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Your Activism Needed

Enjoy Summer—By Promoting the LP!

by Kevin Takenaga

Summer is upon us again! A time for you to enjoy summer fun in the sun—while promoting libertarianism at YOUR local county fair!

The Orange County LP is making a valiant effort this year to get a booth up in Costa Mesa. If you can head down to the OC to work a shift, I'm sure they would be delighted to have you. And you may find yourself delighted with all the fun you've had—meeting interesting new people, feasting on tasty treats, and taking in a ride or two!

The LPOC's booth news is at: www.lpoc.org/?q=node/102.

Their volunteer schedule is at: lpoc.org/?q=node/89.

The Nevada County LP will also have a booth at their county fair, in Grass Valley, August 12 to 16. The Nevada County Fair is considered one of most beautiful fairgrounds in the country.

How fun are county fairs? Just look at these photos from last year's Orange County and Nevada County fairs. And there's still time for you to work a fair this year!

You'll maximize the impact of your booth, and all of the effort you're investing into it, if you define a followup process to ensure that the interested people you meet at the fair are kept engaged. Contact the state party office or your Vice Chair for more details.

Summer events draw big crowds. Libertarian activists in all of California's counties should be on the lookout for summer events where they can promote their state and county LPs.

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Photo: Elinor Brandt

Angela Keaton administers the Nolan quiz at L.A. Pride



Photo: Elinor Brandt

Beau Cain and Angela Keaton staff the Outright Libertarians booth

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Grassroots Activism

Peaceniks Hold Obama Accountable

by Lawrence K. Samuels

Even before Anthony Gregory spoke at the Peace Resource Center in Seaside, CA, on June 20th, his topic was controversial.

Libertarians for Peace, and the Libertarian Party of Monterey County, wanted to see whether the 27-member Peace Coalition of Monterey County truly supported peace—or were only interested in having Democrats in charge of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Gregory's speech was entitled: "Is the New Boss the Same as the Old Boss: Has Obama Kept his Promises?" The title alarmed a number of peace activists who were worried that Gregory, a research analyst at the Independent Institute, would go on an "Obama Bashing" tirade. But despite that concern, the Peace Coalition voted to be the main sponsor for Gregory's speech.

Promo flyers tried to downplay the controversy by asking: "Do all politicians promise reforms and then reform their promises, or is Obama the exception?"

According to Gregory's speech, Obama is no exception. The 28-year-old libertarian editor of the Campaign for Liberty website spent over an hour listing dozens of broken promises by President Obama. Some of Obama's better-known broken promises include:

1. His promise of transparency, saying he would give the public a five-day public comment period;
2. His promise to quickly close Guantanamo;
3. His promise to oppose warrantless surveillance;
4. His promise to withdraw completely from Iraq;
5. His promise to stop unconstitutional actions such as "state secrets" and "immunity" claims;
6. His promise to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act.

Unfortunately for peace defenders, Obama *has* kept a number of promises—which actually hurt peace:

1. Escalating the war in Afghanistan with 30,000 more troops;
2. Increasing the Pentagon



Anthony Gregory (left) being introduced by Tom Lee

military budget;

3. More deeply involving the U.S. with the war against the Taliban in Pakistan.

During the Q&A period, one Obama supporter said that, despite all of Obama's broken promises, the public should still support the President. His cited reasons were trivial, arguing that Obama has helped to heal American society, and has restored \$50 million to the United Nations Population Fund.

Gregory countered by arguing that the U.N. was an

imperialist cadre, initially organized by Stalin, dictators, and Western powers to the detriment of smaller nations.

Despite their fear of a harsh bashing of Obama, many local peace activists were impressed with Gregory's speech. Most understood that Obama is no friend to civil liberties, international peace, or transparency.

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Smell Those Pines!

The Nevada County LP will sponsor a booth at the Nevada County Fair, August 12 - 16, 2009. The fair will be situated in Grass Valley—one of California's most beautiful areas. Tall pines and clear blue skies!

Bob Glassco (below) helped staff the booth last year.

If you'd like to volunteer this year, please contact Nevada County LP Chair, Donn Coenen. His email: coneandhill@jps.net.



Photo: Donn Coenen

From the Editor

Promote YOUR Activism!

by Thomas M. Sipos

I don't get enough articles about local libertarian activism. Have you done anything out there? Conventions, outreach, speaking before students? If so, it'd be a shame not to publicize your efforts. Publication brings you well-deserved credit—and teaches and inspires other libertarians to follow your example!

Here's what I need:

- Completed, first draft articles. I can polish it, but I need a readable first draft. Not bits and pieces of information, plus urls, plus notes about who to contact or where to go for more info. If you want to publicize a recent event, *you* just volunteered to write the first draft!

- Articles should include all pertinent details. When and where did the event occur? Who organized it? About how many activists participated? About how many visitors, passersby, etc. saw or attended? What

was the event's goal? What was achieved?

- Did you learn anything? Any tips for future activists?

- Photos of the event are not necessary, but most welcome. High resolution jpegs preferred. Include all key info: Who is in the photo (left to right)? Who took the photo?

- Include a brief Author's Bio, with a photo of yourself, and any contact info that you'd like to see published. None of this is necessary, but welcome.

- Submit all materials simultaneously. By email. Word or Open Office formats preferred. Jpeg photos. Try to avoid pdf files.

- This also applies to Letters to the Editor. I've received some snail mail LTEs, forwarded from the Panorama City office. Always a pain. Sorry, but this is the 21st century.

- If you wish to promote a

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Letters to the Editor

Libertarian Teachers Needed

The majority of teachers are Democrat (probably more than 80%) and so, as one would expect, the majority of what we're taught is biased in favor of Democrats.

On numerous occasions, my U.S. History teacher has praised government, and talked about how we need taxes and other governmental force. *Rarely* do I hear anything negative about our politicians. She does point out the obvious, like Nixon, but she argued that FDR was one of our best presidents.

I have heard tons of things about the history of the U.S. from libertarians that wasn't shared with me in school. Important things too, like that since the federal government got involved in education, our SAT scores and college graduates have been declining sharply.

All she talks about is what the federal government can do to improve the situation, but she never mentions getting rid of it. Therefore, my entire class, and other classes that she teaches, will turn out predominantly Democrat, or at least pro-government.

I often speak against her claims and preach libertarian beliefs. But as she is a teacher with a decade more of knowledge than I, she usually wins these arguments, and the class thinks higher of government.

First, I'd like to encourage more libertarians to become civics/economics/history teachers, because it is *much* easier to turn a teenager libertarian than it is an adult.

Second, I'd like to see an explanation of everything that has happened in America from a libertarian perspective. It would be easier to convince people to be libertarians if we looked back, and broke down what our Republicrats have done to hurt our country.

— Logan Hinkle
Morgan Hill, CA

A Case for Anarchy

The Libertarian Party has been arguing over this very important issue: should we be 100% radical and principled, or should we allow some government and some force?

I argue in favor of the principled route. The one that David Nolan had in mind when the party was founded. He, among many other brilliant Libertarians, recognized that government is the problem. Government is force, and that force can never breed harmony. We will never have a truly happy and successful society until the force of government has been abolished.

Many laugh when I mention "anarchy," but it is simply a political philosophy that is based on freedom *from* force.

Every function the government has involves force. You are forced to pay your taxes. You are forced to abide by ridiculous business regulations. In many cases, you are forced from your home, family, life, or success.

I don't want to be forced to do *anything*, except to not violate the inalienable rights of others. Any sort of government is force.

Recently, our partially Republican (government-lover) Wayne Allyn Root spoke at the LPC convention, and praised a national sales tax and taxing sin (drugs, prostitution, gambling). He and others claim that a little bit of tax is okay. It will get people to join our cause, because it isn't as radical as what our principles state.

I ask Mr. Root to look at why we oppose tax in the first place.

We cannot support a tax on drugs, because it would have several devastating results.

One, it would drive the business underground, because drugs could be sold cheaper on the streets without tax. So we're basically bringing back Prohibition.

Two, it creates a big pot for the plant of big government and religious values imposed on society to grow. Politicians and religious followers will raise tax on sin, claiming that it is bad and evil, and that more tax will dissuade usage.

When the majority of our nation is religious, do we really want them in a position to spread their

religious ideals by the force of government?

Any sort of government is force, including a little tax here and there. Society will be much better off without tax, because every transaction will be voluntary. Just as society will be much better off without government, because everything will be voluntary.

— Logan Hinkle
Morgan Hill, CA

Resisting Islam

Once again I find myself decrying the prevailing antiwar sentiments expressed on your pages.

There were not one, but three such articles in last month's edition. One extolling Canada's antiwar legacy penned by you, the editor. Another by Laurence Vance on "Saying No to War." And yet another by Ron Paul on "Bribing Egypt/Israel is no Model for Peace."

I was opposed to the Vietnam War. It was a gross violation of our principle of non-intervention in other nations' affairs. It was not our calling to keep this nation apart when it simply wanted to be united. It remains a spot of shame in our history and was wholly unethical of us to go there.

I was opposed to the Second World War, because it was nothing but the result of our abandoning of our duties of carrying our objectives that were our reason for us entering that war. It was a well-deserved lesson for us on what price we pay for luxuriating in antiwar sentiments.

The war on terrorism, however, is something else. Those are people that hate us for what we are. They hate us for our exercising our freedom of conscience in that part of the world of not letting them massacre Jews like they have massacred Christians throughout their history. There is no live and let live in their realm of the world. It's either they dominate you or you die.

We have not done *anything* to those people, other than frustrate their innate domineering ambitions, yet they seethe with hatred against us. They want us dead, destroyed, and obliterated.

You people can love them all you want. You can all fancy that if we only didn't ally ourselves with the Shah, the most humane and progressive leader in the history of that region, those rabid masses who needed an outlet for their hatred wouldn't have us as a lightning rod for their hate. I say we must be prepared to stand up to them and contain their animosity against our civilization.

While you all blithely criticize our role in Iraq, you never look

at the other side of what would have happened if we hadn't been there. We would have had an Iraq that conquered all of the oil producing countries of the Middle East, and then some. A country stretching from Persia, Turkey, and the Mediterranean, all the way to the edges of the Sahara. A country sending terrorist thugs to destroy our cities once every other month, and raining chemical bombs over Israel once every other week. A country that held us, along with the rest of the world, a hostage to their aggressive designs.

When did Saddam Hussein stop being a thug every time we gave him a chance not to be one? We gave him that chance up to the last minute. He refused to oblige.

Which country was able to defend its civilization without war? The moment the Romans couldn't defend their Principalities in the Middle East, Islam took over and obliterated them.

The Jews had not been able to defend their civilization, so Rome had taken over. Rome couldn't defend their civilization, so Islam took over. Then the British, and now back the Jews have come, this time able to defend their civilization.

Romans and the Jews, however, were people who could live along and share their country with everyone. Not so with Islam. They cannot live along, nor share their power. You must resist them. Once you yield to them, you're gone forever, obliterated from the annals of history.

So go ahead, embrace them. I chose to be strong enough to resist them.

You are not being a good child to the mother (i.e. the civilization) that gave you birth. You are selling her out!

— Aarde V. Atheian
Los Angeles, CA

Stay Out of Iran

While the events rapidly unfolding in Iran after the recent election are of extreme interest and concern to freedom-loving people everywhere, the U.S. government should not involve itself in the affairs of the Iranian people. Americans should be wary of being stampeded into agreement with interventionist foreign policies through their natural concern for Iranians and their rights.

David Nolan, one of the LP's founders, warns that "None of us here in America—and probably very few folks in Iran—have any real idea of what exactly is going

on there, and how various individuals and groups are contributing to the disorder and violence. Under these circumstances, it would be foolish to encourage or tolerate U.S. government intervention in the affairs of people outside of the U.S."

While events in Tehran, and other places in Iran, may mark the growth of an era of superfast on-the-spot news communications via such media as Twitter, Facebook, and others, they may also mark the beginning of the successful manipulation of public opinion by exploiting those same superfast personal media.

In an era of rapid and overwhelming communication—in itself a good thing—those who have previously agitated for war, or reprisals against Iran, will certainly not miss the opportunity to shape public concern into calls for more U.S. government intervention into Iran's politics.

Most interventionist wars begin with demonizing one or more political factions in the target land, and agitating or exploiting public concern for the people of that land to gain acceptance of interventionist policies. This is exactly how we were stampeded into war against Iraq. We must be careful to not let the same thing happen with Iran.

Giving in to a hasty impulse to "do something" will only encourage the pro-war faction here in the U.S., and make the situation even more difficult for the people in Iran.

— Susan Hogarth
Raleigh, NC

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future event (a booth, a county convention, etc.), please submit all pertinent details, including contact info, ASAP. Several months in advance if possible.

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Because Ideas Matter

Overlong Copyright Terms Resemble Book-Burning

by Jeffrey A. Tucker

I did my best, but a wonderful book written decades ago has since sunk without a trace and will not be resurrected in my lifetime. You will not read it, will not learn from it, and a chance for the immortalization of the ideas therein will not come to fruition.

This is because the "owner" of the IP (intellectual property) —although he is clueless about the social value of the book—cannot be persuaded to let it be published at a market price.

I'm trying to be sympathetic to a person (who clearly has not read *Against Intellectual Monopoly*) who would fail to give permission for a reprint of his grandfather's book, and hence keep good literature out of circulation, possibly forever.

I'm trying to be sympathetic, but it is hard.

Here is a scenario that helps you see how the state's IP laws distort people's judgment.

Let's say I get a phone call from the company "Simply Asia." They inform me that my grandfather invented a unique noodle shape, and that the patent on it passed to me in probate. Until this moment my life had been perfectly normal, flowing day by day like every other life. But now I am aware of a long-hidden treasure in my family history.

What do I think? I think: \$\$\$\$

You might too.

You would want to know more about this company; how many noodles they expect to sell, how much money you are going to get per noodle, how big a house you will be able to buy, how fast your new Maserati will drive on the autobahn, and what date you can retire from your day job.

So it is. Not that you had anything to do with the stupid noodle design. It is an accident of fate that the patent happened to fall into your hands. But you don't think about that. All you think about is you new-found wealth. You imagine a scene from the opening of the *Beverly Hillbillies*. Black gold.

Texas tea.

Sadly, the company that wants to put the noodle in production informs me that they want to give me \$500 and be done with it forever. I'm thinking: who do these people think they are? What a ripoff. My family's noodle design is fantastically valuable! Maybe I will produce it myself, and not let these robbers in on the deal. The gears in my wild imagination start turning.

But it turns out that I don't know anything about the noodle market. I don't know how to make them, package them, sell them, or anything else. A month or two goes by and I lose interest in the whole noodle thing. Having turned down the company, I'm no worse off than I was before. But I won't call them back and take the \$500 because, who knows? Maybe next year I can get into the whole noodle-making thing.

We know the end of the story. Nothing happens. The noodle stays out of production. The noodle company is sad but not devastated. There's always another shape of noodle it can sell.

That's the story of hundreds of books. Thousands of books. Tens of thousands of books.

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A Party That Listens to YOU

Media Deaf to Voters

by Lawrence K. Samuels

By a 2:1 ratio, Californians voted to oppose more taxation on May 19th, though tax proponents had spent over \$30 million to promote their \$16 billion tax extension. On the other hand, anti-tax groups only raised \$3 million in their campaign to oppose Governor Arnold's 1A through 1E measures.

This incredible David vs. Goliath win should have been the major theme of every news story after the election. Instead, mainstream media blamed everyone for the tax defeat except the poor, frustrated politicians. Many TV and newspaper commentators were condescending in their editorials, chiding "misinformed voters" for the budget mess in Sacramento.

The Reuters news service quoted Jim Hawley of the Elfenworks Center for the Study of Fiduciary Capitalism at St. Mary's College of California about the defeat; Hawley at-

tacked the taxpayer, saying "The public is under the delusion that they can have everything—potholes filled, new freeways, a good education system—but they aren't willing to pay for it."

The problem is, taxpayers have willingly paid more taxes, and for many years. In 2004, two similar measures (Prop. 57, a \$15 billion bond proposal called the Economic Recovery Act, and Prop. 58, the California Balanced Budget Act) were placed on the ballot by Sacramento politicians. Lawmakers promised that the two measures would balance the budget and put financial restraints on government spending. Taxpayers voted for them, but budgetary problems only grew worse.

So the problem appears to be that, as taxes shoot up, things deteriorate. Government education produces worse results, streets have more pot-

holes, prisons become more overcrowded, government grows more corrupt.

Maybe taxpayers finally figured out that, whether taxes rise or not, conditions in the government sector never improve. So why pay higher taxes if the services provided worsen? It's a no-brainer.

But the political elite—and the media—would rather look for scapegoats.



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We want to thank the following members who have stepped right up and joined the LPC Coffee Club since its kick-off. A Coffee Club member donates a minimum of \$42 per month or \$500 or more each year.

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Open Letter to West Covina City Hall

Big Rigs Have Rights Too

by M Otis Beard

This morning I found parking ticket #204863 issued by officer Duran (serial #779) affixed to the window of my vehicle, which is the tractor portion of a "big rig" tractor-trailer. The fine is \$210.

This vehicle was parked in the driveway of my home, the house that my family and I own. The vehicle is not an eyesore. It is not left running and does not make any noise that might disturb the neighbors. Thanks to the trees and foliage in my front yard, the neighbors can't see it unless they make a real effort, or go out into the street.

We live at the end of a cul-de-sac, not on a street with heavy passing traffic. The vehicle doesn't leak oil or other fluids, and does not represent any environmental impact on the neighborhood.

Officer Duran didn't even give me the courtesy of a knock-and-talk before ticketing my vehicle. He snuck in and left his citation, with its accompanying enormous fine.

How dare the city of West Covina fine me for parking my vehicle unobtrusively on my own property! What's next? Are you going to come into my house and fine me for mounting my toilet paper roll in an unapproved direction?

If you are worried about some kind of theoretical negative impact that the vehicle might make (noise, leaking fluids, presenting an eyesore because the vehicle is damaged or run-down, etc.) then pass a law against the specific negative impact.

But don't tell me I can't park my vehicle on my property when it presents no negative impact!

Truckers are part of this community too, and we need to be accommodated. You have already passed laws forbidding us from parking our vehicles on city property, or on commercial lots, like that belonging to the local mall. Fine, I can live with that.

But when you tell me I can't park my vehicle on my own driveway despite that it interferes with nobody, does nothing to decrease the beauty of the neighborhood or the property values of the houses, and generates no noise, damage, or environmental impact, then you are way out of line.

Even if I wasn't outraged by the high-handedness with which you dictate to me the uses of my own property, vis a vis what vehicles I can and can't park there, you have created a situation in which I have to park in another city altogether whenever I want to take a break from work, and spend a few days at home with my family.

What do you expect me to do? Park in Ontario and walk home?

I spend six weeks at a time on the road. I deserve to come home and park my vehicle on my own property without having to worry about some cop coming along and slapping a ticket on my windshield that will cost me more than an entire day's pay.

Banning trucks from one city causes a higher concentration

of trucks in surrounding cities. What am I supposed to do when this practice prompts all the neighboring areas to pass similar bans in the face of the burgeoning number of trucks parked there, driven out of West Covina and other truck-banning municipalities by a law that denies the citizenry their right to use their own property as they see fit?

Shall I park in Arizona and hitchhike home to see my family?

If it wasn't for big rigs, you and your families would be forced to use only locally produced goods. The clothes on your back would be drab, undyed, unfashionable rags. You'd spend a great deal of your time scratching in the dirt of your backyard merely for sustenance. Your diet would lack the variety you have enjoyed your entire lives and now take for granted.

Considering the dire predicament that Southern California regularly gets into regarding shortages in the water supply, attempts to grow enough food locally to feed the entire local population would result in mass starvation.

This is what big rigs, and the men and women who drive them, save you from.

In return, you treat us like pariahs, pass legislation that makes us unwelcome wherever we go—unless we're making a delivery!—and deny us the right of parking our tractors on our own driveways.

This must change.

I will not pay this ticket, plain and simple.



M Otis Beard with his ticket, his big rig in his driveway



Beard's big rig in his driveway

I expect an answer from you people regarding this matter. If one is not forthcoming, you will see me in person on the steps of City Hall, at the next City Council meeting, in the Mayor's office -- wherever it takes -- until this matter is resolved.

If I have to go to jail to see this thing through, then so be it. If I have to hound every journalist from every local newspaper and TV station in Los Angeles County to get coverage, I will.

Your laws regarding com-

mercial vehicles are unfair, obtrusive, and discriminatory. This shall not stand while I have breath in my body.

M Otis Beard is a trucker who resides in West Covina, CA. The above is adapted from an email he'd sent to the Mayor and several City Council members on June 7, 2009. He awaits their response. Mr. Beard's email: atomdebris@gmail.com.

Bookburning

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Thanks to horribly egregious copyright legislation, books published from the late 1960s onward are typically under copyright for 100 years, meaning that someone besides the author is charged with administering the rights. That person is usually completely ignorant of book publishing, and the content of the book, or why it matters. All he wants is money that is not there. More often than not, this person will refuse to make a deal. And the book stays out of print, for the rest of our lifetimes at least.

This is what copyright exten-

sions have amounted to: great impediments to printing books and preserving literary legacies. Already, provisions of the law have burned more books than most despots in human history. And this has only just begun. We are going to be seeing this nonsense for another 100 years at least.

Sad to say, many of the books that will fail to be printed are great books. But they might as well have never been written. The author is in no position to protest because he or she is six feet in the ground. His or her legacy, about which the heir cares less than nothing, is buried too.

The problem is that within the structure of IP there is no rational way to price anything. The property is made scarce only by the state. Its scarcity is otherwise wholly artificial. The function of prices is to rationally allocate scarce goods, but when goods are infinitely reproducible and made scarce only by the state, pricing too becomes akin to pricing under socialism. You make it up in the face of radical information asymmetries.

If I were offering to buy this guy's planter on his porch—a scarce good with replacement possibilities and involving real expenditure—he could make a

rational price, and I could decide to meet it or not. But when offering to buy someone's IP, we are both completely blind as to its value. He imagines infinite value and hence price. I imagine small price. There are no objective considerations to resolve the differences in our outlooks.

What of the justice of this situation? There is no justice. The "heir" is a fake who, under a free market, would own no more than you or me. He would be in no position to keep a book published 30 years ago from returning to print. He wouldn't

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West Virginia LP: End Drone Attacks in Pakistan

[The LPWV issued this press release on May 6, 2009.]

Over the past few months, the U.S. military has been operating remote-controlled drones to attack targets inside of Pakistan, a sovereign nation. President Obama virtually promised such attacks to supporters during his campaign, stating that "If we have actionable intelligence about high-value terrorist targets and President Musharraf won't act, we will."

Now he appears to be keeping at least one campaign promise. According to one report, 700 Pakistani civilians have been killed by these

attacks, leading to outcry in Pakistan against the use of these attacks and encroachment into sovereign Pakistani airspace to attack what the U.S. military believes might be terrorist targets. [See: <http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-mcmanus3-2009may03,0,7133284.column.1>]

There's a catch, though. While the US government has succeeded in killing 700 innocent civilians, only 14 actual terrorist operatives have been killed. That's right -- for every suspected terrorist that's been

killed by these strikes, 50 innocent civilians have died.

The Libertarian Party of West Virginia finds this wholly unacceptable. While we oppose foreign intervention entirely as a misuse of our nation's valuable resources, racking up these unacceptable levels of civilian deaths must be vehemently opposed by all libertarians as inhuman, immoral, and evil.

As such, the LPWV demands an immediate end to these attacks, across a sovereign border, violating Pakistan's sovereignty, and killing innocent civilians.

ExCom Marriage

Proving indisputably that politics makes strange bedfellows, newly-elected ExCom At-Large members Jill Stone and Alan Pyeatt were married on June 6, 2009, in Rancho Cucamonga.

The longtime couple were both elected to the ExCom last April.

Fellow libertarians Beau Cain, Bruce Dovner, Ted Brown, Laura Brown, Mike Everling, and Kevin Takenaga attended the ceremony, along with family and friends.

The wedding featured traditional Cherokee rituals, such as purifying guests with sage smoke, the exchanging of venison and corn by the groom and bride, and literally "tying the knot" with symbolic blankets.

— Laura G. Brown



Photo: Laura G. Brown

Meet Ed Clark



A Harvard Law School graduate, Ed Clark was the LPC's candidate for governor in 1978, pulling 5.5% of the vote. In 1980 he received over a million votes as the LP's presidential candidate—the best showing of any LP presidential candidate to date!

Clark ran as the peace candidate, reaching out to liberals unhappy with Selective Service registration and the arms race. Senator Eugene McCarthy wrote the introduction to Clark's book, *A New Beginning*.

Reception: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Catered Dinner: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Introduction by Prof. David R. Henderson
Speech by Ed Clark: 7:00 p.m.
Fundraising Auction

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Call to RSVP: 818-782-8400. Or make out checks to Libertarian Party of California and mail to: P.O. Box 22231, Carmel, CA 93922

Proceeds to benefit the Libertarian Party of Monterey County and the LPC. Co-sponsors: Libertarians for Peace of Monterey County and the Progressive Libertarian League.

Websites: www.Freedom1776.com or www.ca.lp.org

Freedom Fiesta

During the recent Memorial Day weekend, the 2010 LPC candidate for the 53rd A.D. Ethan Musulin and Region 66 Chair Jay Jones (L to R., below), along with Stan Ackerman, Warren Barr, Audrey Carlan, Bruce Dovner, Joey Panto, and Dave Schrader presented Libertarian literature to guests at Fiesta Hermosa.

The group had a great time spreading the word,

using "The World's Smallest Political Quiz." Using red dots for quiz-takers who'd voted for McCain, blue dots for Obama voters, and yellow dots for others, it appears that McCain supporters were really Libertarians—and didn't know it. Now they do!

Fiesta Hermosa is a biannual arts and crafts fair at Hermosa Beach, CA.

— Warren Barr



Photo: Warren Barr

Opposing Pro-War Democrats

Democrats Wrong to Fund War

by Rep. Ron Paul

[Below is Ron Paul's address to the US House of Representatives, on June 15, 2009.]

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this conference report on the War Supplemental Appropriations.

I wonder what happened to all of my colleagues who said they were opposed to the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. I wonder what happened to my colleagues who voted with me as I opposed every war supplemental request under the previous administration.

It seems, with very few exceptions, they have changed their position on the war now that the White House has changed hands. I find this troubling. As I have said while opposing previous war funding requests, a vote to fund the war is a vote in favor of the war. Congress exercises its constitutional prerogatives through the power of the purse.

This conference report, being a Washington-style compromise, reflects one thing Congress agrees on: spending

money we do not have.

So this "compromise" bill spends 15% more than the president requested, which is \$9 billion more than in the original House bill and \$14.6 billion more than the original Senate version. Included in this final version—in addition to the \$106 billion to continue the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq—is a \$108 billion loan guarantee to the International Monetary Fund, allowing that destructive organization to continue spending taxpayer money to prop up corrupt elites and promote harmful economic policies overseas.

As Americans struggle through the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, this emergency supplemental appropriations bill sends billions of dollars overseas as foreign aid.

Included in this appropriation is \$660 million for Gaza, \$555 million for Israel, \$310 million for Egypt, \$300 million for Jordan, and \$420 million for

Mexico. Some \$889 million will be sent to the United Nations for "peacekeeping" missions. Almost one billion dollars will be sent overseas to address the global financial crisis outside our borders and nearly \$8 billion will be spent to address a "potential pandemic flu."

Mr. Speaker, I continue to believe that the best way to support our troops is to bring them home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

If one looks at the original authorization for the use of force in Afghanistan, it is clear that the ongoing and expanding nation-building mission there has nothing to do with our goal of capturing and bringing to justice those who attacked the United States on September 11, 2001. Our continued presence in Iraq and Afghanistan does not make us safer at home, but in fact it undermines our national security.

I urge my colleagues to defeat this reckless conference report.



Ron Paul speaking in Northern California, July 14, 2007

Ron Paul is a GOP Congressman from Texas. He is a life member of the Libertarian Party and was the LP's presidential candidate in 1988. For the latest news on Ron Paul, see: CampaignForLiberty.com.

"The individual has always had to struggle to keep from being overwhelmed by the tribe. If you try it, you will be lonely often, and sometimes frightened. But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself."

~ Friedrich Nietzsche

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Bookburning

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be owed one thin dime, and he would never know the difference anyway.

But under an interventionist system in which the state makes up this preposterous idea of "intellectual property

rights," and arbitrarily assigns power to individuals to coerce others into failing to make profitable exchanges possible, enterprise is seriously hampered. Companies that want to print books can't, and people who want to buy them can't do so. Society is made worse off.

There is a way out for the

wise few who are on the receiving end of a call about one's IP. Think of the greater good. Ideally, you would be fair and wise and liberate the idea, and give it back to the world to which it rightly belongs. If you aren't that high-minded, fine, take the moderate amount of money and move on.

Whatever you do, don't join the state, don't join the book burners, don't pretend your business savvy is going to net you millions, or otherwise behave like a jerk. Have some respect for your family legacy and say yes to reprints.

The state, through its IP laws, is bringing out the worst in most people. You can refuse to go along.

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~ Jim Morrison

Gay Outreach

Libertarians Celebrate L.A. Pride

by Angela Keaton

Outright Libertarians operated a two-day outreach booth at the Los Angeles Pride Festival in West Hollywood, CA, on Saturday and Sunday, June 13th and 14th.

L.A. Outright Chair Elinor Brandt organized the booth, and, along with this author, spent the two days and evenings administering The World's Smallest Political Quiz, a teaching tool based on LP founder David Nolan's groundbreaking recreation of the modern ideological spectrum. Ms. Brandt also donated an Operation Politically Homeless kit, to further educate festival-goers about libertarianism.

Ms. Brandt and this author thank:

* The San Bernardino County LP team of Matthew Barnes, Bill Lopez, and Boomer Shannon, who helped us navigate the bustling vendor corridors at one of the longest running Pride events in the U.S.

* Legislative Analyst Michael

Seebeck and LPC Southern Vice Chair Zander Collier, who helped staff the booth on Saturday. Mr. Seebeck provided snacks from his home garden, delighting the health-conscious staff.

• Christopher M. Agrella, Congressional candidate for California's 32nd C.D., who campaigned and posed for photographs with voters.

• LPC office manager Beau Cain, who joined us on Sunday for a marathon recruitment session. The crowd had significantly expanded by then, thanks to the annual pride parade.

• Riverside County LP Chair Gene Trosper, who patiently answered the questions of attendees who had imbibed a bit too much "pride cheer" at the many frozen daiquiri stands, located conveniently throughout the event.

We collected names and asked people to join us at Abbott's Habit on Saturday, June 20th, at 12 noon, for

an Outright L.A. meeting. Abbott's Habit is located at 7554 West Sunset Blvd, Hollywood, CA.

Late Sunday evening, L.A. County LP Chair Bruce Dovner helped us to disassemble the booth. LPC chair Kevin Takenaga honored us with a last minute cameo. We hope to see our leadership at many other Outright L.A. sponsored events.

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Elinor Brandt, Angela Keaton, Zander Collier III, Christopher M. Agrella

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