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## Operation Beachhead Advances!

*LPC establishes "virtual office" in Sacramento*

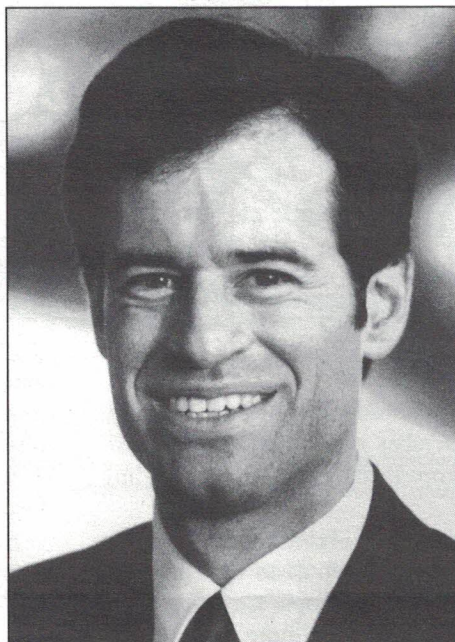
**T**he LPC has kicked off 1999 in style by opening a "virtual office" in Sacramento on January 1st — accomplishing Phase I of Operation Beachhead.

"What a way to start the New Year," enthused LPC Executive Director Juan Ros. "Our chair Mark Hinkle and I and several others have been working towards this goal for a long time."

Establishing a permanent LPC office in the state capital is the ultimate objective of "Operation Beachhead," a plan drafted by Ros and Hinkle. On November 14th, the LPC Execom green lighted the first of Operation Beachhead's three stages, the "Office Image" phase, which calls for the LPC to contract with an executive suite company for phone, mail and voice mail services in Sacramento.

Ros selected the Capitol Mall Executive Center as the company to meet the LPC's needs. Located in the Wells Fargo Center just four blocks from the State Capitol, CMEC will allow the LPC to receive mail and have a receptionist answer incoming phone calls, patching calls through to Ros wherever he is, or to voice mail. Additionally, Ros will have access to a day office and conference rooms on his trips to Sacramento.

The LPC will make a gradual but steady transition to its new address and phone number. "I'll begin using the Sacramento office in publicity materials, such as news releases, right away," said Ros. "Creating the image of an LPC presence in Sacramento is the goal of Phase I. We'll begin phas- (continued on page 7)



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## 1999 LPC Convention

*California Libertarians to gather in San Jose to hear "The Heartbeat of Liberty"*

**T**he Libertarian Party of California will hold its annual state convention on President's Day weekend, February 12-15, 1999, at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Delegates chosen by local party organizations will gather to elect new state party officers and discuss changes in the party's platform and bylaws.

"We are preparing an eclectic program that will entertain Libertarians and non-Libertarians alike," declared LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "And with our party growth continuing at record levels, we expect an excellent turnout for this convention."

Convention-goers will have the opportunity to listen to (continued on page 4)

## Executive Director Update

*The election is over but Juan Ros' work has just begun!*

**W**hile most folks were catching their breaths between the recent election and holidays, the LPC's Executive Director Juan Ros was hard at work...

On the heels of the November election, Ros issued multiple news releases touting the LP's million vote cumulative total in the 8 statewide races, and announcing the election of four local nonpartisan Libertarian candidates (see last issue for details). "I'm very pleased by our election results," he said. "The LPC is four steps closer to winning elected partisan office in California." Ros also issued releases on such topics as Governor Davis' pay raise, and the proposed intrusive FDIC banking regulations.

Early in November, Ros flew to Sacramento for the second series of seminars sponsored by StateNet: the first was an election post-mortem and the second was a how-to on legislative lobbying.

The week before Thanksgiving, Ros attended a Cato Conference in San Jose — joining the LP's (continued on page 3)

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## LETTERS



### Losing Proposition

I always find *LPC Monthly* worth reading. However, the October issue with its slick pro-Proposition 5 propaganda insert left me feeling betrayed!

I voted NO on Prop. 5. I don't think lowering the legal age to gamble from 21 to 18 is progressive or liberating! Young people are being bombarded daily about becoming more adult, and to allow 18-year-olds into the sinister world of casino gambling is wrong! Nowhere in the slick pro-Prop. 5 insert did it talk about lowering the gambling age. Yet, that is one of the things that Prop. 5 will do.

After looking at who supported Prop. 5 with contributions, much of it came from Nevada! Yes, the Nevada casino owners know how to cover their bets... Under Prop. 5, more people at a younger age would start gambling at California Indian casinos. Soon, when they turn 21, those young people will flock to Nevada casinos to really be grown up!

Indian casinos are not about gaming; they are about selling people false hope for riches without hard work.

Shame on you for supporting Prop. 5!

REV. DAVID PORTER MISSO  
Tulelake, CA

*The Libertarian Party does not advocate gambling; however, it champions everyone's right to engage in any peaceful activity that they chose, so long as they don't harm others. That includes activities many individuals find unhealthy or immoral, such as recreational drug use — and gambling.*

### Broadening Our Appeal

I think we have made much head way among conservative Republicans. Perhaps our advocacy of economic liberty and support of property rights were the key issues. Learning how to communicate without offending people may be our key to success. Our members have arrived at libertarianism coming from the left and right. Also some libertarians are liberal in attitude and some conservative. Our movement is

composed of straights, gays, flower children, drug users and executive types. The trend seems to be more toward middle America and traditional values. There are more suit and ties and less tie dyed tee shirts now.

To me, the burning question is: How can we better reach out and win over Democrats and Republicans? Perhaps if we did a poll to determine how we are viewed now, we could discover where our weaknesses are and then find new, more successful approaches to sell our ideas. Another question is: How can other local regions replicate the success that San Diego has had in recruitment? What is their secret?

AL SEGALLA  
Murphys, CA

### Selling Libertarianism

If you watched a recent episode of 60 Minutes, you saw how Dems and Reps use pollsters [to sell their ideas] like selling soap. You would also understand the political process in this country a little better. We need a little scientific marketing research to find out what sells our philosophy and what turns people off. Sad, maybe, but that is how it works!

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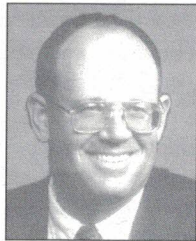


## Convention

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an impressive array of speakers, including bilingual education opponent Ron Unz. The CEO of Wall Street Analytics, a Palo Alto-based financial services software company he co-founded, Unz holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard, Cambridge and Stanford Universities. He also serves on the advisory boards of the Center for Equal Opportunity and the Reason Foundation, and has written editorials for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Policy Review* and *Reason*. In 1994, Unz received 34% of the vote in a Republican primary challenge to Governor Pete Wilson.

Other confirmed speakers so far include: David Brin, author of *The Postman* and *Startide Rising*; David Friedman, free market economist;



**Marshall Fritz**

Marshall Fritz, Director of the Separation of School and State Alliance; Dan Fylstra, founding Associate Editor of *BYTE* magazine; Joel Fox, President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association; Michael Cloud, master Libertarian communicator; Bill Saracino, Executive Director of Gun Owners of California; Mary Avant of Families Against California Three Strikes; Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley City Council member; John Mehaffey, Saratoga City Council member; Thomas Tryon, Calaveras County Supervisor; Sandi Webb, two-term Simi Valley City Council member; Mark Dierolf, Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees; and Richard Winger, Publisher of *Ballot Access News*. More speakers will be announced soon.

The theme of the convention is "The Heartbeat of Liberty," a reference to the site of the convention, Silicon Valley —



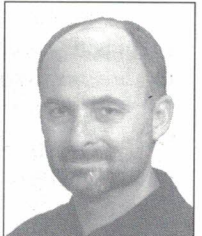
**Sandi Webb**

considered by many to be a breeding ground for libertarianism. "Silicon Valley is definitely a spot where the principles of private enterprise and self-government are alive and well and beating strong," added Hinkle.

The convention officially opens on Friday night, February 12th, with a speech by Fritz. On Saturday, February 13th, Michael Cloud — one of the Libertarian Party's most popular speakers — delivers the Keynote Address. Convention business is scheduled to adjourn Monday, February 15th, at 12 noon, with speakers continuing into the afternoon.

To reserve your room at the Doubletree Hotel, call (800) 222-TREE or (408) 453-4000. Of course, be sure to ask for the Libertarian 1999 Convention special rate of \$89 per night.

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**David Brin**

## Exec. Director

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National Director Steve Dasbach, Political Director Ron Crickenberger, and 1996 presidential candidate Harry Browne. The three-day event focused on the relationship between Washington and Silicon Valley — and the majority of speakers, which included Nobel laureate economist Milton Friedman, opposed any interference by the government with the computer industry. "Attending the conference gave me a chance to network with Silicon Valley leaders," said Ros, "and show them that the Libertarian Party is a natural ally with the computer industry."

The day after he returned to his San Fernando Valley home, Ros appeared as a guest panelist on "Cafe California," a Sunday morning Latino-themed public affairs show taped and broadcast by Los Angeles' KWHY, Channel 22. Our Executive Director discussed the prob-

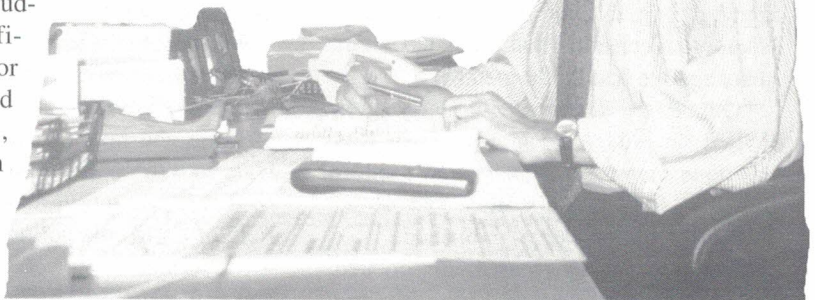
lems of welfare and poverty and advocated libertarian solutions to both.

Ros also attended a luncheon hosted by the Wednesday Morning Club, a group of libertarian/conservative thinkers in show business and politics, at which journalist John Stossel gave a rousing talk on the nanny state. "Stossel is a model journalist and a true libertarian," Ros said. "He has a gift for expressing libertarian ideas in persuasive, non-threatening ways."

That night, Ros and his wife Stacy Macris attended *Reason* magazine's 30th anniversary banquet in Santa Monica. The guest list, a who's who of libertarian/conservatives, included: public officials L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, and 9th Circuit Court of

Appeals Judge Alex Kozinski; former Libertarian Presidential candidates John Hospers, Ed Clark, David Bergland and Harry Browne; and media personalities like Internet columnist Matt Drudge and talk radio's Larry Elder.

In early December, Ros attended a luncheon cohosted by the Society and the Libertarian Law Council, based group of libertarian attorneys including noted (cont. on page 4)





From The Chair:

# From a Vision to Reality

by Mark Hinkle

**W**e've reached the end of 1998 — time to take stock of the things we've accomplished over the past 12 months!

To do that, let's compare where we are now with where I'd hoped we'd be — as set forth in a vision statement I composed shortly before the 1998 LPC Convention. Writing that document, I listed a number of accomplishments that I hoped we'd have under our belts by this time. Below are those goals (in quotation marks) taken directly from the vision statement, followed by my assessment of where we are in relationship to them...

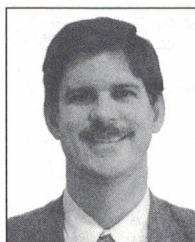
"We've hired a full time Party Director now working in a professional office." Last April, we hired Juan Ros to work for the LPC as our Executive Director. We also furnished his home office with the tools he needs to do his job.

"Clerical staffers are handling the routine paperwork now done by volunteers in a timely manner." Thea McLean (our clerical contractor) has greatly expanded her work on LPC projects.

"By the 1999 Convention, we have 6,000 dues paying members." At the end of November (the latest month for which membership figures are available), our ranks totaled 6,070 members. The goal of reaching 7,000 members by the end of 1998 was based on projections from Project Archimedes. Unfortunately, some of that project's mailers were delayed, and thus we didn't have all the gains I'd hoped for. Still, we've broken the 6,000-member barrier. Not bad — especially when you consider that just two short years ago we had 2,300 members!

"Our Party Director regularly gets invited on radio talk shows." Juan Ros has done many radio shows *and* numerous TV shows. He's also had some Editorial Opinion essays published.

"Monthly press releases are created and distributed statewide." Juan Ros has



**Mark Hinkle**

generated an average of two press releases per month. These well researched and forcefully written calls for Liberty are getting coverage in daily newspapers as well as political insider publications across the state. Even some members of the State Assembly have praised them.

"Our Party Director has testified before several legislative committees." Juan Ros hasn't testified before a legislative committee yet, but he *has* attended several committee meetings and become familiar with the state capitol. He's also attended a couple of seminars about the legislative procedure and how to lobby.

"Our Party Director facilitates endorsements of some of our candidates by friendly special interest groups." Juan Ros played an instrumental role in obtaining the Gun Owners of California's endorsement of 10 Libertarian candidates during the last election.

"We've established a summer intern program." This didn't happen due to lack of funds. Perhaps next year...if you're willing!

"The LPC Executive Committee is working like a board of directors, rather than a legislative body." We still have a way to go with this one. Too often our Execom becomes embroiled in political infighting. I'd like to see it function more like a board of directors of a company: review prospective projects, approve the best of them, then track their progress. We need to get all our oars rowing in the same direction if we are ever going to arrive at our chosen destination — a more Libertarian world.

We accomplished a lot together in 1998. If I am re-elected as your Chair at our 1999 Convention, it will be my great pleasure and honor to continue working with you, to continue building this Party so that it becomes a major player on the field of California politics.

May 1999 bring you much happiness and success — and more freedom! ■

## Convention

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ticket packages to the convention are available; to purchase advance tickets, complete and return the form on page 9.

You can also register for the convention by contacting Thea McLean at (510) 352-9469. Those wishing to register online can do so at <<http://www.ca.lp.org>>. To request more information via e-mail, write <[convention@ca.lp.org](mailto:convention@ca.lp.org)>. ■

## Beachhead

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ing out the party's San Leandro address over the next 12-18 months, until we have a staffed office in Sacramento. We plan to be there for the 2000 election."

Ros has raised almost \$20,000 for Operation Beachhead, through individual donations and contributions. "Unfortunately, those are gross and not net receipts. We still have a lot of work to do to reach our project goal of \$60,000," our Executive Director said. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Ros at (818) 506-0200. ■

## Exec. Director

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LP activist Manny Klausner. The guest speaker was *Reason* magazine editor Virginia Postrel.

Ros also began working hard on the 1999 LPC Convention, assisting organizer Steve Alexander with promotions, media relations and speaker recruitment. "The 1999 Convention is going to be very exciting," said Ros. "The LPC is at a record membership level — bigger, stronger and more visible than ever before. We're on the eve of a new millennium, a time when the Libertarian Party is going to emerge as a major political party — and I think that will be clear in San Jose!" ■



# Grassroots Challenge '98 Update

*The LPC's recruitment program yields more members; San Diego wins again*

**T**he November results are in for Grassroots Challenge '98 — the Libertarian Party of California's contest designed to foster local activism and reward individual regions who bring in new dues-paying members to the LPC towards our year-end goal of 7,000 members.

During the penultimate month of 1998, local LPC regions participating in the contest produced an additional 19 dues-paying members of the Libertarian Party. For the third month in a row, San Diego led the pack with 6 new members.

According to the contest rules, for

## November Totals

San Diego (R37) .....	6
Orange (R30).....	4
Siskiyou (R47) .....	4
San Mateo (R41) .....	3
Fresno (R10) .....	1
Tulare (R54).....	1
<b>Total New Members.....</b>	<b>19</b>

every new membership that a local region submits, the local region will receive \$5. Once a month, the region with

the highest percentage of new memberships will be awarded a prize of \$200 or \$5 per new membership, whichever is greater. (No region qualified for the monthly bonus award in November.)

The region with the highest percentage for the whole contest will receive an additional bonus of \$100.00 or \$1.00 per membership, whichever is greater. The contest runs through December 31, 1998. Rules and instructions are available online at: <http://www.ca.lp.org/gc>.

To date, the contest has yielded a total of 134 new members. Results for December will be reported next issue. ■

## Growth Watch: November 1998

### Revenue

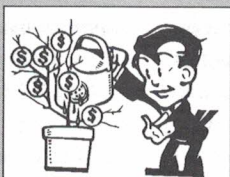
Total To Date: \$235,560  
Year End Goal: \$281,000

### Donations

November: \$2,070

### Monthly Pledges

November: \$2,549



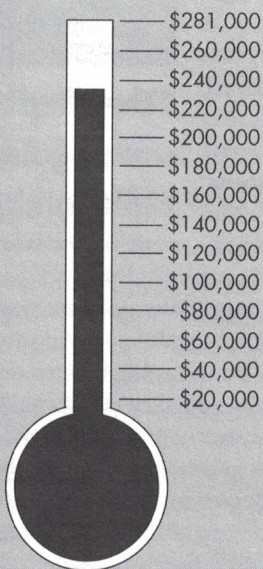
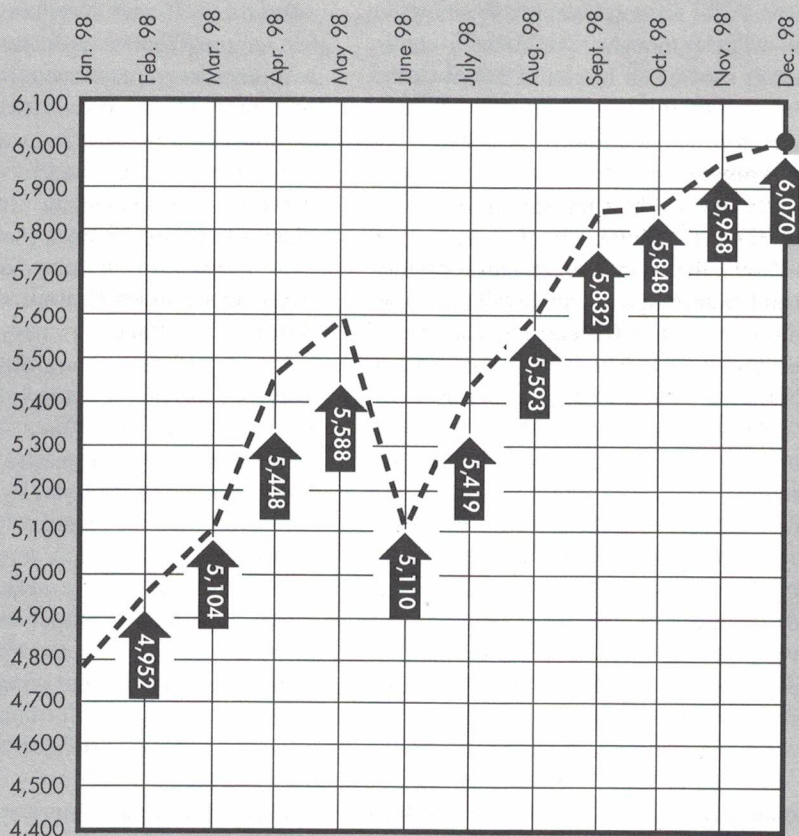
### Help Us Grow!

Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 506-0200. Please do it today!

### Membership

November 30th: 6,072

Year End Goal: 7,000



### Help us Grow!

We're almost there -- please support the LPC with a one-time donation! Call (818) 506-0200!



Last October, the Libertarian Party of California hosted three fundraising banquets in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The guest speaker for the events was Shelley L. Davis, author of "Unbridled Power: Inside the Secret Culture of the I.R.S." Following is an abbreviated transcript of her speech:

**Shelley L. Davis:** A lot of people wonder how a former Democrat, the daughter of radical left wing, anti-government parents, first became a government employee — and then a Libertarian and a foe of the IRS...

I come from a very politically active family. I protested the Vietnam War with my father, who was a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate for Nebraska. Actually, my father ran two unsuccessful campaigns, and spent all our savings in the process. So, while my friends went off to good schools, I got stuck at the University of Nebraska — where I actually got an excellent education. I studied History and fell in love with it, and figured I'd become a college professor. I never planned on working for the government. After school, I went to Washington for what I thought would be a three-month stint as an historical intern at the Department of Defense. I thought it was a joke, at first, but quickly fell in love with it. Working as an historian for the government was very interesting and satisfying. These are the people preserving records — good, bad and ugly — of government activity. I was impressed with what I saw and, when my internship ran out, they said, "Why don't you stay?" I stayed for 10 years and had a kick.

Why'd I move to the IRS? Well, I'd landed in one of those super secret government agencies, where everything is either classified or "compartmentalized" so you only see your little corner but never a whole picture. I became frustrated because I had to put words together into coherent sentences, but that meant breaking laws by uncovering and revealing classified information. As an historian, my hands were tied. So I used to spend a lot of my time — one, two, eight hours a day — scanning the classifieds for something else to do with my life!

Then, one day, it jumped out at me — "Wanted: Historian for the Internal Revenue Service!" So that's how I ended up there. I walked through the door thinking, "This is gonna be great! After working in a highly secretive environment for all these years, I can now work for an agency without any secrets — the IRS!" (*audience laughs*) Maybe it's the Nebraska in me!

Anyway, every historian needs the tools of the trade — records! So I started as any historian would: by looking for records. I opened drawers, cabinets, closets, refrigerators, peered under chairs. I looked high and low, and guess what I found? That's right: *nothing!* So I kept looking and kept asking — and still came up empty-handed. Finally, I couldn't help but realize that there was a very serious problem — that the IRS is a Federal Agency with no records — and no breaks! Now, that was a problem for me as an historian because I couldn't make things up — although that's what they wanted me to do! They wanted me to just say a lot of nice things about them.

But that's *illegal!* The Federal Records Act requires federal agencies to trundle their records over to National Archive, so that people like historians and journalists can find out what the government's been doing for the last 225 years.

But if you walk into the National Archive and say, "Can I please see the IRS records," they'll show you an empty shelf. Actually they're not that stupid! They don't have a huge empty warehouse and say, "We're holding this space for whenever the IRS gets around to sending us their records!" (*audience laughs*)

So that was my problem — but what to do about it? Well, I played by the rules. I did all the things a federal employee is supposed to do, including report any illegal activity that you witness. I reported my findings to the proper authorities; I wrote and distributed a report; I spoke up at meetings. I did all the things that good little bureaucrats do. But I had no proof — just a lot of nothing where lots of something should be.

Then, finally, I came across an IRS employee destroying records right in

# Shelley L. Davis

## Inside America's M

front of my eyes. So I went to the Inspector General and said: "I've got evidence of illegal destruction of important documents" — and presented it to him. And you know what happened then? Naturally, they were outraged and went out and investigated my complaint — right? Well, not exactly...

I soon found out that the very same internal security agent that I had gone to, this man to whom I'd poured out my heart about all the illegal things I'd seen, was investigating *me*, not my complaint! That's when I realized I'd better stay one step ahead of them. I knew what was in store for me there and it wouldn't be pretty. So I resigned in protest.

And I finally stepped out into the big, wide open world, and started looking for something else to do. I flashed back to my days in graduate school when people said: "What can you do with a degree in History?" I used to tell them: "I can be *anything* with a degree in History — I can wait on tables or serve cocktails, I can work at McDonald's — the possibilities are endless!" (*audience laughs*)

But soon I started getting calls from publishers, who'd read about me in the papers, and within a month, I had a contract to write a book. I'd never thought about that possibility. So I wrote a book telling all about the illegal activity I'd seen



**"The Republicans aren't going to reelect someone who has to have to elect some**



# L. Davis:

## Most Feared Agency



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at the agency.

The IRS was dumbfounded. They don't breed a lot of whistle blowers. But they *didn't* sue me for libel — they're too smart for that. Of course, two weeks after I testified before the Senate Finance Committee on IRS reform, I did find an audit notice in my mailbox!

Now, you all heard about the Senate Finance Committee. They passed an IRS reform law — right? You heard about it on the news. The IRS has finally been fixed, and life is wonderful again! *(audience laughs)*

I was there in the White House and

watched Bill sign the bill — the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998.

The burden of proof has changed from you to the IRS — isn't that wonderful? That's how the press reported it. But they didn't finish the sentence: The burden of proof has changed...in court cases! And they forgot to mention that only a tiny percentage of IRS cases ever get to court. That's because before you can ever take the IRS to court, you have to jump through a thousand impossible hoops.

The bill also authorizes the creation of a Management Oversight Board to "oversee the Internal Revenue Service, and the application of the Internal Revenue laws." The only problem is the

board is completely restricted from accessing any taxpayer information. Any member of the board who accesses taxpayer information will be fired and brought up on charges! But how are you supposed to monitor the IRS treatment of taxpayers when you cannot look at taxpayer information?

Congress and the media will tell you this law is to protect taxpayers; in reality, it protects the IRS.

Once again, the IRS has won.

Another thing to come out of the hearings is a document — a list of two hundred ways to improve the IRS — put together by Vice President Al Gore and Treasury Secretary Bob Rubin, and published by the National Performance Review. The first page says: "This document reflects tens of thousands of hours of work on the part of your federal employees" — doesn't that make you feel all warm and fuzzy? It continues: "We know that the vast majority of IRS employees are decent, hard working public servants." I can't tell you how many times I heard that phrase at the Senate Hearings; finally they threatened to throw me out for laughing too loudly.

Anyway, the document goes on: "We also know that even a single instance of unfair treatment of taxpayers is unacceptable, and we will not tolerate it!"

Now here's a headline buried deep inside a recent issue of the *Washington Post*: "12 Managers of the IRS Get Reprimanded. Outside panel recommends censure." Reason to cheer, right? Well, hold on. Just how far "outside" was this panel? It was made up of representatives from the U.S. Custom's Service, the BATF, and Department of Justice's Tax Division — all members of the same club as the IRS. That's not very far "outside" if you ask me!

The article says that twelve IRS employees were disciplined, but here's what it *didn't* tell you... First, the reprimand consisted of a little pat on the hand, and getting told: "Don't do that — now go back to your office and keep doing it."

Here's what else the article didn't tell you... The reprimand came as a result of an investigation of 461 randomly selected

cases in which the IRS seized a taxpayer's property. Investigators found that, out of these 461 cases, 130 showed definite, proven illegal action by the IRS. In addition, 116 cases showed probable IRS infractions. Now 130 plus 116 equals 246. More than 50% of 461 randomly selected seizure cases showed either proven or probably illegal action by the IRS against American citizens! That's 246 cases of illegal action and 12 toothless reprimands! That was the real story, and this reporter missed it.

This sends a signal to the IRS to keep doing what they're doing. Why stop? They got away with criminal activity and you're not even being told about it.

And Al Gore's says: "A single instance of unfair treatment of taxpayers is unacceptable and we will not tolerate it." Aren't you glad he's looking out for you?

When I testified before the Senate Finance Committee, along with me were four average Americans who could have been you, or one of your relatives, neighbors or friends. When the Senate announced it was going to investigate cases of IRS abuse, mountains of mail poured in from people with IRS horror stories. These four people were selected from all that mail — and their stories were *heartbreaking*.

All the senators said: "This is terrible! We won't tolerate it!" But where are these witnesses today — one year later? You don't hear about them anymore. Nobody wants to hear their stories. Their lives and those of *many* others have not been put back together — while the American people are sold this worthless bill of goods.

During the hearings, I took note of a Democratic Senator from North Dakota, Ken Conrad. A typical Washington Democrat, he said the hearings were just a plot by the Republicans to blacken the good name of the IRS! *(audience laughs)* But one morning, after listening to a witness named John Colaprete tell his particularly devastating story, Senator Conrad said some very harsh things against the IRS. He said he was horrified at what Colaprete had said and that something had to be done to prevent similar IRS abuses in the future. Well, I sat up in my chair, shocked *(continued on next page)*



## Shelley L. Davis

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and very impressed.

Afterward, there was a short break, and I followed Senator Conrad into the hall to thank him. I stood by while he gave some sound bites to the press. Finally, as the break ended and Conrad headed back inside, I introduced myself and told him that I appreciated his comments. He said, "Yeah, yeah, yeah" and went back in.

As the committee reconvened, Senator Conrad spoke up: "I want to interrupt — I need to say something important." So they gave him the floor, and he went on: "I was just out in the hall and a very agitated person came up to me. This person took me by the arm and said, 'Senator, when you listen to John Colaprete, you're not hearing the whole story. You're not hearing the IRS side. This hearing isn't fair — it's just a witch hunt masterminded by the Republicans!'" Well, I almost fell off my chair! I was there! What he was saying *never happened*. He was making it all up. I was watching and listening to a United States Senator *lie* to his fellow senators and the American people, just to politicize the hearings. And also to destroy the good testimony given under oath by John Colaprete — a patriot and a former Marine who was just following his life's dream of running a restaurant. I was just appalled to see a U.S. Senator mistreat a good, honest, decent American citizen in this way. And what will happen to John Colaprete? Well, the IRS will probably do more irreparable damage to his life — because a lot of people like Conrad don't want the truth to come out.

The Republicans and Democrats in Washington aren't going to reform the IRS. They *tell* us they have, but all they've done is shore up the very institution they claim to have reformed.

What can we do about it? You know: we have to elect some Libertarians! Libertarians are the only ones who really understand this problem. That's why I recently joined the Libertarian Party. The only way we're going to stop the IRS's abuse of power is to take away their power to abuse. So let's do it together! ■

Siskiyou County:

## Region Reactivates

*Local Libertarians hold organizing meetings, elect officers*

**H**igh in northern-most California, in Siskiyou County, a long-hibernating LPC region is reawakening — rested, renewed and ready for action...

On Saturday, October 17th, a few LPC officials and numerous local Libertarians gathered for an organizational meeting — one of the first steps toward reactivating a dormant region. Turnout for the meeting exceeded everyone's expectations.

"It was a landmark day for Siskiyou Libertarians," reported LPC Northern Vice Chair **Jon Petersen**, who was there to lend a helping hand. "32 people came to the meeting, and only the 6 were from outside the county. There are fewer than 20 LPC members in Siskiyou, yet 26 locals turned out! That's very encouraging."

How did an inactive region draw such a impressive turnout?

"You can thank **Glenda Thomas** for that," said Petersen. "Glenda is a Siskiyou resident and a long-time Libertarian who's really fed up with the older parties. She's also a dynamo of action. She placed ads for the meeting in two local papers, and sent letters to their editors; she contacted sympathetic friends; she even called-in to local talk radio shows. Glenda showed what one person can accomplish when they decide to be successful at something; she didn't *try* to spread the word, she *did* it — and she got results!"

The October 17th meeting lasted over three hours. Thomas opened with a brief welcoming statement and an explanation of why she organized the meeting. Afterward, she turned the podium over to Peter-

sen. The LPC's Northern Vice Chair outlined the steps to successfully organize a local Libertarian region, then appointed Thomas as the county's Interim Chair. He also gave a brief update on his then-current campaign for state Treasurer.

Next on the agenda was **Pete Bret**, Libertarian candidate for the Second Assembly District. "Pete is a great speaker," said Petersen, "and held the audience in thrall for over an hour, answering questions about local concerns and the Libertarian Party in general." Bret was followed by **Al Swain**, chair of Shasta

County, who provided more background on the Libertarian Party.

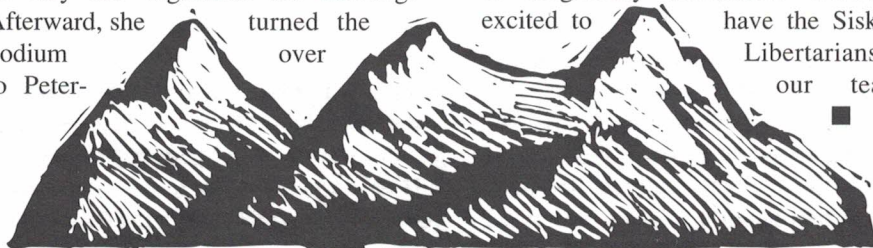
"Nobody wanted to leave," said

Petersen of the meeting. "Eventually, people splintered off into smaller groups for lively discussions about the finer points of philosophy and strategy, which usually happens when a lot of Libertarians get together!"

In early December, the fledgling group took another important step at reactivation — electing regional officers: chosen to lead the region were Glenda Thomas (Chair), **Larry Toelle** (Vice Chair), **Rosemary C. Hicks** (Secretary) and **Charles Martin** (Treasurer). "It's a great team," said Petersen. "They're going to provide very effective leadership."

"The Siskiyou Libertarians have hit the ground running," said Petersen. "The LPC will provide them with all the help and guidance we can. In addition, the Shasta Libertarians are also lending lots of neighborly assistance. We're all excited to have the Siskiyou Libertarians on our team!" ■

**"The Siskiyou Libertarians have hit the ground running."**





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