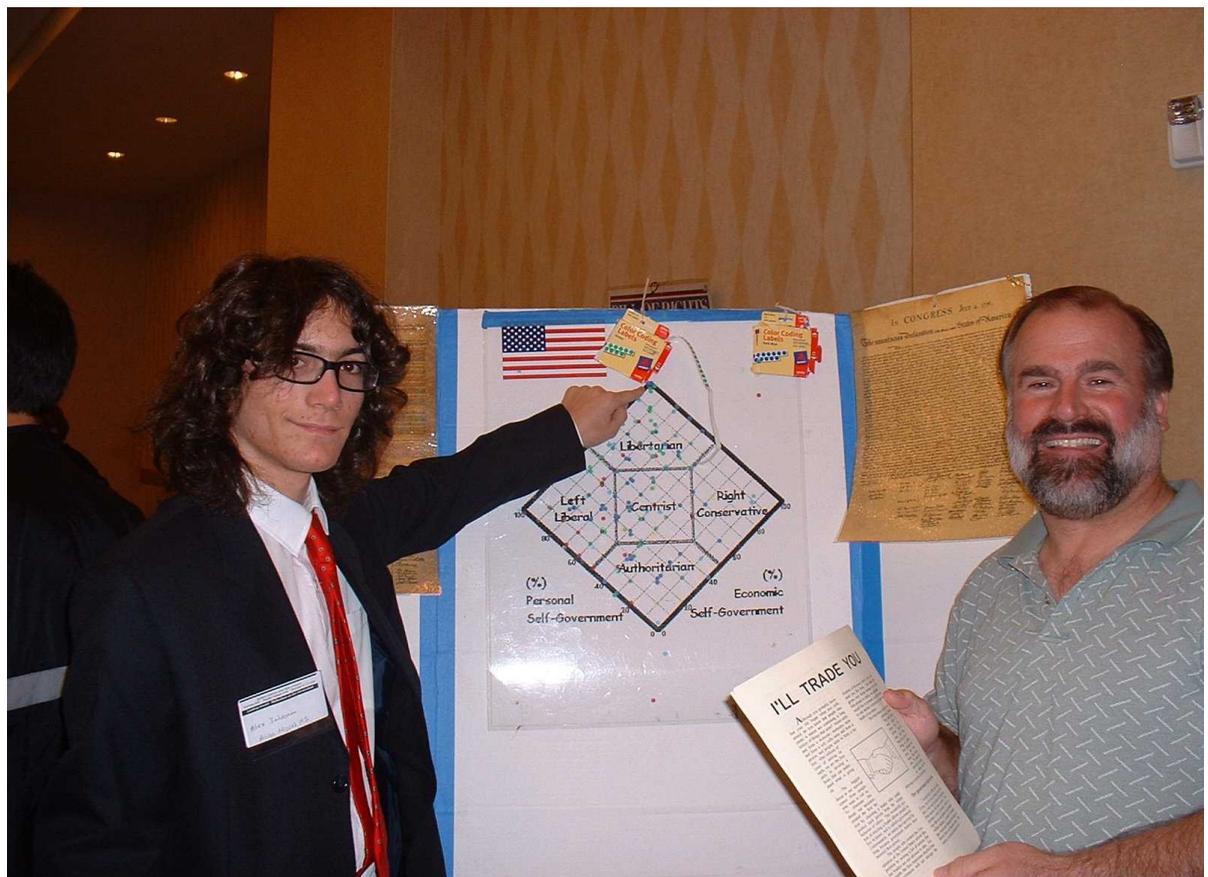
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Patients who need mammograms or chest X-rays can face a 30 week wait in Ontario, as single-payer medicine delivers on its promise to ration health care resources by something other than price. The Ontario Associatio of Radiologists reports that access to yests varies widely city to city.

Reason



The LP was invited to the JSA convention in Garden Grove, CA at the Hyatt November 23. From JSA.ORG, "The Junior State of America is the largest student-run high school organization in America. It is filled with members that are interested in politics." Pictured with his mom, Paula Kaylyn, Philip Heath, State Executive Committee Member, set up a quiz display.



Alex Jabbari, JSA member, scored at the apex of the chart (pictured with Dave Hollist). Assisted by LP member, Rick Newhouse, we helped the convention goers understand the benefits of voting for our party and ended the day with a good stack of names of those who want further contact with us.

New Chair for Yolo

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Catherine Harding of Davis as chair tempore of the Yolo County LP.

I welcome her to the family of regional officers throughout northern California and

have every confidence that she will give the libertarian movement in Yolo the spark it has been lacking for far too long. I also encourage all northern chairs, particularly in the neighboring counties, to collaborate with her on intercounty projects, like

candidate petition drives and outreach throughout the Sacramento metropolitan media market.

Rodney Austin
LPC NVC

Who's on first? No, Hu's in China.

George Bush: "Condoleeza! Nice to see you. What's happening?"

George: "Yassir?"

Condoleeza Rice: "Sir, I have the report here about the new leader of China."

Condoleeza: "No, sir."

George: "Great. Lay it on me."

George: "Look, Condoleeza. I need to know the name of the new leader of China. Get me the Secretary General of the U.N. on the phone."

Condoleeza: "'Hu' is the new leader of China."

Condoleeza: "Kofi?"

George: "That's what I want to know."

George: "No, thanks."

Condoleeza: "That's what I'm telling you."

Condoleeza: "You want Kofi?"

George: "That's what I'm asking you. Who is the new leader of China?"

George: "No."

Condoleeza: "You don't want Kofi."

Condoleeza: "Yes."

George: "No. But now that you mention it, I could use a glass of milk. And then get me the U.N."

George: "I mean the fellow's name."

Condoleeza: "Yes, sir."

Condoleeza: "Hu."

George: "Not Yassir! The guy at the U.N."

George: "The guy in China."

Condoleeza: "Kofi?"

Condoleeza: "Hu."

George: "Milk! Will you please make the call?"

George: "The new leader of China."

Condoleeza: "And call who?"

Condoleeza: "Hu."

George: "Who is the guy at the U.N?"

George: "The Chinaman!"

Condoleeza: "Hu is the guy in China."

Condoleeza: "Hu is leading China."

George: "Will you stay out of China?!"

George: "Now whaddya' asking me for?"

Condoleeza: "Yes, sir."

Condoleeza: "I'm telling you Hu is leading China."

George: "And stay out of the Middle East! Just get me the guy at the U.N."

George: "Well, I'm asking you. Who is leading China?"

Condoleeza: "Kofi."

Condoleeza: "That's the man's name."

George: "All right! With cream and two sugars. Now get on the phone."

George: "That's who's name?"

From Wong, Wilson

Condoleeza: "Yes."

George: "Will you or will you not tell me the name of the new leader of China?"

Condoleeza: "Yes, sir."

George: "Yassir? Yassir Arafat is in China? I thought he was in the Middle East."

Condoleeza: "That's correct."

George: "Then who is in China?"

Condoleeza: "Yes, sir."

George: "Yassir is in China?"

Condoleeza: "No, sir."

George: "Then who is?"

Condoleeza: "Yes, sir."

The category is Presidents.

The Final Jeopardy answer is.

One of three men who ran for office for a Third Party after having served a term as President

Campaign Aids

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used, as-is, by any Libertarian candidate — or any Libertarian candidate running for your type of office?

* customizable material

Did you produce something that mentions your campaign, but which could be fairly easily modified for use by another candidate (e.g., by replacing name, address, photo, etc.)?

* good examples

Did you produce something that was specific to your campaign, but which you are particularly proud of (or which other people told you was good!), from which other candidates could get ideas for producing their own material?

What sort of things am I talking about?

- * brochures
- * signs
- * posters

* radio ads

* speeches

* answers to questionnaires

* newspaper ads

* anything else that a candidate might need in a campaign!

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If it isn't online anywhere (or if it is online now but you aren't sure how

long it will stay up), let me know how to get a copy and I'll consider hosting it.

Either way, please look around and see what you've got that might be helpful. Right now — before that campaign site goes away, or that disk gets lost in a box somewhere!

Some candidate next year or two years from now may be thanking you for your help!

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Calendar of Events

Come to "The Party!"

January 17, 2003: The Federalist Society presents Professor Richard Epstein at the University of California at Berkeley. A Columbia and Oxford University graduate, Professor Epstein earned his LL.B from Yale Law School in 1968. He has published extensively in many legal areas, with books on subjects from health care, discrimination laws, eminent domain, common law and tort law. He has also written on economic, historical and philosophical issues. For more information: (202) 822-8138 or fedsoc@radix.net <<mailto:fedsoc@radix.net>> Go to reasononline at <http://reason.com/9504/epstein.apr.shtml> <<http://reason.com/9504/epstein.apr.shtml>> for an enlightening interview with Professor Epstein.

January 18-19, 2003: Mass Demonstrations in Washington DC & San Francisco and the Convening of the Grassroots Peace Congress. The grassroots Peace Congress will be comprised of delegations from all communities who are coming together in the streets to forge the opposition necessary to stop the Bush Administration's war drive: labor, students and youth, fighters for civil rights and women's rights, the LGBT community and people of faith. Join with others around the country by bringing a diverse delegation from your community to participate in the January 18th mass march in Washington, DC or San Francisco and the January 19th People's Congress in Washington DC. For more information: (202) 544-3389 or dc@internationalANSWER.org.

Regional Focus

The EBLP (the East Bay Libertarian Party) Region 1, comprised of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, has almost 6,000 registered voters. This represents our neighbors who believe in the American heritage of liberty, enterprise, and personal responsibility. They recognize the responsibility we all share to preserve this heritage for our children and grandchildren. To promote this way of life, the EBLP encourages like-minded people to participate by

and girls; it is not a prize for showing up on election day; it is not the winning point in a debate. Liberty arises out of the willingness to give it to others. Here's your chance - give **The Party** your knowledge, your know-how, your time, your willingness to make this work. The Regional Business meeting is held at the Fellowship of Humanity Hall, located at 390 27th Street (at the corner of Broadway), Oakland, CA, the second Thursday of every month.

The next two **Parties** of the month really do look like

California Convention

At the Ontario Airport Marriott Hotel, February 15-17

throwing four **Parties** every month.

The first **Party** of the month - the **Regional Business meeting** - may not sound like fun, but it is a fascinating look at the American political process at work. Do you know how a political party creates its platform? Do you like the way the platform of the Libertarian Party is presented? Do you think the Libertarian Party has some good ideas, but some of them should be . . . well, you fill in the blank. The Regional Business meeting is your opportunity to influence the agenda both of your local party and, by extension, the state and, ultimately, the National Libertarian Party. The ideas that run this party are the ideas of the people who belong to it. Just as important, the energy that runs this party is the energy of the people willing to make a difference. Liberty is not a reward granted to good boys

Parties - the Contra Costa County and the Alameda County **Pizza Liberty Parties**. Low pressure Social Events designed to get to know each other and shoot the breeze. Pizza and a pitcher of beer is a great way to meet someone. The Pizza Liberty Parties start at 7 PM for Contra Costa County at the Round Table, located at 3637 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, on the third Tuesday of every month and for Alameda County at Buffalo Bill's Brew Pub & Pizzeria, located at 1082 B Street, Hayward, the third Thursday of every month.

Then there is the **Lifeline Party**. This is where the most stalwart activists come to do the grunt work necessary (fold, label, and tape) to publish a monthly Newsletter and drink a beer with friends. The EBLP is proud to announce that the January Edition of Libertarian Lifeline will start

its TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR of continuous publication. That's more than twice as old as this Ca. State Newspaper **LPC Monthly**.

To minimize costs, the EBLP recently leased a high-speed laser jet printer that "mail-merges" their data base into the printing of the 8-page newsletter. (With bar-codes for Bulk Mailing discounts!) They have also purchased a folding machine to further automate the process. These Weapons of Mass Construction allow the Libertarian Message to be heard loud and clear in the the East Bay through mailings, flyers, and the Libertarian Lifeline. Contact Terry Floyd at Treasurer@EBLP.org to find out how your Region can benefit from acquiring or using these Weapons. The

Lifeline Party is held at the Meeting Room, located at 711 Saint Mary's Road, Lafayette, the fourth Saturday of every month from 2- 4 PM.

The EBLP will also hold an **Operation Politically Homeless Booth** at the TS Gun Show at the Contra Costa County Fair Grounds in Antioch on December 28th and 29th from 12 to 4:00 PM. OPH Booths are fun effective ways to stay visible in the community, encourage voter registration and recruit new members. For more information on OPH visit Advocates for Self-Government at <http://self-gov.org/>

California Libertarian Party Convention

February 15-17, 2003: The California Libertarian Party convention is being held at the highly visible, well appointed and comfortable: Ontario Airport

Marriott Hotel 2200 East Holt, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Inland Empire, CA

Other Januaries

January 12, 1991: Congress authorized the use of force to expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait

January 12, 1932: Hattie W. Caraway becomes the first woman elected to United States Senate.

January 14, 1784: The Treaty of Paris is ratified by Congress to officially end the Revolutionary War.

January 16, 1919: Prohibition, the legal ban on the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink, goes into effect.

January 22, 1973: In Roe v. Wade, the United States Supreme Court rules that a woman has a constitutional right to an abortion during the first six months of pregnancy.

January 27, 1973: The United States, North and South Vietnam, and the Vietcong sign a cease-fire agreement in France.

The category is Presidents.

The Final Jeopardy question is.

Who is Theodore Roosevelt, Millard Fillmore or John Tyler?

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Jan \$300

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Confirmed Speakers

David Schrader, Region 66 on *Marketing*

Eric Garris from *Antiwar.com*

Ed Moss on *Team Building*

BJ Wagener, public TV Producer explains how to *Get Going in Public Access TV*

Gail Lightfoot, Libertarian for US Senate, 2004 on *Building a Campaign*

Senator Tom McClintock will be Guest Speaker at the Saturday Banquet

Jon Coupal, the *President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association* (HJTA) will be the guest speaker for the Sam Adams Award luncheon.

LPC Monthly Editor **Scott Wilson Q:-)** will also toss in his 2 cents.

For those of you who have never attended an LP Convention, you don't know what you are missing! I know of no better feeling for a Libertarian than to walk into a room filled with several hundred people WHO AGREE WITH YOU ON ALMOST EVERYTHING. (well maybe one other feeling is better.) Seriously, this is *The Party* of the Year!

Despite all of the fun, we do get some work done. All Libertarian Party Members in good standing are eligible to be Delegates. While many of the larger Regions select their Delegates prior to the convention, there are usually unfilled seats or you may be an alternate. Members from smaller Regions are almost sure to be seated.

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it's to get people mad enough to do something about it."***

Mark Twain