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Reclaiming our liberties, ISIL 1996 conference theme

Come to the 15th Annual International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) conference and join the groundswell!

The most momentous libertarian event of the year will take place this summer, and you are invited to participate in it.

The 1996 ISIL World Conference will be held from August 19 to 24 at Whistler, BC, Canada.

The theme of the conference is "Reclaiming Our Liberties From Out-Of-Control Governments." This is the 15th ISIL World Conference, and only the second to take place on the North American continent. Two years ago, in 1994, it was held in Mérida, México.

This year, there is an exciting line-up of speakers, including:

— Linda Abrams — attorney specializing in "fighting city hall".

— John Perry Barlow — co-founder of the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

— Dr. Walter Block — author of "Defending the Undefendable".

— Barbara Branden — author of "The Passion of Ayn Rand".

— Larry Dodge — co-founder of the Fully Informed Jury Association.

— Charles Duke (State Senator, Republican, Colorado) — the originator of the 10th Amendment Sovereignty Resolution.

— Dr. Michael R. Edelstein — president of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy.

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LPC candidate declares war on government stupidity

How does a candidate prove his integrity on the campaign trail? If one is Gary Copeland of Orange County, he shows up at a Hooters Restaurant in support of their hiring practices and brings his wife and children.

Hooters Restaurants were in the news recently when the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was badgering them to hire hairy-chested male waiters as well as the

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LPC Orange County supervisorial candidate Gary Copeland, together with wife Kelly (far left) and sons Lake and Willow, supported Hooters Restaurant chain in fighting EEOC hiring mandate. Two Hooters waitresses smile approval.

LPC News continues on interim basis

Partially as a result of the delay in awarding a contract for publishing the Party's state publication, the two finalists – Shannon and Gene Trosper and Atlas Communications – have withdrawn their bids. To keep communications open with members and others, the Operations Committee and Executive Committee members approved the continuation of *LPC News* until a later date. It will remain in its tabloid format and with the same editor who has been preparing it for more than a year and who has been involved since its inception.

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Notes from the Chair

Getting It Done With Gail: On the move

by Gail Lightfoot

As I write this column, we have all filed our tax forms (hopefully a lot of requests for extensions) with the IRS and managed to pay out as little as possible under the current rules of the game.

And I hope you have found the time to get to the local theater (call them and ask for it) to see *Braveheart* now that the Academy has seen fit to recognize that motion picture with its highest honor.

Every so often a ray of light breaks through the gloom to remind us that all is not lost. Freedom is not dead. Liberty lives and we will have that ultimate victory because the human spirit cannot be held down for long.

And yours truly is the eternal optimist. I have faith, not in the supernatural, but in the human spirit. I have faith in man's need to survive and find to beauty in the act of living under the worst of circumstances.

Hence, we all got past another April 15th in the good ole' U.S. Some of us got down to the local post office with our Libertarian literature and some new members are sure to be reading this paper for the first time this month.

Life is good.

The **LPC ExCom** has had two Ad Hoc meetings in between the official meetings of February and May 4,1996.

The first was to discuss the bids for our periodical (this paper you are reading) so that every aspect would be brought out for examination by the full committee. Unfortunately, with the process of disecting the bids, taking from January 'til now to make a decision, both of the better bids were withdrawn: one completely, the other so changed as to be a new bid. It may be that we will be keeping the current paper as a month to month publication until September. Better yet, until next February. I am asking the ExCom to do just that so that we can concentrate on the important business of the 1996 election between now and November. Let the changes be done in the non-election year so that every election year our focus can be on getting our candidates seen and heard by the widest possible audience.

Meanwhile, this issue and future issues will be published by the Managing Editor, **Richard E. Venable.**

Efforts to raise funds for publication of one or more issues of California Liberty during the election season have my full support.

The second was to discuss the LPC budget at length and briefly review proposed agenda items for the May 4th meeting. Two meetings were held in the Los Angeles area. Any similar meetings in the Santa Clara area (where the remaining members of the ExCom are close enough to get together) were not announced at press time.

Gail Lightfoot

Meanwhile, plans for a new, improved *New Member Kit* are progressing, thanks to **Jean Taborsky** (L.A. Reg 65, At Large ExCom Rep). The Membership Committee with **Cullene Lang** (Yolo Reg 52, Northern Vice Chair) currently acting as Chair has committed itself to increased activity. Under a contract with the LPC, *Renew Your LPC Membership* letters written by former LPC Chair, **Pat Wright** (San Diego Reg 37) were mailed to our long-lost but always-welcomed-back-to-the-fold lapsed members letting them know we are still here. This will be followed by letters to selected mailing lists and Registered Libertarian voters.

The second of three fundraising letters written by Dennis Decherd (L.A. Reg 63 Chair) is on your desks asking for your financial support of the LPC now. More to follow, of course. Election years are like that. Everything we do costs money and our source of money is our members.

Our publicity efforts are paying off as more and more members join the fax and e-mail network begun by **Bill Holmes** (San Diego Reg 37). Putting the name of a local resident onto the letters before sending them to local newspapers means they are far more likely to be printed. If you care to join the network, give your regional contact a call. You will find the number on page 7 of this paper.

See you next time.

Submit your regional and individual stories and photographs to *LPC News*. Recognize your regional and members' efforts. Let others know what you are doing and how you are doing it.

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Commentary

by Fred Heiser

To One and All:

There is lots of incredible news!

←AB 638 has passed the California Assembly. Now it has to survive the considerably more hostile state Senate in some recognizable form.

←Mr. Zimmerman is "not" prosecuted for publication of PGP software

←W.F.Buckley swings further into the libertarian quadrant. The cover of the Feb. 13 issue of *National Review* - nothing but text on a stark black background:

"The Drug War is Lost"
Legalize Drugs
Unclog the courts.
Reduce crime
Save Money

with articles by Ethan Nadelman, Thomas Szaz, Kurt Schmoke and Joseph McNamara.

←Steve Forbes is attacked in Iowa for being a "social and economic libertarian".

←Steve Forbes surges to a tie for the lead in Iowa polls. Connected?

←The "Freedom to Farm" bill passes intended to wean farmers away from their price supports – with the active support of farmers!

Even Clinton vows to seek repeal of the new law requiring the discharge of HIV positive persons from the armed forces – a law that had been opposed by the Joint Chiefs.

I was recently informed by a friend that Newt Gingrich had once been a registered Libertarian. (Can anybody confirm this?) Will the sudden re-awakening of common sense and individual resposibility in America pull this clever opportunist solidly into the libertarian quadrant for the "opportunity" it presents?

I suspect that within a year we will be out of Bosnia with minimal casualties (compared to what might have been). I believe the ACLU will prevail in its suit against the indecency provision in the new communications bill. I expect the V-chip will die for a resounding lack of consumer interest. I predict that well financed, trained and organized Libertarians will get elected more and more to local office and even to the smaller states' legislatures. These beliefs are not based on dogma or blind faith but rather the facts and forces of the world as I percieve them.

I also believe the LPC is going to have to hurt more than it is now to motivate the kind of structural and behavioral change that is needed to make it an effective battler for liberty. It doesn't take a Randian to realize that pure altruism is one of the less effective motivators out there. But never fear. It is inevitable that those who fail will either adapt or eventually be replaced by those who succeed. It's called natural selection, aka evolution, aka the "free market."

One way or another, I believe we are on the way to a freer and more libertarian society. I don't see us ever achieving the libertarian ideal in society. Human nature just doesn't allow it. But I do forsee a country where I can:

←Read and view what I wish on hard copy, media or internet without censorship or governmental oppression.

←Say, speak, write, draw, photograph or otherwise express what I wish without censorship or governmental oppression.

←Worship, or not worship, God, or anything else, free of government opposition or encouragement.

←Educate my children in any fashion I wish, free of government mandates.

←Own and carry the firearm(s) of my choice.

←Experience far less taxation and economic regulation than I now do.

←Not fear my children will be forced to waste their lives in some useless foreign adventure.

←Know that crime will not be subsidized by the useless Wars on Drugs and Vices.

←Have a government that is much smaller and less intrusive than now.

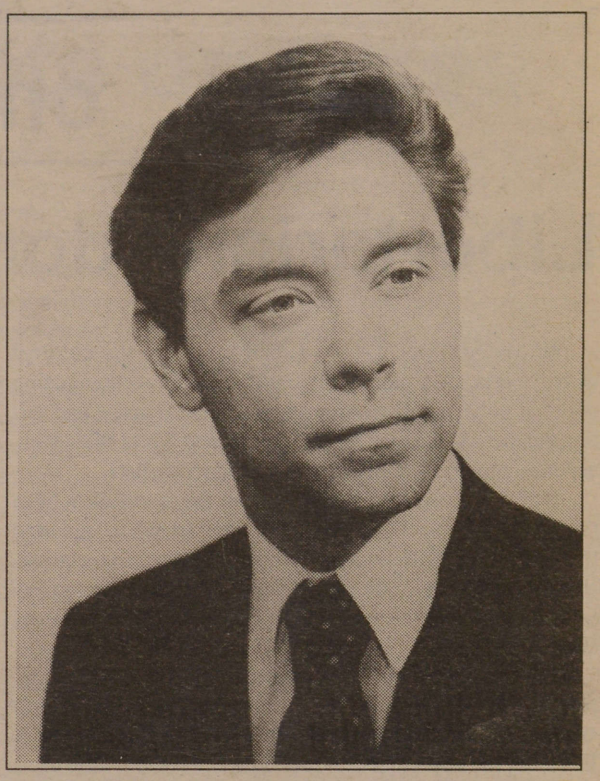
For some, this is not enough. Good for you.

But this would still be far greater freedom than our nation has ever had in its brief history. It would be a most worthy achievement if we could accelerate this change, even if only as a small part of a much greater social movement. Once America shows the way, much of the world will soon follow. Some very deep, fundamental market forces are at work here. The potential for stagnation or even catastrophe still exists as it always will. But then, we all know that

The price of liberty
is eternal vigilance

So, what else is new? Growth can be painful and birth "always" is. So let's suck in our guts, take our chances and trust in the Force. (The market force, that is!)

(Heiser is Northern Vice Chair of Reg. 61 and a former ExCom member.)



Fred Heiser

Government Relations Workshop

Congressonal Advocacy Planners (CAP), has joined with the California Journal in presenting a comprehensive workshop on the State Legislature and on Congress. The workshop will be held June 13-14 in Sacramento.

Dan Potash, president of CAP, says that "our 40 years of collective experience in Congress has convinced hs that the ability to influence the State Legislature and Congress depends on thoroughly understanding the legislative process rather than merely having access."

The two-day workshop guides participants through the realities of that process.

The first day explores how the two bodies operate and how to follow what they are doing. The second day focuses on how to influence most effectively what they are doing in areas that affect your concerns. By the end of the two days, you will have a thorough understanding of each process and of how your organization can be more politically effective.

The seminar is strongly recommended to those who need to:

– track legislation.

– explain to others what is happening and what can happen.

– work with professional lobbyists most productively.

– coordinate or influence other organizations who support or oppose you.

– develop lobbying positions and strategies for your organization.

A similar workshop was conducted March 21-22.

CAP is an association of former congressional staffers. The California Journal is a non-partisan, non-idealogical analysis of California government and politics.

To receive more information and costs, call Congressional Advocacy Planners at 415/955-2730 or write the organization at 44 Montgomery Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Thank you, Madame Commissioner!

At the February 15 business meeting, Santa Clara Region members were introduced to a possibility of service to our communities by San Mateo County Chair Kathleen O'Brien, who is currently serving on the Menlo Park Arts Commission. The following are her comments on the subject as reported in the March issue of the *Santa Clara Libertarian* by editor Sam Severs:

Kate shared the details of her selection and stressed that it wasn't terribly difficult to secure an appointment. It seems that there are shortages of applicants for commissions, and it is sometimes possible that only one person per commission seat applies, so application deadlines are often "soft" . Finding out when positions are open requires a visit to your City clerk or clerk of the County Supervisors. Application is made on a form and is considered by elected officials, after which the applicant is interviewed (sounds a lot like seeking employment, only without compensation). The successful applicant is then "appointed".

Commission members serve the Mayor and council by reviewing policy and operations, conducting research and making recommendations. The Arts Commission she serves on consists of seven individuals who attend one 2-1/2 hour meeting per month, and spend an additional 5-6 hours per month pursuing their duties.

What's it like serving on a commission?? Surprise!! Personality conflicts and infighting are common (everyone has their own ideas and viewpoints, and they fight for them). It also seems that their are no clear cut Libertarian issues visible (let's face it, the mix of arts and government cannot be expected to yield lots of opportunities). Kate confides that you have to hunt for Libertarian issues, and reminds us that even if you don't prevail, you are getting the opportunity to present the Libertarian viewpoint. Serving in this capacity allows one to work to increase net freedom and reduce government control, but she cautions that Libertarian solutions do not always work at this level of government. She is currently seeking ways to privatize the Arts budget by finding organizations or individuals willing to provide funding.

Kate reminds us that city government officials love to have citizens volunteer. Despite the problems that a Libertarian might experience, service on city or county commissions are stepping stones to local public office.

The editor has verified that commission openings exist in his own city, and that the city clerk is very helpful in providing information. The City of Fremont will even accept and file applications for commission seats that are not open! When openings are available, these applicants are considered. I discovered that little effort is required to inquire.

"Intellect annuls fate. So far as man thinks, he is free."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

on the national scene

Libertarians dominate online culture, say experts

WASHINGTON, DC — Libertarians are the political heavyweight champions of the online world — dominating political polls and discussion groups in cyberspace, and setting the ideological tone for the Internet and World Wide Web, according to many political experts and journalists.

"The most common perspective of the brand of politics dominating the Net is one of radical libertarianism," reported the September 1995 issue of *Wired*, the influential, cutting-edge magazine about the online world. "...Pugnacious Libertarians are among the most visible regulars in Usenet discussions."

Ron Crickenberger, Chair of the Libertarian Party's Campaign Committee, said political experts seem to agree with *Wired* magazine. He reported that at a recent Campaigns & Elections seminar workshop on Campaigning in Cyberspace: Using Online Services, "Jared Schutz, of Stardot Consulting, said something like, Libertarians 'dominate' cyberspace," and that "we had by far the most volume of political info on the Net.".

Online presidential preference polls also show a very strong tilt towards Libertarian candidates.

A Stardot Strawpoll — taken in January during the intense days leading up to the first Republican primaries — showed Harry Browne, one of the candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination, winning a whopping 30.4% of the vote, far ahead of Republican Steve Forbes at 10.5% and Democratic President Bill Clinton at 9.1%.

At least three of the four active candidates for the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination — Browne, Rick Tompkins, and Irwin Schiff — have WWW sites, and are trolling the online world for Libertarian supporters.

Boardwatch Magazine reported in August 1995: "The Internet is creating more political Libertarians every day... An anonymous wag notes that 'the Internet interprets censorship as damage and routes around it.' Small wonder that Libertarians are attracted to — and perhaps born in — the online world."

Wired magazine (September 1995) theorized that Libertarians and the Internet are a natural combination: "Libertarianism — with its zealous advocacy of laissez-faire capitalism, deregulation, and privatization — is a ready-made 'killer-app' for the...'don't tread on me' cybercrew."

The Libertarian Party is taking advantage of this increasingly passionate relationship between its philosophy and the growing number of Web-surfers with a popular World Wide Web page.

"Users can read our introductory brochures, browse through our Platform, find out who's running for office, and, in some places, get an up-to-date schedule of local meetings," reported Joseph W. Dehn III, who manages the party's WWW pages. Also available are press releases and articles about the party and its positions.

The party's Web site — which was up and running before either the Republican or Democrat parties nervously made their way into cyberspace — has been awarded a "3-Star" rating from the McKinley Group.

The Libertarian Party's URL is http://www.lp.org/lp/. For the LPC, the URL is http://www.lp.org/lp/ca/lpc.html.

Grassroots leader announces bid for National chair

(Washington, D.C.) At an LP gathering for the mid-Atlantic area marking the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, the keynote speaker at our California state convention announced that he would seek the office of National Chair.

Gene A. Cisewski (**pictured left**) told the gathering, "We have to build a new paradigm to accelerate our growth and to exploit the strategic opportunities now presenting themselves. We have to convert our national office into a service organization that puts its primary focus on building the grassroots of our party; giving the states and counties the skills and tools

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Three more Libertarians join ranks of office-holders

WASHINGTON, DC — Three more Libertarians were added to the ranks of those gaining public office in recent weeks — setting another new Libertarian Party record for the number of Libertarians in office.

On February 26th, Mark Tuniewicz was appointed to the Milford Conservation Commission in New Hampshire, becoming the 166th Libertarian in office. His goal is "to encourage more private, non-governmental solutions to conservation problems, and discourage unilateral [government] intrusions in the use of private property."

In Florida, Steven B. Perfect was appointed to fill a vacant slot on the Ochlockonee River, Soil, & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, where he will serve until November. He is the 167th Libertarian in office around the USA. Perfect joins Libertarians Daniel Walker and Dick Bjornseth on the board, making it "the only elected body staffed with a Libertarian majority," Perfect noted.

In Minnesota, Libertarian office-holder #168 Eric M. Johnson was appointed by the Lake St. Croix Beach City Council as an Alternate on the Park Commission — and is already "considering running for City Council."

Earlier in 1996, Jack Dalton was sworn in as Town Commissioner in Bridgeville, Delaware, on January 8th. Dalton is the Sussex County representative to the LP of Delaware State Board.

Of the 168 Libertarians currently serving in elected or appointed office, 29 are in New Hampshire, followed by California (21); Pennsylvania (15); New York (8); Michigan (7); New Jersey (7); Oregon (7); Texas (7); Florida (6); Alabama (5); and Illinois (5).

Overall, the number of Libertarian Party members in office has jumped by 124% since the September 1993 National LP convention.

Libertarians are cutting-edge and hip, say journalists

WASHINGTON, DC — Which political philosophy is the "cutting-edge politics of the time," growing in popularity and strength — and hip?

Libertarianism, according to more and more journalists across the USA. Here are recent media comments about the Libertarian Party and libertarianism:

"Political libertarianism is the cutting-edge politics of the time . . . [Most pundits] don't realize how popular and prevalent these ideas are now in the U.S."

– James Ridgeway & Thomas Goetz, in the trendy, left-wing *Village Voice*.

"The Libertarian Party is alive, kicking, feistier than ever, and slowly making progress across the nation."

–*Florida Today* columnist Dan Warrensford.

"Libertarianism is not right-wing looniness. In their guts, most Americans subscribe to it, even if they can't articulate it. It's an especially powerful force among young people. [It is] the most important message of our age."

– Syndicated columnist James Glassman.

"It seems that restaurateurs gravitate toward the ideas of the Libertarian Party. If you agree that government is too large, too expensive, and meddles too much, the Libertarian Party is for you."

– Guest columnist Tom Kelley, in the weekly newspaper, *Nation's Restaurant News*.

"Libertarians are suddenly hip.

– *North County Times* (Escondido, CA) columnist Logan Jenkins.

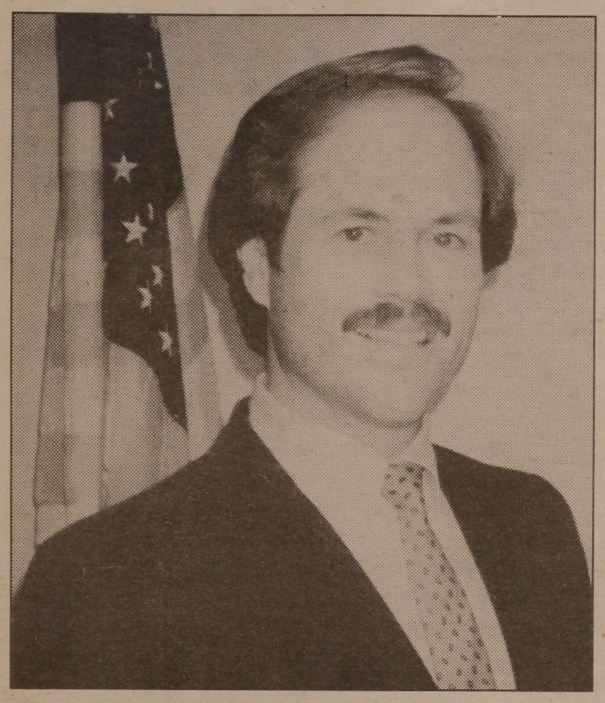
Author appearances on the Web

Bookwire and Publishers Weekly will be publishing Authors On The Highway, a database of author appearances around the US and the world.

What a great opportunity for Libertarian and Free Market authors! Send author, title of book, and place, date and time of appearance or interview to: roadtrip@bookwire.com.

This service at the bookwire web site began April: www.bookwire.com (Look for "Authors On The Highway.")

Submitted by Mary Szterpakiewicz,
San Diego Region 37.



Art Olivier

The right to vote on taxes

by Art Olivier

Should you have the right to vote on new taxes? Or do you trust us honorable elected officials to spend your money wisely? Well, if you are like 87 percent of California that were recently polled in a survey commissioned by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, you feel that you *should* have the right to vote on taxes.

After the people of California overwhelmingly passed Proposition 13, even though the only party endorsing Prop 13 were the Libertarians, we thought we won the right to vote on taxes. Then the courts punched some holes in Prop 13, so we passed Proposition 62, which requires local governmtnets to get voter approval on new taxes and tax increases. Passed in November of 1986, Prop. 62 was found to be "constitutionally impermissable" by the Fifth District Court of Appeals in 1991 because it "effectively ties the hands of local government with respect to future budget planning."

Not waiting for a California Supreme Court ruling, local governments completely disregarded the will of the people and passed a slew of new taxes, most popularly the utility users tax, which in effect tied the hands of families with respect to future budget planning.

Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that Prop 62 *is* constitutional, the League of California Cities is leading the way in an effort to have the State Legislature grandfather all the taxes that were illegally passed in the last decade. State Senator Jack O'Connell, D-Carpentaria, has introduced SB 1590, sponsored by the League. Republican Senators Beverly and Craven are co-authors. You may want to let your Assemblymember and State Senator know that it is wrong to overturn the will of the people with respect to Prop. 62.

This November we may have another opportunity to plug the remaining holes in our right to vote on taxes. Local governments are using the Lighting and Landscaping Act to assess our property taxes with Maintenance Assessment Districts (MADs) and Benefit Assessment Districts (BADs).

An example of a MAD is the Lighting Assessment District created in my city of Bellflower. The city charges Bellflower property owners $450,000 a year for the electricity to power our street lights even though this was always paid out of our general budget in the past.

The proposed "Right to Vote on Taxes Act" would require local governments to have voter approval before assessing or raising property taxes with these sham districts.

To receive a petition to place the "Right to Vote Taxes Act" on the ballot, contact the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association at 213/384-9656.

(Olivier is a Councilmember of the City of Bellflower.)

State legislature in flurry of activity

It ought to be a crime, say some state legislators, to have sex with a corpse, own a portable spray can, perform a partial-birth abortion or film a police action if told to stop.

Voting booklets and ballots should be only in English, says an assemblyman. Foster parents should be able to spank their foster children, says a senator. Prisons should bring back chain gangs, says an assemblyman. State universities should be forced to acept ROTC, asserts another lawmaker.

According to the Associated Press, these ideas and hundreds more started public airings and votes in mid-April in state Assembly and Senate committees.

The California Legislature returned from its weeklong spring recess to face three weeks of heavy action in committees. The hundreds of bills introduced this year that have price tags must be passed by their first committee by April 26 or they are dead. Legislators can also now turn their attention to policy matters since the March 26 primary is over and it's seven months until the November election. But, of course, the election will never be far from lawmakers' minds as they vote on volatile issues such as crime and schools.

Some of the many crime and other bills before committees at this time would:

Make it a felony to engage in sexual activity with a corpse. The bill by former Assemblywoman Juanita McDonald, D-Carson, is before the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

Prohibit the sale or possession of a portable aerosol paint can, which the bill says is "the principal means of engaging in acts of graffiti." The bill by Sen. Quentin Kopp, I-San Francisco, is before the Senate Criminal Procedure Committee.

Prohibit partial-birth abortions, which is a name given by abortion foes to certain rarely used late-term abortions. Congress passed such a ban last week, but President Clinton says he will veto it. Partial-birth abortion bans by Assemblyman Bob Margett, R-Arcata, and Sen. Ray Haynes, R-Temecula, are before the Assembly and Senate health committees, respectively.

Make it a misdemeanor to continue a live broadcast of a police emergency incident after being order to stop. The bill by Assemblyman Richard Rainey, R-Walnut Creek, a former sheriff, is before the Public Safety Committee.

Require all state election materials to be in English. Currently, materials such as sample ballots, voting pamphlets and election instructions are translated into several other languages. The bill by Assemblyman Pete Knight, R-Palmdale, is before the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Allow foster parents to use "any reasonable form of discipline," including spanking, on a foster child as long as it is not child abuse. The bill, by Haynes, is before the Senate health committee.

Require state universities to allow military recruiters and training units on campuses and force any campuses that removed them to reinstate them. That bill by Knight is before the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Create an Academic Warranty Program that would require public school districts to pay state colleges for the cost of any remedial math of English classes that their high school graduates must take.

Now there's Loomis 95650

A Libertarian Party organization located exclusively within a particular Zip Code area? It may be a first. But Bruce A. Daniels of Loomis is working to form one for another reason.

Daniels believes that in small communities such as Loomis (population 5,705 in 1990), libertarianism can have an inordinately powerful influence. People can compare "business as usual," that does not work, against the ideas of liberty that have been tried, proven and do work. Loomis is located off I-80 on the western side of Placer County.

An organizational meeting was held in early April. Eight people showed up. Daniels will be Chair, with Rick Hughson elected as Vice Chair. Other officers were elected on a task-oriented basis, and members are asked to take on task-oriented jobs. The new organization will be known as The Libertarian Party of Loomis 95650. According to Daniels, "It will concentrate on town policy, public service, community activity, youth recruitment and education."

A dentist by profession, Daniels is a long-time activist. He went on to say, "It is our intention to develop a political model that can be duplicated by Libertarians within small towns and communities all over America. That's where self-reliance and self-government coupled with independence from bureaucracy and tax resistance thrive."

Some of the ways in which he sees the organization make things happen is "to identify, groom, and help elect libertarians to public service for the town; develop meaningful social and political bonds with communmity opinion leaders, and become a community service organization to help our town be a better place to live."

Needed: LP and other libertarian Bosnia material!

Libertarians have formed the Committee Against U.S. Intervention in the Balkans. The web site is http://www.antiwar.com. Check it out! It leads to links for anti-intervention literature.

I have been unable to find any LP stuff on the web specifically dealing with this subject. We need any suggestions you have for links or materials that can be submitted to us.

Please e-mail us at info@antiwar.com.

Eric Garris,
Sunnyvale, CA

Region 61 working on radio commercial

Kit Maira, Reg. 61 chair, and congressional candidate Erich Miller are in the process of creating a generic 60-second audio commercial. They expect to have it ready to air in October and to run through the November election.

The commercial will outline the Libertarian Party philosophy. It is designed to support all Libertarian candidates. Plans are to air it on news and talk stations around Los Angeles County.

Maira estimates a meaningful block of air time will cost $5,000. He asks that those interested send their contribution to Libertarian Party Region 61, P. O. Box 370547, Reseda, CA 91337.

Rubbing salt in the wound

Just as all of us have paid our annual tribute, The Tax Foundation tells us that the average worker labored two hours and 47 minutes each day to keep the government going before earning anything toward their own existence.

This year's tax bite work period ties last year's for the longest on record. And it is 15 minutes longer than the work time needed to pay for food, clothing and shelter.

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they need to be more effective. If we continue at the pace with which this party has grown over the past 25 years, it will remain nothing more than a social club."

Cisewski told the gathering there's no need to compromise any Libertarian Party principles. "We have to move into a professional marketing stage with substantially better outreach," he said. He likened the LP platform to the design plans for the internal combustion engine. "Without the platform we wouldn't have a product to offer American voters. What we need now is the marketing savvy to sell the public on the benefits of our principles. As few people want the details about how a car works, few people want to know all the details about our platform. Instead, they want to know what it will do for them.

"There's a lot we have to offer people. We just have to learn to speak in their language, promoting benefits not features."

As the president & CEO of The Monticello Group, Cisewski provides strategic market communication services in fund raising and public relations for several state LP organizations and for clients ranging from private businesses to NORML, the Cato Institute, and the Institute for Humane Studies. His background includes seven years in radio advertising and ten in direct mail marketing.

Cisewski entered politics early. He was appointed chair of the Bemidji American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in northern Minnesota before he was old enough to vote.

"The ideals of freedom sparked even then as one of my projects was to take a copy of the Declaration of Independence on an enormous scroll throughout the state to gather signatures," said Cisewski. He managed to get all of the state's legislators and executive officers to add their signatures; even First Lady Betty Ford. The scroll is now sealed in a time capsule scheduled to be opened in 2076.

Throughout the late 70s and early 80s, Cisewski was a Republican leader in the Midwest. He held party office and managed campaigns in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. Later he developed the pilot project for the Republican National Committee's marketing program. That effort put the names of every registered voter into a computer data base, added demographic information, and polled the lists for use as a campaign and fund raising tool.

For a decade he tried to pull the GOP in a more libertarian direction. In 1985, as the newly elected chair of the Wisconsin YRs, he managed to get a plank in the group's platform calling for the repeal of drug prohibition. But Cisewski became disillusioned and started to withdraw as he saw the GOP moving in a more "conservative authoritarian" direction in the late 80s.

In 1992, with LP presidential candidate Andre Marrou at his side in the historic Senate parlor of the Wisconsin Capitol, Cisewski broke with the GOP. He joined the LP before a news conference with the state's media. Since then he has become active managing and helping LP campaigns. He served as Vice Chair of Wisconsin's LP, briefly as national director, and as the Chair of the LP in DC. There membership grew by more than 123% last year to a density topped only by New Hampshire. In October, the LP Council of State Chairs elected him to succeed Alicia Clark as the leader of their group.

In the past year, Cisewski has traveled to LP functions around the country, keynoting the LPC convention in February and moderating a panel on LP solutions to the crime issues; speaking in Louisiana and Maryland on how to be more effective in winning people over; and conducting candidate training sessions in Missouri, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Developing relationships with the media is a key strength Cisewski believes he can offer the LP. "Living only eight blocks from the National Press Club will give me the opportunity to drop in on a moment's notice for the LP," he says. He developed contacts at major national news outlets, including working with reporters at USA Today where he was responsible for the front page cover story in July on GenerationX and February's front page snapshot feature on LP growth.

He's appeared several times on NewsTalk Television. In a particularly memorable moment, he engaged former California Gov. Jerry Brown. He hit Brown's lack of understanding of the free market with "We are not Republicans. We reject the marriage of big business and big government. That's not a free market!" Cisewski then upstaged the ex-governor by displaying the LP's 800 number. He has also appeared on The McNeil Lehrer News Hour, National Empowerment Television's Mitchells in the Morning, and on the Fox Morning News.

ExCom member resigns

Jack Williams, San Diego Region 37, has resigned from the Executive Committee pleading the press of business.

He is succeeded by alternate Dante Ridley. Joe Colannino has been selected as the new alternate.

Laws Libertarians can support

Representative John Shadegg, R-Arizona, has introduced a new bill upholding the Tenth Amendment. H.R. 2270 would "require Congress to specify the source of authority under the U.S. Constitution for the enactment of laws, and for other purposes." If the bill becomes law, every federal legislative proposal will have to include citation of the specific portion of the Constitution giving it legitimacy. If nothing can be found in the Constitution to authorize the legislation, then it could not be considered.

Currently the bill has 29 co-sponsors.

In the U.S. Senate, Spencer Abraham, R-Michigan, has introduced S. 1039.

This is legislation Libertarians can suppport. Contact your local congressional member to urge positive action.

May ExCom meeting

The May 4, 1996 meeting of the LPC Executive Committee will be held at the Sheraton Rancho Cordova, 11211 Point East Drive., Rancho Cordova, off I-50 at the Sunrise Road exit. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

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A majority of the committee members believe it is important during an election year to maintain continuity of the Party publication.

Bids will be solicited later in the year after the pressures of this election year have diminished.

With the withdrawal of Atlas Communications, *California Liberty* will not be included with *LPC News*. Consideration is being given to finding funding to produce one or more editions of the outreach publication between now and November.

In the meantime, *LPC News* will be including outreach articles on its pages as well as stories on Party matters and Libertarian activities. This will make it better to share with friends and non-Libertarians. You will also note other changes.

And, of course, constructive suggestions are always welcome along with your submission of articles.

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Writing our wrongs

At least two readers pointed out an error in last month's story on Bylaw Committee actions.

We had reported that a motion had passed to delete the 50% award of dues to the entity that garnered a new membership. While a majority of those in the room at the time voted to delete that provision, it developed that a quorum was not present. Therefore, the motion died. The 50% award remains in effect.

In a photo-story on the 25th birthday of the LP, type lice changed the phrase "Libertarian Party" to read "Liberty Party."

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lovely, well-endowed waitresses for which the restaurant chain was known. Hooters had said that affirmative actions does not apply in this situation.

Not one to shrink from a strong stand on any issue, Gary Copeland, LPC candidate for the lst Supervisory District race in Orange County, sided with Hooters. He called a meeting at the Huntington Beach Hooters recently where he helped some young, first-time voters understand Big Government. With him were his wife Kelly and their two sons, Lake and Willow.

"It is none of the government's business who should be hired for which jobs," Copeland told the group. "As long as they (applicants) meet the employer's qualifications, the government should simply butt out."

Copeland wants to keep the Orange County Board of Supervisors focused exclusively on the few issues of importance to government.

"People and businesses will do better for themselves when government stops looking over everyone's shoulders," he said.

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Death of longtime Libertarian

Matthew Piazza, L. A. Region 65 activist, reported that "the Libertarian Party lost a great man recently when longtime La Mirada resident Larry Litwin died of cancer."

Piazza first became acquainted with Litwin during the 1994 La Mirada City Council race. Litwin, then a stranger, called to offer his help in improving Piazza's campaign material. He owned a print shop in La Habra.

Then when Piazza ran for the state Senate seat vacated when Frank Hill was jailed, he said "Without Larry's influence, I never would have run for political office, let alone twice."

Litwin once ran for office years ago and barely missed getting elected to the Norwalk-La Mirada School Board.

He confided to Piazza once that he believed it was his profession that made him suffer from bladder problems for many years. "It's the chemicals I always deal with. It's an industry hazard," he said. He died of bladder cancer which had spread to his bones.

Piazza went on to say, "I miss this man. His wife Evelyn, also a Libertarian, has to be the sweetest woman in La Mirada. I suppose having 45 years together with Larry would put a constant smile on any woman's face. If I feel his loss, can you imagine the emptiness Evelyn must have to endure?

"You have eternal liberty now, Larry. May your soul help restore the sweet gift of true freedom to our citizens."