



Operation: Energy Tax Revolt!

Libertarians Petition to Put Tax-Reduction Initiative on Bellflower Ballot

On Saturday, November 10, California Libertarians set a record. In one day, in one city, a strike team of 40+ Libertarians solicited double the signatures required to place our initiative on

energy taxes.

The magnitude of this victory is immense. LPC Chair Aaron Starr said, "I'm not aware of any other instance here in California where in a single day a band of

house of former City of Bellflower Mayor (and last year's Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate) Art Olivier. From this central meeting point, Libertarians went out to all points of the city and gathered signatures.

At the end of the day, everyone returned to Mr. Olivier's house to turn in their petition forms. Counting and post-petition party commenced. When the petitions were counted, a huge huzzah went up - participants collected twice the amount of signatures needed. The upshot: Bellflower residents may save \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 every year.

Not only were our volunteers sated on success and victory of political achievement, but also on food and good times in the ensuing party. LPC State

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Forty Libertarians Volunteer in Bellflower

the ballot.

In either March 2002 or or November 2002, citizens of the City of Bellflower (Los Angeles County) will vote to reduce their

volunteers qualified for the ballot a tax-reducing initiative, but in Bellflower that is precisely what we did."

Libertarians met at the

Libertarians In Office

Norman Vroman

Mendocino District Attorney



Norman Vroman

Imagine your ideal Libertarian in local public office. Someone in power. Imagine a District Attorney - the person who decides what crimes to prosecute. Imagine a Libertarian District Attorney in Mendocino County. Well, you do not have to imagine anymore, because D.A. Norman Vroman is that Libertarian.

Can you imagine a Libertarian District Attorney who is sympathetic to medical marijuana laws? Vroman is a Libertarian near and dear to our hearts.

On the Libertarian Party

Mr. Vroman has been a registered Libertarian for a long time. After talking with Executive Director David Molony, Mr. Vroman has decided to become a Libertarian Party member.

Why Libertarian in the first place? "None of the other parties do what they profess to do," says Mr. Vroman, "A thinking person recognizes Libertarian principles are solid."

Second Amendment

Mr. Vroman is a plain-talker. Vroman says "I am a staunch, avid, radical supporter of the second amendment." He is a life member of the NRA and the California Rifle and Pistol Association. He teaches a firearms class along with the Mendocino Sheriff Tony Craver, and together, their county has issued more Conceal Carry permits than any other in the state - Mendocino County has issued approximately 700 of them. Mr. Vroman exclaimed to the *Empire News*, "I'm so radical on this subject, I maintain that if every passenger on those hijacked airplanes had a gun on them, there wouldn't have been any planes flown into any buildings by terrorists. Their sorry asses would have been shot." Mr. Vroman says, "Without the Second amendment,

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Sleep in Demi Moore's Bed At LPC Convention 2002

2002 LPC Convention "Restoring American Liberty"

Due to the close proximity to Los Angeles, a bevy of celebrities have stayed at the Santa Maria Inn. Ms. Demi Moore (above) in *GI Jane*, Marilyn Monroe, Humphrey Bogart, and many more. Convention organizer B.J. Wagener wants you to know he has a list compiled of rooms these famous people have stayed at the Santa Maria Inn. If you wish to sleep in one of these rooms, call B.J. (805-928-1100)

Del Norte - Imperial and Everything In-Between

This convention promises to be a fantastic event. You will be able to meet with hundreds of Libertarians from all over the state. Meet Libertarians & Regional Chairs from Del Norte County (Oregon border) to Imperial County (Mexico Border). Libertarians from all over the United States will also be in attendance. California State Chair Aaron Starr will be on hand, as will Executive Director David Molony.

Bat Time, Bat Channel

Holy Cow, Batman! When and where is this going to happen? LPC Convention 2002 is President's Day Weekend (Friday, February 15 to Monday, February 18, 2002). Registration starts on Friday at noon, with informal reception starting at 6:30pm. Join us for re-signing of the Constitution and Bill of Rights and JOIN the founding fathers in pledging

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From the Chair

Aaron Starr

There's something strange going on in California. It's called success.

The successes you have been reading about this year are due to a new type of thinking in this party: Focusing on what we know is possible rather than what we wish is possible. In other words: **REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS.**

If you want more success, here are some rules you should follow:

1) Only spearhead projects where you are reasonably certain there will be enough resources to make the project a success and where volunteers and donors will believe that success was worth the time and resources expended. It's always better to have a small success, rather than a huge failure.

2) Never ask people to give money or time to a project you believe is bound to fail. Do otherwise and you will have less money and volunteers for your next project. Focus on small, winnable projects and your donations and volunteer hours will multiply.

3) Always ask for more help than you actually believe you'll need. Something is always bound to go wrong and you need a margin of safety to prevent what you can never afford — failure.

4) You get much better results asking people for help one-on-one in person or on the phone. Broadcasting your need to a crowd of people rarely works.

5) Make the project fun and have plenty of food available for those who volunteer.

6) Always let the people who helped you know that their time and money is appreciated. A phone call can do wonders.

7) It doesn't hurt to call members once in a while just to say hello and tell them what's going on, even if you don't need something from them at the moment. It lets them know that you appreciate them for who they are.

8) One last thing. What others do in this movement has almost no bearing on your success.

There are too many members (almost all of them outside of California) who complain about the national party, their state party, or some guy in Massachusetts who knows how to raise lots of money. These individuals can experience successful projects with the support of volunteers and donors. Just start small, intelligently design projects with realistic expectations and be willing to do the hard work necessary to succeed.

Prove yourself successful with small projects today and you'll succeed with bigger projects tomorrow.

And if YOU want to get more involved in successful projects please contact either myself or Executive Director David Molony.

Ok, I'm off my soapbox. ■

— Aaron Starr, CPA
Chairman
Libertarian Party of California

“Evil has great momentum, but the forces of good are inert. The masses have no fight in them and will acquiesce in whatever happens.”

— Nadezhda Mandelstam
Soviet writer and political dissident, 1970.

Hat into the Ring

LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATES - 2002 Election

Libertarian candidates are swarming all over the ballot. All of the candidates listed below are taking valuable time to help our cause. We appreciate the hard work you are doing to gather signatures and run a campaign. If you would like to get involved in a campaign, perhaps as a campaign manager or fundraiser, please contact any of the candidates below. Please go to our website for their email address (www.ca.lp.org/e2002), or contact Executive Director David Molony at 818-782-8400.

Governor - Gary Copeland

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25. Frank Consolo
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27. Jack Anderson
28. Kelley Ross
29. Ted Brown
30. Mike Binkley
32. Michael McGuire
33. Charles Tate
36. Mark McSpadden
37. Herb Peters

38. Alan Cuperus
39. Richard Newhouse
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41. Kevin Craig
42. Donald Yee
43. Ethel Mohler
45. Rodney Boyer
46. Keith Gann
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50. Richard Fontanesi
51. Jeff Keup
52. Michael Benoit
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StateSenate

2. Laura Likover
4. Robert Underwood
6. Jason Sewell
8. Rob Fliegler
10. Ervan Darnell
12. David Eaton
24. Marty Swinney
26. Bob Weber
28. Peter DeBaets
32. David Kocot
36. Mike Metti
38. Lars Grossmith
40. Felix “Phil” Miranda

State Assembly

2. Pete Bret
3. Jon Petersen
4. Michael Conley
5. Roberto Leibman
6. Richard Olmstead

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27. Gordon Sachtjen
29. Jonathan Zwickel
35. Craig Thomas
36. John Scott Ballard
37. Robin Westmiller
38. Karl Lembke
41. Brian “Max” Kelly
43. Sandor Woren
44. Bob New
45. Judy Cook
47. Keith Clemens
48. Nolayan Herdegen
55. Guy Wilson
57. Leland Faegre
60. Scott Young
61. James Thompson
68. Doug Scribner
70. Paul Studier
72. Brian Lee Cross
73. Bob Vondruska
74. Kristi Stone
75. Richard Senecal
76. Sarah Baker
77. Randy Hall
78. Mark Menanno
79. Joshua Castro

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THE RED CROSS

Hold the Red Cross accountable!

By Larry Elder

The headlines seemed unmerciful. Red Cross CEO Bernadine Healy, on the job only two years, suddenly announced her retirement. According to the Los Angeles Times, "Healy resigned ... saying she had been forced out by her board over policy disputes."

A USA Today editorial urged Americans to hold the Red Cross' feet to the fire. The organization raised over \$500 million since the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. People gave expecting the victims to receive all of the monies, said USA Today. "Now the Red Cross appears intent on diverting a significant share to other purposes. That isn't illegal, and the other causes may be worthy, but the switch appears a mismatch with donors' intent ... The Red Cross and all non-profits need to make certain that donors' wishes are followed and that money flows quickly and efficiently to those who deserve it."

Let's string the CEO up. Trial to follow!



Larry Elder

The Red Cross, according to its Web page, gave out \$153,800,000 of the over \$320 million donated specifically for its September 11 disaster relief fund. Healy's resignation concerns policy disputes rather than, say, missing money.

Fine, let's apply this Red Cross zero-tolerance standard elsewhere. Remember the lawsuits against tobacco companies? In selling its citizens on these lawsuits, state attorneys general said they filed suit to collect monies for anti-smoking programs. But what happened? When the states agreed to a settlement of \$246 billion, some spent much of the money on non-tobacco-related programs. Rhode Island, having repealed its state auto tax, used the money to replace the "shortfall." In Alabama, legislators debated a proposal to spend some of its \$3.2 billion for programs designed to attack gangs and satanic worship. In Montana, legislators wanted to spend some on a boot camp for juvenile offenders.

And remember the sales pitch for state-run lotteries? Why, after all, the lottery monies will go to education. But, for the most part, the states' lotteries failed to expand the total educational budget. Instead, legislators anticipated a certain dollar amount from lotteries, and simply subtracted an equal amount from what they otherwise expected to spend on schools. Oh.

And what about the federal government? Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., presided over the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Thompson concluded, "Because of its size and scope, and the terrible way it is managed, the federal government wastes billions and billions of your tax dollars every year. The waste, fraud and abuse reported to the Governmental Affairs Committee each year is staggering. Of course, no one knows exactly how much fraud, waste and mismanagement cost the taxpayers because the federal government makes

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Executive Director Report

All You Want To Know

By David Molony

Reflect. The Libertarian Party accomplished many goals last year. Let us also think about where we want to go next year.

Convention 2002

We have a great convention line-up. Congressman Ron Paul will be our Keynote Speaker, Mendocino County District Attorney Norm Vroman will be speaking at our Grand Banquet, and Ward Connerly will be our featured speaker at the Sam Adams Luncheon. Stephen Baskerville, PhD will speak at the Sunday night dinner.

Election 2001

Great news on Operation Breakthrough 1.5. Due to LPC Chair Aaron Starr, the volunteers, and our 86 candidates, we now have 10 more Libertarians in office.

Election 2002

We will start calling in January (or February) for non-partisan candidates in 2002.

The plan: 400 to 500 candidates. If we have the same success ratio, we will have 40-50 candidates in office this time next year.

Energy Tax Revolt!

We are having great success with our *Energy Tax Revolt!* efforts. Here is what one City Manager said on 9/3/01 regarding the **Energy Tax Revolt!**:

Members of the group making this claim are involved with an initiative effort to repeal the City's 6% utility user's tax. The utility user's tax raises about \$8.5 million per year, is 20% of the general fund revenue, and is the City's largest single source of revenue. If you have questions about City finances, please call (xxx) xxx-xxxx.

Here is what another governmental group said:

...there is an effort now to repeal the utility tax that is currently imposed on Salinas City residents. We will lose over 8 million dollars a year, which is more than 10% of our budget. Steve asked if there was any effort to combat it. Don said overtly not yet.

Governments are terrified of the **Energy Tax Revolt!** If you want to make a huge difference in the size of government, this is probably your best use of time. Please call or contact me if you would like to help with this effort. (818-782-8400 or office@ca.lp.org)

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News from National

National Committee Report

By Joe Dehn, Regional Representative

The Libertarian National Committee met 13-14 October 2001 in Atlanta, GA. This was an “extra” meeting, held primarily to continue work on the “strategic planning” process.

The Chair made brief remarks, including comments on the world situation.

The Treasurer reported on the Party’s financial condition, including the recent shortfalls in revenue, cashing in of reserve CDs, progress in paying off past-due accounts payable, and prospects for revenue levels in the future. New policies proposed by the Treasurer were approved, including a new reserve requirement to take effect in the second half of 2002, and a new liquidity requirement to take effect at the beginning of 2002.



Joe Dehn

The National Director reported on headquarters activities and responded to questions. Topics included recent fundraising appeals, statements on issues relating to the 11 September attack, candidate recruiting, office remodeling, and funding for the Michigan ballot drive. There was discussion of membership renewal statistics, an apparently exaggerated press report that a state affiliate was considering disaffiliation, an erroneous claim in a state fundraising appeal about fundraising problems during the Gulf War, and the policy for scheduling of mailings by organizations which rent the mailing list.

New procedures were adopted to improve the recording of disclosures made by LNC members and staff concerning potential conflicts of interest.

There was extensive discussion of issues arising from the strategic planning effort. Results of the fundraising letter survey on this subject were reported. LNC members reported on feedback they had gotten from affiliate parties, in most cases in response to presentations

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no effort to keep track of it.”

About the Department of Defense, the Thompson report said, “Despite the massive audit effort, the Department of Defense could not overcome the fundamental inadequacy of its financial-reporting systems and produce reliable data. The department continues to confront pervasive and complex financial-management problems that can seriously diminish the efficiency of the military services’ support operation. There is no major component of the Defense Department that can balance its books.”

In fact, following a Department of Defense audit of their fiscal year 2000 financial statement, Insight magazine said, “At the end of the last full year on Bill Clinton’s watch, more than \$1 trillion was simply gone and no one can be sure of when, where or to whom the money went.”

As for the Department of Agriculture, its accounting practices would land any self-respecting CEO of a publicly held company in jail. According to Insight magazine, “Because its financial management is so deficient, the department can’t ensure that its financial statements are reliable and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. For fiscal 2000 — the seventh straight year — the Agriculture Department failed its annual financial audit.”

About the Department of Education, Insight said, “With the exception of fiscal year 1997, the Department of Education has not received an unqualified or ‘clean’ opinion on its financial statements since its first agencywide audit. That means it can’t even balance its books once a year. Needless to say, it can’t manage its money on a day-to-day basis.”

In “Feeling Your Pain — The Explosion and Abuse of Government Power in the Clinton-Gore Years,” James Bovard said, “The vast majority of government agencies can neither be reinvented nor reformed. If Americans want good government, hundreds of failed government programs must be abolished and legions of laws that turn government into a public nuisance must be repealed. All other ‘reforms’ will merely prolong the abuse of the American people.”

Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., wants to use federal workers for airport security. “If (federalization of workers) is good enough for (Congress), it’s good enough for the American people.” No, let’s hope not. Americans deserve more. How about the Red Cross zero-tolerance standard?

—Larry Elder is an attorney, syndicated columnist, Los Angeles radio talk-show host and the judge on TV’s “Moral Court.”

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MAJOR LIBERTARIAN COURT VICTORY!

Edelstein v. Fado 01 C.D.O.S. 9328

Congratulations to Michael Edelstein and Richard Winger, two San Francisco Libertarians, for successfully challenging the local prohibition against write-in candidates in runoff elections. Along with securing a place for write-in candidates, Edelstein and Winger can claim a victory for states rights.

The issue came up in 1999 on the eve of the San Francisco mayoral runoff election. The Director of Elections, Patricia Fado, wouldn't let Winger cast his vote for Edelstein, who had offered himself as a write-in candidate. Winger and Edelstein sued.

Relying on a United States Supreme Court decision and the U.S. Constitution, the trial judge agreed with the Director. Winger and Edelstein appealed. The Court of Appeal said that the trial judge was wrong, but the justices hearing the matter made clear that they personally disagreed with the law they were constrained to uphold. In fact, they made a direct plea to the State Supreme Court to change things.

If the Supreme Court grants review of the case, it will be difficult for it to disagree with the Court of Appeal. The decision uses the Supreme Court's own, strong language in upholding voters' rights and the right that California has as a state to grant more liberties than the federal government or the U.S. Constitution.

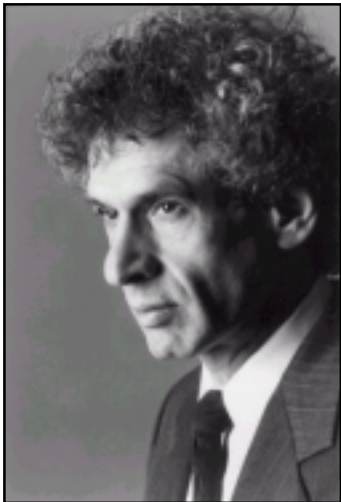
Specifically, as stated in the Edelstein decision, the California Supreme Court in 1985 made the following observations about the importance of write-in candidates:

"There will always be voters whose views, interests or priorities are not represented in any way by the candidates appearing on the ballot. While candidates who do represent these voters' views may have little chance of success, it is important in a free society that political diversity be given expression. . . . It is not the province of the city to deprive the electors of the right to vote for the candidate of their choice in a paternalistic effort to assure that one candidate received a majority. It is also artificial to fashion a voting majority by forcing voters to cast their ballots for one of two candidates, neither of whom they may deem worthy. The risk that a candidate who is not preferred by a majority of the voters will be elected is manifestly outweighed by the need to protect the fundamental right to vote."

And, in acknowledging states rights over federal rights, the Supreme Court has previously affirmed:

"In determining that California citizens are entitled to greater protection under the California Constitution, we are embarking on no revolutionary cause. Rather we are simply affirming a basic principle of federalism that the nation as a whole is composed of distinct geographical and political entities bound together by a fundamental federal law but nonetheless independently responsible for safeguarding the right of their citizens."

Californians' right to cast votes for write-in candidates, therefore, is safe for the moment. With the pleas from the Court of Appeal, however, it will be no surprise if the State Supreme Court reconsiders this law. We're betting that even if the State Supreme Court does consider this case, it will affirm the Court of Appeal decision. As one local appellate lawyer has noted, "it's rarer than hen's teeth" for the Supreme Court to overturn one of its decisions. Thanks to Edelstein and Winger, therefore, the right to write-in may be secure. ■



Michael Edelstein

2002 LPC Convention (continued from page 1)

to establish, again, a limited Government for all.

Luminaries

Keynote Speaker: Ron Paul
Banquet Speaker: Norm Vroman
Sunday Dinner: Stephen Baskerville
Sam Adams Lunch: Ward Connerly

Dr. Ron Paul

Well-known Libertarian Presidential Candidate (1988) and current Congressman, the Honorable Ron Paul, will be giving our



Congressman Ron Paul

keynote address, on Saturday, February 16 at 11:00 am.

Dr. Ron Paul of Texas is

the premier advocate for liberty in Congress. Dr. Paul is an outspoken advocate for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies based on commodity-backed currency.

Dr. Paul is the author of several books, including *Challenge to Liberty*, *The Case for Gold*, and *A Republic, If You Can Keep It*. He has been a distinguished counselor to the Ludwig von Mises Institute, and is widely quoted by scholars and writers in the fields of monetary policy, banking, and political economy. He has received many awards and honors during his career in Congress, from organizations such as the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens Against Government Waste, the Council for a Competitive Economy, Young Americans for Freedom, and countless others.

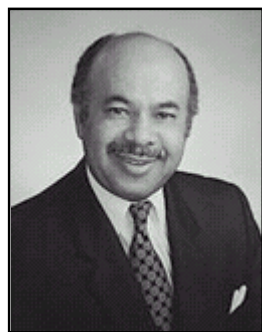
Dr. Paul's consistent voting record prompted one Congressman to comment that "Ron Paul personifies the Founding Fathers' ideal of the citizen-statesman. He makes it clear that his principles will never be compromised, and they never are."

Another Congresswoman added that "There are few people in public life who, through thick and thin, rain or shine, stick to their principles. Ron Paul is one of those few."

Ward Connerly

Mr. Connerly will be the guest speaker at the Sam Adams Luncheon on Monday, 18 February 2002 at 12:30, right after the close of the convention.

Mr. Ward Connerly came to public attention as a member of the University of California Board of Regents. On July 20, 1995,



Mr. Ward Connerly

following Connerly's lead, a majority of the California Regents voted to end the University's use of race as a means of admissions. He was appointed to a 12-year term as UC Regent in March 1993. In December 1995, Connerly accepted chairmanship of the

California Civil Rights Initiative (Proposition 209) campaign, when he decided the campaign was in jeopardy. Under his leadership, the campaign successfully obtained more than 1 million signatures and qualified for the November 1996 ballot. California voters passed Proposition 209 by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin.

Norm Vroman

As previously noted in this edition of *LPC Monthly*, Mendocino District Attorney Norm Vroman will be the Grand Banquet speaker on Saturday night.

If you want to hear this Libertarian's Libertarian, please plan on attending this formal dinner.

Stephen Baskerville, PhD

Dr. Stephen Baskerville will be speaking on the the court system as it relates to child custody matters.

Dr. Stephen Baskerville teaches political science at Howard University, Wash, DC and serves as a spokesman for *Men, Father and Children Intl*. He is a leading

expert on the family court system

Don't Miss It

The *California Libertarian Convention 2002* will be a blast. We have people coming in from all over the country to attend this year.

Make sure you order your tickets now. As in most cases, the price will go up the later you order.

Don't miss out on a great time with your fellow Libertarians. Remember, YOU are the key person in the Libertarian Party. ■

"Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of the government. The history of government is a history of resistance. The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of government, not the increase of it."

— Woodrow Wilson

Operation: Energy Tax Revolt! (continued from front page)

Secretary Sandi Webb was extremely generous. She prepared, provided and paid for copious amounts of food and beverages for hungry petitioners. Thank you so much Sandi, for helping out.

Indhushree Rajan, Rodger Rosie, Doug Scribner, Fred Singer, Paul Smith, Aaron Starr, Irwin Starr, Dan Taylor, Bill Todd, Floyd Uyehara, Charlotte Uyehara, Sandi Webb, Ryan



A Faboo Spread of Food and Cheer

California Libertarian Chair Aaron Starr was the architect of this highly successful effort. Not only did Aaron plan and orchestrate the event, he was in the trenches calling volunteers, stapling walking lists, clipping petitions to clipboards.

Of course, the most important part of the effort was the more than 40 volunteers who came out to Bellflower in the name of Liberty. Thank you to the following Libertarians who Made It Happen: **Jim Adrig, Mark Baldwin, Philip Baron, Paul Blumstein, David Bowers, Al Carlin, Audrey Carlin, Hal Chipren, Glenn Cooper, Gary Copeland, Peter DeBaets, Bruce Dovner, Herb Escobedo, Eric Fine, Dick Fraim, Flo Ginsburg, Linda Grau, Charles Hastings, Phillip Heath, Sandra Kallander, Paula Katlyn, Robert Knepper, Jim Lewis, Jim McGee, Chuck McGlawn, Richard Newhouse, Kate O'Brien, Donald Osberg, Kathy Osberg, Herb Peters,**

Wendlandt, & Daniel Wiener.

Energy taxes are odious. Highly paid city managers have the cash on hand to pay energy extortion taxes. Unfortunately, we envision the senior citizen, the poor, the disenfranchised - passing out from heat stroke in the summer, or crying from the cold in the winter. Those on a fixed income are especially ripped off. But city managers and officials will have their air-conditioning and heat.

As our skills and abilities increase in slashing taxes, and as we are increasingly victorious, city governments will dread when they hear "The Libertarians are coming."

And we are. ■

(Please call or email Executive Director David Molony to help in future efforts in your city. 818-782-8400. director@ca.lp.org)

BREAKING NEWS

Tooth and Nail. That's how city governments will fight to keep utility taxes. The utility tax is the largest source of funding for many cities. It can be as high as 20% of total taxes.

The City of Bellflower has disallowed our initiative because they say the newspaper we used to notify the community was

not valid (adjudicated). This is despite the fact that we received proof of adjudication, and that the city itself used the newspaper for official notices.

The question: Do we submit? Complain? OR...Do we go out and do it again? We will be gathering signatures in Bellflower on December 8, 2001. ■

Libertarians In Office - Norm Vroman - (continued from front page)

the others don't mean anything." Undoubtedly, many Libertarians share Mr. Vroman's sentiments.

Medical Marijuana / Drug Wars

In 1996, under Mr. Vroman and Sheriff Craver, Mendocino offered legal medical marijuana support after Proposition 215 passed. Mr. Vroman said, "there was no method of implementing Proposition 215 for the legitimate need of the compassionate use of medical marijuana. We were the first county in the state." His model was adopted by many other California counties.

Last month, Mr. Vroman announced that his office would allow twice as much marijuana to be grown in Mendocino County - from the old limit of 12 plants to the new limit of 25 plants for personal medical use. Mr. Vroman says he is unlikely to choose to prosecute anyone, no matter how many plants they grow. Mr. Vroman says, "The best solution would be to legalize marijuana and take the money out of it."

On the Tax Man

Brrrr...an icy chill hits the air when we bring up taxes. In 1991, Mr. Vroman went to trial for failure to file. The federal government wanted to make an example of Vroman, and they did. Mr. Vroman lost. In 1992, he was sentenced to serve 18 months - for a first-time, non-violent misdemeanor. As a practicing attorney, Mr. Vroman said, "there is no law" on the books saying he should pay income taxes. At his trial, he asked the prosecution to show him the law, and they never did. Mr. Vroman spent 9 months in jail. He went to jail for our principles.

During Mr. Vroman's first three years (1998-present) as District Attorney, the I.R.S. has continually harassed Vroman on tax issues.

Convention 2002 Guest Speaker

Executive Director David Molony was so impressed by Mr. Vroman that he extended an invitation to Mr. Vroman to be our Grand Banquet Speaker at the Libertarian State Convention on Saturday, February 16. If you would like to meet Mr. Vroman, make sure you attend the convention and the Banquet on Saturday night. Molony said, "We need to support successful Libertarians like Mr. Vroman. One of the comments I receive all the time is 'How can I help a Libertarian candidate that's out there supporting Libertarian ideals.' So now you know. So now please support D.A. Vroman."

Mr. Vroman will be up for re-election in March 2002. Now is the time to help this unique Libertarian. He has fought the I.R.S., the D.E.A., the B.A.T.F. - pretty much by himself for a long time. Let's help him now. Remember, he is up for re-election in March 2002. If you would like to help an important candidate, don't wait. Please send contributions to: **Committee to Re-Elect Norm Vroman, PO Box 899, Hopland, CA 95449.**

ELECTION 2001

California Elects 25% of all Libertarians Nationwide

Great job, California Libertarians! Due to the hard work of *Operation Breakthrough 1.5* volunteers and the 86 candidates who ran for office, we succeeded in getting 10 Libertarians elected to office this year.

Winners include: **Daniel Garisek** - Big Bear Airport District, Short Term; **Jonathan Tatomer** - Carpinteria Sanitary District; **Verne Skjonsby** - North Humboldt Park & Recreation District; **Gordon Martindale** - Pinedale Public Utility District; **Todd Foerch** - Rim of the World Recreation & Park District; and **Marguerite Kaufman** - Skyline County Water District. **Mark Anthony Dierolf** was re-elected as the Hartnell Community College District #5 Trustee. **John Fleury**

and **William Wennerholm** were elected as McKinleyville Community Services District commissioners.

Mark Dierolf

Mr. Dierolf was the subject of last month's *Libertarians In Office*. Mark won his re-election with 65% of the votes. He won even though all the teacher's unions, Teamsters Union, and both big parties came gunning for him. Mark did an amazing job!

McKinleyville Community Services District

This is a great victory (although final counts won't be in until November 30). The McKinleyville District commissioners control sewers, water, parks & rec, libraries, streets, fire

department, everything. Now two Libertarians, **John Fleury** and **William Wennerholm**, control two-fifths of the commission.

The district boundary encompasses 12,140 acres.

OFFICES GO UNFILLED

In the Good News/Bad News//Half Full/Half Empty category, Fred Mangels, Humboldt County Chair, said he was surprised to find NO ONE ran for 10+ open offices.

It's bad news, because Libertarians *could* have had 10 more officials. It is good news because next year we *will* find these uncontested offices, we *will* run candidates, and we *will* win.

If you are interested in making a difference next year, call Executive Director David Molony at 818-782-8400. ■

such as the one I made at the September meeting of our state Executive Committee. The Director outlined proposed increases in headquarters staff. Several LNC members agreed to "champion" various strategies. The staff was directed to present a proposed budget for 2002, intended to achieve the "metrics" recommended by the SPT at the August meeting, by 10 November.

There was discussion of questions which had arisen out of previous actions relating to "the

Willis matter". It was decided not to do business with American Liberty Foundation until the people in a position of responsibility have complied with the Chair's requests for information and complied with the resolution adopted in August calling for them to denounce Willis' actions. It was decided that Art Matsko / LiamWorks should be treated normally, without repercussions from this matter. It was decided that the LNC will reconsider participation in the proposed lawsuit against the FEC if asked again to join.

A committee was appointed to make recommendations concerning the compensation and job description of the Director, performance evaluation procedures, and a staff bonus plan. An updated contract for the Director, running until the beginning of August 2002, was approved.

A resolution concerning U.S. military action and the "War on Terrorism" was adopted. This was a rather awkward compromise between members who wanted to "support something" to deal with

the September attacks and those who wanted a statement which emphasized our traditional non-interventionist stance. Many LNC members are not satisfied with the result and this topic is likely to be revisited in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8-9 December in the Washington, DC area. It was decided to hold the following meeting 16-17 March in Denver.

Note: This is only a summary of the meeting, and is not intended to

be relied upon as a complete record of business.

NEW! Want more details about what happened at this meeting? An audio recording of the entire meeting is now available for online listening at "http://www.dehnbase.org/mav.cgi". If you would like to have recordings like this available of future meetings, please send me a note telling me that you listened to it along with any comments you might have. ■

MEMBER BENEFIT SURVEY

Dear Libertarians,

The Libertarian Party of California is adding benefits for you. We will be looking to use our collective numbers in order to get economies of scale. We will attract benefits designed for Libertarians. We are seeking to offer a complete range of benefits for your selection. Treasurer Lori Adasiewicz and I have been working hard to put together unique offers for all of us. Currently, we are working in conjunction with **Landmark Healthcare**, an alternative medicine company. **Landmark Healthcare** is creating a program custom-made for the Libertarian Party of California. Please return the following questionnaire to: 14547 Titus Street, Suite 214, Panorama City, CA 91402. Alternatively, please contact us by email at office@ca.lp.org so we can send the electronic version to you for you to complete and return.

Sincerely,
David Molony
Executive Director
Libertarian Party of California

Landmark's mission is to inspire a balanced life by supporting personal health, well-being and growth.

Landmark Healthcare is a national leader in providing Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM) programs, and currently specializes in administering chiropractic, acupuncture, massage, nutrition, and other alternative care therapies and wellness programs. Our goal is to tailor CAM products to fit your individual needs. We thank you for your time and appreciate your input.

1.) Have you used any CAM services before? Yes No

Used?		Interested?	How important are the following products to your personal well-being? (Check appropriate box.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	CAM PRODUCTS	VERY	SOMEWHAT	NOT AT ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chiropractic	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHIROPRACTIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acupuncture	<input type="checkbox"/>	ACUPUNCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Massage therapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMOKING CESSATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>				

2.) Would you be interested if it was combined with dental or optical insurance? Yes No

3.) Do your medical benefits currently include CAM products? Yes No
If yes, which CAM products are included? _____

4.) If the Libertarian Party offered CAM benefits would you be interested in purchasing them?
 Yes

If yes, how much would you be willing to pay monthly for CAM?
\$10/\$15 \$15/\$20 \$20/\$25 \$25/\$30 Other _____

No
If no, why not? _____

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Contributions

All organizations depend on contributions. Libertarians as a group have decided NOT to take government money to further our goals. We claim that functions provided by government can be done privately. That is exactly what the Libertarian Party wants.

In that vein, the LPC is seeking contributions. Our biggest expense is printed communications. If you own a printing press, or a mailing company, we need your help. If you can donate the time and cost of printing materials, this would be a huge help to the cause of liberty. We are seeking multiple printers - in order to split the load, so one person or company does not bear all the time and expense.

We are also in need of high-end digital cameras for this publication. Also, please contact me if you are an attorney with formidable knowledge of elections, PACs, and political contribution laws.

Finally, we need top-notch graphic artists to create designs for this publication.

REPEAT - Non-Partisan Candidates Wanted

Speaking of contributions, we need your help next year. Please consider running for non-partisan office next year. I spoke with Fred Mangels, Chair of Humboldt County Libertarian Party last night. He said at least 10 elective offices had NO ONE file. None. Zip. This means that the County Board of Supervisors will appoint people to office.

Just because there is no opponent to run against, it does not mean the office is 'not real.' It means there is no opponent. Cool.

Finally, many people think running for office is a 40 hour per week proposition. It's not necessarily. For example, Libertarian Kate O'Brien was elected to Simi Valley Parks & Rec Department without putting in any substantial time into her campaign.

Please consider running for office next year. Call me if you are interested. ■



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Libertarian Puppies

Libertarian News from the Past

On July 8, 1998, the Dartmouth Libertarian Town Committee presented a check for \$1,250 to the Fairhaven Animal Shelter. The money, raised from local Libertarians, replaced the big tax bite the state government had taken out of a successful raffle held by the shelter.

"The people giveth and the government taketh away. And sometimes, when even puppies in need are taxed, good people will make things right," said Mike Conway, Chair of the Dartmouth LP. "That is just what Dartmouth Libertarians are doing in response to this tax."

"What you have here is government taxation out of control," said Conway. "This is a simple case of people trying to help their community while the government is just getting in the way. Our state's system of taxation is many things, but compassionate isn't one of them."