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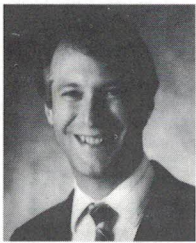


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Brown Seeks Senate Seat

LP activist challenges Boxer



Ted Brown

Veteran Libertarian Party activist Ted Brown will seek the Libertarian nomination for U.S. Senate in 1998. The incumbent is liberal Democrat Barbara Boxer. At this time, there is no clear

Republican front-runner.

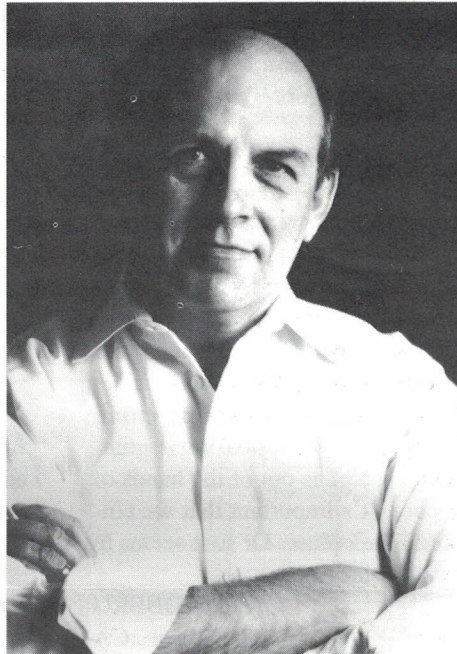
Brown, 37, is an insurance claims adjuster from San Gabriel. He is a former state chair of the LPC and former chair of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (LPLAC). Brown's prior statewide races for Insurance Commissioner in 1990 and 1994 drew 433,000 and 345,000 votes respectively, making him one of California's most popular alternative party candidates for any office in the last generation.

Brown also writes the LPC's ballot arguments against bond measures in the ballot pamphlet each election, making him one of the better known Libertarians in California. Voter agreement with many of these arguments has saved taxpayers over \$5.3 billion in principal and interest on the bonds.

"Boxer is an extreme supporter of big government," said Brown, "and the Republicans have proved they have no intention of cutting government. That's why we need a Libertarian in the U. S. Senate."

Brown's main issues will be ending the drug war, repealing the federal income tax, bringing our troops home from overseas, and eliminating all government agencies not allowed by the Constitution.

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Charles Murray

Murray to Address Libertarians

Best selling author to speak at Los Angeles event

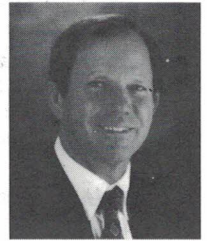
Charles Murray, celebrated co-author of *The Bell Curve* and author of *Losing Ground* and the recently published *What It Means To Be A Libertarian*, will speak at a fundraising dinner to benefit the Libertarian Party of L.A. County, which includes Regions 61-68. The event will take place Saturday, August 9th, at the Red Lion Hotel, near the L.A. Airport.

"We're very excited to have Mr. Murray speak to us," said Juan Ros, event organizer and Vice-Chair of Region 61. "He's one of the most influential political and social writers of our time, and a fascinating speaker. I be- (continued on page 4)

More LPC Candidates for 1998

Activists announce bids for statewide offices

Last issue, *LPC Monthly* reported that Steve Kubby, a Tahoe-area publisher and businessman, will run for Governor of California in 1998. This month, we are pleased to report that more Libertarian candidates have thrown their hats into the election ring for statewide offices.



Tom Tryon

Tom Tryon, Calaveras County Supervisor and dean of Libertarian officeholders, has announced his intention to seek the position of Lt. Governor. A rancher, Tryon ran for State Controller in 1990. He was re-elected to a fourth term as Supervisor in 1996, and won the Samuel Adams Society's prestigious Sons of Liberty Award for conducting the best Libertarian campaign of the year.

Jon Petersen, the LPC's candidate for state Treasurer in 1994, will seek that position again (continued on page 3)

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LETTERS

Poor Targets

Let me make a confession — I dislike poor people. Always have. They are, well, you know — POOR! They're not like the rest of us.

Hence I strongly agree with San Diego County Supervisors Pam Slater, Ron Roberts and Greg Cox who call for a ban on inexpensive handguns. Guns should be accessible only to the well-to-do. I think our Founding Fathers never intended that poor people should be covered by the Second Amendment, and thus the poor should not own guns.

After all, low-income people who face the threat of robbery don't have much to lose, do they? Why should they care if a thief breaks into their home? And if the thug rapes or kills one of 'em, so what? They are just poor folks who don't really matter to the rest of us.

I agree with Supervisors Slater, Roberts and Cox: If the poor can't afford a \$500 handgun, let them get rich first. Of course, if they are criminals, they will illegally buy or steal their guns, but at least we can keep guns out of the hands of the law-abiding poor. It's important that we elitists keep the poor in their place. Or so it seems in San Diego County. Insincerely...

DON GOLDBERG
San Diego, CA

The following letter was published in San Diego's North County Times in response to one of their editorials:

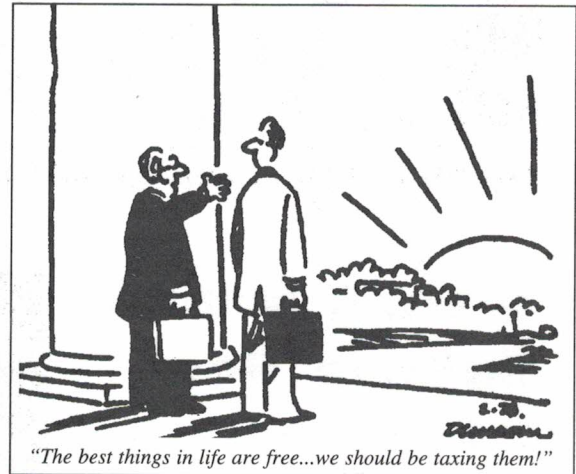
Art of Socialism

[Libertarian] Phyllis Avery recently contended that tax money should not fund some socialist's concept of art. Sue Berry disagreed by attacking Ms. Avery's character, but not her arguments.

Public funding of art produces garbage. PBS has comedies that aren't funny, boring mysteries, and commercials that last a week. The NEA thinks that a statue of Christ in urine is art. Carlsbad thinks that jail bars are art. Though classical music is alive and well, the incompetent San Diego Symphony still managed to go broke.

Socialists cannot tolerate their evil exposed nor their extortion questioned. How will taking bread from children's mouths help society? If "art" centers really cared about taxpayers instead of their own bureaucracy they would be open from 5-9 p.m. weekdays instead of work hours. Or do they not support art for the working class?

I know what art is. My work has been performed on television, radio and the theater. I am an author with more than 20 publication credits.



People love art. They can't get enough of it. The music industry is a multi-billion dollar business. Only crap needs public funding to survive.

JOSEPH COLANNINO
Oceanside, CA

"Light"-Headed Regulation

The FDA is now stinging local restaurants for "violations" of FDA regulations for use of the word "Light." Apparently, a 20 year old family restaurant in Torrance, Vince's Spaghetti, can no longer call half-sized meals "Light Eaters Portions" despite the fact that, for two decades, the term "Light Eaters" has been used by the restaurant, and apparently no one has complained or been confused. But this is not good enough for the FDA, which thinks the work "Light" can only be used to describe low fat content; the FDA forced the restaurant to waste money printing new menus and to use another term instead of "Light Eaters" that no one understands and I cannot remember. Now instead of the term "Light Eaters" that customers understood for 20 years to mean half-sized portions, customers are now confused by the new name and must ask the waiter/waitress what it means. This information was provided by a waiter upon being asked what the new name meant. What's next — is the FDA going to force General Electric to stop calling illuminating devices "Light" bulbs?

SCOTT D. MYER
Los Angeles, CA

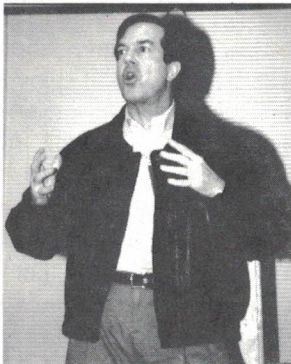
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Fundraising Seminars

LPC sponsors seminars in Northern and Southern California

Next month, the LPC will sponsor two special seminars intended to support the fundraising efforts of local regions and their activists. The twin seminars will take place in Northern and Southern California locations to make it as convenient as possible for activists all over the state to attend.

Conducting the seminars are two activists with extensive experience in the fine art of raising money: Michael Cloud, well-known Libertarian communicator and fundraiser for the Harry Browne for President campaign, and Barbara Goushaw, Fundraising Chair for Jon Coon's recent senatorial campaign in Illinois. They are expected to cover telephone and event fundraising, e-mail and direct mail fundraising, campaign fundraising, and other topics.



Michael Cloud

The Southern California seminar will take place on Saturday, July 26th, at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. in Irvine. (It's located five miles south of Orange County's John Wayne Airport off the 405 freeway.)

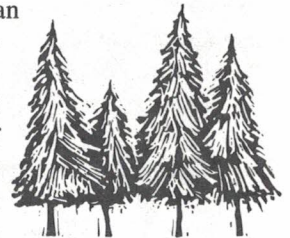
The Northern California seminar will take place Sunday, July 27th, at Hitachi Data Systems, 750 Central Expressway in Santa Clara, near the San Jose Airport.

Both conferences will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude sometime between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. The seminars are open to regional officers and their guests. Admission is \$25 per person.

For more information or to RSVP (a must for all those planning to attend), call Laura McFadden at (310) 428-8113 or e-mail her at <LauraMcF@aol.com>. ■

Northern Regional Conference

Can't wait until the 1998 LPC Convention? Then *don't* — attend the Libertarian Northern Regional Conference, sponsored by the LP of Shasta County (R45)! The event takes place on



July 26th and 27th in the city of Redding — a stone's throw away from such scenic marvels as Mount Shasta, Shasta Lake and Lassen Volcanic National Park. As its name suggests, the Libertarian Northern Regional Conference is hosted by and for Northern California Libertarians, but all LPC members are cordially invited and welcome to attend.

The weekend event will feature workshops offering *(continued on page 6)*

LPC Candidates for 1998

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Steve Kubby

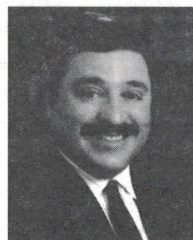
next year. A past LPC Treasurer and current Northern Vice-Chair, he won 340,000 votes in 1994, making him one of the party's top vote-getters. Petersen is a graduate of Stanford and works as a computer programmer. He became a Libertarian in 1988 when, as he puts it, "I found my political home." He has run for partisan offices on four previous occasions. In 1998, he intends to focus on three central points: local control ("Those who best know a situation are best suited to deal with it);

sunsets on laws ("We need to review laws to ensure that their results are the ones intended and, if not, discard the law."); and the elimination of waste in government. The father of six children, Petersen lives with his wife Marianne in San Jose.



Jon Petersen

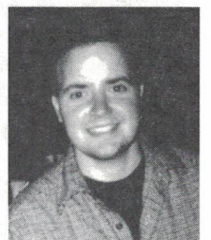
Joseph Farina, a Sacramento defense attorney specializing in criminal cases, will run for Attorney General. A former chair of the Sacramento LP, Farina ran for the 10th Assembly District in 1992. Sacramento Libertarians are familiar with Farina as a regular panelist on the long-running cable TV show, "The Libertarian Gang." As a candidate, he intends to focus on such controversial issues as medical marijuana, Indian gaming and tobacco litigation. Farina says he has been a philosophical libertarian since 1978,



Joe Farina

when he served in the U.S. Army, and became an active member of Region 34 when he moved to Sacramento. He lives with his wife Ann and their eight year old son Anthony.

Jesse Baird, a 27 year old claims adjuster from Stockton, will seek the position of Insurance Commissioner.



Jesse Baird

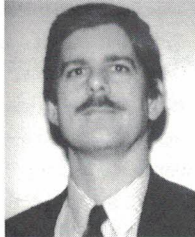
The LPC platform calls for the abolition of this office — a position with which Baird is in full accord: "Life involves risk," says the candidate, which individuals should be free to take or avoid — without government interference. I advocate deregulating the insurance industry and thus increasing market competition." Baird is single and engaged to be married to his fiancée, Lori ■

From The Chair:

Full Speed Ahead

by Mark Hinkle

This is my fourth column as Chair of the Party. And this is my fourth reminder that we, as a Party, have 3 main goals this year:



1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 5,000.
2. Raise \$150,000 in revenues.
3. Hire at least one paid employee, working in an office.

Last month I told you that LPC Membership Chair Pat Wright was preparing a membership recruitment letter. That letter is now in the mail to 5,000 former dues-paying LP members, and we're hoping for a very good response. Traditionally, this has been a very good prospect list, and we're hoping that the increased benefits provided by our combined membership plan will produce better than average results. We should have a complete report in the next issue of this newsletter.

I've also learned that the national LP organization is currently mailing membership solicitations to nearly 140,000 names, using lists from *Reason* magazine, Laissez Faire Books and other sources. We trust that a significant number of the new members generated by this effort will reside in California. So expect a nice jump in our membership!

Last month, I reported that our fundraising efforts had brought in over \$16,000. That figure is now over \$24,000. We're averaging over \$8,000 in donations per month! If you keep this up, we will definitely reach our \$150,000 revenue goal for 1997. Thanks!

By the time you read this, the third meeting of the LPC Executive Committee (on June 14th in Los Angeles) will be history. Based on your support so far, I'm going to ask the Committee to authorize budget changes to allow me to

hire an employee. If they agree, I'll start the process to find the right candidate for the job. As I mentioned last month, I'm also making arrangements for the LPC to share the offices of the Santa Clara LP (R43). That's still on track.

This month I'm very pleased to say that veteran activists Barbara Goushaw and Michael Cloud have agreed to donate their time and talent to address a major concern of the LPC's local regions: fundraising. Under the membership unification plan, your dues are split three ways — between the regional, state and national parties. That means we all need to make effective fundraising efforts to produce enough money to go around.

Barbara Goushaw was the Fundraising Chair for Jon Coon's recent Senatorial race in Illinois. Michael Cloud has done fundraising for the Harry Browne for President campaign and now works for the LPC. Both will host two upcoming fundraising seminars sponsored by the LPC and designed to support our local regions. (See related article on page 3.)

The regional, state and national Libertarian parties are like a three-legged stool: if any leg is wobbly or missing, the stool won't stand. All three legs need to be strong and healthy. Both the national and California parties are financially sound, and it's my hope that these seminars will provide local activists and candidates with the training they need to build strong local parties and wage effective campaigns.

Speaking of candidates, I'm delighted with the level of interest from Libertarians seeking the party's nominations for statewide offices in 1998. I can't remember the last time we had so many people interested in playing this early in the game.

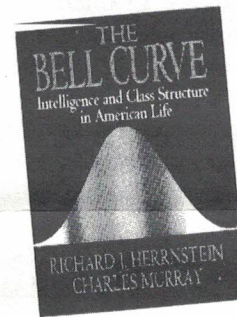
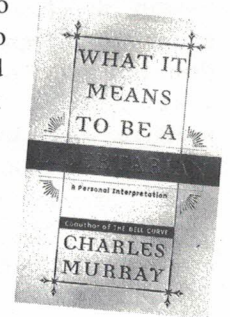
So, we continue to proceed toward reaching our goals. If you'll continue to support us with donations and monthly pledges, we'll all make progress towards achieving true liberty. ■

Murray to Speak to Libertarians

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lieve libertarians and non-libertarians will enjoy hearing what he has to say."

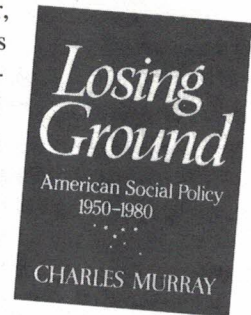
Murray is also looking forward to the event. "I've had a libertarian streak since the 1970s," he said, "but it was a California libertarian, Manny Klausner, whose enthusiasm and uncompromising arguments did a lot to



radicalize me during the 1980s. More recently, I've become friends with another thinker with libertarian and objectivist roots, Nathaniel Branden.

So speaking to California libertarians is a welcome opportunity to acknowledge some intellectual debts."

Murray's *What It Means To Be A Libertarian*, published earlier this year, was widely praised by critics in libertarian circles and the mainstream media. At the upcoming dinner, Murray will discuss several themes central to his writing. "I'm convinced that personal freedom should be celebrated not just as an inalienable right, which it is," said the author, "but as the indispensable raw material from which vital communities and rich cultures emerge. Statism atomizes humans."



Price of the dinner is \$55 per person, \$90 per couple, and must be paid in advance. Deadline to RSVP is August 4th. Those planning to attend, should call Juan Ros at (818) 980-1233, or e-mail him at <juan@myself.com>. ■

Brown Seeks Senate Seat

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to run an active campaign and will speak out on important national issues. "The Libertarian alternative must be presented," he says. "Nothing will change if a Democrat or Republican is elected. There will be higher taxes, more regulations and more controls on our personal lives."

Ted Brown was born in Ohio and raised in Wheeling, West Virginia. He moved to California in 1979 and earned a B.A. in political science at UCLA in 1984. He has been active in the LP his entire adult life, and currently serves as a state executive committee member, platform committee chair, and candidate recruiter. He and his wife Laura have been married for 13 years and have a 4 year old daughter, Katie.

The candidate can be contacted at Ted Brown for U. S. Senate, 9152 Arcadia Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91775, or via e-mail at <tedb@mail.idt.net>. ■

Libertarian Celebrities

Traditionally, the motion picture and television industries have been dominated by socialists. Could the trend be changing? Perhaps...

In May, at a Cato Institute dinner, actor Kurt Russell told reporters: "I'm a libertarian. It's fun to be in a room of people who think like you do — as opposed to a room that doesn't. I think a lot of people are libertarians and are afraid to admit it — or don't know it." Also in attendance was ABC's John Stossel, who said, "I have no official political affiliation, but I sure seem to be agreeing with them [Libertarians] on a lot of things."

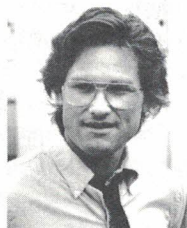
In a recent TV appearance, veteran anchor Hugh Downs said, "All the really good ideas belong to the Libertarians." In an earlier radio commentary, he extolled the LP then added: "Every year,

Libertarians gain more registered voters — defections from the two big parties. They [Libertarians] offer an alternative to the tired twosome."

Screen legend Clint Eastwood has repeatedly identified himself as a libertarian. Actor Tom Selleck is often described as a conservative although he has evidenced strong libertarian sympathies; perhaps he feels coming out of the closet as a conservative in Hollywood is risky enough for now.

Author Camille Paglia has long maintained she is a libertarian, although her support of Bill Clinton makes it doubtful she fully understands the term. In 1988, comedian David Letterman said he was voting for LP presidential candidate Ron Paul but has not commented on his politics since.

Other celebrities who have expressed libertarian sympathies include actors Charlton Heston, John Larroquette and Michael Moriarty, and comedians Dennis Miller, Drew Carey, Penn Jillette and Tommy Chong. ■

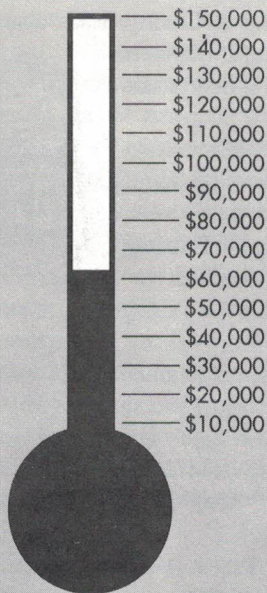


Kurt Russell

Growth Watch 1997

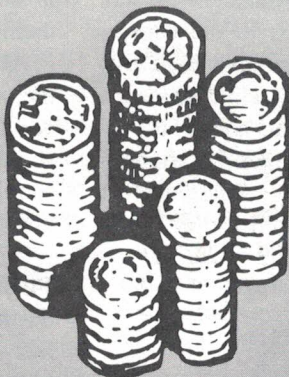
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Year End Goal: \$150,000



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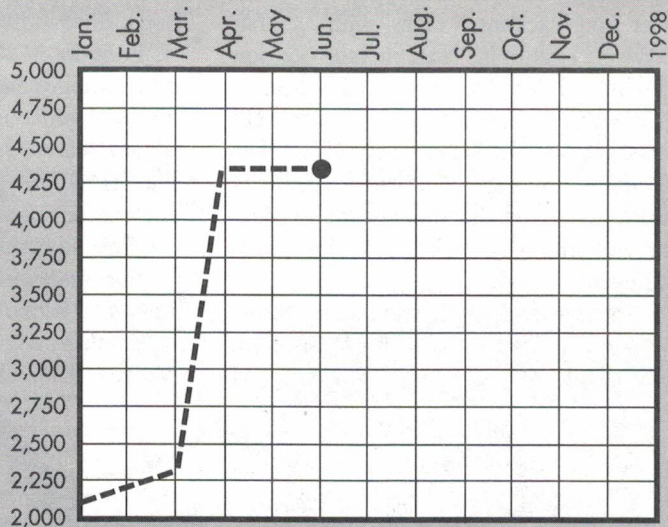
Totals for May
Pledges: \$2,019
Donations: \$6,495



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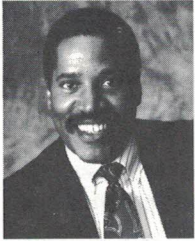
Current: 4,268 Year End Goal: 5,000



Help Us Grow! Ask just one friend or coworker to join the Libertarian Party in 1997 -- or offer to pay their dues the first year if they will consider paying them when it comes time to renew!

Libertarians Support Talk Radio Host

Southland Libertarians rally behind controversial personality



Larry Elder

The Libertarian Party of the San Fernando Valley (R61) has declared its support of Los Angeles' KABC-790 radio talk show host Larry Elder.

Elder, an African American whose talk show is heard by millions weekdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m., is under fire for his political beliefs. Elder is described by many as conservative, but he has repeatedly called himself a libertarian, and he has often expressed support for the Libertarian Party and its positions.

But what has gotten Elder in hot water are his beliefs that white racism is not the most serious problem facing the black community, that affirmative action pref-

erences are wrong, and that O.J. Simpson committed the murders of which he was acquitted in 1995. As a result of these views, a coalition called The Talking Drum Community Forum has taken it upon itself to get Elder thrown off the air.

"This is a clear case of First Amendment rights," said Kit Maira, Chair of Region 61. "Larry Elder — despite what you may think of his opinions — has as much right as anyone to speak. If you don't like what he says, the solution is easy: just turn the dial."

According to the *L.A. Daily News*, Elder's opponents have resorted to intimidating and threatening his advertisers in the hopes of getting sponsors to pull out of Elder's show. While Elder's opponents certainly have a First Amendment right to be vocal, "They cross the line when they

use coercive and aggressive methods to terrorize businesspeople who advertise on Elder's show," said Maira. "Those kinds of tactics are malicious and wrong, and they merely serve to emphasize what a valuable role Elder is playing in the community if he can get a small group of intolerant scaremongers to go to such lengths against him."

The management at KABC is standing by Elder, and his ratings are strong. But that's no reason to let one's guard down, warns Maira. "Thomas Jefferson said, 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.' We must always be on the lookout for those who would rob us of our basic liberties. Free speech is a cherished liberty in this country, and anyone who cares about free speech should care about what happens to Larry Elder." ■

Northern Regional Conference

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information on all aspects of political organizing, as well as opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with veteran activists. Highlights will include Region 45's annual barbecue and a video conference with the fundraising seminar to held simultaneously in Santa Clara. (See related article on page 3.) Those members unable to attend the fundraising seminar that weekend may wish to attend this special event instead.

Other events include opening and closing addresses delivered by LPC Northern Vice-Chair Jon Petersen, a workshop on

grassroots activism conducted by former Northern Vice-Chair Cullene Lang, and informal discussion groups on such topics as party history, libertarian philosophy and campaign strategy and tactics.

In addition, of course, no one will stop you from enjoying the myriad of pleasures surrounding you outdoors!

Lodging is available at nearby motels and campgrounds. All those planning to attend are encouraged to make their reservations early. Admission to the conference is \$97 per person for both days, \$49 for one day, and free for children under 13. Fees includes all meals and events.

For reservations and other arrangements, e-mail Gail Ponthier at <gponth@awwwsome.com> or call Vince Carlton at (916) 223-4123. ■

Libertarian Joke Contest

by John R. Graham

San Diego's Liberty Toastmasters is sponsoring a Liberty Joke Contest open to anyone interested in submitting a libertarian-themed joke.

All entries must contain the word *liberty* or some variation. No nasty personal slams! Entries should also conform to one of the following categories...



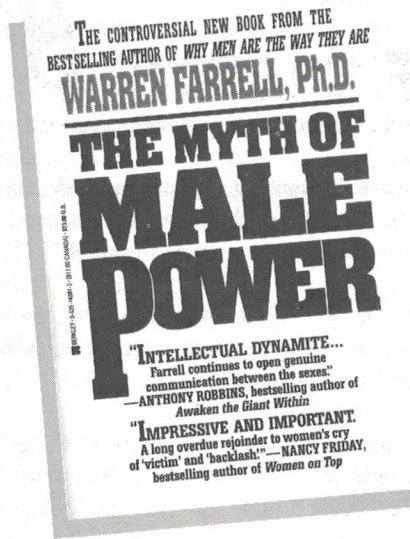
- Pivots:** responses to an attack. (1 min.)
- Sound Bites:** short and simple. (30 sec.)
- Sex & Politics:** combining two of every body's favorites. (1/2 page)
- Government Stupidity:** Need we say more? (2 min.)
- Libertarian Politics:** poking fun at the party. (2 min.)

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Ending the War Between the Sexes

by Perry Martin



The Myth of Male Power

by Warren Farrell, Ph.D.

Berkley Books (softcover) \$13.00

Occasionally, when I'm lucky, I stumble across a book that changes the way I view the world. I had that pleasure recently when I devoured *The Myth of Male Power* by Warren Farrell, Ph.D.

First published in 1993, *The Myth of Male Power* springs from a growing movement that seeks to redress misconceptions about men and women advanced, in part, by feminism. The author, a former feminist crusader, wrote it after radically rethinking his views on gender roles.

The Myth of Male Power is a devastating rebuttal to feminist attacks on men, but it is not a masculinist version of books like *Good Women Who Love Men Who Deserve to Burn in Hell Forever*. On the contrary, in addition to its powerful reasoning and original insights, what is remarkable about this work is its author's extraordinary compassion — for both sexes: Farrell doesn't try to reassign the blame for gender disharmony from one sex to the other, further dividing them; instead, his goal is to deepen the understanding between men and women and thus bring them together. The end result is a fascinating, often moving read.

Although Farrell writes in an accessible and entertaining style, it is impossible to do justice to his central points here, let alone convey the persuasiveness of his arguments. That said, I'll try anyway...

As Farrell sees it, men and women are currently in a period of transition between two sets of gender roles, which he defines as Stage 1 ("survival focused") and Stage 2 ("spiritually focused"). For centuries, most men and women inhabited Stage 1 gender roles: women raised the children while men provided for and protected them. Recently, technology has enabled men and women to meet their survival needs more easily and thus freed them to seek other values, like personal fulfillment, in Stage 2 gender roles.

Unfortunately, current circumstances have provided most women with Stage 1 benefits (protection and provision) and Stage 2 benefits (lifestyle options) without requiring them to bear Stage 1 responsibilities (working in the home) or Stage 2 responsibilities (providing for and protecting men). Most men, on the other hand, have lost their Stage 1 benefits (like having a stay-at-home wife) while continuing to bear Stage 1 responsibilities (providing the lion's share of his family's protection and financial support). Most men are also rarely able to enjoy Stage 2 benefits (the option of being supported by a wife), while they are still expected to fulfill Stage 2 responsibilities (being emotionally vulnerable).

In short, women have more options than men — and often more power.

According to Farrell, this adds up to a bad deal for both sexes. Women suffer the loss of self-esteem inherent in being a member of the "protected class;" they are also deprived of experiencing intimacy with their mates, who are encouraged to suppress their vulnerability in order to maximize their effectiveness as protector-providers. For their part, men often find themselves shouldering the traditional responsibilities of protector-providers without receiving the traditional benefits; in addition, they are rarely able to fully

fulfill their emotional needs or pursue non-traditional male roles (such as "house husband") because most women still prefer "strong, powerful" men who will take care of them.

Farrell also demonstrates how men, far from oppressing women, are devoted to protecting and providing for women in both the home and workplace — often at their own expense. To make his case, the author uses statistical evidence (supported by 52 pages of footnotes) to correct a multitude of popular misconceptions about the ways men and woman interact — facts that hit like bombshells.

Both disturbing and uplifting, *The Myth of Male Power* challenges men and women to rethink their ideas about themselves and each other — and offers them hope of finding richer, fuller, more satisfying ways of being and sharing.

Libertarians will take exception to some of the author's positions: occasionally he advocates more government actions to resolve government-created problems. Nevertheless, Farrell possesses a clear understanding of the relationship between rights and responsibilities, which libertarians will applaud, and his insights about men and women are relevant to everyone.

Again, it is impossible for me to convey the full value of this book here — and I may have even done its author a disservice by trying. So judge for yourself. I found reading *The Myth of Male Power* to be an immensely rewarding experience — and I believe you will too. ■

Candidates Needed!

It's not too soon to plan for the 1998 election! Libertarians are needed to run for U. S. Congress, State Senate and State Assembly throughout California. Filing starts in January, but we need to plan ahead. If you are interested in running, contact Ted Brown at (818) 286-7817 or via e-mail at <tedb@mail.idt.net>.

Noah's Ark, Revised

Submitted by "Meejain"

And the Lord spoke unto Noah: "In six months, I am going to make it rain until the earth is covered with water and all the evil people are destroyed. But I want to save a few good people and two of every kind of living thing upon the planet. Therefore, I am ordering you to build me an Ark." And, in a flash of lightning, He delivered the specifications.

"OK," said Noah, trembling.

"Have my Ark completed in six months," thundered the Lord, "or learn to tread water for a very long time."

And the six months passed.

As foretold, the skies began to cloud and the rain began to fall.

But the Lord saw Noah sitting in his yard, weeping — and there was no Ark. "Where is my Ark?" roared the Lord.

"Forgive me," begged Noah. "I did my best! But there were problems..."

First, I had to get a building permit — and your plans didn't meet Code, so I had to hire an engineer to redraw them.

Then I got into a big fight with the Safety Commission over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system.

Soon my neighbors claimed I was violating zoning laws by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance

from the city planning commission.

Then the carpenters' union went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a hammer.

When I started gathering the animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. And the EPA notified me that I had to file an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood.

Right now, I'm trying to resolve a complaint from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over how many Croatians I have to hire. And the IRS has seized my assets, claiming I'm trying to avoid paying taxes by leaving the country. I don't think I can finish your Ark for another five years," Noah wailed, expecting the full wrath of the Lord to be unleashed upon him.

But the sky began to clear and the sun began to shine. A rainbow arched overhead. Noah looked up and smiled hopefully. "You mean, you're not going to destroy the earth?" he asked.

"Wrong!" thundered the Lord. "I shall smite the Earth — but with a calamity infinitely more destructive than a flood — something Man himself has invented."

"What is that?" asked Noah.

And the Lord said: "Government." ■



Doleful Requests

by Richard Rider

Following are quotes taken from letters and forms received by public assistance agencies...



"I am forwarding my marriage certificate and 6 children. I had 7 but one died which was baptized on a sheet of paper."

"I am writing the Welfare Dept. to say that my baby was born 2 years old. When do I get my money?"

"Mrs. Jones has not had any clothing for a year and has been visited regularly by the clergy."

"I am glad to report that my husband who was reported missing is dead."

"This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?"

"Please find for certain if my husband is dead, as the man I am living with can't do a thing until he knows."

"I am very much annoyed to find you have branded my boy as illiterate. This is a dirty lie. I was married to his father a week before he was born."

"My husband got laid off from his job and I haven't had any relief since."

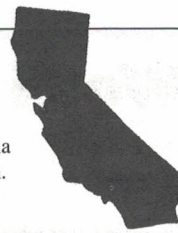
"You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make any difference?"

"In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

"I want my money as quick as I can get it. I have been in bed with the doctor and he hasn't done me any good."

(In response to the question "Why have you applied for public assistance?") "My husband left me last month and I am in need of ass." ■

LPC Membership Stats



The chart below provides membership statistics of the Libertarian Party of California as of 04/01/97. The data was compiled by LPC interim database manager, Joe Dehn.

Column Guide

Avail: Total names in database, including expired members and prospects.
Active: All members, including non-voting.
Voting: Voting members.
PreUMP: Voting members, pre-UMP database.
Incr: New voting members divided by pre-UMP members.
Rank: Region size in descending order
%: Percentage of total LPC membership

Region	Avail.	Active	Voting	PreUMP	Incr.	Rank	%
01 East Bay	1819	369	340	155	2.19	04	7.46
03 Gold Country	139	27	27	15	1.80	33	0.59
04 Butte	200	24	23	5	4.60	36	0.50
06 Colusa	7	0	0	0	0.00	55	0.00
08 Del Norte	17	3	2	0	0.00	52	0.04
09 El Dorado / Alpine	164	29	28	13	2.15	32	0.61
10 Valley Libertarians	563	100	88	44	2.00	05	5.53
11 Glenn	11	1	1	0	0.00	53	0.02
12 Humboldt	183	30	29	16	1.81	30	0.64
13 Imperial	32	3	3	0	0.00	48	0.07
15 Kern	365	44	39	16	2.44	25	0.86
17 North Coast	203	41	39	21	1.86	26	0.86
18 Lassen	11	3	3	1	3.00	49	0.07
21 Marin	422	75	67	30	2.23	20	1.47
24 Merced	69	9	9	4	2.25	43	0.20
25 Modoc	6	1	1	0	0.00	54	0.02
26 Mono / Inyo	33	8	8	3	2.67	44	0.18
27 Monterey	262	48	42	15	2.80	24	0.92
28 Napa	152	31	29	13	2.23	31	0.64
29 Nevada	108	16	14	4	3.50	41	0.31
30 Orange	2490	471	433	203	2.13	03	9.51
31 Placer	211	30	26	12	2.17	34	0.57
32 Plumas	33	8	8	3	2.67	45	0.18
33 Riverside	721	116	115	41	2.80	12	2.52
34 Sacramento	831	148	133	77	1.73	10	2.92
35 San Benito	23	7	5	2	2.50	47	0.11
36 San Bernardino	688	90	85	31	2.74	17	1.87
37 San Diego	2919	685	595	370	1.61	01	13.06
38 San Francisco	944	218	194	116	1.67	06	4.26
39 San Joaquin	219	27	25	12	2.08	35	0.55
40 San Luis Obispo	257	46	45	19	2.37	23	0.99
41 San Mateo	689	151	142	69	2.06	09	3.12
42 Santa Barbara	473	90	83	29	2.86	18	1.82
43 Santa Clara	2025	522	481	304	1.58	02	10.56
44 Santa Cruz	439	83	80	42	1.90	19	1.76
45 Shasta	187	23	23	12	1.92	37	0.50
46 Sierra	8	0	0	0	0.00	56	0.00
47 Siskiyou	59	12	10	1	10.00	42	0.22
48 Solano	237	36	30	10	3.00	27	0.66
49 Sonoma	553	105	97	39	2.49	14	2.13
50 Stanislaus	173	25	23	7	3.29	38	0.50
51 Sutter / Yuba	116	33	30	21	1.43	28	0.66
52 Tehama	48	3	3	1	3.00	50	0.07
53 Trinity	21	3	3	1	3.00	51	0.07
56 Ventura	492	92	90	55	1.64	15	1.98
57 Yolo	129	20	20	8	2.50	40	0.44
59 Out of State	555	70	6	7	0.86	46	0.13
61 LA - S.F. Valley	1759	268	252	112	2.25	05	5.53
62 LA - West	1037	167	149	74	2.01	08	3.27
63 LA - Pasadena	789	132	120	59	2.03	11	2.63
64 LA - Central	965	113	101	42	2.40	13	2.22
65 LA - Southeast	346	60	57	40	1.43	22	1.25
66 LA - South Bay	1177	202	187	73	2.56	07	4.11
67 LA - E. San Gabriel	416	67	61	24	2.54	21	1.34
68 LA - Antelope Valley	140	22	21	8	2.63	39	0.46
69 Mojave	228	30	30	14	2.14	29	0.66
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For Your Information...

Renewing membership

Renewal notices are sent to members whose expiration date is coming up. Just return your dues payment in the accompanying envelope and your membership at the national, state, and local level will be renewed for one year. Please respond to renewal notices promptly so we don't need to send additional reminders — every additional notice costs money we could otherwise use to grow the party!

Address changes

Be sure to let us know if you move! Send your address change notice to the national office so that your newsletters and other important correspondence can be sent to your new address: If you are moving out of state but want to continue as an LPC member or continue subscribing to *LPC Monthly*, please also notify the state office so we can make the necessary arrangements to keep you on our list.

Special requests

If you need some special update to your membership records, such as a change in region affiliation, please contact the state office.

Your address label

The address label on your copy of this newsletter provides important information relating to your membership records. On the top line of the label, you will find a six-digit number. Please mention this number in any correspondence relating to your membership.

On the same line you will also find a two-digit number identifying the LPC region with which you are affiliated. (If you are not a member but are receiving the newsletter for some other reason there will be a two-letter code instead.) See the listing on page 11 to find out the name of your region and who to contact for information about local activities.

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Spread the L-Word

with...

Lady Liberty Flag

Show your colors with this striking banner! 50 white stars encircle Lady Liberty set against a blue field. Ideal for display at regional meetings or public events. 3'x5' and made of durable nylon. \$65 each.



Lady Liberty Desk Flag

Don't have room for the full size banner above? You can still tell your friends and coworkers that you fight for freedom with this small but spunky desk flag! Includes mini-pole and base. \$5 each.

T-Shirt #1

Cover your liberty-loving heart with this 100% pre-shrunk cotton crew. LP logo in rainbow colors silk-screened on white. Sizes: S,M,L,XL and XXL. Wear it with pride! \$15 each.



T-Shirt #2

NEW! NEW! NEW! "Stick it to the State" with our porcupine mascot on this 100% pre-shrunk cotton crew. Image silk-screened in black ink on white shirt. Sizes: S,M,L,XL and XXL. \$15 each.

Libertarian Party Logo Pin

Tell everyone that you belong to the Party of Principle with this badge of freedom! Gold and blue Lady Liberty on a white cloisonné enamel background outlined in gold and red. Measures 7/16" by 3/4". Beautiful! \$10.



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Joke Contest

(continued from page 6)

Intellectual: long rambles only Ludwig Von Mises could get. (no maximum)

Stupid Stuff: let your imagination run amuck. (2 min.)

All submissions may be used in our comedy routines (at LP Supper Clubs, Comedy Clubs, etc.) and are subject to editing or revision. Submission deadline is August 1, 1997. Awards will be presented at our supper club in September, 1997. We may also hand out a few prizes but, knowing some of you "wits" out there, I suggest you enter the contest for fun! ■

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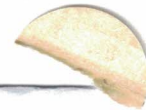


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