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CLEAN CARS AT CAPZ

By Al Western, Jr.

For four hours on April 14, 1989, the parking lot at Andy Capz Pub displayed the cleanest cars in town. Owner Tony Testalin was the first customer of the day and though trucks were washed for \$5.00, he kicked off the extravaganza with a substantial donation that far exceeded the fee.

LPCC members came and went during the day. Some came to help with the work, others to have their cars washed and donate some money. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moss even showed up with a couple of pizzas at noon so the washers could enjoy lunch.

Tables were set up displaying LP literature for customers to pursue as they waited for their vehicles to be cleaned, anti-IRS hats were also sold and a voter registrar table was accessible.

Hard work deserves credit. Thanks go out to Paula Miller, Marcy Western, Chuck Geshliger, Sharon Peterson, Jack LeVine, Richard and Sharon Moss, and if I may be so vain, myself. (If I left anybody out, please accept my apology here.)

Though the carwash was scheduled to last until 4:00pm, due to no shows, it was terminated two hours earlier. Therefore, Julie Vorce and Hal Morton deserve an honorable mention as they showed up around 2:30 to offer their services. Regardless, between vehicle washings, hat sales, and the generosity of Mr. Testalin, about \$120.00 was raised for the LPCC general fund.

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The arrival of the police was not at all detrimental to the Libertarian cause. Local TV stations, there to film the vast number of taxpayers who waited until the last minute to mail in their 1040's, virtually ignored the tax protest until the police arrived. Apparently, at that point, a story developed and a few anti-taxers saw their faces on local television the next morning.

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LPCC Business Meeting Agenda

7:45pm	Arrival	Membership
8:00	Call to Order	Al Western
	Old News	Sandra Black
8:20	Treasurer's Report	Membership
8:30	"LP VIABILITY & THE PRESS"	John Ketchum
9:15	Program Committee Report	Mr. Jon Ralston
9:30	Finance Committee Report	Paula Miller
9:45	Judicial Committee Report	Chuck Geshliger
10:00	Nominations Committee Report	Mike Prescott
10:15	Membership Committee Report	Gary Jackson
10:30	Publicity Committee Report	Jeff May
10:45	Adjournment, Open Meeting	Jack LeVine
		Membership & Guests

"Events" -- cont. from page 1 a lot next to the Kinney shoe store at 1225 N. Eastern. Call Julie at 459-1367 for further information and to offer your assistance.

Gordon Morris continues to do battle in the courtroom on behalf of the state party to straighten out the inequities in the ballot access laws. Within the month he hopes to meet personally with Judge Lloyd George and plead our case. This month will be a "make or break" for us, as Morris feels it's essential to at least be included in the registration literature given out by the registrars at the DMV and the Board of Elections.

Our being designated as a "minor party" during the last legislative group has made it next to impossible to be recognized. The "M.O.B." (Monopoly on Ballot) as Morris calls it, must be

identified and chastised publically. It has gotten to the point where state employees who register voters are violating NRS 293.505, denying voters the right to register Libertarian. If this happens to you or a friend, call 734-FREE and report it immediately! It will strengthen our case.

It must be noted that the identification as "major" party requires a 10% registration level... a figure arbitrarily fixed by our "honorable" representatives. Apparently, our lawmakers in Carson City want to assure us that the "minor" parties will remain as such.

This month you must submit your name to Dan Becan if you want to be a delegate at the National Convention this fall in Philly. Call him at 1-825-3519. This is for National Party members only.

LIBERTARIAN AGENDA

May 15	LPCC Business Meeting Denny's - 3658 Las Vegas Bl. S.	7:45pm
May 20	Home Schoolers United - Andre Marrou Speaks Sunrise Library - 5400 E. Harris	1:30pm
May 20	LPCC Women's Auxiliary Rummage Sale 1225 N. Eastern	8:00am
May 23	MENSA - Andre Marrou Speaks Rumors Lounge -- W. Sahara at Rainbow	6:00pm
May 27	June Porcupine Deadline	
May 29	TRIM "Pot Luck" Dinner - Speaker TBA Hitchin' Post - 3640 Las Vegas Bl. N.	6:00pm
June 10	Chuck's Silver & Gold BBQ 5043 Stormy Circle	4:00pm

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ANDRE MARROU TO ADDRESS HOME SCHOOLERS & MENSA

FORMER ALASKA ASSEMBLYMAN HEADLINES MAY'S LIST OF EVENTS

By Chuck Geshliger

The 1988 Libertarian Vice Presidential candidate and former member of the Alaska State Assembly, Andre Marrou will headline May's list of events. He was invited to be the "keynote" speaker at the moving-up exercises of the Home Schoolers United. In addition, Mensa, the organization for those who possess an above average intelligence level, has requested a local representative of the LP to address one of their weekly meetings. Andre has once again been chosen to let another organization see what we are truly made of.

The home schoolers will provide an opportunity to have the Libertarian message heard by about 150 adults... all who strongly believe they are far better qualified than the state to teach their kids and that they have primary rights to their children's well-being! Mr. Marrou is sure to bring out many of the sentiments they already hold and offer them a political home they can feel good about. If you have kids and want to see the alternative and support this organization offers, along with the treat of hearing Andre Marrou represent your political party, you are urged to take a few hours and go. The event will be held at the Sunrise Library, 5400 E. Harris, (E. of Nellis -- between Owens and Bonanza), at 1:30pm, May 20.

Mr. Marrou will offer his knowledge, political insight and "pan-face" dry humor to the membership of Mensa on May 23 at 6:00pm. Their meetings are held at Rumors Lounge, on W. Sahara at Rainbow. All Libertarian members should witness this... if for no other reason than to see why none have us, besides Mike Prescott, have been invited to join!

At the business meeting this month we will be honored by the presence of Mr. Jon Ralston. He is the number one

political analyst of the R-J and will honestly tell us about Libertarian viability and the press. The major media owes us some good explanations about why we are constantly snubbed or indirectly ridiculed by only covering our stands that make us seem like fringe-loons.

Actually, it is Mr. Ralston that gave Ron Paul a very fair interview last spring. However, when covering the actual races, Ralston constantly belittles the Republican and Democratic candidates for their emphasis on personal quarrels and general lack of attending to the real issues, yet he never mentions anything about what an LP candidate might offer to a race. All Libertarians in this town should certainly be at this month's business meeting: 7:45pm at Denny's, 3658 Las Vegas Blvd. S. (East side of Strip -- not the Denny's by the Dunes!) next to the Full Moon Motel. Mr. Ralston should be offered quite an earful, hopefully from a large group, ready to be taken seriously!

It should be noted that Julie Vorce has rescheduled the LPCC rummage sale. It will be on Saturday morning, May 20, in

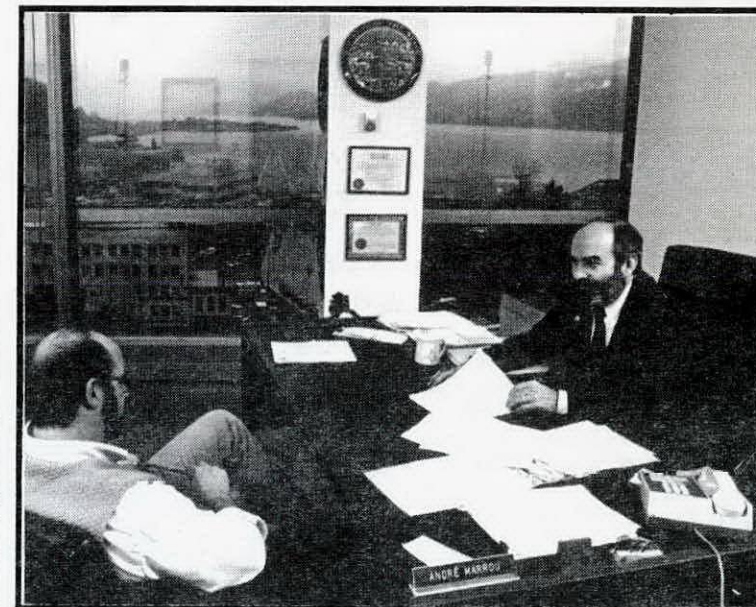
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NSEA FIGHTS BUREAUCRACY

The Nevada State Education Association has urged its members to call or write members of the Senate Legislative Affairs Committee and request that they vote "no" on SB 80.

SB 80, sponsored by Senator Ann O'Connell's (R-5C) interim committee studying the structure of education in Nevada, would establish a new legislative committee to oversee education. The committee would review and evaluate the quality and effectiveness of education

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Marrou discusses plans with aid while in office in Alaska Assembly. Now residing in Las Vegas, Andre will be speaking on behalf of LPCC.

NATIONAL LP NOTES

"My Social Security card clearly states, 'not to be used for identification,'" wrote New Hampshire LP'er Brandy Adams to the State Director of Motor Vehicles in protest of a requirement that the number be printed on her driver's license.

"To her surprise," reports *Libertarian Lines*, the New Hampshire LP newsletter, in response "Adams received a letter which said, 'As requested, your SS number has been deleted from the system.'"

Concerned members of LPCC are encouraged to do the same.

When members of the Libertarian Party of Clark County began picketing the Main Post Office in Las Vegas to protest taxation, Postal authorities felt obligated to call the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for

assistance. Apparently the complaint was that protesters presented a traffic hazard. To rectify the "problem," Metro arrived with seven patrol cars, lights flashing, and blocked off two lanes of the five lane road while thae assessed the situation.

"Traffic was flowing smoothly until the police arrived to ensure that it did," said Al Western, LPCC Chair. According to an eye-witness, at one point there were more police than picketers.

A law officer actually threatened to arrest a couple of the protesters for unlawful assembly when they questioned his commands. He backed off when LP'er Gordon Morris produced a copy of the Nevada Revised Statutes and read the right to assemble law to the unsuspecting officer. Failing to scare the Libertarians away, police became content with

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From the Chair

By Al Western

Of primary importance this month is for you to notice that the LPCC monthly meetings have been relocated to Denny's at 3658 Las Vegas Bl. S. This is the Denny's approximately one block north of Tropicana, on the Strip next to the Full Moon Motel. It is on the east side of the Strip. The managers have requested an average expenditure of \$3.50 per person. So please show up a little early, and hungry!

I would like to apologize to those individuals who tried to attend last month's meeting at the regular place. A new manager has taken over the establishment and, though we have been meeting there regularly for months, had never heard of us and didn't know what to do. Therefore, she bluntly informed me that under no circumstances were we going to hold a meeting there that night. Again, I apologize, we missed you.

Briefly, I want to mention a few things concerning LPCC events. As you may know, Program Chair Paula Miller has been very active in

scheduling events and Publicity Chair Jack LeVine has been equally involved in publicizing them. I would like to suggest that it makes no sense to hold activities if no one is there to fulfill the obligations involved. In fact, it's worse than doing nothing at all! The anti-tax carwash is a prime example.

The idea had been suggested at an LPCC business meeting. Many members verbally committed their time and effort to it, and it was agreed to hold the event. Miller and LeVine took care of the essentials and I secured a location.

Then came the moment to perform. Only half of those who committed to help actually participated. It could have been a grave disaster! As we grow in numbers and public scrutiny increases, imagine the embarrassment when a program is initiated, the press arrives, and three or four lonely Libertarians are made to look like fools in front of God, Mom, and television!

The point is, if you can't participate in an event, don't say you will and then not show. Just be honest and say you can't make it. That way if we don't have the manpower to do it right, we can always cancel or postpone the event.

Becoming a viable voice in Nevada politics requires that we do better than our Republican and Democratic counterparts. In fact, it requires that we do much better. So turn that dam TV off and get out there.

Finally, a special thanks to Mr. Jack Bemis for his generous donation.

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NORMA JEAN RELEASED

By Jorge Amador

Norma Jean Almodovar, the "cop-turned-callgirl" who went to prison for exposing corruption in the L. A. police department, was released at 12:01 in the morning last Dec. 14.

According to a newsletter produced by Friends of Norma Jean, she still has three years of parole to go, during which time she is at the beck and call of a parole officer. The newsletter's name, "Out But Not Free," is apt. She may not do interviews or lectures without prior approval; must obey all of the officer's orders "even if [these] are illegal or unconstitutional; must obtain written permits to travel outside the state; and may only choose a line of work approved by the state."

Almodovar intends to go to court on First Amendment grounds if the parole officer refuses to permit her to travel for media opportunities or lectures. Since her release she has made 13 public and media appearances, including three TV

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stations, the Sally Jesse Raphael syndicated TV show, and the San Diego Libertarian Supper Club.

Apparently the newsletter will keep going to provide updates on Norma Jean's ongoing case. For a copy, write to Friends of Norma Jean, 1626 N. Wilcox Av. #580, Hollywood, CA 90028. Donations to the "Norma Jean Defense Fund" are welcome.

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OPINION --

Chuck's CORNER

By Chuck Geshliger

As we head into this political off-year summer vacation, we as LPCC members have to be pretty encouraged by our progress during 1989. We got a few interesting things done, raised some cash, but most important -- had the attendance of our meetings jump from 2 to 20 in less than 6 months! That kind of growth factor would be tough to sustain but something like doubling every 6 months would not. What those who presently attending must try to do is get one friend, relative, or acquaintance to attend, and perhaps join within every 6 month period.

The immediate growth is what keeps the interest level high. Also, one person, or a small group of people, do not have to do everything to keep us alive! This burden sharing is already beginning to pay dividends!

Part of the problem and struggle to keep newcomers (especially those who are not 100% convinced about Libertarianism) around is our lack of programs directed for their benefit. Reading mounds of pamphlets and books cuts the mustard with only a select few. Ideas to resolve this have been tossed around that usually involve more time than members are willing or able to dedicate. Thus something should be done at the monthly business meetings, whereas coming to watch us discuss upcoming events and

money matters does nothing for prospects.

The guest speakers we have from time to time are really for our benefit -- so LP'ers may learn about sympathetic organizations, etc. Unfortunately, the focus of discussion can't really do much for newcomers.

I suggest we add a new program to our monthly meetings. I'm coining the phrase: "Panel of Experts" to describe it. We should have a half hour set aside each month where 2 or 3 LPCC attendees will field questions from newly registered voters and/or curious guests. Each month three different people should be the "teachers," assuring that everyone can sufficiently communicate Libertarian principles and stands on hot issues. Especially beneficial to newcomers will be the great source of info to neutralize those "bothersome" triads that the LP and their membership allegedly possess. Even if no guests show up we should continue the program as a drill for our benefit.

About our evening tax-protest: It was comical to see how much weight we carry with the police... How 8 people carrying signs and passing out a pamphlet could warrant 7 patrol cars and 9 or 10 officers is quite intriguing. We were however, effectively prevented from getting all of our pamphlets out, (which thoroughly carries our anti-IRS message, as opposed to the major media's usual attempt to have us appear off the wall!) to the general public at Sunset Post Office. Metro herded us onto the

sidewalk, not allowing us near the exiting or entering traffic, claiming we were impeding the flow. (Note: there is a stop sign at the exit -- forcing traffic to back up anyway!) We had to wait until people came over to ask us for pamphlets.

What started out gaining momentum, where the beaten taxpayers vociferously supported our activity, raising clenched fists and/or honking horns, ended up being a perfect example of the timid nature of our society. The sight of flashing lights atop the black and white squad cars caused the majority of people to reverse direction -- i.e., submissively going about their business and leaving quietly.

The media that was present, with the exception of KNUU (970AM), paid us no heed. What is everyone so afraid of? ...Especially the media who supposedly cries for controversy to help them attract viewers and readers! It has been said: "A people get the government they deserve." In America... and for what we in Nevada have, that grows like cancer, this is really true!

I'm not one who appreciates a mob's hysterical activities... things get too far out of control. But compared to the passive nature of today's "kick-me/take-anything" American, the rebellious nature of the late '60s and early '70s is beginning to look really enticing. At least the activities forced the population to get off their lethargic butts and take *some* stand... one side or another. The average mind began concentrating on more than the evening's sit-coms or the day's soaps. Remember: from that turmoil emerged the Libertarian Party in 1971!

Figuring that Americans can, and do reach a boiling point over issues, it's

bothersome that the general populace is not phased by the income tax. At least that's how it appears to me, deducing from the fact that only about 15 (between TRIM and LPCC) people (plus their financial backers who donate to, or advertise in printed materials) in a county of 700,000 actually voiced their opposition publicly! Has everyone else consigned to the idea of sacrificing an average of 1/3 of their respective lives to a master? ...And to think our forefathers were willing to die over a 2¢ tax on tea!

Try to catch Andre Marrou's speech to the Home Schoolers United on May 20, at the Sunrise Library, at 1:30pm. When he speaks, it makes you proud to be registered "L."

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programs, analyze pupil/teacher ratios, study the use of education resources, apply for grants, accept gifts and donations, and make recommendations to the full legislature.

In short, NSEA President Chris Giunchigliani testified that the bill would create a committee to do what existing school boards are already doing. According to Giunchigliani, the bill would add another unnecessary layer to the education bureaucracy.

NSEA's Government Relations Committee also testified against legislation to hire a new person in the Dept. of Education to develop a dropout prevention program. Though the Committee supports efforts to prevent dropouts, they do not believe another committee is necessary. According to the NSEA, they are fighting "the battle of the burgeoning bureaucracy!"

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