

California Libertarian News

The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of California

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Candidates Meet the Press

CAMPAIGNS UNDERWAY

LOS ANGELES: Three top-of-the-ticket Libertarian Party candidates for statewide office held a press conference at the L.A. Press Club on March 19. Breck McKinley, running for U.S. Senate; Norma Jean Almodovar for Lieutenant Governor, and Carol Newman, for Attorney General, formally announced their candidacies to the media, then answered questions.

Norma Jean Almodovar told the press she will focus on the issues of victimless crimes and property rights. "My campaign is a commitment to personal and economic freedom," said Norma Jean, "and to individual responsibility."

In a similar vein, Carol Newman vowed that if elected she would "focus the resources of that office on the prosecution of crimes against persons and property—crimes that have victims," and declared that the goal of the justice system should be restitution to the victims of crime.

The candidates will be available to speak to various local groups around the state during the campaign, and Libertarians have a terrific chance to affect public opinion and perceptions of freedom this year—but the candidates need your help if that's to happen.

If you can donate time call Neil Wright, chair of the Almodovar Committee (213) 389-4495; John Robertson, campaign manager of the Almodovar Committee at (213) 876-6000; Carol Newman at (213) 553-2900, or Breck McKinley at (818) 907-7116.

No time to spare? Then please help with your cash contributions. Printing of flyers and brochures, office rental space, phone lines, etc., etc.—these are the things it takes to run a successful campaign, and they all cost MONEY!

Neil Wright sums it up: "Working together we can make 1986 the year that the second American Revolution—a peaceful, and non-violent one—got underway. We can take giant strides toward making *freedom in our time* a reality."

Campaign Workshops Scheduled

David Bergland, 1984 presidential candidate, is presenting a comprehensive two-day seminar/workshop for candidates, campaign managers and LP leaders to develop campaign skills. A minimum of eight, but no more than 15 participants, is required, which means the group will be large enough to cover costs but small enough to assure that participants get lots of on-camera TV experience.

That'll be April 26, 27 at a location in Los Angeles, but the exact place has not been announced as of press-time. Be sure to call David soon at (714) 751-8980 for reservations.

Tax Protests Planned

Last year, newscasters in Los Angeles commented that the tax rebellion was over because not as many protestors had shown up the the traditional midnight vigil at the downtown post office. *CLNews* is not certain what all the regions throughout the state are planning, but it has been reported that several of the L.A. County regions will be joining together at Terminal Annex. Plans are also in the works to invite a number of tax protest groups to join us as they have in past years, to send a clear message to the IRS that we're anything but finished.

Neal Donner, chair of Region 62, will take the opportunity to launch the regions's voter registration drive. He figures that the time to get folks to change their registration from Republican to Libertarian is when they're "mad as hell and won't take it any more."

Demonstrations will begin about 4:00 pm, in order to get coverage on the 5:00 news, and will continue until the cameras leave at 11:30.

Notes from the State Executive Committee

The next state Executive Committee meeting will be May 3, 4 at Lake Tahoe.

A New Direction:

At the February Convention delegates mandated an significant change in the Executive Committee and the political direction of the Party. It was briefly mentioned in last month's *CLNews*, but deserves more attention. Bylaw 9, Section 3 was modified to read:

It shall be the primary duty of the Executive Committee to develop, fund and implement (either directly or through such committees as they shall appoint) a political strategy to elect Libertarians pledged to the Party Statement of Principles and to proclaim and implement those principles into public policy.

This new Bylaw was written and introduced by Ed Clark, former LP presidential and gubernatorial candidate, and Bruce Daniel, chair of Placer County.

As Bruce points out in a memo, this changes the "fundamental nature of the Ex-Com. from one of relative passivity to that of a politically aggressive stance." But this does not mean the Ex-Com. is now to become "the grand campaign manager" of the candidates. The idea is that the Ex-Com. develop "a

dynamic and coordinated political strategy" for candidates at every level, and for propositions on a statewide basis.

Bruce is currently developing a proposal for the Ex-Com. reps to present to the central committees of their regions, which may be useful in implementing the mandate now required of the Ex-Com.

Freedom Festival '86

Mark your calendar for Dagny's Freedom Festival, the weekend of Apr. 18-20. There'll be exciting drama, speakers, speech and photo contests (with great cash prizes!), and much more. Come and hear philosopher-writer Robert LeFevre, psychiatrist Peter Breggin, novelist Robert Anton Wilson, Libertarian International founder Vince Miller, and other noted libertarians. Ed Vallen and Iris Shidler will lead off the weekend festivities with a talk on Abolishing the Federal Reserve and the 16th Amendment.

The festival will be at the Ramada Inn, 12500 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk. For prices and schedule see last month's *CLNews*, or call Dagny Enterprises, (714) 968-4638.

A Good Word for Bandits

A Letter to the *L.A. Times*:

Feb. 12, 1986

'Bandit' Cabs in Los Angeles

"City Seeks to Flag Down 'Bandit' Taxicabs," said the headline in the Jan. 23 *Times*. "Bandit" taxicabs? What are these? Cab drivers who lure unsuspecting passengers into their vehicles, hold them up at gunpoint, then push them out on the freeway at 60 m.p.h.?

No, these cabbies are guilty of a far more heinous crime—giving people rides for money! The Taxi Industry Council of Los Angeles and their political henchmen down at City Hall have announced a crackdown on these fiendish interlopers who actually dare to provide a public service—brace yourself—without a government permit!

"We're going to do everything we can . . . to protect the public," says City Attorney James K. Hahn. Protect the public from what? Lower fares?

The purpose of taxi permits—as in every other licensed industry—is to freeze out any future competitors, either by limiting the number of franchises (read "monopolies") granted, or by making the cost so high as to prohibit most entrepreneurs from obtaining a license. The effect is to give the established cab companies a free ride on the backs of the taxi-riding public.

As with most government regulations, the poor end up as the main victims. Operating a taxi or jitney is one of the easiest and least expensive ways for individuals to go into business, yet this route becomes a dead end under the existing system of licensing, which shields the government-favored cab companies from such upstarts.

If drivers were allowed to operate free from government interference, cabs would be available in low-income areas where many drivers are now reluctant to go. In cities like Washington, D.C., and San Diego, where the taxi industry has been largely deregulated, other

results include shortening of response times, reduction in fares, and jobs for people who would otherwise be unemployed. As hordes of drivers compete for customers, any cab company with slipshod service or lax safety standards is weeded out in short order.

There is no such thing as unfair competition in a free market. If the members of the Taxi Industry Council can't prosper without government running interference for them, they shouldn't be in business in the first place. As for the bureaucratic meddlers down at City Hall, with their "sting operations" and "task forces," surely they can think up a more productive way to squander tax dollars than by harassing people who are just trying to make an honest living.

KARIN L. HOFLAND
Santa Monica



Whoops!

Last month in reporting the results of the membership drive, it was accidentally reported that "Southern California pulled ahead with a 30% increase over Northern California's 38%." OK, it should have read, "Southern California pulled ahead with a 40% increase . . ." Well, win a few, lose a few. Sorry about that.

And Throughout California:

We still have not received the complete list of Libertarian candidates that will be in the June primary and Nov. election. From our clipping service it appears that many are on the ballot in communities up and down the state, with San Diego County doing an especially credible job of fielding candidates. L.A. County is right in there, too, but we'll not have the final tally for the entire state for a couple more weeks at least. Look for it in the May *CLNews*.



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of California**

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3610 West 6th Street/Suite 531, Los Angeles, CA 90020. Thank you!

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LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or *CONTACT	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., Apr. 10	Discussion: Revenues w/o Taxation	Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles Co. (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fern. Valley	Wed., Apr. 9	Rick Higgs: Topic to be Announced	*Roland Shirley	818/882-9209
	Tue., Apr. 15	Tax Protest: Van Nuys Post Office		
-62, W. LA	Thu., Apr. 17	Taylor Rhodes: Campaign Kick-Off Speech 23rd Cong.	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills	Tue., Apr. 15	Tax Protest: Terminal Annex	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central LA	Thu., Apr. 10	Sarah Foster: Nuclear Education in LA. Public Schools	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey			Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
-66, South Bay	Tue., Apr. 15	Tax Protest: Terminal Annex	Dave Nichols	213/644-3712
-67, East San Gabriel Valley				
	Tue., Apr. 8	Marshall Fritz: Introduction to Libertarianism	Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
Marin	Wed., Apr. 2	Bill Evers: Grenada, Nicaragua, Angola—What's Up?	Dan Dougherty	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Nevada			Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Orange	Tue., Apr. 8	Movie: <i>Harry's War</i>	Steve Krueger	714/969-3706
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside	Tue. Apr. 8	Marshall Fritz (see Region 67)	Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Bernardino	Tue., Apr. 8	Marshall Fritz (see Region 67)	Brian Bishko	714/684-5218
San Diego	Tue., Apr. 8	Debate: Capital Punishment—Newman vs Landon	Pat Wright	619/238-0913
	Tue., Apr. 15	Norma Jean Almodovar: Decriminalization of Prostitution	*Cary Smith	619/621-2386
	Tue., Apr. 22	Central Committee Meeting	*Dick Rider	619/439-5899
	Wed., Apr. 9	Joe Fuhrig: LP Gubernatorial Candidate	Mike Mayakis	415/621-2386
San Francisco			Steve Jacobsen	805/541-0900
San Luis Obispo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
San Mateo			J. Bellamy-Genee	805/965-7821
Santa Barbara			Dale Burrow	408/279-3733
Santa Clara			*Bill Anderson	408/476-9753
Santa Cruz	Wed., Apr. 23	Jack Schaar: Fed. Papers—Case for Strong, Central Gov.	Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Solano			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Sonoma			Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Tulare	Sats. 5,19	Discussion: Hazlitt's <i>Economics in One Lesson</i>	George Hasara	805/525-6321
Ventura	Tue., Apr. 15	Tax Protest: Oxnard Post Office, 6-9 pm		

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