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Libertarian candidate for the 29th Congressional District Alan Pyeatt makes a point at a recent forum as Republican candidate Charles Hahn looks on. The two are facing incumbent Democrat Adam Schiff (not shown) at the Nov. 4 general election.. Photo by Ted Brown

Pyeatt promotes Libertarian candidacy at Pasadena forum

by Ted Brown

Alan Pyeatt, Libertarian candidate in the 29th Congressional District, appeared at a candidate forum in Pasadena on October 11. Pyeatt is running against Rep. Adam Schiff (D) and Charles Hahn (R) in a heavily Democratic district. All three candidates spoke and answered audience questions for almost 90 minutes.



Ted Brown

In his opening statement, Pyeatt explained the libertarian alternative in great detail. The Glendale resident explained that there are two choices: the path of liberty (constitutional values that result in peace, freedom and prosperity), and the road to serfdom (the continued erosion of our constitutional rights).

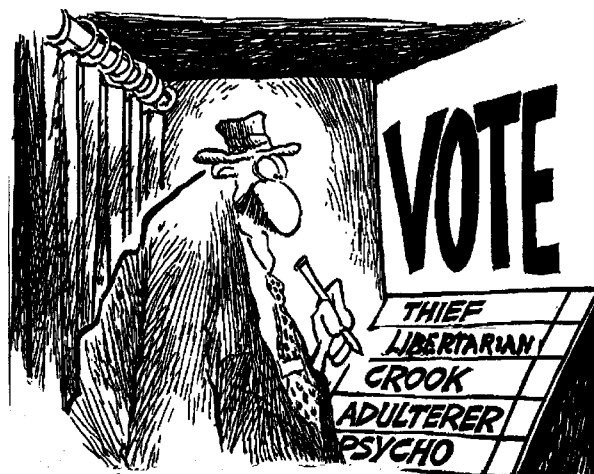
"The Democrats and Republicans represent the road to serfdom by their joint support of the Patriot Act, the destruction/deterioration of the economy, wars, corporate welfare, and

bad economic policies like those that led to the Great Depression." Pyeatt was referring to the recent Wall Street bailout legislation.

Pyeatt said, "The best person to run your life is you." He explained how the left/right political spectrum is inadequate to describe all political viewpoints. He said that we should bring our troops home from overseas – today. "George Washington, who was no bleeding heart liberal, warned us against foreign entanglements," Pyeatt said. He vowed full support for the Constitution and Bill of Rights, accusing the president, Congress, and the Supreme Court of having let the American people down.

Incumbent Democrat Adam Schiff explained his support for the recent bailout package (he voted against it the first time, before he voted for it). Schiff also explained, at least from his perspective, the cause of the current economic troubles. He specifically blamed deregulation and unsound business practices for much of the cause.

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Message from the Chair

We're moving forward!

Please notice the new look of this issue of The Los Angeles Libertarian. For this, I want to thank our publisher and editor, Dick Venable.



Bruce Dovner

This special election and outreach issue is being sent to Libertarians who have recently registered to vote as Libertarian, members of the Party whose membership has lapsed, and members of the national Libertarian Party. This special issue is made possible with the support of Dave Bowers, Ed & Alicia Clark, Zander Collier, Don Cowles, Bruce Dovner, Dan Fernandes, Jason Gonella, Jay Jones, Herb Peters, Alan Pyeatt, Bob Weber, and Dave Wire. I wish to thank all of them for their support of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County. With their help, we're moving forward.

Welcome, Libertarian registered voter!

If you have recently registered to vote as a Libertarian, I invite you to join the Libertarian Party as a central committee member (or "member"), as defined in the Libertarian Party of California bylaws. Central Committee membership in the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County also carries with it membership in the Libertarian Party of California, and allows one to be a delegate to the state, county and, possibly, national conventions. Also, you receive six issues of this newspaper, The Los Angeles Libertarian, which will keep you informed about the issues and about local Libertarian meetings and events. For another \$30, you can subscribe to California Freedom, the Libertarian Party of California newspaper. To be a central committee member, dues are \$25 and one must sign the oath of office. Please see our membership advertisement in this issue for more information. Check out any of our local regional meetings listed in this issue, and meet local Libertarians. Please use the enclosed business reply envelope to join the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County and of California! Visit us at www.LPLAC.org. We live in exciting times with much opportunity. Together, we will advance the Cause of Liberty!

Membership renewal time is here!

If you are a current or lapsed member of the Libertarian Party, membership renewal time is here or fast approaching! Please use the enclosed business reply envelope to renew your membership, or visit us at www.LPLAC.org! Your continued support is needed to advance the Cause of Liberty in these exciting times!

A note to members of the national Libertarian Party.

Membership in the national Libertarian Party does not mean that one is a member of the Libertarian Party of California. Due to federal campaign finance burdens, they are split into two separate organizations, like the federal and state governments are separate organizations. Most Libertarian Party activism takes place at the state and local level. Please use the enclosed business reply envelope to join the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County and the Libertarian Party of California., Visit us at LPLAC.org. Your membership in the Libertarian Party of California is much appreciated.

Candidates and Activities

In this issue, we profile some of our candidates and office holders. Also, we cover some of the recent activities of our candidates and local Libertarian activists spreading the message of liberty in the community. Listed in this issue are local Libertarian Party meetings. Please come by to meet your fellow Libertarians at a local meeting near you. And, remember to vote Libertarian this November!

For Liberty,
Bruce Dovner
 Chair,
 Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County



"Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody."

– F. P. Adams,
 Amer. journalist,
 1881-1960



Use the business reply envelope you find in this issue. Fill it out now and mail it. You will be helping to fuel the flames of liberty.

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Why support the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County?



Dan Fernandes

by Dan Fernandes

Are you one of the growing number of libertarians who belong to the national Libertarian Party, but have let your combined state and county party membership lapse? If so, please consider what your local party does for liberty, and why it deserves your support.

While the national party runs candidates for president and vice-president, the state and county party affiliates run candidates for all other offices, including national congress, state governor and legislature, city, and county. All those candidates on your ballot are evidence that your state and county affiliate has been at work. The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (LPLAC) is run by a small core of dedicated and unpaid volunteers who devote their time and energies to putting those candidates on the ballot.

Did I say unpaid? Yes, our volunteers and candidates are unpaid; they pay their own expenses, and now, with reduced membership support, they often

find themselves contributing their own money to fund the latest must-do project.

With such a devoted band of workers for liberty doing everything on the cheap, why send in your membership dues? After all, won't everything get done anyway, without your help?

Maybe. But imagine what it would be like to open your voter pamphlet some day and find no Libertarians on the ballot. If support for the county party continues its present downward spiral, that could be a reality. So please take the time to send in your dues to the Los Angeles County Libertarian Party soon, and count yourself as a supporter for liberty. Then when your grandchildren ask you what you did to stem the tide of big government in America, you can say you helped to put pro-freedom candidates on the ballot, so Americans at least had a choice.

Fernandes is the Regional Representative of Reg. 67, East San Gabriel Valley. An activist and prolific writer, he is author of Talking Points. This discussion of topical issues will return to these pages in the next issue. •

Please use the enclosed business reply envelope to renew or extend your membership today!

L.A. County Ballot Recommendations

These are recommendations adopted by the Executive Board of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County for the November general election ballot measures in Los Angeles County. In general, the Party supports measures that eliminate or reduce taxes or regulations, or protect rights. The Libertarian Party opposes measures that enact or increase taxes or regulations, expand the public debt, are unjust, or are outside the scope of government. A brief reason as described above appears after each measure. Further information regarding L.A. County ballot measures can be found at — <http://www.smartvoter.org/2008/11/04/ca/la/meas/>.

Support

SP YES Liberalizes restrictive land use plan in South Pasadena

Oppose

The following are all bonds, taxes, tax increases, increases in regulation or enforcement, or outside the scope of government.

Measure	Recom- mend- ation	Comment
A	NO	Tax

Measure	Recom- mend- ation	Comment
B	NO	Outside proper scope of government
D	NO	More debt
E	NO	More debt
G	NO	Tax, tax increase
I	NO	Tax
J	NO	More debt
K	NO	More debt
I	NO	Tax
M	NO	More debt
O	NO	More debt
P	NO	Sales tax increase
Q	NO	More debt
R	NO	Sales tax increase, could be done by cutting back other expenditures or designating existing revenues for the purpose.
T	NO	Increases regulation
U	NO	Tax
V	NO	Tax
W	NO	More debt
Y	NO	More debt
Z	NO	More debt
AA	NO	More debt
BB	NO	More debt
AB	NO	More debt
BB	NO	More debt
CF	NO	More debt
CV	NO	More debt
DD	NO	Increases regulation
EE	NO	Increases regulation
GG	NO	Tax
HH	NO	Increases regulation
II	NO	Tax
JJ	NO	More debt
KC	NO	More debt
MC	NO	Tax
MM	NO	More debt

"To tax the community for the advantage of a class is not protection: it is plunder."
 – Benjamin Disraeli
 British Prime Minister,
 1804 1881

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Political Awareness panel at Santa Monica Middle School

by Robert Weber, Jr.

I spoke at the Crossroads Middle School in Santa Monica September 25 as part of a political awareness panel. On the panel were a Republican, a Democrat, and me. The kids were given our names but not our party affiliations and we responded to a series of questions and the kids got to guess our party affiliations at the end. Sort of a political "What's My Line?"



Bob Weber

The teacher who arranged the panel started out with a quote from political pundit Mark Shields (quoting economics professor Jeffrey Frankel) that "There are no atheists in foxholes, and no libertarians during financial crises." I replied that there is a curious but common notion that principles are fine so long as nothing is at stake, but at the first sign of trouble, principles go out the window. To the contrary, principles are especially important in times of crisis. Without them, we are like ships without rudders. (By this time, most of the students were probably guessing I was the Libertarian!)

“ Without them (principles), we are like ships without rudders. ”

During the presentation I pointed out that my party believes that problems are best solved by voluntary social interaction, using Crossroads School, a private school providing a superior education to state schools, as an example.

The question of the Wall Street financial crisis was brought up: I said we oppose any bailout, that Wall St. banks made bad loans and bought bad financial instruments, and the solution was that they must liquidate their bad assets, take their losses, and learn their lessons. I pointed out the government can't prevent their failure: They already have failed, and the only question is who gets stuck with the tab.

On foreign policy, I said that with regards to war, besides killing a lot of people, wars are very expensive, and the case for war must be made beyond a

reasonable doubt, with the government's case subjected to rigorous skeptical examination. The Iraq War didn't meet that criterion. (The Democrat didn't like this war, but thought that Clinton's Balkans war was just fine, and looked forward to intervention in Darfur.)

The Republican thought the Iraq war was just fine, just ineptly executed, and seemed to have a very casual attitude to war in general.

On the question of gay marriage and Proposition 8, I said we oppose Prop 8 and called for complete separation of marriage and state. Both the Democrat and the Republican pretty much agreed with me, the Republican acknowledging that he was dissenting from the party line.

On the question of drilling for oil in ANWR, I replied that the wrong question was being asked, that the real question should be, "Why does the federal government own ANWR in the first place?" I said that ANWR should be put back into private hands, and the easiest way to do this was to give it back to the native peoples who live there. If they decide to drill for oil and get rich, fine; if they decide that caribou are more important, I'm fine with that, too. (My position may be too radical for some Libertarians!)

The final question was a general one regarding how to prepare for political participation; I quoted Jefferson to the effect that "a modern society cannot be both free and ignorant, that an uninformed people will be putty in the hands of their rulers regardless of the form of government" and urged the students to read from as many different sources as possible, and question, question, question!

The students had no problem guessing the panel's political affiliations.

Weber is Regional Representative of Reg. 62, West Los Angeles and has run for public office. He can be reached at nexus2@sbcglobal.net. •

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Later, during the questioning, Pyeatt challenged this view, and even called the bailout package a "suicide package" similar to what the government did to prolong the Great Depression in the 1930s.

The Republican candidate, Charles Hahn, a financial advisor, was also against the bailout package, but spent most of his time telling jokes and stories. He called for an end to the inheritance tax, tort reform, and a tax credit for people who adopt pets from the animal shelter.

Brown is on the Judicial Committee of LPLAC, a member of the state LP's Executive Committee, and a candidate for the 26th Congressional District seat. He can be reached at tedbrown1776@hotmail.com. •

Ed Clark honored at recent fundraiser

In the photo at left is Ed Clark, respected Libertarian activist. The 1978 California gubernatorial candidate and 1980 presidential candidate was the honored guest at a reception and dinner LPC fundraiser, in Pasadena.

In the background is Bruce Dovner, LPLAC chair. •

"The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office."

– Will Rogers
humorist and
columnist
1879-1935



"My mission is to guide the state of California to its maximum potential through the principles of small government and free market. I believe that Californians can coexist without laws applying to every little aspect of our lives.

"If elected, I'll encourage self-reliance and accountability for every resident of the state. I pledge to always vote based on the principles set forth in our constitution. I will NEVER vote to raise your taxes, and I will work toward restoring an economy where everyone can prosper if they desire to and are willing to work for it."

– Jill Stone
Candidate,
29th State Senate

Photo by Kevin Takenaga



Welcome, Libertarian Registered Voter!

We invite you to be a member of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County and of the Libertarian Party of California.

The benefits of Central Committee Membership:

- Vote on Party business at local meetings and the Libertarian Party of California state convention.
- Be eligible to hold Party office.

What the Central Committee does:

- Makes decisions locally and in convention for the Libertarian Party.
- Works to promote the Libertarian Party and the Cause of Liberty.

The Libertarian Party is a very open, “democratic” organization. Decision making power is in the hands of anyone willing to sign the oath of office and pay the dues.

Requirements for membership:

- Pay \$25 dues (includes subscription to this newspaper, The Los Angeles Libertarian).
- Sign the following oath of office:

“I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of the use of force to achieve political or social goals.”

Why the oath?

1.) In order to maximize Liberty, the initiation of force, including that done by the government, must be minimized. In order to keep the Libertarian Party in the direction of Liberty, we ask that Central Committee members sign the oath.

2.) Since peaceful change is possible in our society, Libertarians advocate peaceful change.

More about the oath:

Libertarians understand that the initiation of force, in various forms, by government to try to solve social, economic or political problems makes things worse and is unjust. Though Libertarians sometimes disagree about what constitutes an initiation of force, Libertarian central committee members should not be indifferent to it.

Realistically, the initiation of force will not be ended immediately, and may never be completely eliminated. When given a political choice, Libertarians select the choice that most reduces the initiation of force and most reduces the size, scope and invasiveness of government, even if choosing between imperfect options. Libertarians understand that the option that involves the least initiation of force is invariably the best option.

Hence, Libertarians work to lower your taxes, keep our nation at peace, protect your individual rights, end the drug war, protect your right to keep and bear arms, reduce burdensome regulations, and protect your privacy rights. The Libertarian Party advocates for freedom of choice in education, health care and retirement, and for a stable monetary system and free-market economic system.

We're moving forward!

There are great challenges ahead. But, there are great opportunities, as well. This year, in Los Angeles County, the Libertarian Party fielded more candidates for partisan office than any other third party. Libertarian Party representatives have appeared in the media, at public events, fairs, schools, and colleges to educate the public and promote liberty. There is much disenchantment with the establishment parties, and much opportunity for Libertarians. Witness the high disapproval ratings of the Congress and the President. People hunger for a better alternative. The Libertarian Party offers that alternative.

Your membership in the Libertarian Party will enable us to:

- Recruit and field Libertarian candidates for public office.
- Recruit Libertarian registered voters.
- Recruit students and young people, who are the future of Liberty and the Libertarian Party
- Promote liberty in the community through outreach booths, and public and media appearances of Libertarian Party activists and representatives.
- Do advertisements for liberty and the Libertarian Party through various media, as funds permit.

Please join us! These are exciting times. Together, with your help, Liberty will triumph in Los Angeles County, in California and in the U.S.A.!

Please use the enclosed business reply envelope to join us today!

Visit us at LPLAC.org!

Bailout Plan

Back in 1990, the government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and, as required by law, tried to run it. They failed and it closed.

Now we are trusting the economy of our country to a pack of nit-wits who couldn't make money running a whore house and selling booze?

"It does not take a majority to prevail ... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men."

— Samuel Adams,
Patriot, 1775

LPLAC

Meets Fourth Monday

Phillipe's, at Ord and Alameda Streets, Los Angeles. 7:30 pm.

Regional Representatives meet to discuss matters; visitors welcome

Contact Chair Bruce Dovner, Tel: 562.961.6919 or bdovner@artnet.net.

Where to go for food, company and enjoyment

Change Pub Club

Meets Third Friday
Pineapple Hill Saloon, 4454 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, 91430. Tel: 818.789.0679.

Good food and conversation, 8:00 p.m. until?

New! Sundowners

Meets First Friday
Brits Restaurant and Pub, 1770 E. Colorado Blvd (near Allen Ave), Pasadena 91106. Tel: 626.578.1301.

Good food, good conversation. 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm or?

Karl Hess Club

Meets Third Monday
Dinah's Family Rest., 6521 Sepulveda Blvd (at Centinela). 8 p.m.

Good food and rousing discussion. minimum of \$13.00, program and dinner. For info: contact Mike Everling at mikeeverling@earthlink.net or www.KarlHessClub.org

Regional Happenings

Notice Reg 61 San Fernando Valley

Meets Fourth Thursday –

Supper Club: Carrow's Restaurant, 18355 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana. 7:00 p.m, dinner; 8:00 p.m., speaker.

Holiday Season schedule:
No meeting in November.

Dec 11 Program: Avoid the Christmas rush: Start fighting whoever won now."

Contact Edward Bowers at ebowers@mac.com or voicemail 818.314.1897 to RSVP and for time.

Reg 62 West Los Angeles

Meets Third Tuesday –

Supper Club: Dinah's Restaurant, 6521 Sepulveda Blvd., corner of Centinela Ave. in Westchester. Supper, 7:30 pm; program, 8:30 pm.

For more information, call Bob Weber at 310.204.0612 or nexus2@sbcglobal.net.

Reg 63 Pasadema/Glendale

Meets Second Wednesday –

Supper Club: New Location. Panera Bread, 3521 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena. Dinner and conversation, 7:30 pm; meeting, 8:00 pm.

Contact chair David Ruprecht. For information, phone 626.355.8529; drup@adelphia.net or go to www.lplac.org/63.htm.

Reg 64 Central Los Angeles

For more information, contact chair Aarde V. Atheian.

Tel.: 323.465.2695,

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Web: www.lplac.org/64.htm.

Reg 65 Southeast Los Angeles

Meets First Tuesday:

Supper Club: The new location is Denny's, 8350 Firestone Blvd, Downey, CA 90241. Dinner, 7:30 pm; meeting, 8:00 pm.

For more information, contact chair David Bowers, Phone: 213.952.9995. E-mail: Davebo1000@aol.com, or go to: <http://hometown.aol.com/davebo1000/myhomepage/politics.html>.

Reg 66 Long Beach/South Bay

Meets Third Thursday –

Supper Club: Raffaello's Restaurant, Fourth St. at

KARL HESS CLUB

Dinah's Family Restaurant
6521 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Centinela) 310.645.0456
173 Nov 17, 2008 – Art Olivier: 2008 Election Review
174 Dec 15, 2008 – Jason Gonella: "UberKonspiracy"
See <http://www.KarlHessClub.org> for details.

Pacific Ave., San Pedro. Dinner, 6:30 pm; speaker 8:00 pm.

For information, contact chair Jay Jones. Tel: 310.377.864, j1000@cox.net. Web site: www.Liberty66.org.

Reg 67 E. San Gabriel Valley

Meets Fourth Tuesday –

Supper Club: Denny's at Grand Ave. and 210 Fwy, Glendora at 7:30 pm.

For more info, contact chair Dan Fernandes at dfern2@verizon.net, or log on to <http://libertarian-ca-la-67.net> firms.com.

Reg 68 Antelope Valley

Meets Third Friday –

Business meetings are fun and informative as well as productive. Greenhouse Cafe, 1233 West Avenue P, Palmdale. Supper club at 7:00 pm; Bus. mtg: 8:00 pm.

Contact chair Jason Gonella, tel: 661.948.3654. or AynRKey@aol.com. Website: <http://www.geocities.com/aynrkey>.

Liberty Shooters

Meets third Sunday

LAX Firing Range, 927 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood (just west of the 405 Fwy).

Nov 16 - 4:00 pm.

Dec 21 - 4:00 pm.

Contact: Bob Weber at 310. 204.0612 or nexus2@sbcglobal.net.

Commentary

Avoid the Christmas rush and start the tax revolution now

by Edward Bowers

Voting is a personal act, ruled by emotion, not by reason, and the bigger the office, the more power



Edward Bowers

going to the winner, the more irrational voters become. (Just imagine how nuts the country would get if we had to vote for Chairman of the Federal Reserve.)

People don't want to be told they aren't in a battleground state. They resent it and go into denial about the Elec-

toral College. With each day the election grows nearer, the probability increases that otherwise intelligent people will say something completely irrational, like, "Ya gotta vote for the lesser of two evils."

No, I don't. Not only because of the mathematical improbability of my swinging the election, but because to limit myself to only the lousy choices and exclude consideration of the alternative is self-defeating. No good will ever come of it.

It's all right to vote for someone you don't think is going to win. Really. I don't just say this to console myself since my candidate never gets elected. When you think about it, in the last two presidential election cycles, every vote cast for president in California has been a losing one.

If you did not vote for Al Gore or John Kerry, your vote was a loser because, in both cases, the state and all its 50 some odd electoral votes went to the Democrat. But, obviously, every vote cast for Gore and Kerry were ultimately losers, too.

This time around, I don't think the losing trend will continue, as I am still predicting Barack Obama wins the presidency. Perhaps that is why some people want to argue that John McCain is the lesser you-know-what. Well, sure, if McCain continues to screw us from the Senate, while Obama is promoted to where he can screw us from a higher position of power, of course that argument will be true. And if McCain pulls off the upset, he will be the greater evil.

That is why I suggest, for both rational and emotional reasons, beyond not wasting a vote on them, that no one bother figuring out in which of these two we should have a rooting interest. Let those with a stranglehold on power have their contest, and then we can start hating (and fighting) whoever wins.

Measures — from p. 3

PC	NO	Tax
PS	NO	More debt
RR	NO	More debt
SA	NO	More debt
SG	NO	Tax increase
SM	NO	Tax
TT	NO	More debt
UUT	NO	Preserves or "legalizes"
an illegal tax overturned in court		
WS	NO	More debt •

You get one lousy, precious vote. You might as well waste it on whomever you actually want, no matter the odds.

Don't let the boogeyman scare you. There is a talk radio host who insists a "flawed" (to put it mildly) McCain must prevail. He asks, "Do you want Obama appointing the next two or three Supreme Court justices?" No. So? With 7 of 9 justices appointed by Republican presidents, and despite being considered conservative more often than not, in June of 2005, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of government in both of the big cases on the calendar that year, Eminent Domain and Medical Marijuana (Kelo v. New London and Gonzales v. Raich). In effect, their decisions were a challenge, telling us, "You have no rights and you are not free. Now do something about it." Did the other two branches of government, both Republican-controlled at the time, do anything about it?

Anybody want to do something about it? As I write on October 10, the stock market is down 24% since Bush, Bernanke, and Paulson pulled their little stunt, creating fear and manipulating the market worse than any terrorist ever dreamt to, and since the immoral bailout bill passed there hasn't been an up day. To add insult to injury, the socialists whose policies currently prevail are blaming freedom and capitalism for the decline of the United States. If not now, when do we fight back, not just against their lies, but the damage they are doing? The year 1913; anyone know the significance of that

year?

I have proposed the next Libertarian presidential campaign (which cannot wait until May 2012) be run as a referendum on the income tax (and all the immoral acts it funds). Wouldn't you like to spoil the IRS's 100th birthday? It's time for us reckless free marketeers to restore America.

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“...in the last two presidential election cycles, every vote cast for president in California has been a losing one”

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“The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits.”

– Plutarch
Greek philosopher
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“Liberty is not collective, it is personal. All liberty is individual liberty.”

– Calvin Coolidge
U.S. President,
1923-1929

Fiesta Hermosa, Labor Day weekend, Aug 30, 31, Sept 1, 2008



Volunteers manning the South Bay Libertarian booth at the Hermosa Fiesta over the Labor Day weekend include (from left) Warren Barr, Dan Sherman, Jay Jones and Bruce Dovner. Photo by Peggy Barr.

"Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else."

– Frederic Bastiat
French economist
1801 - 1850

South Bay Libertarians promote Liberty at Hermosa Fiesta

by Warren Barr

Living in Hermosa Beach, my wife and I have walked many times to the semi-annual Fiesta Hermosa (www.fiestahermosa.com), held over the three-day Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

Often there will be a Democrat Party booth and a Republican Party booth handing out literature, especially near election times. Even a Green Party booth sprouts up once in awhile. And I've always thought there should be a Libertarian Booth too. But, of course, that thought was always a little late.

So since "cousin Bob" (okay, he's not REALLY my cousin even though we share the same last name) is the Libertarian presidential nominee this year, I decided I wouldn't wait for somebody else to do it. After checking with Region 66 chair Jay Jones, I called the Hermosa Beach Chamber of

Commerce to ask for space at the Hermosa Fiesta over the Labor Day weekend for the Libertarian Party.

We set up The Advocates (www.theadvocates.org) World Smallest Political Quiz, printed up some Bob Barr pamphlets (www.BobBarr2008.com) and web site cards and headed for the Beach with other Libertarian literature. The Quiz is easy to administer. We weren't trying to convert anybody, just asking for their opinions to see where they fall on the political map. If they scored Libertarian, we gave them information on the party and our candidates. If they scored elsewhere, we merely thanked them for taking the Quiz.

Thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in: Stan Ackerman, Peggy Barr, Audrey Carlan, José Castañeda, Bruce Dovner, Jay Jones, Joey Panto, Dave Schrader, and Dan Sherman.

Barr is active with the South Bay Libertarians. •

New venues for both Sundowners and Pub Club

Two venerable monthly social events are changing their locations starting in November 2008;

It was necessary to find a new home for Sundowners due to the closure of the Crown City Brewery. That same month, at Pub Club, the decision was taken to make a change from Amazon, which no longer fit the needs of pub goers.

Ed Bowers, Mike Everling, Kitty Hedrick, and Steven Piper met for dinner at a place Steve recommended. The committee liked it so much it was proposed as the new Sundowners venue.

The new location is Brits Restaurant and Pub in Pasadena. The address is 1770 E. Colorado Blvd. (near Allen Avenue) Pasadena, CA 91106 Phone: 626.578.1301. There is an entrance from the ample parking lot (enter on Meredith Ave. one block West of and parallel to Allen Ave.).

Sundowners meets between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

(may stay open a bit later if there is demand) on the First Friday each month.

As for Pub Club, the new venue is so old that it is new again. It is moving back, at least for now, to the Pineapple Hill Saloon. The location, in case you've forgotten it is: 4454 Van Nuys Blvd Van Nuys, Ca 91403 Phone: 818-789-0679.

Pub Club starts by 8 p.m. every Third Friday and goes until whenever, usually around midnight. •



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