# California Libertarian News

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# Ray Cullen Gets 8.4% LPC STILL ON BALLOT

The headline is right—the Libertarian Party is still on the ballot in California, but that doesn't mean we can afford to sit back and relax. As the figures show, none of our candidates won as many votes as expected or hoped for, and these results hold for the local races as well.

Ray Cullen (for Treasurer) got far and above the 2% necessary for us to maintain ballot status; however, that was only because the Republicans didn't run anyone against incumbent Jesse Unruh. It's a good bet that that loophole is *not* going to be left untied next time. Since in the Senate race the three minor parties split enough votes away from Republican candidate Ed Zschau—thus ensuring Cranston's continued stay in that office—the GOP is no doubt hoping we're bumped as soon as possible.

As of press time, the official figures for statewide and local races have not been released by the Secretary of State's office, but should be ready in mid-December. Neal Donner, chair of Region 62 and LONG ACTIVE Coordinator, is putting together an analysis, paying particular attention to those precincts where the LONG ACTIVE project was in affect. We hope to publish this in the January issue of *CLNews*. Those candidates who have obtained their vote totals or done any analysis could make Neal's job easier by sending him your facts, figures, comments and conclusions. His address is: 2739 Westgate Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Telephone: (213) 477-6462.

#### **Libertarians Win Two Races**

Before the polls were even open, Libertarian John Farr was the winner in a non-partisan race for Palomar Mountain Resource Conservation Board in San Diego County. The fact that he had no opponents was a decided plus in his favor.

In Woodland Hills, LPC Treasurer Jerry Douglas won a seat on the three-person board of the Topanga-Las Virgenes Resource District.

As reported in the Sept. *CLNews*, there are hundreds of these districts throughout the state, and part of the responsibility of the office is giving expert testimony in land use cases. Congratulations to John and Jerry!

#### The Statewide Races

The vote totals are those reported in the Los Angeles Times, Nov. 6; the percentages were calculated by Neal Donner.

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| Party  | Candidate            | Vote Total   | %    |
| Gover  | nor                  |              |      |
| Rep.   | Deukmejian           | 4,395,972    | 60.5 |
| Dem.   | Bradley              | 2,721,674    | 37.5 |
| P&F    | Munoz                | 50,542       | 0.7  |
| AIP    | Miller               | 49,022       | 0.65 |
| Lib.   | Fuhrig               | 47,618       | 0.65 |
| Lieute | nant Governor        |              |      |
| Dem.   |                      | 3,879,705    | 54.0 |
| Rep.   | Curb                 | 3,044,363    | 42.4 |
| AIP    | Griffin              | 102,299      | 1.4  |
| Lib.   | Almodovar            | 87,943       | 1.2  |
| P&F    | Kuhn                 | 65,364       | 0.9  |
| Attorr | nev General          |              |      |
| Dem.   | Van de Kamp          | 4,595,704    | 66.1 |
| Rep.   | Gleason              | 2,065,481    | 29.7 |
| Lib.   | Newman               | 126,030      | 1.8  |
| P&F    | Evans                | 86,894       | 1.3  |
| AIP    | Odom                 | 79,477       | 1.1  |
| Secret | ary of State         |              |      |
| Dem.   | Ěu                   | 4,871,269    | 69.0 |
| Rep.   | Nestande             | 1,859,805    | 26.3 |
| P&F    | Garcia               | 150,331      | 2.1  |
| Lib.   | Winger               | 103,496      | 1.5  |
| AIP    | Dietrich             | 79,929       | 1.1  |
| Treasu | irer                 | .,,,,,       |      |
| Dem.   | Unruh                | 5,473,978    | 82.8 |
| Lib.   | Cullen               | 555,641      | 8.4  |
| AIP    | Short                | 348,730      | 5.3  |
| P&F    | Smith                | 235,355      | 3.5  |
| Contr  | oller                |              |      |
| Dem.   | Davis                | 3,603,026    | 51.6 |
| Rep.   | Campbell             | 3,072,945    | 44.0 |
| Lib.   | Treynor              | 138,482      | 1.98 |
| P&F    | Haag                 | 95,716       | 1.4  |
| AIP    | Kudrovzeff           | 70,933       | 1.0  |
| Senate |                      |              |      |
| Dem.   | Cranston             | 3,575,436    | 49.4 |
| Rep.   | Zschau               | 3,458,814    | 47.8 |
| AIP    | Vallen               | 107,405      | 1.5  |
| Lib.   | McKinley             | 64,724       | 0.9  |
| P&F    | Kangas               | 32,984       | 0.5  |
|        |                      |              |      |

### Notes from the State Executive Committee

The LPC State Executive Committee met in Milpitas the weekend of November 13-14.

LPC ANSWERING SERVICE: Chair Mark Hinkle reported the 800 number (for inquiries only) is listed in directories throughout the state, and the service is in effect 24 hours a day. The operator taking the calls obtains the caller's name, address, phone number, and asks where they have heard of the LP. These names are then handled by Lynn McNussen who comes to the San Jose office three times a week and sends out information packets (cover letter, newsletter, etc.) to those who request them. Lynn will also be sending the names of callers to the appropriate counties and regions for their contact lists.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Memberships and renewals are being handled by the new database manager Donna Peart who lives in Sunnyvale, not far from San Jose.

Donna's the person to contact if you want any kind of list for a membership drive, fundraising, etc. Through a new computer system she's developing with Steve Alexander, she'll be able to produce the following: lists of members in alphabetical order, regions and zip code; mailing labels and renewal notices; reports of renewal statistics by region; reports of membership dues payable to each region; response letters to inquiries; invitations to join the LPC; lists of contributors in alphabetical order, by region, zip code, in order of amount,

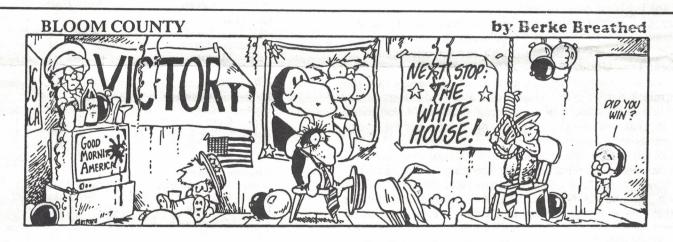
etc. Send membership information and requests to Donna Peart, 401 E. Taylor, San Jose, CA 95112.

MEMBERSHIP UP: Membership in the LPC is now 1,400—a gain of 120 since the last excom report.

MORE ABOUT FIDO-NET: The Liberty Bell BBS (Bulletin Board Service) is now operational—and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, although it is not available to outside callers from 12:30 am to 2:30 am to handle communications with other FIDO-NET BBS's. The Liberty Bell BBS FIDO-NET address is 143/6, and the phone number is (408) 947-1776. Access is free and is available at 300 or 1200 or 2400 baud. Free? Well, not exactly—there ain't no such thing as a free BBS. Help keep the Liberty Bell ringing—please send donations to 401 E. Taylor, San Jose, 95112.

#### **NatCom OKs New Director**

The LP National Committee which met in Los Angeles, Nov. 22-23, approved the appointment by chair Jim Turney, of Terry Mitchell as the National Director. Terry has been the Acting Director for several months, and reported that the National Office in Houston is running at a high degree of efficiency, but new equipment—from copiers to computers—is critically needed. We must "upgrade, automate, and move on," said Mitchell.



# Libertarian News

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#### **State Convention in February**

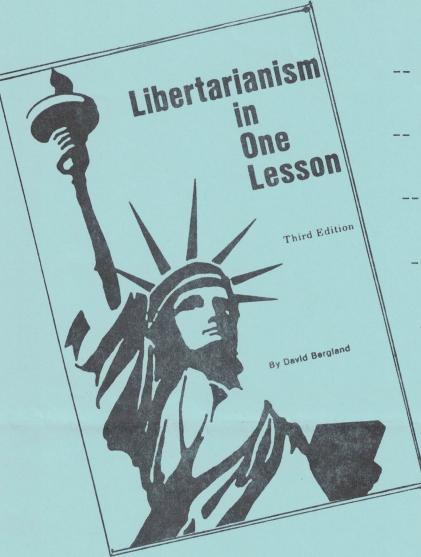
Cal-Lib '87, The LPC State Convention, is scheduled for Feb. 13-16 (Washington/Lincoln's Birthday Weekend) in San Francisco, and is being put together by Fred Stitt and Linda Torno.

This is a particularly important Convention as the delegates in San Francisco will elect the delegates to the National Convention to be held Labor Day Weekend in Seattle—and that's where the LP Presidential candidate for 1988 is nominated. So, Libertarians who plan to go to Seattle should definitely attend Cal-Lib '87. Delegates for the state convention are chosen by the regions at their December and January meetings—as are the state platform reps.

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# Lake County LP Lo

#### Give a Gift of Freedom

Wondering what to give this Christmas? Surely, someone you know has asked, what's all this about libertarianism that you're always talking about? Do that person a favor and give a copy of David Bergland's *Libertarianism in One Lesson*, which is an excellent introduction to the subject.

This is the third edition, and it's been updated to make it

more timely than ever.

The price is right—particularly when you buy in quantity—so you can give copies to lots of folks on your gift list and have some left over to give to your nearby public libraries and the editor of the local paper.

Check the blue flyer for full details.

#### More Good Reading

Don't miss the ad on page 7, for the *LGLC Newsletter* (Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns ). Editor Jim Peron publishes well-researched, fact-filled articles (some original, some from other sources) on matters of interest to all libertarians: like John Dentinger's account of how the "Censors Win One at Convenience Stores"—a particularly informative article on the capitulation of the 7-11 Stores to the Meese Commission; and Jim Peron's, superb analysis (Forgotten Ninth) of the recent U.S. Supreme Court Decision which upheld the outrageous Georgia statute prohibiting sodomy. The "Ninth" is, of course, the Ninth Amendment that's all too often overlooked—as was the case with the recent ruling.

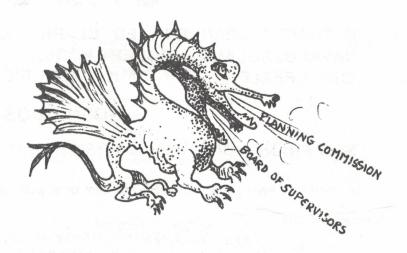
LGLC is organization of both gay an non-gay libertarians concerned about the needs and problems of gay men and women. Its main purposes are to provide a support group for gay and lesbian libertarians, to make libertarians aware of the particular concerns of gay people, and to show members of the gay community that libertarianism—the philosophy of individual liberty and the free market—is a moral and practical alternative to traditional left/right politics.

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Lake County LP member Randall Grindle is leading the opposition to the recently proposed Clearlake Zoning Ordinance and spearheading efforts to repeal the County's new zoning ordinance, which was passed by the Board of Supervisors Oct. 14.

In an interview with the local press, he denounced the proposed ordinance as "overly prescriptive and prohibitive regarding what you can and can't do with your own property," and pointed out that "many businesses would have to shut down because they don't conform."

Randall is demanding that an "amnesty clause" is placed in it to protect the rights of existing home, property and business owners no matter what new standards are set for development. "There's a clause in the ordinance that states: 'all uses have to be lawful.' We want the word 'lawful' dropped, and we want it made clear that any uses in effect at the time the ordinance is approved will be allowed to remain forever."

He is also insisting on a "code of ethics" for city planning commissioners. "We need to limit the power of the Planning Commission. A lot of the commissioners seem to think that their job is to enforce the codes as they see fit, and to favor certain businesses and special interests. Their job is to solve land use problems—not to legislate the kind of vegetation that should be planted or the color, size or shape of a building."

## LP Activist Wins 1

The Free Press Association presented the annual Mencken Awards at its banquet in New York City Oct. 25. CLNews has not heard who all the winners are, but was delighted to read in Libertarian Penn (November) that Linda Paustian, a member of the Pennsylvania LP, won the Best Editorial award for her piece in The Philadelphia Inquirer, "What Would We do Without a Convention Center? Plenty!" In this and in succeeding lively opinion-editorial pieces, Paustian defied the promoters, the developers, the city council, and every bureaucrat in seven townships—in an unrelenting campaign against the proposed Philadelphia Convention Center. She began as a lone voice of reason and liberty crying in the wilderness of Pennsylvania statism, but was heard and joined by others. Eventually the center was voted down at the state

### bbies for Freedom

Randall and the Libertarian Party of Lake County circulated a referendum petition demanding the Board of Supervisors "suspend and reconsider" the Oct. 14 Zoning Ordinance, and were joined in the effort by the Business Association of Lake County, but a technicality has thrown the matter of a special referendum election up in the air. Randall isn't about to give up: "If the county starts playing political games and throws our petition out, then we'll go straight to a Bill of Rights-type initiative."

Randall will lobby the Clearlake City Council over the next couple of months, and take action if the Council refuses to grant the provisions. "We could either go for a referendum vote or go directly to a Landowners' Bill of Rights Initiative. That all depends on how it goes with the county."

CLNews readers will remember Randall's letter to the editor in the November issue in which he invited LP members to get involved in the real world of politics by "lobbying for freedom." His taking on the County Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission is an excellent example of what Libertarians can do to effect meaningful change at the local level.

This account is based on two articles that appeared in the Lake County *Record Bee* (Oct.23 and Nov. 14). For complete copies, contact Randall Grindle: P.O. 684, Lower Lake, CA 95457. (707)

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# Mencken Award

level—much to the consternation of LOOT (Leaders Of Our Town—her acronym).

Evidently, the LOOT are still alive and kicking, since the same issue of the *Libertarian Penn* that cheered her winning of the Mencken Award, carried one of her more recent writings—a letter to the *Inquirer* which indicates the Convention Center is anything but a dead issue.

Paustian's editorials, which were instrumental in turning the tide of public opinion against the Center, should be read by all libertarians who are fighting redevelopment agencies, planning commissions, zoning boards, land use commissions, and so on. You can get copies by contacting *CLNews*, and sending \$3.00 to cover xerox and postage expenses.



# A Letter to the Mercury News Voters Deserve Respect

As an activist in the Libertarian Party, I puzzled during the campaign over the apathy displayed by *Mercury News* reporters toward our candidates.

None of the reporters were exactly beating down the doors to obtain the candidates' positions on any issues. Even if it is assumed that their stands were already known, the campaign stories did not reflect this. Those stories that deigned to acknowledge our existence at all, generally had, after paragraphs of verbiage about the two 'old' party candidates, a last line something like: "Also running is X, of the Libertarian Party." Period.

Not a word as to why the voter might possibly consider X's

qualifications would appear.

The reason for this escaped me until election morning, when the recommendations of the *Mercury News* were printed on the editorial page. This newspaper complacently endorsed every incumbent seeking re-election. The *Mercury News* likes the status quo.

This fact was driven home the next day when political writer Dale Lane congratulated the two-party system for surviving another round. Asserting that two major parties, one a little left and one a little right, "gives us a system for all seasons," Lane dismissed the Libertarian Party as "fine cocktail party conversation."

The fact is, though, that both the right and left are alike in wanting more government control in our lives. The only difference is that the left wants to control our wallets, the right our zippers. Only the Libertarian Party wants to free up both.

If the Mercury News truly does like the ways things are run now, it is doing a top-notch job. In all the legislative races in California this year, U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, State Assembly, State Senate, not a single incumbent was defeated. In most cases the incumbent won with a two-to-one margin or better.

For those of us who are tired of working 20 hours to 30 hours each week for the government, who want an "Uncle" Sam instead of a "Momma" Sam who snoops into our personal lives, who thinks governments should be no less accountable for their actions than ordinary people, neither old party offers a choice. The Libertarian Party, far from being grist for cocktail party pundits, offers that choice.

Brian Esterson
 Sunnyvale

The above letter by appeared in edited form in the San Jose Mercury News, November 20. CLNews obtained a copy of the original for reprinting—the deletions are indicated in italic. Brian is the alternate member of the LPC Ex-Com for Santa Clara County.

# God Bless You, Ebenezer Scrooge

**By Procter Thomson** 

"You'll want all day tomorrow, I suppose," said Scrooge.

"If quite convenient, Sir."
"It's not convenient," said Scrooge, "and it's not fair. If I was to stop half a crown for it, you'd think yourself ill-used, I'll be bound.' And yet," said Scrooge, "you don't think me ill-used when I pay a day's wages for no work.

The clerk observed that it was only once a year.

"A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty-fifth of December!" said Scrooge, buttoning his greatcoat to the chin. suppose you must have the whole day. Be here all the earlier next morning!"

—A Christmas Carol, 1843

If any man suffers from a bad literary reputation, it is Ebenezer Scrooge. In A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens gives Scrooge very poor marks indeed, calling him "a squeezing, wrenching, gasping, scraping, covetous old sinner!"

That kind of talk can ruin a man's reputation. To substantiate these charges, Dickens offers Scrooge's alleged mistreatment and exploitation of poor Bob Cratchit, his clerk, who is widely regarded as the most put-upon employee in the history of labor-management relations. Indeed, A Christmas Carol offers a splendid sermon against the 19th century businessman who helped create the prosperity that enabled Dickens to sell his books.

Our first view of Scrooge's clerk—we learn his name only later in the story—is not reassuring; we meet him copying letters "in a dismal little cell" with a fire so small "that it looked like one coal." Clearly Scrooge was not maximizing, as economists say, or he would have supplied enough of a fire so that the clerk would not have to stop work to warm his hands.

But it seems that Bob Cratchit was a valuable employee whose exploitation by Scrooge, or anyone else, was most unlikely. A Christmas Carol was published in 1843, but universal public education was not formally introduced in England until 1870, the year Dickens died. Thus, the ability to read, write and cipher represented scarce skills that should have commanded a high price. If Cratchit thought himself overworked and underpaid, why hadn't he left Scrooge's employ long before the story began?

I laid this before my class—I teach economics at Claremont Men's College-and asked them to analyze whether the "skinflint" reputation was justified. And they came up with some items that almost succeeded in vindicating Scrooge.

They began with a hard fact. Cratchit was paid 15 shillings a week. Scrooge says early in the story, and it is mentioned again later in the pun "15 bob for Bob." While 15 shillings a week—or 39 pounds a year—is certainly not wealth beyond our dreams, it put Cratchit in the upper half of the pecking order. According to Oxford University authorities, the average wage in the 1840s in Britain was only 30 pounds. And it would have been the equivalent of 200 United States dollars—roughly twice the per capita income for U.S. citizens at that time, according to estimates by the National Bureau of Economic Research. As for other occupations in England at that time, it might be interesting to know that indoor laborers made only five shillings a week, weavers made 13 shillings for a 60 hour week and skilled artisans such as carpenters made 20 shillings a week. But of course carpenters did not work all year round, which Cratchit certainly did.

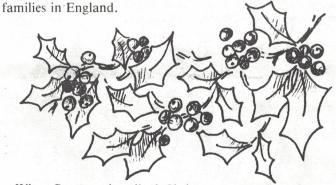
One student noted that there is nothing in the nature of a competitive market to ensure that a skilled worker receives higher wages merely because he is skilled. He is still at the

mercy of conditions of demand and supply. When a skill is easily acquired or widespread, it commands little in extra wages. Cratchit's skill as a clerk was apparently in less demand and greater supply than many other occupations. Thus his wages couldn't be expected to be as high as an artisan with a relatively scarce talent.

It was also pointed out that Cratchit was a very timid and cowardly chap. He lacked imagination and initiative to be really successful on his own. Why else would an educated man be working for wages in that era of sprouting entrepreneurs? If Cratchit had been particularly good as a clerk, he wouldn't have been afraid to ask for what he deserved.

Cratchit was as middle class as Yorkshire pudding—a sober church-goer who lived in a four-room house instead of a wretched tenement. Another student noted that Cratchit had six children and only one worked. Had they belonged to the laboring poor, Mrs. Cratchit plus five of the children would have worked whenever they could, and Tiny Tim would have scrounged for pennies in the street.

It was also suggested by another student that the Cratchits could afford a Christmas dinner consisting of goose, pudding, apples and oranges with a jug to wash it down. There seems little doubt that the Cratchits were better off than half the



When Scrooge described Christmas as "a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer," he sounds not so much like a misanthrope as an economic realist. He could claim, after all, to have been harassed by incompetent or mediocre help. Cratchit couldn't even keep the fire burning in the office or fend off unwanted visitors.

But enough of our students' research. If the old Scrooge was not all that bad, perhaps the new one may not have been all that admirable. True enough, he did take Marley's Ghost to heart when, in one of the celebrated passages of the story, his partner's spirit warns him "Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business: charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were all my business (whose neglect dooms me to wander forever)." Like a fine old fruitcake, the story is larded with these noble sentiments, which may prove indigestible if swallowed whole. Armed with good intent and a fat wallet, the man who makes mankind his business can become either a nuisance or a menance.

A Christmas Carol ends in an orgy of good intentions. Scrooge resolves to become a philanthropist—not tax exempt in those days—makes up with his nephew and becomes a "second father" to Tiny Tim and the Cratchits. Bully for him. But Dickens stands mute on the problems that the old busybody might meet in his new career.

Since a gift is a transaction with the price concealed, people give for a number of reasons: because it makes them feel good, because it makes other people pay attention to them, because it is the entry fee into the Social Register, because it enables them to run other peoples' lives, or because it may help someone else. Even when they intend to help, the way of the benefactor is hard. I can see Cratchit coming home from the counting house early on Christmas Eve-this is the new Scrooge, recollect-to announce that Uncle Ebenezer has invited himself to dinner and will bring the turkey:

"I should think," says Mrs. Cratchit plaintively, "that he'd want to spend the day taking charge of his nephew's affairs in-

stead of ours."

"Madame," replies Bob, "think of all he's done for us."

"That he has. Peter (the oldest boy) wants to take a job at the shop, but Scrooge won't hear of it because he wants to pack the lad off to school. And Peter wants to marry soon, but he won't hear of that either because he doesn't fancy the girl. And he's got all sorts of bothersome plans for Tiny Tim."

"What do you want to do, Tim?" says Bob.

"I like to-sit by the fire and mope," says Tiny Tim.

"And disappoint poor old Scrooge, who's only trying to help us all," replies Cratchit.

"Bah, humbug," says Tim.

The late Prof. Procter Thomson taught economics at Claremont Men's College, now Claremont McKenna College. A forceful yet witty advocate of free market capitalism, he authored many articles, including this piece in 1971, a few years before his death.

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### LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

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| COUNTY              | DATE   | EVENTS   | CONTACT*        | PHONE        |
| Alameda             | Thu., Dec. 11  | Dan Dougherty: The Great American Turn-off (Dinner Meeting)      | Fred Foldvary   | 415/548-3776 |
| Butte               |  |  | Mark Sweany     | 916/345-9970 |
| Contra Costa        |  |  | John Corl       | 415/223-4112 |
| Fresno              |  |  | Tim Salzer      | 209/233-4393 |
| Kern                | Fridays  | Discussion Group and Party Every Friday Evening                  | Craig Gifford   | 805/832-6231 |
| Lake                |  | 교통으로 하면 가는 이렇게 뭐니 이번에 제한 생활을 내려왔다.                               | Randall Grindle | 707/994-4817 |
| Los Angeles Co. (R  | egions 61-67)  |  |                 |              |
| -61, San Fernando   | Valley   |  | Nancy Neale*    | 818/893-6884 |
| -62, West L.A.      | Thu., Dec. 18  | Gloria Holmes: Family Synergy—Should Gov. Intervene in           |                 |              |
|                     |  | Personal Lifestyles?   | Neal Donner     | 213/477-6462 |
| -63, Foothills      | Tue., Dec. 16  | Delegate Election/Workshop on Robert's Rules of Order            | Kim Goldsworthy | 818/280-5644 |
| -64, Central L.A.   |  | No Meeting in December   | Ted Brown       | 213/257-8922 |
| -65, Downey         | Wed., Dec. 10  | Speaker and Topic to be Announced                                | Marty Swinney   | 213/699-3128 |
| -66, South Bay      |  | No Meeting in December   | Cullene Lang    | 213/595-6266 |
| -67, East San Gabri | el Valley  |  | Gail Lightfoot  | 714/599-1627 |
| Marin               | Wed., Dec. 3   | Jeff Riggenbach: Government's Inexcusable War on Drugs           | Dan Dougherty*  | 415/457-1411 |
| Monterey            |  |  | Bob Ratto       | 408/424-9346 |
| Nevada              |  |  | Jim Hosbein     | 916/273-9174 |
| Orange              | Thu., Dec. 11  | Barbara Branden: Passion of Ayn Rand (Liberty Forum Supper Club) | Sharon Ayres    | 714/966-1211 |
| Placer              |  |  | Bruce Daniel    | 916/6 3-2568 |
| Riverside           |  | No Meeting in December   | Ron Holman      | 714/684-5218 |
| Sacramento          |  |  | Roger Pope      | 916/921-1776 |
| San Bernardino      |  | No Meeting in December   | Brian Bishko    | 714/684-5218 |
| San Diego           | Tue., Dec. 9   | Business Meeting   | Dick Rider*     | 619/276-7166 |
|                     |  | No Supper Club Meeting in December                               | Pat Wright      | 619/238-0913 |
| San Diego (No. Co.  | .)   | No Meeting in December   | Dick Rider*     | 619/276-7166 |
| San Francisco       |  |  | Mike Mayakis    | 415/621-2386 |
| San Luis Obispo     |  |  | Steve Jacobsen  | 805/541-0900 |
| San Mateo           |  |  | Lyn Sapowsky    | 415/368-8148 |
| Santa Barbara       |  | No Meeting Scheduled for December                                | Dave Villadsen* | 805/685-1686 |
| Santa Clara         | Fri., Dec. 5   | Steve Alexander: Artificial Barriers                             | Dale Burrow     | 408/279-3733 |
| Santa Cruz          | levi a de la companya |  | Bill Anderson*  | 408/476-9753 |
| Solano              |  |  | Mark Moberg     | 707/864-1673 |
| Sonoma              |  |  | Jim Oglesby     | 707/823-5261 |
| Tulare              | Every Sat.   | Discussion: Charles Murray's Losing Ground                       | Vicky Daley     | 209/688-4159 |
| Ventura             | Tue., Dec. 4   | Dinner Meeting: Speaker and Topic TBA                            | George Hasara   | 805/525-6321 |

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