

# NEWS

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Linda Athey, author and city council candidate.

### Asks question: Why can't government be like us?

Linda S. Athey is a Laguna Beach resident who takes Professor Higgins' (of the movie, My Fair Lady) statement "Why can't a woman be more like a man?" and turns it into "Why can't government be more like us?"  
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### Oops!

Murphy's first three laws worked overtime last month.  
By now you have seen the September issue of LPC News and noticed it  
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## Will STBO campaign work?

As this issue of LPC News goes to press, a political issue is heating up the Internet and the media. The topic: Getting Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne and running mate Jo Jorgensen into the national debates.

Libertarians have started a "Stop the Browne Out" (STBO) campaign on the

Internet and in person. As a result of the campaign, LP National Chair Steve Dasbach announced in early September that he had 250 pages of petitions that he will deliver personally to the Commission on Presidential Debate. Countless numbers have sent personal e-mail messages to the Commission.

In addition, a STBO telethon was held on

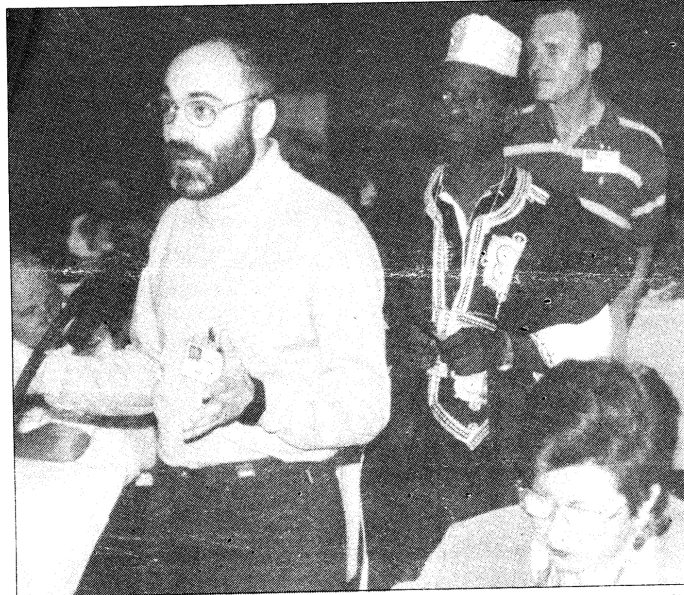
Sept. 7-8 to get more people to register their support.

No report of total numbers has been received at press time.

Only four major contenders for president have ballot status in all 50 states. They are Harry Browne, Reform Party Ross Perot, Republican Bob Dole and Democrat incumbent William Clinton.

However, many in the major media are talking about the debates to be only between Clinton and Dole. A few make it a three-way debate to include Perot. Those three, also.

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Exemplifying the cosmopolitan nature of ISIL are these individuals standing in line to question a speaker. From left are Anatoly Levenchuk from the Ukraine, Chief Innocent Eleasu of Nigeria, and Canadian Reform MP Herb Grubel. Seated in foreground is Karen Selick, Canadian lawyer.

## Protesters' attack on ISIL backfires

A threat to picket the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) conference held Aug. 19-25 in Whistler, B.C., Canada, never materialized. But the possibility of a protest drew at least three television crews, along with several radio and newspaper reporters. As a result, the conference received more publicity than it had received in prior years, according to president Vince Miller.

Articles protesting the conference had appeared in Canadian newspapers calling it "racist, fascist, anti-Semitic and right-wing." Principal protesters included groups such as a local Coalition Against Racism, the Vancouver, B.C.,

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# Getting It Done With Gail: Building the party

by Gail Lightfoot



Gail Lightfoot

A new member wrote in a Sept. 3 letter:  
I will recruit 5 pledgers to LPC.

I have very recently joined the Libertarian Party as a result of reading Harry Browne's excellent book, "Why Government Doesn't Work." I have been looking for ways to help spread the message of freedom.

On reading the last issue of the *Libertarian Party of California News*, I read Gail's editorial indicating that if we had 5,000 pledging members of the LPC, we could accomplish a lot.

I decided that I would pledge to the LPC, which I have done. Then I decided that I would convince four friends to pledge as well. In this way I would provide 1/1000 (0.1%) of the needed pledging members for the LPC. So far I have encouraged one other friend to become a pledging member. He called me yesterday indicating he has pledged. Three more to go. We are each pledging \$10 or more per month.

I think we could accomplish Gail's goal of 5000 pledging members if all of us who believe in freedom agreed to pledge \$10 (or more) per month. Compared to the sacrifices of our founding fathers, this is nothing. Also, anyone who believes they can convince others to pledge can set a goal for themselves as I have, to add five or ten other pledgers.

I hope that Gail will report on the progress of pledging members in California. That way we can see how we are doing against our goal, and also how many people have signed up to bring in more pledgers. You can count on me for three more people.

You are doing wonderful work. It is a long hard process to build a political party. The foundation of a party must be those who are willing to fund what they believe in, and invest in the future.

You are welcome to print this letter in the *LPC News*. I hope it will encourage others to pledge, and to sign up to convince their friends to pledge!

## Getting it done

The Fundraising letter sent to you in July has realized a grand total of \$8,871 as of the end of August (not deducting the costs). This is an all time record for the LPC including the time when our membership was twice what it is now.

We have 100 pledgers giving the LPC \$ 1,500 a month (some give quarterly or semiannually, this figure extrapolates the yearly amount into a monthly figure).

Imagine that figure climbing up and staying at the \$10,000 or \$ 20,000 level. Our yearly budget would then allow us to

really accomplish what we would like to accomplish. Especially since we can do so with a virtual office and all the advantages of the electronic media and advantages of the computer world of today.

You can expect me to continue to send you reminders to give all you can afford to give. Do not be dismayed at the repetitive cycle. If you are unable to give money, I understand.

Time spent being active politically is equally important.

Anything you can imagine.

Any amount of money.

Any time interval.

Any time frequency.

Anything you can do is more than nothing. So put on your own thinking cap on and do what you can when you can, how you can. After you have done it, share the lessons you learned in doing with others so we can learn from each other how to be successful.

If Money is the mother's milk of Jesse Unruh's Power Politics, then is Truth the mother's milk of Principled Politics? Do our principles and our belief in truth give us an edge that no amount of money can defeat?

I think it is time to put our money where our mouths are and our efforts in full swing to prove just that. We cannot hope to raise the billions spent by the power politicians, but we can put the truth before the voters and see what choice they will make if we do that now.

Mark your calendar  
Saturday, December 14, 1996

An important national event  
will be celebrated

More details in November *LPC News*

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Commentary:

# Wandering footsteps or marching in step?

by P. B. Factio

*"It is no accident that the Constitution of the United States starts with the powerful collective pronoun "We." "We" indicates that the many are speaking with one voice - the voice of a united community which is greater than the sum of its parts. If disunited speech is like the clatter of wandering footsteps, then speech in concert - the proclamation of "We" - is like the marching in step that shakes the earth."*

Those words appeared in the July 22 issue of *Insight* magazine. The writer was Carmen Sarracino, who teaches English at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. The article was entitled, "We The People In Search of Ties That Bind."

As I read the article, I began to reflect on the Libertarian Party of California as it has devolved over the past several years.

A few years ago, it was a strong solid party with steady progressive growth, growth built on the usual three-pronged foundation of membership, financial support and activism. There was an additional prong to that foundation - cooperation. The party was moving forward, in Sarracino's terms, 'marching in step.'

Today, the party is stagnant; the three-pronged foundation is weakening, despite the efforts of a too-small handful of dedicated leaders; and the fourth prong - cooperation - is lacking. There is a deafening 'clattering of wandering footsteps.'

In this election year, it is a tragedy that there should be disunity, to use another of Sarracino's words.

The word "disunity," however, doesn't exactly describe what has happened within the leadership over the past few years. A more proper term is "lack of responsibility and accountability."

Most of us identify with the hero in Ayn Rand's book, *Anthem*, who discovers the magic of that one-letter first person singular personal pronoun. However, when one has accepted a leadership position with the attendant responsibility to "the sum of the parts," the predominant personal pronoun becomes the first person collective.

Thinking in terms of "We" need not - does not - stifle the individual. By one's self, an individual can make little

and slow change. But as one of many contributing to the community, the individual is powerful.

It works. Witness the two documents that form the foundation of our country. They are the work of many individuals contributing their ideas toward the common good. Those individuals did not feel diminished because all of their ideas were not incorporated into the documents. Rather they stood together, following through on the responsibility assumed and accepting the concomitant accountability of what they started to ensure those documents would become the basis for a new nation and a beacon of inspiration for others.

Several party leaders have not followed through on the responsibility they assumed and have not accepted the accountability for their lack of action. But they freely criticize and hamper the efforts of those leaders who are trying to rebuild the party and capitalize on the heightened media interest in the LP during this election year.

No one individual has all the right answers; being willing to listen and accept the merit of others' thinking can help immeasurably to produce those right answers. No one individual can do the job alone; working as part of a group, coordinating efforts with others, is extremely effective. Working together is not only effective, it is necessary if the party is to be a major factor in this election. Because of the delaying obstructionist tactics of some leaders, it may already be too late for any remedial action.

We realize some individuals can not work with others; they can not accept the ideas of others; they can not accept responsibility or accountability. Still others take on more responsibility than they can handle, but flounder rather than ask others for assistance. Important tasks do not get done.

Those individuals do a disservice to themselves, to others and to the party by seeking or accepting responsible positions.

They lose the respect of others; they take the place of someone who could be effective; they stall the efficient conduct of party business; and they hinder the growth, influence and credibility of the party. They still have a lot to contribute, but they should consider means other than holding office.

Perhaps they should heed the words of another Ayn Rand hero, John Galt, who said in *Atlas Shrugged*, "Get the hell out of my way," so those leaders with constructive agenda can get something done.

*(Factio is an activist who prefers to be anonymous. He states he is a team player.)*



Harry Browne, during National LP Convention.

## Browne fundraisers are huge successes

Two areas sponsored fund-raisers in conjunction with an August campaign swing through California by Harry Browne.

On Aug. 20, San Diego hosted an overflow crowd of 250 people in the Kona Ballroom of the Hanalei Hotel on Hotel Circle in San Diego. The \$30.00 a plate event raised more than \$10,000 for the Browne campaign.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, Los Angeles County regions hosted a fundraiser for Browne at the InterContinental Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

With just over 100 people attending, the dinner, emceed by former LPC chair Jack Dean, was a record-setting local fundraiser for Browne's campaign, garnering over \$15,000 in donations. The event also benefited LP of L.A. County (LPLAC). Proceeds from the per-plate cost netted just over \$2,000.

Those attending included Ed Clark, past Presidential Candidate, and his wife Alicia Clark, past National Chair; David Bergland, past Presidential Candidate; Robert Poole, Reason Foundation; Nathaniel Branden; and Manuel Klausner. Attendees came from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and Ventura counties.

The \$80 a plate evening attire event was organized by Laura McFadden. Ms. McFadden, an independent meeting planner, organized the 1996 State Convention held in Long Beach, and is one of the contractors for the upcoming February 1997 State Convention slated for Sacramento.

Along with the dinner events, Browne capitalized on his time in California with guest spots on radio and television talk shows. He made personal speaking appearances at the prestigious Commonwealth Club in San Francisco and Sacramento's Comstock Club, an organization of local businessmen. He also spoke at Rotary Clubs in San Diego, San Francisco, Menlo Park, and Oakland.

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B.C.-based anti-racist Westcoast Coalition for Human Dignity, and the Canadian Jewish Congress. They decried presentations by Colorado state senator Charles Duke and Montanan Larry Dodge, a founder of Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) and the appearance of the area Member of Parliament, Herb Grubel, a member of the Reform Party.

Duke, a Republican, one of the unsuccessful negotiators during the Freeman standoff in Montana, acknowledged he supports an armed citizen militia, the Second Amendment and state sovereignty. He went on to say he "does not advocate the use of violence by so-called patriots."

Larry Dodge said that FIJA has become active in the defense of militia members. He also pointed out that the

group had dismissed a member who had circulated racist material.

Describing himself as a philosophical libertarian, Grubel said he and his constituents share Duke's desire for smaller government. He also said that he opposes extremists at every opportunity, but supports their right to speak, adding "I have great faith in the ability of Canadians to distinguish between stupidity and wisdom."

Vince Miller, a founder of San Francisco-based ISIL, told reporters that he believes Canadians, especially those in the West, identify with the call for decentralization of government and increased citizen power.

Some media representatives were present during the entire conference. Miller half-jokingly commented that the protesters defeated their purpose and succeeded only in giving the conference invaluable press coverage. "Much more than any other year," he added.

The town of Whistler, nestled at 2,000 feet between Whistler and Blackcomb mountains some 75 miles north of Vancouver, B.C., resembles a cosmopolitan town such as one would see in many parts of Europe. Many of its buildings are white with red tile roofs. Tables shaded with colorful umbrellas dot the sidewalks in front of cafés. The winding cobblestone streets are bright with flowers. Conversations in various languages and accents fill the air.

From August 19 through 25, Whistler was truly cosmopolitan when it hosted the fifteenth annual International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) conference. Nearly 130 defenders of freedom attended, representing such diverse countries as Ukraine, Nigeria, Brazil, Somaliland and Thailand, as well as Eastern and Western Europe and North America.

The conference was arranged in daily themes that covered Political Coercion, Cultural Coercion, Freedom Regained and The Future. Speakers and topics ranged from Canadian Reform MP Herb Grubel on *The Inter-Generational Transfer of Wealth: How We are Selling Our Children into Debt Bondage*; Terry Brock of Atlanta, GA, speaking on *Computers and Technology Libertarians Need to Know*; Louk Jongen of the Netherlands, *How To Preserve your Privacy, Capital and Liberty*; and Jacob Hornberger, founder of Future of Freedom Foundation, *Libertarianism: The Hope of the World*.

In 1997, the ISIL conference will be held Sept. 28 - Oct. 3, in Rome, Italy. Registration fee of \$785.00 includes the conference, five nights at the Hotel Assunzione, half board and special events. For more information, contact Antonio Mariani via e-mail at [pdmuccio@mbox.vol.it](mailto:pdmuccio@mbox.vol.it). The web site is <http://www.liberta.com/isil/home.html>. You can also write ISIL, 1800 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Telephone: 415/864-0952.

### Important dates in October

- 12 - Columbus Day
- 14 - Birthday of Declaration of Independence signer Francis Lightfoot Lee
- 24 - United Nation's Day
- 30 - Birthday of Declaration of Independence signer John Adams

It's taxes, stupid !!!!

## Harry Browne nails the LP's proper priority right on the head

by Robert Bakhaus

In a recent e-mail newsletter LP presidential candidate Harry Browne said the following:

"9pm: A 2-hour radio show with syndicated host Randy Johnson. I've been on his show before and he plans to vote for me. After 45 minutes, I'm afraid the show hasn't generated much excitement. I notice on the check-list I keep for each show that we haven't discussed the income tax yet. I insert it into a discussion of something else, and suddenly everything seems to come alive. For the rest of the show it seems that more people call to say they're voting for me than to ask questions.

"The hardest part of doing radio shows is keeping the discussion on the topics I want to emphasize. Talk-show hosts and callers have all sorts of matters they want to discuss — everything from private roads to the FAA to making the world safe for democracy. It's my job to keep bringing the subject back to the income tax — and pointing out that I'm the only candidate with a program to reduce government to a fraction of its present size. If I don't keep the show on the right topics, it won't be done. And I have to do it in a way that doesn't make it repetitious.

"I also have to keep reminding the listeners that we may disagree about some minor points, but I'm the only candidate who as President would bring them smaller government. I

can't win? Neither can you win if you elect Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, because you know neither of them will bring you smaller government. Are you concerned about family values? Then we must repeal the income tax, so your family will have the resources to implement your values — not those that Bob Dole or Bill Clinton think are best for you. Do you think education is a mess? Then we must repeal the income tax, so you'll have the resources to put your children in any school you want — one with the curriculum and values you think are important.

"Worried about the Christian Coalition, Tri-Lateral Commission, New World Order, or anyone else? Then we must make government so small that it won't matter who gets control of it, it will be powerless to hurt you — and I'm the only candidate who is determined to do that, the only candidate who will repeal the income tax so that every dollar you earn will be yours to spend, to save, to give away as you see fit.

"We have the message, but we must make sure to stay with the message — and not let well-meaning or ill-meaning people divert attention away from it. Yes, it's interesting to discuss how roads could be handled in a totally free society or how tort law could handle environmental claims. But these issues merely deflect attention from the areas that incite people to support us and learn more — and instead leave them sucking their thumbs while they think up reasons that our grand plans for Libertopia won't work." — Harry Browne for President

What is most significant about Harry's statement is his grasp of essentials, his superb ability to prioritize. No wonder this guy has written and sold so many best selling books. He knows how to make his perspective exciting.

Tax ABOLITION is the single broadest (most universally popular) and fundamentally productive issue for Libertarians to stress. It should be our primary priority. It is the string that pulls all the other issues in its wake, making us look practical. Our appearance of "unrealistic idealism" is our greatest unnecessary weakness. As we progress with Tax ABOLITION, all other government oppressions fall by default. As we focus on Tax ABOLITION we harvest the pent up frustration of generations of tax abused victims, bringing incremental improvement of their lives each and every election cycle as we help them defeat new and even repeal existing taxes. Tax ABOLITION is the sword that cuts the Gordian Knot of political-economy statism, the constitutional amendment that will officially separate economics and state. Let's hit it, hard!

### The coming tax wars

While I have your attention, Californians should consider the following thoughts about California's upcoming TAX WARS.

This November's election will see the passage of Prop. 218, The Right To Vote On Taxes Act. This measure is more radical than you might imagine. It does not merely require

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## Report on LNC's first regular meeting

The first meeting of the newly-elected Libertarian National Committee (LNC) was held on Sunday, July 7, 1996, at 3:00 p.m. in Washington, D.C. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The national convention had adjourned only a few minutes before then.

Present for all or part of the meeting were: Chair Stephen L. Dasbach; vice chair Karen A. Allard, Secretary Gary E. Johnson, Treasurer Hugh A. Butler, and At-large members Sharon A. Ayres, Ron Crickenberger, Steven I. Givot, William W. Hall and Steve Winter. Along with other Regional representatives, Californians Joseph W. Dehn III and Scott Lieberman attended as Region I representative and alternate, respectively.

Dasbach noted that the LNC Executive Committee consisted of the four officers plus one member appointed by the LNC and that the current member, Sharon Ayres, did not want to continue. It was moved and passed, after discussing several options, to make the LNC Executive Committee consist of the four officers and any number of other individuals the LNC appoints.

Bill Hall reported that the LP of New York wanted to make an arrangement for the national party to pay half of the cost of a petition drive in 1998 if LPNY would agree to pay

for half of a petition drive in 1996. The 1998 campaign for Governor would attain ballot status for future elections. Concern was expressed about the current LNC making a commitment for a future LNC to keep. After discussion, it was moved and passed to authorize the Ballot Access chair and the LNC ExCom to negotiate with LPNY on a ballot access agreement for 1996 and 1998 with expenditures not to exceed \$20,000.

Don Ernsberger and Dave Walter presented a report on the 1996 national convention. The party owed the convention contractor, FEE, for costs of the stage, the media room and the Scantron vote counting system. He said the party should rent its own photocopier machine at future conventions.

The chair of the Convention Oversight Committee, Dan Karlan, noted that the previous LNC had delegated authority to the LNC ExCom to make arrangements for the 1998 national convention in Atlanta, GA. It was moved and passed to make arrangements in Atlanta between Memorial Day and the Fourth of July weekends.

National Director Perry Willis reported that headquarters could pay all of its outstanding vendor debt with the funds raised at the national convention. But he recommended that the party spend some available funds on advertising. A petitioning firm, National Voter Outreach, had offered to defer some of the payments due for ballot access until next year. In effect the company would be extending the party a loan with interest. There would be advantages for both organizations due to the "seasonal" nature of campaign revenue and expenses.

After Dasbach noted that this would be additional debt, it was moved and passed to increase the Ballot Access budget item to \$30,000. Givot moved to authorize the LNC to incur debt with National Voter Outreach not to exceed \$35,000 with all payments to be made by the end of 1997. The motion passed.

Givot also moved to increase the Paid Staff line item in the budget \$75,000 and the Revenue from the Presidential Campaign line item \$75,000. The motion passed.

Karen Allard nominated Bill Hall of Michigan for the LNC ExCom, and Steve Givot nominated Ron Crickenberger. Both were accepted, which gives the national ExCom six members.

A resolution on "fusion" (multi-party candidacies applauding Reform Party members who would select Harry Browne as their candidate) was tabled indefinitely.

Joseph W. Dehn III moved a resolution on "Curfews" submitted by Sandi Webb, councilmember of the City of Simi Valley, CA, which was passed after substituting the word "persons" for "minors" in the last sentence. The resolution is reproduced below.

A resolution on "smart cards" that contain computer chips or magnetic strips was voted down.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.. The next meeting will be held November 16-17 in Washington, D.C.

### Resolution

passed by the Libertarian National Committee,  
Sunday, July 7, 1996- Curfews

(Written by Sandi Webb, Simi Valley, CA) (as amended)

Whereas, Bill Clinton and Bob Dole and Republican and Democratic politicians at all levels are trying to outbid each other with demagogic demands that ever more draconian curfew laws be imposed on our young people; and,

Whereas, curfew laws restrict the freedoms and Constitutional rights of the vast majority of honest law-abiding young people, while having very little effect on teenage crime or gang activities; and,

Whereas, curfew laws effectively place all teenagers under house arrest even though they have done nothing wrong, thereby intruding government controls into family irresponsibilities and decisions; therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Libertarian Party calls for the elimination of all curfew laws which limit the times and places at which persons may be present, based merely upon their ages rather than harmful behavior.

### Are you a regular pledger?

As a regular pledger, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to further the cause of Libertarianism. Or you can earmark your pledge for a particular project.

By pledging more than \$100 a year, your LPC membership will be renewed automatically. As a pledger, you will also receive a periodic letter from the state chair bringing you up-to-date information on what is going on in the Party.

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have taken the matching federal funds. A couple of writers have thrown Green Party candidate Ralph Nader's name into the ring, despite the fact the Greens are not on the ballot in all states. And like Browne, Nader has said he would not take the matching funds.

According to the Browne campaign, some 200 talk show hosts are clamoring for the Commission on Presidential Debate to include him. More and more print media are questioning the exclusion. He has met all the requirements, except for not taking the matching funds.

We will know shortly whether or not Browne is included in the debates. If he isn't, the Commission can be expected to be deluged with even more demands to include him in the succeeding ones.

## Getting ahead

# In the world – and in politics

What does it take to get ahead in the world? One thing that is important in any endeavor, especially political campaigns, is knowing what not to say. This applies to the campaigner and the staff, paid or volunteer.

In short, eliminate all the negative phrases, especially those in the following list:

**Never say,** "They didn't get back to me." Expecting someone to "get back" to you stops the action. Take the initiative. Never wait for anyone to return your query. (The best way to stop a tennis match is, don't hit the ball back. If the other player doesn't hit the ball back, the game's over – unless you hit them another one, and another one, and another one, until you get some kind of response – even negative. At least you know.)

**Never say,** "I thought someone else was taking care of that." Excuses indicate a roadblock to action:

**Never say,** "No one ever told me." That lets the world know that you operate in a tunnel, oblivious to what's going on around you.

**Never say,** "I didn't know you wanted me to do that." This means you are only capable of doing what you're told and no more.

**Never say,** "I didn't think about that." Do you lack the ability to understand and grasp relationships? Are you a linear thinker or a web thinker? Web thinkers do much better in campaigns.

**Never say,** "But it isn't due till..." This is tough in a political environment, but try not to wait till the last minute to do things.

**Never say,** "But they said it would be done on time..." There's only one problem—it wasn't! Why not? Maybe because you failed to check the progress and problems?

**Never say,** "As I understand it..." Using words like that is an indication that you are a bystander and not an active participant. Spectators never score.

**Never say,** "It's scheduled for..." The schedule is only important if completion will be on time. Schedules must be verified as many times as possible. This is especially critical in a campaign situation. (Another "Never say" — Never say, "I hate to be a pest." In a campaign situation, you

have to be a pest to make sure things go right..)

**Never say,** "I've been trying to get everyone together, but..." Using these words makes it appear that you can't handle responsibility, or that others on the team don't respond to you.

From *Grassroots Campaigning*, July 1996

## DOJ appeals CDA ruling

With no fanfare and no hype, the Department of Justice recently faxed a 39-word statement to Senator J. J. Exon (D-Neb.) saying they will appeal their loss in the Philadelphia hearings on the Communications Decency Act brought by the ACLU and ALA.

The consolidated lawsuits of ACLU vs. Reno and ALA vs. DOJ resulted in a victory for the plaintiffs earlier after a three-judge panel granted a preliminary injunction preventing the DOJ from enforcing the CDA.

For a while, CDA opponents worried that the DOJ might appeal the New York American Reporter versus Reno case, a narrower and weaker appeal that only challenged part of the CDA.

The decision to appeal, say interested parties, means that the ACLU/ALA case is definitely going to the Supreme Court, which will likely result in a decision a year from now.

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future Benefit Assessment Districts be submitted to a vote of the people and/or a majority of the landowners affected, radical enough as that may be. It also requires that all EXISTING Benefit Assessment Districts (with a few exceptions) be submitted to the new voting procedures, procedures that guarantee doom for every vulnerable property tax.

This requirement that existing taxes be subjected to "trial by ratification" is a PROFOUND change in tax policy. Submitting existing taxes to popular recall, to term limits, to sunset, is a tremendous precedent. And, if all goes well in the courts after the election, it will be a radical new tool for California libertarians within just a few months.

But, eventually, Prop. 218 (like Prop. 13 and 62 before it) will emerge victorious at some level of completeness. And the consequences for us are portentous. You can start right now preparing for the revolution. First, call your county tax assessors' office and ask them to fax you a list of all existing BADs in your county. (There are 116 here in Santa Barbara County.) Many, if not most, of those will be subject to voter ratification by July, 1997. That means libertarians can make radical headlines fighting — not merely for tax reform, but for tax abolition — helping radicalize fiscal conservative taxpayer groups in their exultant crushing of these nuisance property taxes. Fiscal conservatives will be fighting to repeal taxes, but will think they are merely reforming the system. Libertarians can help them while educating them that what we're all doing is ABOLISHING taxes, and that the principle can be extended to all taxes, to taxation as such! A wonderful opportunity to reach an important and influential constituency: property owners.

Many of these taxes are merely disguised looting, outright slush funds for liberal political organizations. Just one tiny BAD here in Santa Barbara County accounts for 72% of the Isla Vista Recreation & Parks District's budget. IVRPD is a brazen beehive of radical socialist political organization with computerized voter lists and endless hack jobs for lefties. Abolishing the tax will eliminate the organization and totally alter campus-led local politics in the area. And that's just one of 116 similar taxes! Isla Vista landlords are understandably excited by the prospects. For them it's payback time.

Never before has the cause of TAX ABOLITION been more flammable. There is a profound change in governance possible when millions of people move from a tax reform to tax abolition perspective all at the same time. Demographically speaking it's a revolution.

Philosophically speaking, it's the difference between conservative and libertarian. Libertarians know that moral government can be financed by fees and fines. That's why the ugly parasitic violence of taxation needs to go the way of its prede-

cessors. Torture in the 1700s was abolished by the Fifth Amendment. Slavery was abolished in the 1800s by the 14th Amendment. And conscription is on its way out in the 1900s as "involuntary servitude." So an amendment separating economics and state in the 2000s by abolishing taxes (involuntary servitude by way of uncompensated taking of money) is an idea whose time has come.

But California libertarians are the ones who will have to get the ball rolling to make it spread nationwide as a principled abolition movement, instead of just a momentary ugly vengeful indulgence by conservatives. We need to prepare now for the TAX WARS of 1997 and beyond.

Just one example of the magnitude of this for your local organization. I just finished participating in a local anti-tax fight here in Santa Barbara where our County Board of Supervisors was trying to prop up sagging infrastructure by forcing a road repair Benefit Assessment District onto local property owners. They refused to put it to a vote, but the law allows time for a write-in protest effort anyway. So we organized and agitated, and 11,000+ letters have come in. As the momentum grew, the Supervisors got scared and dropped their tax plan, suddenly finding loose change elsewhere to repave the roads. But now there's a treasure trove of 11,000 tax protest letters sitting in the Supervisor's Clerk's office. I am spending hours every day databasing those names and letters. The government has unintentionally given me a windfall database of vocal, articulate tax protesters all across this county. Sitting in that room drowning in tax protest letters is libertarian hog heaven. I can't tell you how ambitious it makes me now that I know each and every one of my wannabe tax soldiers, because I now have their voluntary enlistment papers in my hands in their own handwriting.

That is how the LP can profit from leading/following/being there. Contact your local taxpayer associations now and offer to help out. Get the LPC (and your county LP) on record with the media as the party of TAX ABOLITION. Make sure the media knows who to contact in your state and county organization to get expert remarks on this oncoming tidal wave. Get yourself informed about Prop. 218. Help get it passed. Get informed about your county's BAD taxes. Review the existing procedures and the new ones under Prop. 218. Be the expert when the time comes for experts to advise and guide.

With 50+ counties all facing the same wars at the same time, 1997 and beyond are going to be major growth opportunities for the LP statewide. Let's not miss the wave.

(Bakhaus is an activist in Santa Barbara Reg. 42. He can be reached at Liberty960@aol.com.)

## Incumbent Libs up for re-election

One Libertarian County Supervisor and two city councilmembers are up for re-election this November. Another Libertarian is trying a second time for a city council seat.

The County Supervisor is Tom Tryon, who is facing a serious run-off in his bid for another term. The two incumbent city council members are Bonnie Flickinger, Mayor Pro Tem of Moreno Valley, and Sandi Webb of Simi Valley.

Steve Green, San Diego Region chair, is making a second bid for a seat on the Santee City Council. The last time he ran, he came within a few hundred votes of the winner, despite dirty trick plays by his opponent.

Those who want to help these individuals can reach them by calling:

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**Bonnie Flickinger** — 909/924-9104  
**Sandi Webb** — 805/526-0958  
**Steve Green** — 619/562-8705

## Oops — from p. 1

was thicker than our usual eight-pager should be. The extra thickness appeared to be *California Liberty*. However, a close look showed the section to be a mix of 12 pages of the March 1996 issue of *California Liberty* and all four pages of *Libertarian Alternative*, but not in order. It is not anything one would hand out to let non-Libertarians learn about us.

Needless to say, what you received is not what I had ordered to be printed.

With that issue, all details went as usual, with one exception. Before the paper was ready for final proofreading, I left to attend the International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) conference in Whistler, British Columbia. I told the print shop that I would rely on their internal quality control to ensure everything was right. By the time I returned to California the paper had been printed and received in members' homes.

I do my utmost to produce a newspaper that reflects favorably on the Libertarian Party of California (and on me) both in appearance and in content. I deeply regret this incident. You can be assured that steps are being taken to prevent such an error from happening again.

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In the same issue, the headline for the front page story on Libertarian Party Day should have read August 15, not August 12. That was the day the proclamation was issued.

# Tax foe Joel Fox addresses new Libertarian Club



**Joel Fox** takes the microphone to talk about tax reform and particularly Prop. 218 at newly-formed Libertarian Club of Riverside Co. The Right to Vote on Taxes Act will be on the November ballot. Fox, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., was introduced by Bonnie Flickinger, left, Moreno Valley mayor pro tem and president of the new group.

## I want to help

LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot recently received the following e-mail message from a new member.  
Hello,

My name is Dennis Loomis and I live in Northern California. El Dorado County. I have been a Democrat for many years but am fed up with the system and have decided to join the Libertarian Party after being inspired by Harry Browne's book: "Why Government Doesn't Work." I just found the Libertarian Party Home page and sent for the membership information. But, I'm ready to help now. Is there any active group of Libertarians around here?

Thanks for any help/information. I look forward to working with you to get big government off our backs.

**Dennis**  
dennis@directcon.net

Lightfoot immediately forwarded it by e-mail to Executive Committee member Terry Savage who now lives in the general area. Savage quickly sent off an e-mail as follows:

**Dennis,**

Gail forwarded your message to me.

We have just started a group in Lake Tahoe called Tahoe Area Libertarians For Action. We meet at 6 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month, with a potluck dinner party following at 7 p.m..

If you're interested, give me a call at either 408-920-2193 or 702-833-1613.

I look forward to meeting you!

**Terry Savage**  
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## Warning! Possible fraud

Anyone who is thinking of responding to e-mail business opportunities from a Rudy Lin or Dr. Rudolph van Lin should be wary. Check the program out very thoroughly before getting financially involved.

Steve Green, chair of San Diego Reg. 37, was one who became suspicious and alerted others. He questioned van Lin's statement that he was a founder of the LP either in the U.S. or Canada. There is no record of his being an official with the U.S. LP.

Vince Miller, president of ISIL, said he was aware of a Rudy Lin in 1975. Miller was present when Bruce Evoy formed the Canadian LP in 1973. In 1974, Miller founded the Ontario, Canada, LP. The following year, he

was vice chair of the Ontario party and a member of the national Executive Committee, and Lin was a Deputy Leader of the provincial party for a short time.

Another person who became suspicious was Don DeGroat, chair of Stanislaus Reg. 50. He said he had trouble reaching some people to check out the program because of fictitious e-mail addresses. He finally reached one e-mailer through an 800 number, who sent him "a poorly reproduced copy of the Dr.'s (van Lin) profile including the claim that he had been instrumental in the formation of the Libertarian Party as well as how one could advance through 'education' to multi-million

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The newly-organized Libertarian Club of Riverside County (LCRC) sponsored a public forum on Thursday, July 25, 1996. The featured speaker was Joel Fox, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA).

Fox spoke on the status of the California Proposition 13 tax revolt, and particularly addressed The Right to Vote on Taxes Act, slated for the November California ballot.

He cited instances where cities and other local organizations were setting up special assessment districts and other financial plans to get around the need to bring them before the voting public. He pointed out the San Diego stadium and convention center projects as prime instances. And he discussed the need for citizen involvement in local government to prevent such abuses.

Fox said that The Right to Vote on Taxes Act, Proposition 218, will close existing loopholes in Proposition 13 and strengthen the influence of taxpayers by requiring voter approval of all new local taxes. Fox and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association were instrumental in the successful drive to collect over one million signatures to qualify the initiative for the November ballot.

After his talk, Fox had a lively question and answer session with the audience.

Approximately 40 people representing the breadth of the political spectrum attended the meeting held in the Moreno Valley home of Michael Geller, one of the founders of the LCRC. Geller has served as campaign manager for Bonnie Flickinger's city council campaigns and has also ran for public office.

Bonnie Flickinger opened the meeting saying the club welcomes citizens of all political beliefs. It was formed to educate the area people about government, citizenship and the libertarian principles of personal responsibility and individual freedom. She is president of the new club. A former LPC treasurer and Mayor pro Tem of the City of Moreno Valley, Flickinger has served as a council member since 1992.

Other founding members are Cathlene Fishman, Daren Flickinger, Jim Long and Brook Norton.

For further information about the Libertarian Club of Riverside County, e-mail, write, or call The Libertarian Club of Riverside County, P.O. Box 1492, Moreno Valley, CA 92556. Tel.: (909) 242-4250 (after hours, use ext. 111). E-mail: lcrc@wolffce.com

Information on LCRC events, contacts, and opportunities are also published on the LCRC Home Page on the Internet: <http://users.aol.com/lcrcinfo/index.htm>.

## Maximum exposure, minimum cost

Dear Gail;

There are few Libertarians who wouldn't love to convey their thoughts about Libertarianism to their friends and acquaintances. I believe it can be done with surprising impact.

Unfortunately most people, myself included, are somewhat reluctant or unable to reach our friends because the mere thought of discussing another political party is viewed as an attempt to change another's political mind. People are reluctant to engage in a controversy that entails a new line of thinking contrary to what they've been taught throughout their lives.

I strongly urge that we spread the word about Libertarianism throughout the state, and perhaps the country for very little expense to each individual. Only two things count; maximum EXPOSURE AND minimum COST.

The Libertarian Party of California NEWS publication contains many fine articles extolling the virtues of Libertarianism. The true believers in liberty deserve the opportunity to spread our beliefs by means of this wonderful publication at the lowest possible cost to have several issues mailed to our friends of choice?

I propose that in the next issue all Libertarians be given an opportunity to order, for a minimal cost, one or several issues of our beloved paper for personal friends.

You are asked to calculate the cost per issue of the paper and offer the membership

**The liberty of speaking and writing guards our other liberties.**

— Thomas Jefferson.

the opportunity to order a select number of issues at the lowest possible price for their friends.

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*Ed. Note:* Following up on Mr. Liberty's suggestion, we have come up with the following prices. Members may have a gift subscription of *LPC News* sent to friends at \$10.00 a year. If a member orders subscriptions for 10 people at a time, the cost of each subscription will be \$7.50. These will be mailed at the same time as for members.

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## Phone numbers change.

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## Keep up with what's going on

Here are Libertarian web pages that will keep you informed

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Libertarian Party of California — <http://www.lp.org/lp/ca/lpc.html>

Harry Browne campaign — <http://www.HarryBrowne96.org/>

Jo Jorgensen campaign — <http://www.HarryBrowne96.org/jo>

## Warning! — from p. 6

dollar levels of earnings through his unique program." DeGroat said, "I am a very suspicious man when presented with any 'make your own paycheck' kind of opportunity when they want my money up front, not my effort or talent."

Richard Rider, also of San Diego Reg. 37, agreed; saying the program plan to get rich quick "has all the characteristics of a pyramid scheme with no substance."

As Vince Miller said in ending his e-mail message: Caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware!

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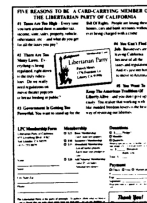


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## Athey — from p. 1

Athey, who recently became a LPC member has announced that she is running for Laguna Beach city council.

She says, "A woman is able to bring to the office of council member a certain interpersonal caring and sharing, an intuitive sense of what is best, practical ways to change problems into positive results. Men and women will experience better city government."

"Why can't government be more like us? Stay within the budget, don't stick its nose in where it doesn't belong."

A native of Vermont, Athey and husband, Richard, have lived in California since 1988. She is founder of the Step by Step Selling program, ten easy ways to close more sales. She is also an entrepreneur, operating her own antique restoration business, a nationwide school that taught furniture restoration, and a company that sold Ultralight aircraft and trained people to fly them.

She has published a libertarian-oriented fiction mystery

story, Southland Stormfires, based on the 1993 fires in the Los Angeles area, and is working on a second novel.

Athey went on to say, "My vote in council will be to stay within budget and confine city government to keeping the peace, administering justice and applying the force of government if alternatives have been exhausted. My standard for ordinances will be: Less Government."

Those wishing to help can reach her through campaign manager Linda Grau at 714/651-1065, or writing Linda Athey, 1224 Ocean Front Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651.