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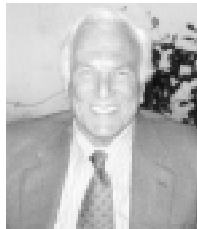
San Diego February 18-20

### JUST ADDED!

**Sally Pipes**, President of the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy, discussing free market solutions in education.

**Cigarettes Cheaper!** President and Proposition 28 proponent **Ned Roscoe**, explaining why the current tax on cigarettes and tobacco is bad for children.

**“An Afternoon of Ballot Initiatives,”** featuring representatives from Yes on 1-A (Indian Gaming), No on 22 (Definition of Marriage), and Yes on 27 (Term Limits).



### PLUS! PLUS! PLUS!

- **David Bergland**, Libertarian Party National Chair.
- **Bonnie Flickinger**, three-term City Councilmember for Moreno Valley.
- **Arianna Huffington**, Political columnist.
- **Steve Kubby**, 1998 Libertarian gubernatorial candidate.
- **Gail Lightfoot**, Candidate for U.S. Senate in year 2000.
- **David Nolan**, Libertarian Party founder.
- **Chris Norby**, expert on the subject of redevelopment.



### OTHER ALL-STAR PRESENTERS

- **Steve Alexander** • **James Bovard** • **Nathaniel Branden**
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- **Richard Rider** • **Dr. Mary Ruwart** • **Jacob Sullum**

Top (L to R)

*James Bovard, Dr. Mary Ruwart, Jacob Sullum, Nathaniel Branden, David Nolan, Steve Dasbach.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

There is another way around the tobacco tax for you hard core smokers. I received a catalog from Redwood City Seed Co. ([www.ecoseeds.com](http://www.ecoseeds.com)) today. They have three different varieties of tobacco you can legally grow and use tax free. They also sell a couple of Government pamphlets on how to cure the tobacco properly.... Growing season is just around the corner, plant a Victory Garden!

*Gary Pietila*

*Candidate - 75th State Assembly District*

Dear Fellow Libertarians,

Encourage your friends to discover if they are Libertarians by using web sites to find candidates who believe the way they do.

The December 23, 1999 issue of *The New York Times* wrote up descriptions of two web sites that measure candidates' views against the surfer's views. SelectSmart.com and AOL's President Match ([www.presidentmatch.com](http://www.presidentmatch.com)) let prospective voters plug in their views on various issues and compare them to the candidates positions.

*Rae Marcus*

Hi Freedom Lovers,

Support the remembrance of Japanese-American internment. I encourage those of you who maintain web sites to contact Ken Akinaka for information about the Tule Lake Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage, coming this summer, is to commemorate the internment of Japanese-American citizens by the U.S. government during WWII.

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*Power to the people,*

*Starchild, [dreamer@ziplink.net](mailto:dreamer@ziplink.net)*

Dear Editor,

Scott Family to get \$5 million settlement for shooting death. An agreement has been reached between the state of California, the county of Los Angeles and the family of Donald P. Scott that will give Scott's family \$5 million in compensation for his death at the hands of police.

Scott, a 61 year-old millionaire, was shot dead in his home by agents of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office as they executed a no-knock warrant looking for marijuana. No drugs were ever found on the property, and a subsequent investigation by Ventura County District Attorney Michael Bradbury concluded that the warrant was secured with false information. "Clearly one of the primary purposes was a land grab by the Sheriff's Department," he told reporters.

More information at:

[www.drcnet.org/wol/121.html#newsbriefs](http://www.drcnet.org/wol/121.html#newsbriefs)

*William Holmes of Quartz Hill, CA*  
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Hey, All!

I was perusing the National LP Web Page, and I came across some distressing information. There is currently a proposal to give each American (translate—force upon) a "unique" identifier for health care purposes, similar to a Social Security number. It would be attached to a patient's medical history, permanently. It's apparently "for our own good", and would only be accessible by the Dept. of Health and Human Services, law enforcement agencies, and the EPA. The LP has info and a link to the public comment page at the following web address: <http://www.lp.org/lp-med-privacy.html>

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— RL Root

*submitted by Paul Marsden*

## OPINION

From the Chair:

# BE A DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL LP CONVENTION!

We, as a Party, set three main internal goals for 1998, 1999, 2000:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month
3. Maintaining ballot status (DONE!)



MARK HINKLE

**First, a few words about the California Convention.** We have an exciting array of speakers, workshops and special events coming February 18 to 21 in San Diego. Join us!

California has 256 delegates (unofficial count) to the National LP convention. Those delegates will be selected at the LPC Convention in San Diego, so be sure to attend if you want to be a delegate to the LP National convention slated to take place in Anaheim this summer. If you can't attend our California convention, but wish to be a National delegate, please notify LPC Secretary Sandi Webb: (805) 526-0958 or sandi@sandiwebb.com.

\* \* \*

**Goal 1:** The latest membership figures we have are from the year ending 1999. The December membership was 6438. (This is down from the November figure of 6536).

We are so close, and yet, so far from our goal of 7,000. Nonetheless, 7,000 members remains a goal and we'll continue to work to achieve it. I plan to request additional funds in the LPC budget targeted for membership recruitment.

**Goal 2:** The generous responses to our tele-marketing campaign continue to come in. A second round of reminder letters has been sent. However, I've heard from Thea McLean, who does our bookkeeping, that a number of "new pledgers" via this tele-marketing campaign were really one-time contributions. In light of this and other problems we've had with the tele-marketing firm we hired, we'll be looking for a replacement firm. The revised (lower) monthly total for cash and credit card pledgers is \$5,212. On the plus side, our new credit card merchant fees have dropped by 66%, thus saving us over \$210 a month. That means more of your hard-earned dollars going to LPC projects.

The LPC Executive Committee has set a goal of 200 candidates in the year 2000. I'm always proud and happy to record new record highs. With our ace candidate recruiter, Ted Brown, leading the way, we've secured 114 partisan candidates who will be on the ballot in the year 2000. We have more candidates than all other third parties combined.

LPC has endorsed these external goals for 2000:

**Goal 1:** Prop 215, isn't just a good idea, it's the law!

I reported last month that we've scaled down our financial commitment to the Prop 215 web site. The good news is that Web Commanders has kept the site operational because they support the cause. Please visit the site and pass the word to your friends: [www.215NOW.com](http://www.215NOW.com).

**Goal 2:** The Repeal of Prop 10: the tax on tobacco users. It's official, the repeal of Prop 10 will be on the March 2000 ballot as Prop 28. Come hear Ned Roscoe, sponsor of the repeal, at the LPC Convention in San Diego.

**Goal 3:** "None of the Above" initiative will be Prop. 23 on the March 7th 2000 ballot and has been endorsed by the LPC's Executive Committee. Associate LPC member Alan Shurgart, former CEO of Seagate, financed this initiative.

**Goal 4:** 200 candidates in the year 2000: We've got 114 partisan candidates, so we only need only 86 more to go.

This month we are adding **Goal 5:** the defeat of Prop. 26 (repeal of 2/3 vote). If Prop. 26 passes, it will open the floodgates to massively higher state taxes. See page 7 for more information about Prop. 26 and our positions on the various other propositions.

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*Yours in Liberty,  
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[www.worldnetdaily.com/forum/drudge\\_frame.html](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/forum/drudge_frame.html), 1/15/ 2000

#### Government as Nanny

The government thinks fewer middle-class kids would skip breakfast if schools provided it to all students free so it's looking for some schools willing to try the idea at federal expense. "Kids need diapers ... but that doesn't mean there should be a federal diaper program," said Darcy Olsen, who studies education issues for the Cato Institute.

*Associated Press*, 1/17/ 2000

#### Government Regulations Cut the Cheese

A French company called Fromages.com sells many cheeses online to customers worldwide. Certain cheeses are illegal in the United states so American shoppers are steered to a truncated list of federally-approved cheeses.

*The New York Times*, 11/25/1999

#### Save Gas - Drive Yourself

The idea that we can save energy by taking public transportation is being undercut by the Department of Transportation itself. The September 1998 DOT Transportation Energy Data Book calculates the following energy use per passenger-mile statistics for various methods of transportation: Automobiles use 3671 BTU/passenger mile whereas the Transit Bus uses 4,501 BTU/passenger mile.

*Competitive Enterprise Institute* newsletter, November 1999

#### Punched Out

In southern England, the Colchester Borough council was outraged at the way Punch and Judy behave and banned the puppets because they promote domestic violence. Punch and Judy shows have occupied a place in Britain since the 17th century.

*Reuters*, 1999: *The Year in Wacky News*

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## Around the state

### PROPOSITIONS

The Libertarian Party of California has endorsed the following positions on the March 2000 ballot. (At the upcoming state convention in February in San Diego, the delegates might change some of these endorsements.) The following web site has a brief description of the voter initiatives:

[http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_j.htm#2000Primary](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm#2000Primary)

RECOMMENDATION, PROP. NUMBER. DESCRIPTION

<b>YES</b>	1A	Gambling
<b>NO</b>	12	Bond: Parks, Water and Coastal Protection Act
<b>NO</b>	13	Bond: Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act
<b>NO</b>	14	Bond: California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2000
<b>NO</b>	15	Bond: Forensic Laboratories
<b>NO</b>	16	Bond: Veterans' Homes
<b>YES</b>	17	Lotteries: Charitable Raffles
<b>NO POSITION</b>	18	Murder: Special Circumstances
<b>NO</b>	19	Peace Officers
<b>NO</b>	20	California State Lottery: Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000
<b>NO</b>	21	Juvenile Crime. Initiative Statute
<b>NO</b>	22	Definition of Marriage
<b>YES</b>	23	None of the Above Ballot Option. Initiative Statute
<b>YES</b>	24	Legislators' Compensation. Reapportionment. Initiative Constitutional Amendment
<b>NO</b>	25	Election Campaigns. Contributions and Spending Limits. Public Financing Disclosures. Initiative Statute.
<b>NO! NO! NO!</b>	26	School Facilities. Bonds. Local Majority Vote. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute
<b>YES</b>	27	Elections. Term Limits Declarations for Congressional Candidates. Initiative Statute
<b>YES</b>	28	Repeal of Additional Tobacco Surtax Enacted by Proposition 10 Initiative Statute
<b>NO</b>	29	Referendum Vote to Overturn Previously Approved Gaming Compacts
<b>NO POSITION</b>	30	Insurance Claims Practices. Civil Remedies. Referendum
<b>NO POSITION</b>	31	Insurance Claims Practices. Civil Remedies. Amendments

### Property owners in jeopardy

#### PROP 26 – REPEAL OF 2/3 VOTE

As supporters of this nefarious measure try to convince us that it will cost “ONLY \$40/household,” we need to hit home that the prop will result in HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS of dollars of additional annual state government spending/taxes.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association is concentrating on the pitch that “your property taxes could DOUBLE” if Prop 26 passes. THAT brings it home to the property owner. The \$40 increases that proponents are touting (I haven't heard this ad personally) is nonsense. The average bond issue raises a \$200,000 homeowner's property tax over \$100. More important, the assumption the bad guys make is that each district will pass only one bond measure, and that measure will be the size of the current bond measures that now get the 2/3 voter approval anyway.

Of course, with automatic passage with the simple majority (97% of recent bond measures would have passed with simple majority standards), the education industry will put a SERIES of massive bonds on the ballot. Education salaries will soar even higher than their current generous levels (bonds free up EXISTING construction and maintenance funds for spending on salaries, and this is the driving force behind these bond measures). My wife is a public school teacher, and we can vouch for the fact that teachers are WELL paid.

Even more important, if the 2/3 majority barrier drops for education, we can count on a series of initiatives to repeal the 2/3 vote requirement for raising taxes for jails, libraries, mass transit, etc. Indeed, such measures are already kicking around — the “conservative” *San Diego Union-Tribune* has already editorialized for such a repeal for these areas already. The well organized special interest groups will have a field day driving property taxes through the roof.

Retaining the 2/3 voter approval requirement is crucial to holding down taxes (to their present high level) in California.

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Vince Carlton (Shasta County LPC) and Juan Ros (Executive Director of LPC) discuss second amendment rights. Vince sports a “Live and Let Live” Libertarian T-shirt.

## NEWS

20 years ago

### A BATTLE FOR LP BALLOT STATUS

Kenny Rogers once sang, “Life was so much easier .... 20 years ago ...” But for California Libertarians, things were a bit busy then. We had just completed a six month long ballot access drive, with the goal of attaining permanent ballot status in California. This was no easy task. Paid workers were out in force, along with many volunteers, to register over 80,000 people in the LP.

I was a new member then, having just moved here in June 1979 from West Virginia. I was very happy to have been part of the volunteer effort, signing up about 600 people myself on Venice Beach and Hollywood Blvd. December 31, 1979 was the big day. The Secretary of State announced that we had succeeded — we were on the ballot for the 1980 election! State Chair Dan Wiener announced the great news at a New Years Eve party that night — and the jubilation was evident. I’m sure a few other old timers can add their recollections, but I just wanted to mark this notable anniversary.

*For liberty, Ted Brown  
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2 years ago

### CONTINUING BATTLE FOR BALLOT STATUS

Gail Lightfoot, US Senate candidate from California won over 200,000 votes and retained major party status for the LP in California during her 1998 election. Gail will be running an energetic campaign in 2000: she has the ability to increase the media coverage and will be campaigning in California almost every day before the election.

*Jonathan Zwickel, LP Candidate for CA State Assembly*

#### QUICK CHANGE

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Renew membership, address change,  
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<http://www.dehnbases.org/lpc/>

The LPC Echo:  
“Supporting Open Communication  
Among LPC Activists since 1994”

### A CANDIDATE’S NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS

1. I resolve to sell liberty by appealing to the self-interest of each prospect, rather than preaching to people and expecting them to suddenly adopt my ideas of right and wrong.
2. I resolve to keep from being drawn into arguments or debates. My purpose is to inspire people to want liberty — not to prove that they’re wrong.
3. I resolve to listen when people tell me of their wants and needs, so I can help them see how a free society will satisfy those needs.
4. I resolve to identify myself, when appropriate, with the social goals someone may seek — a cleaner environment, more help for the poor, a less divisive society — and try to show him that those goals can never be achieved by government, but will be well served in a free society.
5. I resolve to be compassionate and respectful of the beliefs and needs that lead people to seek government help. I don’t have to approve of their subsidies or policies — but if I don’t acknowledge their needs, I have no hope of helping them find a better way to solve their problems.
6. No matter what the issue, I resolve to keep returning to the central point: how much better off the individual will be in a free society.
7. I resolve to acknowledge my good fortune in having been born an American. Any plan for improvement must begin with a recognition of the good things we have. To speak only of America’s defects will make me a tiresome crank.
8. I resolve to focus on the ways America could be so much better with a very small government — not to dwell on all the wrongs that exist today.
9. I resolve to cleanse myself of hate, resentment, and bitterness. Such things steal time and attention from the work that must be done.
10. I resolve to speak, dress, and act in a respectable manner. I may be the first Libertarian someone has encountered, and it’s important that he get a good first impression. No one will hear the message if the messenger is unattractive.
11. I resolve to remind myself that someone’s “stupid” opinion may be an opinion I once held. If I can grow, why can’t I help him grow?
12. I resolve not to raise my voice in any discussion. In a shouting match, no one wins, no one changes his mind, and no one will be inspired to join our quest for a free society.
13. I resolve not to adopt the tactics of Republicans and Democrats. They use character assassination, evasions, and intimidation because they have no real benefits to offer Americans. We, on the other hand, are offering to set people free — and so we can win simply by focusing on the better life our proposals will bring.
14. I resolve to be civil to my opponents and treat them with respect. However anyone chooses to treat me, it’s important that I be a better person than my opponents. *Harry Browne*



*Executive Director Update:*

# ROS STUMPS FOR MARCH BALLOT MEASURES

*Ros Keeps a Hectic Schedule in Year 2000!*



JUAN ROS

With the March primary fast approaching, LPC Executive Director Juan Ros kicked election-related activity into high gear last month while simultaneously relocating the LPC's Los Angeles office and preparing for the state convention.

"Moving is always difficult, and this time was especially challenging!" Ros said. "The timing of the move together with the close proximity of the primary and the

convention meant I had to get the new office set up as fast as possible so that I wouldn't drop any of the half-dozen balls I'm juggling at any given time!"

One of those balls was publicizing the LPC's positions on the 20 ballot measures appearing on the March ballot. The news release Ros issued on December 29 resulted in a two-hour radio interview on Santa Cruz's KSCO with host Dave Alan, also known as "The Nite Hawk." "We went over each proposition and I outlined the reasons for the LPC's support or opposition," Ros recalled.

Ros also issued a news release on Proposition 26, which would reduce the requirement to pass local bond measures from a 2/3 vote to a simple majority. The release was prompted by reports that voters were being telephoned by a group called the "National Taxpayers Alliance" urging a "Yes" vote on 26 – despite the fact that every major taxpayer group in the state, including the LPC, opposes the initiative.

"I accused the National Taxpayers Alliance of being a bogus group fronted by Yes on 26, but it turns out they actually do exist," Ros admitted. "The Alliance apparently only sprang up a few months ago and none of the major taxpayer groups knew it existed! But the Alliance's cooperation with the Yes on 26 forces is still suspicious, and we stand by our original assertion that the Alliance was created as part of the Yes on 26 campaign to give the appearance that this insidious bond measure is good for taxpayers – which it clearly isn't.

On January 10, Ros flew up to the Bay Area to tape a televised debate for Contra Costa County Television. Ros took the con side on Proposition 13, the \$1.97 billion clean water and flood protection bond measure. His opponent was a member of a local water board, and Contra Costa Times political editor Dan Borenstein moderated the debate.

"I must say this debate was a challenge for me because I find water policy an extremely boring area of public policy!" Ros confessed. "I also knew my opponent would be knowledgeable in this area, so I had to be extremely well-prepared."

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Ros's strategy was simple: agree with the purpose for the measure – clean water, protected watersheds, and the like – but paint the measure as flawed and a poor solution. "Libertarians are obviously in favor of clean water, but if I opposed the measure I had to make sure that I had some alternative solutions I could propose which would solve the problem," Ros recalled. "Thanks to studies published by the Reason Public Policy Institute, the Pacific Research Institute, and several other think tanks I learned a great deal about water markets and was able to even use concrete examples of successful water marketing in California."

Ros presented those examples during the debate and argued that Proposition 13 was nothing more than the same wasteful, bureaucratic policies that have been enacted for years. "Overall I was extremely pleased with the debate – and I'm always a harsh critic of myself!" The

debate will replay on cable systems all over Contra Costa County 19 times before the March primary.

"I want to thank Scott Wilson and Frank Manske from the East Bay LP, who met me at the television studio and provided invaluable moral support during the debate!" Ros said.

Following the debate Ros drove across the Carquinez Strait to Benicia, where he met with Cigarettes Cheaper! President Ned Roscoe, the proponent of Proposition 28 on the March ballot. If passed, Prop. 28 would repeal the tobacco tax enacted by Proposition 10 in November, 1998.

"The LPC has supported this effort since it was first announced by Roscoe at the 1999 LPC Convention, so I met with him to strategize and discuss getting Libertarian celebrities and luminaries to support his repeal effort," Ros explained.

Roscoe was also added to the LPC 2000 Convention speakers roster, along with Sally Pipes of the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy. "With 30 speakers and presenters scheduled, this convention is a tremendous value for Libertarians, and an excellent opportunity for the party to get some publicity and media coverage."

Now that Ros has settled into his new office space, he's ready for the challenges and opportunities ahead. ***"2000 is gearing up to be a great year for the LP, and I'm excited about what the next ten months will bring!"***

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# LPC Monthly

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*If it is to be,  
It is up to me.*

DATED MATERIALS



**MAIL APPLICATION TO:** Libertarian Party of California  
Data Processing Center  
PMB #362  
655 Lewelling Blvd.  
San Leandro CA 94579-1804

**Please Print:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phones/H & W: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 contributions:**

- \$ \_\_\_\_ Monthly Pledge to LPC ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ \_\_\_\_ Monthly Pledge to my Region ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ \_\_\_\_ One-time Donation to LPC ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ \_\_\_\_ One-time Donation to my Region ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

- Check (payable to "Libertarian Party")
- Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_