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## Networking: Leadership in Your Community

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Leadership Los Gatos,  
Class of 2005

Attending classes at Leadership Los Gatos has been one of the best experiences of my life. On May 27, I was graduated from this program, whose mission is to "engage, educate and develop Los Gatos citizens for leadership roles in community and neighborhood organizations, schools, churches, and Town government."

The program consists of ten half-day sessions starting in the fall. Participants gathered once per month to learn about the Town of Los Gatos and to gain hands-on experience and leadership skills. Topics included leadership, the history of Los Gatos, how to work with the media, and presentation and communication skills. It



Photo: Elizabeth C. Brierty

• **Libertarian Scott Lieberman with Los Gatos Vice-Mayor, Diane McNutt, after the graduation ceremony of Leadership Los Gatos; 5/27/05**

would have helped if I were extraverted, but even as an introvert I benefited from the

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## Coalition Building

# Calif. Senate Passes Civil Rights Resolution

Former Libertarian Party of California (LPC) Chairman **Mark Hinkle**, representing the LPC in the California Civil Rights Alliance (CCRA), lets us know of a major milestone for civil rights.

The California State Senate has approved an important civil rights resolution, Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 10, to urge the U.S. Congress to amend provisions of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act that are deemed unconstitutional and undemocratic by a vast majority of civil libertarians. The Senate passed the resolution on August 22 by a vote of 22 to 9.\* The resolution has moved to the Assembly, but has not come to a vote there, as of the Assembly's recess, which commenced September 9.

Senator Liz Figueroa introduced SJR 10 in the State Senate at the initiative of CCRA, a coalition of 23 mainstream organizations including the Libertarian Party of

California, the American Muslim Alliance, the Green Party, and the Catholic, Episcopal, and Unitarian Churches.

This important resolution by America's largest state comes only weeks after a firestorm erupted in California. Our U.S. Senator Feinstein played a role in facilitating a reauthorization bill to make permanent 14 of the 16 provisions in the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, thus further undermining civil liberties.

The measure "resolves" that California will ensure no state resources be provided for any action that would violate the U.S. or Calif. constitutions "even if authorized in the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act," and urges its congressional delegation to "repeal any provisions of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act that limit or impinge on rights and liberties" protected by the U.S. and state constitutions, and to "oppose any pending and future federal legislation to the extent that it

would infringe on Americans' civil rights and liberties."

Nearly 400 U.S. cities and seven states—the last three, Colorado, Montana, and Idaho, were all "red" Republican states in the 2004 election—have approved similar measures. CCRA said that Senate Joint Resolution 10 is "a major milestone in the bottom-up civil rights movement that is currently sweeping towns, cities, and states in various parts of this great country. Sooner or later, it will have an impact on the federal legislature."

"The California Civil Rights Alliance endorses this measure, and commends the bipartisan

• See **Patriot Act** page 4



• **Mark Hinkle, LPC rep in CCRA**

Photo: Elizabeth C. Brierty

# LPC Convention to be Held on Cruise Ship

During their August meeting, the LPC Executive Committee voted to hold the 2006 Libertarian Party of California convention on a cruise ship. The choice of venue for the convention, dubbed Liberty at Sea '06, is expected to draw a larger crowd than in previous years.

"We've decided to try something new and exciting this year," says **Aaron Starr**, LPC Chairman. "To grow the party, we must think outside the box and move beyond the status quo. Liberty at Sea '06 will attract more people to the convention than ever before."

## Liberty at Sea '06

Liberty at Sea '06 will be held on Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Seas. The cruise ship will sail from Los Angeles on Friday, February 24 and return on Monday, February 27, for two exciting days at sea. The Monarch boasts numerous amenities, including a full-size pool, a huge spa and fitness center, great restaurants, wireless Internet, a rock-climbing wall, and even a casino. The cruise will sail down the coast on Friday and dock at the port of Ensenada, Mexico on Sunday. In Mexico, convention-goers can sample local food, wine, shopping, and

sightseeing. The convention's business sessions will be held only on Sunday.

## Invite your spouse, significant other, or friends!

One of the reasons that the convention will be held in a highly desirable location like a cruise ship is to attract as many California Libertarians as possible—especially spouses.

"After being bored stiff at an airport hotel last year, my wife told me that she'd had it with LPC conventions," recalls Allen Hacker, at-large representative to the LPC Executive Committee. "After hearing about the cruise, my wife quickly changed her tune and made sure she could get a day off from work. I'd

imagine that my situation isn't unique."

During the convention, members will be able to participate directly in party business and influence the future of the Libertarian Party of California. This year, members will select Executive and Judicial Committee members, and vote on important bylaws proposals. The cruise will also feature several well-known speakers, to be announced. Keep on the lookout for more information!

The best feature of Liberty at Sea '06 is the price. The first 40 people who register will get a special rate of \$299 per person (double occupancy). Rates may change as more people register, so please reserve your place early.

To register for the cruise, go to [www.CA.LP.org](http://www.CA.LP.org).



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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

People associate with groups who provide them a sense of community—that sense of community which was lost when we stopped living in groups of 50 to 100, and started living in larger societies. People like being around people they know. That doesn't mean that people join groups of people with whom they agree. Instead, they come to agree with those they have joined.

So it is with political parties. Most people join the political party their friends have chosen. Then they slowly come to adopt the views of their chosen party. Few people choose the party most closely matching their existing views.

So far, we've attracted members primarily from the small percentage who choose a political party matching their views.



To grow, we must attract people whose views are still malleable.

### Don't worry if someone who joins doesn't agree with us 100%.

As people who don't share all our views join, they'll not dilute our own views. Rather they'll become us. Over time, they'll adopt our views.

When he first joined the LP, a former Chair who is still serving on the Executive Committee wanted all guns melted down. His views are now as libertarian as anyone's.

A new Executive Committee member defends a mother's "right" to choose abortion even after her child's birth, as well as increased state regulation of pharmacists. Over time, he'll either adopt libertarian views or leave. There's no danger of us adopting his nonlibertarian ideas. Why? Because our beliefs are based on principles, they don't sway with the winds of political fashion.

We choose which views to emphasize based on what the voters consider relevant. There's no use talking about issues unimportant to the vot-

ers. That does not mean we have to abandon our views; it means we'll establish credibility with voters first on those issues where we concur.

New members are no different. First we bond with them when they agree with us. When we make them welcome, they'll ask us about the issues on which they disagree with us. A few may leave, but most will recognize that we are right.

We will not be watered down. Our views are more libertarian than they were 20 years ago. Early on, many anarchists joined the party. Now, libertarian views prevail over anarchist views. The Libertarian Party is now libertarian, not anarchist.

For us to convert people, we mustn't chase them away. Too often we've chased away "90%" libertarians for fear they might dilute our purity. Let's welcome even those "70%" libertarians. We can share our views in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

### Cruising to liberty

Speaking of a friendly, fun atmosphere, our upcoming February convention offers a great opportunity for us to

grow. Many have tried in the past to get friends, colleagues, and spouses to go. They declined because it seemed like it would be boring. Many attendees didn't return, as conventions were boring for all but the most hard-core political junkies. Most people have more going on in their lives than politics.

Our convention will provide a balance of fun, sun, politics, and more fun! We'll spend two days and three nights aboard Royal Caribbean's recently renovated *Monarch of the Seas*. We'll sail from Los Angeles to Ensenada and back—with one day in Mexico and one day of politics. Our guests are free to enjoy many activities on board, such as dancing, gambling, and live entertainment, while we decide our leadership and other Party business.

Friends and family are eager to participate. **Allen Hacker**, Chair of the LP of Santa Clara County took his wife, **Laura Ferrer**, a lifelong Libertarian, to the 2004 and 2005 conventions. She swore never to attend again. When told our '06 convention is on a cruise ship, her immediate response was, "I'm there!"

I've heard similar stories all over California. Many people who attended one convention and never attended again are now making reservations. This proves LPC membership can be fun! We may not have a better opportunity to get these members involved.

By including so many more members, former members, and potential members who wouldn't otherwise attend, we'll bring in many new activists. Whether they become active members or not depends on how welcome we make them feel.

Instead of telling potential activists what they *should* think, ask them what they *do* think. Find agreement, not disagreement. When they feel welcome, they'll be open to libertarianism.

Tell your friends and colleagues—whether they're members or not—about our exciting Libertarian cruise. Many of them will join the Party while on board. Some will even become active libertarians in their county!

Don't miss the boat! Book your cruise today, and ask your friends to do the same.

Toward liberty!

—Aaron Starr, Chairman

## The Times, They Are A-Changin'!



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Well, as our State Chairman **Aaron Starr** said in last month's *California Freedom*, "Our world just changed."

Over the course of the next months, the national Libertarian Party will be phasing out California's share of the National Membership dues—since National's dues have gone to zero.

That means it is now up to the California Party to maintain our members' information and to process dues—as well as all the other important work we already do.

By now you will have received a letter from us asking you to become a dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party of California. I urge you to join us in this exciting time in our State Party's history.

We want you to participate



by becoming a dues-paying member and/or monthly supporter of the LPC.

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You'll also be a potent force for supporting the vital work of growing our membership, nominating and electing candidates, and increasing the public's awareness of what Libertarianism is all about.

The Libertarian Party of California can be a powerful solution to the Republican and Demopublican problems that burden our state...but we can't do it without your support.

Please send me your membership form today—not tomorrow, not next week. *Today*.

Together we can make a difference.

—Dave Ruprecht  
Executive Director

## Correction

In September, we incorrectly referred to Mark Whitney as a lawyer ("LPC Leadership Update," page 2). Mr. Whitney did serve the LPC as Chair of the Legal Committee, and although he does have many vocations, including founder and CEO of TheLaw.net Corporation, stand-up comedian, and enthusiastic Toastmaster, he is not a lawyer. We apologize for the error.



# Welcome Aboard!

The Libertarian Party of California would like to welcome to the Party of Principle these 50 fans of individual liberty and smaller government. Among those who joined us in August are Daniel Bornstein, a U.S. Navy hospital corpsman, Dwight Harris, a retirement plan consultant, Michael Moniz, an office assistant, Charles Rowell, an engineer, Michael Taylor, a security officer, and salespeople Barry Cobb and Jason Macstay. We hope to meet you soon at your county chapter's meetings.

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# Letters to the Editor



## Peace Caucus Arguments Are Misleading

[Regarding the advertisement], "Attention: Peace Activists," by Messrs. Stroberg, Selzer, and Eckl [*California Freedom*, Sept. 2005, page 4]: what a load of hoey, and what a danger to the party's future.

The convoluted and misleading arguments [therein] contradict themselves, and merely serve to illustrate the desperation that has driven this triumvirate to create a straw man of truly creative Orwellian double-speak. They then seek to portray themselves as the vanguard of a cadre that will "save" the party.

Their drive for ideological purity (as they define it) within the Libertarian Party ranks right up there with the best of them. By stating that they are looking to foster "principled anti-war candidates," they have, by default, called anybody who disagrees with them "unprincipled." That is a great way to encourage open debate and discussion.

Of course, their arguments are conveniently situational, since one of the signatories expressed completely different views to me in February at the [LPC's annual] convention, in a parallel context.

Whereas it is their right to adopt a position, and to work for its prevalence within the party, their use of undefined buzzwords (anti-war, pro-war, non-interventionist, aggressive warfare, non-aggression, etc.) makes them seem more concerned with their influence in the LP than [with] the "progress of liberty worldwide." Obfuscation has always served a totalitarian minority best.

They want to hijack the nominating process when they don't get their way (excuse me, an ideologically compatible candidate). No wonder so few, if any, California elected Libertarians [went] to the convention. Who in their right mind wants to be seen in public with self-destructive partisans such as these?

—David Peters  
 South San Francisco  
 (San Mateo County)

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# Kubby Files Complaint Against Placer County Judges for Fraud, Conspiracy, Malfeasance

**S**AN FRANCISCO—On September 6, cancer patient and medical marijuana refugee, **Steve Kubby**, filed a complaint with the State of California's Commission on Judicial Performance against two judges, alleging that they "secretly and illegally assisted county prosecutors to fraudulently obtain an appellate court ruling that made him a 'felony fugitive.'"

Kubby, who was the LPC's 1998 candidate for Governor, says this action would have sent him to prison and "a certain death" had he not been in Canada at the time. Kubby depends on cannabis to control his adrenal cancer, and he would not have been able to have access to cannabis while he was incarcerated.

The complaint alleges that on May 25, 2001, Placer County Judge James L. Roeder "secretly and fraudulently ordered and/or directed the Clerk of the Superior Court Appellate Division, Placer County to process my misdemeanor appeal as a felony appeal, causing me to be wrongfully arrested and subsequently labeled a 'felony fugitive.'"

Upholding Judge Roeder's illegal order, Placer Superior Court Presiding Judge Larry D. Gaddis also signed and approved the order, despite the fact that, by law, no such direct appeal of probation could be taken.

"Even worse," says Kubby, "the appeal was signed and approved by both judges, well beyond the 60-day limit allowed for any appeal...."



• **Steve Kubby and his wife, Michele, teamed up to record a public message.**

Copies of documents are on line, which, Kubby alleges, show that, "Judge Gaddis unlawfully authorized and ordered an extension and then blacked out his name....No other judge ever signed to grant the Extension Order, proving that Gaddis deliberately granted, then attempted

to hide his role in the unlawful conversion of the People's unlawful and untimely review of probation into a felony appeal."

Kubby says, "It is understandable that Judge Gaddis would try to hide his involvement, because both he and Judge Roeder had previously been removed from the case, for bias and prejudice, and were officially recused. Clearly they were aware, as judges, that having been recused from a case they were disqualified from any and all future participation in my case. Unfortunately that didn't stop Roeder and Gaddis, and it was their signatures that made me a 'felony fugitive' and resulted in [my] being jailed and deprived

of my medical cannabis, something doctors on both sides of the border have said, under oath, could kill me."

In California, it is only when an appeal proceeds as a felony appeal that the defendant must be present. Because Kubby was in Canada—with the permission of the court on probation for misdemeanor conviction—the appeal court was fraudulently induced to consider the People's appeal as a felony appeal.

The actions of Roeder and Gaddis resulted in Canadian authorities "being duped into believing" Kubby was a felony fugitive and therefore ineligible for entry into Canada. Consequently, Kubby was arrested in Canada in 2002 and

jailed for four days.

Michele Kubby notes, "My husband was then deprived of the medicine he uses with the blessings of Health Canada. This caused long-term damage to his health that we are still attempting to heal today."

Steve Kubby says, "Even though their actions nearly resulted in my death, I would suggest that the judges seek asylum in Canada. After all, they are living proof that it is very hard to get a fair trial in California."

A copy of the Complaint was faxed on Sept. 6 to the Commission on Judicial Performance and is available on line at: [Kubby.com/Placer/compform.html](http://Kubby.com/Placer/compform.html). ●

## ■ Legislation Update

# Taking Matters into the Voters' Hands: Eminent Domain Ballot Initiative

by **Lorraine Wallace Rowe**  
Chair, Coalition  
for Redevelopment Reform

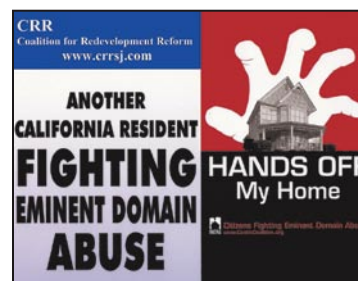
**S**ince the Senate Judiciary Committee's Aug. 30th defeat of State Senator Tom McClintock's bill (SCA 15) to prevent abuse of eminent domain power in California, we must take the matter to the voters of California. Our next step is a ballot initiative.

On Sept. 8, Tom McClintock's office telephoned me regarding

the status of the SCA 15 initiative process.

The (almost) final version of the initiative is being drafted by an attorney from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. The proposed language and content will be reviewed and, hopefully, a final version will be presented to the Attorney General by November 11, 2005 to obtain a title and the "official" summary of the initiative measure.

The Attorney General must provide a copy of the title and



summary to the Secretary of State within 15 days of his receipt of the initiative. *But*, if fiscal analysis is required, additional time is allotted (which could add 25 days to the process).

The official date will be the date that the title and summary are sent to the proponent by the Attorney General. *No petition may be circulated prior to the official summary date.*

Proponents are allowed a maximum of 150 days to circulate petitions and collect signatures, and the initiative must

qualify at least 131 days before the next statewide election at which it is to be submitted to the voters.

Being a California constitutional amendment, this will require the signatures of at least 8% of the total votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election.

Based on these signature and time requirements, the goal is to qualify the initiative to be placed on the November, 2006 ballot.

We all have a lot of work ahead of us: first to gather the signatures, and then, to *get out the vote!* ●

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## Patriot Act

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efforts of the legislators. We believe SJR 10 is a comprehensive and reasonable response to attacks on civil rights since

9/11," reads a CCRA press release. The CCRA is coordinating a massive lobby effort for its passage.

The State Senate Office of Research has released a report which suggests that immigrants, and U.S. citizens of

Muslim faith, have suffered "humiliation, embarrassment," and "privacy intrusions" since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and subsequent passage of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act.

The Assembly declined to hear this resolution prior to their current recess; they might hear the matter in January. LPC members are encouraged to contact their representatives in the Assembly to remind them of the importance of Americans' civil rights and to entreat them to vote in favor of this resolution when they reconvene.

For more about CCRA, visit [www.CivilRightsForAll.net](http://www.CivilRightsForAll.net). ●

\*The bill's history on the California Legislature's web site indicates that the Senate's "no" votes totaled 10.

—Editor

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# Leadership

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opportunity to talk to all of our Town Council members, the Town Manager, numerous other local VIP's, and of course, the 25 or so members of my class.

The program also included behind-the-scenes tours of Town Hall and other public and private facilities serving the community, including a hospital, the fire department, schools, police stations, and parks. No, we didn't learn where all the dead bodies are buried in Los Gatos, but we did get to see all of the infrastructure that makes the town "work," including the intricacies of the town budget.

As we all know, the best way to get elected to office is to become part of the "fabric" of your local community. In this way, your fellow town citizens will know you as "Joe Smith,

the guy who helps out with the library fundraisers," rather than as "Joe Smith, that crazy libertarian who wants to privatize the local elementary school."

I really enjoyed playing a role during my Leadership Los Gatos classes. As much as possible, I tried to socialize, rather than proselytize.

The most important advice I can give my fellow Libertarians: when talking to the general public or local VIP's, be nice! That is not easy, because we are all so skeptical of elected officials, but it is absolutely necessary if you wish to become a leader, as compared to a follower. Even if you have to keep Machiavelli in the back of your mind, keep a smile on your face and ask about the other person's kids instead of complaining to him

about the oppressiveness of the City Council.

There is a place for negative political campaigning, but you need to be nice to everybody for several years before people will take you seriously when you do start to criticize—gently—the local officials for something they did.

Other communities offer similar programs. If you really want to put this libertarian stuff into practice, make the commitment to enroll, and while you're there, take full advantage of the classes. ●

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## Join a Community Leadership Program in Your Area

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Leadership Salinas Valley, [www.LeadershipSalinasValley.org](http://www.LeadershipSalinasValley.org)

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Leadership Tuolumne County – Run by Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce, [www.TCChamber.com](http://www.TCChamber.com) (click Chamber, Leadership)

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## ■ An Essay

# Blue Over Gray



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by David Peters

Member, Libertarian Party of California

It is perhaps a sign of the intellectual bankruptcy of some in the Libertarian movement to think that anyone who has been arguing the south's case for secession could have also passed a course in the Constitution. ("Conundrum of the Blue and Gray: Turning Battleground into Common Ground," by Marc Solomon; *California Freedom*, July 2005, page 5.) The tendentious arguments—that the south was so wronged that it was in any way justified in unilaterally seceding from the Union—prove only that there are "Libertarians" for whom being on the "right side" supersedes being right or properly educated.

The argument that the south was being economically suppressed by the high tariff walls erected by Congress conveniently ignores the fact that tariffs, being taxes, originate in the House; the same tariffs were levied in the north as in the south. The Constitution had created a giant free-trade area, so there was no way to single out the south for special treatment, with one exception: the "importation of such persons" was barred as of 1808. So much for the "economic oppression" argument of the uninformed.

The argument that the south could leave the Union of its own volition was canceled by

South Carolina herself during the 1830's, when she claimed the right, was told "no," and dropped the case. Massachusetts and other New England states also threatened to secede unilaterally, but they too subsequently dropped their cases. The underlying issue was slavery, not tariffs. So much for consistency of argument.

The south finally did secede in 1861, triggered in large measure because an anti-slavery non-southerner had been elected President. Apparently, the south was willing to keep its yap shut when one of its own was in office, blatantly protecting its partisan interests. So much for the idea of a popularly elected President being accepted nationwide, by sore losers.

To argue that southerners had some obsession about Constitutional niceties is disingenuous at best, and dissembling at worst. The southern obsession with their "Peculiar Institution" drove their politicians to pursue any path that would maintain their "lifestyle" within the Union. Witness the Missouri Compromise, wherein it was agreed that states would be added to the Union only in pairs, one slave and the other free. When Kansas appeared ready to enter the Union as a free state, thereby upsetting the balance, southern insurgents, such as Quantrill's Raiders, began their campaign of terror in order to influence the outcome. (I use "insurgent" deliberately, for the

modern-day parallel.) So much for southern regard for the Rule of Law, not to mention the will of the majority.

Saying "I want a divorce" is not the same as getting a formal one. True, the Constitution did not provide such a mechanism explicitly, but that does not mean that Congress could not have devised one. While the Senate was evenly split between the parties (according to the Missouri Compromise), the House had come to be dominated by the North, whose free population had increased mightily. Thus, the south's contention that they had the right to secede anyway was their response to a situation wherein they were outvoted. Again, so much for the concept of the rule of law (except, apparently, when it works to your benefit).

In the course of the Civil War, Union soldiers wrote home from the south, describing the incredible poverty they saw—among whites. Competent historians have commented on the widespread acceptance of slavery in southern society, such that the goal of many whites, if not a vast majority, was to own a few themselves, so that they could live, if only on a smaller scale, a life of ease like Massa' in the Big House, exploiting the labor of their slaves. They had so thoroughly bought into the idea of race-based slavery that they could not see that they were poor, not because they didn't own any themselves, but because Massa' could, and did. Those areas of the south where slavery was not part-and-parcel of the social structure declared their intention to remain in the Union, and in effect seceded from the Confederacy (as did West Virginia). So much for the argument that the war was not about slavery.

To those who know only the first verse of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," read the last stanza, which charges those who sing it, "As He died to make us holy, let us live to make men free." The religious imagery therein is such that no government school can allow it to be sung today, and I fear that there are Libertarians who would join in the campaign of silence. The Civil War had become a crusade, a great effort for the sake of a good and just cause, to free the slaves.

Selectively quoting Lincoln to "prove" that he was either a

## Slavery in the Confederate Constitution

All references herein are taken from the *Constitution of the Confederate States of America*, adopted March 11, 1861. (See [www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/selections/confed/trans.html](http://www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/selections/confed/trans.html).)

"No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves, shall be passed."

— Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 4

"The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States, and shall have the right of transit and sojourn in any State of this Confederacy, with their slaves and other property; and the right of property in said slaves shall not be thereby impaired."

— Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 1

"No slave or other person held to service or labor in any State or Territory of the Confederate States, under the laws thereof, escaping or lawfully carried into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor; but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such slave belongs, or to whom such service or labor may be due."

— Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 3

"...In all such territory, the institution of negro slavery as it now exists in the Confederate States, shall be recognized and protected by Congress, and by the territorial government; and the inhabitants of the several Confederate States and Territories, shall have the right to take to such territory any slaves, lawfully held by them in any of the States or Territories of the Confederate States."

— Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph 3

## Secession in the Platform of the Libertarian Party of California

### IV. Individual Rights and Civil Order

#### 21. Secession

We recognize the right to political secession. This includes the right of secession by political entities, private groups, or individuals. **Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.** Those who wish to secede should not have to obtain permission of those from whom they wish to secede. [Emphasis added.]

—Contributed by Bruce Dovner



(closet) racist or was out to save the Union at any cost, proves only that he can be selectively quoted. By his own words, he did not consider the "Negro" as his social or intellectual equal, only his moral equal. He realized that maintaining the Union over the long term also meant resolving the issue of slavery, but he could not deal with the issue of slavery until he preserved the Union. As to the initiation of the use of force, which Libertarians love to prattle about, consider this: slaves didn't volunteer for their positions, and the south fired first. Remember Fort Sumter and those military academy delinquents? Apparently, southern partisans haven't (or hope no one else has) read what Ayn Rand wrote about this issue. (Another personal note: even 70 years after the Civil War, my grandmother still thought it improper for my mother to speak to black schoolmates at length in public in Portland, Oregon; so much for emancipation bringing social equality or acceptance.)

To those who argue that Great Britain freed all her slaves peacefully, I would point out that there were no slaves in England (serfs having been freed long before), and that Parliament's authority was unchecked. Those in the Empire

who objected faced the same problem the American colonists faced when they objected to Parliament: Parliament ignored them. We rebelled and won independence. Slave owners, mostly on the sugar islands in the Caribbean, were by that time a small minority, with even less leverage. So much for drawing historical parallels.

I could continue with more dismissals and refutations of pro-secession arguments, but I will close for now with a final comment, and a question. I deliberately did not capitalize "south" or "southern," because that gives them a dignity they manifestly do not deserve, so long as they believe that "The Cause" has any moral or legal justification whatsoever.

Now for my question. Assuming that the pro-secessionist argument had prevailed, thereby enabling continuation of slavery, in those days, *how much would a field hand go for, today?* ●

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# Libertarians! Help Hurricane Victims—Voluntarily

by Bruce Cohen

Member Communications Chair, LPC

Our country has been gripped by images of Hurricane Katrina and its devastating aftermath. Multitudes of Americans need help, in so many forms. Libertarians, who far prefer to rely on the voluntary kindness of strangers than on the federal government, can and have been helping out.



**Daniel Cloud**, Editor of *LP News*, and National Chair **Michael Dixon** have done an impressive job quickly lining up resources to help victims. In the libertarian spirit of private charity, the LP web site ([www.LP.org](http://www.LP.org)) has a clickable banner, front and center, leading to a "Ways to Help" page (<http://TinyURL.com/dh5le>). An e-mail campaign also was launched right away. The LPC web site now has posted information and resources.

As of September 7, some Mississippi and Louisiana Libertarians are still missing,

including the colorful and controversial Presidential candidate **Jeff Diket**. Plans to assist Libertarians directly in need are underway. LPC Chairman **Aaron Starr** is fully behind the effort, in cooperation with LPC board members **Kevin Takenaga**, **Mark Johnson**, **M Carling**, and **Bruce Cohen**.

Due to legal implications, the LP cannot process hurricane donations; they will instead direct Libertarians to give directly to victims or charitable organizations.

**Michael Denny**, past candidate for Mayor of San Francisco, is founding the Libertarian

"Free to Give" Foundation. This charitable organization will give Libertarian philanthropists more clout and credit for civic participation. It also may change any public perception of Libertarians as a cold-hearted bunch.

In Louisiana, one special community deserves the attention of concerned Libertarians. Not because they're helpless and unable to act, but because they are taking action—through only private channels.

Around Sept. 8, Pastor Brad Bullock of First Assembly of God Church in Franklin contacted the national LP. Their church had sheltered Red Cross workers for a day as they were on their way to New Orleans. The workers moved on from Franklin saying that that community was doing a great job, and that they could not do much better. Bullock noted that the government attempted to take over the town's shelter and aid efforts. They resisted, as the network of churches has no "red tape," and as of Sept. 8 had already found homes for 20 families. Since then, the Franklin community has been finding homes, and providing first month's rent for individuals who can provide a proof of income.

San Diego's **Kristi Stone** (right), cofounder and Chair of California Association of Libertarian Political Coordinators, quickly responded to National LP's call to action, assembling an aid team and soliciting donations, which will be delivered to Louisiana personally by Calif. Libertarians.

"Thanks to **Rob Leslie**," Stone wrote, "an active San Diego Libertarian, we now have an S.U.V. that will be filled with supplies, delivered (by **Tom Mangum** and him) to a community hit hard by Hurricane Katrina....Franklin is actively keeping the government away from their community's recovery process."

The local LP headquarters became the team's donation sta-

tion, and at press time, the team was planning to drive off on Sept. 20 with their load of clothes, food, bedding, and medical and baby supplies.

Stone added, "This is going to be an exciting adventure for us and a great way to show that we, Libertarians, care and want to support those organizations doing it the Libertarian Way!"

**Shane Cory**, National LP Chief of Staff, reported that Franklin's mayor, Raymond Harris, "verified that the best way to give financially to the effort is to send to the church, who has set up a pooled account for the community" (emphasis added). It's heartening to know there exist public officeholders who'll happily direct funds to a private organization—not to a government agency.

If you too would like to assist Franklin in its taxpayer-independent efforts to help victims, check the national LP web site for the latest needs.

Please tell your choice of charity that you appreciate their private efforts. And, tell them you were referred by a Libertarian source, and that you're a Libertarian! If you hear of other relief action taken by representatives of the LP, please send an e-mail message to [Katrina@LP.org](mailto:Katrina@LP.org) or call (202) 333-0008.

Our very best wishes and hope go out to all those affected by Hurricane Katrina. ●

**"If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in five years there'd be a shortage of sand."**  
—Milton Friedman

## Beefing Up Candidate Web Sites



The Internet has arrived in politics and government! No one yet knows the full value of a Web site to a political candidate or officeholder, but one thing is clear: the value increases every day. Web site construction has become very economical, but there is some expense and, more importantly, once the site is built, it is very important that it be kept up to date and that you advertise it well. Otherwise, no one will know to pay it a visit.

Presidential candidates John McCain and Howard Dean have been very successful with Internet fund raising, both collecting millions of dollars on line in record time. There are, however, important uses other than just fund raising. A web site is informational and can be a terrific recruitment and communications tool if built, maintained, utilized, and advertised properly.

Should your campaign have its own Web site? It depends on what financial resources you have available, the nature of the district, and whether someone can devote the time to keep the site current. Although the Internet is becoming a more common form of political communication, setting up a site needs to be weighed against all other forms of communication available to you and your campaign, in terms of resources and impact. The cost and sophistication of a Web site can vary tremendously based upon what you'd like it to accomplish. A decent site can be created for

a few hundred dollars and maintained for under a few dollars per month, or thousands can be spent producing a multifunctional site. Beware of the fact that web site design can get very complicated and costly, whereas a simple site with a few functions can be easier to use and provide adequate information and functionality. A search of the Internet will even provide automated web site builder applications which allow you to build and maintain a web site on a very limited budget.

As early as the 2000 election, the presidential campaigns made good use of the Internet to provide information to potential voters and for other purposes. For example, George W. Bush's campaign used their Web site to list all contributors—thousands of them. And the campaigns put their campaign proposals and other campaign "propaganda" on their sites. But whether they were useful in convincing many people to vote for either candidate is uncertain. Then again, in an election as close as that one, maybe the Web sites made a real difference.

If you do decide to maintain a campaign Web site, here are some elements that can make the site a valuable form of communication.

- Photos of you and your family
- Key issues of the last campaign, and how you are addressing them as an elected official
- Favorable media coverage you have received
- Campaign press releases
- Volunteer recruitment

- Yard sign location solicitation
- E-mail link for voter questions
- On-line contribution enabler
- The candidate or officeholder schedule of public events

The bottom line on a campaign/officeholder Web site is this: if done properly, it can be helpful. As voters become more computer literate and Internet dependent, they expect candidates for public office—and officeholders—to understand this new form of technology. If you do have a Web site, you must keep it "fresh" by posting new information frequently and you must make people aware that the site exists, otherwise how will they know?

Also, remember that this is a campaign Web site, not an "official" Web site paid for by the taxpayers, even though you may already be an officeholder. Be careful that you don't mix the two responsibilities by putting "official" press releases and documents on your campaign Web site. As a rule of thumb, if something was prepared using taxpayers' money, don't put it on your campaign Web site. However, a good Web site can be a terrific tool to help keep constituents aware of your public service and to have supporters lined up when the next campaign rolls around.

Finally, you must get the word out on your Web site. Plaster the Web address on everything you print or otherwise publish. Advertise your address whenever and wherever you can afford. Make sure people know where to look to find out more about you and how they can help. ●



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# Central Valley Libertarians to Hold Mini-Convention!

Save the date! On January 28, the Central Valley chapters of the LP will be gathering for a one-day Libertarian Party mini-convention.

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**Eric Garris**

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**Tom Tryon**



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**Lawrence Samuels**

## LP Summer Outreach



• The Libertarian Party of California continued our summer outreach at WAMMFest on September 10, 2005. Tom Lee (right) and Jeff Pizanti (left) are pictured. Lawrence Samuels, LPC Northern Vice Chair, also helped out at the third annual event, held in Santa Cruz. The LP shared a booth with Foundation to End Drug Unfairness Policies (FED-UP). WAMMFest, put on by the Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, commemorates the arrest by the DEA of Michael and Valerie Corral at their medical marijuana garden.

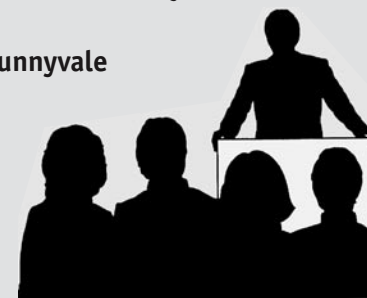
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## Meeting Notice

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# We Want You to Get Elected!

by **Bruce Cohen**

Member Communications Chair

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—Contributed by Ted Brown, Candidate Recruitment Chair



**Ted Brown**