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24 LPLAC members on the November ballot

Los Angeles County Libertarians have a comparatively large number of candidates to vote for in this coming gubernatorial election.

Three of the seven state-wide candidates are from Los Angeles County, as is the candidate for U.S. Senate.

Eight of the 14 congressional seats up for election are covered by Libertarian candidates.

In the state senate race, Libertarians are vying for four of the six seats. And in the assembly campaign, eight of the 23 seats up for re-election are contested by Libertarians.

Listed below are their names and the offices for which they are campaigning. This list does not include local races and special districts. The filing period for many of those were still open at press time, or had not yet been certified by the the County Registrar of Voters or the Secretary of State. Many of the candidates you know already. Get to know the others. Give them all the support you can. You can get contact information on them from the California Secretary of State's web site: www.ca.ss.gov.

Statewide Candidates

Governor	Art Olivier
Lt. Gov.	Lynette Shaw
Sec. of State	Gail Lightfoot
Controller	Donna Tello
Treasurer	Marian Smithson
Atty. General	Kenneth Weissman
Ins. Comm.	Dale Ogden



Attorney General candidate **Kenneth Weissman** (left), attorney in Beverly Hills, shares congratulations with gubernatorial candidate **Art Olivier** after getting on the ballot. Olivier is former Bellflower mayor and vice presidential candidate. :PPhoto by Herb Peters.

US Senator Michael Metti

Board of Equalization

BOE 2 Willard Michlin

Congressional seats

CD 25 David Erickson
 CD 26 Ted Brown
 CD 28 Kelley Ross
 CD 29 Jim Keller
 CD 32 Leland Faegre
 CD 35 Paul Ireland
 CD 36 Mike Binkley
 CD 37 Herb Peters

State Senate

SD 20 Pamela Brown

SD 22 Murray Levy

SD 26 Bud Raymond

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State Assembly

AD 38 Peggy Christensen

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Message from the Chair

LPLAC declares "War on Stupidity"

by *Mike Binkley*

A war on political stupidity might logically be led by the President of the United States. **George W. Bush**, the current occupant of that office, however, seems poorly equipped for this fight. He was AWOL, for example, from intellectually engaging Iranian President **Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** when he sent Mr. Bush an open 18-page letter on May 9. The President, apparently, wants F-15s and "daisy cutters" to do his talking. (The Democratic Party expressed no problem with Mr. Bush's reticence, acknowledging that they too have a meager intellectual arsenal in the "war of ideas".)

So, it's left to LPLAC to declare and wage war on political stupidity. LPLAC is launching its first sortie by employing our candidates' partisan campaigns for US House of Representatives, California State Senate and State Assembly as platforms for introducing sanity and rationality into what passes for political debate.

The plan will exploit inherent Libertarian advantages, while mitigating our disadvantages. The LP, as we all know, has little money and influence with the bipartisan press. The LP is, however, America's only remaining superpower of ideas. So, our strategy is to raise our intellectual profile with a public exchange of ideas among the election's principals: the opposing candidates, the press, the civic groups and the people.

Key elements of the plan:

Host on all participating candidates' campaign websites the descriptions of numerous ticking "bipartisan time bombs" (e.g., the impending fiscal meltdown of the government's unsecured obligations of Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, government pensions, etc.; the growing social chaos of the drug war; and, of course, the

menacing prospect of "World War III").

- Send letters and emails to the election principals, alerting them to the ticking time bombs and engaging them in debate.

- Post letters and responses on the campaign websites, making these exchanges fully public.

- The U.S. Government is archiving the websites of all participating candidates to the Library of Congress. This action provides a permanent record of LPLAC's attempt to warn America's bipartisan political establishment of its colossal time bombs before they explode. It also provides historians the means to access how well the press, for example, discharged their responsibility as "gatekeeper".

LPLAC's invitation to America's bipartisan political establishment: Bring it on.

"War on Stupidity", LPLAC's plan to support partisan campaigns in 2006, is available on request. To receive your copy, e-mail a request to MrMikeBinkley@aol.com with "LPLAC Campaign Plan" in the Subject line. □

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Choice topic is key in writing Letters to the Editor

by Edward Bowers

Do you know **José Aguilar**? He is the lead libertarian local community activist in the fight against El Alcalde taking over the schools.

Perhaps an article named, "Who will be our Zorro?" would be good. He did the math (it's all about money and power) for us at last month's meeting at Denny's (Region 64). I suggested that what he

just said should be put in a letter to the L.A. Times without changing a word.



Edward Bowers

I don't know if he took my suggestion, but I wrote my own; I didn't see it printed. But, I also, as a backup, wrote another one to the ugly sister, the Daily News. I was basically pounding the same theme but rewritten just in case both letters got published (I had that happen with very similarly worded letters to both papers back when **Condi Rice** was testifying about pre or post 9/11). It looks like they printed it

word for word (maybe because I didn't go long), except they took out my identifying myself as the Regional Representative of the Libertarian Party of the San Fernando Valley. (Maybe that's the thing that's too long for them.) I guess I'm just going to have to get the word "libertarian" into the text from now on.

Why should libertarians who shouldn't be sending their kids to public schools anyway care? Because that much slime spills over.

Here is José's e-mail (and the letter published today after that): mlira41@sprintpcs.com

Money and power

Re "Valley talks LAUSD reform" (Aug. 4):

Pardon my skepticism toward the mayor taking over LAUSD, but wasn't that **Antonio Villaraigosa** I saw in those Yes on 82 ads? Proposition 82 was a bit of "Feel good about voting for it; never mind the consequences" would-be legislation that never should have been on the ballot. Not only ill-conceived, but corruptly so, it was presented as "For the Children" when it was plainly an attack on them and the principles they should be learning.

Is the mayor stupid? Does he think we are? Insulting our intelligence is an interesting way to promote education reform. But then it's not about education. Or the children. It is about money and power.

- Edward Bowers

Bowers is a prolific, successful writer of Letters to the Editor, as well as being the regional representative of LP of San Fernando Valley.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Venable:

In the current newsletter I am listed as the Chair of Region 66. In fact, I am the Vice Chair of that region. **Mike Binkley** is the Chair of Region 66, as well as Chair of LPLAC.

Jay Jones

(Ed. Note: We apologize for the error made by the fact that Mike Binkley had been elected LPLAC chair, and Jay Jones had been elected Reg. 66 representative.

However, we were informed by Binkley recently that Jones had, indeed, been elected Chair of Reg. 66 at its latest meeting. One might say we anticipated events). □

War is over, so is this tax...finally

"The Spanish-American War has been over for more than 100 years, and now so is the tax imposed in 1898 to help fund it. As of Tuesday, all phone companies selling long-distance phone service are legally required to eliminate the 3 percent federal excise tax on long-distance service, which had been established in 1898 as a luxury tax on wealthy Americans who owned telephones."

- CNET blog, 8/1/06 □

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State LP ExCom takes position on November ballot proposals

At its July 25 meeting in Los Angeles, The Executive Committee voted to have the Libertarian Party of California take a position in **SUPPORT** of the following November ballot propositions:

Prop. 1A – Transportation Funding Protection: Places some additional limitations on the use of gasoline sales tax revenues, to prevent their diversion to other purposes.

Prop. 90 – Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property (Anderson Initiative): Prohibits local agencies from seizing homes and businesses to transfer them to other private parties, and requires property owners to be compensated for new laws or rules which result in substantial economic losses to their property.

The Executive Committee voted to have the Libertarian Party of California take a position in **OPPOSITION** to the following November ballot propositions:

Prop. 1B – Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security \$20 Billion Bond.

Prop. 1C – Housing and Emergency Shelter \$2.85 Billion Bond.

Prop. 1D – Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities \$10.4 Billion Bond.

Prop. 1E – Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention \$4.1 Billion Bond.

Prop. 83 – Sex Offenders. Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring (Jessica's Law): Increases penalties and broadens definition of sex offenders, expands restrictions on where they can live, and imposes GPS tracking devices on registered sex offenders for the remainder of their lives.

Prop. 84 – Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. \$5.4 Billion Bond.

Prop. 86 Cigarette Tax: Increases excise tax on each pack of cigarettes by \$2.60 (in addition to the existing tax of \$0.86) and allocates the revenue to a list of spending programs.

Prop. 87 – Alternate Energy. Research, Production, Incentives. Tax on California Oil: Would impose a total of \$4 billion in taxes on California oil production over approximately a ten year period, while forbidding oil companies from passing on the additional costs. Allocates the revenue to a special fund for reducing oil depen-

dency, and authorizes the issuance of bonds to be backed by the expected revenue stream.

Prop. 88 – Education Funding, Real Property Parcel Tax: Adds a \$50-per-parcel annual property tax, to be allocated to a list of spending programs including K-12 class size reduction, instruction materials, school safety, facility grants, and a data system.

Prop. 89 – Political Campaigns. Public Financing. Corporate Tax Increase. Contribution & Expenditure Limits: Increases the corporate tax rate from 8.84% to 9.04% to raise \$200 million each year to fund political campaigns for state offices (executive and legislative) who meet minimum contribution requirements (starting at 750 \$5-donors and \$10,000 minimum in contributions in order to receive \$250,000 for Assembly races).

The Libertarian Party of California has **NOT TAKEN A POSITION** on the following November ballot proposition:

Prop. 85 – Waiting Period & Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy: Requires 48 hour notification to parents (although not their consent) before an abortion on a minor can be performed. Notification exceptions include medical emergencies or court approval or parental waiver of waiting period.

Unions and the government

“Unions are rapidly becoming our nation's fourth branch of government. In 2005 the nation added 163,000 new government jobs, and unions captured 40 percent of this growth. American unionized industries may go bankrupt or move jobs overseas, but the government is here to stay. Meanwhile unions, of course, will act in their own interest to grow the size and cost of government.”

- Columnist **Michael Reitz** in The American Spectator, 6/7/06



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While visiting family last month in New York City, LPLAC vice chair **Thomas Sipos** (center) dropped in on the Manhattan LP supper club. Flanking Sipos are Manhattan LP chair **Joseph Dobrian** (left), and NYLP member **Jim Lesczynski**. Photo courtesy of Thomas Sipos.

LPLAC Vice Chair's trans-continental supper club exchange

by **Thomas M. Sipos**

New York – On August 14, I visited the Manhattan LP's supper club held at the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant. Thirteen libertarians attended, including myself.

I was asked about the controversies over the "povertarians" unable to attend California's cruise convention and **Starchild** not being seated by the California delegation. One New York lib quipped that, considering **Starchild's** Lady Liberty costume, New York rather than Nevada should have seated him.

Manhattan LP Chair **Joseph Dobrian** regards **Guns For Tots** as their most successful outreach effort. When the New York City

Council proposed a toy gun ban, the NYLP's **Jim Lesczynski** parodied the US Marines' annual Toys For Tots holiday drive by offering to distribute free toy guns to needy children. Media liberals denounced **Guns For Tots** as "racist" (for insensitivity to urban crime), but "most people got the joke," says Lesczynski. The humor and controversy drew attention to libertarians and embarrassed the city council. The toy gun ban was defeated.

Sipos is vice chair of LPLAC, managing editor of online newspaper Hollywood Investigator, as well as a writer of horror, science fiction and fantasy stories and books. □

The annual foreign aid rip-off

by Rep. **Ron Paul**

This week, Congress will vote to send more than 20 billion of your hard-earned dollars overseas, when it passes the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for 2007. Our annual foreign aid bill is one of the most egregious abuses of the taxpayer I can imagine. Not only is it an unconstitutional burden on America's working families, but this yearly attempt to buy friends and influence foreign governments is counterproductive and actually results in less goodwill toward the United States overseas.

Why is foreign aid so bad? Isn't it our obligation to help those less fortunate? What is not mentioned by proponents of foreign aid is that it very seldom gets to those who need it most. Foreign aid is the transfer of US dollars from the treasury of the United States to the governments of foreign countries. It is money that goes to help foreign elites, who in turn spend much of it on contracts with US corporations. This means US tax dollars ultimately go to well-connected US corporations operating overseas.

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Foreign aid distorts foreign economies and props up bad governments. It breeds resentment among citizens of foreign countries, who see the United States as keeping oppressive governments in power. Also, it is important to remember that forced charity is not charity at all. While I believe strongly in the moral value of helping the less fortunate, charity must come voluntarily from the heart, not under threat from the IRS.

This year's bill is even worse than last year's bill. Aside from the almost 600 million dollar increase, the bill will spend half a billion dollars on something called the "Trade Capacity Enhancement Fund." This is nothing but an enormous fund to bribe foreign governments to "liberalize" their trade policies. This fund is a colossal waste of money that will result in less free trade worldwide.

Americans concerned about high taxes, out of control gas prices, and economic downturn should think hard about what the US government is doing with the money it takes from them. The greatest "foreign assistance" we can give to other countries is to demonstrate to the rest of the world that limited government and the rule of law ensure freedom and prosperity.

Paul, former LP presidential candidate, represents the 14th CD in Texas.

Regional Happenings

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.

Sep 28: Lousy Propositions? A ballot measure review.

Oct 26: The worst Monday in October: The Supreme Court

Contact **Edward Bowers** at ebowers@adelphia.net or voicemail 323.414.4444 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. Speakers TBA.

For more information, call **Bob Weber** at 310.204.0612 or e-mail: 104450.3235@compuserve.com.

Liberty Shooters:

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Oct 15 - 4:00 pm.

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pledges
coming in!

Reg. 63

Pasadena/Glendale

Meets Second Wednesday –

Supper Club: Baker's Square Restaurant, 473 N. Rosemead, Pasadena. Dinner and conversation, 7:30 pm; meeting, 8:00 pm.

Contact chair **Murray Levy** for information at 323.254.4366. E-mail: mlevy@glendale.edu, or go to www.lplac.org/63.htm.

Reg. 64

Central Los Angeles

Meets Fourth Wednesday –

Supper Club: Denny's, 5751 Sunset Blvd. (at Hwy. 101) in Hollywood. Dinner, 7:00 pm; program, 8:00 pm.

For more information, contact chair **José Aguilar**. Tel.: 323.262.6879. E-mail: mlira41@sprintpcs.com. Web: www.lplac.org/64.htm.

Reg. 65

Southeast

Meets First Tuesday:

Supper Club: Coco's Restaurant; 11510 E. South St., Cerritos, located just east of the Los Cerritos Shopping Center.

Dinner, 7:30 pm; meeting, 8:00 pm.

For more information, contact chair **David Bowers**, 10620 Dolan Ave., Downey, CA 90241. Phone: 562.862.6083. 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 Pacific Ave., San Pedro. Dinner, 6:30 pm; speaker 8:00 pm.

For information, contact chair **Jay Jones**. Tel: 310.377.8641. E-mail: jl1000@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 dfernandes@adelphia.net, or log on to <http://libertarian-ca-la-67.netfirms.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.

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Meets Third Friday –

Pineapple Hill Saloon, 4454 Van Nuys Blvd. (corner of Moorpark), Sherman Oaks. Tel: 818.501.9191. 7:00 p.m. until ?

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Meets Fourth Monday –

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"I am free, no matter what rules surround me. If I find them tolerable, I tolerate them; if I find them too obnoxious, I break them. I am free because I alone am morally responsible for everything I do." – *Robert Heinlein*

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