

# NEWS

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### Declare your Independence

If you have not yet made your reservations for the 1996 National Libertarian Party Convention to be held July 3 through 7 in Washington, D.C., you had better get a move on. The convention hotel, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, is filling up fast.

There will be something for everyone at the convention.

If you are interested in shaping the future of the party, there are the Platform floor debates, presidential and vice-presidential nominations, and elections of the National Officers and National Committee members.

If you are interested in becoming a more knowledgeable political candidate, veteran Sal Guzetta presents a two-day intensive course on professional campaigning just before the convention. In the same vein, the State Council of Chairs is putting on a Leadership Conference at the same time which will include sessions on communications, the Federal Elections Commission, dealing with the IRS and fundraising at the

grassroots level. These are separate from the convention and have separate registration fees.

Those interested in meeting, listening and talking to pro-liberty leaders, thinkers, doers, writers and scholars will have a wide variety from which to choose. Among them are Doug Bandow, Richard Boddie, James Bovard, John Buttrick, Jon Coon, Karl Hess Jr., Jacob Hornberger, Nancy Lord, Stephen Moore, Tonie Nathan, Grover Norquist, James Ostrowski, Alan Perlman, Robert Poole, Sheldon Richman, Mary Ruwart, Nadine Strossen, Michael Tanner, Clifford Thies, Richard Timberlake, and Richard Vedder.

Topics range from lowering taxes, through free market money, welfare, the drug war, health care to privatizing social security.

For those who are more interested in food and entertainment, there will be breakfast meetings with speakers, the presidential banquet and

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#### Delegates to decide:

### Time to "can the cult"?

Ever since the Libertarian Party adopted the Statement of Principles written by John Hospers in 1972, there have been periodic calls to eliminate the phrase "cult of the omnipotent state" in the first sentence. Proposals to do this have been introduced at several past conventions, but have never succeeded because a 7/8 majority is required to amend the Statement of Principles.

This year, the issue will be brought up again. Also proposed is the addition of two words — "and liberties" after the See "Can the cult" and Statement - p. 3

### LP State Leadership Conference

The Council of State Chairs will host a two-day State Leadership Conference just before the 1996 Libertarian Party Convention in Washington. Leaders from state party organizations, their affiliates, and campaign organizations will find valuable information here for grassroots organizing. Organizers of the convention have made arrangements with the Hyatt so that those attending these events may check into the hotel early for the seminars and get the group rate.

Four sessions will be presented over the two days.

**Tuesday, July 2 - 8:30 a.m. - Noon**

#### Effective Communications

A study in how to be more effective with internal (newsletters, events, leadership development) and external (news releases, advertising) communications. The program will look

at setting goals for your organization and then integrating an effective communications strategy to meet those goals.

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

#### The Federal Elections Commission

How do you operate within the law? This seminar will focus on FEC regulations, when state and local affiliates of a

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# Getting It Done With Gail: Looking ahead

by Gail Lightfoot

July 2 - 7, 1996 is the Libertarian Party 1996 Presidential Nominating convention in Washington, DC.

This is the first year that the Libertarian national convention was not held the preceding year. The candidates needed to be selected in time to petition to get the Party and the candidates on the ballot in various states. Because of that change in timing of the convention, it has been three years since Libertarians last met in Salt Lake City.

Hey, that means it is three years since Richard E. Venable and I married in Pismo Beach! And he has not (yet) decided I am totally nuts to be doing all this work for the LPC!

### Delegates and Alternates

Elsewhere in this issue of *LPC News* is the list of elected Delegates for California. Each of the elected delegates has been notified and asked to verify their attendance. Additional names of individuals who plan to attend the convention should be submitted to the LPC Secretary or Chair so they can be seated as Alternates when we all get to DC. We have 112 seats to fill, so if you can go to DC (and can find lodging at this late date), please join us. You won't be sorry.

### Presidential Aspirants

I know of at least 6 individuals who intend to place their names in nomination at the convention. Only four of those were on our primary ballot and most of the Registered Libertarians and many of you readers knew little or nothing about those four. Unfortunately the time span between our March Primary and the July convention means we are just now getting information on some of the candidates. Others will campaign at the convention but not to the members-at-large. If you read the national news tabloid, *LP News*, you may see more information on the potential candidates there.

I will endeavor to see that you get a full report on the convention inner workings and all the candidates in the August issue of *LPC News*. Since the deadline for *LPC News* falls during the time we will be in DC, you can be sure the events there will be uppermost in our minds.

### LPC Periodical

I am pleased to announce that the LPC Executive Committee (ExCom) decided to continue the current tabloid



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newspaper, *LPC News*, as is until later this year when new bids will be reviewed in a two-meeting process that allows for interviews with the bidders.

### Bidding Process to be formalized this year

The LPC will establish, by Standing Resolution, a process for the solicitation, evaluation and review of bids for contract services. This will then be added to the ExCom members' introductory material so that it can be followed in the future.

### Database and 800 number upgrading

LP members nationwide are looking and talking about what we want our Inquiry process and our Database Management to be capable of providing. How many bells and whistles do we really want and will we really use? This is a subject of some interest because of the need to interact effectively with prospects and members to increase our overall political impact with voters.

Members of the LPC ExCom will be holding special meetings to formulate strategy that can be implemented by the LPC as it functions today. I will be taking our ideas to the LP Council of State Chairs when we meet again in DC.

If you have ideas on these or other topics, contact any of the LPC ExCom members to pass those ideas on to all.

## Allocation of delegates

California has more than twice the number of delegates to the National Convention as the next highest, and almost as many as the next three contenders combined.

With 112 delegates, California far exceeds Pennsylvania's count of 48. Others in the top five are Texas with 38, Michigan with 35 and New York, 29. The LPC accounts for 15 percent of the total national delegation.

Delegate numbers are determined by national party membership figures from each state.

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## LPC Membership Form

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### The Libertarian Party is the party of principle.

To affirm publicly what we believe - and to ensure that our party never strays from our principles - we ask our members to sign this statement with pride.

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Non-signers are associate members and cannot vote on Party business.

## “Can the cult” — from p. 1

word “rights” in the first sentence. If the proposed changes are made, the opening sentence of the Statement of Principles would read as follows: “We, the members of the Libertarian Party, defend the rights and liberties of the individual.” The rest of the Statement would stay unchanged.

David F. Nolan, interim Chair of the Platform Committee, explains the rationale for the proposed changes:

“The ‘cult’ language puts the average voter off, and sounds somewhat ‘cultish’ itself. It immediately raises unnecessary questions in people’s minds: What does this mean? What cult? What are they talking about? It is stronger to start off with a positive statement — ‘We defend’ — and makes sense to add the word ‘liberties’ as this ties directly to the word ‘Libertarian.’”

In addition to the proposed changes to the Statement of Principles, Nolan went on to say that there have been relatively few suggestions for changes to Platform planks. He has received suggestions to modify the planks on abortion, family, crime, social security and NAFTA. There have also been suggestions to modify or eliminate completely the plank on children’s rights, as was done at the LPC convention this past February.

Any Party member with comments on the proposed changes should send them to the Platform Committee at P.O. Box 1149, El Toro, CA 92630.

Readers with interest in the Children’s Rights plank should contact Region 62 activist Neal Donner. He has prepared a comprehensive study on the subject. Donner can be reached at 2739 Westgate Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Tel.: (310)477-6462.

## Executive Committee actions

Report of meeting held May 4, 1996, at the Sheraton-Rancho Cordova Hotel.

**Present** — Gail Lightfoot, Cullene Lang, Jon Petersen, José Castañeda, Linda Grau, Art Hays, Mark Murphy, Jean Taborsky, Ted Brown, Dante Ridley (new from San Diego), Allan Swain, Mark Valverde, Joseph W. Dehn III and Terry Savage.

**Absent** — Richard Halvorson.

**Observers** — Mark Hinkle, Laura McFadden, Harold Taborsky, Richard E. Venable, Hugh and Thea McLean.

### Actions:

I. Complete a New Member Kit within 30 days (deadline for completion, June 4) with Mark Murphy to provide layout/graphics that includes:

1. A copy of the “America’s Libertarian Heritage” brochure,
2. A copy of the telephone affinity brochure (Frontier),
3. A listing of candidates and Regional contacts,
4. A brochure for “Libertarianism in One Lesson”,
5. A LPC membership card, and
6. A letter from LPC Chair.

The Motion for the New Member Kit passed with 1 No vote (Cullene Lang).

II. The bid by LCS was accepted with the proviso that the location be in Sacramento near the Capitol and the profits are shared 25% to LPC and 75% to LCS.

The motion passed with 8 Yes votes, 2 No votes and 3 Abstentions.

The LCS contract was accepted as amended.

The main motion passed with 10 Yes votes, 2 Abstentions and one person away from the table.

It was agreed to have all those interested form a Strategic Planning Committee to be coordinated by Terry Savage. (Note: A possible date of June 8, 1996 for the first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee has been proposed.)

III. The Budget provided by Treasurer Jon Petersen was approved.

The motion to approve the Budget passed with 11 Yes votes, 2 Abstentions (José Castañeda, Cullene Lang)

## Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle; that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant the government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that, where governments exist, their sole function is to protect the rights of any individual; namely (1) the right to

life — accordingly, we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly, we oppose all attempts by governments to abridge the freedoms of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly, we oppose all government interference’s with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass and fraud.

Since governments, where they exist, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals.

Individuals should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders on a free market; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of human rights, is laissez-faire capitalism.

## Delegates who will represent California

### Ex Officio Delegates

Sharon Ayres, David Bergland, Ed Clark, Bill Evers, John Hospers, Andre Marrou, Thea Mclean.

### Delegates

Steve Alexander, J.C. (Jack) Anderson, Caroline Andrews, Rodney Austin, Lynn Badler, Philip Baron, Gene Berkman, Richard Boddie, Dave Bonino, Edward Bowers, Geoffrey Braun, Ted Brown, José Castañeda, Gary Copeland, Joe Colannio, Jerry Collette, Kim Couch, Olga Cruz, Jack Dean, Mandy Dean, Dennis Decherd, Joseph W. Dehn III, Michael Everling, Daniel Evers, Pamela Evers, Joseph Farina, Eric Fine, Terry Floyd, June Genis, Mary Gingell, Kim Goldsworthy, Linda Grau, Vicki Hargrove, Mark and Linda Hinkle, William T. Holmes, Tom Keimer, Gary Kirkland, Manny Klausner, Bruce Lagasse, Cullene Lang, Larry Leathers, Scott Lieberman, Gail Lightfoot, Eric Lund, Greg Lyon, Christopher (Kit) Maira, Kathy Martin, Robert Martin Jr., Robert Martin III, Marion McEwen, Mark and Laura McFadden, Hugh McLean, John McCready, Don Meyer, Erich Miller, Louis Misko, Philip Mitchell, Joseph Moorman, Ed Moss, Monica Mueller, Mark Murphy, Patrick Nestlehut, Rick Newhouse,

David and Elizabeth Nolan, Wayne Nygren, George O’Brien, Kathleen O’Brien, Douglass and Audrey Ohmen, Chuck Olson, Kelley O’Neill, Harriet Parks, Jon Petersen, Beth Potillo-Miller, Pam Probst, Saul Rackauskas, Jonathan Richter, Rodger Rosie, Terry Savage, Dennis Schlumph, David Schrader, Sam Severs, Joseph Sokol, Jeffery Sommer, Marc Starchild, Aaron Starr, Laura Stewart, Paul Studier, Harold and Jean Taborsky, Dave Thomas, Gene and Shannon Trosper, Mark Valverde, Richard E. Venable, Tom Verkuilen, Vic Wagner, Brad Walker, Aubri Webb, Sandi Webb, Bob Weber, William Wielberg, Dan Wiener, Jack and Meg Williams, Ed Wimmers, David Wire and Bernard Zimring.

Some of these delegates will not be able to attend. If you are among those and have not let the LPC Secretary or LPC Chair know, please do so now.

### LPC Members attending and seeking Alternate status:

Michael Binkley, Elizabeth Brierly, Robert Burnside, Al & Audrey Carlin, Peter Cappello, Neal Donner, Bruce Dovner, Bonnie Flickinger, Terry Floyd, Gary Gagnon, Ernst Gherman, Jon Kalb, Joe Kelley, Allen R. Rice, Allan L. Swain and Marge Tendler.

## Rock the Vote

Pam Probst, chair of Central Los Angeles Region 64, recently received an invitation for the region to participate in “Rock the Vote” at the Media City Center Summer Jam on July 13. It is being termed a major outdoor summer event that is being held in association with Rock The Vote and radio station KROQ.

IV. It was agreed to pay \$1,200 per issue to have Richard E. Venable continue to publish *LPC News* on a month to month arrangement until such time as the LPC seeks and decides on a contract through an open bidding process.

The motion passed with 11 Yes votes, 2 No votes (Joseph W. Dehn III, Cullene Lang).

Al Swain will oversee and report on the submission of bids for a new periodical contract.

Next meeting will be held in the Los Angeles area at 10:00 a.m. on August 3, 1996. The site will be announced later.

She, in turn, is approaching the other regions in the area to join in participating. Not all regions will want to take part, Probst said, but she expects support from Regions 61 and 63.

Probst said, “An anticipated 15,000 people will be there, along with live music sponsored by the House of Blues, Robbie Conal art attack and poster signing, a ‘cyberzone’ and various other attractions aimed squarely at the “youth” vote which, according to National and the media, is our target audience.”

“The hitch is the cost,” Probst said. “They want \$500 for the one day. But they do provide a 10x10 three-sided canopy and chairs, an 8’ table and cloth, and a power outlet.”

Probst went on to say, “This IS our target audience, not just for votes but for potential activists. The people will be there for the express purpose of thinking about politics. It will be getting promoted on KROQ and probably will be broadcast live that day. Maybe they will interview us. How will it look if we are NOT there?”

Probst can be reached at (213)257-3207.

## Federal Commission says:

# Browne must accept tax subsidy to participate fully in '96 election

Harry Browne could be the first presidential candidate ever to qualify for federal campaign matching funds and refuse to take them.

But if he doesn't take the taxpayer subsidy from the federal Treasury, he will be shut out of many aspects of the electoral process, based on a recent ruling of the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

Browne was kept off the Delaware primary ballot because the state listed only candidates certified by the FEC as qualifying for federal matching funds. And Browne may be kept out of the presidential debates this fall because matching funds

qualification is one of the criteria used to determine which candidates will be allowed to participate.

Although Browne qualified for matching funds last November, on March 28 the FEC ruled that it won't certify his qualification unless he agrees to accept the subsidy. Browne calls the matching funds program "welfare for politicians."

He says: "I want to end all federal welfare for individuals, corporations, and politicians, so how can I accept this subsidy? So far, primary candidates will receive more than \$40 million in matching funds, and the Democratic and Republican nominees will each get a gift of \$60 million from the Treasury to finance their general election campaigns. But Libertarians

finance their campaigns the old-fashioned way — by earning the trust and support of donors."

One activist suggested calling the FEC and ask for AO #1996-7, the Advisory Opinion that says it will not provide an opinion that Harry Browne is eligible to apply for and receive federal matching funds.

However, Sharon Ayres, Browne's campaign manager, says, "The best way to get our presidential candidate, whoever that may be, into the debates is to begin by asking libertarians everywhere to mention it in every letter-to-the-editor they write, in every phone call to C-SPAN, and in every call-in to a radio talk show. That will be much more effective than calling the FEC."

## NH Lib legislator announces bid for Speaker post

WASHINGTON, DC — Libertarian state legislator Don Gorman has announced that he is running for Speaker of the New Hampshire House — bucking long odds as the only third-party member of the state's House of Representatives.

"There are many things that a Libertarian could do as Speaker that would be difficult — if not impossible — for candidates of other parties," said Gorman.

Gorman, 58, made his announcement in Concord, New Hampshire, on May 1 at a meeting of the Legislators for Limited Spending, a tri-partisan caucus in the NH House that works for lower government spending and taxes.

The election of the new Speaker won't happen until after the November 1996 election, when the new House is convened in mid-December. Gorman said he plans to spend the summer campaigning, and will personally contact every member of the state's 400-member House to ask for support.

His election strategy, said Gorman, will be to assemble a coalition of Democrats, who lack the votes to elect one of their own as Speaker; disaffected Republicans; and any new Libertarian legislators elected in November.

The odds against his election are long, admitted Gorman, noting that no third party member has been Speaker of the House "maybe [since] the Colonial era — certainly not since 1900. But the conditions have never been this ripe."

Gorman said his campaign will appeal to the "strong Libertarian bent" of many members of the NH. House.

Like Libertarians, Gorman said, many Republican and Democratic legislators "want to stop Federal mandates; they want to balance the budget; they want to create real wealth, real jobs, and real prosperity for our state.

"They came here with a message from their constituents — get the government out of our schools, our wallets, our bedrooms, and our lives."

If elected Speaker, Gorman said he will:

- Give the State & Federal Relations Committee "the new charge of ending unconstitutional Federal mandates."

- "Create a Sunset Committee to reduce and streamline our cluttered and cumbersome RSAs [state laws]."

- "Strengthen the involvement and participation of every member."

Up for re-election in November, Gorman said he doesn't expect any serious opposition in his Deerfield-area district.

Gorman is an eight year member of the NH. House; 1993 to 1996 as a Libertarian, and 1973 to 1976 as a Republican.

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awards, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's Farewell Address, the 25th Birthday Party for the Libertarian Party, public readings of the LP program by selected Libertarians, "Liberty in Words and Music" at the Jefferson Memorial and Fourth of July fireworks at the Washington Monument.

And, of course, this may be your chance to appear on television. C-Span is scheduled to cover the presidential and vice-presidential nominations and activities, major speakers and panels, among other functions.

The convention hotel, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, features a health club with swimming pool, luxurious roof-top restaurant, and an impressive five-story atrium lobby open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late snacks. It is within walking distance of many of the city's museums, monuments, and historic sites.

Those who still need to register should contact FEE Enterprises, Ltd., 1420 Locust Street, 36-D, Philadelphia, PA 19102-4223. Telephone (215)545-6994. FAX (215)545-6993. E-mail: 70726.1575@compuserve.com

### Speaking plainly

It might serve us well to refer to the Repos and Demos as "the two branches of the Incumbent Party" wherever possible. It's a nice little sound-bite, and lumps them together in a not terribly flattering category.

— David F. Nolan

## LIBERATE YOURSELF FOR FIVE DAYS THIS SUMMER.

From Gdansk to Berlin, the revolt against oppressive authority has swollen like a flood. And while those who believe in imposed order see their vision dissolve, those who believe in freedom rejoice in the vista of liberty for the coming millennium. Many will celebrate it at the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) 1996 World Conference August 19-24, 1996.

### CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM: THE ISIL WORLD CONFERENCE.

You could not find a more appropriate setting for this momentous event. Just 121 km (75 miles) north of Vancouver, Whistler, B.C. is ranked the #1 ski destination in North America by Snow Country Magazine. With its championship golf, hiking trails, horseback riding and many sports, Whistler is now almost as renowned for its summer activities.

Throughout the world, the litany of outrageous government abuse grows daily —

along with the resentment and cynicism it engenders. But today's Communications Revolution has empowered people to rise above collectivist thinking. Even the media are seeing the benefits of a free, non-interventionist society.

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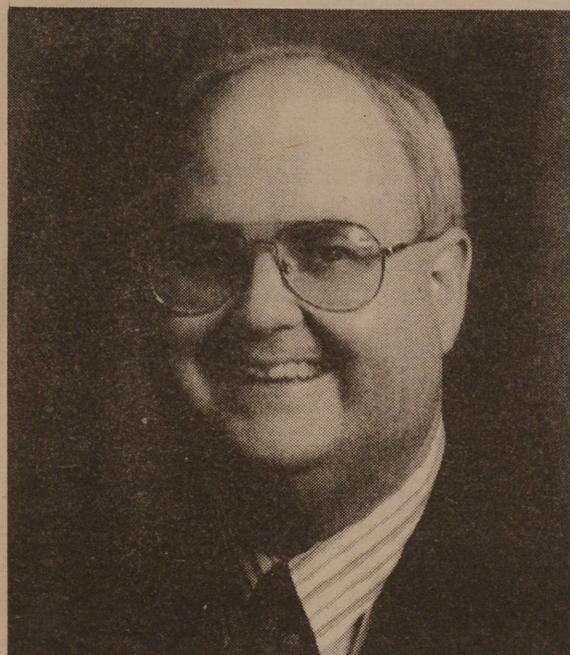
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# Dasbach seeks 2nd term as National Chair



Steve Dasbach

Steve Dasbach has announced that he will seek re-election as Libertarian Party Chairman, and promised to devote his second term to building on the LP's remarkable accomplishments over the past three years.

"In 1996, the Libertarian Party has the opportunity to establish itself firmly as America's third party - but only if we continue on an uninterrupted path of growth and professionalism," said Dasbach.

"That's what I'll offer again as National Chair: A continuation of the strategic plan that has caused the greatest explosion of membership and media attention in the party's history."

National LP Treasurer Hugh Butler, President and CEO of Computer Consultants Corporation in Salt Lake City, UT, has agreed to serve as chair of Dasbach's re-election campaign.

"If anyone ever deserved re-election, it is Steve," said Butler. "His administration has been a model of stability, planning, growth, and success. And none of this occurred by chance! We have shattered every previous Libertarian growth record by focusing on the basics - professionalism, membership growth,

and political action. Steve knows that there aren't any magic bullets, no short-cuts to success."

Dasbach's re-election bid was immediately endorsed by LP Vice Chair Karen Allard, 1984 LP presidential candidate David Bergland, and Indiana State Chair Barbara Bourland.

Dasbach said his re-election campaign will be based on the "concrete accomplishments" of his first term

Specifically, he noted that since he was elected as LP Chair in 1993:

- \* LP membership has increased by 51%, to a record 14,400 members.

- \* The party moved its headquarters from a run-down town house in a Washington, DC slum to the prestigious Watergate office building.

- \* The party is racing towards 50-state ballot status in 1996 - and is poised to become the first party in American history to get on the ballot in all 50 states two presidential elections in a row.

- \* The number of Libertarians in office has increased by 130%, to a record 174.

This steady growth prompted the December 22, 1995 issue of the Congressional Quarterly's *Researcher* magazine to report: "[These] Libertarian officeholders give the party a status that no third party has enjoyed in decades."

- \* The number of Libertarian candidates has also jumped - from about 330 in 1992 to more than 650 in 1994, to an estimated 1,000 in 1996.

- \* Media attention has skyrocketed.

"Back in 1993, we received an average of only seven media calls a month," noted Dasbach. "Since then, that has soared to more than 60 calls a month - from newspapers, magazine, television stations, and magazines. This explosion of media attention is allowing us to present our message our way to more and more Americans."

- \* The party has also won unprecedented praise from the media.

"In the past two years, Rush Limbaugh, *Congressional Quarterly*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Rolling Stone* have acknowledged us as America's real third party or paid tribute to the growing power of libertarian ideas," said Dasbach. "And that's just a partial list!"

- \* The party has produced a series of acclaimed public policy statements, including Project Healthy Choice, Operation Safe Streets, and Ending the Welfare State.

- \* LP fundraising has jumped dramatically, and is expected to reach a record \$1.5 million this year.

Hugh Butler, the head of Dasbach's re-election campaign, stressed that none of these accomplishments has come about by accident.

"The Dasbach administration engaged in serious strategic planning in 1993, which laid the foundation for success in 1994, 1995, and 1996," Butler explained. "Business success is made one dollar at a time; Libertarian political success is coming one member at a time. A vote to re-elect Steve as National Chair will be a vote for more of this kind of success."

The election for National Chair will take place at the Party's national convention in Washington, DC, July 3-7, 1996.

Stephen Dasbach was elected Chair of the Libertarian Party at the Party's Salt Lake City convention 1993.

Previously, Dasbach was a member of the Libertarian National Committee since 1985, and served two terms as Chair of the Libertarian Party of Indiana.

A popular public speaker, Dasbach has given speeches at Libertarian events in California, Ohio, Indiana, Arizona, Illinois, Missouri, the District of Columbia, and New Hampshire. He has also represented the party on C-SPAN and on dozens of radio talk shows around the country.

In his professional capacity, he has recently joined the faculty of a private college. Previously, he taught for twenty-one years in a public high school, including two terms as President of the local teachers union. He also served as President of the Three Rivers Montessori School Board of Directors.

Dasbach is listed as one of the original signers of the "Proclamation for the Separation of School and State", developed by Marshall Fritz's Separation of School and State Alliance. As a "School Sakharov", Dasbach helped launch the movement for the separation of school and state last fall in Washington, D.C.

Dasbach, his wife Libby, and their four school-age children live in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Libertarians who want to help re-elect Steve Dasbach National Chair may contact the campaign by writing to: Steve Dasbach, Libertarian National Chair, 4523 Morning Wind Place, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Or call: (219)-432-7145. E-mail: 76060.3222 @compuserve.com.

## Glamour Magazine asks: Do we need a third party?

WASHINGTON, DC — Does America need a third party? And, more specifically, does America need a libertarian third party?

Everyone is asking that question these days — including *Glamour* magazine.

The April 1996 issue of the glossy women's fashion and lifestyle magazine features a survey that asks the question: "Do we need a third political party?"

A follow-up question asks: "My ideal third-party candidate would be..." and gives three possible answers:

- \* "A libertarian — a proponent of radically reduced government intervention."

- \* "Fiscally conservative but at the same time socially liberal."

- \* "An advocate for the lowest-income members of society."

## Richard Boddie addresses Chapman Pol Sci group

by Mike Vardoulis

On April 8, Region 30 Orange County chair Richard Boddie spoke to the Chapman University Political Science students on the topic of Constitutional Law. The American Civil Liberties Union sponsors monthly events for Chapman on Constitution-related subjects. Boddie was selected to present the Libertarian perspective.

"It's fascinating: Two of the three political options that *Glamour* gives its readers are libertarian," said Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party Chairman. "Readers can either choose a mainstream libertarian answer — fiscally conservative/socially liberal — or a more radical libertarian answer. Only one answer is traditional big government. It's more evidence of the powerful influence that libertarian ideas are having on public debate in the 1990s."

"It's also interesting that discontent with the two-party system is so pervasive that it's intruded into non-political publications like *Glamour*," he said. "We know we're making progress when Libertarianism is competing for attention with make-up and fashion tips!"

Boddie went out of his way to build bridges between the LP and the ACLU. Specifically, he encouraged the ACLU to "join us" if they believe in giving people ideas by which they can govern themselves, as opposed to simply governing others.

Boddie went on to illustrate the Libertarian emphasis on  
*see Boddie - p. 7.*

## Project Vote Smart

Editor:

<http://www.vote-smart.org>

This is the web site for Project Vote Smart. This organization is one of the few sources (that I've heard of at least) which offers an utterly unbiased overview of the candidates for various public offices, as well as the voting records of those currently holding office.

I wish there was some way that every member of the voting public could have this information presented to them. (I was going to say "available to them," but that's not right. It is already available to everyone: PVS has an 800 number, an e-mail subscription list, and publications which obtain the information they compile. The only problem is that not enough people know about it!)

So, pass this along to anyone/everyone you know. It is a highly worthwhile endeavor! The 800 # is: 1-800-622-SMART; the web address is above; and questions regarding the National Political Awareness Test (NPAT—the method PVS uses to obtain info from candidates and office-holders) may be directed to Project Vote Smart, Northeastern University, Room 17, 102 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115; phone (617) 373-5492; fax: (617) 373-5699; e-mail: kdell@lynx.neu.edu

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(Pescosolido is the Chair Pro Tem for Region 10 Central Valley)

# We get letters. . .

## . . .that are printed

Under the headline: "SF voters were duped into bonding for "Willie's Palace," the following "letter-to-the-editor" appeared in the Sunday, May 5, 1996, edition of the San Francisco Examiner.

### Editor:

The voters and taxpayers of San Francisco have been misled and duped once again by the city politicians and their interests. In reference to your editorial on Mayor Brown's proposal to turn the retrofitted City Hall into a place of executive extravagance ("City Hall's future," April 28): In reality, Da Mayor wants to turn City Hall into "party hall" at the taxpayers' expense.

We hate to use the old cliché, "I told you so," but in two previous elections (1990 and 1995) where San Franciscans voted to approve nearly \$250 million in bond measures to restore and retrofit City Hall, the San Francisco Libertarian Party opposed the bonds. We pointed out that this was just another waste of taxpayer money to "adorn the temple" of bloated city government.

The politicians, in this case Brown, can't resist the temptation. We would have no problem with his plan if he were able to purchase City Hall from the taxpayers, at market value, and retrofit it to his liking, using only private monies and contributions from his legions of supporters and special interest groups. Heck, rename it "Willie's Palace."

We probably could give some needed relief to the taxpayer, in the form of a refund, and still have money left over to build or lease modest and adequate space for the displaced city departments. Anything less would be unacceptable, and should be resisted by all reasonable and responsible San Franciscans.

Don't let Da Mayor turn City Hall into a palace for the elite politicians, where they will rule in luxury. We are a republic, not a monarchy!

**Michael K. Dunn**

Vice Chair

Libertarian Party, SF Region.

## . . .from members

Dear Gail:

Just a few words to thank you for your recent letter, and a few comments on the current *LPC News*.

I was delighted to read of Mortenson's weekly Libertarian talk show on KWHO in Mt. Shasta and the award to Robert Gehl, of Sacramento, for "communications activism" in discussing local, state, and national issues from the Libertarian view since 1991.

It appears to me that we need a lot of panel discussions of important current issues. When a ground swell of popular dissatisfaction arises we need some way to let people know

our point of view and our solution. Right now I am thinking about the rises in gasoline prices. I am sure you know as much as I do, and probably more, about the role of the recent conversion to "reformulated" gasoline. We listen to Bill Wattenburg on KGO on Saturday and Sunday nights and were shocked at the high-handed action of EPA through the Air Resources Board.

We surely don't wish to lose our sovereignty to the United Nations but I hear that right now Clinton is pushing for a contract with UN for Women's Rights, that a conference with

(the) United Nations has been set up for the first week of June in Turkey. One goal, I believe, is to get people out of their cars and riding bicycles.

About a third of the registered voters in California did not vote in the last election. Who knows how many might have voted Libertarian if they knew what LP stands for? And, of course, if they could be assured that we would not turn the country upside down over night.

**Mary R. Kahn**

Morgan Hill, CA

## . . .and from others

### To the LPC:

From time to time I possibly will make you a small donation. I'm a registered Republican and I have told the LP that before.

I am 82 years old and a conservative Republican, but have been growing a bit more disgusted with my party of late. Even though I have voted for Republican candidates since 1936 I have, once in a while, voted for a Libertarian. I'm sticking by my Party through the November elections and if we can get

that first-ever draft-dodging Commander-in-Chief out (I'm a veteran of W.W.II), and a Republican in I'll be very happy.

Then, if it happens and we have a good majority in both houses and the Republicans fail to quickly reduce the size and scope of the Federal Government, I'll be dropping the Republican Party and re-registering as a Libertarian.

**Charles J. Stormont**

Sonoma, CA

## Leadership – from p. 1

national party have to report to the FEC, what must be reported, under what circumstances is it legal to accept corporate contributions, what contributions are exempt from limitations, and other compliance issues. The FEC has been invited to provide staff experts to answer your questions.

### Wednesday, July 3 – 8:30 a.m. - Noon

#### *The Internal Revenue Service*

A brief introduction to the IRS as it relates to political organizations, when state and local affiliates as well as candidates of a national party have to file and report to the IRS, what must be reported, what income is taxable, what is exempt, and other compliance issues to help your political organization avoid penalties and public relations problems. The IRS has been invited to provide staff experts to answer your questions.

### 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### *Fund Raising at the Grassroots Level*

Everybody knows the importance of keeping track of money in the election/appointment of treasurers. But raising the money

is a vital task where a finance chair will help. This seminar looks at raising money through direct mail, events, memberships, telephone marketing and other avenues.

Leaders, and those aspiring to leadership within local and state LP organizations, will find value in all four programs. Party treasurers and those seeking that post will find the most value in the FEC and IRS presentations. Finance chairs and all leadership can benefit from the Fund Raising program.

#### Registration information:

- Effective Communication - \$15.00
- The FEC - \$15.00
- The IRS - \$15.00
- Fund Raising - \$20.00
- All 4 seminars - \$50.00

To register, send your check or money order, naming the programs you wish to attend along with your full name, address, telephone number and E-mail address to: Libertarian Party Council of State Chairs, P.O. Box 12075, Washington, DC 20005-0975.

## Another elected Libertarian

Allan L. Swain, chair of Shasta Region 45, announced that a Libertarian in his region has been named to public office in an election that took place last year.

Mr. John Hufford of Whitmore was elected to the Whitmore Union Elementary School Board after changing his registration to Libertarian.

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## Boddie – from p. 5

the Constitution by prioritizing the Bill of Rights. "The most important amendment of the Bill of Rights, my ACLU friends would say, is the First Amendment, 'Congress shall pass no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting free exercise thereof, or abridging freedom of speech or the press or the right of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition Government for the redress of grievances.'

"I happen to think the most important is the Tenth Amendment, 'Powers not granted to the Federal Government by the Constitution nor those powers prohibited by the Constitution to the

see Boddie – p. 8



# Fact Sheet: The Libertarian Party

**Important facts about the Libertarian Party:  
Dates, numbers, office-holders, & election plans**

Last Updated: February 22, 1996

- Party founded:** **1971**, in the home of business executive David Nolan in Denver, Colorado, with a group of disaffected Republicans, Democrats, and independents. The party has grown to become the third largest political party in America.
- Political philosophy:** **Libertarians favor dramatically shrinking the size and cost of government**, and eliminating laws that stifle the economy and control people's personal choices. The Libertarian Party platform calls for vigorous defense of the Bill of Rights, free enterprise, civil liberties, free trade, no meddling overseas, and private charity.
- Organization:** Organizations are **active in all 50 states**, and there are hundreds of state, county, college, and local Libertarian groups.
- Registered Libertarians:** Despite unfair and restrictive laws passed by the Republicans and Democrats in many states, there are already **more than 123,000 registered Libertarians** in 27 states around the USA.
- Libertarians in office:** There are **over 165 Libertarians serving in public office**, including one State Representative in New Hampshire, one mayor in California, and more than 30 city or town council members around the country. Other Libertarians serve on school boards, as city commissioners, as selectmen, and on town budget committees.
- Presidential candidates:**  
**1972:** John Hospers, on the ballot in 2 States. Won: 3,671 votes.  
**1976:** Roger MacBride, on the ballot in 32 states. Won: 173,011 votes.  
**1980:** Ed Clark, on the ballot in 50 states. Won: 921,299 votes.  
**1984:** David Bergland, on the ballot in 39 states. Won 228,314 votes.  
**1988:** Ron Paul, former Republican Congressman from Texas, on the ballot in 46 states. Won: 431,616 votes.  
**1992:** Andre Marrou, former Libertarian State Legislator from Alaska, on the ballot in 50 states. Won: 291,000 votes.
- 1994 election results:** More than **650 Libertarian candidates** ran for office around the country, including 82 candidates for U.S. Congress, 15 candidates for U.S. Senate, and 15 candidates for governor. More than 2.2 million people voted for Libertarian candidates, and 11 Libertarians were elected or re-elected to office.
- 1996 election plans:** The Libertarian Party is already qualified to be on the ballot for the 1996 presidential election in 30 states, and expects to be on the ballot on all 50 states. The Libertarian presidential nominating convention will be held in Washington, DC July 3-7, 1996. In all, the party plans to run more than 1,000 candidates for public office in 1996 — more than any other third party.

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## Boddie — from p. 7

states, are reserved to the states or to the people; i.e., if the Constitution doesn't grant the power to the Government, we keep it!

"The next most important Amendment is the Ninth, 'The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights should not be construed to deny or discourage others retained by the people,' i.e., individual liberty is the basis upon which the Constitution is built.

"Because these two amendments are being ignored, the next

most important amendment is the Second the right to keep and bear arms (as a potential resistance to tyranny)."

Boddie further touched on the significance of the privileges and immunities clause, which guaranteed the freedom to obtain or exchange property, bargain freely over wages and terms of employment, and to pursue an occupation of your choosing. Boddie pointed out how the now infamous Slaughterhouse cases wiped out the privileges and immunities clause. Boddie discussed Ego Brown, an African-American entrepreneur, who is currently being threatened to be put out of his Washington D.C.-based business based on precedents set by those cases.

Boddie illustrated how this case shows that economic freedom is inseparable from personal freedom. Boddie said that he hopes that Mr. Brown's challenge to the state will reestablish the privileges and immunities clause.

A flood of questions followed, dealing with the Libertarian position on a variety of topics including immigration, and gave Boddie the opportunity to discuss several Libertarian solutions to problems created by our government.

Boddie concluded by saying that slavery and segregation were once supported by laws, and that the most oppressed minority in the United States today is the individual.