LNC Raises Budget After Fundraising Success

Increased confidence in the LP’s ability to raise funds, based on consistent success in recent months, allowed the Libertarian National Committee to increase its budget at its April meeting in Austin, Texas, pushing the annual budget over the $500,000 mark.

Some of the additional funds will go toward creation of the Census Defense Fund, which will offer financial assistance to people who are fined for refusing to participate in the Census.

The LNC also approved line item increases in the budget for the Affiliate Parties Committee, Computer Programming, and Libertarian Party News. The increase will allow two larger-than-normal issues of LP News.

Capital Area Libertarians "Up the Ante" in 1990 Elections

Libertarians in the Washington, D.C. area are now gearing up for two active campaigns. Adding to the interest created by Dr. Nancy Lord’s entrance into the race for D.C. mayor will be the recently announced candidacy of Robert Murphy for the eighth district U.S. congressional seat in suburban Virginia.

The campaigns hope to gain some momentum from each other, particularly in the area of stirring up increased media interest, borrowing on each other’s volunteer forces, and possibly developing joint advertisements to run on metro area media.

Wisconsin LP Project Aimed At Outreach to Lithuania

The LP of Wisconsin is collecting English-language books on the subjects of free market economics, business management, and libertarian political theory for airlift to Lithuanian businesspersons who will read and distribute the books in Lithuania.

Books and donations for the project may be sent to: LP of Wisconsin, c/o Mary Roffers, 2462 Lake Shore Road, Grafton, WI 53024. For more information call (414) 375-0068.

Act fast. This project could be curtailed by political upheaval.
When his conscience talks, Tom Tryon listens

Calaveras Libertarian wins respect on political trail

By RON DELAY

Jude staff writer

ANGEL C&NG — Tom Tryon, chairman of the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, has assumed a risky political position. Mrs. Tryon, a member of the Buchanan Hill district and lived to pound his gavel about it.

Tryon has supported what he sees as women's rights on abortion and people's rights to burn the flag if they want. And he has opposed such popular concepts as rigid sign ordinances and design-review committees.

He considers President Bush's "no-new-taxes" pledge meaningless without an unbalanced budget, and the "war on drugs" unconstitutional. Tryon favors tax reductions, balanced budgets. "I read his lips, "the re-legislation of illicit drugs."

Tryon, a 45-year-old Angles Camp rancher, ranks as the Libertarian Party's highest elective officer in California, and is shooting for a new height now that the party has drafted him as its only candidate for state controller.

He already is planning a stop at the Buchanan Hill district and lived to pound his gavel about it.

Some, like Clifford Taylor of Modesto, CA Bee, April 15, 1990

Radio show host speaks on crisis in government

By ROGER WOOD

HERALD Correspondent

PORTSMOUTH — Best offer radio commentator cycled examples of government services, such as $100,000 taxi licenses in Boston and a $10,000 fee for a business license. Savings and Loan bailout, as recounted by Tryon, is evidence that the government is "inefficient and inflexible," and delivering what it promises to deliver because it can never deliver as efficiently as we can deliver for ourselves."

Tryon's two-hour address, warmly received by an audience of nearly 300, was sprinkled with personal anecdotes and Libertarian Party philosophy.

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Some talk to Clifford Taylor of Portsmouth, attended because they are Tom Tryon's friends, who works in radio program. However, he said the speech didn't convince him to change his party affiliation to support the Libertarians.

If Tryon runs, he would run as a candidate for the Libertarian presidential nomination in 1988, offered one year of free speaking services to the New Hampshire Libertarian Party which sponsored the Walter Scott event.

His Portsmouth address was his fifth in a series of speeches around the state to stimulate political awareness. He said his hope is "to begin a movement that will ultimately sweep across the country and have people at least think seriously about the nature and role of government in a free society."

Changes are necessary, he said, "so make government more responsive before government is ultimately swept across the country and have people at least think seriously about the nature and role of government in a free society."

He also talked about a recent trip to the Soviet Union, whose economic system he characterized as "stultifying." It "destroys initiative. It does not produce because there is no incentive to produce," he said. "But at the same time, we see dramatic changes in the Soviet Union. People have decided that the price, they are paying for equalization, and they want change, opportunity, choice and freedom of economic enterprise."

Mr. Burns took aim at the U.S. Congress when he reflected on the borders of Eastern Europeans who are denouncing Washington to study the Congress as an example of how Democratic institutions work.

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Liberty
Groups call for end to Austin vice squad

By Jim Phillips

The Austin police vice squad should be phased out and its officers assigned to investigate more serious crimes, according to members of the Texas Freedom Network, the Libertarian Party and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Members of the three organizations held a press conference Tuesday to make the proposal in response to recent stories about internal police investigations into allegations of wrongdoing by the supervisor of the unit.

"This is really just the opening volley of what we hope will be a continuing battle," said Terry Liberty Parker, a board member of the Texas Freedom Network. The organization advocates upholding the Bill of Rights, and previously has been involved in opposing a city ordinance regulating adult-oriented businesses.

The officers all said they were concerned that the Police Department or the members of the vice squad, but were asking that scarce police resources be concentrated on crimes such as robbery.

"The vice squad in Austin investigates prostitution, gambling and pornography," Parker said. "If vice crimes, if they have any victims at all, have willing victims, said Mark Trexler of the University of Texas Libertarian Group.

Bruce Eastchark, chairman of the Texas Libertarian Party, said the Libertarian should repeal all laws governing vice activities and drugs.

Parker said investigating vice cases is a corrupting job that leads to police officers becoming disenchanted with law enforcement.

"The harder we enforce this, the cleaner it's going to become," he said. "We ought to enforce this just to get the public dialog started on this issue."

The vice squad has become a self-serving unit for its own enjoyment, she said. It's members should be reassigned to the core of the mission, and duties like solving offenses against persons and property.

"William secured individuals---the very people you want more---rather than fewer officers assigned to vice cases," said Kelty quite frequently," he said. "There is a community concern about these offenses, and we're going to address those concerns."

He said vice cases are "heinous" crimes and that many "are tied into organized crime. His more than just a local crime, there's a lot of money involved in all this.

People can get hurt."

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Tax protest: Members of Michigan's Libertarian Party plan to join a nationwide protest today against the federal income tax at locations around Metro Detroit and elsewhere in Michigan. This year's protest theme, to be aired at post offices, is "George Bush: More like George III than like George Washington."

Bombers appal even veteran tax protesters

By Liz Twarden

Detroit News Staff Writer

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Off the Spectrum

Libertarian Dick Boddie is running for president to abolish the job

BY MIKE MCCALLISTER

An odd breed, these libertarians. These crazy radicals want to legalize drugs and immorality, and end U.S. military involvement everywhere on the planet and abolish the Federal CIA.

These same reactionaries are against income taxes, for privatizing all government services, for any debate or expression, and for returning to the gold standard.

Libertarians want us to believe they are the true libertarians because we have no control over what the government does with our money.

"The government holds a monopoly on guns, does all these terrible things here and in other countries, then makes us pay for it," said Boddie.

"We are not against taxes. We oppose what the government does with the taxes," he said.

"The Internal Revenue Service is nothing but the IRS," Boddie said. "We want a government that governs least, their lives by the same principle. It opposes censorship, the draft, victimless-crime laws and government regulations on personal matters, supports property rights, free trade and eventual elimination of taxation."
The core value of America is individual liberty, which is not democracy.