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2 re-elected; ballot status retained

by Ted Brown

CALIFORNIA LIBERTARIANS easily retained ballot status in the November 8 election, and reelected two council members: Sandi Webb in Simi Valley and Bonnie Flickinger in Moreno Valley. Public interest in the Libertarian alternative was at an all time high, pushed by voter anger at "politics as usual" and the appearance of our statewide candidates in the Ballot Pamphlet for the first time.

Calls to the Party's 800 number in San Francisco, primarily manned by Mark Valverde, showed great enthusiasm for Richard Boddie's call for prosecuting Attorney General Janet Reno for the murder of Branch Davidians at Waco, Richard Burns' strong statement regarding the War on Drugs, and all the candidates showing support for the 2nd Amendment. Most media

attention went to Richard Rider who, as the candidate for governor, sought votes to deny Pete Wilson victory and to throw the election to Kathleen Brown.

Leading the vote totals were Ted Brown, candidate for Insurance Commissioner, who polled over 315,000 votes (or 4.2%) and Jon Petersen, candidate for Treasurer, who polled over 308,000 votes (or 4.1%). In all, 5 of the 7 candidates for state office polled the 2% or more needed to stay on the ballot in California.

Highest district percentages went to two candidates in two-way races: Guy Wilson (37th Congressional District) with 22.2% and Daniel Dalton (55th Assembly District) with 19.3%. Wilson ran a vigorous campaign fueled by contributors anxious to take advantage of Rep. Walter Tucker's indictment on extortion and bribery charges.

Terry Savage, who ran a very active campaign in the 20th Assembly District in the Bay Area, polled 6.9% and was the balance of power between the two old party candidates. Others who polled more than the difference between the Democrat and Republican were Ross Crain (4th Congressional), David Bersohn (22nd Congressional), John Koehler (24th Congressional), Jack Tyler (36th Congressional), Chris Hoogenboom (49th Congressional), Linda De Groat (12th Senate), Robert Welch (27th Assembly) and Alan Carlan (54th Assembly). As of press time it was possible that Carlan's campaign and vote total may have helped deny Republicans control of the State Assembly.

VOTERS agreed with the Libertarian position on several ballot propositions, most notably Proposition 181 (Rail Bonds), 185 (Gas Tax Hike) and 186 (Single Payer Health Care). Those three failed miserably. Un-

Webb/Flickinger Reelected



SANDI WEBB, in left photo, was easily reelected to the Simi Valley City Council, running second in a race for two seats. In another race, Bonnie Flickinger, right, won 59 percent to 41 percent to retain her Moreno Valley council seat. As of press time, it appeared that Steve Green (not shown) was unable to take a seat on the Santee City Council, running fourth for three seats.

fortunately, voters passed 184 (Three Strikes and You're Out), 187 ("Save our State"), and 189 (Bail Exception), the last of which had a Libertarian argument in the ballot pamphlet. You can't win them all! Across the country voters passed a number of tax limitation initiatives.

In other election news, two Libertarians were elected to the New Hampshire Legislature: incumbent Don Gorman and former Californian Jim McClarin. Unfortunately, incumbents Finlay Rothhaus and Andy Borsa were defeated. Six other Libertarians were elected to a variety of local positions. The LP gained ballot status in Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Dakota and Wyoming, thus entering the 1996 campaign season on the ballot in 22 states, the most ever at this point.

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Party Archives: The Bank of Knowledge

by Kim Goldsworthy 

THIS MONTH, instead of focusing on tips and techniques for local activism, I want to talk about something I believe to be important at the state level. But it does relate to a past theme we have covered: namely, getting knowledge or experience from one mind to another, quickly, consistently, simply. While you read this, think if this challenge has a parallel in your own county central committee.

One campaign promise I made in 1993 in my run for state chair was to establish a party archive. An "archive" is a place to keep records. The word "archives" (plural) refers to the records themselves. Why is a party archive useful, even valuable? Because it is the link between the old and future administrations.

Here's some background on our situation. At our annual convention in February, our party elects members to the 15-person board called the "Executive Committee" (the board that conducts the party business between conventions). This group corresponds to

what is called an "executive board" in the world of corporate, not-for-profit, 501(c) associations. That is, there are officers and other board members who act as trustees in the name of the overall organization, including managing its assets, its liabilities, its growth, and the like.

Here's the rub. Newly-elected members of the Executive Committee for the past few years got no briefing of any kind. No minutes, no handbook, no policy statements. There is no link of any kind between the outgoing board and the new board. It's a clean slate, for better or for worse.

Without a common link between the Young Turks (i.e., inexperienced members) and the Old Guard (i.e., re-elected members), as they sit around the table representing us, the question is raised: Will the new board "re-invent the wheel"? What is to prevent them from resolving the recurring problems that the Executive Committee handled in 1992, 1990, 1988, etc.? Likewise, will

they set policies that contradict last year's policies, which in turn may have contradicted the previous year's policies, ad infinitum?

Back in 1986, when I first sat on the Executive Committee as a representative of my region, like many other representatives, I had never before served on any non-profit organization's Board of Directors. Before

then, I never had the opportunity to do things in the name of an organization, like participate in lawsuits and set budgets. And, more importantly, no one came forward to explain the big picture to me and the newer members. It was a case of 'learning by observing' — on-the-job training — the same method used in the dark ages of Europe, back when common people could not read and write.

If this strikes you as 'low tech', it should. But, back then, I did not know any better.

Any question referring to historical party activities was answered by the most senior members. The "Olde Tymers" were

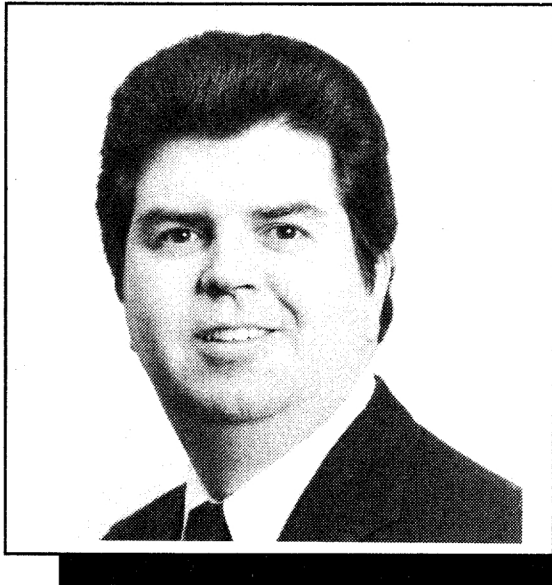
those people who attended the first-ever organizing meeting of the LPC, or people who personally were involved in qualifying our party for permanent ballot status in California.

Let's analyze. While this "sage method" has the advantages of getting quick answers, the drawback is once these "sages" die, drop out, move, make babies, or get an outside life, their collective wisdom goes with them, never to return.

Thus it occurred to me that someday, maybe, we'll start writing things down. Maybe we'll start filing our minutes and committee reports in a centralized location so that research may be done by anyone, quickly and easily.

Such a method would be a big change from the status quo — hunting for boxes in the garages of all former LPC secretaries.

Finally we made it happen. In 1993, we chased down all the papers, all the files, all the boxes in all the



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garages that we could legally and humanly access. We culled the papers relating to LPC business. Thanks to the efforts primarily of Ray Acosta, Ed Moss and Gail Lightfoot, we sorted those minutes, reports and memoranda. Ray Acosta created a system of folders in a sensible order and put them into a box-like container. (It really is, as Steve Allen used to say, "no bigger than a bread box.") We now have (the beginnings of) a party archive. As Shakespeare said, "A modest thing, but thine own."

The good news is that from 1993 onward, important party documents (e.g. platforms, bylaws, resolutions, and related business papers like USPS bulk mail permits) will have a permanent home. The bad news is that very little survived from the 1970's and 1980's. What can you do to help our little archive grow?

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LPC Membership Form

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Please note: Non-signers are associate members and cannot vote on party business.

Agenda and meeting schedule of 1995 LPC convention

THE LPC state convention is February 17-20, 1995, at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Oakland. The earliest business will be meetings of the Platform, Bylaws and Convention Rules committees on Friday. The time (usually 10:00 or 11:00 am until finish) is set by the committee members. Each Region may send one representative to serve on the Platform Committee. A Bylaws Committee of five will have been selected by the ExCom in November.

Also on Friday, a training session for Regional Officers will be held beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm.

The convention business sessions are on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Convention Rules determine the agenda. The Chair sets the times to convene, recess and adjourn. Once the convention delegates accept the time schedule proposed by the Chair, it takes a suspension of the rules to change the times. Speakers or other events are not scheduled during business session times.

LPC Convention Schedule of Business Agenda

- A. Credentials Report.
- B. Reports of the Party Officers and working committees.
- C. Consent Calendar.
- D. Bylaws and Convention Rules Committee Report (first in odd-numbered years).
- E. Platform committee report (first in even-numbered years).
- F. Resolutions and other matters.
- G. Elections. Party Officers (two-year terms). At-Large ExCom Reps At-Large Alternates Judicial Committee (one-year terms).
- H. Candidate endorsement (only in years preceding elections).
- I. Style committee appointment.

Wanted: Leaders

OFFICERS of the Libertarian Party of California and Executive Committee members will be elected in February 1995. Those of you who are active at the regional level may want to consider stepping up to the state level. Regional activity is the basis and center of the LPC; however, someone has to keep the ship of state afloat. Maybe you are that person. If so, call the current holder of the office you are considering to find out what is involved. Then, let LPC News know what you plan so that the membership can be informed as well. Every part of our organization needs committed volunteers to generate the many activities on behalf of the regions, state party and our candidates.

Training session for regional officers set

THE SECOND ANNUAL training session for Regional Officers will be held Friday, February 17 at 10:00 am at the Airport Hilton in Oakland. The meeting will be interactive, with handouts and a lunch break, and will last until 4:00 pm. There will be a fee for the costs of producing the manual. Reservations will be required. Look for more information in the February issue of LPC News or contact Gail Lightfoot, Southern Vice Chair.

Brown, Petersen top state vote getters

TED BROWN, running for Insurance commissioner, once again received more votes than any other alternative party candidate in the state. He and Jon Petersen (who ran for State Treasurer) were the only ones to top 300,000 votes, with 315,827 (4.2%) and 308,337 (4.1%) respectively.

Watson gets highest percentage of top offices

KENNITA WATSON, who ran for State Board of Equalization District 1 on the platform that the Board should be abolished, received the highest percentage of all alternative party candidates for executive state office - 7.4% (146,811 votes).

Petersen elated

JON PETERSEN was elated with the results. "My goal was 200,000 votes. Getting over 300,000 is fantastic. It shows that a lot of people read page 16 of the California Ballot pamphlet and liked what I had to say. 1998, here I come!"

Jon Peterson is also LPC Treasurer

Billboard raffle

GUY WILSON, candidate for the 37th Congressional district, announced that he will be raffling off autographed billboard signs not used in his campaign. For more information contact: Guy Wilson for Congress, 3381 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, 90807, (310)428-8113.

How LPC candidates did at the polls

Governor: Richard Rider - 1.7% Lt. Gov. - Bob New - 2.2% Sec of State - Peggy Christensen - 3.1% Controllor - Cullene Lang - 1.6% Treasurer - Jon Petersen - 4.1%

Attorney General: Richard Burns - 3.4% Insurance Commissioner - Ted Brown - 4.2% U. S. Senate - Richard Boddie - 2.1%

Board of Equalization: 1. Kennita Watson - 7.4% 3. Ken Mason - 5.3% 4. Lawrence Goldberg - 4.4%

U. S. Congress: 2. Harry Pendery - 2.5% 3. Ross Crain - 4.2% 4. Damon Falconi - 3.8% 6. Louis Beary - 2.6% 11. Joseph Miller - 3.0% 13. Robert Gough - 5.2% 18. James Morzella - 2.8% 19. Dolores Comstock - 2.8% 21. Mike Hodges - 4.0% 22. David Bersohn - 2.2% 23. Bill Brown - 3.9% 24. John Koehler - 3.2% 25. Devin Cutler - 3.7% 27. Dennis Decherd - 2.4% 28. Jorj Baker - 2.5% 29. Mike Binkley - 3.8% 30. William Weilburg - 5.7% 34. Marty Swinney - 4.2% 36. Jack Tyler - 2.6% 37. Guy Wilson - 22.2% 38. Lester Mueller - 2.6% 39. Jack Dean - 4.7% 43. Gene Berkman - 6.3% 46. Richard Newhouse - 5.8% 47. Victor Wagner - 3.4% 49. Chris Hoogenboom - 2.9% 50. Ricardo Duenez - 3.2% 51. Bill Holmes - 3.4% 52. Joe Shea - 3.1%

State Senate: 8. Mark Valverde - 2.1% 12. Linda De Groat - 3.2% 22. Vincent Way - 3.3% 24. Curtis Feger - 4.3% 26. Bob Weber - 2.2% 28. Neal Donner - 3.2% 34. Tom Reimer - 6.2% 36. David Sarosi - 3.4% 38. August Anderson - 4.7% 40. Ben Gibbs - 3.0%

State Assembly: 1. Charles Harris - 5.1% 2. Fred Schwartz - 4.3% 4. Clyde Smith - 4.4% 12. Anton Sherwood - 5.0% 13. Mark Pickens - 7.6% 20. Terry Savage - 6.9% 25. Al Segalla - 2.7% 26. Rob Parks - 4.7% 27. Robert Welch - 2.9% 33. Gary Kirkland - 3.8% 35. Chris Blunt - 2.0% 36. Eric Fussell - 5.6% 37. David Harner - 4.7% 40. Kelley Ross - 6.0% 41. Phil Baron - 3.1% 42. Eric Fine - 4.8% 43. Willard Michlin - 3.4% 44. Ken Saurenman - 5.1% 45. Pam Probst - 7.1% 47. Kevin Murphy - 4.5% 49. Kim Goldsworthy - 3.9% 53. Bill Gaillard - 2.8% 54. Alan Carlan - 3.5% 55. Daniel Dalton - 19.3% 56. Arthur Hays - 3.4% 57. David Argall - 4.5% 58. John McCready - 7.3% 60. Michael Welte - 6.0% 64. Jane Henson - 6.4% 69. George Reis - 4.6% 72. Geoffrey Braun - 4.5% 73. Wade Hostler - 4.0% 74. Daniel Muhe - 4.3% 75. J. C. Anderson - 3.7% 76. Jerry Balistreri - 3.3%

City Council: Moreno Valley: Bonnie Flickinger - 58%, Simi Valley: Sandi Webb - 25%, Santee: Steve Green - trailing by 107 votes, unlikely to win, Fullerton: Jack Dean - 8%, Big Bear: Larry Gates - 5%, Chico: Mark Sweaney - 4%, Upland: Ethel Mohler - 3.8%

Beer Drinkers, take note

Home brews feature of 1995 LPC Convention

IT MAY BE HARD to imagine today, but homebrewing was illegal in 1977. When Jimmy Carter took office, he feared that his brother, already a public relations embarrassment, might actually be arrested when his private brewing activities were revealed. Billy Carter, like many Americans, loved to drink beer. But besides drinking it, Billy also liked to brew his own beer. So, with an executive order signed soon after he became president, Carter re-legalized our right to make our own beer, in our own kitchens, with our own barley, malt, yeast, hops and water.

Today, we have hundreds of homebrew supply stores throughout the country. Hundreds of brew pubs and regional micro-breweries produce some of the best suds you've probably ever tasted. The major beer producers have finally had to acknowledge that the market for crafted, quality beers is larger than they ever imagined, and the demand for such beers is rapidly outpacing that for their standard generic American Light Pilsner. But besides the variety, quality and low cost of homebrewed beers, many Libertarians appreciate the freedom of throwing back a cold, refreshing beverage produced by their own hands and almost completely free of taxation and regulation. The only restriction placed on homebrewed beers by the government is that such beverages cannot be sold, but must be given away freely. Sure sounds like freedom to me!

If you are interested in participating in an informal beer tasting and appreciation at the LPC convention, Embrace Freedom!, send information about your beer to Terry Floyd at 240 Sybil Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577. You may also send email to Terry.Floyd@cmnsens.fidonet.org

Please include a copy of the recipe you plan to submit and bring at least a six-pack to Oakland (more, if possible). Convention work tends to make one thirsty.

The Liberty Convention Services hospitality suite will be well-stocked with a generous supply of FREE homebrewed beer for thirsty Libertarians, and we encourage your participation and appreciation of this delicious freedom, once lost but now regained. We look forward to seeing you there!

Notes from the Chair

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Kim Goldsworthy 

Continued from page 2- First, there is a demand for real bylaws, mostly from newly forming and re-forming counties. We have no region bylaws on file except for the two new central committees created in 1994 (Antelope Valley and Gold Country Libertarians). Luckily, we have template bylaws that Ed Moss included in his leadership handbook. Please ask your old timers (I mean, "most senior activists") if your county has bylaws written down. Please forward a copy to the LPC to aid future county central committees.

Regarding the ExCom, if you have minutes from Executive Committee meetings of ANY YEAR, and likewise committee reports, officer reports, etc., please check with Ray Acosta. We have many gaps to fill. Regarding conventions, if you have memoranda or newsletters describing the resolutions that passed on the floor of the annual convention of ANY YEAR, please dig it out and either photocopy it or send the original to Secretary Acosta.

In closing, I will share this with you. My favorite resolution that I ever heard on any convention floor was one authored by Steve Pencall (Region 67, East San Gabriel Valley), the infamous "mushroom hunting" resolution. It seems that our democratically-elected representatives in Sacramento were considering a bill to ban the gathering of wild mushrooms — for our own safety, of course! I thought the very concept of grown-ups seriously debating this wicked, wicked practice of picking maverick mushrooms was just plain crazy. Sadly, that is one resolution that failed to make the archives, despite being passed unanimously ... and loudly, viva voce.

Let's not allow such a loss to happen again! And thanks to a change in our convention rules that I suggested in 1994, it won't. We now publish minutes of convention business each day. Voila!...Q.E.D. ...case closed.

1995 LPC Convention; Progress Report #1

EMBRACE FREEDOM! is the theme of the 1995 LPC Convention. As in previous years, we hope the theme will be explored in depth by a wide range of guests and delegates. Libertarians are fond of saying that freedom is the one commodity so precious that it cannot be bought or sold, but must be given away to be effective. It is also one of the most difficult products to sell to a market that has forgotten what it really means.

Embrace Freedom! would like to present to the public the proposition that freedom is better than the superficially benign tyranny under which we now live; that freedom is good for everyone; that repealing oppressive laws and reducing the size of government would benefit us all, rich and poor, young and old, men and women, gay and straight. The average citizen may not be aware of the existence of the Libertarian Party, and even if they are, many feel the word has a negative connotation.

We plan to have a number of speakers and presentations that we hope will demonstrate the appeal of libertarianism to a public.

We've also implemented a new concept in political conventions: the Supporting Package. Since only about 200 of the dues-paying members of the LPC ever attend the annual convention, we thought it was high time we let the rest of the party members know what goes on at these events. If you'd like to attend Embrace Freedom! but simply cannot find the time or money to come to Oakland, consider becoming a Supporter. For only \$17.76, you can receive all the pre-convention, and post-convention publicity mailings, all the printed program materials from the convention, and post-convention

copies of the revised LPC Platform and Bylaws. Additionally, the first Libertarians to purchase Supporting Packages will receive a beautiful Libertarian Party T-shirt proclaiming, "Freedom is for everyone!"

Of course, if you don't attend, you won't be able to participate in the Coffee House Crawl on Thursday night, drink our tax-free homebrewed beer in the Hospitality Suite, or meet Harry Browne, author of "How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World," and our first-announced Presidential candidate for the 1996 election, or LPC Chair Kim Goldsworthy, or Mary Ruwart, author of "Healing Our World," or the members of the Executive Committee, or any of the other LPC activists who contribute their elbow grease to conduct the business of the Party, but being a Supporter is the next best thing. If by some chance you do show up in Oakland in February, you can convert your Supporting Package to an attending package right at the door, simply by paying the difference. Other confirmed guests include: George O'Brien, Richard Winger, Bob Poole, Sally Foster, Chuck Olson, Larry Dodge, Richard Cowan and Irwin Schiff (another declared candidate for the LP nomination for the Presidential race in 1996). By the time the next Progress Report is ready, we'll have an even more impressive line-up of speakers. If any of the above intrigues you, please take a moment to fill out the registration form. We're looking forward to seeing you in Oakland!

Embrace Freedom! will be held at the Oakland Airport Hilton on the long President's Day weekend, February 17-20, 1995.

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**Please register me for the following package at
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Highlights of Media Coverage

L.A. Times

Column right/Joseph Farah

Dateline: September 12, 1994

...“I plan to vote for the Libertarian candidate, Richard Rider, and urge all conservatives - Democrats or Republicans - to do the same.”

Redondo Beach Daily Breeze

by Gary Palmer

Dateline: October 16, 1994

“Campaign has a ring to it: Libertarian candidate Bill Gaillard doesn't have much money to spend on introducing himself to voters during his campaign for the 53rd Assembly District seat.

But you just might get to recognise his name anyway. Or at least his ring. Gaillard is handing out fancy business card holders that, thanks to microchip technology, ring like a telephone when you open them up. He gave one to reporter Carol Baker. On the outside it reads: “When you're looking for the best...” Inside it reads: “Give me a ring!” and the exclamation point lights up and blinks with each ring.

Another candidate might pay a pretty penny for the slick gimmick, but Gaillard's a bargain hunter. “I picked up a whole huge bag of them at a garage sale,” he told Carol. “They were three for a dime.”

Curious about how much the card covers normally cost, Gaillard called a company that makes them and found out they were \$2.43 a pop - too much for a Libertarian Party party favor.

But if Gaillard can make a name for himself with a \$10 bag of garage sale bargains, imagine what he might squeeze out of a state budget of billions?”

Nurseweek Magazine

Thanks to Eric Garris, life member of the LPC and DTP Specialist for NURSEweek Magazine, the Libertarian Party was covered in the September and October issues.

Garris was instrumental in seeing that Southern Vice Chair Gail Lightfoot was interviewed for an article on nurses in politics.

by Marilyn Wann

Dateline: September, 1994

“Nurses campaign for candidates, run for office.” “...The Libertarian Party, with its emphasis on personal freedom and a free market, has seen an increase in new supporters who list healthcare reform and big government as major concerns, said public health nurse Gail Lightfoot, RN, Southern Vice Chair for the LPC.

Between 100 and 125 Libertarians hold office nationwide. In California, eight or 10 party members hold elected offices such as city council or school board memberships, said Lightfoot, a Visiting Nurse Association field nurse in Claremont.

Lightfoot has been involved in political campaigns since Barry Goldwater's 1964 campaign for President. She has been a Libertarian since the Party was founded. “Now people are interested in our position. we've learned to phrase our responses in a more positive way...” she said of her political philosophy.”

Garris then persuaded the editorial staff to include another article on Richard Rider and the LP.

“Libertarians' healthcare views”

by Eric Garris

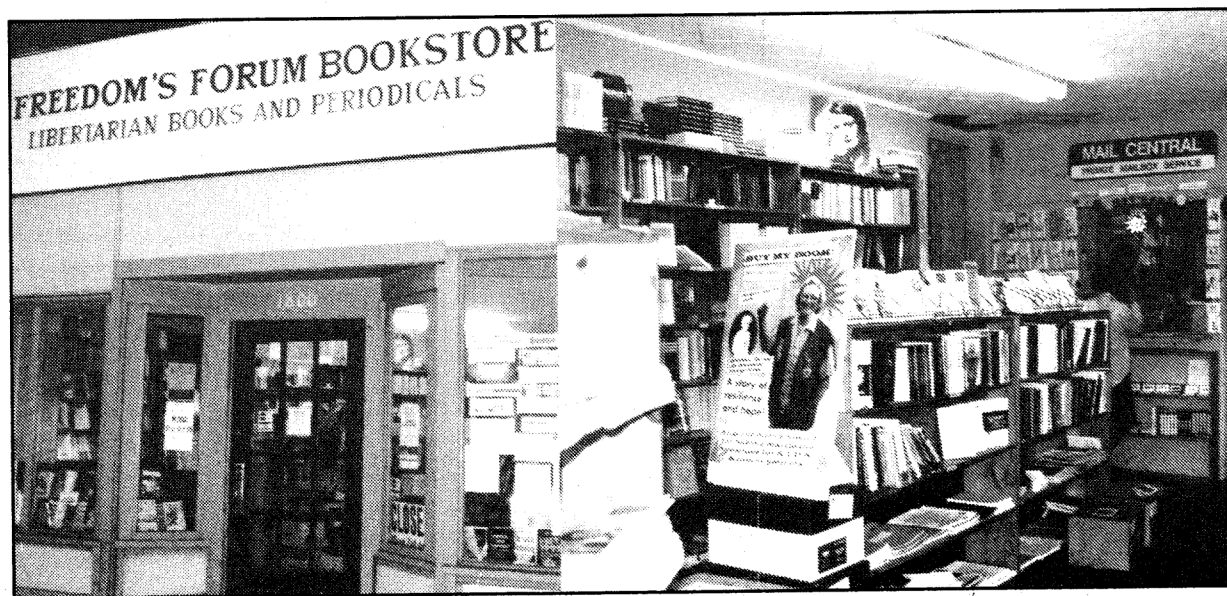
Dateline: October 1994

“The Libertarian Party favors individual responsibility and liberty over government control in virtually all areas of society. Such government control, Libertarians believe, stifles progress and diversity and imposes a strict set of standards on the entire population that can interfere with an individual's liberty and belief systems. Libertarians support a smaller government limited to the protection of individual rights and property.

In healthcare matters, Libertarians support the right of people to pursue alternative forms of treatment and prevention. They favor legalization of medical marijuana and other substances not approved by the FDA. Decisions to use such substances should be made by individuals with fully informed consent, Libertarians say.”

LPC candidate for Governor, Richard Riders's answers to NURSEweek's questions and his position on healthcare issues were summarized by Garris in the remainder of the boxed article within a 2 page interview of candidates Brown and Wilson.

As a result of the articles in NURSEweek, a number of calls came into the 800 number from nurses around the state.



Two photos from inside and outside bookstore.

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Mike Timko, Compiler

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THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY of Los Angeles, a confederation of the Los Angeles County LPC regions, continues to grow and develop. Plans to put the newsracks purchased earlier this year out in the City of Long Beach are under way. After a period of having only a part-time office manager, LPLAC again has a full time staff in the person of Jim Bryan. Bryan was at the very first LP convention in Colorado and became the first Chair of the Oregon LP. In the 1970's, he quit his career as a teacher to start a consulting business advising professionals how to protect their income from lawsuit judgments and taxation. He was successful enough to be sought by the IRS for prosecution and ultimately sentenced to 25 years in federal prison. In late September, he was released after 8 years to a half-way house in the Los Angeles area. He has taken on the job of managing the LPLAC office at the Region 66 location in Long Beach. Bryan has a wealth of experience and is uniquely suited for the various tasks and problems encountered in a one man office.

800 number Headquarters

IN CASE you are curious but you don't get to roam around San Francisco that much, here are two views of Freedom's Forum bookstore at 1600 Market Street. Owned and operated by the International Society of Individual Liberty, the bookstore has too many wonderful books on libertarianism and activism to begin to mention. Vince Miller, president of ISIL, and James Elwood, an ISIL director, handle the day-to-day operations assisted by Mark Valverde. All are active in local regional activities. Valverde also keeps a good selection of the latest bulletins and bumper stickers on current political issues in the store window.

In addition to being a bookstore, Freedom's Forum is a full service print shop and a mail service. ISIL provides the personnel to answer calls to the LPC's 800 number and to send information about the LPC out to those inquiries. In the inside photo, you can see the mail window at the back. Valverde can be seen behind the counter at his computer answering calls on the 800 number and inputting data on each phone call.

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3rd & 4th Tuesdays

Reg 03, Gold Country (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne)

P.O.Box 1245
Angels Camp, 95222
Contact: Gary Hines or Bob Mulvany
Phone: 209/728-9056
Meeting Date: 1st Thursday
Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp (Next to Save Mart)

Reg. 04, Butte

937 W. 9th St.
Chico, 95928
Contact: Jessica Strock
Phone: 916/891-617

Reg. 09, El Dorado/Alpine

3003 Stagecoach Rd.
Placerville, 95667
Contact: Fred Rouse
Phone: 916/622-8008

Reg. 10, Central Valley (Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Tulare)

5640 N. Marty, #160
Fresno, 93711
Contact: Jonathan Richter
Phone: 209/439-8801

Reg. 12, Humboldt

Contact: Brian Knott
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Reg. 17, North Coast

(Lake, Mendocino)
P.O.Box 684
Lower Lake, 95457
Contact: Randy Grindle
Phone: 707/994-4817

Reg. 18, Lassen

Contact: Bonnie Rutherford
Phone: (619)254-6709

Reg. 26, Inyo/Mono

P.O.Box 65
Independence, 93526
Contact: William Baucum
Phone: 619/878-2288

Reg. 28, Napa

P.O.Box 5427
Napa, 94581
Contact: Bill Crain
Phone: 707/224-5535

Reg. 24, Merced

Contact: Art Cassretto
Phone: 209/667-5286

Reg. 31, Placer

Contact: Priscilla Falconi
Phone: 916/784-1140

Reg. 34, Sacramento

Contact: Barbara Englehardt
Phone: 916/929-3039

Reg. 35, San Benito

Contact: Steve Gordon
Phone: 408/636-1296

Reg. 38, San Francisco

1800 Market St., #9
San Francisco, 94102
Contact: George L. O'Brien
Phone: 415/387-2543
Meeting Date: 2nd Tue.

Place: Freedom's Forum Bookstore
1800 market St.
@ Waller between Laguna & Octavia

Reg. 39, San Joaquin

P.O.Box 690457
Stockton, 95369
Contact: David Morrow
Phone: 209/957-6322

Reg. 41, San Mateo

790 Laurel St.
San Carlos, 94979
Contact: Richard Acuff
Phone: 415/369-0163
Meeting Date: 3rd Wed.

Reg. 43, Santa Clara

3249 Stevens Creek Blvd.
#207, San Jose, 95117
Contact: David Bonino
Phone: 408/234-2711

Business Meeting:

Date: 3rd Thursday
Time: 7:00 PM dinner
8:00 PM Business

Place: Coco's Rest.,
1209 Oakmead Pkwy.
(@ Lawrence Expwy., one block from US-101), Sunnyvale.

Officer's Meeting:

Date: 2nd Mon.
Time: 7:30-9:00 PM
Place: Reg. 43 Office,
33249 Stevens Creek Blvd., S-#207, San Jose.

Mid-County Discussion Group

Date: 2nd Wed.
Time: 7:00-9:30 PM
Place: Coco's in Sunnyvale
Monthly Get-Together work party, call for info.

Reg. 44, Santa Cruz

P.O.Box 2230
Aptos, 95001
Contact: John Wilkes
Phone: 408/761-2045

Reg. 48, Solano

Contact: Mike Malin
Phone: 707/426-0232

Reg. 49, Sonoma

P.O.Box 3742
Santa Rosa, 95402
Contact: Jim Oglesby
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Modesto, 95351
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Reg. 52, Tehama

Contact: Ross Crain
Phone: 916/527-2676

Reg. 57, Yolo

Contact: Lauri McClinton
Phone: 916/757-1928

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Current mailing addresses and meeting information for all regions. Check your regional listing and forward any changes, corrections and missing information to LPC News, P.O. Box 3207, San Dimas, 91773. FAX (909) 623-5347.

A message from the Central Valley

THIS NEWSLETTER is my effort to bring the revolution to the Central Valley Region. But the newsletter itself is not the revolution, it is merely the seed. This is my seventh effort at reaching out, at pulling together enough like-minded individuals, dedicated to freedom and willing to put forth a little effort on its behalf.

You may have noticed a time lag since my last newsletter. The reasons for the delay are that I needed a break and that I needed some help. Quite frankly, I was getting tired of doing all the work myself. Several recent events have prodded me to put out another newsletter.

I got a letter from Gail Lightfoot who is the Southern Vice Chair of the LPC. She sent me a letter which was sent to her by the City of Fresno pushing Fresno as a good place for the LPC to hold one of its future state conventions. Gail suggested I pursue this and I agree. Hosting the state convention would do a lot to get more of you interested, not in just "none of the above", but to really understand the Party's platform.

I also got another couple of checks in the mail from the state party. Hopefully these newsletters are having an effect and getting more people to become dues paying party members. My sincerest thanks to Allison Burleigh, Eduard Esty, Jay Gillette, Marcia Morse, Tim Cauallero, Jaak Sanders and Christopher Wiebe! I also received a few phone calls from people expressing interest. I hope you'll come out to a future meeting.

An important reason was a letter I received from Mark Corley. Mark attended a get-together a few months back and expressed interest in the Party's philosophy. A few weeks ago I got a letter letting me know that he had noticed the newsletters had stopped, wanted to help and looked forward to our next function. Thanks Mark. I needed that recognition that someone out there was listening, and that I would not have to continue the fight alone.

Hopefully your interest will include taking a position on the Executive Committee of our region. As I stated earlier, I cannot do this alone. We need enough people to commit several hours a week toward making some of our goals a reality. I need at least three or four people for a working committee.

Some of the things I'd like to see happen in the near future:

- *distribution of California Liberty, the LPC's new outreach newspaper, in the valley. The LP of Los Angeles County is making vending machines available and the proceeds can be retained by the region.
- *running several candidates for office locally including at least one for Fresno City Council and one for Fresno County Board of Supervisors. We must end the age of the "paper candidacy".
- *hosting the 1997 LPC state convention in the Fresno Convention Center with a trip to Yosemite.
- *continued outreach at events where people sympathetic to our message are likely to be in attendance such as tax day and gun shows. With the passage of yet more gun restrictions, it won't be long before the NRA starts pouring money into our coffers.

*opening a libertarian student organization on some local campuses.

*authoring and petitioning for local ballot initiatives.

*setting up a booth at next year's county fair.

Another factor that has rekindled my loathing for government is that cronyism recently won out over the interest of the taxpayers in Placer County, costing me a much sought-after job move. The firm I work for put in a bid to provide public defender services to Placer County, a service we already provide Fresno, Madera and Amador counties with great savings to the taxpayers of those counties. The current contractor in Placer has been robbing the county blind for the past four years. My firm's proposal would have saved the county \$3.5 million over the next four years. So what happened? The Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to renew with the current contractor!

Not only did this inspire me to renew my crusade for common sense in government locally but I am encouraging the Placer County LP to use the issue against one of those Board members who is facing a run-off reelection bid in November. If we're successful, the new board may decide to reopen the public defender issue and save the taxpayers money after all.

With the thankful collapse of Bill Clinton's efforts to impose a government run health care plan that would have made Karl Marx cringe, the LP is at the heart of a debate on health care reform. Many of the ideas contained in Project Healthy Choice, the LP's free market health care proposal (Medical Savings Accounts, changes in the tax code) are gaining support. I will be showing a video presentation on free market health care ideas in the next few months. Anyone attending will receive a copy of the LP's media package.

Not content to rest on their laurels after producing PHC, the LP has just released Operation Safe Streets, a crime reduction proposal stressing an end to the destructive, divisive War on Drugs, the reascension of the Second Amendment and the privatization of prisons, welfare and schools.

These two excellent policy papers are just the beginning for what has been looking like a much improved, professional, competitive national LP. Steve Dasbach, Perry Willis, Bill Winter and the paid staff at National have been doing a great job in my opinion. By the time 1996 rolls around The D's and R's will have much more to contend with than Ross Perot.

Meanwhile, we must concentrate on continuing to build the Valley Libertarians into a credible, effective, recognized organization. To that end, please attend my next and hopefully biggest get together yet!

Until then, remember to become a member or renew that lapsed membership in both the state and national Libertarian Parties. Most of your dues will come back to the local region if you so indicate.

by Jonathan Richter
Chair, Valley Libertarians

Southern California Regions

Reg. 13, Imperial

Contact: Martin Castro
Phone: 619/344-7722

Reg. 15, Kern

Contact: Ryan Gifford
Phone: 805/589-9042

Reg. 19, Los Angeles Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County (see Reg. 61 to Reg. 68)

2001 Wilshire Blvd, #600
Santa Monica, 90403

Contact: Ted Brown
Phone: 818/568-8404
Business Meeting: 4th Mon.

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: 341 Elm, Burbank
Phone: 818/557-0901

Karl Hess Club

Date: 1st Mon

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Emerald Room
Alpine Village Inn
Torrance Blvd & Hamilton
Contact: Michael Everling
Phone: 213/225-3405

Reg. 30, Orange

3 Hutton Center Dr., #900
Santa Ana, 92707

Contact: Jack Dean
Phone: 714/738-1191

Public Meeting:

Date: 3rd Tue.

Time: 7:00 PM Cocktails

7:30 PM Speaker

Place: Catalina Room
Holiday Inn, 17941 Von
Karman, Irvine

Reg. 33, Riverside

6639 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, 92506

Contact: Gené Berkman
Phone: 909/369-8843

Meeting Date: 3rd Wed.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Pepitos Restaurant
Central & Magnolia Sts.,
Riverside

Reg. 36, San Bernardino

P.O.Box 638
Loma Linda, 92354

Contact: Jeanette Burton
Phone: 909/796-0959

Meeting Date: Last Tue.

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: various, Call for
information

Reg. 37, San Diego

P.O.Box 16449
San Diego, 92176

Contact: Richard Rider
Phone: 619/530-1776

Business Meeting:

Date: 1st Mon.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: 10969 Red Cedar,
San Diego

San Diego Supper Club:

Date: various, call for
exact date

Time: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Speaker: 8:00 PM

Place: King's Inn
1333 Hotel Circle South
in Mission Valley

Public Access TV Show:

call Pat Wright for info.
619/497-1085

Liberty Toastmasters

Date: Thursdays

Time: 6:15 PM

Place: Coco's on Balboa,
2bks east of Genesee

Reg. 40, San Luis Obispo

Contact: Gary Kirkland

Phone: 805/466-2742

Meeting Date: 1st Thurs

Place: Upper Crust Pizza

785 Foothill Blvd

San Luis Obispo

Reg. 42, Santa Barbara

Contact: Michael Lamboley

Phone: 804/964-9569

Meeting Date: 15th of the

month

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: 8:00 PM

Discussion: 9:00 PM

Place: Rusty's Pizza,

Midtown

Reg. 56, Ventura

Contact: Aaron Starr

Phone: 805/583-3308

Los Angeles County (Reg. 19, LPLAC)

Reg. 68, Antelope Valley

P.O.Box 901851

Palmdale, 93590

Contact: Bob Burke

Phone: 805/948-2470

Meeting Date: 3rd Wed.

Time: 6:30 PM

Business Meeting:

7:00 PM Dinner

Place: Thai Original Rest.

957 E. Palmdale Blvd

Palmdale

Reg. 61, San Fernando Valley

11216 Vanowen St.

North Hollywood, 91605

Phone: 818/980-1233

FAX: 818/899-3211

Supper Club:

Date: 4th Thurs.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Carrows Restaurant

18355 Ventura Blvd,
at Reseda Blvd. Tarzana

Pub Club:

Date: 3rd Fri.

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Pineapple Hill

Saloon,

4454 Van Nuys Blvd.,

Sherman Oaks

Granada Forum

Date: Tuesdays

Place: Hermans' Hall,

5657 Lindley Ave,

Tarzana

Phone:(818)385-4003

\$3.00 Donation

Reg. 62, West Los Angeles

Contact: Andy Rotter

Phone: 310/207-4080

Supper Club:

Date: 3rd Thurs.

Time: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Program: 8:00 PM

Place: Chris' Italian

Restaurant

10105 Venice Blvd.,

Los Angeles

\$3.00 RSVP; \$5.00 at door

Reg. 63, Pasadena/Glendale

Contact: Dennis Decherd

Phone: 818/9793-7883

Meeting:

Date: 1st Wed.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Shakey's Pizza,

2180 Foothill Blvd.,

Pasadena

Reg. 64, Hollywood

Contact: Lawrence

Goldberg

Phone: 818/556-0901

Meeting:

Date: 4th Wed

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Soup Exchange,

5750 Wilshire Blvd,

Los Angeles

Liberty Shooters

Date: 3rd Sunday

Place: Alternates between

Northridge Rifle & Pistol

Range,

19015 Parthema St.

Northridge

and Insight Shooting Range,

17020 Alburdis Ave. Artesia

Contact: Bob Weber

Phone: 310/204-0612 for

information

Reg. 65, Southeast Los Angeles

16911 Bellflower Blvd.

Bellflower, 90706

Contact: Rodger Rosie

Phone: 310/865-4089

Meeting:

Date: 1st Tue.

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Grinder's Restaurant,

19008 Pioneer Blvd.,

Cerritos.

Reg. 66, Long Beach/South Bay

3381 Long Beach Blvd

Long Beach, 90807

Contact: Laura McFadden

Phone: 310/428-8113

Business meeting:

Date: 3rd Thur.

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: 3381 Long Beach

Bldv, Long Beach

Philosophy Circle:

Date: 2nd Sunday

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Place: 3381 Long Beach

Bldv, Long Beach

Reg. 67, East San Gabriel Valley

150 N. Walnut Ave., #A

San Dimas, 91773

Phone: 909/599-4974

East San Gabriel Valley Meeting:

Date: 4th Thur.

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Marie Callendar's,
3117 E. No. Garvey Ave.,

West Covina

Reg. 69, Mojave

Contact: Dave Fortin

Phone: 619/247-8884

The February 1995 issue of LPC News will contain reports from all regions who submit information or articles prior to December 6, 1994. Share what your region does with the rest of the state.

One region's approach

Dateline: September 16, 1994

THE SEPTEMBER meeting of Santa Barbara's Free Marketeers Mid Month Supper Club was attended by 14 members and non-members of the LPC plus the invited speaker. According to one LPC member, this turnout was less than usual. The meeting began at 6:00 pm with dinner. At 7:00 pm, there were general announcements, followed at 8:00 pm by the featured speaker. Heading up the evening was a video of the question and answer portion of an ABC 20/20 TV program shown at the previous month's meeting. Tom Stossel was the host of a discussion of how the media actually promotes fear by focusing on risks in our society and how some media personalities and others feel about the cause and effect of "scare stories". The program generated a series of articles in the L.A. Times. The group was encouraged to write the L.A. Times and thank them for coverage of the topic. Everyone was encouraged to watch the future programs by Stossel so that tapes can be made for viewing. They were also reminded to clip and save articles of interest in the newspaper.

After that, announcements were made including an update by your editor on LPC News and California Liberty. One person monitors radio commentary on issues of interest, such as the crime bill, and reports back on what he hears over the airways. Another informed the group that the "Beer Drinkers of America" has asked the readers of its newsletter to send in their voter stubs. The BDA plans to send the stubs to legislators as proof that these voters are opposed to high taxes on beer. Another person played a recording of Russ Limbaugh giving credit to the 'libertarian' CATO Institute for figures on the individual state costs in taxes compared to the benefits projected for the new Crime Bill.

As an introduction to the speaker, one of the LPC members gave a brief lesson in the history of the Democratic Party. From the time of its formation for Thomas Jefferson's presidential campaign up until the "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" campaign, the Democratic Party's focus was federalism.

The main speaker for the evening was a Democrat just seven months into his first term on city council. A self-described constitutionalist, he is very libertarian in his beliefs and a delightful speaker. One of his first comments was that the bigger an organization gets the less it is able to adapt and make changes, an excellent explanation as to why bigger is not better and why our government is in trouble, which he readily admitted.

He very ably addressed the question, "Is the Democratic Party going to return to its federalist roots in the near future?" citing personal examples and his own involvement and preferences. He told us that he recommends that Democratic party members get involved in their community so that the public will perceive the Democrats as people who CARE about their neighbors and their community. (Sound familiar?) He also said non-voting blocs are partly the result of "self-fulfilling" prophecy. Once a particular group perceived as not voting is ignored, the group feels disenfranchised and does not vote.

He characterized today's society as one of "shoplifters". In his words, "Shoplifters are people who want something but are not willing to pay for it." Everyone wants their costs reduced but not at the expense of programs they think are necessary.

His remarks were well received by the audience who interacted until the chair cut off questions at 9:45 pm. People lingered around afterward talking until closing time. The conversation was lively, the chair kept the topics moving from one person to the next quickly and smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very much. A style and format worth following.

Answer the call

By Gail Lightfoot

JUST DAYS before the 1994 general election in November, a letter arrived in the post addressed to "Dear Friends of Liberty". Written by Lawrence Goldberg, chair of the LPC Fundraising Committee, the letter hit on some of the exciting things that occurred during the election season to encourage party activists into thinking that 1994 would see voters turning out to vote for our candidates in record numbers.

The election has come and gone and many of our members may feel discouraged by the results. I challenge you to look beyond the numbers and percentages to see the tremendous amount of activism generated by Election '94. We had a record number of dedicated, committed, credible candidates running real professional campaigns for office. A record number of Libertarians seeking city council seats demonstrated that libertarians are willing to serve and prove themselves to the voters.

Not only do city council members help their communities, they show the voters that libertarians can and will get the

job done. Aggressive, professional campaigns by Libertarian candidates at all levels prompted the media to pay attention as never before. Money was spent efficiently with billboards and TV spots being aired for the first time at the local level. Libertarian candidates in Election '94 were more visible, more articulate, more convincing to the voter than ever before. Our message in the Ballot Pamphlet brought in record numbers of calls to the 800 number.

For the first time, each of the state party candidates of all parties had a statement in the Voter Pamphlet. This generated even more calls. From this side, it looks like we had a record year for Libertarian candidates and the Libertarian Party of California. So, I say, if you did not make a commitment to the LPC when you got that letter from Lawrence Goldberg, make that commitment now. Don't let the numbers and percentages discourage you. Let all the good things you have done and seen done during Election '94 continue on into '95 and '96. Become part of the solution — the Libertarian solution. Pledge your support to the LPC today.

900 number debuts in south

HELLO! The Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County now offers a 900 number for outreach purposes.

Callers hear the following introductory message: "Welcome to the Libertarian Party's Politics Line, a service of Phone Cast communications that will give you a new perspective on American Politics. The following topics, issues and political concerns can be accessed by your touch tone phone at a charge of \$2 per minute. Callers under 18 years of age must have parents' permission. You will not be charged if you end this call now. This system is designed to give you more information about the Libertarian Party, which is America's third largest and growing daily. There is a great need for an alternative to the Democrats and Republicans. Over 200 Libertarians have held office around the country — but you don't hear much about us because the media backs the two establishment parties. Currently over 100 Libertarians hold office including county supervisor, mayor, council member and school board member.

"Democratic and Republican politicians raise your taxes, increase the size and scope of government, and enact laws that violate our personal liberties and economic freedom. The California Legislature passes about

1,500 new laws every year — and the governor signs about two-thirds of them. Isn't it time for a change?

"Please select from among the following choices on the menu to access more information. At any time you can select another menu item. At the end you are welcome to leave us your comments, suggestions and ideas.

"Press 1 for information on Project Healthy Choice, the Libertarian free market alternative to proposed health care reforms.

"Press 2 for information on Operation Safe Streets, the Libertarian solution to America's crime problems.

"Press 3 for information on Libertarian candidates for statewide office.

"Press 4 for Libertarian Party position on the November ballot propositions. "(#'s 3 & 4 will have been changed after the election.)

"Press 5 for a list of upcoming events (in Los Angeles).

"Press 6 for information on how to join the Libertarian Party or to receive more information about us.

"Press 7 for dates of our mobile unit coverage.

"Press 8 for a series of public service announcements.

"Press 9 for forum, feedback, letters and solutions."

At press-time, the program had not been in effect long enough to tell how much activity it had received. A report is expected by the time the next issue of LPC News goes to press.

WANTED

Have you been Clipping those newspaper articles that mention the Libertarian Party or our candidates? Send them in to *LPC News*. We will see that others learn how much impact Libertarians are having in the real world media.

LPC News and *Cal Lib* staff support needed. The core of volunteers who create and produce this paper for your enjoyment need help. If you or anyone you know has any interest and time to commit to *LPC News* and *Cal Lib* contact anyone of the current staff.

News racks available
Contact: Lawrence Goldberg (818) 557-0901.

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