

# California Freedom

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## Whirlwind CA Weekend for Presidential Candidate

A whirlwind of campaign appearances, interviews, and inspiring activists with words of wisdom has kept Libertarian Presidential candidate **Michael Badnarik** on the go since his May nomination. Activists in the San Francisco Bay Area allowed no exception to this, arranging a weekend packed with fund raisers and a key public appearance for the man almost no one expected to win the arduous but rewarding opportunity to carry the Libertarian torch nationwide.

Supporters gathered on the evening of Friday, June 25 on the patio of Westover Vineyards, a Spanish-style winery tucked into the Palomares Canyon of Castro Valley. **Curt Cornell**, Chair of the East Bay Libertarian Party, emceed, introducing about a dozen Bay Area candidates, who served as a worthy warm-up act for the



• Lady Liberty Sandy Pierre waves to camera as car carrying Libertarian candidates parades down S.F.'s Market Street.



• Michael Badnarik was the only Pres. candidate at S.F. Pride. This banner compared opponents' views on gay marriage. LPers proudly displayed Badnarik buttons & signs and one urging "regime change" (below). Order your Badnarik for President buttons from [RadicalButtons.com/campaign2004.html](http://RadicalButtons.com/campaign2004.html).

Presidential hopeful. These included U.S. Congressional candidates **Mark Stroberg** (District 13), **Harland Harrison** (12), and **Jim Eyer** (9), State Senate candidates **Peter Von Pinnon**

(District 9) and **David Rhodes** (3), State Assembly candidates **Ron Colfer** (District 18), **Kevin O'Neal** (14), **Christopher Maden** (12), and **Frank Manske** (11), along with **Starchild**, running for San Francisco School Board, and **Scott Wilson**, running for the Mt. Diablo Healthcare District board. Each candidate enthused about their cam-

aigns' platforms, activities, and goals. Mr. Badnarik told stories from his campaign trail eloquently and good-naturedly, and **Allen Hacker**, the

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• From left: Candidates **Zander Collier** (State Assembly, District 24) and **David Rhodes** (State Senate, Dist. 3) were also in the parade.

### ■ Campaign 2004

## LWV to Exclude Gray from Debate All Supporters Can Help—Petition Now!

Few organizations succeed in doing right in our world like the League of Women Voters (LWV). But this

non-partisan group that says it believes in an open discussion of issues now tells us that Libertarian **Judge Jim Gray** is

not invited to his race's debate, scheduled for August 10. Why? The LWV's stated reason is that only parties who received 10% in the last election would be allowed to participate.

This arbitrary barrier has no basis in history or regulation. Judge Gray is the only excluded candidate in this race conducting a full-fledged, statewide campaign, with fundraising and a paid staff. He has myriad supporters and broad media coverage, even nationally. In fact, this campaign is so vital and viable that our Presidential candidate, **Michael Badnarik**, will be devoting two weeks this month to campaigning here alongside Judge Gray.

America's founders believed government should represent

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• Bay Area libertarians listen to local candidates and anticipate the arrival of presidential nominee Michael Badnarik at a June 25 fund raiser at Westover Vineyards, in the scenic Palomares Canyon near Castro Valley, in Alameda County. Westover is owned by libertarian Bill Smyth. More coverage of this event on page 8.

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# Dangerous Doublespeak: More Choice = Less Choice



## FROM THE CHAIR

The so-called Voter Choice Open Primary will actually reduce the choices available to Californians. Today, voters get to choose from amongst candidates of a variety of political parties. If Proposition 62 becomes law, not only will voters have to choose between only two candidates for each office in a general election, those two candidates often will be from the same old political party in gerrymandered districts, and never from a newer, "third" party. Who would have thought one-party rule possible in America?

The proposition's proponents argue that changing the way primaries are conducted will improve California government. But common sense and actual experience in California argue

otherwise. Before the U.S. Supreme Court declared such a scheme unconstitutional, California used the "blanket" primary in 1998 and 2000. From 1999 through 2002 the California legislature was composed of people who had been elected via the blanket primary system. That was a legislature as partisan as any we have seen. Not once during this period was a budget passed on time, and the relationship between Governor Gray Davis and the Democrat majority in both houses was downright ugly.

Louisiana has used a system similar to—though not quite as bad as—the Voter Choice Open Primary, for state offices since 1975 and for Congress since 1978. Louisiana's system has produced perhaps the worst gang of elected officials in the country and has presented voters with Hobbesian choices. Their 1991 gubernatorial runoff election, for example, was between white supremacist David Duke and Edwin Edwards, the infa-

mously corrupt former governor.

This didn't happen just because it was Louisiana. It is the mathematics of this corrupt scheme that result in the worst possible outcome. A large field of mainstream candidates cannibalize each other's votes, clearing the way for a fruit-loop candidate, who can make it into the runoff with as little as 15-20% of the vote. This can happen here.

And though it's hard to imagine, the Voter Choice Open Primary would actually be worse than Louisiana's system. In Louisiana, at least voters could vote for any candidate in November, a month with heartier voter turn-out, and if a runoff was needed, it would take place in December. The alternative offered here in California would have the first election in March, when very few voters take to the polls.

Not only is this proposal poorly thought out, it would not likely survive a court challenge. The U.S. Supreme Court

has already set a ceiling on ballot access requirements. Aspiring lawyers wishing to review the cases should read *Lendall vs. Jernigan*, 433 U.S. 901 (a summary affirmance in 1977 from Arkansas), *Storer vs. Brown*, 415 U.S. 724 (1974) and *Williams vs. Rhodes*, 393 U.S. 23 (1968). To summarize the Court's thinking, if a candidate has voter support in excess of 5%, and he or she meets the constitutional requirements to hold the office, and is not a "sore loser" (a term with no meaning in this initiative, since parties would no longer actually nominate candidates), then that candidate cannot be barred from the November ballot.

Let's preserve maximum choice for voters in our elections by voting down this unfair, corrupt, and unconstitutional measure.

Vote NO on Proposition 62!

Aaron Starr, Chairman



## FROM THE EDITOR

I, however, place economy among the first and most important republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared.

—Thomas Jefferson

After vehemently promising to cut spending during the Recall Davis campaign, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is reported as having "reward[ed] employees with higher pay" (*Sacramento Bee* 6/29), and that his "budget deals irk G.O.P. lawmakers" (*San Jose Mercury News* 7/3).

LPC's tax fighter extraordinaire Richard Rider confesses, "While I badmouthed Schwarzenegger during the Davis recall campaign—making my case for voting for Tom McClintock (R.) or Ned Roscoe (L.)—once

elected, [Schwarzenegger] convinced me that he [would] put a hard spending limit on the November ballot, and he talked tough with Democrats. I was wrong. Arnold has gotten into bed with the Democrats, abandoning his party and his avowed interest in controlling spending."

Rider continues: "If Arnold were serious about limiting state spending, he could have had his budget vetoes upheld by the G.O.P. lawmakers. His ability—unique among governors—to go to voters to win propositions is a fearsome weapon against the Big Spenders....Part of his scam is that taxes won't directly go up this year—but his borrowing of billions to fund operations is just another form of taxation....As the LPC predicted in opposing Propositions 57 and 58, we taxpayers got the debt, and we also got the shaft." That is dangerous debt, as Jefferson forewarned us to fear.

To save ourselves billions we can amend the "Three Strikes" law. Citizens Against Violent Crime have organized their measure for Nov. and won a raft

of endorsements. Let's release the nonviolent offenders whom voters had never intended to put away for decades. As reported by *S.F. Chronicle* (3/5), "One in four [inmates in the state prison system]...are serving life terms under...three-strikes. [Since 1994] about \$4.7 billion has been spent to house convicts whose third strike was not...violent."

Nonviolent offenses account for 57 percent of the third strikes, and those nonviolent offenses include, in large part, Drug War-related violations.

Doing more than his part to quash that war is Judge James P. Gray, armed with the conviction that "every vote cast for Gray is a clear message to end the failed War on Drugs." California, with its important bid by the well-respected Gray to unseat incumbent U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D.), is key for the LP this year. Considered one of the LP's most promising candidates nationwide, Gray has been partnered by the Michael Badnarik Presidential campaign, which has focused efforts here in June (He's pictured above in my neck

of the woods at Westover Vineyards on June 25) and will return in August for two weeks of stumping with Gray.

Badnarik, the only Presidential candidate to have marched this June 27 in San Francisco's "Pride" parade (begun in 1970 as Gay Pride) said on July 15 that "the Senate did the right thing by rejecting a proposal to ban gay marriage...When two people say 'I do,' the government has no business saying: 'Oh no you don't!'"

The measure to allow a vote on a constitutional amendment to limit marriage, supported by President Bush and most Republicans, failed July 14 in the U.S. Senate, getting just 48 of the 60 votes needed.

In this issue we share the excitement of the Presidential race and invite you to become involved in making a difference in your own way this election.

This time it matters; this time it's possible!

Elizabeth C. Brierty  
Editor

## CA has problems, LP has Answers



Web Watch

# World's Smallest Political Quiz Reaches 3 Million

[www.TheAdvocates.org](http://www.TheAdvocates.org)

The world's most popular on-line political quiz has gotten more popular.

On July 8, the number of people who have taken the on-line World's Smallest Political Quiz passed 3,000,000.

"This milestone means that 3 million people will never look at politics in quite the same way again," says Sharon Harris, president of the Advocates for Self-Government, which created the Quiz. "It also reinforces the Quiz's reputation as the most irresistible, ubiquitous, and well-respected political quiz on the Web."



• Above: A man helps his friends take the "famous" quiz at SF Pride on June 27. Below: U.S. Congressional candidate Jim Eyer helps chart the results.



For perspective, the 3 million number is larger than the population of 21 states and greater than the population of all but two cities in the USA.

Having first appeared on the Web in the summer of 1995, it is widely considered to be the original Internet political quiz, and has been hailed as the

most accurate and unbiased on-line political quiz. In 2001, the Washington Post reported, "The Quiz has gained respect as a valid measure of a person's political leanings." The *Suite101.com* web site called it "the most concise and accurate political quiz out there."

More than 13,400 web sites link to the World's Smallest Political Quiz, and every day more than 4,000 people take the on-line version of the Quiz. (Over 7,000,000 copies of the printed version of the Quiz have also been distributed.)

The Quiz has been incorporated into the curriculum of college and high school political science classes nationwide, and has appeared in numerous magazines, books, and newspapers. In 2000, one of the nation's leading polling firms, Rasmussen Research, used the Quiz to conduct a scientific survey of American voters.

The World's Smallest Political Quiz was the first political quiz to go beyond the traditional left-right model of politics. Participants answer ten short questions about personal and economic issues, and the interactive Quiz instantly pinpoints their political position on a five-way chart that includes Conservative, Liberal, Centrist, Libertarian, and Statist.

"The Quiz offers a broader, more diverse way of looking at politics," Harris says. "It also gives people a fast, accurate way of determining who politically agrees with them most. For 3 million people, the Quiz has been an educational, eye-opening, and enjoyable experience."

While not a representative sample of the American public, of the 3 million on-line Quiz

takers, 30.1% scored Centrist, 34.9% Libertarian, 19% Liberal, 7.4% Conservative, and 8.6% Statist.

The on-line Quiz's popularity has grown steadily: It took 4-1/2 years for 1 million people to take the Quiz; almost 3 years to hit 2 million; and just over 10 months to pass 3 million.

Advocates for Self-Government is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, libertarian educational organization. To take the Quiz, go directly to [www.TheAdvocates.org/quiz.html](http://www.TheAdvocates.org/quiz.html).

The Advocates' web site also offers an abundance of libertarian publications, information on the organization's awards programs as well as seminars and workshops, subscriptions to both print and e-mail newsletters, and if you want to know whether your favorite celebrity is a libertarian, they have a page for that, too. ●



## Letter to the Editor

### Reagan was Right Wing, not Libertarian

Seeing Ronald Reagan referred to as "arguably the most libertarian[-leaning] President" in a press release and a article in *California Freedom* gives me, as a long-time Libertarian, great concern. Reagan grew the government at about 6% per year, about twice the rate of big government socialist Bill Clinton. Supporters of Reagan often like to cite libertarian-sounding quotes from Reagan speech writers, but I am sure if we looked through Bill Clinton speeches written for him we

could find much of the same, like "The era of Big Government is over," etc., that also sound Libertarian. Are we going to start saying he was a Libertarian now too?

As Southern Vice Chair of the LPC, I received many complaints about this from our Regional Chairs [and] candidates, as well as rank and file Libertarians. Referring to a person who escalated the drug war, gave us huge tax raises, and more than doubled the deficit as [being] in some way libertarian is not a good image

for us, and associates us with what many see as the intolerance and bigotry of the extreme right wing.

I have worked hard to make the Libertarian Party a place for all people who oppose force (except in self-defense), not just the right wing and disgruntled Republicans. The Libertarian Party has traditionally been made up of 1/3 ex-Democrats, 1/3 ex-Republicans, and 1/3 people who would not bother to vote if it were not for the Libertarian Party.

I joined the Libertarian Party because I thought it was a place open to everyone and I want to keep it that way. In the future, I hope we will keep our publications left-right neutral so we can continue to draw from a broad base of support rather than just a narrow band on the political right.

—Mark Selzer  
Southern Vice Chair  
Libertarian Party of California



## Welcome Aboard!

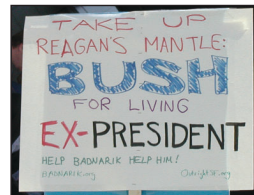
The LPC is pleased to welcome 20 individuals who joined the ranks of our Party of Principle during June. They include software engineer Nathan Laredo, investment professional John Zarchen, teacher Frank Schoolmaster, dentist Carson Stewart, attorney Robert Karwin, and Maria Stewart, a self-employed office administrator. We hope you'll all participate soon in a local LP meeting or event and introduce yourselves to your political soulmates and neighbors!

- Ken Martin . . . . . Santa Maria
- Nathan Laredo . . . . . San Jose
- Jeff Hurwitz . . . . . Chula Vista
- Brent Wheelock . . . . . Auburn
- Andrew Chadwick . . . . . Mountain View
- John Zarchen . . . . . Santa Monica
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- Carson Stewart . . . . . Bakersfield
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- John Sullivan . . . . . Lancaster
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- Robert Karwin . . . . . Sun City
- Laurie Cantagallo . . . . . San Francisco
- Gil Shafir . . . . . San Diego
- Nicholas Gerber . . . . . Moraga

- LP candidates Harland Harrison (U.S. Rep., District 12) and Zander Collier (State Assembly, Dist. 24) entice passersby with the unusual opportunity to have their photo taken with a Presidential candidate—the only one to attend S.F. Pride and one who supports getting the government out of everyone's marriage. Rob Power served as photographer for this outreach effort.



All photos this page: Elizabeth C. Briery



- An activist's sign (above) at S.F. Pride promotes LP candidate Badnarik, *OutrightSF.org*, and explores a new twist on the Reagan legacy.



# Persuasion Power!

## CA Seminars for Activists to Enhance Communication

California Libertarians who want to become more compelling communicators will get that opportunity at three upcoming seminars hosted by the **Advocates for Self-Government**. "The Art of Libertarian Persuasion" seminars start this month in Los Angeles.

Since it is an election year, the seminars will be especially useful for LP candidates, said Advocates President **Sharon Harris**. Party spokespeople, letter-to-the-editor writers, and outreach activists will also find them helpful.

"Anyone who wants to persuade others to embrace libertarian ideas will benefit immensely," she said. "Whether you're brand new to libertarianism or have been a libertarian for decades, you will leave these seminars a far more effective, persuasive salesperson for the ideas of liberty."

The seminar leader will be **Michael Cloud**, author of the

just-published book, *Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion*. In 2000, he won the Libertarian Party's Thomas Paine Award as the most effective Libertarian communicator in America.

"Michael is a pioneer in teaching powerful libertarian communication," Harris said. "We're delighted to be able to bring his expertise to California libertarians."

Also leading workshop segments will be Harris herself, along with **Harry Browne**, two-time LP presidential candidate and author of *Liberty A-Z: 872 Libertarian Soundbites You Can Use Right Now*.

The curriculum includes how to: make people more receptive to libertarian ideas; give the best libertarian answer to questions; open closed minds; use

"Intellectual Judo" against big-government supporters; answer common objections to libertarianism; give more effective speeches; and avoid common communication mistakes. They will cover all areas of communication, from speeches to writing to face-to-face conversation.

"The seminars are fast-paced, intensive, and interactive," Harris said. "Attendees find they learn techniques that produce results the next day!" Participants will be able to ask questions and

discuss communication problems and techniques. The California schedule is:

Los Angeles	August 21-22	Hilton, L.A. Airport
San Francisco	October 16-17	Venue TBD
San Diego	October 23-24	Venue TBD

The seminars run from 8:30 A.M.-6:30 P.M. on Saturday, and 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M. on Sunday. A book signing/social will be held following Saturday's session.

Admission for the seminars is \$250 at the door, and a discounted pre-registration price of \$195 is available.

The Advocates for Self-Government is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that teaches libertarians how to be more effective communicators, and encourages the public to understand and embrace libertarian ideas.

For more information about the Art of Libertarian Persuasion seminars, or to register, call (800) 932-1776, or visit [www.TheAdvocates.org/seminars.htm](http://www.TheAdvocates.org/seminars.htm). ●

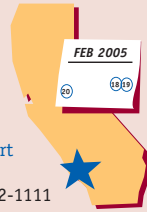


• **Michael Cloud**, seminar leader

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• A simple statement of libertarian ideas at SF Pride.



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# Gray Denied CA Weekend

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the people. For decades, Americans ignored candidates not on the Democrat or Republican ticket. The result: a succession of career politicians without our best interests in mind. But *this time it matters!*

There simply cannot be a full debate of today's issues without the participation of the Libertarian candidate. Without Gray, many of his constituent groups are left without a voice in the political world.

Neither of Gray's main two opponents, incumbent **Barbara Boxer** (D.) and **Bill Jones** (R.):

- represent people who oppose the attack upon our civil liberties represented by the so-called "PATRIOT" Act, or
- would allow marijuana to be treated like alcohol, or
- favor amending the "Three Strikes" law to count only those convictions of *violent* crimes, as the voters intended.

*Only Judge Gray* represents people from the Middle East who face unequal treatment with regard to immigration matters. *Only Judge Gray* is a voice for the Islamic-American community in showing that they are not terrorists, but law-abiding, successful, and patriotic Americans. *Only Judge Gray* is speaking out for our soldiers and veterans to be sure our government keeps the commitments we have made to them.

To revitalize the democratic process, we must make our voices heard *now*. Intervention by an informed public is our only chance to open the 2004 debates beyond the duopoly. We ask our supporters to embark upon a massive communication campaign so the League of Women Voters will change its shortsighted decision.

This strategy can work! The 1996 Presidential debate commission was forced to change their standards after an outcry from around the country. So the commission had to allow Ross Perot in the debates. The same happened with Jesse Ventura, and we all know how that turned out! With your help, this will happen again!

Act now! For a sample letter you can use to write the LWV, visit [www.JudgeJim.com](http://www.JudgeJim.com); click on the "Gray-A-Grams" button; then click on "JUDGE JIM GRAY-a-GRAM #10."

Financial contributions are needed too! Call (949) 253-4036 or (888) JudgeJim.

Together, we can change America! ●

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California Coordinator for the Badnarik campaign, skillfully persuaded the friendly crowd to contribute what reached a healthy net profit of donations. Two singers and plenty of wine tasting rounded out the event.

The elegant Carnelian Room high in San Francisco's Bank of America tower was the setting for Saturday's successful \$250-per-plate fund raising dinner. Mr. Badnarik, who'd appeared on **Don Crawford's** "Flipside" radio show before the dinner, was joined in addressing this group by **Michael Denny**, 2003 candidate for Mayor of this city.

"Out for Justice" was the theme for Sunday's 34th anniversary of S.F. Pride, which celebrates lesbian, gay, transgender, and bisexual Americans. With legislators threatening to impose federal constraints on consenting adults' right to marry, it was an

• **Guy Wilson, LPC's 2002 candidate for State Assembly, Dist. 55, traveled from L.A. to help the Outright Libertarians explain Libertarian principles to parade-goers.**

opportune time for Mr. Badnarik, Outright Libertarians, and a bevy of northern Calif. candidates to show their passion for individual rights and their goal of ousting government from *everyone's* marriage. The contingent grinned and waved to the receptive crowds lining the parade route, shouting "Badnarik for President" and flashing colorfully designed signs with mottoes such as "Outright Libertarians: Pink, not Pinko." Notorious for outrageous and skimpy costumes—if any—this year's parade was no exception, making the Libertarian contingent seem to be the conservative ones. Throughout the weekend, the Outright Libertarians also manned an Operation Politically Homeless booth.



Photos: Elizabeth C. Brierly



• **Allen Rice, candidate for State Senate, District 11, marches with a sign saying "Pro-Choice on Everything!"**

After all the hoopla, an informal pizza party was in order, but that didn't stop the fund raising. Mr. Badnarik met with supporters at a Redwood City pizza parlor, where an intimate but committed group of 17 donors contributed more than \$2,500.

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## Love to Write? Join the LPC Writers' Bureau!

Newspapers need good Op-Ed articles. The LPC will invite newspaper editors to join a weekly distribution list of Op-Ed pieces written by...you!

The focus will be on how governmental policies affect small business owners in California.

We have found four great writers to take turns penning a weekly column, and we'd like **one more** to join the team before we go ahead with our new Writers' Bureau.

To participate in this opportunity to see your column printed in newspapers throughout the state, contact LPC Chair **Aaron Starr** at [StarrCPA@PacBell.net](mailto:StarrCPA@PacBell.net).



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• **Jeffrey Schwartz, M.D., of the LP of San Francisco captured the spirit of both S.F. Pride and the principles of the Libertarian Party with this colorful sign that says it all. Flanking him are Terry Floyd (left), and Sandy Pierre.**

## Dynamic Duo!

LP Presidential nominee **Michael Badnarik** will tour California for two weeks during August, joining forces with **Judge Gray** to reach as many of California's abundant libertarian and liberty-minded voters, supporters, and contributors as possible. **Allen Hacker**, California Coordinator for the Badnarik for President campaign, pointing to evidence showing that 18% of Americans are libertarian, says that California voters need to see these "two astute faces of the word 'Libertarian.'"

Join the candidates as they hit these cities:

Sacramento	Aug. 17
Redding	Aug. 18
Oakland, S.F., San Jose	Aug. 19-21
Healdsburg	Aug. 22
Bakersfield	Aug. 23
San Luis Obispo	Aug. 24
Santa Barbara	Aug. 25
Los Angeles, Anaheim	Aug. 27-28
San Diego	Aug. 29



Badnarik Gray

Venues and times will be posted at [www.lpty.net/campaigns/badnarik/](http://www.lpty.net/campaigns/badnarik/). To volunteer to assist in this exciting co-campaign opportunity, e-mail Allen Hacker at [Allen@lpty.net](mailto:Allen@lpty.net).

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■ Campaign 2004

# The Time is Ripe for Critical Mass to Tip to LP

by David F. Nolan  
Co-Founder, LP

As those of you who know me are aware, I am not a religious man. So it may at first seem strange that my remarks this evening draw their inspiration from a hymn, "Once To Every Man and Nation," written by James Russell Lowell. Lowell was an outspoken opponent of slavery here in the United States, and was also strongly anti-war. The hymn that I will quote from was in fact written as an expression of his opposition to the U.S. War with Mexico, and first appeared in the *Boston Courier* on December 11, 1845.

December 11, of course, is the day on which our Party was founded some 126 years later. It is also the birthday of George Mason, and of International Society for



Individual Liberty (ISIL) founder Vince Miller. Maybe there's something special about that date!

• David Nolan In re-searching the background of "Once To Every Man and Nation," I was pleased to learn, from *LewRockwell.com*, that Lowell's hymn was much beloved by another great libertarian, the late Murray Rothbard. Here are the words that Lowell wrote, 159 years ago:

*Once to every man and nation,  
comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth with falsehood,  
for the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, some great  
decision,  
offering each the bloom or blight,  
And the choice goes by forever,  
'twixt that darkness and that light.*

Now, I suspect that Lowell did not really mean there is only one moment in history at which a man, or a nation, faces a transcendent choice between good and evil. But I do believe that occasionally there are such moments, and that this is one of them.

For many years now, I have been promulgating the idea that there is a real and discernable 72-year cycle in U.S. politics. The three great turning points in our nation's history to date have been 1788, 1860, and 1932—the years in which we elected George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt as Presidents. Whatever you may think of their policies and their actions, there is little doubt that these three Presidents shaped our nation's history more than any other men who have held the office.

Why a 72-year cycle, I can-

not be certain. Most likely because this is roughly the length of a healthy human's lifespan, and after that amount of time has passed, memories of past choices and their consequences fade from a society's memory, and lessons that might have been learned are lost. There may also be reasons related to astrophysical cycles; the 12-year calendar used by the Chinese clearly corresponds to the orbital period of Jupiter, which affects solar tides and thus, indirectly, life on Earth.

But whatever the reason(s), the 72-year cycle seems real. And as those of you who are quick at mental math have already figured out, 2004 is the next major "turning point" year...a "moment to decide" before the "choice goes by forever"...or at least for another 72 years.

The choice that faces us now is painfully clear: shall we, as a nation, re-elect a President who has taken us further toward collectivism and a police state than any other President in memory, or shall we repudiate him and all the evils that he represents: massive spending increases, the USA PATRIOT Act, and an unconstitutional, unjustified, tragically failed war?

If George W. Bush is re-elected, it will be taken as a ratification of his actions. The Republican Party will have officially abandoned, once and for all, even the slightest pretense that it is a party of less government. After all, Federal spending has increased far more in the three-plus years of Bush's Presidency than it did under eight years of Clinton. His Attorney General, John Ashcroft, has shown a greater disregard for civil liberties than anyone to hold that post since A. Mitchell Palmer. Despite Bush's "states' rights" rhetoric during the last Presidential campaign, the Federal Drug Warriors have aggressively pursued crackdowns on medical marijuana patients in states

where the voters passed referenda to legalize such use.

The Bush Administration's record in every area—growth of government, curtailment of civil liberties and foreign interventionism—is a complete and unmitigated disaster. Everything that Harry Browne predicted four years ago has happened, and then some! Clearly, if America is to triumph in the ongoing struggle between good and evil, truth and falsehood, George W. Bush must be defeated.

But a simple defeat for Bush is not sufficient. If he loses to John Kerry, with no significant vote cast on behalf of less gov-

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ernment, it will be seen as just another hand-off in the relay race toward fascist socialism.

For us to succeed, and for evil to be vanquished, Bush must lose because a large bloc of voters abandons the G.O.P. and swings its support toward the Party of Liberty. Already a few astute members of the news media have begun speculating that this may happen—and their speculations are well-founded.

Many, many Republicans with whom I have spoken have expressed their dismay and disgust with George W. Bush. They cannot bring themselves to vote for a Democrat, but they

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■ Book Review

# Liberty A-Z: Adroit to Zestful

Reviewed by Bill Winter

*Liberty A-Z: 872 Libertarian Soundbites You Can Use Right Now.* Published by the Advocates for Self-Government. Trade paperback, 192 pages, \$13.95. Available at [www.TheAdvocates.org](http://www.TheAdvocates.org).

Questions? Sure, every libertarian gets asked questions about the freedom philosophy. But few libertarians have been asked as many questions, by as many people, as many times, in as many forums, as **Harry Browne**.

During his 1996 and 2000 Libertarian Party presidential campaigns, Browne participated in over 1,000 radio and TV interviews. He attended countless press conferences, editorial board meetings, and debates. At all those events, he was peppered and strafed with questions. He was quizzed and interrogated. He was verbally grilled and sautéed.

Remarkably, Browne rarely seemed to be at a loss for words. No matter how tough, hostile, or offbeat the question, he had a smooth, well-thought-out, persuasive answer. Now we know why.

In his new book, *Liberty A-Z: 872 Libertarian Soundbites You Can Use Right Now*, Browne shares his personal file of arguments and answers to almost every question that any libertarian will ever be asked. As he explains in the introduction, Harry compiled these soundbites during his two presiden-

tial campaigns. Answers would pop into his head during interviews, and he would later write them down, tweak them, improve them—and then memorize them, to be used again and again. (Browne didn't stop after the campaign; there are also soundbites about topics as recent as 9/11 and the war in Iraq.)



• Harry Browne

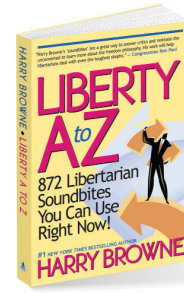
The title, *Liberty A-Z*, is no misnomer. The book literally starts with A (Abortion) and ends with Z (Zero, flat tax rate of). In between, Browne addresses a Balanced Budget, Campaign Finance, Defense and the Military, Education, Federal Spending, Gun Control, Health Care, Immigration, Jobs, Libertarianism, Morality, National Interest, Oil, Pornography, Quotas, Republicans, Social Security, Terrorism, Utopian Thinking, Victimless Crimes, Welfare, Young People—and hundreds of other issues. If Browne missed a major topic (other than the letter X), I didn't notice it.

Browne's persuasion techniques are as varied as his topics. For some issues, he uses facts to convince. For others, metaphors. Or historic parallels. Or aphorisms. Or questions. Or humor. (For example, when asked how big government should be, Browne says: "I want a government small enough to fit inside the Constitution.") Philosophically, a majority of the answers are permeated by Browne's futilitarianism—the idea that government doesn't work, and that turning to

## An indispensable reference tool, to be consulted before any interview.

politicians for solutions will never be as effective as relying on individuals, charities, non-profits, and communities.

In *Liberty A-Z*, Browne doesn't confine himself just to specific issues. One of the most useful sections of the book discusses what he calls Fall-Back Positions. In it, he offers "all-purpose" answers to give if



you are asked a question about a topic you know little about, or if you are pressed about an apparently "successful" government program. One example of Browne's fall-back answers: "You may feel this program does something good. But does that justify forcing other people to pay for it? If the program is so wonderful, why couldn't you entice people to support it voluntarily?" Good stuff.

A confession: There are a handful of soundbites in the book that didn't impress me. In a few cases, I think Browne used weak arguments, or cited a flimsy set of facts, or recycled his "government doesn't work" argument once too often. But do you know what? It doesn't matter. For every soundbite I didn't like, there were a hundred I did. For example, here's Browne on the dangers of mar-

ijuana: "No one ever died from smoking marijuana, but millions of people have died by believing politicians. So why is marijuana outlawed while politicians are still legal?"

As this quick overview probably makes clear, there are dozens of good uses for *Liberty A-Z*. For a libertarian candidate, it's an indispensable reference tool, to be consulted before any interview. For libertarian spokespeople, it can furnish new arguments and ripostes. For libertarian writers, it's a brainstorming tool, to be used before penning an op-ed or letter to the editor. For a newcomer, it's a good general introduction to libertarianism. For an old-timer, it's a fast, comprehensive reminder of why you're already a libertarian.

Answers? Every libertarian has his or her personal answers about the freedom philosophy. But few libertarians have crafted as many ingenious, persuasive, and eloquent answers as Harry Browne has. *Liberty A-Z* is proof of that—no question about it. ●

*Bill Winter was the editor of LP News, the Libertarian Party's national newspaper, from 1997 to 2004.*

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will vote Libertarian if they can be convinced that it is not a futile gesture.

If the national polls show Michael Badnarik receiving a significant level of support, particularly in states where the margin is narrow, the media will start to cover us seriously; money will flow in; and more voters will abandon George W. Bush. And if the votes cast for Michael Badnarik cost Bush the election, we will get the same degree of attention that Ralph Nader received four years ago, when it was widely perceived that he cost Al Gore the Presidency.

But in order to achieve that critical mass, we're going to need money, starting right now. The dollars we raise now will enable us to move forward with vigor and credibility. It's up to us to take this first step, and then to motivate every

Libertarian we know to get involved.

You may think that I am exaggerating the importance of this particular election. After all, partisans in every election always try to portray it as the most important ever. But my analysis of history and the gathering storm of horrors perpetrated and planned by the Bush Administration lead me to the inescapable conclusion that this is the "moment to decide."

If things go in the wrong direction this year, there may well be no chance to turn things around, ever. Under a USA PATRIOT Act II or III, Libertarians and others who stand up for individual rights and liberties may be rounded up and hauled off to detention camps. It happened to Japanese-Americans during World War II, and it can happen to us.

These are perilous times, my

friends. The choice is ours: bloom or blight, good or evil. When you reach for your checkbook or credit card, keep this in mind. Give the most you can, before the choice goes by forever ●

Excerpted from Mr. Nolan's speech to the banquet at the Libertarian Party National Convention in Atlanta, GA, May 30, 2004.

*David F. Nolan was the prime mover behind the 1971 founding of the Libertarian Party. He earned a political science degree from M.I.T., and his career has included work in publishing, advertising, and marketing. Nolan was the Party's first national chair, and in 1996 he received the Party's Thomas Jefferson Award for lifetime achievement in advancing the cause of liberty. He originated the "Nolan Chart," a two-dimensional map that has replaced the left-right linear political spectrum in showing how different political systems relate to one another.*

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## Fun and Fund Raising at the Wonderful Westover Winery

Photo: Elizabeth C. Brierly



• Candidates Mark Stroberg (13th Congr. District, whose incumbent since 1972 is Democrat Pete Stark), and Scott Wilson (Mount Diablo Health Care District), enjoy the garden at Westover Vineyards. In the background, singer Michael Kay and M.C. Curt Cornell, Chair of the LP of the East Bay, prepare for the evening's program. Addressing the gathering that evening, Wilson (right) explained his strategy for what he terms the "redundant" health care district: "Three [nonpartisan] seats are up for election this Nov. I am running three candidates all singing the same song: 'Shut 'em Down!' If we all win, we will have an instant majority on the Board."



• Presidential nominee Michael Badnarik speaks with rapt crowd of donors at Westover, June 25.

## ■ Communications

THE POLITICAL MONEY TRAIN

# 2000 VP Candidate Launches Internet Talk Show

**A**rt Olivier, the Libertarian nominee for Vice President in 2000, has gone full circle with a new Internet talk show, "The Political Money Trail."

Shortly after discovering the Libertarian Party in 1990, Californian Olivier produced a cable TV show by the same name. That show helped to propel him into local politics and in 1994 he was elected to the city council of Bellflower (pop. 70,000), a Los Angeles suburb. He used this position to imple-

ment libertarian ideals such as privatizing city services, such as tree trimming, crossing guards, street sweeping, and the Building Department, cutting taxes, such as the lighting tax assessment, and stopping eminent domain.

After serving as Bellflower's mayor in 1998-99, Olivier became Presidential candidate Harry Browne's highly visible running mate for Vice President in 2000. Olivier's campaign focused on reducing the size of the federal government to its



• Art Olivier

Constitutional limits. In his speeches, he warned that it was not a question of *whether* America would suffer a major terrorist

attack because of our intervention in foreign affairs, but *when* we would be hit.

The new "Political Money Trail" deals with the root causes of political decisions by looking into who financially benefits from government action. According to the show's

**"This show gets beyond the spin and explores how political decisions are really made."**

web site, "Almost everything the government does results in somebody making money. Whether it is war, agriculture subsidies, eminent domain, or awarding a franchise to the local trash contractor, there is money to be made, if you have the right contacts in government. Most political talk shows discuss the reasons the politicians give in taking a certain action. This show gets beyond the spin and explores how political decisions are really made."

The show airs from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. Pacific time on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Listeners can call in (562/860-2451 ext. 2628) to discuss current events and political strategy, or to talk about their own campaigns. The show is always seeking guests, and anyone with an idea for a show should contact Olivier at [www.FlashHome.com/money](http://www.FlashHome.com/money).

Olivier, 46, is a Realtor with Cogburn-Olivier Realty. He is married and has four children. ●



• Campaign donors (L-R) Keith Lyon and Mark Werlwas, LP's candidates for 20th Assembly District in 2002 and 2000, respectively, and Kurt Schultz, an avid volunteer at our Operation Politically Homeless booths, enjoy the wine in the tasting room at Westover Vineyards.

Photo: Terry Floyd

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Diehard **Terry Floyd**, an LPC Executive Committee member, attended every event on this weekend. He remarked that

Allen Hacker "constantly amazes me, in that he never delivered the same fundraising pitch twice. He had a different

presentation prepared for each event."

Mr. Badnarik, who has been endorsed recently by Armed Females of America, who are disturbed by **President Bush's** weakness in protecting our gun rights, will be returning to

California this month to campaign with nationally recognized Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, **Judge James Gray**. For information about those upcoming events, visit [www.lpty.net/campaigns/badnarik/](http://www.lpty.net/campaigns/badnarik/). ●

• Michael Badnarik's keynote talk was inspiring and entertaining, as we've come to expect. The June 25 event at Westover Vineyards auspiciously kicked off a weekend of successful fund raising, as well as another important component to our Presidential candidate's role: helping to promote local candidates.

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Tired of battling for Liberty on the defensive? Go on the offensive by running for a local, winnable race!

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\* The closure of the filing period will be extended to August 11 if no eligible incumbent files by August 6.



## Meeting Notice

The quarterly meeting of the LPC Executive Committee will be held on **Saturday, August 21, 2004**, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the **Four Points Hotel** (formerly Hilton)

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