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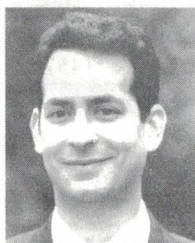


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August 1998

Executive Director Update

Juan Ros' latest activities on behalf of the LPC



Juan Ros

July was a busy month for Juan Ros: the LPC's Executive Director had his hands full advancing several ongoing projects, as well as setting up his new home office and participating

in several special events.

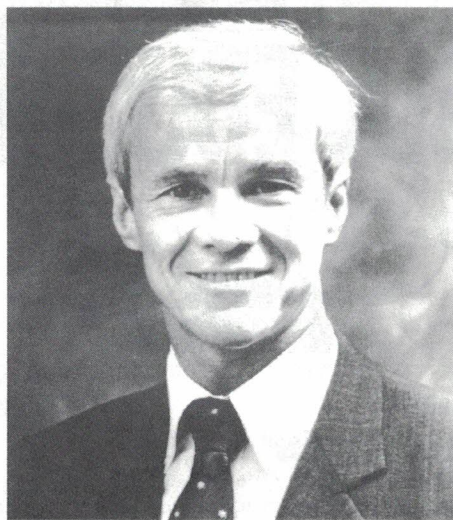
One of the highlights of Ros' July schedule was attending the Political Training Seminar hosted by *Campaigns & Elections* magazine. "That was a real eye-opener," he said. "I learned many tricks of politi- (continued on page 5)

New Record Set for LPC Press Mentions!

Good news from the media front: the recent Primary Election resulted in a record 431 mentions of the Libertarian Party in California newspapers, according to LPC Executive Director Juan Ros.

"It was an explosion of coverage," enthused Ros. "I knew our Party was beginning to be taken seriously by the press, but this goes beyond my expectations."

LPC Chair Mark Hinkle was equally (continued on page 6)



David Bergland

Bergland Elected LP Chair

California Libertarian selected for national LP leader

Delegates to the Libertarian Party's National Convention, held over the July 4th weekend in Washington, D.C., chose former LP presidential candidate David Bergland to serve as the Party's National Chair for the upcoming two years. Bergland will replace Steve Dasbach, who is stepping down to assume other responsibilities within the LP.

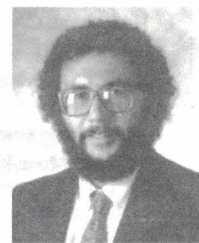
A resident of Costa Mesa, California, Bergland was the Libertarian candidate for President in 1984, and Vice President in 1976. He served previously as National Chair from 1977 to 1981, and is the author of *Libertarianism in One Lesson* — one of the finest primers on the Party's philosophy ever published.

"Building our (continued on page 7)

National Convention Business Report

Delegates gather in Washington D.C. to conduct Libertarian Party business

by Joe Dehn



Joe Dehn

Delegates from across the United States met the first week of July in Washington, D.C. to decide who will lead the party for the next two years and to make adjustments in the party's rules and platform.

The delegates chose David Bergland of Costa Mesa, California over Gene Cisewski of D.C. for National Chair. The decision was made on the first ballot by a vote of 350 to 241, with only a few votes for None of the Above and write-in candidates.

Despite earlier indications that there would be contests for Vice Chair and Treasurer, by the (continued on page 3)

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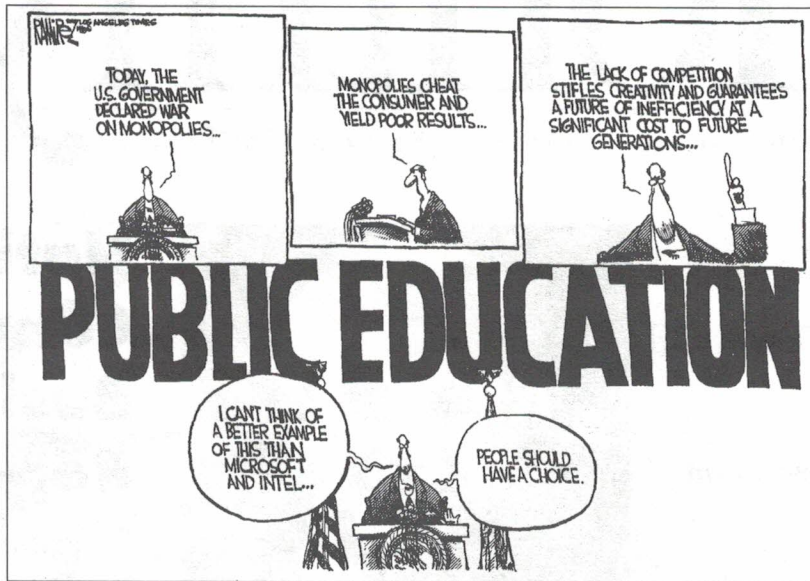
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LETTERS



Ideas Do Matter!

In a tremendous victory for fiscal responsibility and government reform, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan publicly characterized the failed, multi-billion dollar LA subway system as "insanity" and stated "I don't believe there will be any more subways." He went on to state his preference instead for flexible bus service and smart highways, the very ideas that the Reason Foundation has advocated over the years with dynamic, debate-leading transportation research. Rest assured, we will continue to play an active role in this important debate which has broad national implications.

Now, check out the studies, get the facts, and see for yourself. Check out last year's news releases and see the similarities between the mayor's message and what we have been saying all along. Proof positive that ideas do matter!

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GEORGE PASSANTINO
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End it, Don't Mend it

All of this talk about reforming the federal income tax is nothing but a smoke screen to keep Americans pacified and deluded into believing that those in government "care" and are doing something to help.

In reality, there is no law compelling us to pay income taxes — such a law would be unconstitutional, as rights cannot be taxed. "A state [or the United States] may not impose a charge for the

enjoyment of a right granted by the Federal Constitution." (Murdock v. Pennsylvania, 319 U.S. 105, page 113) "The right to labor...is a constitutional as well as a common-law right. Every man has a natural right to the fruits of his own industry." (48 Am Jur 2d, 2, page 80)

Past IRS commissioner M. Caplin stated, "Our tax system is based on individual self assessment and voluntary compliance." This was echoed by the

Supreme Court (Flora v. U.S., 362 U.S. 145): "Our tax system is based upon voluntary assessment and payment and not upon distraint."

Contrary to what the IRS has mislead Americans into believing, the 16th Amendment did not give the Treasury the power to impose and collect a tax on the compensation for labor earned by the citizens of the fifty states.

MATTHEW WELKLEY
Los Angeles, CA

State Spending

For all those people in California suffering from excess government spending on things like stadiums, private entities, etc., the State Constitution is very clear that this type of spending [is unauthorized]. Look up Article XVI (16) Section 6 in the California Constitution.

We here in San Diego have just had our local politicians pledge from the city treasury over \$200 million to the building of a new San Diego Padres ballpark. The owners have a net worth, I estimate, at between \$250-300 million.

Here in San Diego, we will definitely be clubbing our local politicians over the head with the State Constitution.

STEVEN CURRIE
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Budget Impasse: Good News for Taxpayers

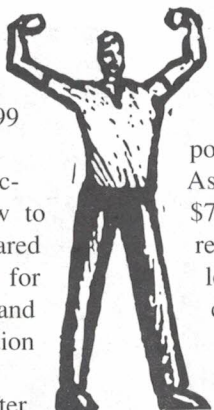
The Libertarian Party of California "thanks" state legislature for budget deadlock

In a recent press release, the LPC had two words for state legislators regarding the current impasse over the 1998-99 budget: "Thank you."

"We thank the folks in Sacramento for not deciding how to spend taxpayers' money," declared LPC Chair Mark Hinkle, "and for not passing a budget on time, and for not abiding by the constitution they swore to uphold."

Hinkle's comments came after the legislature's constitutionally mandated June 15th deadline for passing a budget — met only once this decade.

"We can forgive the lawmakers' ignoring of a state constitutional provision — because the budget they intend to pass is so exorbitantly massive and, worse, is an affront to individual liberty and personal responsibility," remarked Hinkle. "When



taxpayers see the final budget, they certainly won't have much to be thankful for."

Governor Pete Wilson has proposed a \$74.4 billion budget, while the Assembly and Senate have passed \$75.9 and \$76.2 billion budget bills respectively. Wilson and legislative leaders are locked in debates over the competing proposals.

"The Libertarian Party of California can solve the budget impasse with just three words," said Hinkle. "Cut, cut, cut — cut taxes, cut spending, and cut the budget."

Specifically, the LPC proposes to:

1) Require legislators to approve a budget smaller than the previous year's budget. "One way to decrease the size of government is to force it to spend less each year," said Hinkle.

2) Impose a penalty on lawmakers who

violate the Constitution. "Legislators' pay should be docked every day beyond the deadline that a budget is not passed," Hinkle said.

3) Pare down the state bureaucracy by eliminating most state agencies, boards, and commissions. "Sacramento has become a mini-Washington, DC. Let's get rid of useless state agencies like the Economic Expansion and Environmental Improvement Financing Division, the State Athletic Commission, and the California Forest Products Commission."

What are the chances of getting any of these proposals passed?

"Pretty good — once Libertarians are elected to the legislature," Hinkle predicted with a smile.

"But as long as the Republicrats are in control, the only thing to be thankful for is the time they waste arguing with each other instead of spending our money." ■

National Convention Business Report

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time of the voting there was only one active candidate for each office, who was elected by voice vote: Hugh Butler of Utah for Vice Chair, and Mark Tuniewicz of Massachusetts for Treasurer.

And although prior to the convention there had been only one announced candidate for Secretary, three candidates wound up being nominated and it took three ballots for Steve Givot of Illinois to finally establish a majority. The other nominees were Carol Moore of D.C. and Ben Bachrach of Michigan, and the vote on the final ballot was Givot 192, NOTA 118.

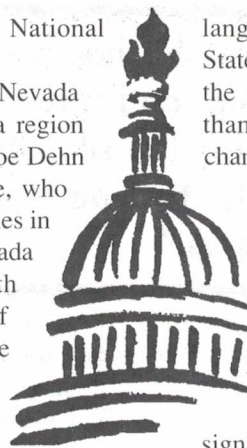
Also elected were the five At-Large members who, together with the four officers and nine Regional Representatives,

constitute the Libertarian National Committee.

For this term, California and Nevada have joined together to form a region which will be represented by Joe Dehn of Palo Alto and Terry Savage, who has been involved in LP activities in both states and is currently Nevada state chair. They, along with alternate Scott Lieberman of San Jose, were elected to these positions at the LPC convention last February. The region is also entitled to a second alternate, who will be chosen by the LPC Executive Committee at its August meeting.

Three Californians were elected to the seven-person national Judicial Committee: Bruce Lagasse, Eric Lund, and David Nolan.

Early in the convention an attempt was made to change the introductory sentence of the Statement of Principles to eliminate the "cult of the omnipotent state"



language, but any change to the Statement requires approval of 7/8 of the registered delegates, and fewer than 3/4 voted in favor of this change.

Changes were made to nine Platform planks. In some cases these were minor wording changes and in others the entire plank was replaced with language of a different length or style, but none of these amendments represented any significant change in the LP's position on these issues.

Several significant proposals that were recommended by the Platform Committee, including one to make the party's position "neutral" on abortion and one to oppose the death penalty, never got considered by the full convention due to lack of time.

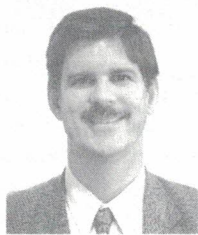
Several changes were made to the Bylaws and Convention Rules. Probably the most im- (continued from page 8)

From The Chair:

Working, Building, Growing

Now that the Libertarian Party's 1998 National Convention is behind us, it's time to get back to work. Our goals for 1998 are:

1. Raising \$350,000 in revenue;
2. Building our ranks to 7,000 members;
3. Building our pledge program to generate \$6,000 per month in revenue;
4. Maintaining LPC ballot status.



Mark Hinkle

monthly contributions by year-end. But, as with last year's goals, many doubted we could do it, yet with your help, we did.

The magic number is 83.

That's the number of members, each pledging just \$1 per day, that it would take to achieve our goal of generating \$6,000 per

month. Just 83 members. Can you be one of them? Can you afford to pledge \$1 per day to help us stop the cancerous growth of government, and to thus secure more Liberty for ourselves and our families? If so, step forward now and become a monthly pledger. It's very simple (just use the form on the back of this newsletter) but also very important! *If you would like to do one thing to help the LPC this year, let this be it!*

As for goal #4...

This November, we need to receive 2% of the vote in at least one race, and we're working hard to do so. Our candidates

racked up some impressive numbers during the primary election, and are working hard to do even better in November. Now is the time for you and me to do everything we can to support them.

In addition, when California voters receive their Voter Handbooks, they will find inside a statement, written by LPC activist Neal Donner and signed by me, intended to show them that the Libertarian Party is the party of freedom. We hope it conveys our commitment to the voters of California to provide principled, limited government — a product most people want and are eager to buy.

So far, this has been an exciting and productive year for the LPC, thanks largely to you — our members. With your continued support, we'll realize our 1998 goals — and have four excellent reasons celebrate next New Year's Eve! ■

As for goal #2...

I'm delighted to report that in the month of June, we added 286 new dues-paying members to our roster. That's a 5.9% increase in just one month! If we continue to grow at this pace from July through December — and we expect to — then we'll end the year with approximately 6,836 members: just shy of our year-end goal. How can we close that gap? Well, do you suppose there are 164

people reading this newsletter who have not signed up their spouse, a parent, or even their daughter or son? I'm *sure* there is. If you are one of those individuals, now would be a good time to take that step

— and thereby make an important contribution toward helping us realize our membership goal.

As for the goal #3...

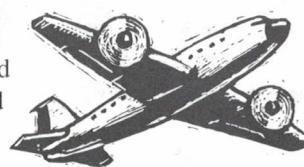
We now have 196 regular contributors in our pledge program. Our monthly credit card pledges are now over \$2,045 — another first for the LPC! Credit card pledges are the most reliable and cost-effective form of fund raising at our disposal. Our monthly cash pledges add another \$1,448, and our quarterly pledges bring in \$380.

The total figure puts us over half way toward reaching our goal. Frankly, it'll be a real challenge to get to that level of

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cal strategy, fundraising, developing a message, and the weapons of campaigning — everything used by the Democrats and Republicans." Ros is passing on the information he learned to LPC candidates via a series of e-mail articles. "I've already sent one article and am working on the second. The information given at the seminar is good for a whole series of articles that should take us up to the election." (Anyone interested in receiving the articles should contact Ros.)



Ros also flew to Washington D.C. to attend the LP's national

convention during Independence Day weekend. While there, on July 3rd, he appeared on a nationally syndicated talk radio show — "Good Day USA: Washington Reality Check" with host Doug Stephan, broadcast in 100 markets. Joining Ros on the show was 1996 Libertarian VP candidate Jo Jorgensen. "We discussed why the LP appeals to so many voters of the younger generation," said Ros, "and the ways the LP is reaching out to them. We talked about our growing network of college campus organizations, and our positions on such youth-oriented issues as Internet privacy and the Microsoft antitrust case."

Back home, Ros began contacting radio talk shows in California and introducing himself to show producers. "I have already received a positive response from several shows. I hope to capitalize on that good feeling in the months and weeks leading up to the election."

He also spoke at the July supper club of the San Fernando Valley LP (R61). "I tested a speech I plan to take on the road to other regions," he said. "The speech was well-received, and I enjoyed giving it for the first time to my home region." At the meeting, he also distributed a check list he had created — "...a list of the Top 10 things a successful region should be doing," Ros (continued on page 7)

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Membership Decline "Temporary"

LPC growth spurt ends with an expected one-time drop — and is already bouncing back

First the bad news: as anticipated, the dramatic 6-month growth spurt of the LPC's membership ended in May with a precipitous decline. (See graph below.) Now the good news: the numbers have already started to bounce back, and there is every reason to believe that they will soon recover all of their lost ground and continue ascending into record-breaking heights.

Joe Dehn, the LPC's former database manager, explains: "Because of the way our previously state-only members were added to the national database in the implementation of the Unified Membership Plan, a large fraction of our membership wound up with a renewal date in March. [Members are allowed a 60-day grace period before they are officially dropped off our rolls.] Whenever a large

number of people come up for renewal, there is the potential for a dip in membership. Even people who intend to renew and eventually do, typically don't do so until they've gotten several notices. A significant fraction of our members don't renew until well after their expiration date. So it's just a matter of arithmetic — if a large enough portion of the memberships expire in a given month, there is bound to be a temporary drop in the count."

Should we be discouraged by this news? Dehn doesn't think so. "I am pleased with the outcome," he said. "As a result of enough of these people renewing and a steady stream of new memberships

from various recruiting programs, the drop in the statewide total turned out to be less than 10%. It's important to understand that this is a one-month drop — it's over. Relatively few people have expiration dates in the following months. As more of the people with that expiration date continue to renew, and as more new members are recruited, the total can now be expected to rise significantly again."

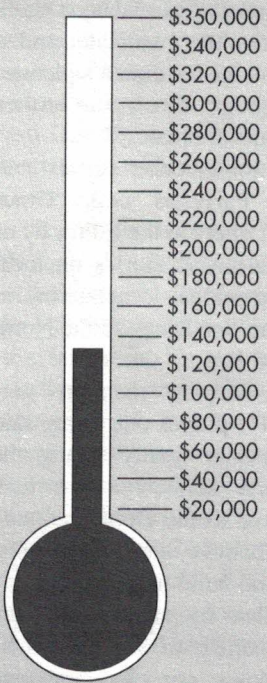
Dehn concluded with more words of encouragement: "With the national LP having mailed about 350,000 recruiting letters in June alone, of which probably close to 100,000 were to Californians (including all our (continued on page 8)

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Growth Watch: June 1998

Revenue

Current: \$134,398
Year End Goal: \$350,000

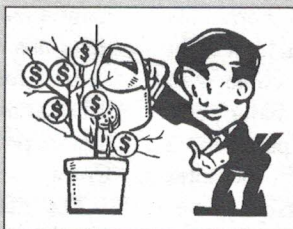


Donations

June Total: \$5,688

Pledges

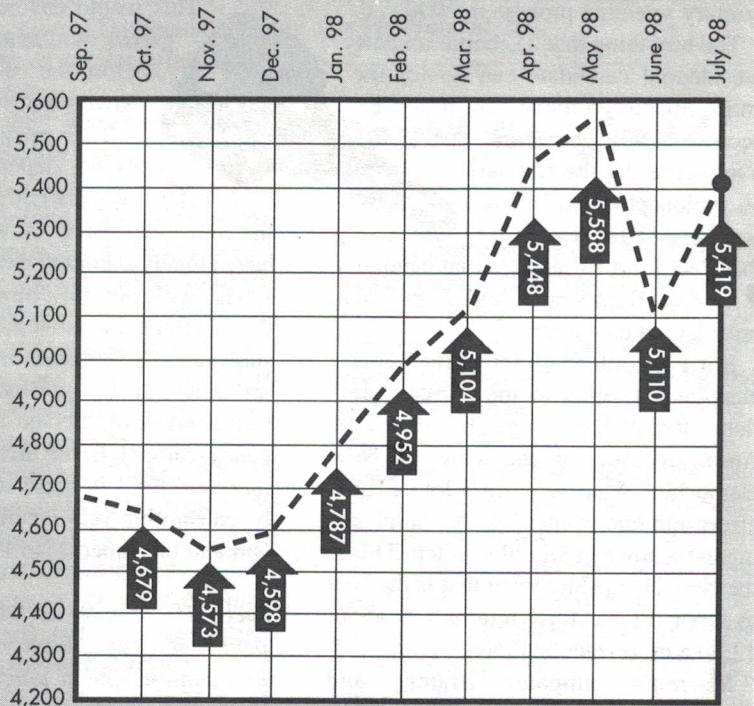
June Total: \$3,274
Year End Goal: \$6,000 p/mo.



Help Us Grow!
Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 506-0200. Please do it today!

Membership

June 30th: 5,419 Year End Goal: 7,000



Op-Ed:

A Key to Success in 2000

by Jacob Hornberger



Jacob Hornberger

Ever since the 1996 presidential election, the national Libertarian Party hierarchy has emphasized its conviction that a Libertarian presidential race is doomed to fail without a tremendous increase in Libertarian Party membership - from 20,000 to 200,000 members.

Unfortunately, this message is apt to create a sense of despondency and defeat among LP members with respect to the presidential race of 2000, especially since the party membership remains at about 25,000 - far below the minimal numerical target that the party hierarchy has said is necessary for success.

However, there is a proven political strategy for Libertarian presidential candidates that does not depend on such an enormous increase in party membership. Instead, it depends on what has already been achieved by several state Libertarian parties: major party status and the right to participate in the presidential primary selection process in 2000.

The best thing that a Libertarian Party presidential candidate can do for the entire libertarian movement is cause people to talk about and positively consider the libertarian philosophy. And there isn't any better way to do that than for a LP presidential candidate to defeat Democratic and Republican presidential candidates.

But I am referring not to the general election but rather to the primary elections. Recall the campaign strategy of Andre Marrou in the state of New Hampshire. Marrou spent a lot of time, effort and energy personally campaigning in the town of Dixville Notch. This is the New Hampshire town that is the first to report its electoral returns - at about 12:30 a.m. on election day.

Marrou's campaign strategy and efforts paid off. As a Libertarian in the

New Hampshire Libertarian primary, he garnered more votes in Dixville Notch than each of the Democratic and Republican candidates did in their primaries. Early on the morning of primary election day, the wire services were reporting that the Libertarian Party candidate

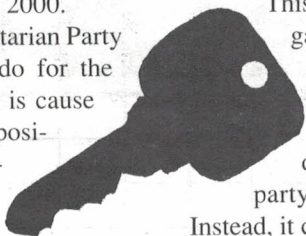
for president had carried Dixville Notch.

It is Marrou's ingenious strategy that holds a key to Libertarian presidential success in the future. In the presidential elections in 2000, there promises to be a wide field of candidates in both the Republican and the Democratic primaries, virtually guaranteeing that the total votes cast will be split among many candidates. Imagine the impact if a Libertarian Party presidential candidate individually were to receive more votes - statewide - in the LP presidential primary than one or more of the bottom-rung Democratic and Republican contenders receive in their primaries.

This would enable Libertarians to garner national attention long before the general election in November.

This presidential strategy does not depend on increasing party membership to 200,000. Instead, it capitalizes on what Libertarians have already accomplished in at least eight states, with possibly more to come with the elections this November - major party status and participation in the presidential primaries. If LP presidential candidates run aggressive, person-to-person, insurgency campaigns in the presidential primary elections in these states, 2000 could be an exciting year for liberty, libertarianism and the Libertarian Party.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of the Future of Freedom Foundation, and a potential Libertarian Party presidential candidate in 2000. ■



Press Mentions

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pleased: "Fahrenheit 451 is the temperature that paper bursts into flame. Our press is almost that hot!" said Hinkle. "We're hot and, with your help, we'll stay that way. Congratulations to all our candidates and volunteers who've become 'media active.'"

The press clipping count came from a

"The press is finally taking the Libertarian Party seriously as a real, viable alternative to the Democrats and Republicans."

tally of the clippings from May 18 to June 30 as compiled by Allen's Press Clipping Bureau,

which the LPC uses to track newspaper mentions of the word "Libertarian."

According to Ros, "Only a handful of clippings did not refer to the Libertarian Party — less than a dozen" out of the 431. The rest of the clippings specifically mentioned the LP.

"The overwhelming majority of stories were about the election," said Ros. "Some of the clippings simply mentioned the Libertarian candidate. Others had a quote from the candidate, and a good number had the candidate's picture. And other clippings were entire stories about Libertarian candidates!"

There were non-election stories that mentioned the Party as well. "Other mentions were Letters to the Editor by or about Libertarians, and stories on local Libertarian happenings — appearing in newspapers from San Diego to the North Coast." declared Ros.

The number of press mentions garnered by the LPC proves one thing, said Ros: "The press is finally taking the Libertarian Party seriously as a real, viable alternative to the Democrats and Republicans. I believe this is a trend that will continue and build momentum."

Ros concluded by saying: "Hearty thanks are in order to all those who helped make news: our candidates and

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created a similar list for state parties, which I'm following as Executive Director. I revised the list to make it applicable to the local regions." (Anyone interested in receiving Ros' "Successful Region 10-Point Check List" can request a free copy by e-mailing Ros at <director@ca.lp.org>.)

What's next for the LPC's Executive Director?

"On August 5th and 6th, I'll be making my first visit to Sacramento in an official capacity," he said. "I'm planning to roam the Capitol and meet as many legislative staffers as I can, including the folks who run Republican Assemblyman Tom McClintock's office. McClintock is the closest thing to a Libertarian that we have in the legislature, and he agrees with us on most important issues." Ros also intends to meet with a representative from the Gun Owners of California. "I hope to convince the GOC that the Republicans have abandoned them on the gun issue," he said, "and the only party that is 100% Second Amendment is the Libertarian Party." He'll also appear on the local cable access TV show run by Region 34, the Libertarian Gang. "That's going to be quite a treat," he said. "I'm really looking forward to it."

In the coming months, Ros' agenda will include more trips to local regions, beginning with Imperial and Riverside Counties.

"I first became active in the Party through my local region, and I firmly believe that the local regions are our first line of defense for Liberty. That's why it's important for me to visit as many local regions as possible and open up the channels of communication between them and the state organization."

How does Ros feel about his time spent working for the Party?

"Well, I have been extremely busy," he said, "but I'm also having a great time. 'I've been getting lots done for the LPC, and that's been enormously rewarding — and fun!' ■

Op-Ed:

Opportunity Knocks

by Richard Rider

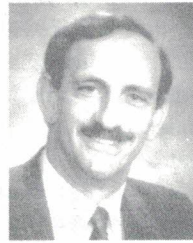
With the passage of the "Open Primary" (technically a "blanket primary") Initiative, a dramatic new opportunity for the California Libertarian Party fell into our laps. A California voter will henceforth be able to vote for any candidate in any party during future primaries, regardless of the voter's party registration. All the registered voters in a given district will receive the same primary (and, of course, general) election ballot.

So why is this change so important to the Libertarian Party? Think about all the people you know who have told you that "I don't register Libertarian because I want to vote in the Republican (or Democrat) primaries." That excuse is no longer valid. Henceforth the only reason to remain registered Demopublican is if the voter wants to run for office in one of those two parties.

Ironically, the Libertarian Party opposed this initiative, and rightly so. We think the government should not set the standards of eligibility for political parties — that decision should be left to each party. For us, it allows nonlibertarians to select our candidates. Furthermore, the blanket primary has a tendency to result in more centrist candidates from all parties, leaving voters less choice on the November general election.

But, our opinion notwithstanding, it's time for us to significantly expand the number of registered Libertarians. The growth of Libertarian Party registrants is important for credibility with the press and the politicians, not to mention maintaining ballot status in California.

Talk to family members, friends, co-



Richard Rider

workers and others who have said that they sometimes vote Libertarian in the general elections, but wanted to vote in one of the older parties during the primary. Explain to them how they benefit the cause of freedom if they reregister Libertarian.

Reregistering is remarkably easy. You can order voter registration cards "free" from the local registrar of voters — just call them and they will send you a card. A registration form is in essence a postage

paid postcard that you can fill out and drop in the mail.

If you haven't done it yet, register Libertarian. If you have, start encouraging others to do the

same. Let's get our registrations up so the politicians can better see the sentiments of a growing portion of the population who favor a much more limited role for government. ■

"With the passage of the 'Open Primary' Initiative, a dramatic new opportunity for the California Libertarian Party fell into our laps..."

David Bergland

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Party's membership and strengthening its organization will be my top priority as National Chair," Bergland has said. "Having quality people in leadership positions is essential to achieving both goals. More members means having a larger pool of talent and resources; it means having more and better candidates and campaign managers; it means having more and better activists; it means have more financial support and media coverage. My goal is to ensure that, by the next presidential campaign in the year 2000, the Libertarian Party will be too big to ignore." ■

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portant was a new formula for allocating delegates to future conventions. Under this formula, the number of delegates will be fixed at approximately 1500 rather than increasing as the party grows; the *ex officio* delegate positions were also eliminated.

Other changes included amending the "Purposes" article to include a statement about building the party, and adding a requirement that candidates for the presidential nomination demonstrate support of the delegates before being allowed time for nominating and seconding speeches.

The convention business ended with a resolution calling for the impeachment of President Clinton and Vice President Gore for their violations of the U.S. Constitution.

Additional information about the business conducted at this convention, including state-by-state vote counts for the elections, and the complete reports of the Platform Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee, can be found online at <http://www.lp.org/conv/1998/business.html>. ■

Membership Decline "Temporary"

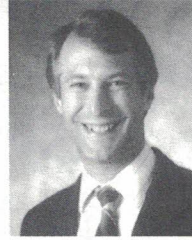
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registered Libertarians), it wouldn't surprise me to see an increase of several hundred in our counts by the end of July, and our central committee count back into record-breaking territory by the end of the summer."

If you are one of the individuals whose LPC membership recently expired, we urge you to renew now. Let's get those numbers back on track and headed for new ground! ■

Q&A With Ted Brown

As part of our on-going series of interviews with statewide LPC candidates, this month we present a conversation with the LPC candidate for U.S. Senate, Ted Brown...



Ted Brown

Q: What is your background?

A: I was born 37 years ago in Ohio, and raised in West Virginia. In 1979, I moved to California for the weather, economic opportunity, and because there are more Libertarians here! I have a B.A. in political science, with a concentration in constitutional law. I married my wife, Laura in 1984. We live in San Gabriel with our daughter, Katy. I'm employed as an insurance adjuster/investigator for an independent adjusting firm in Orange County.

Q: How did you become a Libertarian?

A: I was a Democrat like my whole family. I even gave a speech for Jimmy Carter in '76! But I already had libertarian beliefs when I discovered the LP in 1978. I was researching third parties for a school newspaper article while attending Wesleyan University in Connecticut. I came across an article about the LP in *Progressive* magazine that was rather negative, but informative, and it gave the LP's contact info. I received the LP platform and agreed with most of it, so I joined the Party and started a Libertarian student group at Wesleyan. After I moved to Los Angeles, I started working on the state ballot drive immediately.

Q: What accomplishments as an LP activist are you most proud of?

A: I've written several ballot arguments that voters have agreed with, and rejected bond measures. Those alone saved taxpayers millions of dollars. Serving as LPC Chair was an interesting experience and one that, I believe, helped forge a new era of goodwill and cooperation within the party. One of my proudest moments was receiving the Karl Bray Award for activism in 1987. That was quite an honor — but I didn't feel I'd done enough to deserve it, so I redoubled my efforts since then!

Q: You're well-known as the LPC's primary candidate recruiter. Why have you devoted so much energy to this?

A: I believe that it's important for there to be Libertarians wherever people look. A political party is supposed to run candidates. If we don't, then there's

no pro-liberty alternative for voters. Thousands of people vote for our candidates. This alone shows how important it is to have Libertarians in every race. Happily, some of my recruits have even gone on to be elected to nonpartisan offices — Bonnie Flickinger, Art Olivier and David McCann, to name only three. I want to see many more in the future.

Q: You've run for office more times than any other California Libertarian — why?

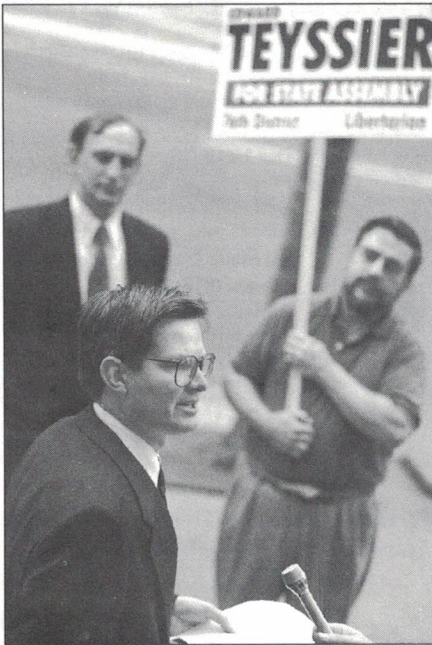
A: Well, I like to spout-off about the issues! And, as I said, I think it's vital for the Party to be represented in these races. So I'm doing my part, and backing-up my words with action. In the 1990 Insurance Commissioner's race, I received 433,000 votes, or 6% — an excellent total.

Q: What are the primary issues of your current campaign?

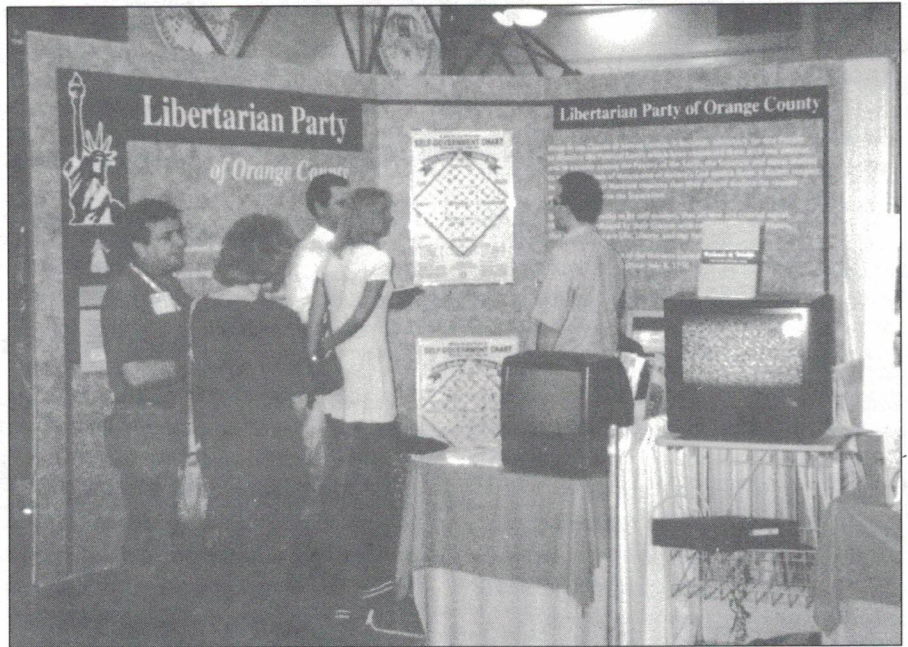
A: I want to end the War on Drugs and decriminalize drug use. I also want to repeal the federal income tax and abolish the Internal Revenue Service. I want to end all government agencies and programs not authorized by the U.S. Constitution. And I want to withdraw all U.S. troops from overseas.

Q: If elected, what would be the single most important thing you would try to accomplish?

A: I believe that ending the War on Drugs is the most important issue of our time, and I will focus my efforts on it. The Drug War has caused a major rise in crime, motivated countless inner city youths to become criminals, encouraged police corruption, and provided the rationale for government officials to routinely violate our most basic constitutional rights. The War on Drugs is truly a war on the American People — and it's long past time to end it. ■



Website Winner: VoteNet has named the website belonging to the Libertarian candidate for State Assembly (76th District), Ed Teyssier, as the "Best Political Website." You can check it out for yourself at <www.ax.com/members/edwardt>.



Fair Game: Orange County Libertarians (R30) built and staffed a very snazzy outreach booth at the recent Orange County Fair. Local activists, headed by Douglas J. Scribner and Vice-Chair Mark Hilgenberg, administered up to 140 Nolan quizzes to passing fair-goers per day — generating a daily average of 10 new registered Libertarians and 40 new prospects for the local region. The fair ran from July 10-26. To learn more about the booth and see color pictures, visit the Orange County LP's website at <www.LPOC.org>. (Photo: Brian Lee Cross)

Placer County:

Elected Libertarian Blocks Effort to Step All Over Property Rights

When the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board (TCPUD) recently attempted to launch a project to construct new sidewalks, it was told "don't walk" on private property rights by its vice president, **Donald Schlumpf**, a Libertarian.

"I was thrust into the leadership of an effort to stop a property tax ballot proposal to construct sidewalks in our business district," said Schlumpf. "The proposal was business welfare at its worst, and we labeled it so. Proponents spent over \$32,000 to our \$2,800, and got 54% of the vote — but lost because

they needed a two-thirds majority."

To detour this legal roadblock, the business community took the project onto themselves and passed an "Assessment District" proposal over the objections of some property owners. The business community and the TCPUD obtained the easements necessary to complete the project from 27 of the 37 property owners concerned. The 10 remaining properties became part of separate TCPUD resolutions to seek legal action against the owners to use their properties. The resolutions need to obtain a four-fifths vote from the five directors to pass, and, at a recent meeting, all of them did — except one...

One of the directors abstained from the vote on one particular property because it is owned by his father. Three of the remaining directors voted to pass the resolution, but Schlumpf opposed it.

Schlumpf also voted against two

other resolutions, but they passed. "The ones I voted 'no' on were the ones in which the owners protested the taking of their property," he said. "The ones where property owners were still working things out with the board, I voted 'yes.' I have a big problem with government ever taking people's property."

According to Tim Hackworth, associate director for public works for Placer County, if the TCPUD does not acquire the tenth property through eminent domain, "we cannot go in there and do the work on the property." Schlumpf said he hopes the utility district will continue negotiating with the property owner in question.

"A lot of people think they can't have impact in a local public office," said Schlumpf, "but that's not true. My experience shows that even one person, elected to a small utility district board, can have an impact for Liberty." ■

For Your Information

Renewing Your Membership

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Address Changes

Be sure to let us know if you move! Send your address change notice to the national office so that your newsletters and other important correspondence can be sent to your new address. If you are moving out of state but want to continue as an LPC member or continue subscribing to *LPC Monthly*, please also notify the state office so we can make the necessary arrangements to keep you on our list.

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Announcements

Candidates Conference

Marin County and San Francisco Bay area activists are planning a series of Candidates Conference during October. Guest speakers will include LPC statewide candidates Steve Kubby, Ted Brown, Jon Petersen, Gail Lightfoot and Joseph Farina. Full details are unavailable at press time. The event will be a major topic of discussion at the upcoming Northern Regional Meeting, which begins at 1:00 p.m. on September 19th at the Mill Valley Masonic Lodge. All interested parties are welcome to attend. For more info, contact Marin LP Chair Tammy Austin by phone at (415) 339-7887 or e-mail at <marinlp@webtv.net>. For updates, visit the website at <www.sirius.com/~pagangas>.

Statewide Candidate Websites Sites

With the fall campaign season approaching, many Libertarian candidates have created new websites; and others have moved to new addresses. Check them out! Here are the URLs for our statewide candidates...

Ted Brown for US Senate
home.earthlink.net/~tebrown/

Steve Kubby for Governor
www.kubby.com/

Gail Lightfoot for Sec. of State
www.lpcsl.org/candidates/lightfoot.shtml

Joseph Farina for Atty. Gen.
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For news of candidates for U.S. House, State Senate and Assembly and other offices, visit: <<http://www.ca.lp.org/e1998/>>.

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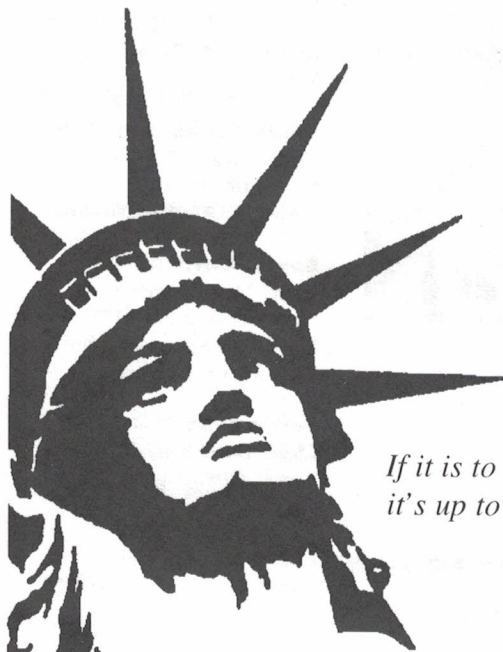
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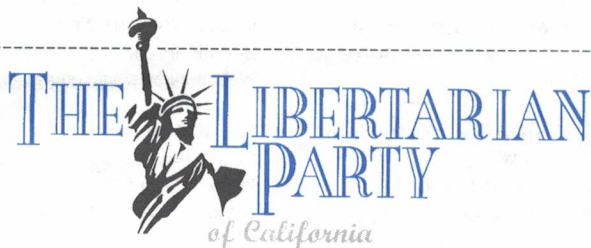
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