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## LPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKES BALLOT PROPOSITION RECOMMENDATIONS

At its August 19 meeting in the San Fernando Valley, the LPC Executive Committee made the following recommendations on the propositions that will be on the ballot November 6.

(Under a 1981 law propositions are to be numbered consecutively, starting with the November 1982 election and continuing for 20 years, to prevent confusion with previous measures with the same number.)

Prop. 25--\$325 million in clean water bonds--NO

Prop. 26--\$450 million in school building lease-purchase bonds--NO

Prop. 27--\$100 million in hazardous waste removal bonds--NO

Prop. 28--\$75 million in safe drinking water bonds--NO

Prop. 29--\$650 million in Cal-Vet farm and home loan bonds--NO

Prop. 30--\$50 million in senior center bonds--NO

Prop. 31--Would exempt fire sprinkler systems or fire-related egress improvements from the term "newly constructed" property for taxation reassessment purposes--YES

Prop. 32--Would amend constitutional provisions dealing with transfer of causes by the Supreme Court--NO POSITION

Prop. 33--Would allow disabled persons to postpone payment of taxes on their homes--YES

Prop. 34--Would exempt work on a certified historic structure occupied by the owner from the term "newly constructed" property for taxation reassessment purposes--YES

Prop. 35--Would require the Legislature to urge Congress to pass amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget--YES (This proposition was subsequently removed from the ballot by the California Supreme Court, which claimed that it was unconstitutional!)

## LOTTERY POSITION CLARIFIED

by Dan Wiener

The November ballot will include a proposition to establish a state-run lottery, to help finance public education. Despite widespread Libertarian espousal of lotteries as a moral way to fund government, this one turns out to be a very bad idea.

First of all, just as with any sales tax, there is no justification for the state claiming that the purchase of a lottery ticket is "voluntary" and hence taxable (the state rakes off 33%). Nor does it justify outlawing all but state-controlled lotteries.

As if that weren't bad enough, this new 33% tax won't even be used to cut other repressive taxes, but instead will be thrown down the rathole of the public school system.

Passage of this proposition will have no positive value, but will just delay the day that private lotteries and gambling may be decriminalized. Libertarians who support this proposition will have a tough time explaining how it fits with their principles.

Prop. 36--Would place additional restrictions on real property taxation--YES

Prop. 37--Would establish a state lottery, with profits to be used for public education--NO

Prop. 38--Would put California on record in favor of repeal of federal law requiring ballots in foreign languages--NO POSITION

Prop. 39--Would create a commission of retired appeals court judges to redraw legislative and congressional districts--NO POSITION

Prop. 40--Would limit contributions to political campaigns--NO

Prop. 41--Would limit California's welfare benefits to the average of the other 49 states plus 10 percent--NO POSITION

## RESOLUTION ON A PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS the people of the State of California have been witness to the most arrogant display of raw political power concerning the implementation of the recently passed Proposition 24 by the leadership of the Legislature, and,

WHEREAS the people would be best served by lowered costs and less loss of freedom with the passage of fewer laws and regulations, and,

WHEREAS in the past the Libertarian Party of California has fought for less government on all fronts, and,

WHEREAS the size of our state government has grown significantly since California went to a full-time legislature in 1966, and,

WHEREAS the burden to the taxpayers has also grown significantly faster than the population, and,

WHEREAS a full-time legislature has led to bloated salaries and lucrative pensions, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of California supports, in concept, the efforts by Paul Gann and People's Advocate Inc. to place an initiative on the June 1986 ballot to return the California Legislature to a part-time status.

(Passed by Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, August 19, 1984.)

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# FROM THE ACTIVIST EDITOR

Libertarians should take a few lessons from squaredancers.

Bill and I went to our first squaredance lesson last Monday night. The reception we received, and the encouragement to "return next week," was everything that we Libertarians should be doing at our meetings, and was just what we see all too rarely at Libertarian meetings.

Squaredance lessons are most often sponsored by an existing squaredance club in an effort to keep their club in existence by adding new blood each fall. Libertarian organizations can use the same techniques to insure that newcomers keep coming back to our meetings and get involved in our activities.

We found out about the lessons because this squaredance club dances in the Costa Mesa Women's Club, just down the block from our house. One night we walked by and looked in the door. A club member spotted us and immediately started a conversation: Had we danced before? Were we interested in learning? Well, then, come on out to our class that starts next week! Here's a flyer, and here's how you get there.

Libertarians can do the same thing when they meet up with a person who may be slightly interested in the Libertarian position. Would you like to hear more about us? Well, then come on out to our meeting (or supper club, or mailing session) next week! But if you do that, you better be prepared to encourage them to stay and get involved once they do show up!

How do the squaredancers do it? Well, when we showed up at the class, we were greeted at the door by the class organizer and his wife: Welcome, I'm Ray, we're glad to have you here. You're going to love our club. Please sign in on the sign-up sheet, so we can contact you for future events. Please make yourself a name tag.

That done, we walked into the room. One by one, several people in the club made a beeline toward us: to say hi, to

welcome us to the class, to tell us how great their club was, and to encourage us about how easy it was to learn to squaredance. All these people had on name-tags, and made a point of looking at our nametags and saying our names.

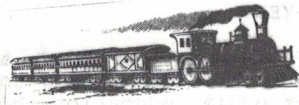
During a break partway through the evening, Bill and I stepped outside for a cool breeze. A woman came out after us: Oh, there you are, Bill and Mary, right? Could you each fill out one of these cards so we can keep our files up-to-date? (We filled out a card with name, address, phone number, spouse's name, wedding anniversary, and birthday!) During another break we were invited to share in cookies and coffee.

Toward the end of the evening, people started coming up to us thanking us for coming, asking if we had enjoyed it, and urging us to come back next week. (By the way, we had a GREAT time and will definitely go back!)

These people are SERIOUS about keeping their organization active and finding new people to join. And all so they can dance twice a month to country and western music!

Shouldn't we Libertarians be at least as serious about encouraging new people to get active in local Libertarian activities? After all, we are out there fighting to regain and preserve our basic human freedoms! The very freedom to be able to go squaredancing when we want to!

So we've got to do just what these squaredancers were doing--making a conscious effort



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slated to "Reagan is a Dangerous Politician" . . . Chair Jim Wilson reports that the Santa Clara LP is a founding member of "Alliance Against A," a coalition formed to oppose Measure "A" on the November ballot. "A" is a one-half of one percent sales tax increase to be used for new freeway construction.

"The Alliance is an interesting mix of environmentalists, small-business people, light-rail/alternative transit advo-

to greet each newcomer, to chat with them, to let them know that it is easy to learn about libertarianism, that we are friendly people, that they are going to enjoy working with us and socializing with us.

There are obviously some differences between our two organizations. For example, I suspect that Libertarian organizations will be less couple-oriented, so I doubt if you want to plan to celebrate each person's wedding anniversary! But you can make sure that each newcomer is talked to and made to feel at home.

Think about your first Libertarian meeting--if you were at all like me, you weren't made to feel particularly welcome, but you stayed because you really cared about the Libertarian cause. But lots of people may never come to care that much because they get scared off by the lack of hospitality they receive at their first encounter with Libertarians.

Now, sit down with your local Hospitality Committee (you don't have one? Well, create one! These squaredancers have just that--a committee of people who concentrate on making people feel welcome). Try to figure out the kinds of things your group will be most comfortable doing that will insure that no more newcomers get scared away from that first meeting.

There are over 6 million regular squaredancers in the United States--they are definitely doing something right, and we must emulate them if we are going to make a real go of it in the cause of liberty!

Mary Gingell

cates, and conservative anti-tax groups.

"The SCLP, along with several other groups, submitted a ballot argument, but it was not accepted. LP'ers are active leaders in the coalition, which will emphasize the diversity of its members to appeal to large segments of voters. Note that Measure "A" does not require a two-thirds majority, but only a simple majority due to legislative chicanery" . . . 41st District Congressional candidate Sara Baase will be seen on KPBS-TV in San Diego on October 25th in a three-way interview with all the candidates in her race.

## FROM THE STATE CHAIR

By Jack Dean

Fund raising and membership recruitment are the lifeblood of any political party. And this summer a great deal of time and energy has been focused on these two topics by a committee headed by immediate past state chair Mary Gingell.

The Fundraising/Membership committee has concentrated on two major areas: 1) seeking ongoing financial support from current dues paying central committee members, and 2) seeking new members.

The first area of concern was addressed with a phonathon which was quite successful. While final results have not yet been tallied, it appears that over \$5500 in pledges and one-time contributions was raised from some 176 donors as a result of this program conducted in July and August. If you were one of those who responded so generously to our phone call, please accept our sincere thanks.

This phonathon is actually the culmination of "Project 250" launched last February by energetic Mike Yauch of Pasadena (who's now deeply involved in a hot two-way congressional race). The ultimate goal--to achieve a total of 250 regular pledgers to the LPC general fund by the end of 1984--is well within our grasp. We now have 181.

The committee's next step is to do a follow-up mailing to all those we weren't able to reach by phone.

My sincere thanks to Mary Gingell for her tireless efforts to move this project along so successfully, and also to state co-ordinator Laurel Fest, who has been intimately involved in all the planning and a great help in the execution.

As for the goal of seeking new members, I'm pleased to announce that Thea McLean of El Cerrito has accepted the responsibility of heading up our membership recruitment program, and has already started working with Mary to develop a plan, including the LPC's "first annual" membership drive in November. (Watch for more about that!)

Now on to a variety of other items of importance:

o BERGLAND FOR PRESIDENT:  
California Berland for

President chair Bob Lehman of Los Angeles has been doing an outstanding job of organizing activities and fund raisers throughout the state. If you'd like to help out, give him a call at 213/389-3358.

o '86 CONVENTION: Bids are now being sought from local organizations interested in hosting the LPC's 1986 state convention. If you'd like to prepare a bid or would like more information on the procedure, please contact southern vice chair Sam Treynor, who is the chair of the Standing Committee on Conventions.

o GANN INITIATIVE: Paul Gann has announced plans to launch an initiative targeted for the June '86 ballot which would cut the legislature back to its 1966 part-time level of operation. Our Executive Committee has already endorsed this concept, and I have talked with Paul Gann about our desire to help. He fondly remembers how Libertarians helped with Proposition 13 back in 1978, and he appears eager to have our assistance.

So for those of you who've been looking for an initiative to sink your teeth into, this could be it. Please drop me a note indicating what you'd be willing to do (circulate petitions, do telephoning, etc) and I'll make sure he finds a place for you in the operation.

o STATEWIDE CALENDAR: Melinda Pillsbury-Foster of Reseda has volunteered to serve as "California's Calendar Co-ordinator". She'll be maintaining on computer a

calendar of upcoming activities on a statewide basis. One goal of this project is to help adjacent LP organizations avoid setting up conflicting meeting or activity dates. Another is to provide a centralized source of information about upcoming events to anyone seeking it. You can help to get this project off the ground by calling Melinda at 818/342-9716 to list your next few months worth of local activities.

o STAFF POSITION: Resumes are being accepted from individuals interested in doing full- or part-time work for the LPC. The state co-ordinator contract currently held by Laurel Fest will expire at the end of November, and prior to that time both she and the committee will be determining whether it is mutually desirable to continue, modify or terminate this arrangement. If you are interested in working for the LPC, please send your resume to Carolyn Treynor, chair of the Contract Services Management Committee (see ad for address).

As always, please give me a call if you have an idea or a question.

### BAASE ON THE STREETS AND THE RADIO

The Sara Baase for Congress campaign has taken to the air and the streets! Or, in other words, some radio ads have been produced and the precinct walking has begun.

Sara and other local Libertarian candidates also had a three-hour brunch meeting with San Diego Union columnist Richard Louv. Louv has written several columns reporting on Libertarian ideas such as private solutions to environmental problems (e.g., privatize the water system!). Although he is not a Libertarian, Louv told the candidates that he thinks Libertarians are the only people  
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## CALIFORNIA BERGLAND FOR PRESIDENT NEWS

by Bob Lehman

### THIS IS IT, FOLKS!

Only a few weeks remain for California Libertarians to take advantage of the public's heightened political awareness, aroused by the Presidential election.

After November 6, the vast majority of Americans will resign themselves to another four years of government interference in their lives. Anything you can do to help promote the Libertarian Party will have much greater impact if you DO IT NOW, rather than waiting until after November 6th.

By now you should have received a letter from Ed Clark, giving you lots of ideas for ways to become personally involved in the campaign.

I realize that many of you receiving this newsletter already are involved, as candidates, campaign managers, local Bergland coordinators or LP officers at some level. However, we also sent Ed's letter to about 29,000 California Libertarians who have registered with the Libertarian Party since 1980. By giving them the opportunity to become involved, we hope to expand greatly the level of Libertarian activity in California over the next five to six weeks.

I'd like to invite you, the dues-paying members who are the backbone of the Libertarian Party of California, to take a leadership role in helping bring those who respond to Ed's letter into active participation in your local Libertarian Party organization.

You can do this by working with your local Bergland for President coordinator to recruit, and serve as an example for, anyone in your area who responds to Ed's letter. I will be sending the local coordinators copies of all responses received.

In areas where local Libertarian candidates are actively distributing literature, volunteers can help Bergland by working in that local campaign.

Supplementing the activities of local Libertarian candidates, the Bergland campaign

will by setting up literature tables in strategic locations throughout the state. You can help your local Bergland for President coordinator by taking charge of one tabling location, finding a card table, and asking other volunteers (from a list which your Bergland coordinator can provide) to work with you at that location or to fill in when you can't be there.

If you have an extra card table you can spare, your local Bergland coordinator can probably use it.

David Bergland's schedule is currently being revised to allow for more campaigning in California than originally planned. Currently, he has appearances scheduled in Santa Barbara on October 2nd, Orange County on October 27th, and at a class of 800-1200 students at UC--Berkeley on October 31st. A fundraiser at Bobbie Gentry's home has been postponed to sometime after October 10th.

To keep up-to-date on David's hectic schedule and other campaign news, call the Libertarian Hotline at (213)

389-0862 for recorded messages beginning October 9th.

The Bergland campaign has produced two 30-second TV spots and two 30-second radio spots for airing in the closing days of the campaign. Here's where our advertising budget is targeted, based on current contributions from each county:

Los Angeles	41%
Santa Clara	18%
San Diego	6%
San Francisco	6%
Contra Costa	5%
Orange	5%
Alameda	5%
Fresno	4%
San Mateo	3%
Kern	1%
San Joaquin	1%
Others	5%

Virtually all contributions that come in from this point on will go toward buying air time. Of course, the breakdown of where we buy time could change from the above figures as contributions come in from our 30,000-piece mailing, especially if some counties were to organize a telephone follow-up.

## ANTI-GUN CONTROL MONITORING PROGRAM BEGINS

by John Corl

The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) has started a program to monitor television news broadcasts for stories supportive of or biased towards the position of the anti-gun movement.

The SAF hopes to have many volunteers monitoring programs and reporting back to SAF on the time and nature of the anti-gun news story or statement, and SAF expects to ask for time to present its views in a filmed response statement.

SAF also plans to complain to the program sponsors and the FCC, and to challenge the license of the station on the next renewal.

## PARTY SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR STAFF POSITION

The Libertarian Party of California is now accepting resumes from individuals interested in a full-time staff position to begin in December or January.

Your resume should include educational and professional background, Libertarian Party or other political experience, and compensation requirements. Please send to: Carolyn Treynor, Chair, Contract Services Management Committee, 629 19th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Deadline for applications is October 20, 1984.

Although these last two steps are patently non-libertarian in nature, there does seem to be an opportunity for Libertarians to aid this program with or without direct involvement with SAF.

You can write a short letter to the sponsor of the program, with a copy to the station, setting forth your libertarian position on the question of gun ownership, and letting the sponsor know that continued sponsorship of such biased reporting will affect your buying habits.

Alternatively, you can contact SAF at the James Madison Bldg., 12500 NE Tenth Place, Bellevue, WA 98005, to volunteer as an observer.

# LOCAL EVENTS & CONTACTS

Alameda	4th THU, Oct. 25	Chair, Mike Tejada	(415) 521-5866
Butte		Chair, Harry Pendery	(916) 877-7652
Contra Costa		Chair, Hugh McLean	(415) 234-7809
Fresno	2nd WED, Oct. 10	Chair, Bob Subers	(209) 299-7294
Kern	3rd WED, Oct. 17	Chair, Dan Lucas	(805) 366-6660
Lake	every SAT, Literature table at Post Office	Chair, Randall Grindle	(707) 994-4817
Marin	1st WED, Oct. 3	Chair, Tom Jacobsen	(415) 924-5246
Monterey		Chair, Bob Ratto	(408) 424-3143
Nevada		Interim Chair, Jim Hosbein	(916) 273-9174
Orange	2nd TUE, Oct. 9	Chair, Ray Cullen	(714) 754-4054
Placer	1st THU, Oct. 4	Exec. Dir., Jim McClarin	(916) 663-2568
Riverside	3rd THU, Oct. 18	Renaissance Books or	(714) 369-8843
		Chair, Ron Holman	(714) 684-5218
San Diego	3rd TUE, Oct. 16	Prog. Chair, Eunice Sperlein	(619) 692-4305
San Francisco		Chair, Mark Pickens	(415) 864-0952
San Joaquin		Chair, George Schwappach	(209) 334-5948
San Mateo	Oct. 18, 6 PM, Dinner with Leonard Liggio	Bill Wade, or	(415) 594-1125
		Chair, Dave Bell	(415) 365-9102
Santa Clara	3rd THU, Oct. 18, Business Meeting	Chair, Jim Wilson	(408) CRY-FREE
	Oct. 23, Supper Club		
Santa Cruz	every WED, 7:30 P.M.	Chair, Tim Kilburn	(408) 688-1376
Solano		Chair, Mark Moberg	
Sonoma		Chair, Jim Oglesby	(707) 823-5261
Tulare		Chair, Hartune Neffian	(209) 732-5674
San Fernando Valley-61	Oct. 10, Dinner with Mike Grossberg, "Science Fiction, The Literature of Freedom," 6 PM cocktails, 7 PM dinner, 8 PM speaker	Regional Message Center	(818) 705-6496
	Nov. 3, Halloween Party	Dinner Reservations	(805) 705-6496
	Nov. 14, Dinner with Bob Poole, "The High Frontier"	Party Info	(805) 252-3250
West LA-62		Chair, Neal Donner	(213) 477-6462
Glendale-Pasadena-63		Chair, Steve Malmberg	(213) 257-9491
Central LA-64	2nd THU, Oct. 11	Chair, Laurel Fest	(818) 241-1881
Downey-65	2nd WED, Oct. 10	Chair, Terry Holloway	(213) 925-7235
South Bay-66	2nd THU, Oct. 11	Chair, Carolyn Treynor	(213) 546-2846
East San Gabriel-67	Joint meetings with Riverside County	Chair, Gail Lightfoot	(714) 599-1627

## NEWS FROM CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGNS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

Steve Kelley, running for the 29th State Senate seat, tells CA '84, "Based on my experience from running for State Assembly two years ago, I'm focussing efforts on a few select appearances and literature distribution. I covered all of El Segundo with literature two years ago and hope name recognition will carry for 1984.

"My plan this year is to concentrate literature in choice precincts in Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach . . . and hope that Bergland has coattails. If nothing else, I won't be as burned out at the end as I was in '82, and maybe I'll be able to help capitalize on post-election interest" . . . Mark Hinkle, candidate for the 25th Assembly district, has written the ballot argument against Santa Clara County Measure "B". This measure would allow the water district trustees to issue an unlimited amount of revenue bonds. Mark has duped this the "BLANK CHECK BOONDOGGLE."

Mark's only opponent in November is freshman Democrat Rusty Areias. Mark has recently campaigned in Merced, Monterey, and Santa Clara Counties . . . Taylor Rhodes will debate the other candidates for the 43rd District State Assembly seat, on October 15, at UCLA . . . Perr Cardestam, Libertarian candidate for Congress in the 10th

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## CANCER & THE BIG LIE!

Edith Efron, author of "The Apocalypstics: Cancer And The Big Lie"

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Sandy Shaw, co-author of "Life Extension" with Durk Pearson

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Two-days (non-student)	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
One-day (non-student)	\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.00
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Regular Table	\$22.00	\$26.00	\$32.00*
Golden Table	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$55.00*
Saturday Night Film Festival	\$4.50	\$5.50	\$6.50

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thinking up good, new solutions to serious social problems.

Last month, the Baase campaign sent its first "troops" out to the neighborhoods of the 41st Congressional district. Precinct walkers went door-to-door and handed out Sara's cam-

paigned brochure to voters in the Claremont area.

This was a "reconnaissance mission" to see how much time it would take to do each precinct, how up-to-date the registration lists are, etc. Most of the precinct walking effort will take place in October.

Radio time has been reserved on all-news KSDO for the month before the election. If sufficient funds are raised, some ads may be run on a music station, too.

The Sara Baase for Congress Committee meets every two weeks. More people are still needed to take on responsibility for a variety of projects. For more information about the campaign, or to volunteer, call the LP phone, (619) 276-7166, or Frank Zoeckler, (619) 461-5544.

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