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Grassroots Seminar

Special Event for Activists at 1997 LPC Convention

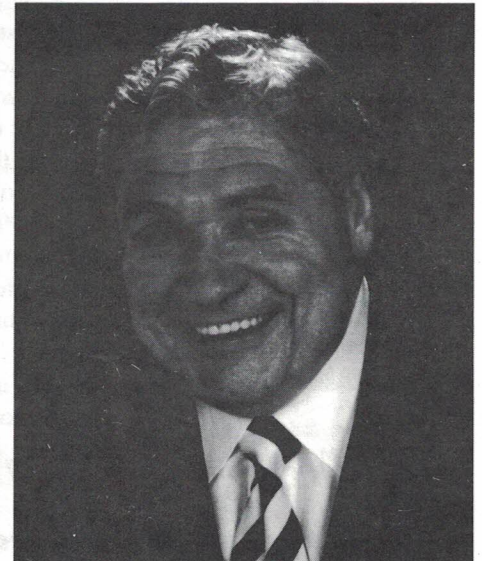
It is often said that “the best things in life are free,” and some Libertarians may add “amen” after attending the upcoming Grassroots Seminar — a two-day event free of charge to all LPC members. This very special seminar kicks off the Libertarian Party of California’s 1997 Convention, which takes place February 13-17 at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Sacramento.

At the time we go to press, convention organizers are busy planning the seminar, which is intended to provide Libertarian activists with valuable tools, training and information to help them advance the libertarian movement at the regional level. To accomplish this goal, the Grassroots Seminar will feature lectures and training sessions by many veteran LP members who will share their secrets for success on a variety of subjects, including: building membership, stimulating activism, motivating volunteers, improving outreach techniques, operating regional organizations and producing effective newsletters.

If you are a new LPC member interested in becoming involved, or an experienced activist eager to sharpen your skills, you won’t want to miss this very special event.

The Grassroots Seminar begins on Thursday, February 13, at 1:00 p.m. and continues until evening. The event resumes on Friday, February 14, at 9:00 a.m., and concludes at the end of that day. Other convention activities include guest speakers, panel discussions, luncheons, banquets and excursions. Delegates also will conduct party business, including

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National Libertarian Party Chair Steve Dasbach (L) and radio talk show host Gene Burns (R) are among those invited to speak at the 1997 LPC Convention.

Convention Guest Speakers

Noted Libertarians Invited to Address 1997 LPC Convention

Event organizers have announced the names of some of the individuals they have invited to speak at the Libertarian Party of California’s 1997 Convention, to be held February 13-17 in Sacramento. At the time we go to press, not all of those invited have confirmed.

Topping the list is Steve Dasbach, Chair of the national Libertarian Party. Dasbach was elected in 1993 and re-elected in 1996. As Chair, he oversees the organization’s staff, volunteers and contractors, and assists state parties. He also serves as principle LP spokesperson, and has appeared on numerous radio and TV shows. Under Dasbach, the LP has increased its registered voters by more than 40%, the number of Libertarians serving in office by 130% and the number of contributing members by 95%.

Also invited is Gene Burns, acclaimed libertarian radio talk show host. Until

1994, Burns hosted a nationally syndicated afternoon radio show, which originated from WOR in New York and was carried on 162 stations. A past president of the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts, Burns can currently be heard on San Francisco’s KGO AM-810.

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LETTERS

Outreach Tip

I would like to share something that I, as Chairman of Region 61 (San Fernando Valley), have been doing and which seems to be generating a favorable response.

When I receive our list of inquiries from the national party headquarters, I note the ones that have e-mail addresses and add them to my address list as a group. Then, when I get announcements from national or the LPC, I strip off the header, add a message from me (with news about regional activities and events) and e-mail it to the group. I also add a line which instructs those that don't want to be on the list to reply and ask to be removed. So far, I've received a few of these, but not many. I've also received a few "thanks".

I think this is a nice professional touch which keeps us in the minds of these inquiries. Hopefully, it will help increase our membership. Anyway, you might give it a try.

KIT MAIRA
Burbank, CA

Reefers to Reno

I'm contacting you because you are in a position to forward the following suggestion for action to individuals who might be interested. The project, organized by a group called The Liberty Round Table, is a mail-in protest against the Department of Justice's recent efforts to negate the laws passed in California and Arizona regarding the medical use of marijuana...

The plan is to have as many people as possible mail a "joint" (of oregano or other legal substance resembling marijuana) to Attorney General Janet Reno. "Joints" should be accompanied by a "prescription" detailing outrage at the government's arrogant attempts to override the will of the people. The project organizers encouraged everyone to mail their protest packages on the same day (January 20, 1997) to maximize impact; however there is no reason why folks can't continue mailing afterward. Here's the address: US Attorney General Janet Reno, Department of Justice, Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530

The Liberty Round Table has a different strategy [than the LP] for achieving freedom. Its founders believe that liberty cannot be achieved [through the political system] before public opinion has been changed. Therefore, we work to educate people about the benefits of freedom and the costs of institutionalized aggression — and we try to have fun in the process. I launched The

A Note From the Chair

You may soon receive a letter asking you to join the LPC. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining us now or sending a contribution. If you are already a member, please consider making a contribution and/or renewing your membership at that time, saving us the cost of mailing you a reminder letter when your membership nears expiration. Thanks for your support!

GAIL LIGHTFOOT
LPC Chair

Liberty Round Table with a website on election day, 1996. We've already grown to over a hundred subscribers. Many are active members of the LP, including two LP state chairs. You can learn more about us by visiting our website at <http://home.utah-inter.net/don-tiggre/lrthp.htm>.

"Reefers to Reno" isn't about drugs; it's about liberty and the Federal Government's attempts to circumvent the will of the people. This protest should be important to LPC members, who try to effect change through the political system, because it draws attention to the Clinton Administration's contempt for that system.

Please join us in sending a message to the Attorney General, the President and the media, that Americans still care about their freedom!

DON L. TIGGRE
Salt Lake City, UT

High on Website

This is for those of you who haven't checked out the Californians for Compassionate Use Home Page — which is really neat. The links on it give a lot of info on what's going on after the election concerning the Medical Marijuana Initiative, plus some real good (and refreshing) anti-government sentiment. Why do I like this page so much? I don't even smoke pot! Anyway, be sure to check it out at <http://www.marijuana.org>.

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LPC Website

A Cornucopia of Libertarian News and Information Awaits You Online



If you own a computer and a modem and have signed-up with an Internet provider, then you have everything that you need to access one of the electronic world's best resources for freedom-lovers: the Libertarian Party of California's site on the World Wide Web.

Visiting the LPC website is a great way to learn more about libertarianism in general and the LPC in particular. At the top of the LPC's home page, visitors are invited to take the "quiz" — an online version of the Nolan Chart questionnaire provided by the Advocates of Self Government. The site also gives Libertarian views on current issues, with links to LP position papers and other material for visitors who want to read more.

The site offers convenient access to a wealth of other information: reports on past elections; a listing of current

Libertarian office holders; names and contact info for LPC and regional officers; complete texts of the LPC platform and bylaws; and listings of libertarian-themed books, organizations, online mailing lists and electronic bulletin boards.

The newest feature is the online edition of *LPC Monthly*, complete with articles, pictures and illustrations. Text from its predecessor, *LPC News*, and the national party's *LP News* are available too. An index lets users search all of these publications for articles containing a particular word — with the complete texts readily at-hand. Operators of other websites can add these articles to their own sites by simply creating links.

The architect of the LPC website is Joe Dehn (R43), who introduced it in May, 1994. Dehn's intention was to provide a convenient way for members to access

party news and information, as well as a place for outsiders to learn about the LPC. He intends to continue expanding the site, and encourages LPC members to contribute relevant materials, including LP news and photos.

Dehn would also like to see every LPC region create and maintain their own sites. Nine exist already: Central Valley (R10), Marin County (R21), Orange County (R30), Sacramento (R34), San Diego (R37), San Fernando Valley (R61), San Mateo (R41), Santa Clara (R43) and Santa Cruz (R44). These sites can be accessed easily from the LPC's.

"The Valley Libertarians [R10] and Sacramento [R34] have exemplary sites, with lots of information about local activities," says Dehn. "Most of the LP's real political business takes place at the local level. Every region should be tak-

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California's New Laws

Government Power Grows Under "Conservative" Governor and Legislature



by Ted Brown

Last year, California Governor Pete Wilson signed 1,174 new laws which went into effect on January 1, 1997 — an increase of 192 over the total number of new laws passed for 1996. Although both Wilson and the majority of state legislators are conservative Republicans purportedly committed to reducing the size and power of government, they have proven themselves no more inclined to do so than their Democratic rivals. Instead, they keep passing more laws.

Here are of some of the new laws that expand the powers of government at the expense of individual liberty...

SB 1185: School districts can issue bonds, without voter approval, of up to \$400 million per year for construction.

AB 650: Californians must now provide proof of automobile insurance when

renewing their vehicle registration. Also, police may check for proof of insurance when stopping a motorist for any infraction, and cars may be impounded for non-compliance.

AB 295: A ban on showing obscene acts is expanded to include dissemination by computers and their attachments.

SB 2164: Possession of the sedative Rohypnol, the so-called "date rape drug," is now a felony. Previously, the drug had not been illegal.

AB 95: In addition to other penalties, people convicted of using illegal drugs face suspension of their driving privileges for six months, even if they were not driving at the time of their arrest. The so-called "smoke a joint, lose your license" law makes California eligible for \$100 million in federal highway money.

AB 2949: Judges can now suspend the driver's license of anyone convicted of

engaging in acts of prostitution within 1000 feet of a private home when the act occurs in a motor vehicle.

SB 2035: State law provides a definition for "adoption facilitators," who search for children to be adopted, and adds restrictions to the previously unlicensed job.

AB 2367: To obtain a license to sell used cars, a dealer must take instruction on state laws governing used vehicle sales, then pass a written exam administered by the DMV.

SB 1901: The state can suspend a company's alcoholic beverage license if it has failed to pay state sales taxes.

AB 2551: Sidewalk flower vendors who operate without a state sales tax permit face a \$500 fine.

AB 2472: Proof of a negative HIV test and negative hepatitis-B test is required

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Getting It Done With Gail:

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

by Gail Lightfoot

Nearly two years ago, after your delegates elected me LPC Chair, I posted my goals for this term. With the 1997 state convention at hand, it is time to see how many of those goals were achieved and what still needs to be done.



The theme of my election campaign was "Getting It Done With Gail." My core idea was and remains that the Executive Committee is a working body, with members chairing sub-committees that get things done between meetings. The reports and action recommendations of those sub-committees were to be prepared and given to all ExCom members at least two weeks before meetings. That way, ExCom could be prepared to vote on action items without spending a lot of time in debate.

Unfortunately, 1995 was not a banner year for accomplishments. The committee was often unable to take constructive action. Many important tasks were not completed, including some related to candidate training and fundraising.

The 1996 ExCom functioned much better: Several new representatives accomplished valuable projects, submitted reports and maintained communication. Finally, things began to come together — and we are now building momentum. Here is an update on our efforts to accomplish some of the goals that I announced in 1995...

Accomplishments

Inquiry Response: The LPC's 800 number has been retained, after a move to cancel it. At the start of my term,

answering each inquiry cost about \$3.00; we have cut that figure about 50% and are trying to reduce it further. In addition, two new mailers were developed and used during the election and beyond.

Internal Communications: ExCom members and regional officers are now online with electronic group lists or with faxes, so we can all talk to each other more quickly and easily. Also, a new LPC membership kit has been created and is now being sent to everyone who joins or renews.

External Communications: Beginning this year, we have a new and reformed periodical, *LPC Monthly*, after the newsletter went through two bidding processes within a year without missing a publication deadline.

With the 1997 state convention at hand, it is time to see how many of those [previously announced] goals were achieved and what still needs to be done.

William Holmes of Palmdale established an electronic system called LIBLET that distributes member written letters and news releases to newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations throughout the state. We have also stepped up our publicity program, faxing an increasing number of press releases to the California media.

Progress

Fundraising: We now have a successful program to finance party growth. We are also using mailings to remind you — the members of the LPC — that your support is vital, so we don't just spend all the funds raised on more fundraising.

Membership: It has remained static at around 1,900 from 1993 until 1996. However, we now have more than 2,250 members — and that's better than a 10% increase in just one year! There were several contributing factors: our aggressive pursuit of lapsed members via direct mailings; increased regional activities;

improved inquiry response; and, of course, publicity from the '96 election.

Needing Improvement

We still need to enlarge and distribute the work of the Elections Committee, revive the Internal Education Committee, and maintain the schedule for mailing letters to pledgers.

Still to Accomplish

We need to introduce our bylaws into the State Election Code, and develop an effective membership recruitment program for regions. In addition: I hope to charge the ExCom with candidate training and support, including the creation of generic campaign brochures and outlining procedures for ballot qualifications.

The Future

You can see that we have accomplished a lot. However, there is still much to be done. A large part of our continued success depends on the ExCom and regional officers. The people you or your delegates elect at the upcoming convention will determine whether or not we continue to build on what we have started these past two years. With that in mind, I urge you to help continue "Getting It Done With Gail." ■

Parliamentary Procedure Seminar

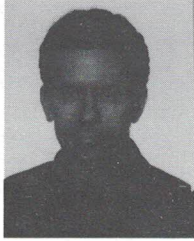
Ed Moss, the LPC's Internal Education Chair, will be offering a quick course in parliamentary procedure and convention protocol at this year's LPC Convention. The seminar will be particularly useful to first time delegates and officers or veteran activists interested in refining their parliamentary skills. Anyone wishing to attend the seminar should contact Ed Moss at (909) 986-6677.

Taking Liberties:

The Devil and Miss Jones

by David Dorfman

Much is being made of the Paula Jones lawsuit against President Clinton. Questions have arisen such as: Should a sitting president be subjected to civil suits? Is Clinton guilty of sexual harassment? And, below the waist, does our leader have "presidential stature?"



Frankly, I don't give a damn about those issues. The key question isn't: Is Bill Clinton guilty of the crime of which Paula Jones has accused him? The question is: If Slick Willie did what Foxy Paula alleged, did he commit a crime?

The term "sexual harassment" has become increasingly nebulous. These days, if a man tells an off-color joke within twenty yards of a woman, many believe it is a punishable offense. Others say it should be illegal for a man to ask a colleague out on a date. And then there are those who say it's a crime when an Arkansas governor asks a woman to perform a sexual act while exposing his favorite "cabinet member."

In the midst of all this hysteria, can anyone really define sexual harassment?

I can. Sexual harassment is when an employer attempts to gain sexual favors through coercion or intimidation. Everything else falls under the category of sexual advances or sexual annoyances (still legal, for the moment, thank God).

Now, if Clinton did indeed ask Paula Jones to take a ride on "Air Force One," does that make him sleazy? Sure. Is he uncouth? Yes. Is he a low-life hick? Definitely. But did he commit a crime? My answer is an emphatic no. After all, how did Ms. Jones suffer as a result of Clinton's actions? Did she lose her job? Was her career destroyed? Was she emotionally or physically damaged? Or did she just have a disgusting experience?

Granted, Bill Clinton is guilty of all sorts of crimes, and I take no pleasure in

defending this morally bankrupt cartoon huckster. However, in this particular instance, the President is guilty of nothing more than being annoying. But the Constitution guarantees Americans the right to be annoying. (It's a right that I cherish above all others.) According to Ms. Jones, Clinton made crude sexual advances toward her; she chose not to sleep with him; and then Clinton allowed her return to her mundane world. So, what exactly is Paula suing him for?

Let's put this in historical perspective. If George Washington had approached Betsy Ross and said, "I cannot tell a lie: I want to pick your cherry tree," that is *not* sexual harassment. However, if George said, "Climb on top of my monument, flag lady, or you'll never sew in this town again," that *is* sexual harassment — because George would have abused his position of power by threatening poor, sultry Betsy Ross.

Another example... Let's pretend I have a secretary. Her name is Veronica. One day Veronica shows up to work wearing, say, skin-tight spandex pants with a cut-off shirt that barely covers her perky breasts while calling attention to her absurdly flat stomach, highlighted by one of those little silver belly rings. Wait a minute...what was my point?...Oh yeah... If I tell Veronica that I — Dave Dorfman — would like to see her in a state of nudity, I'm acting within my legal rights. However, if I — The Boss — threaten to fire Veronica unless she performs nude dictation, then I am guilty of

a crime (albeit an understandable one). In short, the Constitution guarantees us the right to proposition strange women, and to make lewd suggestions, and to be

offensively sexist — just as long as we don't infringe upon the rights of the women to whom we direct our primal urges.

So I ask you: Did Bill Clinton harass Paula Jones, or is Paula Jones harassing Bill Clinton?

That's it, Veronica. You can put down your pencil and put on your clothes. ■



'98 Convention Bids

The LPC Executive Committee is soliciting bidders for the 1998 LPC Convention, to be held February 13-16, 1998. Traditionally, conventions alternate between Northern and Southern California locations; therefore, because this year's convention will be held in Sacramento, preference will likely be given to bids for conventions in Southern California. Successful bidder(s) will be required to sign a contract with the LPC. For more information, please contact:

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Connoisseur Package \$300
All meals and speakers at the convention.

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Includes all meal functions at the convention. (Does not include Riverboat Dinner Cruise or Capitol tour.)

Intellectual Package \$140
Includes all speakers at the convention. (Does not include meals, Riverboat Dinner Cruise, or Capitol tour.)

Riverboat Dinner Cruise \$50
Thursday: a sunset cruise and dinner on an authentic Riverboat departing from "Old Town" Sacramento.

State Capitol Tour \$10
Friday: a guided tour of the State Capitol Building with a hands-on lesson in tracking bills through the Senate and Assembly.

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- Riverboat Dinner Cruise (\$50)\$ _____
- Gourmet Package (\$190)\$ _____
- State Capitol Tour (\$10)\$ _____
- Intellectual Package (\$140)\$ _____
- I prefer Vegetarian meals (no extra charge)\$ _____

- Total\$ _____

If purchasing the Connoisseur or Gourmet Packages, please choose one of the following for the Saturday Banquet:

- Medallions of Beef Roast Chicken

Payment:

- Check/money order (payable to Liberty Convention Services)
- Please Charge my: VISA MasterCard
- Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____
- Signature: _____

Convention Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 13
"Grassroots" Seminar
Riverboat Dinner Cruise

Friday, Feb. 14
"Grassroots" Seminar
Execom Meeting
Platform Committee Mtng
Bylaws Committee Mtng
Capitol Tour
Welcoming Reception

Saturday, Feb. 15
Keynote Speaker
General Business Session
Speakers & Panels
Awards and Fundraising
Grand Banquet

Sunday, Feb. 16
General Business Session
Afternoon Speakers
Hayseed Festival
Dinner

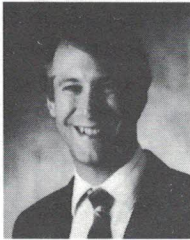
Monday, Feb. 17
General Business Session
Officers and Executive
Committee Elections
Sam Adams Luncheon
& Awards Ceremony
New Execom Meeting



Hustler for Free Speech

by Ted Brown

Recently I saw "The People Vs. Larry Flynt," a new film directed by Milos Forman, and was reminded of my own brush with the controversial figure upon whose life the movie is based...



In January 1984, Larry Flynt, publisher of *Hustler* magazine, called the Libertarian Party's office in Los Angeles and asked to meet with party representatives. Flynt wanted to discuss his plan to run against President Reagan in the Republican primaries, and use hardcore porn in his political ads, which — as political speech — could not be censored.

The call was referred to me. In response, I, my fiancée (now wife) Laura, and another Libertarian named Michael Macaulay, set out to dine with Flynt at his palatial Bel Air mansion. There we saw guards armed with machine guns and Flynt's special elevator, installed due to his paralysis. Unfortunately, I don't recall much of what we talked about that evening, just that our host's eyes kept rolling around in his head, likely due to his highly medicated state. I also remember his wife, Althea, with her pierced nose and ear rings connected by a chain.

Sadly, "The People Vs. Larry Flynt" does not dramatize the night Flynt held his own private LP supper club, but it does depict a number of other events that will be of interest to Libertarians.

The movie opens in rural Kentucky where, as an adolescent moonshiner, Flynt demonstrates an early talent for capitalism. Twenty years later, in the early 1970s, Flynt (Woody Harrelson) owns a Cincinnati strip club and produces a newsletter to publicize his sleazy establishment. The publication quickly grows into *Hustler* magazine, which outrages many locals — including politicians intent on making hay. One such "moral leader" is none other than Charles Keating, later charged with defrauding customers of the Lincoln Savings and

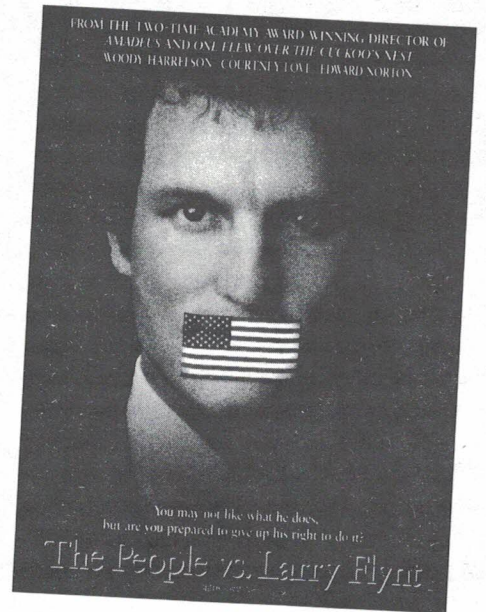
Loan. Flynt is charged with obscenity and sentenced to 25 years in prison. The sentence is overturned five months later.

There are a lot of good scenes in the film, but libertarians will particularly enjoy Flynt's staunch (if self-interested) defense of free speech. No doubt, America's most famous smut peddler was protecting his ability to make a buck (millions of them), but his legal troubles set precedents that are important for all supporters of civil liberties, particularly those protected under the First Amendment.

As the film shows, Larry Flynt was shot by a sniper outside a Georgia courthouse, where, in 1978, he was being tried in yet another obscenity case. As a result, the publisher was paralyzed from the waist down and in constant pain for years. After the attack, Flynt says, "I'm moving someplace where perverts are welcome" — and the film cuts to an aerial shot of Los Angeles. At this point, the Pasadena audience with which I saw the movie laughed and applauded.

The film builds to Jerry Falwell's libel and emotional distress suit against Flynt, stemming from a *Hustler* ad parody claiming Falwell had sex with his mother in an outhouse. Falwell won the lawsuit and Flynt appealed to the Supreme Court. The movie climaxes as Flynt's lawyer (well-played by Edward Norton) delivers an eloquent argument for a free press before the justices, who rule unanimously in Flynt's favor. Afterward, Flynt sums up the movie's central theme by telling reporters: "If the Constitution protects a scumbag like me, it will protect all of you!"

Performances in the film are uniformly terrific, especially those by Harrelson and Courtney Love, who plays Flynt's wife. The screenplay by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski, and Forman's direction are also first rate. "The People Vs. Larry Flynt" is on the 1996 "Ten Best" lists of many critics, including this one's. I highly recommend it to all freedom-loving filmgoers.



Ted Brown (R63) currently serves as an At-Large Representative on the LPC's Executive Committee. ■

Grassroots Seminar

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electing new officers and considering changes to the LPC's platform.

The Beverly Garland Hotel is located at 1780 Tribute Road, just off the I-80 Freeway at the Cal Expo exit. Guest rooms are priced at \$75 (plus tax) per day for single or double occupancy accommodations. To make your reservations, call the hotel at (916) 929-7900 — and be sure to ask for the convention rate.

To register for the Libertarian Party of California's 1997 Convention, use the order form on pages 6 and 7 of this issue of *LPC Monthly*. For more details about the Convention or Grassroots Seminar, write Liberty Convention Services, 10201 Rockingham Drive, Sacramento, California, 95827. You can also telephone (916) 362-0855 or e-mail inquiries to LibConServ@aol.com. ■

New Laws

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of anyone applying for a license as a professional boxer or martial arts fighter.

Fortunately, not all of the new laws passed are bad:

AB 1758: Californians can get state tax deductions for establishing medical savings accounts as part of pilot program.

AB 1890: California became the first major state to deregulate the electric utility industry, setting up competition to start after 2000.

AB 3499: State taxes paid by California banks and corporations have been reduced from 9.3% to 8.84%.

SB 1923: Malt beverages can be called "beer" regardless of alcohol content.

SB 714: Californians receiving payments from Germany as reparations for the Holocaust are exempt from paying state income taxes on the money.

To keep track of new laws making their ways through California's legislature, you can call up the web site at <http://www.sen.ca.gov>. ■

Guest Speakers

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Others invited to address the convention include David Bergland, Michael Cloud, Michael Edelstein, Fred Hayward, Jeff Hummel, David Lewis, Vin Suprynowicz, George O'Brien, Aaron Starr and Jim Turney. There will also be speakers on topics like the Medical Marijuana Initiative and Smog Check II. ■

LPC Website

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ing advantage of the WWW to make it's activities more visible, not only to members but to others in their community."

You can find the LPC website at <http://www.lp.org/ca/lpc.html>. From there, all of its features, including the online edition of *LPC Monthly*, are only a click away. So, if you haven't already visited the LPC online, what in the World Wide Web are you waiting for? ■

Patrick Nestlehut

(1968-1996)

We are deeply saddened to report that one of the LPC's most liked and highly valued activists, Patrick V. Nestlehut, died on his birthday, December 26, 1996, in Citrus Heights, California. Patrick had been elected Chairman of R34 (Sacramento) just five days earlier. The cause of his death was reported to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was 28.

Patrick Nestlehut was born in Santa Clara, California, on December 26th, 1968, and was raised in the Los Angeles area. In 1993, he became involved with the Sacramento LP, and was elected their Vice-Chair in 1996. Among his accomplishments was the creation and maintenance of R34's web site, one of the most active regional LP web sites in the country. In 1996, he also wrote a column for R34's monthly newsletter, *Liberty Link*, and organized a media-covered event on Tax Protest Day and several highly successful voter-registration drives.

Patrick was perhaps best known in the Sacramento area for his regular appearances on the local cable access TV show, "The Libertarian Gang." He also worked with LPC officials in the "Stop The Browne Out" petition drive, collecting signatures and publicizing the campaign. In addition, he discussed the exclusion of Harry Browne from the presidential candidates debates on KFBK radio, and organized a "Browne Out" protest at the Sacramento GOP headquarters — an event which garnered an extensive news segment on the CBS affiliate KOVR, Channel 13. Patrick also assisted R34 Chairman Joe Farina with high school talks and other outreach efforts.

At Patrick's memorial service, "Libertarian Gang" producer Michael McHale eulogized, "His untimely death has left his friends here in the party with the impossible task of replacing a man filled with charismatic reason and a sense of urgency and mission. Patrick was an outstanding example of the spirit of our party. He presented a model for how we must continue if we are to be successful politically. Patrick was loved very much

and will be missed." Patrick's successor as R34 Chair, Gene Frazier, said: "I will always remember Patrick as the man who rekindled my enthusiasm for freedom, which had been dormant. He had a wonderful way of convincing people that working to advance the Libertarian cause was important and, above all, fun. Many of us regarded him not only as a colleague but as a close personal friend. His infectious spirit for liberty will be a part of our lives for a long time to come."

We wish to extend our sincerest condolences to Patrick's widow, Kelly Nestlehut, his parents, Sonny and Rema Nestlehut, and his sister Kathy. ■

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beautifully and justly
are all one thing.
-- Socrates*

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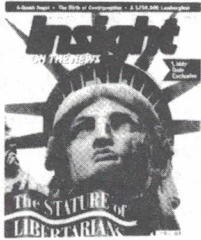
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