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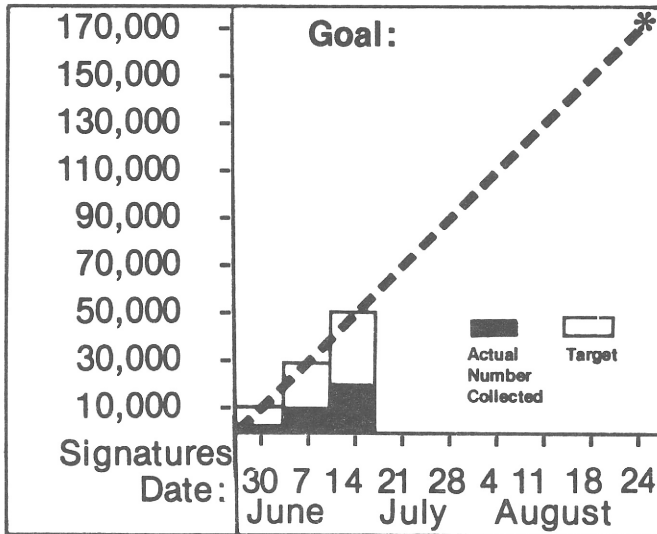
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## Ed Clark Petition Drive Needs Your Help

"We need more help in getting signatures," says Bob Costello, campaign coordinator for the Ed Clark for Governor Campaign, from his office at 1620 Montgomery Street in San Francisco. After two and one-half weeks of vigorous petitioning, petitioners have turned in 20,000 signatures. This is roughly 12% of our goal of 170,000 signatures by August 24th, and 60% behind our target for July 14th (see chart).

According to Bob, between 80 and 90 percent of the signatures processed so far were obtained by paid petitioners. He said, "it is important for volunteers to get their completed petitions in early so we can tell where we are."

The petition drive is continuing extensive advertising for paid petitioners through the month of July. Funds are diverted from campaigning to petitioning as needed, since much of the impact of the Ed Clark for Governor campaign depends on ballot status. If 90% of



all signatures were paid for, the cost would be more than \$50 per member of the LPC.

We are determined to get on the ballot, and as you can see we have a lot of catching up to do. That's where you CALIBER readers come in. We need to raise the volunteer participation 1500% to get back on target. If you need to get paid in order to take time off from work for signature gathering, then get paid, but get those signatures in. Following is a listing of people to contact for petitioning. This is a partial list, but these people can direct you to more local contacts, if necessary.

### Main Petition Drive Offices

Eric Garris	San Francisco	(415) 397-1336
Caroline Brailer	Burbank	(213) 846-9025
Frank Duncan	Anaheim	(714) 772-1770

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As of July 14, the following numbers of signatures were gathered to get Ed Clark on the ballot in November.

San Francisco	6,000
Los Angeles	6,000
Sacramento	1,000
Santa Clara	700
Alameda	2,000
Santa Cruz	400
Orange	1,500
San Diego	1,500
Ventura	200
Santa Barbara	100
Nevada	100

## Ed Clark TV Ad Aired in Los Angeles

The Ed Clark for Governor Campaign scheduled 20 sixty second television spots to run in the Los Angeles area between July 19 and July 28. The ads were paid for by a special contribution earmarked for television advertising.

After some introductory narration by Jeff Riggensbach, Ed says:

"I think taxes are too high, even after Proposition 13. The surplus in the state treasury will approach *five billion dollars* next year. This is *your* money—not theirs. If we cut sales and income taxes and give relief to renters, you will have this money and not the state treasurer.

"I'm Ed Clark, the Libertarian candidate for Governor. My program calls for further tax cuts, tax credits for private education, and an end to the regulation of personal life styles.

"When the people of California voted for Proposition 13, they said they were sick and tired of big expensive government. Don't throw away your vote on establishment politicians like Jerry Brown, who opposed Proposition 13, or Evelle Younger, who didn't campaign for it. You have a *real* choice in November. Together we can cut the size of government."

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### CoDel Lawsuit Date

Here is a piece of news. The date for the hearing in the Court of Appeals on the CoDel lawsuit is August 14, Monday, 9:30 A.M. This will be to listen to the state's appeal of our part of the case that we won in 1976.

If we can maintain our victory, then the congressional and legislative candidates we nominate by petition this year will be shown on the ballot as "Libertarian" rather than "Independent."

It is helpful to have people in the audience. If the judges see that people care enough to turn out for the hearing, it can conceivably influence their attitudes.

In 1976 at the hearing, almost no Libertarians showed up. I realize that most people are working during a weekday morning, but nevertheless if you draw attention to the court date, perhaps some San Francisco area CALIBER readers may be influenced to attend.

The Court of Appeals is on the second floor of the main San Francisco Post Office at Mission and 7th. It is a beautiful ornate courtroom.

Richard Winger  
San Francisco, CA

**Editors note:** We urge everyone in the SF Bay Area to plan to attend this important meeting.

### On "Larry Libertarian"

In the last issue of CALIBER there is a critical letter and an editors' reply about the "Larry Libertarian" article. It should be pointed out that the main points in each are reasonable and not necessarily contradictory.

I agree that it is fruitless to "smother people with moralistic platitudes" since they either already have their own version of morality or couldn't care less about morality. However, there are reasons why we should still mention our moral viewpoint, but casually somewhere in the midst of the bread and butter issues, so arguments are not invited that cannot be won:

- Our moral position is the only counter to another "moral" standpoint.
- Morality gives you something to back up against when "efficient" solutions are offered that are lacking in individual freedom.
- Our morality is what *permanently* sets us apart from the political rabble in a refreshing, attention getting way.
- Classical liberalism was destroyed once by not adhering to a clearly defined moral principle.
- To only emphasize the "what's-in-it-for-you angle" is a losing proposition. Others can out buy us every single time since they are not restricted by morality.

Dante DeAmicis  
San Jose, CA

**Editors Note:** For more on this subject see Bruce Lagasse's "From the Chair" article in this issue.

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From the Chair

## Moral Libertarian Strategy

Justin Raimondo's letter in the July CALIBER, concerning a previous column of mine, has raised a number of very important issues, which I think are necessary to address at some length.

Mr. Raimondo is critical of attempts to win support by diluting or blanking-out of libertarian positions that might be found offensive to potential voting blocs. Furthermore, he argues, it is disastrous to try to replace the moral foundations of libertarian theory with more pragmatic or non-moral arguments. I will state unequivocally that I am in complete agreement with such views. I hope I am no less fervent than the most dedicated purist in my conviction of the moral basis of libertarian philosophy. If anything in my previous column ("Vote for Larry Libertarian," April CALIBER) gave the opposite impression, then I apologize for lack of clarity. But since there has been some misunderstanding of what I was attempting to convey, I offer the following remarks in clarification.

### Moral vs. Practical Arguments

The thrust of my argument is based on certain answers to the following questions:

Given, that libertarian positions can be supported both by moral and practical arguments; is it immoral to refrain from giving a moral argument to an audience that is not interested in hearing it?

Is it immoral for a libertarian candidate to seek the support of non-libertarian voters?

Is there any use in making a certain kind of argument to an audience which has no interest in that type of argument?

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## Ed Clark's Exposure at Black's Beach Covered in LA Times

Ed Clark's campaign appearance at what used to be a nude or "clothing optional" beach was worth several inches in the July 4th *Los Angeles Times*. While Ed supports others' rights to nudity, he chose not to bare complete exposure at the beach.

## 'Equal Time' Restriction May Be Eliminated

By Mark W. A. Hinkle

The First Amendment Clarification Act of 1977 (SB22), introduced by Senators Proxmire, Matsunaga, and Metcalf, would amend the Communications Act of 1934 by removing statutory and regulatory restrictions on broadcasters' rights to free speech.

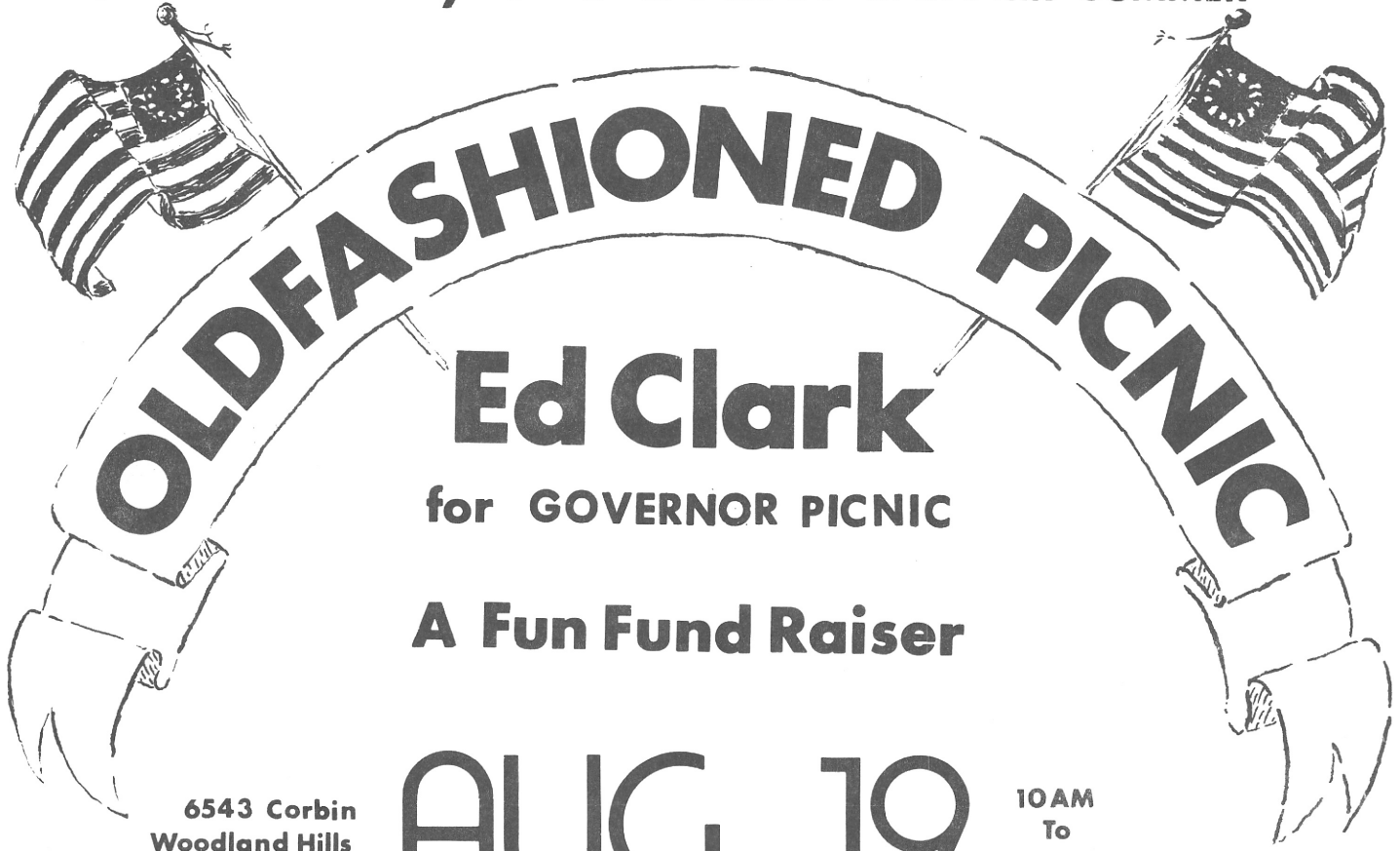
This would eliminate the infamous "equal time" provision which requires broadcasters to provide free air time to views opposing editorials or other comments made by the broadcasters.

The Supreme Court recently upheld the Federal Communications Commission's regulation of the content of broadcast programs. The Court held that Congressional legislation was not needed to justify the FCC regulations. SB22 would at least remove this FCC power.

After its introduction January 10, 1977, SB22 was referred to the Committee on Commerce. The Sub-Committee on Communication held a hearing on June 7, 1978. At this point it is effectively stuck in committee.

To overcome this congressional inertia, please write to the Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Communications, Ernest F. Hollings, Room 233, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, to urge his support in getting it out of committee.

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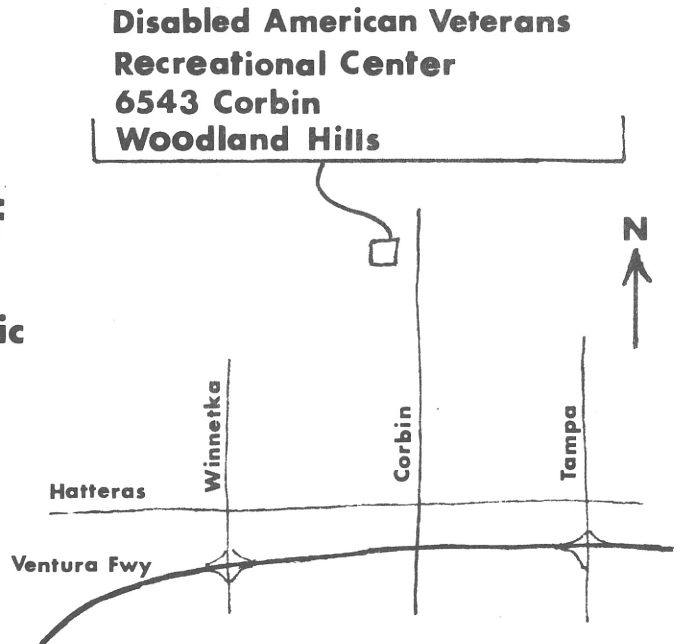
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## From the Chair

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The bottom line: Is it impossible to persuade the average voter to support libertarian ideas and candidates without compromising principles?

My own answer to all of the above four questions is NO; and that was the basis of "Vote for Larry Libertarian."

I was saying, in essence, suit style to audience.

If it is not immoral to seek the vote of non-libertarian voters, then it is appropriate to discuss techniques to obtain those votes. And, I submit, the most effective techniques involve, *in general*, for the majority of the voting public, the answering of the question, "What's in it for them?"

### What Is In It for Them?

Libertarians are in a unique position to provide an answer to this question for the average voter. Practical benefits for honest citizens can be demonstrated for every plank in the party platform, for every position the party holds.

I am by no means advocating a refusal to address potentially embarrassing issues; above all, libertarians must be honest in dealing with the general public. What I am doing is suggesting that the way (or, at least, a way) to reach the average voter on a particular issue is to demonstrate how the libertarian position is to his or her advantage on that issue.

It would certainly be improper for libertarian candidates or spokespersons to attempt to pander to any interest group or voter bloc by falsifying or diluting libertarian views; and I would be among the first to condemn such attempts.

But is that the same thing as a libertarian candidate upholding a

libertarian position by couching his arguments in terms congenial and emotionally meaningful to his audience? I don't think so.

### Tell Them In Their Own Terms

A couple of examples: In dealing with a conservative audience, is it wrong to condemn victimless-crime laws by concentrating on law-and-order, crime-in-the-streets, "practical" arguments (to which the audience can, for the most part, relate), while refraining from bringing up moral arguments (which, by and large, are not in the audience's emotional makeup)? The point is, victimless-crime laws are being condemned (a libertarian position) by legitimate arguments which a conservative audience can understand.

On the other hand, in condemning gun-control laws before a liberal audience, moral arguments may be more pragmatically effective than "practical" reasons, if that is where the members of the liberal audience have their heads; and wouldn't it be more appropriate for a libertarian spokesperson to concentrate on the moral argument, if the practical argument would be useless?

I'm fully aware of the generalizations contained in the above views; certainly there are moralistic conservatives and pragmatic liberals. But, in dealing with the voting public at large, it is still my belief that many, if not most, are motivated by what's in it for them; and I think we should tell them in their own terms.

*Bruce Lagasse*

## Libertarianism

Libertarianism is nothing more nor less than the politics of Liberty. While other parties and groups seek to use the tools of politics to give some groups power over others, to enrich some at the expense of others, or to impose some set of values on those who disagree with those values, Libertarians seek nothing more than Liberty.

In economics, Libertarians advocate the establishment of the purely free market, that is, a market unhampered by government intrusion.

In the field of civil liberties, Libertarians hold that individuals must respect the right of others to live different lives, to read and enjoy different commodities, to shape their relationships, sexual and other, in their own way, to live their lives in their own way, at their own ex-

pense and risk, never forcing others to pay for their mistakes.

Americans two hundred years ago knew that eternal vigilance was the price of liberty, and were prepared to pay that price. Whether we are willing to pay that price today is a question which must be answered individually, by each of us. But we of the Libertarian Party have made our choice. Moved by a passion for justice, by compassion for those oppressed by State power and privilege, we have raised the banner of Liberty.

Adapted from *Libertarianism*, Libertarian Party Position Paper #1, available at \$5/100 from Libertarian Party National Headquarters, 1516 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

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## Brief Notes

**Ed Clark, Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate**, will be the speaker for the August 17 meeting of Region 14. Ed will be talking on recent developments in his campaign, as well as libertarian perspectives on current issues. Location: The Copper Penny Restaurant, Glendale. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M.; the meeting will begin at 8 P.M.

**If you don't see it covered in CALIBER** and would like to, please send us an article or letter on your region's activities, candidates, etc. Our deadline for the September issue of CALIBER is August 5th.

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