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Post convention coverage

The first impression one had on passing through the lobby doors of the towering, tinted-glass-walled Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center in Long Beach on Friday, February 16, 1996, was that one had entered a disaster area. Drop cloths covered the walls and portions of the lobby floor where counters and eating areas had once been. The check-in counter was a portable desk down a passageway beyond the elevators. The din of hammers and saws echoed through the cavernous lobby. A discrete sign apologized for the delay in finishing the remodeling.

Despite that first impression of disarray and confusion, the 1996 convention of the Libertarian Party of California was considered by most participants to be the best and smoothest-running they had attended in several years.

The convention was fairly well attended with about 100 registrants, 87 of whom were delegates. The various luncheons and dinners were equally well attended.

All four presidential candidates — Harry Browne, Douglass Ohmen, Irwin Schiff and Rick Tompkins — were on hand as was vice-presidential candidate Jo Jorgenson.

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Resplendent in Renaissance garb, Mark McFadden (left) and Cory Devin set the tone for the Mardi Gras reception that opened the 1996 LPC convention in Long Beach. McFadden is married to Laura McFadden, who is Region 66 chair and one of the convention coordinators.

Campaign '96

By the time you receive this issue of LPC News, the primary election will be history.

The lists of candidates for local, state and congressional offices will have been trimmed considerably. Some will have been decided; others forced into runoffs.

The outcome of the propositions will let us know whether our message of "No more taxes, less government" is reaching the people and the government.

Now we have a chance to analyze the primary and prepare to work smarter for the final round in November.

Change possible for LPC News

This may be the last time you read LPC News in this format.

Late last year, a call went out for bids. Five other bids were received, all suggesting an eight page, 8.5 inch by 11 inch format instead of the present tabloid format. After reviewing the bids, George Reis, Publications Oversight Chair and Orange County ExCom representative, recommended staying with Atlas Communications, the current publisher.

A mail vote was called for in January 1996. Only four

ExCom members voted, which dumped the matter into the laps of the new Executive Committee.

At a short meeting following the convention, the Executive Committee, with seven new members, voted on the publication contract. Immediately after the meeting, several new members asked that the vote be rescinded. They felt they had been rushed into a vote without having had the opportunity to study the bids as had the previous committee.

Meetings are underway to study the bids again and make a final decision.

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Getting It Done With Gail: Starting a new year

by Gail Lightfoot

It has been some time since I had an opportunity to chat with you in this venue. I hope you have not been too desolate without hearing from your fearless leader.

I have been deluged with calls and opportunities to present the Libertarian viewpoint in opposing Prop 203. It has been an interesting challenge. I hope I represented you well. Most of the reporters were looking for good, positive ways to show rational opposition so that helped keep me out of hot water. I hope you clipped any article you saw that quoted me, Ted Brown (who resurrected the argument from June of 1994 and rehashed it for this ballot pamphlet). Jim Elwood in San Francisco and any other of our members who may have been quoted in news stories. As you read this, of course, you know the outcome of the primary.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 13, 1996, I was surprised to find my own face staring out at me from a local news rack after an interview with the Santa Maria Times. The editor got curious about this person with a Pismo Beach address who keeps sending them press releases and Letters to the Editor. So he sent out a reporter and a photographer and, lo and behold, I could be famous if anyone that knew me read that paper. If you are a pledger to the LPC or the National LP, you may see the photo and story in the special letter we send those nice people to show that how effective we can be with persistence (and funds).

Long Beach provided us with sunny skies outside the window of the convention center where we barricaded ourselves in artificially lit rooms to dot the i's and cross the t's of our Platform, Bylaws and Convention Rules and elect new leaders of the LPC.

More on that in other sections of the paper.

Let me tell you what the LPC Executive Committee has been up to at and since the convention over Presidents Day weekend in February, 1996.

New members of the ExCom are Linda Grau (Orange Cty), Jack Williams (San Diego), Mark Valverde (San Francisco, where he answers the LPC 800#), Art Hays (At-large, Long Beach), Mark Murphy (At-Large, Orange), Al Swain (At-Large, Shasta), Jean Taborsky (At-Large, LA Reg. 65), Mark Hinkle (Alternate At-Large, Santa Clara) and Joe Farina (Alternate At-Large, Sacramento). Remaining on from 1995 are the five officers, Terry Savage (Alameda), Joseph W. Dehn III (Santa Clara), and Ted Brown (At-Large, LA Reg. 64).



Gail Lightfoot

Gail Lightfoot, Jon Petersen, Ted Brown, Mark Murphy and Linda Grau were elected to the Operations Committee.

The ExCom passed motion to keep the LPC 800# operational through November 1996 with the intention to beginning a careful assessment of having an 800 number and the most effective way to use such an asset in the future.

Direct Mail Recruitment of Members beginning with lapsed members and national members who are not members of the LPC will be done by Pat Wright, 1992 LPC Chair, under a contract agreed to by the committee. Wright reports he should have his first letter in the mail by April.

A motion to accept a new Editor/Publisher of the LPC periodical has been rescinded since the meeting by mail ballot. Newer members of the committee felt that the brevity of the post-convention meeting prevented them from making an informed decision. A final decision is in process at press time.

I have consistently spoken out for maintaining the current papers both for their value to the members and for their use in outreach. I believe this is especially true in an election year. You will learn the outcome in the next periodical you receive sometime in May, unless you happen to be part of the inner circle

of e-mail-reading, meeting-attending "party-archs," as some of our apolitical friends like to call us.

The LPC 1996 budget was approved until the next Executive Committee meeting when we will consider it in more detail.

A motion by Terry Savage at the request of Thea and Hugh McLean was passed to grant a life membership to Steve Alexander for his work in maintaining the database.

The next Executive Committee meeting has been set for Saturday, May 4, 1996 in Sacramento, California. The site has not been named as yet.

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Platform Committee actions

Ted Brown of Reg. 64 took the microphone to present the Platform Committee report. Many items in the four-page report related to deleting or changing words or phrases to clarify a point.

The paragraph on Implementation was amended to eliminate the word "immediate" and substitute the phrase "as quickly and efficiently as possible without delay." It had been proposed to make it read "to allow people time to return to a condition of self-sufficiency and personal responsibility." This, some reasoned, could take a long time.

A new Plank 8 was passed on Tort Law Reform. This plank refers to the fundamental principles of justice requiring that persons be held accountable for the harm they cause to others.

Another plank, No. 9, on Bankruptcy, stating that individuals and business firms declaring bankruptcy are not fulfilling their contractual agreements was also passed.

Two sections were added under Victimless Crimes. A new section "g" reads: The end of court injunctions that criminalize the wearing of certain colors, carrying pagers or using cellular phones. A new section "h" says: The repeal of laws that create so-called crimes of intent, such as standing on a corner, driving by a location more than once, or other activities deemed "suspicious." The original section "g" was re-named "i".

So much controversy was generated in proposed language changes to the section on Freedom of Expression that discussion was postponed from Saturday until Sunday morning. At the end of the paragraph, the last sentence was moved to create a new paragraph and modified to read: We support the repeal of all laws restricting or controlling the right of adults to make, distribute, possess, or view sexually explicit motion pictures, publications or other materials. We also support the repeal of all laws prohibiting the electronic transmission or receipt of such materials.

An attempt to include language about prohibiting government

attempts to regulate such materials under the guise of protecting children was defeated.

A second paragraph was added to read: While we do not advocate the desecration of the national or state flag, we oppose any laws prohibiting the desecration of any flag and we oppose any constitutional amendment giving federal, state or local government the power to enact such laws. However, we do support the property rights of flag owners

Changes to the Judicial plank supported the idea that law should impose penalties proportional to the gravity of the violation of others' rights. This was in regard to the three-strikes-and-you're-out law. In the same plank, a change supported the repeal of civil asset forfeiture laws except when an individual is convicted of a criminal act and then has a specific fine levied by the court.

A proposed plank on Capital Punishment, objecting to giving government officials the power to take lives, failed.

Bylaws Committee actions

The Bylaws Committee, chaired by Bob Weber of Reg. 62, only had five matters to handle, which took less than an hour to resolve. Rule 10 was amended to include election of a National Platform Committee representative and National Credential Committee representative at LPC conventions. A proposed rule to have a Presidential Straw Vote of LP candidates was defeated soundly. Proponents felt it would be a possible publicity tool. Opponents said that since no candidate had yet been recognized by National, it was questionable. Others said it would take up too much floor time.

A new section to Bylaw 16 was passed reading that "In the event that the Party is legally required to participate in primary elections, only members of the Party shall be eligible to vote in the Party primary."

A new section to Rule 3 was passed to read that "Delegates to the Party's state convention shall have been Central Committee members at least 90 days prior to the convention." There was quite a bit of discussion about whether to pick a specific date such as the last day of November or of December. But they settled on 90 days. This was to avoid Howard Stern-like takeovers.

A proposal to permit state party officers to have copies of the state membership list was voted down. Bylaw 3 had been interpreted by the database contractor to mean that the State Chair needed approval of two other officers in order to get a copy of the membership list. County officers don't require any other approval to get a copy of their region's list. Early last year, the ExCom upheld the database contractor's decision. So did the delegates initially because "they didn't want all officers getting a copy of the list." The next morning, by special privilege, an amendment giving only the Chair and the Secretary access to the list was brought up on the floor. It passed by a strong vote.

In another section of the same Bylaw, it was moved to delete the 50% award of dues to the entity that garnered a new membership with the other 50% being divided between the region and the state party. This means the division of dues has reverted to the usual 60-40 split.

A proposal to have a form of cumulative voting for At-Large Representatives and Alternates on the ExCom was

turned down. Delegates believed it was too complicated despite the fact the same system is being used successfully in Europe, in Eastern cities and in school districts and that computer software is available to simplify tallying the votes.

During the same period of special privilege that introduced the amendment to give the Chair and the Secretary access to the membership list, a resolution was introduced and passed that restricted the party from hiring an Executive Director or paid

staff until the dues-paying membership had reached 5,000 and there is an annual budget of \$150,000. The current membership is slightly more than 2,000 and the annual budget is \$67,000.

For the second year, Bob Weber introduced a Bylaw that would penalize delegates \$10 each time they arrived late at a session. The proposal was voted down.



During a break in the sessions, LP presidential candidate Irwin Schiff (left) talks to LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot and Gene Nanni of Oregon. In the background, Toni Nathan, 1972 vice presidential candidate, talks with a California member.

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

— G. B. Shaw

Convention

— From page 1

Convention work started at noon at Friday. Early arriving delegates took part in the deliberations of the Platform and Bylaws committees. A large number of proposed changes kept the Platform Committee working almost until the evening event. The Bylaws Committee had only five items to consider and were able to take care of those in short order.

Registration began Friday evening, followed by a Mardi Gras

reception. The theme was the Renaissance period, with convention coordinators Laura McFadden and Olga Cruz along with Mark McFadden and Cory Devine resplendent in royal velvet dress. Several other participants also entered into the spirit of Mardi Gras. Music was provided by Erich Miller of Reg. 61 and Panache, suitably attired as Renaissance musicians.

Breakout sessions drew interest

Business sessions were conducted from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.. Luncheons with featured speakers were scheduled at 1:00 p.m. followed by breakout educational and informative sessions.

During the breakout sessions, delegates had the opportunity to listen and talk with the presidential and vice presidential candidates.

Other sessions were:

— *Grassroots Campaigning* with John Davies, president of Davies Communications, a Santa Barbara advertising and communications firm handling political accounts.

— *LPC of Santa Clara vs. Santa Clara Co. and Santa Clara LTA* with Jon Petersen relating how they foiled a tax rate increase to finance a Light Rail system.

— *Strategic Planning – Who Needs It?* with Richard Boddie, Libertarian activist and motivational speaker.

— *The LP: Past, Present and Future* with David F. Nolan, co-founder of the Libertarian Party.

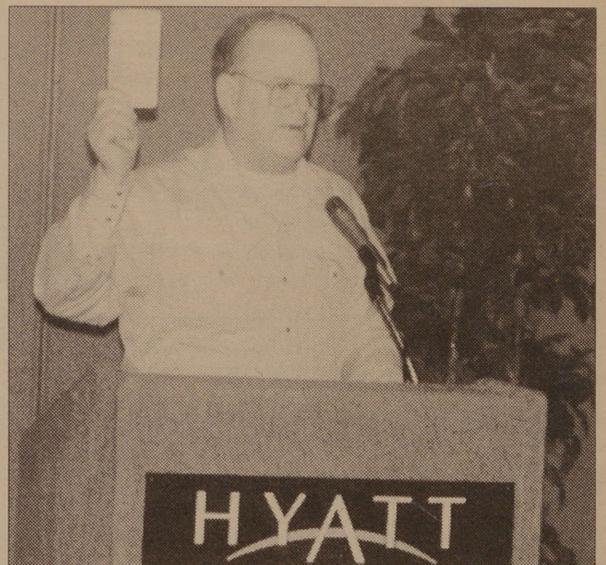
— *Reducing Government at the Local Level* – Panel of Art Olivier (Bellflower City Council), Bonnie Flickinger (Moreno Valley City Council), Dennis Schlumpf (board of directors, Tahoe City Public Utilities District), and Gary Copeland (pres., Epicenter Research), and moderated by Richard Boddie.

— *Guerilla Electioneering and Cyber-Politics* with Joseph Miranda, editor of a military history magazine and managing editor of *California Liberty*.

— *Reducing Crime* – Panel with Judge James Gray (Orange Co. jurist), J. Neil Schulman (author of *Stopping Power*), and Sandi Webb (Simi Valley City Councilmember).

Awards given and received

During the banquet, LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot presented personalized Certificates of Appreciation to regional officers and others for their service to the Party over the past year. In a surprise moment, Lightfoot was presented with a flag of Lady Liberty, in blue, surrounded by a circle of 50 blue stars on a white background by Allan Swain, chair of Shasta Region. Swain said he had the flag prepared "in recognition for the work the LPC did in helping to revitalize our region."



Dick Carver, feisty commissioner of Nye County, Nevada, holds a copy of the Constitution aloft as he talks about how county supervisors, such as he and his board, can stand up to federal invasion of state and local territory.



Keynote speaker Gene A. Cisewski (far right), chair of LP of Washington, D.C., discusses his Libertarian Vision with (from left) Santa Clara chair David Bonino, LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot, and Southern Vice Chair Richard Halvorson.

Keynote speech

D.C. Chair: Reaching the "Libertarian Vision"

LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot opened the first session at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning with the traditional reading of the Preamble to the Platform and a Moment of Silence in memory of deceased Libertarians. Lightfoot then turned the microphone over to Richard Boddie, newly-elected chair of Orange County and former candidate for Vice President and U.S. Senate, to introduce the keynote speaker.

Gene A. Cisewski is chair of the LP of Washington, D.C., National Coordinator of the LP Council of State Chairs, and president and CEO of The Monticello Group, a fundraising and campaign management organization.

Calling the convention theme, I Wanna Be Elected, "fantastic," Cisewski was interrupted several times by strong applause during his presentation of "A Libertarian Vision and How To Reach It."

Cisewski said that "a political party, by definition, seeks to control government and government policies through peaceful actions at the ballot box. And getting Libertarian candidates elected...has to be our number one goal."

He then proposed a new mission for the LP. "Let us," he said, "no longer focus on being number three. Let's put 100 percent of our effort in becoming one of the two largest parties in the United States – on our way to becoming number one early in the next millenium."

Cisewski said that means that one of the two big ruling parties in America has to fall. He proposes putting the Democratic Party out of its misery because "the party no longer presents itself to a majority of working and middle class voters as the lesser of two evils. They are now just the lesser."

"Let the Republicans have (their opportunity)," he said. "Instead, take the calculated, strategic step of finishing off the

Democrats, who no longer represent their people, so that we can step to the fore and take on the Republicans from a position of principled power."

In his opening remarks, Cisewski told of a newspaper article that asked, "How many Libertarians does it take to change a lightbulb?" The answer: "None. The market will take care of it." Saying that such a simplistic answer is no answer, he said, "Let's take a quick look at a fundamental challenge we must overcome if we are to get to our stated objectives."

"Several years ago, Walter Cronkite got into a great deal of hot water when he reported on a study that found Republicans to be better educated and have a higher IQ level, on average, than Democrats. I would venture to guess that if we threw Libertarians into the mix in a similar study, we'd blow both of them out of the water."

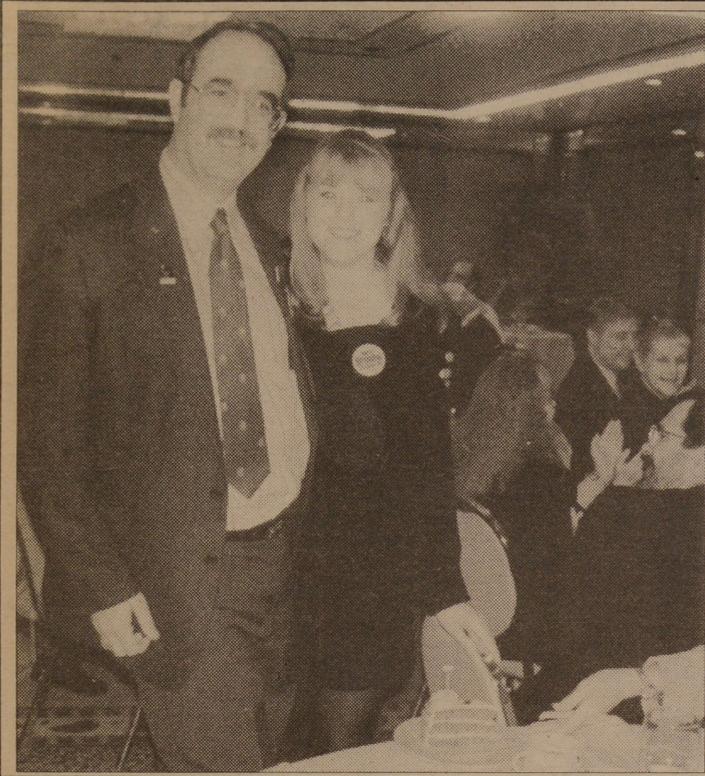
"While we have a lot of highly advanced IQs in the libertarian movement, we are terribly deficient when it comes to our EQ (Emotional Quotient). In most of life - but in politics especially - our emotional intelligence matters more than our IQs."

"An above average IQ is no insurance against acts of passion. On the other hand, a brainy IQ lends no warmth or social graces to a person's make up. Yet these are essential skills in politics."

Cisewski closed by saying, "Now to summarize. We have to set political goals as a party. And I firmly believe that putting the Democratic Party out of their misery is a good start."

"We have to raise our collective EQs and tone down our IQs a bit in order to succeed. And finally, each one of us, in our every interaction, has the opportunity to help the party grow. It's your choice whether to do it right."

Support your local tax protests — April 15



Happy Birthday on LP's 25th

Mandy Dean presents David F. Nolan (left) with a birthday cake symbolizing the 25th anniversary of the Liberty Party during the Samuel Adams Society luncheon. Nolan is one of the founders of the Party when it was formed in Colorado in 1972. Miss Dean is the daughter of Jack Dean, co-founder of the Samuel Adams Society and a former LPC Chair.

Washington DC LP Chair speaks to LPC ExCom

Setting precedent by having a speaker begin the LPC Executive Committee meeting to set the tone, Chair Gail Lightfoot introduced Gene Cisewski of the LP of Washington DC. Cisewski began his remarks by saying that we are all leaders. "As leaders we have a responsibility to set strategy. The things we do become the strategy of the Party. Therefore we must think about what we are going to do," he remarked.

Cisewski went on to discuss volunteers, saying "Virtually everybody has talents they bring with them when they join us. They have ideas that can fit into certain niches. It is important for us to keep track of these talents and find where they can fit into the organization so that we do not drive people away.

"When you look at coming together as an Executive Committee and deciding what kind of strategy we are going to have, it is important as leaders not to feel the whole burden of everything.

"Before you come into a meeting, one of the important dynamics is to go out and be aware of what types of people in your region, city, or area you have there. What activities are they good with? I would like to use a metaphor of the orchestra. Instead of thinking we need to have an all-kazoo band, what we need to do is find, where do we put the strings, where do we put the woods, and where do we put the brass. We are the orchestra leaders," Cisewski commented.

On another topic, he mentioned that the LPC Chair had joined most of the other LP State Chairs at a meeting in Washington, DC in October, 1995. The main topic was about strategy. "How can we plan in strategic manner, so that we can use resources more wisely, be more effective, accelerate our rate of growth, and get closer to our goal so that we can get elected and take over government? We had a planning guide. It gives the brains for doing projects. When we do annual planning we can take a look at projects and ask how many people will it take, what functions will these people have, and what will be the budget? It is designed to be a living document. You keep track of what you said and what you said you were going to do. Once you finish a project, you do not have to relearn everything and start from scratch, because you have something in a document."

"Always look for your successor," Cisewski said. "In the Libertarian Party, we very often find a lot of knowledge is concentrated in a few people. That is slowing us down. We

need to share the knowledge and training we individually have with others in the Party."

Art Hays, a newly elected At-Large ExCom member from Long Beach, mentioned that he knows of a fantastic tool that will help with planning. "Called the 'Chairman's Planning Guide', it asks the questions you need to ask yourself and report on before and after any project is undertaken by the group," Hays said.

Linda Grau, the Orange County ExCom Rep, asked Cisewski if he would comment on recognition. Cisewski replied, "Recognition is important. After this meeting (convention), people are exhausted and tired. For people to put in a lot of time and money, it is very important to recognize volunteers."



Bruce Lagasse (second from left), former LPC Chair, presented the prestigious Karl Bray Memorial Award for Activism at the Samuel Adams Society luncheon. From left, the honorees are Rodger Rosie (L.A. Region 65 chair), Joseph W. Dehn III (Santa Clara Reg. 43) and Joe Farina (Sacramento chair) who accepted the award in behalf of Robert Gehl, also of Sacramento, who was not able to attend. (For more details, see story on page 7.)

Privatization, growth, rights, featured topics of speakers

The Saturday luncheon speaker was Jorge Mastrangelo, a senior analyst with the Chilean government's Pension Fund program, who spoke through a translator. Privatized in 1982, Social Security and pension funds follow the individual, and gives him flexibility in determining retirement income by letting him increase payments to the fund. The government guarantees minimum benefits; a supervising agency provides checks and balances to ensure steady management of the funds. Although modest compared to U. S. standards, payments to individuals have increased considerably since the program started.

LP National Director Perry Willis brought the audience at the Grand Banquet on Saturday up to date on Libertarian activities across the country. He told of the advances in ballot access (30 states, up from 24 a year ago) and the increase in national membership (nearly 15,000). He spoke of the development of national projects available to state parties such as Operation Safe Streets and Membership Times 2. National media efforts are resulting in increased awareness of the Libertarian Party, he said.

On Sunday, Dick Carver, a commissioner of Nye County, Nevada, related how, utilizing the Constitution, he has been instrumental in getting his county to face down the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies in determining land use and limiting federal powers in local jurisdictions. Federal agents are required to check in with the sheriff when they enter Nye County on business.

The traditional Samuel Adams Luncheon, emceed by co-founder Jack Dean, closed the convention on Monday, February 19. Guest speaker Harry Browne, LP presidential candidate, regaled the audience with comments about life on the campaign trail.

**Notes
from the North**

compiled by Richard E. Venable

Libertarian on the air in the north

Hi Gail,

Just thought you'd like to know that Gary Mortenson is now on the air in Siskiyou County with a Libertarian political talk show. He is on KWHO in Mt. Shasta on 102.4 FM at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Gary is doing a great job of pulling the party together up there and will be starting a supper club in May.

If you have a chance to call him sometime, a little encouragement goes a long way.

He is at 916-468-5355.

Al Swain

Chair, Shasta Region

(Ed. Note: During the state convention, Swain arranged a telephone conference at the inauguration of Mortensen's program. Interviews were held with Party co-founder David F. Nolan, U.S. Senate candidate Richard B. Boddie and LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot.)

Humboldt fighting trash pickup mandate

Fred Mangels, new chair of Humboldt Region, is fighting the mandating of trash pickup in the rural areas and is exploring various ways of keeping the lines of communication open among the members and registered libertarians in that wide-spread county. He has been talking with the Chair and the Northern Vice Chair to solicit their ideas.

Mangels succeeded Brian Knotts, who moved to Oregon.

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Vice Chair: Michael Dunn, DDS
Meeting Date: 2nd Tue.
Place: Freedom's Forum
Bookstore
1800 Market St.
@ Waller & Octavia

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P.O. Box 690457
Stockton, 95369
Chair: David Morrow
Phone: 209/957-0322

Reg. 41, San Mateo

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San Mateo 94401-3948
Chair: Kate O'Brien
Phone/Fax: 415/473-0439
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Vice Chair: Mary Steiner
Meeting Date: 3rd Wed.

Reg. 43, Santa Clara

3249 Stevens Creek Blvd.,
#207
San Jose, 95117
Chair: David Bonino
Phone: 415/964-4862
E-mail: davidb619@aol.com
Vice Chair: Brad Walker
Business Meeting:
Date: 3rd Thursday
Time: 7:00 PM dinner
8:00 PM business
Place: Coco's Rest.,
1209 Oakmead Pkwy (@
Lawrence Expwy., one
blk from US 101),
Sunnyvale.

Officer's Meeting:
Date: 2nd Mon.
Time: 7:30-9:00 PM
Place: Reg. 43 Office,
33249 Stevens Creek Blvd.,
Ste. 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

718 Sunset Drive
Capitola, 95010
Chair: Bill Anderson
Phone: 408/476-4773

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Chair: Allan L. Swain
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Reg. 48, Solano

Chair: Mike Malin
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Reg. 49, Sonoma

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Reg. 50, Stanislaus

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Reg. 51, Sutter/Yuba

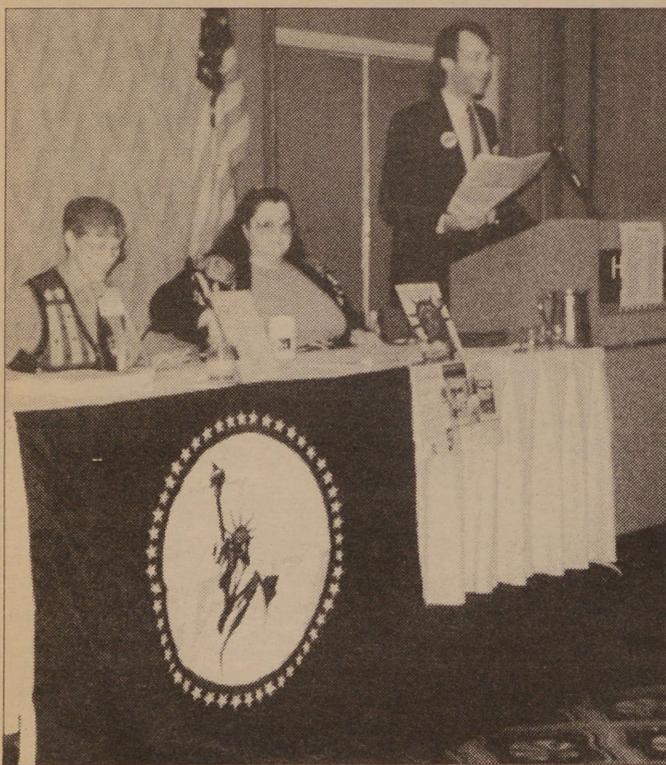
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Fax /Phone: (916)755-3044
Chair: Gail Jacuzzi
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E-mail:
LPCReg51@aol.com
Meeting: 1st Thurs.
Time: 7:00 PM
Location:
Sutter City Library
750 Forbes Ave
Yuba City

Reg. 52, Tehama

Chair: Ross Crain
Phone: 916/527-2676

Reg. 57, Yolo

Chair: Cullene Lang
Phone: 916/362-0855
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A custom-made Lady Liberty flag presented to the LPC by Shasta chair Allan L. Swain became the focal point of the convention.

The blue flag features Lady Liberty in blue on a white background encircled by 50 white stars.

Plans are underway for the LPC delegation to present a similar flag to the National LP at the National Convention in July 1996. Seated behind the banner (from left) are LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot and Northern Vice Chair Cullene Lang. At the podium is Ted Brown, Platform Committee chair and former LPC chair.

3 honored at Sam Adams Luncheon

A traditional feature of the Samuel Adams Luncheon is presentation of the prestigious Karl Bray Memorial Award for Activism by Past LPC Chair Bruce Lagasse.

This year, three awards were granted, each representing activism in a different medium. Rodger Rosie, Region 65 chair, was recognized for grassroots activism in local elections. Robert Gehl, Sacramento Reg. 34, received the award for "communications activism" in producing the "Libertarian Conspiracy," a weekly TV panel show that has discussed local, state and national issues from the Libertarian view since 1991 on the Sacramento community access channel. Joseph W. Dehn III, Santa Clara Reg. 43, was honored for "computer activism" in creating and maintaining World Wide Web sites for the LPC, the National LP and home pages for LPC News and the Santa Clara Region among other activities on the Internet. Honorees receive a framed certificate and a \$20 gold piece.

and local events

Southern California Regions

Reg. 13, Imperial
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Reg. 15, Kern
14713 Goodwin Ave.,
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Chair: Ryan Gifford
Phone: 805/589-8734

Reg. 19, Los Angeles

Libertarian Party of
Los Angeles County
(see Reg. 61 to Reg. 68)
3381 Long Beach Blvd.,
Long Beach, 90807
Phone: 310/490-3840
Chair: Bob Weber
Phone: (310)204-0612
Bus. Meeting: 4th Mon.
Time: 7:30 PM
Karl Hess Club
Date: 3rd Mon.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Marie Callender's
Rest.,
4356 Lincoln Blvd. (at
Fwy 90)
Marina del Rey
Contact: Michael Everling
Phone: 213/225-3405
Liberty Shooters
Date: 3rd Sunday
Place: alternates
Contact: Bob Weber
Phone: 310/204-0612 for
information

Reg. 30, Orange
P. O. Box 27871
Santa Ana 92799-7871
Phone: (714)540-5053
Chair: Richard B. Boddie
E-mail: ter@ix.netcom.com
Vice Chair: Vic Wagner
Bus. Meeting: 1st Mon.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: 17280 Newhope St.,
Ste. 7, Fountain Valley
Social Mixer: Monthly

Reg. 33, Riverside
6639 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, 92506
Chair: Gene Berkman
Phone: 909/369-8843
Meeting Date: 3rd Wed.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Call for location

**Reg. 36,
San Bernardino**
P.O.Box 57
Ontario 91762
Contact: Edward E. Moss
Phone: 909/986-6677
Chair: Ethel Mohler
E-mail: Ethelm36@aol.com
Meeting Date: Last Tue.
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Call for information

Reg. 37, San Diego
P.O.Box 16449
San Diego, 92176
Contact: Richard Rider,
Office Manager
E-mail: drider@aol.com
Phone: 619/530-1776
Business Meeting:
Date: 2nd Mon., subj. to
change
Supper Club:
Date: various, call for date
& place

Public Access TV Show:
call Pat Wright for info.
619/497-1085
E-mail: wrightpj@
delphi.com
Liberty Toastmasters
Date: Thursdays
Time: 6:15 PM
Place: Coco's on Balboa, 2
blks east of Genesee
Regional Chair: Steve
Green
Vice Chair: J. C. Anderson
No.Cty Vice Chair:
Wade Hostler

Reg. 40, San Luis Obispo
Chair: Gary Kirkland
Phone: 805/466-2742
Meeting Date: 2nd Thurs.
Place: Upper Crust Pizza
785 Foothill Blvd.
San Luis Obispo

Reg. 42, Santa Barbara
Chair: Michael Lambolely
Phone: 805/964-9569
E-mail:
mlambolely@grci.com
Meeting Date: 15th of the
month
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Rusty's Midtown
Pizza, 3731 State Street,
Santa Barbara

Reg. 56, Ventura
P. O. Box 2417
Camarillo, 93011
Chair: Saul Rackauskas
Phone: 805/987-5567
Meeting Date: 2nd Tues.
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Call for location

**Los Angeles County
(Reg.19, LPLAC)**
**Reg. 61, San Fernando
Valley**

11216 Vanowen St.
North Hollywood, 91605
Chair: Kit Maira
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compuserve.com

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Potillo-Miller
2nd Vice Chair: Erich
Miller
No. Vice Chair: Fred
Heiser (805)252-6099
Supper Club:
Date: 4th Thurs.
Place: Carrows Restaurant
18355 Ventura Blvd, at
Reseda Blvd. Tarzana

Pub Club:
Date: 3rd Fri.
Place: Pineapple Hill
Saloon, 4454 Van Nuys
Blvd., Sherman Oaks
Granada Forum
Date: Tuesdays
Phone: (818)385-4003
\$3.00 Donation

**Reg. 62, West Los
Angeles**
Contact: Bob Weber
Phone: 310/204-0612
E-mail: dwire@loop.com
Chair: Michael Binkley
Supper Club:
Date: 3rd Thurs.
Time: 6:30 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**
Chair: Dennis Decherd
Phone: 818/949-0595
Vice Chair: Curtis Feger
Meeting: 1st Wed.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Shakey's Pizza,
2180 Foothill Blvd.,
Pasadena

**Reg. 64, Central Los
Angeles**
Chair: Pam Probst
E-mail: pprobst@
primenet.com
Meeting: 4th Wed
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Soup Exchange,
5750 Wilshire Blvd,
Los Angeles

**Reg. 65, Southeast Los
Angeles**

16911 Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower, 90706
Chair: Rodger Rosie
Phone: 310/865-4089
Fax: 310/866-3191
E-mail:
delii@sc.liberty.com
Vice Chair: Matt Piazza
Meeting: 1st Tue.
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Call for info

**Reg. 66, Long Beach/
South Bay**

3381 Long Beach Blvd
Long Beach, 90807
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Phone: 310/490-3840
E-mail:
Reg66Chair@aol.com
Vice Chair: David
Schrader
Business meeting:
Date: 3rd Thurs.
Time: 7:30 PM

**Reg. 67, East San
Gabriel Valley**

150 N. Walnut Ave., #A
San Dimas, 91773
Chair: Lee Borton
Phone: 909/599-4974
Vice Chair: Paul Andrews
Meeting: 4th Thurs..
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: Marie Callender's,
3117 E. No. Garvey Ave.,
West Covina

**Reg. 68, Antelope
Valley**

P.O.Box 901851
Palmdale, 93590
Contact: Bob Burke
Phone: 805/948-2470
Chair: Eric Fussell
Vice Chair: Sandra
Roundtree
Meeting: 3rd Wed.
Time: 6:30 PM Bus. mtg
Place: Thai Original Rest.
957 E. Palmdale Blvd.
Palmdale

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**Notes from the
Southern
Vice Chair**

Richard H. Halvorson

Libertarian talks to UCI group on Affirmative Action

Tibor Machan, Professor of Philosophy at Auburn University in Alabama and a member of the International Society of Individual Liberty, spoke at the University of California at Irvine on Friday, March 15. His topic: Affirmative Action, A Critical Examination.

Machan believes in freedom to associate and not associate with whomever one wishes, based on customary norms of voluntary consent and contract. According to Machan, "Departures from this principle, like mandated affirmative action or anti-discrimination laws, generate a number of serious problems, some undermining the very goal of reducing racial, ethnic or gender prejudice. The alternative of freedom of association and disassociation needs to be understood within a tort framework, in which misleading practices, harassment, or breach of contract would be actionable. Race relations are a serious social problem, but the simple rules of property, consent and contract remain the least bad approach to promoting a harmonious and tolerant society."

In 1953, at the age of 14, Machan was smuggled out of Hungary. He served in the U.S. Air Force, and pursued an academic career in Philosophy. He is the author of both scholarly books and books for the general reader. One of his chief areas of study is public attitudes toward various political systems. Machan's most recent book is *Private Rights and Public Illusions* (Transaction, 1995). For 20 years, he was editor of *Reason Papers*, and helped found *Reason Magazine*.

The Liberty Society of Irvine is an intellectually oriented organization of students, faculty, and others who tend to favor individual liberty, individual responsibility, and small government. LSI meetings are held roughly every other week and are free and open to public. For more information, call Ted Balaker at 714/552-6097.

**Remember
Thomas Jefferson's
Birthday,
April 13**

In photo at left

David Hansen (right), owner of Belmont Brewing Company of Long Beach, is presented the Golden Spigot Award for Libertarianism in Business during a ceremony at the 1996 LPC Convention. Making the presentation is Mark Murphy, Jaegermeister of the Southland Keg Club and former chair of Orange County. The Southland Keg Club is comprised of Libertarian activists.



Hal Jindrich death announced

In a letter to the LPC and friends, Marshall Fritz wrote of the recent death of long-time Libertarian Hal Jindrich. Fritz is a former LPC Executive Director and is now leading the Separation Alliance, an organization dedicated to privatizing the public school system.

Greetings and sad tidings!

Hal Jindrich, friend of liberty, passed away at 8:20 a.m. Friday, March 15, 1996. Hal had been valiantly fighting cancer for many years.

Several family members, including his brother, were with him during the final week, and report that he was peaceful and comfortable.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, March 19, in Mountain View, Calif.

Hal was a long-time libertarian with a keen interest in education. His July, 1971 letter to the editor of the Palo Alto Times is the earliest use of the phrase "separation of school and state" in my possession.

One of Hal's proudest accomplishments was his 1974 run for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Reason Magazine reported in August of that year that he received a total of 197,553 votes, "the highest total yet for a pure libertarian candidate." In that race he called for the "complete separation of education and the state."

Hal was a steady contributor to the Separation Alliance, both financially and intellectually. We all owe Hal our appreciation for his recommendations during the drafting of the Proclamation for the Separation of School and State. One of his ideas allowed us to cut the document by fifty percent while increasing its punch.

In recognition of his many contributions to the Alliance, Hal Jindrich was given the honor of being the First Signer of the Proclamation. We had a signing ceremony in early 1995 in his home in the presence of several friends. His name will long live with the success of our movement for educational freedom.

Hal gave his books and papers to the Separation Alliance. Hal will be missed.



(From left) Bob Weber (L. A. Reg. 64), Wayne Nygren (Alameda Reg. 01), Mark Murphy (Orange Reg. 30) and Mark Hinkle (Santa Clara Reg. 43) carefully watch the girls as they explain the fine points of the hula during the Sunday night Asian/Pacific Island Luau. The dancers and musicians were from the Aloha Dance Studio.

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