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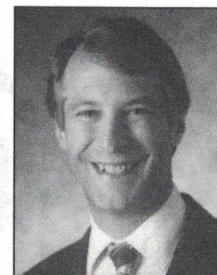
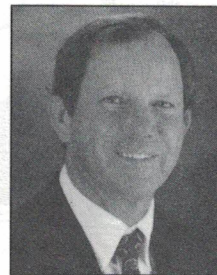
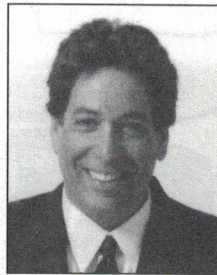
Executive Director Update

Ros visits local regions, makes new contacts and media appearances

"I feel like a debutante making my debut," joked LPC Executive Director Juan Ros about his busy schedule last month — an itinerary that included lots of travel on behalf of the party. "Politics is personal," he said, "and an important part of my job is networking — getting out there mixing with members, meeting new people, and forging new alliances."

To that end, Ros visited several local regions and attended a handful of political events, where he met some key players in the California political scene.

At the Riverside (R33) supper club, Ros met with representatives of Californians for *(continued on page 9)*



Libertarian Statewide Candidates. Top row (left to right): Steve Kubby (Governor), Thomas Tryon (Lt. Governor), Ted Brown (U.S. Senate), Gail Lightfoot (Sec. of State). Bottom row: Joseph S. Farina (Attorney General), Pamela Pescosolido (Controller), Jon Petersen (Treasurer), Dale F. Ogden (Insurance Commissioner).

Election 1998

LPC fields an impressive slate of statewide candidates

The election on November 3 is a crucial event for the LPC: at least one of our statewide candidates must receive 2% of the vote for the party to maintain ballot status. Therefore, it is essential for all LPC members to go to the polls and vote for "the Libertarian alternative"...

The Libertarian candidate for Governor is Steve W. Kubby, an entrepreneur from Lake Tahoe. Kubby entered the political arena as one of the driving forces behind Proposition 215, the Medical Marijuana Initiative, passed by California voters in 1996 but blocked from implementation by the federal government. As governor of California, he would "work to dramatically shrink the size of our state government, and forbear deficit spending." He

would also "begin the process of separating education and state. When the majority of public school teachers in America send their own children to private schools, you know the sys- *(continued on page 8)*

Membership Breaking New Records!

After a recent and precipitous drop, the Libertarian Party of California's membership numbers have bounced back — and bounced back hard! In less than 60 days, the party has recovered all of its lost membership ground, and is once again climbing to record heights.

As reported in our August issue, the LPC's membership experienced a sharp drop *(continued on page 5)*

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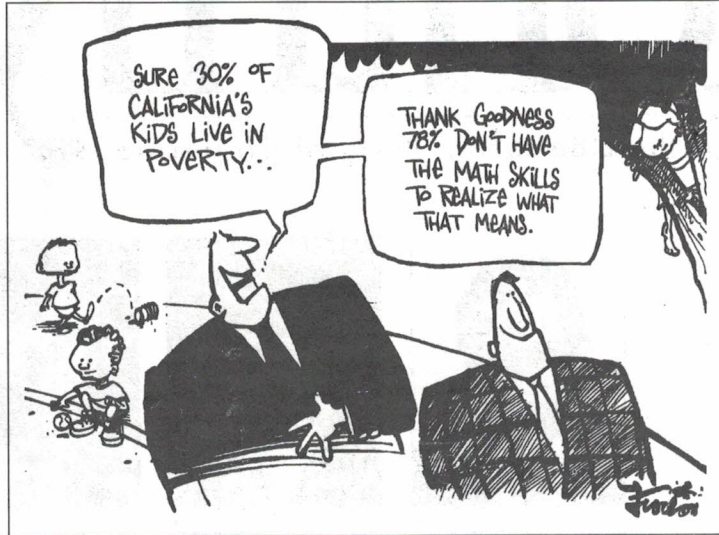
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LETTERS**Response to Bumper**

In your August issue Jacob Hornberger suggests that our next presidential campaign can dispense with large numbers of members and the money and volunteer support they provide. He suggests instead that the candidate should enter state primaries and attempt to duplicate the Dixville Notch success of 1992.

As the Campaign Manager of the Marrou for President campaign at the time of the Dixville Notch victory I feel very qualified to comment on this. I am the person who decided that we needed to succeed in Dixville Notch in order to compensate for the failure of the New Hampshire primary strategy.

The New Hampshire primary strategy failed because we lacked the money and human resources necessary to compete with the Republicans and Democrats statewide.

By contrast, we succeeded in Dixville Notch because it was small enough to allow us to spend as much money and time there as the candidates of the older parties.

We cannot succeed in any primary unless we have enough members to match the funding and volunteer commitments of the Democrats and Republicans. Members are the key to everything. Mr. Hornberger is a newcomer to Libertarian politics, but I am confident that he will learn the realities of campaigning in due time. Meanwhile, other candidates would do well to heed the advice of experienced campaigners.

PERRY WILLIS
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Your Vote Counts!

This year it's more important than ever for

Libertarians to get out to vote on November 3.

Political analysts for the major parties generally agree that only about one-third of qualified voters will actually go to the polls this year. If all Libertarians go to the polls when Democrats and Republicans stay home, we have the potential to double our vote percentages! This an important and very real opportunity for us.

Not long ago, the Democrats learned this lesson the hard way in Washington, D.C. During a special election for City Council, the Republican candidate won

because Democrat voters — with a 90% majority in the district — didn't bother to vote.

Every vote counts — including yours — so be sure to cast yours for our Libertarian candidates this November!

GENE A. CISEWSKI
Garden Grove, CA

Growth is the Key

Monthly we track the San Diego county registrations by political party. Since the first of the year, Libertarians have been the fastest growing political party (including "nonpartisan"), growing over 13%. The Democrats grew less than 4% and the Republicans less than 1% (in spite of voter registration drives).

For the last month we are also number one, so the trend seems to be continuing. There was bit of a purge of the registration lists, but we did better than anyone else. The Republicans dropped three times as much as our .2% drop, and the Dems dropped over four times as much.

It is a long, slow process of growth, but growth is indeed the key. We have 9,716 registered Libertarians in the county, hitting the 3/4% mark for the first time since the party first achieved ballot status.

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Ros Testifies Against Proposition 10

LPC Executive Director stands up to hostile state senator at legislative hearing

LPC Executive Director Juan Ros appeared before a joint legislative hearing on September 29th and spoke out against Proposition 10, "The Cigarette Tax" initiative on California's November ballot. After his comments, State Sen. Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles) attempted to discredit Ros, but our representative held his ground.

"Standing up to a powerful and hostile senator really got my adrenaline flowing," Ros later said.

The Joint Hearing of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, and Assembly Human Services Committee took place at the Ronald Reagan State Building in Los Angeles.

Prop. 10 would impose a 50-cent per pack state tax increase on cigarettes, with the revenue to be spent on state and coun-

ty early childhood development programs. The LPC officially opposes the measure.

"Proposition 10 is a two-headed monster," said Ros. "It'll increase taxes and create a massive new government bureaucracy."

Nevertheless, according to Ros, the overwhelming majority of witnesses during the over-three-hour hearing favored the Proposition. "I was flabbergasted — until a cursory glance at the agenda revealed that an inordinate number of witnesses were associated with state and county child welfare agencies, which stand to benefit if the measure is passed! The few scheduled testifiers speaking in opposition to the measure got an earful from

committee members and the audience."

Despite the unfriendly environment, when Ros's turn to speak came, he argued forcefully that caring for children is not the proper role of government; rather, it is the role of families, communities, churches, and other charitable organizations.

When he finished, Senator Watson counterattacked, asking Ros if he was in favor of child abuse. "I didn't understand what that had to do with the issue at hand," said Ros, "but I responded, 'Of course not.' Then she said, 'Libertarians have a very low opinion of government, don't they?' And I said, *(continued on page 4)*

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Bloated Budget is Burden for Taxpayers

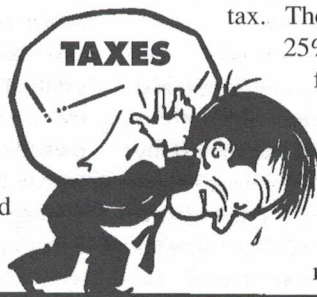
Californians are passengers aboard a state budget "Titanic," charges the LPC

What's the best word to describe the new 1998-99 state budget? According to the LPC, it's *Titanic*

"This budget is like a doomed oceanliner — enormous, extravagant, and headed for disaster," announced Libertarian state Chair Mark Hinkle. "I'm afraid that California taxpayers are aboard and going down with the ship."

Governor Pete Wilson signed the \$72 billion budget into law one week ago, 52 days after the Constitutionally-mandated July 1 deadline.

Wilson has praised the budget for reflecting "the largest single-year tax reduction in state history" — \$1.4 billion through a reduction in the Vehicle License Fee (VLF), also known as the car



tax. The VLF will be reduced by 25% starting January 1, 1999, followed by possible reductions in future years that could add up to \$3.6 billion in savings.

But these tax cuts are nothing but a myth, according to Assem-

blyman Tom McClintock (R-Northridge). In a report issued from his office, McClintock demonstrated that in order to trigger all the potential budgetary cuts in the VLF, California taxpayers will need to pay \$27 billion more in taxes than they paid in 1996.

"This is bureaucratic accounting at its worst," charged Hinkle. "Politicians are passing out life preservers with one hand anvils with the other. Californians should

be outraged."

In fact, the budget reflects an overall increase in spending of \$4.3 billion over last year, a staggering amount considering Wilson eliminated an additional \$1.5 billion using his line item veto power.

A scan of the budget revealed the following items that survived Wilson's veto:

- \$30,000 for a swimming pool in the City of Linden.
- \$250,000 for lifeguard tower repair in the Huntington Beach.
- \$225,000 for a staff position at the California Audubon Society.
- \$30,000 for a pre-school public TV project in Eureka.
- \$500,000 for the study of grapes.
- \$350,000 for a 10-acre Park and \$50,000 for refurbishing two tennis courts in *(continued from page 8)*

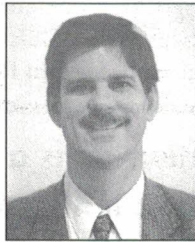
From The Chair:

Vote Libertarian!

by Mark Hinkle

Begin with another reminder of our goals for 1998:

1. Building our ranks to 7,000 members.
2. Building our pledge program to generate \$6,000 per month.
3. Maintaining ballot status.



Mark Hinkle

We have two major projects underway to help us achieve our goal of growing to 7,000 members by the end of the year. The national LP has been doing a great job of recruiting new members via direct mail; but it's likely that they will be doing

only one more mailing before the year's end. That means it's more important than ever that our "Grassroots Challenge 98" succeeds. [See last issue for full details.] If just

10% of the people receiving this newsletter were to sign up their spouse, son or daughter (there's no age restriction), parent, next door neighbor, or co-worker, we'd over the top with room to spare. If that's not incentive enough, think of the extra money that will go to your regions!

The second membership building project involves almost 700 people who have contributed money to the LPC, but haven't signed the famous anti-force pledge. We know from past experience that, for a lot of folks, not signing is just an oversight. But non-signers are non-voting members, and therefore not included in our official membership count. So, we're going to mail a letter to each of them asking them to sign the form and return it. That mailer has already gone out and we're now awaiting the response.

On the financial front, we've added another major donor (who contributed \$5,000!) to our ranks in September. But, as I mentioned last month, many of our

cash pledgers are seriously behind schedule. So, we've hired someone to call and urge them to become credit card pledgers. Not only does this give us a steady and reliable source of income, it's also the cheapest form of fundraising we do. I know the words "credit card" and "cheapest" don't usually belong together, but here's an example of when they do: over 90 cents out of each dollar from a credit card donation goes directly towards our projects — a very high ratio.

By the time the next issue of *LPC Monthly* reaches you, the 1998 elections will be history. Let's make sure we're

not history because we didn't get 2% of the vote! At least one of our statewide candidates must get 2% of the vote or we will lose our ballot status here in California.

Until our voter registration numbers quadruple, we'll be at the mercy of the voters every four years. I don't have to tell you that losing ballot status would be a major setback for the Party.

So please make sure you vote — and urge your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to cast at least 1 vote for a Libertarian candidate. If they resist by saying they don't want to waste their vote, tell them polls across the nation show that most people feel that "governments usually do the wrong thing." Do they agree? If so, ask them this question: "How is this situation going to change if you continue voting for the same bunch of scoundrels — the Demopublicans?"

To quote Michael Cloud: "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you always got." Tell your friends that if they want something different, something better than what they've always got from government, then they must try doing something different — *like voting Libertarian!* ■

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Ros Testifies Against Proposition 10

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'No. Libertarians have a very positive view of government — as long as government sticks to its legitimate function of protecting individuals from harm!'"

Then Watson asked Ros, "If there was a young girl who had no money and her mother was very sick, would it be the proper role of government to help that little girl?"

Although Ros realized the senator was attempting to bully him into giving an affirmative and inconsistent answer, he replied: "No, that would not be the proper role of government. That's the role of family members, communities, churches and charities." Watson glared at Ros for a few seconds then curtly dismissed him.

"She was trying to trip me up, to get me to say something inconsistent," said Ros. "When she saw that I stuck to principle, I think she respected that."

She may also have realized that debating a well-reasoned, principled Libertarian opponent might well have been to her disadvantage.

Outside the hearing room, representatives from the "No on Prop. 10" campaign thanked Ros for his comments, and for standing up to Watson. A group of grateful business people also approached our Executive Director. "They were all owners and managers of tobacco shops, who'd been sitting in the hearing room, getting angrier with each additional testifier," said Ros. "They told me they really appreciated what I'd said. After we spoke for a few minutes, they realized that they were all Libertarians and pledged to support the Party!"

Ros said testifying before a legislative committee was "an exhilarating experience," and that he looks forward to doing it many more times. "I think Senator Watson's reaction to me is evidence that many legislators fear our Party and its principled, pro-freedom philosophy — and I intend to continue making them feel the Libertarian heat!" ■

Membership Breaking New Records

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during the month of May, when a larger-than-usual number of memberships came due for renewal. That month, the party's ranks shrank from an all-time high of 5,888 to 5,110 — a loss of 778 members.

At the time, the LPC's former database manager Joe Dehn explained what happened: "Because of the way our previously state-only members were added to the national database in the implementation of the Unified Membership Plan, a large fraction of our membership wound up with a renewal date in March. [Members are allowed a 60-day grace period before

they are officially dropped off our rolls.] Whenever a large number of people come up for renewal, there is the potential for a dip in membership. Even people who intend to renew and eventually do, typically don't do so until they've gotten several notices. A significant number don't renew until well after their expiration date.

So it's just a matter of arithmetic — if a large enough portion of memberships expire in a given month, there is bound to be a temporary drop in the count." Dehn went on to predict that, once the expired members renewed and new members began pouring in from various recruitment projects, the LPC's numbers would

recover their lost ground and continue ascending to new heights.

Dehn was right on the money.

By the end of July, the LPC's total membership reached 5,593, regaining the

778 lost members and adding another 5 — setting a new record. That record was broken the following month,

when the numbers climbed to 5,832.

This is measurable proof that of our efforts to build the Party are succeeding. Our goal is to build our ranks to 7,000 members by the end of this year. Let's all do what we can to accomplish it, then we'll really have something to celebrate — and more people to celebrate with! ■

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Growth Watch: August 1998

Revenue

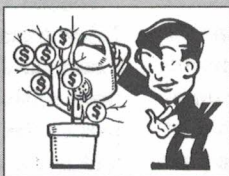
Current: \$168,687
Year End Goal: \$350,000

Donations

August Total: \$9,591

Monthly Pledges

August Total: \$3,173
Year End Goal: \$6,000

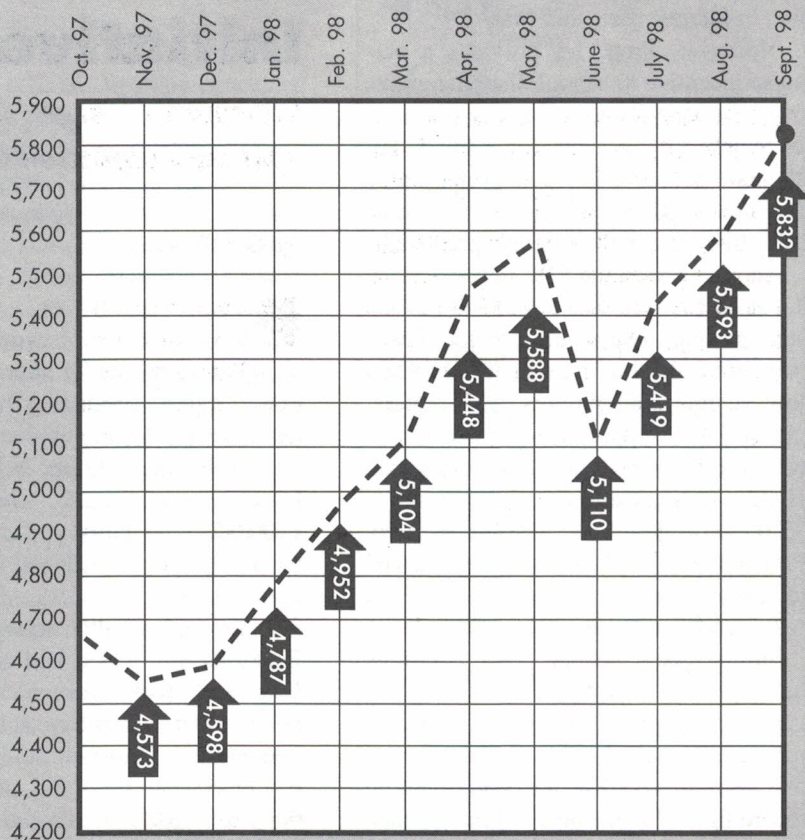


Help Us Grow!

Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 506-0200. Please do it today!

Membership

August 31st: 5,832 Year End Goal: 7,000



School Bondage

\$9.2 billion bond measure "flunks the test" for good ideas

The \$9.2 billion school construction and modernization bond measure signed by Governor Pete Wilson last week will hurt children, not help them, the Libertarian Party of California has charged. The measure, Proposition 1A, will go before the voters on November 3rd.

Why do Libertarians oppose it?

For starters: according to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, Prop. 1A will end up costing taxpayers \$15 billion after interest is factored in, or about \$750 million per year.

Another reason, as Assemblyman Tom McClintock (R-Northridge) has pointed out, funds from the state surplus could have been devoted to "immediate pay-as-you-go school construction," which would have saved Californians \$700 million in interest costs this year.

Moreover, Prop. 1A provides a perverse incentive to school districts: grants from the state for new construction must be matched by districts dollar-for-dollar. "School districts will create projects they don't need just to get a slice of the state pie," LPC Chair Mark Hinkle predicted.

Another reason the LPC opposes Prop. 1A is that it creates a new \$160 million state program that would provide down-payment and renter's assistance to certain low-income homebuyers and renters. "Prop. 1A is supposed to pay for school construction, not new homes," said Hinkle. Californians already approved a \$3 billion school bond measure in 1996, Proposition 203. "Now we're being asked to approve three times that much. When will it end?" asked Hinkle.

Similar local school bond measures have proven ineffective. Los Angeles voters approved a record \$2.4 billion measure in early 1997 with the promise that schools would be air conditioned in record time. To date many of the planned construction projects remain unfinished,

and children are suffering inside sweltering classrooms.

What's the answer?

"Privatize education, a solution endorsed by Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman," said Hinkle.

"Until our education system is based on choice and competition...children will continue to be the unfortunate victims."

"Until our education system is based on choice and competition, tax money will be squandered, schools will fall into disrepair, and children will continue to be the unfortunate victims. Prop. 1A is costly, inefficient, and won't work. We urge voters to reject it — for our children's sake." ■

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Horsemeat Initiative

Libertarians urge "Neigh" vote on Proposition 6

by Ted Brown

Proposition 6 on California's November ballot would ban the slaughter of horses for human consumption. If it passes, violating the law would be a felony. The proposition's main proponent is Sidne Long, heiress to the Long's Drugs fortune, who paid over \$500,000 to qualify it for the ballot. Evidently, she loves horses and wants to protect them.

I prepared a ballot argument against Proposition 6, which will appear in the November ballot pamphlet. My main point is that people have the right to eat horsemeat — Proposition 6 would violate individual rights and interferes with the free market. Joining me as signers are Thomas Tryon and Joseph Farina,

the Libertarian candidates for Lt. Governor and Attorney General respectively.

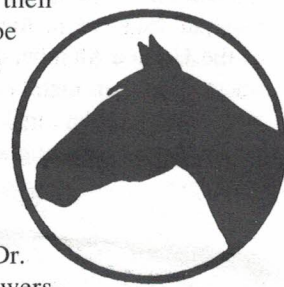
Soon after writing the argument, I was contacted by the California Cattleman's Association, who had also submitted an opposing argument that was not accepted. Their argument asserted that, under the law, ranchers wouldn't be able to dispose of old horses, with resulting health and safety hazards. They had also obtained an opinion from California's Legislative Counsel that the measure is an unconstitutional violation of the interstate commerce clause. The Cattlemen requested that someone from their organization be permitted to sign our rebuttal argument, and that some of their arguments be included in it.

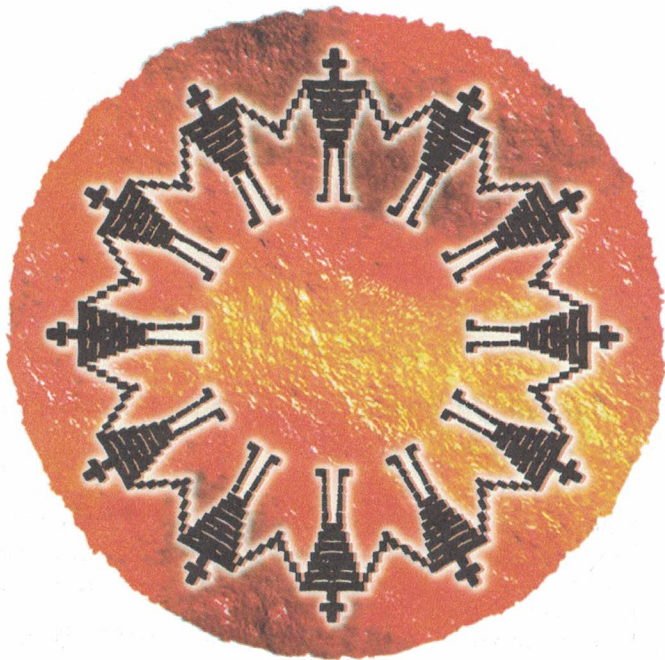
We agreed, and Dr. Jeanne Bowers-Lepore, veterinarian for the Harris Ranch, replaced Farina on the rebuttal.

Much to my surprise, proponents of Prop. 6 filed suit against us, demanding that the language in our argument and rebuttal be changed. Their main complaints were: (1) they were skeptical about the Legislative Council's opinion; and (2) they objected a slogan contained in the argument — "Three horseburgers and you're out" — and wanted it deleted.

Joseph Farina represented the Libertarian side in Sacramento Superior Court on July 31. He demonstrated that the Legislative Council indeed stated that part of the measure was unconstitutional, and so we won on that point. But the judge ruled that I had not clearly explained that a restaurateur would have to have two violent felonies on his record before the "third strike" would apply on a horsemeat-related offense, and ordered a change of language, plus the deletion of the slogan in question. Proponents had also asked they we reimburse them for their legal fees, but the judge ruled against them.

Now the fate of the measure is in the hands of California voters. Remember to just say "neigh" on Proposition 6 on November 3! ■





Proposition 5 - The California Indian Self-Reliance Initiative...

*The ballot initiative that will protect
the right of California Indian tribes to keep
the gaming they have on their own land.*

You can make a difference... make it happen!

Limited Indian gaming supports tribal self-sufficiency, plus health and social services services for children and the elderly, thereby reducing costs to state or local governments. Proposition 5 is needed to allow California Tribes to keep the limited gaming they have - and the jobs and benefits it provides.

*Proposition 5 creates
a fair, responsible plan
for Indian gaming in California.*

Proposition 5 does not expand Indian gaming outside of Indian lands or the types of gaming now offered at Indian casinos. **It simply allows California Tribes to keep the gaming they currently have, shares benefits from Indian gaming with all Californians, and incorporates into state law uniform regulatory standards for Indian casinos.**

For most of the past century, Indians on tribal reservations in California lived in extreme poverty, welfare dependency and despair. Then, in 1988, federal law recognized the right of Indian tribes to have limited, regulated gaming on their own land. Since 1988, Indian casinos in California and over 20 other states have provided many tribes with jobs that take Indians off welfare and with revenues to provide decent housing, clean water supplies, better education and health care for their people. **Now, the big Las Vegas casinos are working to get the government to change the rules and shut down the gaming that dozens of California Tribes have had for years.** If that happens, it would be devastating for Indians in California and damage the economy of California communities where Indian casinos are located.

Vote YES On Proposition 5!



Proposition 5

The California Indian Self-Reliance Initiative

Summary of Key Provisions

Authorizes federally-required tribal-state gaming compacts:

The Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) allows Indian Tribes to have limited, regulated gaming on Tribal lands to create jobs and provide funds to support programs and services on Indian reservations. Under IGRA, states must provide Indian Tribes with gaming agreements - called Tribal-State compacts - for certain kinds of games, such as the video gaming machines that generate up to three-fourths of the revenues at most existing Indian casinos.

Proposition 5 authorizes Tribal-State compacts for California Indian Tribes. This will:

- assure that California Indian Tribes can keep the gaming they currently have at Indian casinos on their own land;
- preserve vitally-needed funds that California Tribes use to fund education, economic development, cultural preservation, housing and health care programs for their Tribal members;
- protect the 15,000 jobs that Indian gaming directly provides to Indians and non-Indians in California;
- protect over 30,000 jobs that Indian gaming indirectly supports in California communities around the state;
- preserve the more than \$120 million per year in state and local taxes currently generated by Indian gaming in our state; and
- keep hundreds of millions of California dollars here in California each year, to benefit California - hundreds of millions that would otherwise be spent at Nevada casinos.

Limits

Indian gaming:

Prop 5 sets the following limitations on the scope of Indian gaming in California:

- Under Prop 5 (and federal law), Indian casinos can only be located on Tribal lands.
- Prop 5 allows California Indian Tribes to continue to offer the kinds of gaming they currently have, such as existing player-pool card games, parimutuel betting on horse racing, and video gaming machines with lottery-style prize structures.
- Prop 5 does not allow Indian casinos to have Las Vegas style games such as slot machines that take and dispense coins and are operated by a handle, or games like craps, roulette and baccarat.
- Prop 5 also prohibits Las Vegas style "house-banked" gaming, in which players bet against the house. It limits Indian gaming to lottery-style, "player pool" gaming, in which prizes come only from the pool of money provided by players - just like the state lottery.

Dedicates funds from Indian gaming to support programs for non-gaming tribes and statewide and local programs:

Prop 5 dedicates up to six percent of the net revenues from gaming machines at Indian casinos to support programs that will benefit non-gaming Tribes and Californians statewide. These revenue-sharing payments by gaming Tribes will provide tens of millions of dollars in new funds each year that will be used as follows:

- part of the revenues from Indian gaming will be dedicated to support economic development, educa-

tion, cultural preservation, housing and health care programs on remote reservations where Indian casinos aren't practical;

- part will be used to support emergency medical services for all Californians; and
- part will be used to support programs and services in local cities and counties where Indian casinos are located, such as police and fire protection.

Provides strict gaming, health, safety and environmental regulations:

Prop 5 assures that Tribal gaming will continue to be strictly regulated by the federal government, the National Indian Gaming Commission and Tribal governments. In addition, Prop 5 gives the state government new regulatory authority over Indian casinos it has not had in the past. A summary of the initiative's regulations and standards are as follows:

- Prop 5 establishes uniform standards for the operation of Indian gaming facilities to ensure fair and honest operation of limited gaming on Tribal lands, and to assure ethical gaming practices.
- All Indian gaming facilities, and virtually all persons and firms in any way involved in operating, financing, or providing goods or services to the facilities, must be licensed by the Tribe according to standards

set by the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

- For the first time in the state's history, the initiative gives the state government the right to inspect Tribal gaming facilities and their financial records, and the right to certify or object to the suitability of workers at Indian casinos.
- Prop 5 requires worker protections for employees at Indian casinos, with benefits comparable to those mandated in workplaces subject to state jurisdiction.
- Prop 5 puts into state law strict health, safety, and environmental standards to protect employees and patrons at Indian gaming facilities. All authorized Indian gaming facilities will fully comply with and enforce building and safety standards, U.S. Public Health Service requirements for food and beverage handling, and federal water quality and safe drinking water standards. The state government will also have the right to participate in regular compliance inspections.
- Finally, Prop 5 requires gaming Tribes to reimburse state agencies for all regulatory costs, so there is no cost to California taxpayers for regulating Indian gaming in our state.

You can make a difference... make it happen!

Yes, I Support Proposition 5, the California Indian Self-Reliance Initiative

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone (optional) _____

Occupation or Title* _____

Business or Affiliation* _____

Other Titles/Affiliations* _____

Here's how I will help:

Place bumper sticker on my car.

Contact my neighbors and distribute brochures, bumper stickers. **Send me a volunteer packet.**

List me publicly as a member of Californians for Indian Self-Reliance

Request a speaker for an organization(s) I belong to.

Other: Please list:

*Titles and affiliations are for identification purposes only and will be indicated as such on any published lists.



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Election 1998

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tem is beyond repair," he has said. "We have to start returning the money, authority and choice to parents, students and teachers." Kubby is also a forceful opponent of gun control laws and is pro-choice on the issue of abortion. Urging Californians to try "the Libertarian alternative," Kubby has said "If the people really want change for the better, they have to break the monopoly on power clutched by the two old parties."

The Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor is Thomas Tryon, a rancher and Calaveras County Supervisor. A resident of Angel's Camp, Tryon was elected to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors in 1984 and has been re-elected three times. The senior Libertarian office holder in the nation, Tryon is an advocate of campaign finance reform. "Contribution limits strongly favor incumbents, who are able to leverage the advantages of holding office," he has said. "Our highly regulated system really protects 'the governing class' in our society. For these reasons, I propose removing all existing quantitative limits on political contributions." He is also an opponent of the Drug War.

The Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate is Ted Brown, an insurance adjuster and investigator from San Gabriel. A former LPC Chair, Brown currently serves as an At-Large member on the LPC Execom and has also written numerous ballot arguments. He has run for various state offices many times and, in his 1990 candidacy for Insurance Commissioner, received an impressive 6% of the total vote. As U.S. Senator, he would make ending the federal government's "War on Drugs" his top priority. He would also work to repeal the income tax and abolish the I.R.S., end all government agencies and programs not authorized by the Constitution, and withdraw all U.S. troops from overseas.

The Libertarian candidate for Secretary of State is Gail K. Lightfoot, a registered nurse from Pismo Beach. A longtime Libertarian activist and former

LPC Chair, she currently serves as an At-Large Representative on the LPC Execom. Lightfoot joined the LP in its founding days in 1972. As dedicated an activist as can be found in our ranks, Lightfoot has promised, if elected, to simplify the election process. "I'd like to create better voter pamphlets with statements by all the candidates," she has said, "so voters can make informed decisions without relying on ads or media coverage."

The Libertarian candidate for Insurance Commissioner is Dale F. Ogden, a Los Angeles insurance consultant. Ogden has said, if elected, his primary goal would be to abolish his own office! "There is no Department of Groceries," he has said, "and food is a far more essential product than insurance, so why do we need an Insurance Commissioner?" Failing that, Ogden would like to see the office's budget reduced by 80%. He would also like to deregulate auto insurance.

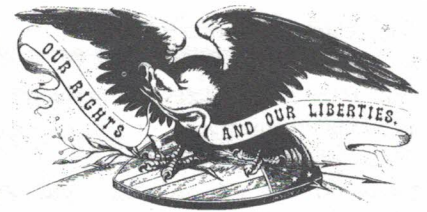
Joseph S. Farina is the Libertarian candidate for Attorney General. A Sacramento attorney, Farina has pledged, if elected, to work to eliminate governmental interference with Proposition 215, the medical marijuana law passed by state voters. He would also encourage law enforcement officials to issue concealed carry weapons permits to all eligible citizens, and work to repeal the ban on "assault weapons." He also supports the strict enforcement of Prop. 209, and argues for the end of governmental interference with Tribal Indians to sponsor gaming on their reservations.

The Libertarian candidate for state Treasurer is the LPC's current Northern Vice-Chair, Jon Petersen. In 1992, Petersen was one of the principle litigants in a lawsuit to overturn a Santa Clara sales tax hike. "That saved taxpayers about \$3.5 billion plus uncountable future amounts," he said. Petersen has described the theme of his campaign as "Abundance and Harmony for all," asserting that the only way that sort of social environment can exist is through libertarianism. If elected, he has promised to make the Treasurer's office "a model for slim, trim government."

The Libertarian candidate for State Controller is (continued on page 8)

Vote Libertarian

on November 3rd!



Statewide Candidates

- Steve W. Kubby
Governor
- Thomas M. Tryon
Lt. Governor
- Gail K. Lightfoot
Secretary of State
- Pamela Pescosolido
Controller
- Jon Petersen
Treasurer
- Joseph S. Farina
Attorney General
- Ted Brown
U.S. Senate
- Dale F. Ogden
Insurance Commissioner

Ballot Propositions LPC Recommendations

- Proposition 1 YES NO
- Proposition 2 YES NO
- Proposition 3 YES NO
- Proposition 4 YES NO
- Proposition 5 YES NO
- Proposition 6 YES NO
- Proposition 7 YES NO
- Proposition 8 YES NO
- Proposition 9 NO POSITION
- Proposition 10 YES NO

Bloated Budget

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- King City, population 9,500.
- \$5 million for the Walt Disney Concert Hall at the Los Angeles Music Center.
- \$259,000 to the Dept. of Corrections for a Cowbird Trapping Program.
- \$250,000 for a boating tax survey. "Now politicians are spending our tax money to figure out how best to divide our tax money," Hinkle said.
- \$720,000 to establish the California Commission on Improving Life Through Service.
- \$347.3 million for the Franchise Tax Board, the agency responsible for collecting taxes in California.

"That's just the tip of the iceberg," declared Hinkle. "The Libertarian Party of California calls on all Californians to write or phone your legislators and express your disapproval and indignation. Remember this waterlogged budget when you step into the ballot box in November. The overspending and over-taxing must end — now."

Hinkle concluded: "Libertarians are throwing you a lifeline — grab it before we drown in a sea of taxes, spending, regulation, and special interest pork." ■

Candidates

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Pam Pescosolido of Vasalia. A former Chair of Region 10, Pescosolido's libertarian roots go way back. "Like many of us, I was a libertarian long before I knew there was such a thing," she has said. "A lot of my libertarian beliefs were instilled in me by my father. While in college, law school, and for all the years since I got my J.D. in 1990, I learned to mistrust the bureaucratic urge to regulate everything with grasp." Pescosolido is divorced and has a three-year-old son, Harley.

This election, the LPC is fielding a particularly strong slate of candidates — be sure to make it to polls and give them your support on November 3! ■

Q&A With Dale F. Ogden

A talk with the LPC candidate for Insurance Commissioner

As part of our series of interviews with Libertarian statewide officer-seekers, this month with talk with our candidate for Insurance Commissioner, Dale F. Ogden...



Dale F. Ogden

Q: What is your background?

A: I was born in Baltimore in 1951. I first came to Los Angeles in 1985 on a consulting assignment as the CEO of a group of insurance companies. By 1997, I decided to leave New Jersey and move to Los Angeles, which stole my heart. I became a self-employed insurance expert consultant and actuary. My wife Colleen and I have a 9-year old son, Dale, Jr. We live near the ocean and I can't imagine ever leaving. Since coming to L.A., I've become a certified scuba diver.

Q: How long have you been a Libertarian?

A: Probably my entire life. One of my sixth grade teachers told me I was an anarchist! But I'm not. I believe in strong but very limited government. Around 1980, when I was working in New York City, a co-worker explained the difference between liberals, conservatives, fascists and libertarians, and I realized then that I was a libertarian. Although I eventually became a member of the LP, I remained a registered Republican until 1995, when a discussion with Ted Brown convinced me of the error of my ways! I called the Registrar of Voters and switched.

Q: If you could ask members to do one thing to help the LP, what would it be?

A: The most important thing is to get other people to register and vote Libertarian. When those number get large enough, everything else will follow.

Q: Why are you running for Insurance Commissioner?

A: When insurance companies are regulated, they try to please the regulator. If the industry were truly deregulated, then insurance companies would try to please their customers — like any other unregulated business. No one else running for Insurance Commissioner understands this.

Q: Any other observations about the insurance industry?

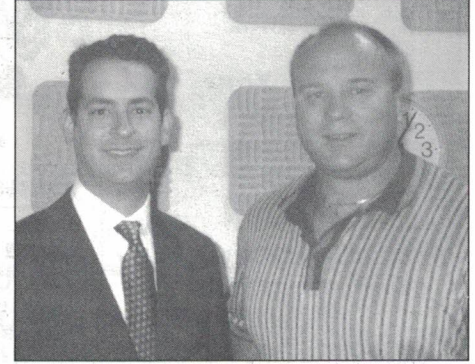
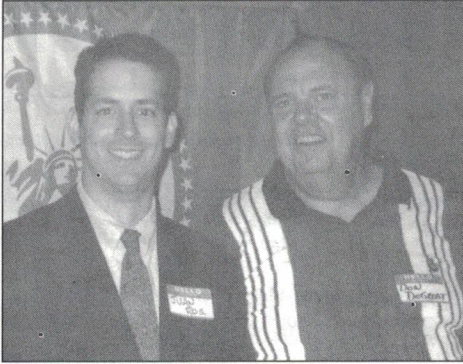
A: All my professional life, I've been involved with insurance companies and government regulations. I've seen many insurance commissioners, most of whom were bumbling incompetents who harm the industry and the public with their political agendas. I've seen a few who truly believed in free markets. In California, the incumbent has claimed he believes in free markets, but his actions indicate the opposite — and speak a lot louder than his words. Like most Republicrats, he only believes in free markets when they benefit his friends and contributors.

Q: Describe your opponents.

A: Quackenbush is a vindictive megalomaniac who abused his power as Insurance Commissioner to unconstitutionally seize private property from an owner of an insurance company and sell it off to one of his own supporters! At some public hearings, when he didn't like the attitude of someone testifying, he said: "The last company that had that kind of attitude toward me, I seized a billion-dollar operation [of theirs] and sold it off. I'd be very careful how you respond to me — very careful." He didn't like the owner's attitude, so he stole his company and forced a sale below its fair market value!

Q: If elected, what would be your top priority?

A: I'll reduce the Insurance Department's budget by 80% — about \$100 million. Then I'll work to get the legislature to abolish the department entirely; that's not likely to happen, but I'll try anyway. Otherwise, I plan to do nothing — or as close to nothing as I can get away with! That would be the optimal regulator: one who does nothing. There are hundreds of insurance companies, and if I stay out of their way, they'll compete with each other and the consumer will benefit. There are a few effective insurance cartels, and I'll do what I can to encourage other companies to compete with them. ■



Travels with LPC Executive Director Juan Ros... Left: Ros with Region 50 Chair Don DeGroat at Stanislaus County's "Meet the Candidates" night. Center: Ros flanked by R44 Chair David Bonino (L) and state Assembly candidate Dirk Deardorff (R) at the Santa Cruz County Fair. Right: Ros with Libertarian talk radio host Rick Minyard at the KFIV studios in Modesto.

Executive Director Update

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Indian Self-Reliance — the proponents of Proposition 5, the Indian Gaming Initiative. "[R33 Chair] Gene Trosper invited them to the event," reported Ros. "I was glad he did. Forging relationships with such groups is crucial for us." The LPC has officially endorsed Prop. 5.

Ros was also invited to attend the Santa Cruz County Fair by Region 44 Chair David Bonino. "It was International Day at the Fair, and I wanted to use my Spanish to communicate with Hispanic fairgoers." For Ros, one of the fair's highlights was the Alaskan Pig Races. "Seeing a bunch of porkers racing each other down a track somehow reminded me of our state legislature," he quipped.

On September 22, Ros visited Stanislaus County (R50), where he sat in for an hour long appearance on the Rick Minyard Show on KFIV in Modesto. Minyard recently made an "on the air" announcement that he was switching from the Republican to the Libertarian Party. "Rick's a great host and he knows the issues well," said Ros. "We're lucky to have him on our side!"

That night, Ros attended a "Meet the Candidates" night organized by R50 Chair Don DeGroat. Statewide candidates Gail Lightfoot (Secretary of State), Jon Petersen (State Treasurer) and Joseph Farina (Attorney General) were in atten-

dance, along with: Congressional candidates Douglas Arthur Tuma (5th District), Jesse Baird (11th), and Linda DeGroat (18th); State Senate candidate Mary Lee Gowland (12th Senate District); and State Assembly candidates Robert L. Mulvany (4th), Jonathan Zwickel (25th), and David Eaton (26th). "There was also a Democratic candidate and a representative from the state Republican Party," Ros reported.

Earlier in the month, Ros attended a luncheon featuring noted Internet journalist Matt Drudge, who has publicly described his political philosophy as "libertarian." Also at that luncheon were

Robert Poole of the Reason Foundation and David Horowitz of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture.

On the 17th, our Executive Director attended another public event featuring Larry Elder. "It was great to chat with Larry again — he's a real friend of the Party." (Ros arranged Elder's appearance at the '98 LPC Convention.) Also present were *Reason* magazine editor Virginia Postrel, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association President Joel Fox, and Ron Unz, leading proponent of Prop. 227, the Bilingual Education Initiative.

On the 24th, Ros sat in on an editorial board meeting with the Orange County

Register in favor of Proposition 7, a measure endorsed by the LPC that would provide tax credits to individuals and businesses for improving air quality. Seated with Ros at that meeting was Prop. 7 proponent and Planning and Conservation League Executive Director Jerry Meral.

"That was a double feat," said Ros, "first to be invited to the meeting, and second to be allied with Meral. We may not agree on all the issues, but he's a very influential player in Sacramento. This is how coalitions are created."

"As the Libertarian Party grows and professionalizes, we're being taken more seriously than ever before."

On the 28th, Ros appeared on the local PBS television program "Real Orange" along with LPC gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby. "That was a good opportunity for us to spread the L-word."

In addition to his travels and media appearances, Ros presided over the launching of the LPC's membership contest "Grassroots Challenge '98" and organized the Shelley Davis fundraising dinners, held this month in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

"As the election gets closer, I'm getting much busier — as are all of our activists," noted Ros. "As the Libertarian Party grows and professionalizes, we're being taken more seriously than ever before — and that means more opportunities and work for all of us. The good news is that the opportunities are invaluable and the work is very rewarding." ■

For Your Information

Renewing Your 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.

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Announcements

2000 Convention

The LPC Execom is now accepting bids for the 2000 LPC Convention. For more details, call Juan Ros (818) 506-0200.

Kubby Video

Kubby for Governor now has a five minute informational video available. Professionally produced video features Steve and Michele Kubby. VHS Copies are \$25 ea. Send checks payable to be made payable to Kubby for Governor, P.O. Box 1012, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1012. You may also order by phone using your MasterCard or VISA by calling: 1-877-Go Kubby.

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Many Libertarian candidates have created websites -- check 'em out! Here are the URLs for our statewide candidate:

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home.earthlink.net/~tebrown/

Steve Kubby for Governor
www.kubby.com/

Gail Lightfoot for Sec. of State
www.lpcslo.org/candidates/lightfoot.shtml

Joseph Farina for Atty. Gen.
<http://www.jps.net/sactolp/jfarina/>

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For other candidates, go to:
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The Libertarian Party is the Party of Principle. To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles, we request our members to sign the pledge below. (Non-signers cannot vote on party business.)

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: _____

Membership Application

I choose to set my dues at:

- \$25 Basic
- \$100 Sustaining
- \$250 Sponsor
- \$500 Patron
- \$1000 Life

Plus additional contribution to LPC:

- \$ ____ Monthly Pledge
- \$ ____ One-time Donation

Total:

Payment:

- Check (payable to Libertarian Party)
- Visa Mastercard

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____