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SAVE THE ROCK STORE

Team Liberty Takes Action



AGOURA: "I'm not giving up. I spent two-and-a-half years fighting in World War II, and I didn't do it so this country would become a police state," says Ed Savko, owner of the Rock Store. That's Ed and his wife Veronica ("Vern") in the picture above. They're down-to-earth folks that have worked hard all their life, and suddenly find everything being taken from them. They are very, very angry.

The Rock Store is a convenience store and restaurant in a woody, unincorporated area along Mulholland Highway in west L.A. County. The Savko's bought it in 1963. Originally built as a coachstop in 1910, the one-story red stone building today enjoys landmark status, but for over two decades has been known throughout the country as a weekend gathering place for motorcyclists; where bikers and friends can relax, swap stories, have a coke, and grab a bite to eat. Celebrities, too, come by: Arnold Swarzenegger, comedian Jay Leno, actor Robert Blake and others.

Before he became an activist, Region 65 chair Clark Marley would ride up there on Sunday just to hang out; now the trip is politically motivated as well as recreational.

Six months ago the Highway Patrol developed a sudden interest in the place and began harrassing the bikers by distributing parking tickets. The Savko's wondered, why.

Investigation revealed that a certain developer was putting in some fancy homes near by, and does not seem to appreciate the Rock Store and its weekend clientele. He apparently is also in the market for land. "But he doesn't want to *buy* me out, he wants to *drive* me out," says Ed.

In early August the police closed off a very serpentine part of the highway about three miles from the Rock Store, and announced that from then on, that section would be closed on Sunday. Accident prevention was the reason given. Now the section in question has been the scene of many accidents; one large rock is known as "Splat Rock," because so many bikers have crashed into it. Ed and Vern had been trying for years to get the police to put in traffic lights, maybe set up a couple of guys with radar guns — something to discourage the young kids that were speeding in the area. "Those aren't our customers," says Vern, "Our customers are older bikers, and very responsible."

The last two weekends saw business at the Rock Store drop 90 percent. "The bikers think all Mulholland is closed, not

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Attorney Wanted

VISALIA: Tulare county chair Roy Kendall is looking for an attorney — skilled in federal and Constitutional law — to work with him on a major lawsuit. Roy is challenging a decision by the city to back a developer's obligations to a Missouri bank (one of the "troubled" S&Ls) that's providing a \$12 million construction loan for a Visalia Radisson Hotel.

For reasons that are not yet fully clear, the city is hell-bent on getting this hotel built, even though it will obligate the taxpayers of Visalia for years to come.

To fight this, Roy has filed in the U.S. District Court that the agency's guarantee on loan money to the lease violated the state constitution. Then he filed in superior court to bar redevelopment agency from issuing \$5-million in bonds, since it was the city, not the redevelopment agency, that had the obligation.

The issues raised are very technical, but one observer look-

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News and Events from the Regions

Here and There

SACRAMENTO: Thanks to the organizing efforts of Barbara Engelhardt, a Libertarian supper club has been established and will hold its first meeting Sunday, Sept. 17. Former LPC chair Bill Evers is the speaker, and he's chosen the topic "Will Russia and China Go Capitalist?" For details call (916) 923-6325.

MARIN COUNTY: Co-chair Greta Bickford is running for Corte Madera city council. The five-member council has three seats open, and four people have filed so far. The election is Nov. 7. After checking with neighbors and other residents, Greta has discovered that the "burning issues" of Corte Madera are traffic congestion along route 101 and flood control, so those are what she'll focus on. To help with donations or advise on these and other issues, Greta can be contacted at (415) 927-4814.

ALAMEDA COUNTY: Volunteers are needed to staff a booth at the Castro Valley Fall Festival, Sept. 9 and 10. To help, call Mike at (415) 881-5846.

REGION 67 and SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY: These two regions are sponsoring a registration booth at a gun show in Victorville, Sept. 9 and 10. Contact Gail Lightfoot (714) 623-1117 or Ed Moss (714) 986-6677 to volunteer some time.

REGION 66 (Long Beach, Southbay): A Reading and Philosophy Circle is starting, and will meet the second Sunday of the month, beginning Sept. 10. It's to be a discussion group for newcomers and old-timers — not a lecture series or hashing over of the LP platform. The idea is "to explore the many paths to freedom," as Reg. 66 chair Cullene Lang describes it, with selected books serving as the focal point of discussion. The book chosen for the first meeting is *Judgement Day*, by Nathaniel Branden. Call (213) 595-6266 for details.

"Clean Needle" Initiative

The San Francisco LP's "Clean Needle" Initiative fell just short of a enough signatures to be guaranteed a place on the November ballot, so the sponsors decided to take more time on the project.

Here's the situation. To be sure of being on the November ballot they needed 9,500 valid signatures by July 24. By the filing date they had 14,000 signatures, but presumably not all would be valid. They could either file in July and take a chance that of the 14,000 enough would be valid; or postpone filing for a month to collect an extra thousand. This latter would almost certainly assure the initiative a place on the

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June ballot, and that's what the sponsors decided to do.

"In many ways it's better," says SFLP chair Jim Peron, "because the June voter turnout will be much higher than the one in November, and we'll have a better chance of winning."

With the signature-gathering continuing, volunteers and donations are still needed. For information or to volunteer, contact the LPC-San Francisco, 1800 Market St., San Francisco, 94102; tele: (415) 864-0952.

Mary Gingell to Run for V-C

Affiliate Parties Committee chair and former LPC chair Mary Gingell will seek the office of National Vice-Chair at the LP National Convention in Philadelphia. She says that if elected, she'll focus her attention on the needs of state parties and actively bring the concerns of state LP leaders directly to the top LP leadership.

"The keys to the LP's growth and success are our state and local organizations," she observed. "The national LP should do everything possible to help local activists succeed in getting the message of liberty to people in their communities."

Mary, who lives in Palo Alto, is the second LPC member to announce for the vice-chair position. Mike Iddings of San Jose is also a contender (see last month's *CLNews*), as is former Florida chair Charles Mannhart. In the race for chair are David Walter and former LP membership chair Matt Monroe.

Roy Shimp for Congress

It's down to the wire in the special election in the 15th Cong. District (the seat vacated by Tony Coelho), with voters going to the polls Sept. 12. If no candidate wins 50 percent plus one vote or better, a run-off election will be held November 7. LPC candidate Roy Shimp of Merced has been campaigning hard, answering the questionnaires sent him, attending the candidates' forums, and meeting various groups for interviews — which in some cases takes real nerve.

At a breakfast of the Building Industry Association (a group of contractors and real estate people), the members listened to the candidates and at the end endorsed the Democrat who promised "real long-term planning — a ten-year plan, and subsidies."

He also reports that he failed to win the endorsement of the local teachers' union. "Their chins dropped to the table when I told them I believed the separation of education and the state, just as I believe in the separation of church and state," he recalls. That must have been a shocker: he's an English and computer teacher at the local high school!

Roy was on the Ray Appleton Show for about an hour. It's the largest call-in talk show in the district, and most of the calls were questions about his views on farming issues. Naturally, he called for a free market in agriculture.

Some local Libertarians have come forward to help. A professional sign maker in Modesto made 200 signs for him at no cost except for materials, and an ice-cream maker has offered to throw an ice-cream social for him. He's received at least one endorsement: from the "Throw the Rascals Out Committee," an Orange County-based group.

If you'd like to help with the campaign in any way (donations, advise, etc.), Roy can be contacted at (209) 7233-1768. Donations should be sent to Shimp for Congress, 2165 E. Bellevue Rd., Merced, 95340.

Russell Means Arrested

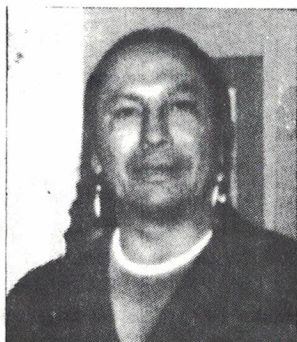
*"You want government housing, government medical care, government education?
Go move to a reservation. We are regulated to death and have no rights!"*

—Russell Means

WINDOW ROCK, AZ: Indian activist and 1987 LP presidential nomination contender Russell Means was arrested by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police on July 5, while he was attempting to make a citizen's arrest of the BIA area director James Stevens in a BIA office complex at Window Rock. In the scuffle Stevens bit and kicked Russell who was able to get him into a headlock, but Russell was taken into custody by BIA cops and charged with battery and assault. He was released on his own recognizance, and trial is set for August 24.

According to spokesperson Margot Hamilton of the Washington State LP, Russell had been trying to confront Stevens for several months, only to be always told he was "elsewhere." By arresting Stevens, he hoped to focus public attention on BIA operations and its intervention in tribal government affairs.

Russell was charging Stevens with six counts of lawbreaking stemming from the BIA removal of freely-elected tribal authorities (including council head Peter MacDonald) and their replacement by BIA appointees. The Navajos filed suit against Stevens, but he refused to recognize their jurisdiction.



tion. The BIA not only appointed a chair and council of their liking, but fired the Navajo police commanders and put in new cops. It was these cops who arrested Russell.

Although Russell has not been active in the Party in recent months, he continues to be an outspoken champion of freedom — as the above quotation indicates. He was in Grass Valley, California, on his way from Oregon to his home in Arizona, and spoke before a group of about 100 persons that included at least one member of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.

"Why aren't we massively speaking out, trying to get more freedom instead of more rules?" he asked his audience. "Everyone keeps crying for the government to take care of them. You don't want that — just look at what's happened to the reservations."

• **A Real Investigation Is Needed:** Russell has been calling for a thorough investigation, by the U.S. Senate, of the BIA on charges of corruption and racketeering. In fact, he had given testimony in May at a Senate hearing on this matter, but wants hearings held in Phoenix so Navajos from the reservation have a chance to testify. So far, the only hearings have been in Washington.

He is asking Libertarians to call or write Sen. McLain of the Senate Select Committee to Investigate the BIA, requesting hearings in Phoenix. Write to Senator John

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A Map for the Party

John Vernon

"In the long run, men only hit what they aim at."

—Henry David Thoreau



As some of you know, I recently returned from France where I attended the European conference of Libertarian International and took a much needed vacation. With all the good food and beautiful sights, my mind is still thinking on things French, including their use of language. In French the word for map is "plan." At this past meeting of the Executive Committee, the Libertarian Party of California adopted a Long Term Plan, which I would like to refer to as the "Map of the Party."

Maps are very useful in giving us information about where we wish to go and where we presently are, if for some reason we have become lost. But there

are certain things maps can't do. They can't teach us how to drive. They can't fill our tank with gas. Nor can they provide us with a car.

The LPC is like a group of people who have decided to go together from Los Angeles to Sacramento. They can get there by train, plane, automobile — or they could even walk. But they have agreed to take a bus (the Libertarian Party) and go there together. They also have appointed one of their members to serve as bus driver (chairman), at least for a time. They may also have agreed to take a certain route. Here's where the map comes in. Although some members of the group may prefer to take Highway 101 because of the view (even though it is out of the way), and others want to go up Highway 99 for some other reason, they decide and agree to take I-5 because it seems the fastest, most direct and economical way. The map points out the landmarks which will give an indication

how far they have come. These landmarks may also tell them that they have lost their way. Perhaps this was because the driver didn't know where he was going, or because he was distracted and missed a turn.

The analogies may be carried on, *ad infinitum*. The LPC needs the Long Term Plan, just as a group of people need a map to go to Sacramento. Neither "plan" will teach them how to drive, how to raise money to buy a bus, nor tell them what to do when they get there. Both only provide markers to show how far we have gone and how much further we have to go. Most importantly, the plan will help us set our goals, which is imperative for any accomplishment.

Editor's Note: The plan referred to sets forth goals, outlines various objectives, suggests groups to work with, etc. Copies are available for \$2.50 to cover the cost of copying and postage. Send check or money order, made out to John Vernon, to his address: 6469 Gloria Ave., Van Nuys, 91406.

Reading and Record Keeping

Save Time with a HyperCard

Here's an easy way for regions to keep track of inquiries, members and other kinds of information. It's a HyperCard stack for use as a mailing list and member database, and comes complete with the names and addresses of the California regional chairs and includes a fantastic help stack.

All you do is enter the names, addresses, phone numbers and other information about your members, media list, contacts, volunteers, etc. in the stack. You can sort this info. by zip code or last name, and there's a button to indicate whether the particular person is a member or not. This stack will automatically print mailing labels for you. Although set up for the 3-across, 11-down labels, you can easily change it. Labels are available for use in laser or dot matrix printers at reasonable prices.

What You Need: a Macintosh Computer (Mac Plus or better); two floppy drives or a hard disk (although it will run on a one-floppy system); and a HyperCard 1.2 or later version — if you don't have it, contact Greta or Bob Bickford at (415) 927-4814.

Important Information: This stack was designed and written by RGB Graphics, a computer consulting firm in Marin Co. The partners are Bob and Greta Bickford, and they have donated the reproduction rights of the stack to the LP of Marin County as a fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the LPMC. The price is just \$15, and includes one free update (continuous improvements are planned). To have such a stack designed for your organization by RGB Graphics

would cost at least \$200 — which is why all regions and other membership organizations with access to a Macintosh are encouraged to purchase and use this one. Can't beat the price at \$15, and it's a real timesaver.

For your LPC HyperCard stack, send check or money order (payable to LPMC) to the Libertarian Party of Marin County, 43 Mohawk Ave., Corte Madera, 94925.



Read Up on South Africa

Free Forum Books has two new books available. *Let the People Govern*, by Leon Louw and Frances Kendall, is a sequel to their earlier work, *After Apartheid*, and answers questions about the proposed canton system. \$12.95, plus \$2.50 handling and postage.

South Africa, the New Revolution, by Don Calwell, discusses the importance of economic freedom to Black empowerment. Described by Frances Kendall as "a lively book." \$11.95, plus \$2.50 handling and postage.

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just a section. Everyone is staying away," says Vern.

The same day the highway was closed to traffic (Aug. 6), local residents received hand-delivered petition forms from someone identifying herself as "a property owner and mother of a small child," and signed "Concerned Neighbors." Concerned Neighbors called for revoking the Rock Store's wine and beer licenses to discourage an "unsavory element" from coming to the area.

The accusations are "totally unfounded," says Clark "the petition is highly inflammatory and plays on ugly prejudices against a group of peaceful citizens."

A P.O. box number on the petition turned out to belong to an Encino law firm. The attorney said he was letting a "client" use it, but he declined to say who. After that revelation, nothing more was heard from Concerned Neighbors. But the police admitted to bikers that the road block was really intended "to keep you guys from coming by," and that the order came from the Board of Supervisors.

Now it is well known that certain supervisors in L.A. County have a symbiotic relationship with developers. Which is why the folks in the neighborhood of the Rock Store are calling for a recall of Michael Antonovich, the supervisor of the district.

One neighbor explains the overall game plan. "The developer is going after the Rock Store first. When he's ruined their business, he'll come in and pay them a fraction of what it's worth. Then he'll come after the Seminole Springs Mobile Home Park across the street. He'll pick each property owner off like tiddly-winks."

Not if Clark Marley and Team Liberty can help it. Team

Liberty is the Libertarian network Clark is setting up to outreach to bikers. He's rallying Libertarians to help the Savko's and others in protest actions and to join in the recall effort. To find out how you can help, contact Clark at (213) 695-6266. And drop by the Rock House for a great hamburger, at 30354 Mulholland Hwy, Agoura, 91301.

Attorney Wanted

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ing over the briefs told *CLNews*, "He just may have hit on a way to get at these agencies."

Roy, a real estate broker, has never sued anyone in his life, and doesn't relish doing it now, but as he put it, "nothing less than our freedom is at stake. That kind of development is a threat to basic principles of private enterprise and freedom."

So far, Roy has been acting as his own attorney, but because of the complexity of the case, he has decided to bring an attorney on board. If there are any out there with expertise in these matters, please call Roy at (209) 732-3237. His address is 1213 S. Fairway St., Visalia, 93277.

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McLain, 210 Russell Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. The Senate Select Committee is scheduled to be disbanded in October, so get your letters in now.

For more information or to make donations to his defense fund, Russell can be contacted at: P.O. Box 2029, Chinle, AZ 86503.

The above is based in part on articles in the *American Libertarian* (July), *Northwest Libertarian* (July), and the *Auburn Journal* (May 25).

Two from the Little Shop of Horrors

A couple of particularly nasty pieces of legislation are slipping through the horror works in Sacramento, guaranteed to give Libertarians the whim-whams just thinking about them.

AB 2361: Forced Drugging

This bill, pushed by psychiatrists, removes a number of safeguards in the current law against involuntary confinement and forced "medication," thereby making it easier to subject a patient to psychotropic drugs without his or her consent.

Some background: Since the early '70s, the operative law in these matters has been the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, which, although much-amended, provides at least *some* protection to those who are incarcerated involuntarily, against being drugged and electroshocked against their will. However, while LPS prohibits electroshock and psychosurgery without the informed consent of the patient, it has been open to interpretation on the issue of forced drugging.

Now in 1985, a Ms. Eleanor Reise was "medicated" against her will at a psychiatric institution, and upon eventual release she sued on the grounds that what had been done to her violated LPS. When it reached them, the California Supreme Court agreed, and ruled that the true intent of LPS is that an involuntary patient in a *non-emergency situation, and absent a court finding of incapacity*, has the right to just say no to psychotropic drugs. This past June, the U.S. Supreme Court, allowed the Reise Decision to stand without comment, thus upholding the California High Court's interpretation of the existing law.

The job then was to change LPS. The psychiatric lobby in Sacramento went into high gear, and AB 2361 as it now reads is the result. The bill gives lip service to the concept of patient autonomy and individual rights, but the bottom line is that it would permit forced drugging even in a *non-emergency* situation and prior to any court review. It also side-steps the whole question of what constitutes an emergency. Can electroshock legislation be far behind?

Some psychiatrists are really salivating over this one. There's even an emergency clause tacked on, meaning it will go into effect as soon as the governor signs it. No question of how Libertarians stand. The platforms of both the California and National LP unequivocally denounce forced drugging, involuntary commitment, and every provision in this bill.

Introduced originally by Gerald Eaves, it now has Bruce Bronzon (D-Fresno) as the sponsor. The hearing in the Assembly Mental Health Committee is Aug. 22, but it still must clear the Senate. And it must be stopped! Contact your assemblymember, NOW!

SB 969: Regional Supergovernment

Another Senator Marian Bergeson Special (remember SB 442?). SB 969 would turn the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) into what's called a Joint Powers Authority, with unprecedented control over land-use, planning decisions, transportation, housing, "growth management," and so on. Issues that are now more or less (and for good or ill) under the jurisdiction of locally elected officials would be handled by appointed bureaucrats. And you Northern California Libertarians — other parts of the state will start setting these things up if it passes. The Senate approved SB 969 on June 8 by a 24-5 vote, and is scheduled for a hearing Aug. 23, in the Local Government Committee of the Assembly. Then it's on to the full Assembly!

Unfortunately, *CLNews* has just learned of these bills and there's not much time to oppose them. Can we head them off at the pass? Maybe, if everyone writes letters and phones their assemblymembers. Stay tuned.

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Butte	Fri., Sept. 1		Jessica Strock	916/893-3836
Calaveras			Tom Tryon	209/736-4845
Contra Costa	Tue., Sept. 12	Bob Steiner: Don't Get Taken	Mike Rother	415/932-4993
El Dorado			Richard Akin	916/622-4785
Fresno			John Graham*	209/275-6220
Humboldt			Daniel Mosier*	707/822-7804
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Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake/Mendocino/Napa Counties			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles County (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., Sept. 13	Earl Osborne: Development of Totalitarian Regimes	Phillip Myers	818/703-7056
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Sept. 21	Sarah Foster: The United Nations — a Fearful Master	Bob Weber	213/204-0612
-63, Foothills	Tue., Sept. 19	Philip Myers: The Loss of Freedom in the United States	John Tuttle	818/242-5699
-64, Central L.A.	Wed., Sept. 27	Philip Myers: Government's Impact on the Economy	Don Meyer	213/463-5362
-65, Downey	Tue., Sept. 5	Get-together and General Discussion	Clark Marley	213/695-1979
-66, South Bay	Sept. 21 & 23	Bus. Mting., 9/21; Panel: Grassroots Libertarianism, 9/23	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
	Tue., Sept. 5	Ciaron O'Reilly: Catholic Anarchism (Albert J. Nock Forum)	G.J. Higgins*	213/285-8171
-67, E. San Gabriel Valley	Thu., Sept. 28	Dinner/Business Meeting	Gail Lightfoot	714/623-1117
Marin	Tue., Sept. 12	Get-together and General Discussion	Bob Bickford	415/927-4814
Merced			Roy Shimp	209/723-1768
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	Tue., Sept. 12	Business Meeting and Convention Report	Richard Martin	213/426-3069
	Thu., Sept. 14	Liberty Forum Supper Club: Speaker to be Announced	Jack Dean*	714/871-0371
Placer			Bruce Daniel*	916/663-2568
Riverside			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento	Sun., Sept. 17	Bill Evers: Will China and Russia go Capitalist?	David Henderson*	916/922-9973
San Bernardino			Ed Moss*	714/986-6677
San Diego	Wed., Sept. 13	Bruce Henderson: Cable TV — a Demand for Competition	Dick Rider*	619/276-7266
San Francisco	Wed., Sept. 13	Video Night: Title to be Announced	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
	Sat., Sept. 16	Amnesty Int'l: Helping the Chinese Students (Free Exchange)	George O'Brien*	415/731-3031
San Luis Obispo			David Bersohn	805/466-3963
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara	Fri., Sept. 15	Discussion: The Proposed County-wide Sales-Tax Increase	Bob Bakhaus*	805/965-2741
Santa Clara	Sept. 13 & 21	Discussion Group, 9/13; Bus. Mting. and Dinner, 9/21	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
Santa Cruz			Tom Coughlin	408/458-2603
Solano			Mark Moberg*	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/894-2658
Tehema			Ross Crain*	916/529-0853
Tulare	Sept. 14 & 28	Study Group Meeting	Roy Kendall	209/732-3237
Ventura	Tue., Sept. 12	David McLair: Zoning Law Corruption in Ventura County	Aaron Starr	805/583-3308
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