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Alaska Libertarians Aim High

The following article is adapted from a letter distributed by Dick Randolph to supporters of his candidacy for Governor of Alaska.—Eds.

In Alaska we have truly become a third major party. Ken Fanning and I are having an effect on the Alaska Legislature and the public far in excess of what our numbers would indicate. Issue after issue we produce and support the only alternative to the sameness of the Republicans and the Democrats. The news media consistently refers to the Libertarian minority, giving us at least equal coverage to the 16 Republicans.

Local Organization Supplies Consumer Information

by June Genis

It's always a pleasure to give a little free publicity to an outfit that's succeeding in an enterprise that our government protectors claim only they can provide. The service is consumer information and the organization is a quarterly called *Consumer Survey*.

And survey is just what they do. To get opinions on service oriented businesses they do random telephone sampling of customers in the service area. Where price is the name of the game, such as the article in the current edition on prescription drugs, they call everyone listed in the yellow pages and ask what they charge.

The Summer '81 issue marks the first full year of publication. In addition to the drug price review, this issue surveys over 1400 people on 22 veterinarians. (It was very reassuring, by the way, to find that my vet had received the highest rating.) Previous issues have dealt with bakeries, opticians, plumbers, roofers, and gasoline prices.

Especially nice, from the voluntarist perspective, is that *Consumer Survey* is already having an effect on the quality of service available. One bakery, for instance, which received some negative comments has increased its staff and has set up a suggestion box.

Unfortunately for Santa Clara County residents, at the moment the *Survey* is limited to Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Los Altos, Woodside and Atherton, leaving a lot of uncharted waters in the south county. Comments are invited by the publishers and suggestions that they expand their service area would not be out of line. They'd especially like to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer some work. Subscriptions come with membership for a minimum of \$12.00 (4 issues) per year. Back issues are available at \$3.00 each. *Consumer Survey* may be contacted at: 260 Sheridan Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306.

We've just completed our most successful State Convention to date. There were in excess of 300 people in attendance at the keynote banquet.

That convention nominated me as their candidate for Governor in 1982 and I accepted that nomination. In addition to winning the governorship, we will run enough electable legislative candidates to assure the election of several (6-10) members to the State Legislature. This is of course a very ambitious goal, but one which is clearly obtainable!

We have already started to marshal and concentrate our resources to that end. The nucleus of active committees have been organized in most major communities, a full time statewide coordinator is on board, and we are running both sponsored and non-sponsored "Randolph Reports" in newspapers and on radio all across Alaska. I've appointed a Statewide Chairman and several other key people. In short, we're well on our way to putting together a winning team.

My wife, Lydia and I have made a personal commitment to do everything within our power and ability to assure the complete success of these plans. Between now and November 2, 1982 we'll give 100 percent.

We are convinced that we can win in Alaska in 1982! And when we do, that fact will do a great deal to thrust Libertarianism forward.

An elected Libertarian governor will propel our ideals to stage
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Richard Winger Discusses LP Ballot Status Prospects at November 19 Meeting

On Thursday, November 19, at 8:00 p.m., members of the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County will hear election law expert Richard Winger discuss the prospects for ballot status in all 50 states for the Libertarian Party. A long-time libertarian activist from San Francisco, Mr. Winger has made a hobby of collecting information on local election laws, procedures, and results, especially as they pertain to minor parties. Earlier this year he worked hard to defeat a proposed change in California election code that would have made it harder for minor parties to remain on the ballot.

Mr. Winger will also discuss campaign strategy. If pressed during the question period he may delve into ramifications for the California LP of the current struggle between the Republicans and the Democrats to see who can insure more incumbents against the possibility of defeat.

The Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County meets regularly on the third Thursday of the month at our county headquarters meeting room at 401 E. Taylor in San Jose. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

Contracting Rescues California

by Robert W. Poole, Jr.

July 1, 1981, the beginning of a new fiscal year, was supposed to have been the moment of truth for California cities and counties. With the state budget surplus finally down to zero, there would no longer be large amounts of state aid available to cushion the impact of Proposition 13, which had slashed property taxes three years before. Thus, as recently as last spring, pundits were predicting layoffs and service cutbacks as of July 1st.

It didn't happen. And a big reason why it didn't is the steady growth of contracting out public services over the past three years. A recent survey by the California Tax Foundation showed that 87 out of 92 responding cities, counties, and districts are involved in contracting. The services range from basic public-contact activities like fire protection and trash pickup to internal housekeeping functions like data processing and vehicle maintenance. And the most common reason for deciding to contract out a service is . . . you guessed it, to save money.

The city of La Mirada is one of the best examples of the potential of the contracting process. This 40,000-population suburb of Los Angeles has just 55 municipal employees—and over 60 service contracts. Some of them—like police and fire protection—are with the county government. Even here the city ends up saving money, because the county is able to spread its fixed costs (for things like jails and computer systems) over many users and ends up charging La Mirada only the marginal cost of additional patrol units and fire companies. But most of La Mirada's contracts are with private, profit-making firms. Among the many such services are data processing, traffic signal maintenance, park maintenance, refuse pickup, and dial-a-ride.

One of La Mirada's most unusual contracts is the one for human services. Several years ago the city's former human services director decided to strike out on his own, creating People Helpers, Inc. The new firm bid for and won city contracts to provide employment development, legal counseling, meals-on-wheels, rehabilitation, retired senior volunteers, youth employment, family counseling, and even some probation services. Most recently People Helpers won the city contract for recreation services, with a proposal based on combining various human service programs with the recreational programs.

Besides cost savings, La Mirada finds that service quality is the second major advantage of contracting. City administrator Gary Sloan points out that he and the city council have far greater control over private contractors than they would over city departments. "I can, and have, turned a contractor around in six days," he told *Government Executive* magazine recently. What makes possible such responsiveness is that (a) the city writes "very tight contracts" and (b) the contracting firms can be highly flexible in using personnel, unlike municipal agencies constrained by civil service rules.

Another local government which has been taking increasing advantage of contracting out is Los Angeles County. In the 28 months since a charter amendment gave county officials a free hand in contracting (provided they can show each instance to be cost-effective), the county has awarded 58 contracts totaling \$8.2 million. Had these same services remained in-house, the county estimates it would have spent \$3.3 million more. Thus, the overall savings are about 29 percent.

Individual contracts often save far more than that. For example, when the county went out to bid for security services at Hollywood Bowl last year, the winning bid from U.S. Guard Service represented a saving of nearly 49 percent. Similarly impressive savings have been realized on a number of contracts for park maintenance. Overall, the county supervisors are counting on contracting out to make possible a reduction of 10,000 in the

county's 80,000-member work force over a three-year period, to be achieved largely by attrition.

La Mirada and Los Angeles County are hardly the exception. The California Tax Foundation survey found that contracting is in full swing throughout the state—in the majority of cities, counties, school districts, and special districts. The average city responding to the survey has eight contracts in force, mostly with the private sector. Among the areas most commonly contracted out are public works, health services, animal control, parks and recreation, transportation, and various housekeeping services such as maintenance of buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

Counties responding to the survey averaged 12 contracts apiece, mostly in the same fields as cities but also including air pollution control and ambulance service. School districts have much less flexibility in contracting, being limited primarily to support services. Data processing and maintenance services are the ones most commonly contracted out by school districts. Special districts averaged eight contracts apiece. The largest user of contract services is the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which has 49 contracts, equally divided between operational services and support activities.

There are several lessons to be drawn from the California experience. The first is that large-scale tax-cutting via Proposition 13 has not crippled local governments at all. On the contrary, it has provided the motivation to seek out more cost-effective methods of providing public services. And contracting with private-sector firms has proven itself as one of those methods. A second lesson is that besides offering overextended local governments a way to retrench, contracting provides an alternative path for newly formed cities. La Mirada has been a contract city since it incorporated in 1960. By seeing their role primarily as managers and facilitators, rather than as service providers, city officials have prevented the growth of a bureaucratic empire.

Officials and taxpayers across the country can profit from California's experience with contracting. A good way to begin is to read the Cal-Tax report. Called "Contracting Out Local Government Services in California," it's available for \$4.00 from the California Tax Foundation, 921 Eleventh St., Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Jazz Journey
Every Sunday
from 2 to 4 P.M.

TEN jazz musicians come together to play straight ahead, recognizable jazz with the emphasis on solo performance. The arrangements by tenor (tender) Matt Schon are soulful and soaring. This is an intimate gathering of strong players who love to share their gifts.

The Bourbon Street Restaurant, The Old Mill, Mt. View

NOTES

• **If your congressman** doesn't think that the American people will voluntarily pick up the slack caused by the so-called tax cuts and reductions in social programs, maybe it's because they are only charitable with taxpayers' money. Only 7.7 percent of the Congressmen and their staffs donated to the "Combined Federal Campaign" which raises money for the United Way and other charities. By contrast 60 percent of all federal workers in Washington, D.C., gave to the fund.

• **A political balloon** has been launched in Washington, D.C.: A national sales tax is reportedly being investigated as a means of paying for the huge military budget increases. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, Jr., R-Tenn., was exploring the idea, says the *Washington Post*. Radio newscasts have reported that Baker has since denied the story. Washington rule: "Nothing is confirmed until officially denied."

• **Next year our CRY-Free** phone number will be in the following phone books: San Jose/Santa Clara, Palo Alto, Campbell/San Martin, Los Altos/Mountain View.

• **An (AP) story of Oct. 29** reports that \$15-\$18 million was paid to 900 dead people and 300 ex-wives under the Social Security Administration's black-lung benefits program. The Social Security people were notified about the deaths, and indeed removed them from the S.S. rolls, but forgot to remove these same people from the black-lung rolls.

• **The Washington Post reported** that about one fourth of the nation's youth required to register for the draft have not done so. Thomas K. Turnage, director of the Selective Service, said he was "guardedly optimistic" that the approximately 300,000 violators will register before year's end.

• **Advertising wanted** for the SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN. Many local libertarians would like to patronize area businesses that are owned or operated by local libertarians. This newsletter circulates to over 400 members, subscribers and new inquiries every month. Business Card Rates (camera ready copy): \$10/month, \$100 for 12 months. Full Page: \$100, \$200 for 3 months. Half Page: \$50, \$100 for 3 months.

• **CAST petition deadline approaching.** All petitions containing even one signature should be turned into our office by November 25th. The September 15th deadline printed on the petitions was an early one. Nine hundred signatures (so far) have been collected by Santa Clara County libertarians for the CAST (Citizens Asserting Supremacy over Taxation) petition drive. If you have not received one or would like to have more of them please call 408/CRY-FREE or come to our local headquarters at 401 East Taylor Street in San Jose. Hours: Noon to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Christmas Party Replaces December Meeting

Maintaining a longstanding tradition, the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County will hold its December meeting at June Genis's mountain retreat in conjunction with her party on December 19. For directions and details, call June at 415/851-7664 (evenings).

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center nationally and will create instant creditability and acceptance of our programs with millions of Americans!

The governorship of Alaska is constitutionally a very powerful office. That combined with Alaska's vast resource potential and a strong Libertarian governor could launch Alaska into the leadership of the Western States growing disputes with the federal government. This in turn would elevate public awareness of Libertarianism far beyond where we are today and I believe have a major impact on the 1984 elections nationally.

I could not be more sincerely or irrevocably dedicated to this course of action than I am. Alaska in 1982 is a key opportunity not only for Alaskan Libertarians, but for Libertarianism everywhere. With this victory we can begin to build a society in Alaska where the individual is supreme and show the benefits to the rest of the country.

Dick Randolph
Libertarian Legislator

California Libertarian Council

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Membership Application

Name _____

Address h w _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone h w (____) _____ Please do not release

- Please do not release my name and address for non-CLC purposes.
 I wish to be a member of the local region or region _____
 I am eligible to vote in _____ County.
 I am I am not) registered to vote in the Libertarian Party.

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 _____ Date _____

Please allow six weeks for processing your application.

Membership Category	California Only	Combined Membership CLC/National*
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13.00
Regular/Basic	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$33.00
Sustaining	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$56.00
Sponsor/Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180.00
Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400.00
Life/Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1300.00

A subscription to the newsletter of the California Libertarian Council (CLC) is included in all the above membership categories.

California Libertarian subscription (non-member) \$10

- Donation for regional newsletter (Suggest \$2-\$10) _____
 Donation to assist regional activities _____
 Donation to help support the California Libertarian Council _____
 Membership dues only—no California Libertarian—minus \$8
Total _____

*This includes a 20% discount off the Libertarian National Committee dues.

Calendar

EIGHTH ANNUAL NCMR (NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MONETARY REFORM) INVESTMENT CONFERENCE "New Orleans — '81"

Wednesday, November 18 thru Sunday, November 22.

NCMR is presenting a rare opportunity to hear **Ayn Rand** as the featured speaker at her first appearance at an investment conference. A question and answer session will follow her speech entitled "The Sanction of the Victims." Other well known, hard-money, investment and economics experts that will be speaking include: Louis Rukeyser, Paul Erdman, "Adam Smith," George Gilder, Harry Browne, Harry Schultz, Doug Casey, Jim Sinclair, Alexander Paris, Jerome Smith, Howard Ruff, Gary North, Vernon Jacobs, Venita Van Caspel, etc., etc. (52 speakers in all). Plus 21 workshops and 180 exhibitors. Location: New Orleans. Fees: (Prior to Nov. 6) \$495 single, \$695 couple. Sponsor: National Committee for Monetary Reform, 4425 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA 70001. Information phone: 505/456-0040.

"IMPLICATIONS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT"

Thursday, November 19. 11: a.m. til Noon.

Jeff Riggerback, a senior editor of *Libertarian Review*, will be the featured speaker at a seminar sponsored by the Student Association of the College of San Mateo. Location: College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., in San Mateo, Building 5. College information phone: 415/574-6161.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 19. 8:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will feature Richard Winger, the Libertarian Party's ballot law expert and long-time LP activist. LOCATION: 401 East Taylor Street (corner of 10th & Taylor) in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, except December. For more details about the speakers or the meeting, telephone 408/CRY-FREE.

LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, December 5. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning to staff our permanent information and merchandise booth at the De Anza Flea Market in Cupertino. Help us raise money to support our many

local projects and educate yourself and others on the issues by talking to the public about libertarianism. Donations of books and other fast-selling items are needed and may be dropped off at the flea market or at our Taylor Street office. Location: De Anza College Parking Lot C, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Stelling Road in Cupertino. For more information or to volunteer call 408/CRY-FREE (12-5 weekdays).

EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 10. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. For information on the speaker and the location, telephone Yvonne Davis at 415/835-4765.

SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 14. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Seven Oaks room of the A.P. Giannini branch of the Bank of America at Third Avenue and El Camino in San Mateo. Information phone: Don Smith at 415/368-8148.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE PARTY

Saturday, December 19. 5:00 p.m. til midnight.

You are invited to June Genis's annual Christmas Open House at her home in the La Honda Woods. If you do not know how to find it call her for directions at 415/851-7664 (evenings).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL CONVENTION

Thursday, January 21. 8:00 p.m.

The January meeting is our annual County Convention. At this meeting we will elect officers and representatives to the State Executive Committee and to the State Convention in February. Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

CALIFORNIA CLC/LP CONVENTION "Destination: Freedom"

Friday, February 12. 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, February 15. 2:00 p.m.

Location: The Queen Mary in Long Beach. More information in upcoming issues.

The United Libertarian Fellowship



1220 Larnel Place
Los Altos, CA 94022
(415) 961-4837

The United Libertarian Fellowship is a Religious Order whose members are organized to promote the belief that "God is the supreme universal reality; all that has ever existed or will ever exist; the fundamental force of the universe."

Our members are dedicated to the spiritual and moral development of free, independent, and self-responsible individuals. We emphasize knowledge and self-improvement as the path to spiritual fulfillment and human freedom.

"Know the Truth . . . and the Truth shall set you Free."

Giant Flea Market

at

De Anza College

**Stevens Creek Boulevard and
Stelling Road in Cupertino**

**December 5
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

For information or booth reservations call 996-4946

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