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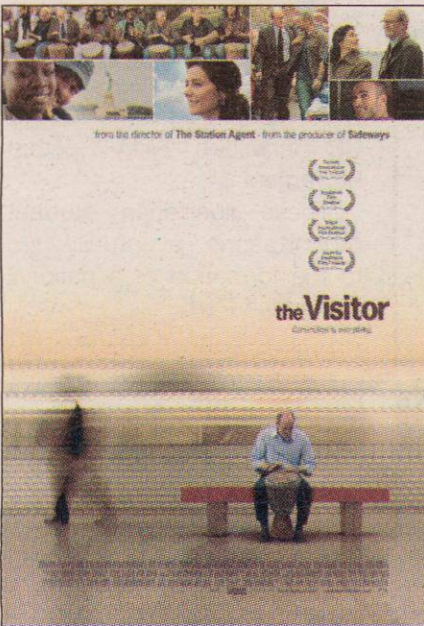
by Michael Seebeck

I don't normally do this, but this isn't normal, either. Antiwar.com needs your help. Antiwar.com is devoted to non-interventionism. It is read by libertarians, pacifists, leftists, "greens," independents—and many on the Right who agree with our opposition to imperialism. Antiwar.com needs cash. Perpetual war for perpetual peace has exhausted the many dedicated staffers, readers, and volunteers. Why? One word: Iran. The Bush Administration is determined to wage war on Iran, whether the American people want it or not—and by 4-1 margins we do not! America does not have the resources in this recession, and already overstretched military, to open a third theater of war. Iran does not have nuclear weapons. They are not developing any. President Bush could care less. To his thinking, they are the evil bad guys. The Iranian people do not

want war. Iran is not a threat to this nation. They never have been. It has been nearly thirty years since the lowest point in Iranian-American relations. Thirty years of rebuilding a damaged relationship. Bush would throw all of that away over a neocon fiction. An American attack on Iran would destroy what little credibility the U.S. still has left in the international community. An American attack would devastate our economy. Oil would likely blow past \$250 per barrel, and gas \$7 per gallon. Consumer prices on everything would skyrocket. The current recession would worsen—possibly even reverting to 1929. We do not want or need that to happen. What can you do? Antiwar.com is leading the charge against this lunacy. But they need your help. With your donation, they can continue this fight, and help us avoid the economic and political destruction of America. Three things I'm pleading

that you do: First, please donate here: antiwar.com/donate/. Any amount helps. Second, spread the word. The more people that know about this need, and this huge problem, the more that can be done. Everyone needs to be involved. Third, contact your Congressman, Senators, and the White House on HCR 362. Tell them No to war with Iran. America's future is in jeopardy. Can you afford not to help? I am not associated with Antiwar.com in any way. But I support their mission. For more information on how you can help, please contact Development Director Angela Keaton at akeaton@antiwar.com or 310-729-3760. Michael Seebeck is one of the LPC's Legislative Analysts. His email: michael@seebeck.us. Seebeck's words are his own only and should not be construed as speaking for or representing the LP, the LPC, or any other affiliate.

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Libertarians Celebrate a Life
Marshall Fritz Honored

by Kevin Takenaga

On June 7, 2008, friends and family of Marshall Fritz held a "celebration of his life" at his church in Fresno. Marshall is an icon of the libertarian movement, having founded both the Advocates for Self Government, and the Alliance for the Separation of School and State [ASSS]. He's been diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer, and is working hard to take advantage of what time he has left. Marshall's many friends include fellow libertarians, Catholics, and educators, all of whom honored his work and his life. Because of Marshall's ability to connect with people, many libertarian converts now reside in and around Fresno. The word 'libertarian' was



Seated L to R: Kevin Takenaga, Marshall Fritz, Dennis Schlumpf. Standing L to R: Jonathan Zwickel, John Hix, Rodney Austin, Gene Arriet, Ray Ransberger, Kennita Watson

Fighting for YOUR Water
Tractor Protest Ride

by Wayne Dunlap

Frustrated by California political leaders' lack of action to create a water system to adequately serve farms and a growing population, Libertarian farmer Eric Anderson drove his message home. On Thursday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m., Anderson climbed aboard his tractor at his family farm in Elfin Forest for a nearly 500 mile drive to the state capitol, arriving on Memorial Day for a picnic at a nearby park. "Sometimes I wonder if anyone in Sacramento is listening," complained Anderson. "We have farmers across the state, and right here in San Diego County, who've had their water supplies slashed. Farmers are having their livelihoods threatened. All we get from Sacramento is partisan bickering." Next year the whole Southern California economy



faces catastrophe due to inadequate water delivery. Speaking to farm colleagues before his long tractor ride, Anderson said that he wants to deliver the message that it is now time for action. "We've known for decades that this day of water shortages was coming," said Anderson to farm colleagues before his tractor ride, "yet nothing has been done. I'm diving to Sacramento and asking for action." Anderson wants more water storage to carry the

state through dry years, and a comprehensive fix for the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta where the water used by 25 million Californians originates. About 750,000 acres of farmland are irrigated by Delta water as well. He also wants Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to ask President Bush to convene the Endangered Species Committee, commonly referred to as the "God Squad," to examine the Endangered Species Act limitations on water pumping from the Delta to most of California. "I'm just one person, but I feel like I need to do something, said Anderson of his tractor ride. "Writing a letter seemed too small in comparison to the problem. I was sitting on my tractor at the time, and it just hit me." Wayne Dunlap is the LP candidate for 50th Congressional District (northern San Diego). His website: www.DunlapforCongress.com. His email: wdunlap@san.rr.com.

mentioned so many times at Marshall's celebration, you'd think it was read directly from a mainstream media article about Ron Paul or Bob Barr. Some of those attending were LPC county leaders Jonathan Zwickel and Rodney Austin, new ASSS president Alan Schaeffer, John Hix, Ray Ransberger of Visalia (the inventor of the Ransberger Pivot), Virgil Swearingen (father of Varrin, who ran for office in the Fresno area several times before moving to New Hampshire for the Free State Project), former Northern Vice Chair Dennis Schlumpf and his wife Barbara (who came down from North Lake Tahoe), and Kennita Watson, newly moved to Santa Clara County. We often complain that we don't have any "institutional memory" within our party. Well, it's out there, and it's up to us to recognize it and to keep it alive. As Marshall jokingly observed, we're all terminal. He's in good spirits. I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet this freedom fighter about whom I'd heard so much.

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From the Editor Radical Youths & Moonlighting Libertarians

by Thomas M. Sipos

On June 26, I spoke to a class of 42 students at Glendale Community College about the Libertarian Party. The Democratic, Green, and Peace and Freedom Parties had also sent speakers. The GOP blew off the event. The class instructor, Denise Munro Robb, said she'd tried to get a Republican, but they weren't interested.

I portrayed the LP in all its radical, principled glory. I distributed antiwar literature, courtesy of Lawrence K. Samuels. I addressed how drug laws are selectively enforced against black youth. I distributed a list of websites, drawing attention to Angela Keaton's Anarchist Bitch blog. I brought a sack of radical buttons to pass out (again, courtesy of Lawrence), and held up one that said *The State Sucks!*

"Who wants this one?" I asked. Eager hands shot up.

I explained that our party includes both anarchists and minarchists. And that I was a minarchist. This term was new to Robb, and she asked about it.

After piquing the students' curiosity with my radical show, I distributed LPC op-eds explaining how hate crime laws exacerbate hate (thus challenging campus PC notions), and why we oppose a mortgage crisis bailout.

The LP's Reformers are obsessed with "getting votes," but that doesn't mean their approach (softening our message) is the solution. A radical message attracts youth. Young activists. Young voters.

After Ron Paul's radical, antiwar face-off with neocon Giuliani, Paul's popularity soared among youth. Obama the radical outsider did well with youth. As he moderated his message, youth's enthusiasm reportedly cooled. (Not that they've abandoned Obama—where can they go?)

A Reformer told me not to read too much into my experience. He said youth enjoy rebelling, but after they leave college, they'll grow more conservative, so moderation rather than radicalism is "where the votes are."

Yet Reformers are wrong to



blame low vote totals on a radical message. There have always been "vote getting" vs. "no compromise" factions in the LP. Ten years ago, it was the Activists vs. the Purists. Back then, the "vote getter" Activists complained that Purists were holding them back from success. Today, the "vote getter" Reformers complain that Radicals are holding them back.

No one's holding anyone back. The LP is what we make of it. The "vote getters" were always free to campaign on "non-scary" messages. The LP's historical size and vote totals are as much their handiwork as any other faction's.

But I'm less concerned with vote totals than with changing minds. Influencing the culture. I don't want to "trick" people into voting Libertarian by hiding our message. I want to convert people so they'll want to vote libertarian.

The State Sucks! and Anarchist Bitch won't appeal to many AARP members. But though elders have the money and organization, youth are especially valuable because they are our party's future. They have more "voting years" ahead of them. They have the enthusiasm and energy to engage in activism. And they have the pop culture and tech savvy necessary to help our principles "go viral."

Finally, not all youth sell out to The Man. I discovered the LP in my teens. I'm still here. And I am not alone.

On another note, before the Denver convention, both Reformers and Radicals had threatened over the blogosphere to leave the LP if things did not go their way. Radicals are now doing so. Former LP vice presidential candidate Chris Bennett [*California Freedom*, April 2008] is leaving the LP due to his distaste for Barr/Root.

I urge Radicals to stay in the LP. You need not vote for every LP candidate. Vote your conscience, wherever it may lead you.

Have I spoken heresy? Yet even as Bob Barr was an LP official, sitting on the LNC, his PAC was funding Republican candidates running against Libertarians. Ironically, many "vote getters" supported this man who sabotaged LP vote

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From the LP Women's Caucus God and Founders Support Iraq War

by Barbara "Joy" Waymire

Of course, no one likes war, but sometimes it is necessary. What I do not like hearing in this country, is that the U.S. has no business assisting other countries in their struggles for freedom. Forgetting how we came to be involved in the first place.

Something most of us forget is that the first terrorist attack on our nation was the attack on the U.S. Cole. Clinton was in office at this time, but caught up in the middle of his sex scandal. So he did nothing over this attack. Once President Bush was sworn into office, it was too late to respond. By not responding at all over the attack on the Cole, we opened the door that led to 9/11.

Then we gave them an ultimatum over their weapons, but kept extending that date to comply before going in to look for them. We gave them ample



time to hide these weapons of destruction where we would not find them. This made the U.S. look like fools when we could not find them. Leading to all the political jargon over our involvement at all.

We whine over the few thousand of our soldiers who gave their lives to fight for freedom of others, and scream to bring our troops home. In doing this, we are saying we do not care about the tens of thousands of innocent men, women, and children that have perished at the hands of another. We justify our actions by saying if

we weren't there, it would not happen.

Wake up people! How can you be so blind, buying into all the political jargon? Dividing this nation more and more each day?

The U.S. is a nation made up of people from every corner of the world, founded as "One Nation, Under God". Since God encompasses the whole world, how can we say that only those who live within our borders should have their rights upheld? It appears that we are saying: *We love, accept and support everyone, but only if you live within our borders.*

Our Founding Fathers chose their words carefully when they formed this great nation. A clear statement of unconditional love for all mankind.

How can we call ourselves "One Nation, Under God" if we deny others seeking assistance to live their lives as we do? This is telling our new citizens that we don't care if your other

family members in your country suffer, they don't live here. And then we sit back and wonder why there is so much unrest in this nation and worldwide?

Can we truly turn our backs on all the innocent lives lost, and those suffering from the hands of tyrants, just because they do not reside within our borders?

No other country has the strength, nor the belief in freedom for all, that we do. To not assist others to gain the freedoms we take for granted goes against the grain of our Founding Fathers.

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From the Office

Volunteers Needed

by Beau Cain

Now is a great time for volunteers to assist at the LPC's office. New documentation and live assistance is available to help volunteers learn how to do the jobs that keep our Party running effectively.

We need volunteers for both recurring tasks (these typically repeat once a week or once a month), and for special projects (these happen rarely, or only once).

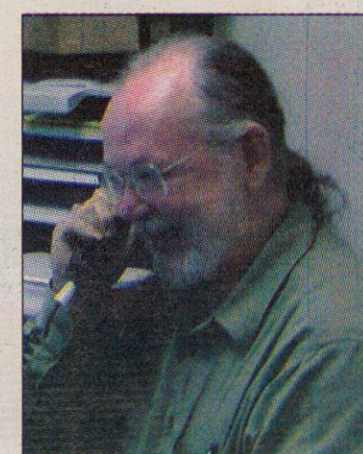
We have tasks both for those who live near our Panorama City, Los Angeles office, and for those who live far away and can only work off-site.

• On-Site Projects

If you can visit the office an hour or two each week, you can help with filing documents, culling archives, and answering phones.

One much-needed, special project is converting paper documents into electronic records. This requires scanning paper records into a computer, then typing each record's information in the scanned file, so that it can be found easily.

Another special project is sorting returned mail by county. This requires looking up county information about cities (Wikipedia is good for this, and it's easy to learn), sorting the returned mail by county, then conveying the updated address information



to each county's Registrar of Voters, so that they'll update their records. Once the county Registrar of Voters updates their records, we'll save money by reducing the postage for mailing reminders about lapsing memberships.

• Off-Site Projects

Volunteers who wish to assist outside the office can: (1) merge, print, and mail monthly bills, (2) compile and mail information packages, (3) contact members and donors to help them renew memberships and pledges.

• Mixed-Site Projects

These special projects require volunteers to visit the office once, and then work off-site. Three badly needed tasks are: (1) inventory supplies and equipment, (2) reorder supplies, stationery, and brochures, and (3) sell old equipment and furniture.

By volunteering in any

capacity, you free others to concentrate on three vital duties: raising funds, increasing membership, and improving services.

If you wish to volunteer, please consider these criteria:

- Can you volunteer a few hours once a week, or once a month?
- Can you manage a special project?
- Can you work in the Panorama City office, or must you work remotely?
- Do you prefer detailed record-keeping tasks?
- Do you prefer personal contact tasks?
- Do you have a different talent you wish to share?

If you'd like to donate your time and talent to improve the effectiveness of the LPC's office, please contact Secretary Beau Cain at secretary@ca.lp.org, or telephone me toll-free at 877-884-1776.

A little bit of your volunteer work translates into increased results for our Party.

Libertarian History

California: Birthplace of Our Movement

by Lawrence K. Samuels

The mid and late 1960s saw the first explicitly libertarian activist movement in the nation. According to most historians, the spark that ignited the freedom movement first appeared in California during "the student libertarian era."

The University of California at Berkeley had several campus groups with a hodgepodge of libertarian and conservative ideals. The biggest, Cal Conservatives for Political Action (CCPA), was founded in 1964. They supported the U.S. government's foreign policy in Vietnam, but opposed the draft. Mostly followers of Ayn Rand, Barry Goldwater, and H. L. Mencken, CCPA organized pro-Vietnam war demonstrations at a time when the conflict was becoming increasingly unpopular on campus.

Soon these quasi-libertarians were struggling with seemingly insoluble logical contradictions. A pro-war stance conflicted with their individualist

philosophy and Jefferson's advice to avoid entangling alliances.

These inconsistencies became a hot topic of debate among antiwar Leftists who were increasingly vocal about the dangers of U.S. military operations in foreign nations. Failing to see their own glaring inconsistency, these Leftists asked early libertarian leaders how they could oppose government interference in the lives of Americans, while simultaneously demanding government interference in foreign lands?

By 1965, the leaders of CCPA realized that they were not conservatives, but instead "classical liberals" with a libertarian penchant.

In 1966, CCPA united with the expelled Moise Tshombe chapter of Young Americans for Freedom, changed their name, and created the first nationwide and explicitly libertarian organization in the U.S.—the Alliance of Libertarian Activists (ALA).

This new student organization took a strict non-interventionist position on domestic and foreign governmental policies, as enumerated in the "Berkeley Statement." They enjoyed a large student following, a headquarters, and a propensity for sit-ins and public demonstrations. They were the driving force behind UC Berkeley's "Fiftly Speech Movement."

These libertarian student organizations eventually led to the formation of a national Libertarian Party.

"Because I do it with one small ship, I am called a terrorist. You do it with a whole fleet and are called an emperor."
~a pirate in City of God

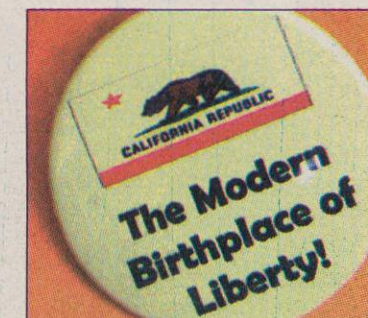


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Fighting for YOUR Sexual Freedom SF Ballot Measure Protects Prostitutes, Clients

by Starchild

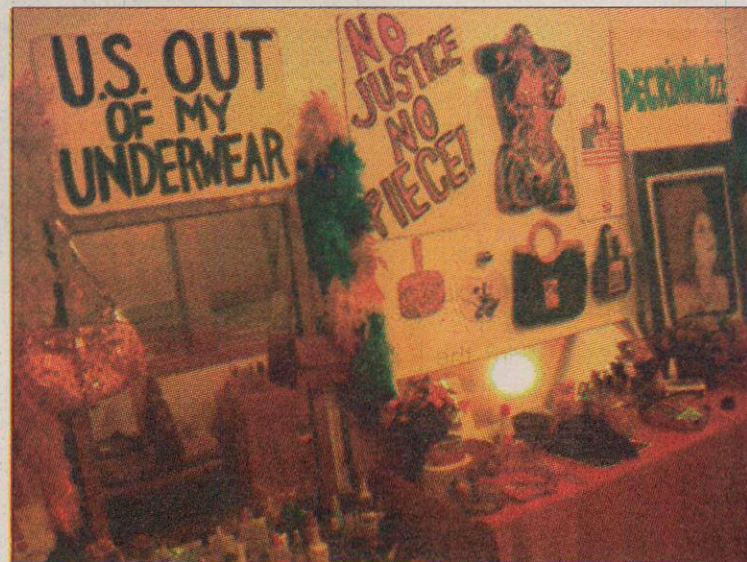
On Monday, July 7th, after posing outside City Hall with our cartoons of petitions for a few photos, proponent Maxine Doogan and a half dozen supporters of the measure to defund enforcement of prostitution laws in San Francisco delivered forms bearing 12,763 signatures to the Elections Department.

This was after we thoroughly vetted the signatures, crossing out those of people who lived outside San Francisco, did not list an address, etc. Given that the required number of valid signatures was only 7,168, and we were shooting for 11,000 in order to have a reasonable margin to cover signatures ruled invalid, we believe we are in good shape.

Barring some unexpected occurrence, this measure will appear before San Francisco voters on the November 4th ballot.

The Elections Department has up to 30 days to check and verify the signatures we've submitted, and will inform us when they are ready to begin this process, which we are allowed to observe. This will presumably occur on weekdays. If you can volunteer to observe, please call contact me.

Meanwhile, we're plunging ahead with the campaign to



Sex worker ephemera

get this measure passed. We expect to face well-funded opposition, determined to keep wasting taxpayer money at around \$11.4 million a year arresting, prosecuting, and "re-educating" San Franciscans who choose to engage in consensual sexual activities.

Your help is needed now more than ever! This could be the most important fight for sexual freedom in San Francisco since the LP's daring 1979 measure to abolish the vice squad.

A big "thank you" to everyone who has helped gather signatures, donate money, or otherwise assist us in getting this far. A special note of ap-

preciation to Sarah and Slava of Industrial Workers of the World, without whose tireless efforts in collecting thousands of signatures each, it is likely we would have fallen short in this petition drive.

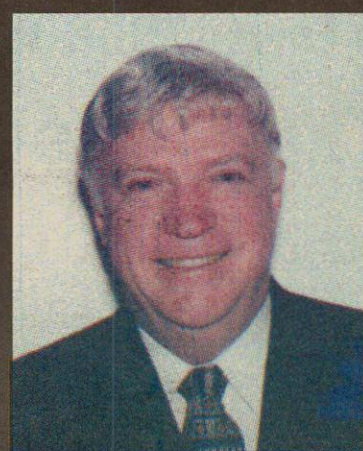
The more votes this measure wins in November, the more likely it will inspire similar efforts in cities across the country and around the world.

Even if you don't live in San Francisco, please do what you can to ensure that this groundbreaking measure is passed. Targeted donations may be sent to the Libertarian Party of San Francisco at 2215-R Market Street, PMB 170, San Francisco, CA 94114 (write "prostitution measure" on the memo line).

With your help, we will take an important and positive step toward ending government's costly, harmful, moralistically judgmental, and ultimately futile war on sex workers and our clients.



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Vince H. Miller
(1938 - 2008)

by Tim Starr

Vince Miller gave his life for liberty, giving up a lucrative career as a marketing executive in Canada to become a frostback in America, founding an educational non-profit which he headed until the day he died. Originally Libertarian International, it ultimately became the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL).

Vince made ISIL the "Johnny Appleseed" of the freedom movement, planting seeds of liberty around the world. By the time he died, it had members in over 80 countries and had hosted more than 20 world conferences. ISIL members came from all walks of life, from students and academics, to businessmen, legislators, and even heads of state.

Vince had no children, and he left his family in Canada, so he made the libertarian movement his family. He treated everyone with utmost dignity, politeness, and respect, no matter whether they were teenagers new to libertarianism, or senior government officials. ISIL conferences were his family reunions.

Karl Hess called ISIL the place where the intellectuals and activists of the libertarian

movement met. Myriad new libertarian projects were catalyzed by ISIL, from publishing and distributing libertarian books in countries where libertarianism had never been heard of before, to helping newly-freed countries write their new constitutions.

While Vince and I disagreed about the Iraq War, his opposition to it didn't stop him from meeting with the Iraqis who were writing their new constitution. He'd discovered they were doing it at the same hotel in Germany where he was having an ISIL conference. He gave them the best advice he could about how to make the new Iraq as peaceful, prosperous, and free as possible.

Vince was always brimming with some good news about something new ISIL was doing, or someone new he'd made contact with. He was always ready with a joke or a pithy comment, and had the gift of telling old familiar stories you'd heard many times before while making them seem new. He always found a way to see the good in the people he knew, no matter how difficult or frustrating they were.

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preceded the Denver convention, the LPNH and LPM named Phillies as a place holder.

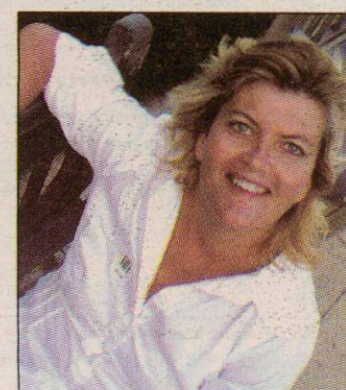
Now the secretaries of state refuse to substitute Phillies for Barr. Negotiations or lawsuits may change matters. But just in case, Barr is collecting signatures to run in those states as an independent.

To stay current on these events, you must read: IndependentPoliticalReport.com. Also visit LastFreeVoice.wordpress.com, BostonTea.us and ObjectivistParty.org.

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sion on the immigration issue will be as forthcoming or genuine as Vale's. I'm resigned to seeing the LP's presidential standard-bearer, and many LP members, dead set against immigration rights.



Letters to the Editor



Unhappy Radical

One thing libertarians often lose sight of is strategy. This applies to both those inside the party and those outside, and to both the Libertarian Caucus and the Reform Caucus.

At the 2008 Libertarian Party convention, the Reform Caucus beat the Libertarian Caucus. Mainstream libertarians are not represented on the 2008 LP presidential ticket. It would have been a good move on the part of the Reform Caucus to sponsor a unity ticket with a prominent member of the Libertarian Caucus as the VP candidate. Failing to think strategically, the Reform Caucus wanted their victory over the Libertarian Caucus to be thorough.

The result is a weakened candidate. There is much discontent within LP ranks over this ticket.

Bob Barr is campaigning for votes outside the LP. What he is neglecting is that he should be campaigning for votes inside the LP as well. The Reform Caucus has, by choosing victory over strategy, alienated a large portion of the LP.

The reaction from the candidate himself has been "I'm the candidate so you will vote for me." The reaction from the Reform Caucus has been to accuse everyone who hasn't warmly embraced the ticket of being sore losers, wanting to destroy the party, etc. The truth is that by placing victory at the convention over strategy, the Reform Caucus

is more guilty of trying to fracture the party than is the disenfranchised Libertarian Caucus.

Barr needs to advertise to the base. He is neglecting that duty, relying on "you have to vote for me" to get the votes from the base.

Libertarians are notorious for rejecting calls for "you have to vote for me," as a substantial portion of Libertarians are converts from major parties, and those converts realized that they don't have to vote for the candidate of their party. It doesn't matter that the hated other party will win if the candidate of their party is just as bad.

That's not to say that Barr is as bad as Obama or McCain—he certainly is not. The question is: Is he good enough to get the vote of those who will analyze a candidate, instead of showing blind party loyalty?

A better thinking of strategy by the Reform Caucus, and Barr wouldn't have to worry about getting the Libertarian vote and could concentrate on the independent vote. As it stands now, Barr has the potential to gain one at the expense of the other, and that will not result in the growth that the Reform Caucus promised the rest of the LP when they rammed a double reform ticket down the throats of everyone else.

— Jason Gonella
Antelope Valley, CA

Honoring July 4th Butte County LP Hosts Campout by Lawrence K. Samuels

The Butte County Libertarian Party hosted a July 4th and 5th campout at the Riffles Resort in Oroville, a seven acre campground of mowed lawns and shade trees, overlooking the Feather River. Over 30 libertarians attended this food fest of BBQ tri-tip and garlic bread, including LP state Chair Kevin Takenaga and Northern Vice Chair Richard Newell.

Kent Fowler, an Oroville resident and LP activist, led a mini-bus tour of Oroville's historical sights, including the local Chinese Temple and museum, the Masonic Lodge, the lower Feather River fish dam,

and the Nature Center—which he opened up just for the tour.

The July 4th festivities lasted until 2 a.m., encouraged by ice chests full of beer. Animated people argued the finer points of liberty, all to the backdrop of music by Beethoven, and air heavy with smoke from nearby wildfires.

The following night, Newell entertained the crowd by playing the Broadway musical 1776 on his laptop computer.

The campout was organized by Casey Aplanap, who's already scheduled next year's July 4-5th event at Riffles Resort.

Tired of PC Muslims

[In response to "Seeing the Humanity in Muslims," *California Freedom*, May 2008] As a libertarian—and Samuel E. Konkin III's longest friend and ally—I'm sympathetic to treating everyone as an individual, regardless of ethnicity. But when any religious belief is used to promote a collectivist bigotry that itself refuses to recognize individualism, it becomes indistinguishable from any other tyrannical ideology, whether that ideology begins with the story of Adam and Eve, or the story of the first creatures that crawled out of the sea and evolved into land mammals.

The ancient Hebrews, ancient Egyptians, ancient Babylonians, ancient Philistines, all were tribalist collectivist. There is an argument to be made that the first strains of individualism in Judeo-Christianity came out of the ancient radical Jewish sects that spawned the Christian tenet of individual salvation and led to what we today call Western Culture.

Radical Islam is collectivist. It faithfully preserves an ancient Hebrew tribal collectivism which was rampant throughout that region. There is nothing evil in the *Quran* that can't first be found in the *Hebrew Bible*—but Jews today don't stone blasphemers and adulteresses to death, while that's happening today in countries ruled under Islamic law.

I can't think of anything in Western media which is anywhere near as anti-Arab or anti-Muslim, as the anti-Jewish and anti-American hate speech on Arab TV. The documentaries *Obsession* and *Fitna* have been called bigoted by Arabs and Muslims because they faithfully

record Muslim leaders engaging in hateful TV rants against Jews and Americans.

Yes, you can find such rants against Jews and blacks in American history—but since 9/11, the moment anyone on American TV says a word that can be interpreted as anti-Arab or anti-Muslim hate speech, they're blacklisted. This is why Michael Savage lost his cable TV show.

Since al Qaeda's radical Arab-Islamic attacks on American civilian and military targets on 9/11, can you tell me what American movies engage in collectivist hate speech against Arabs and Muslims?

With the exception of American movies that portray what happened on 9/11—*The Hamburg Cell* and *United 93*—you won't find movies portraying Muslims as villains—and none of these contain collectivist hate speech against Arabs or Muslims.

Tom Clancy's novel *The Sum of All Fears*—which had an Islamic nuclear attack against American targets—was changed to a neo-Nazi conspiracy before hitting the big screen.

Flight Plan made an American Federal Air Marshall the terrorist, and the Arab Muslims were portrayed as maligned innocent victims.

There are no Arab Muslim terrorists targeting America in *Redacted*, *Rendition*, or *Stop-Loss*.

You'd have to go to the movie I wrote and directed, *Lady Magdalene's*, before you'll find even an indie film that portrays radical Arabic Muslims as post 9/11 bad guys—and I made sure to follow my individualist libertarian principles in making every Arab or Muslim I wrote a fully fleshed-out character, not some cartoon "Reel Bad Arab."

Lady Magdalene's is not yet in commercial distribution, and I wonder whether the main reason is because it dares to make Muslims bad guys after they pulled a Pearl Harbor on the U.S.

This is not to defend the ham-handed clumsiness of either Homeland Security, or defend American military actions which we don't yet know whether they enhanced or decreased our security. But to refuse to make a war movie, during a war, which even names the enemy, takes political correctness to the point of national self-annihilation.

Americans have fought wars with Native tribes, the French, English, Spanish, Germans, Italians, Japanese. People tend to say not-nice things about the enemies who are trying to kill them. I don't see why Arabs and Muslims get a pass on this.

— J. Neil Schulman
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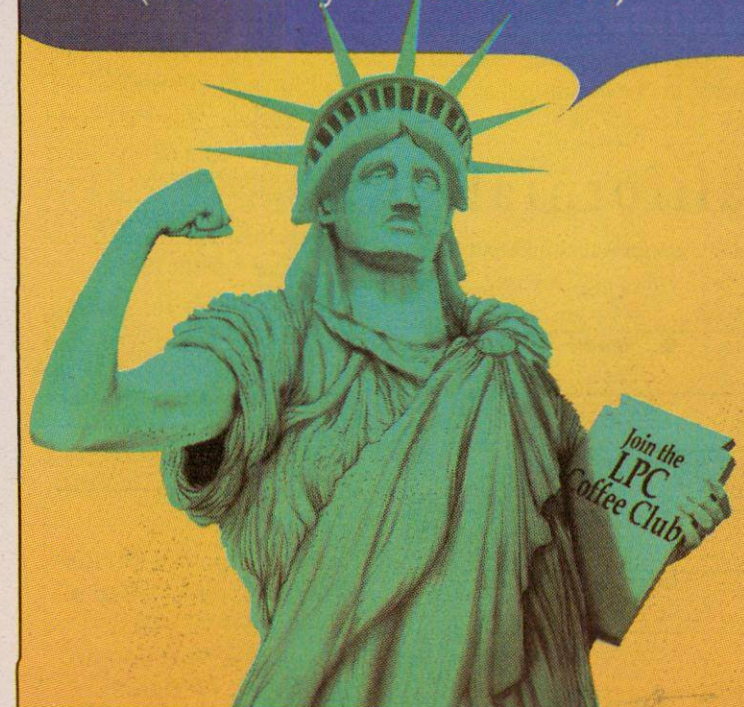
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Butte LP July 4th Campout

National Convention Report

LP's New Platform & Bylaws

by Brian Holtz

Californians figured prominently at Denver's 2008 Libertarian National Convention in repairing the holes left in the LP Platform by the Portland convention, which had cut the Platform from 62 planks to 15, thus leaving it silent on property rights, taxation, monetary policy, the environment, health care, welfare, education, labor, national defense, foreign policy, free trade, and electoral reform.

The 2008 Platform Committee offered delegates two contrasting approaches to repairing the Platform, both drafted by teams led by Californians.

Rob Power of San Francisco led a minority of 7 out of 20 PlatCom members who proposed a 10,000-word hybrid of the 2004 and 2006 platforms. They retained the issue/principle/solution/transition format that had been adopted in 2004, because it allowed radically vi-

sionary statements to coexist with transitional proposals.

Moderates complained that it restored many of the most radical positions, such as personal secession, immediate non-enforcement of all tax laws, privatizing all streets, and using only torts to regulate pollution.

This author chaired the subcommittee that drafted what became the committee's report. It recommended a 2,500-word platform that recycled the best language from all platforms going back to the 1972 original. The intent was to limit statements to those that unite the vast majority of Libertarians, stating timeless libertarian principles that are also consistent with both incremental reform and radical goals.

Critics complained this failed to restore some of the 2004 platform's most distinctive positions, especially the opposition to all government restrictions

on abortion.

On May 24, 2008, delegates chose the PlatCom majority's approach, approving most plank proposals while improving others. Delegates adopted former LPC Chair Aaron Starr's improved abortion language: "Recognizing that abortion is a sensitive issue and that people can hold good-faith views on all sides, we believe that government should be kept out of the matter, leaving the question to each person for their conscientious consideration."

Power and other Outright Libertarians contributed language improving the Personal Relationships plank, highlighting the issues of marriage, child custody, adoption, immigration, and military service.

In the end, delegates approved the PlatCom's proposal for 27 planks organized into three sections: Personal Liberty, Economic Liberty, and Securing Liberty.

The Environment plank now asserts that Libertarians care deeply about damage to natural resources and ecosystems, and allows the possibility of augmenting torts with pollution taxes or fees. The Education plank now accommodates Libertarians who advocate vouchers as a transitional measure.

The Self-Determination plank replaced the controversial Secession plank. With language from Jefferson, it says: "Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of individual liberty, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to agree to such new governance as to them shall seem most likely to protect their liberty."

To read the 2008 platform with annotations, see <http://libertarianmajority.net/pure-principles-platform>.

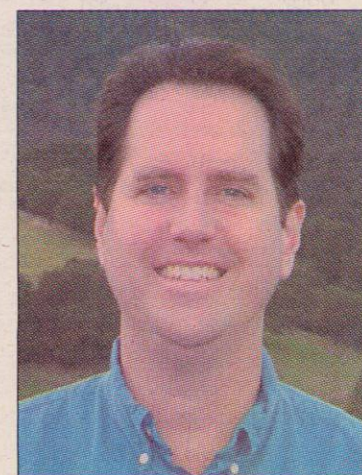
Delegates rejected a proposal to remove the "cult of the omnipotent state" language from the Statement of Principles.

Delegates approved 10 of the 13 proposals they had time to consider from the Bylaws Committee (chaired by the LPC's M Carling), including a lower threshold for appeals

to the Judicial Committee, a higher threshold for LNC policy resolutions, and automatic suspension of LNC members who miss two consecutive meetings.

Delegates rejected a proposal to protect the Party from possible takeover attempts by lengthening and staggering Judicial Committee terms.

Former LPC ExCom member Chuck Moulton successfully proposed a Bylaws change to allow convention committees to seat alternates for not only vacancies, but also for absences.



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Film Review

Unwelcome Freedom Seekers

Review by
Laura G. Brown

After seeing *The Visitor*, a story of an economics professor befriending illegal immigrants in New York, I bumped into a libertarian from our region. "Didn't you love the film's

libertarian message?" I asked him.

When he addressed a minor plot point, I remembered his view, often stated in meetings, that illegal immigrants are a drain on taxpayers. It was a revelatory moment—I can't count on fellow libertarians to agree with my belief in open borders.

Those who believe in the freedom to migrate, and who don't see Tarek and his girlfriend Zainab as criminals, will be inspired by their heart-wrenching ordeal at the hands of INS agents in *The Visitor*.

In the film, Professor Vale comes to New York to give a lecture and finds that the couple has mistakenly sublet his apartment. Vale sympathizes with their plight, and befriends Tarek, a talented drummer who awakens a spark of life in the reserved professor.

After the new friends play drums together in the park, a dispute over a subway token elevates into Tarek's arrest and imprisonment in an enormous,

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Fighting to Lower YOUR Taxes

Anti-Tax Measure Makes Seaside Ballot

by Lawrence K. Samuels

We will be submitting over 440 signatures to Seaside City Hall for a ballot measure calling for the repeal of Seaside's 6% utility tax. This is more than enough to qualify for the November ballot.

Even non-libertarian voters will find reasons to repeal this tax:

- At least 3% of the 6% utility tax was enacted after the passage of the Jarvis/Gann initiative, which requires local municipalities to place all proposed new taxes on the ballot for voters to approve. This was never done.

- According to former Mayor Lance McClair (1982-1994), the utility tax was supposed to be temporary. Why is it still here?

- Local voters have already expressed opposition to taxes on ever-rising utilities. In November 2004, 57% of Seaside voters opposed a special statewide utility tax.

- Most California cities do not tax utility users.

- Vital services will not be cut. They are constitutionally protected as the priority of city government. California State Constitution (article 13, section 35) states that if a municipality must make budget cuts, the last place shall be public health and safety (i.e., fire and police). Approximately 65% of Seaside's budget is used for public health and safety (2007-2008 general fund budget).

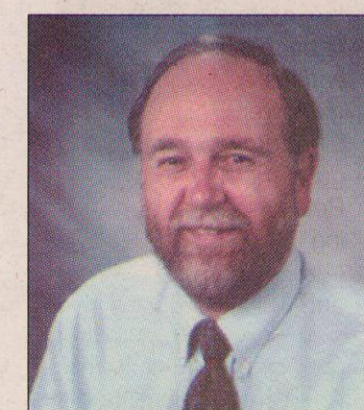
- Seaside just passed Measure R (a sales tax increase) which will bring in additional estimated revenue of \$6 million annually.

- According to many experts, the authority to tax utilities was never granted to local municipalities by the state of California. Others argue that though this may be true, it would take a lengthy court battle to settle the matter.

Naturally, Seaside politicians will lie, saying that repealing this tax would mean cutting vital services. As Carla Howell, president of the Center for Small Government once said,

"Politicians like to threaten to cut services people care most about so they can distract attention away from the pork, waste and sweetheart deals that they dish out to their special interest friends."

Of course, Seaside Libertarians are still considering a Recall/Replace the Seaside Five campaign to oust the five city council members who voted to reinstate eminent domain powers.



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Freedom Seekers

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faceless detention center. There he is held indefinitely, pending deportation to Syria.

It's painful to see the engaging, likable Tarek growing more nervous and desperate in jail, and the professor, used to success in the academic world, unable to navigate the Orwellian maze of the immigration system, even with the

aid of a competent attorney. His over-the-top rant at film's end seems pointless (like paying your income taxes in pennies to irk the IRS, before the practice was outlawed), but his frustration with the bureaucrats is clear.

Much has changed since 9/11—who'd have thought we'd become accustomed to the phrase "pro-war Libertarians"—and the film depicts the INS as secretive,

unresponsive, and capricious.

The Visitor led me to question the presidential candidacy of Bob Barr—a reaction filmmaker Tom McCarthy probably never anticipated. Barr's roots come from conservative Republicanism. He still says he supports the Minutemen, a volunteer group that "helps" patrol the border.

I don't think Barr's conver-

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Denise Munro Robb kneeling before her Glendale Community College class

Radical Youths

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totals while sitting on the LNC. Because of this, Barr and his supporters have no moral claims to your party loyalty. You can't demand what you haven't given.

Whatever you decide, please don't leave the LP. Stay and improve it.

More ironies: both Reformers and Radicals are moonlighting in competing libertarian parties.

After the Portland convention, disaffected Radicals formed the Boston Tea Party as a purist alternative to the LP. Two years later, at the Denver convention, a BTP state chair—simultaneously serving as an LP delegate—told me the BTP was now a "big tent," more moderate than the LP's Reform Caucus.

Yet after the LP nominated Barr/Root, the BTP nominated the radical ticket of Charles Jay and Thomas L. Knapp. Although running for VP on the BTP ticket, Knapp is simultaneously running for Congress in Missouri on the LP ticket.

The BTP expects to be on the ballot in about 10 states this November. They tapped me as a potential California

state chair. I declined. Barbara "Joy" Waymire did not.

Waymire is now the California chair of the Boston Tea Party. She simultaneously retains her LP titles. She is also an LP candidate for president for 2012.

Thus, with the 2008 race still going on, we already have Root and Waymire to pick from in 2012. (Root says he intends to be the LP's presidential candidate for the next four elections—through to 2024.)

Former LP presidential candidate Alden Link, who failed to get a single vote at the Denver convention—failing even to win a seat for himself on his home state (New York) delegation—is now the VP candidate of the Objectivist Party.

The OP was formed in February 2008 by Dr. Tom Stevens, who is their presidential candidate. Stevens continues to simultaneously serve on the LP's Judiciary Committee.

Stevens tells me he expects the OP to be on the November ballot in Colorado, Louisiana, and Florida. Although he is running against Barr, he says all OP national committee members "are actively involved in helping Barr get elected... I have encouraged all our party members to enroll as Libertarians. I view the OP as an outreach tool to get people involved in politics who were previously sitting on their hands or debating the finer points of the non-aggression principle."

Getting people involved in Party A by running candidates in Party B. That's certainly thinking outside the box.

Finally, former LP presidential candidate George Phillies is the LP's candidate in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. This is not Phillies's doing, but state election law. These states require parties to specify a candidate when gathering signatures for ballot access. Because the filing deadlines

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