

# California Libertarian News

The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of California

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## Russell Means or Ron Paul in '88? LP HOPEFULS ANNOUNCE

MILBRAE: a strong sense of optimism characterized the LPC Convention, held Feb. 13-16 at the Clarion Hotel near the San Francisco Airport. Despite our low vote returns in the November elections, candidates expressed eagerness to run again, and delegates were decidedly in favor of the Party taking a more active role in the political arena.

The functions were well-attended, the speeches upbeat. Thanks should go to Fred Stitt and Linda Torno for lining up the speakers, developing the schedule and putting it all together. "One of the best conventions ever," was how several delegates summed it up.

Rumor had it that former Congressman Ron Paul was seriously considering running for the nomination of Libertarian Party as the presidential candidate in 1988. By Convention time he had definitely decided to go for it and had sent a strong statement to the Republican Central Committee of formal resignation from the Republican Party which he had belonged to all his life. At the Convention he joined the Libertarian Party, paying his dues in gold. In his letter of resignation from the GOP, Paul denounced that party as having become "big government's best friend."

But Paul is not the only candidate to throw his hat in the ring. Russell Means of the American Indian Movement (AIM) also announced his candidacy, declaring his intention to "be a recruiter as well as a candidate." Asked if he would continue to work with the LP if Paul got the nomination, Means told his audience, "I'm a Libertarian for life."

Both candidates talked of running multi-million dollar campaigns and of being able to raise the money from contacts outside the Libertarian Party. They spoke of bringing of new people into the LP from the ranks of those disenchanted with the major parties. Since both Paul and Means are well known outside of libertarian circles and each has a strong following already, these claims are not at all improbable. No matter who wins the nomination, both men seem well able to reassert the rhetoric of individual liberty in the political debate.

Interviews and analysis of the position of Paul and Means on various issues will appear in *LP News* and *American Libertarian*. Subscription to *LP News* is free when you join the National Party (use the form on page five). *American Libertarian*



Russell Means



Ron Paul

is at 21715 Park Brook Dr., Katy, Texas 77450. Or contact the candidates directly at the following addresses:

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Austin, TX 78703  
(512) 320-0801

Ronald E. Paul  
101 Blossom  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
(409) 297-3102

• **Samuel Adams Luncheon:** The coveted Sons of Liberty Award this year went to a daughter of liberty—Carol Newman, LPC candidate for attorney general. The Award is given to the candidate that conducts the most active, principled campaign, and in so doing best conveys the message of libertarianism.

Winner of the Karl Bray Award for activism was Ted Brown, chair of Region 64. In presenting the award, Bruce Lagasse applauded Ted's willingness to participate in grassroots activism—he is always seeking out people to run for office, helping circulate their petitions, giving encouragement, never flagging in his enthusiasm.

• **Bylaw Change:** Discussion over proposed bylaw changes occupied delegates for much of the time on the convention floor. Placer County chair Bruce Daniel's proposal to restructure the Executive Committee failed to gain the needed 2/3 vote; however, his eight-point proposal of Purpose to refocus the Party in the direction of greater political activity, successfully carried (with one deletion) and is now part of Bylaw 2 of the

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# Notes and News from the Regions

## Here and There

**LAKE COUNTY:** Leviathan fighter Randall Grindle, LPC county chair, has scored a victory. The city council of Clearlake was considering declaring part of the town a Community Redevelopment Project Area. Randy contacted a key person on the council and pointed out that redevelopment areas, through the mechanism of tax-increment financing, drain tax dollars from local treasuries in order to subsidize influential developers. The city council member, who is politically "liberal," was able to persuade the rest of the council to vote the whole thing down.

Randy had been working behind the scenes, but the powers in Clearlake knew he was responsible for the defeat of their precious proposal. In a rage, the city manager screamed at him, yelling, "I know what you are—you're an anarchist, an anarchist!" "I never saw him blow his cool like that," says Randy, "he was really mad." All of which makes the fight worthwhile.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Free Exchange has been reactivated in San Francisco. The format includes a potluck dinner, followed by a speaker, followed by a party! This month's speaker will be Joe Fuhrig, his topic, *Trade Deficits and the State*. On Sat., March 14; 1582 39th Ave. (at Lawton), San Francisco. \$3.00 contribution. (415) 731-3031.

From *Free Marin*, the newsletter of the Free Marin Forum. Box 367, Kentfield, 94914. Tele: (415) 457-1411.

**ORANGE COUNTY:** The parade project is underway, with efforts being made to assure LPC participation in the Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade and the Strawberry Festival in Garden Grove sometime during the summer. Esther Friedman is Parade Committee chair, she can be contacted at (714) 898-6630.

**REGION 62 (West Los Angeles and Santa Monica):** Region 62 is establishing a system of local Libertarian clubs to network with the larger region. The first is in Beverly Hills, and organizer Joel Bross is inviting everyone to the first meeting of the Beverly Hills Libertarians, on Sat., March 7, from 10:00 a.m. till noon, at 436 N. Roxbury Dr., Suite 100. Space is limited, so please RSVP at (213) 278-2714.

Joel writes: "I have been interested in a philosophy of reason and freedom for the past 20 years. Since I work in Beverly Hills, I wanted to share these ideas with other like minded people on some type of regular basis. If you would

like to be part of such a group, please call me at the number above."

**REGION 67 (East San Gabriel Valley):** Keep those donations coming for the booth at the L.A. County Fair. The immediate goal is \$2,000 in order to ensure an LPC presence there in 1988. That's for the booth and insurance fees. An additional \$1,000 is needed for the materials to build a booth and to buy pamphlets, flyers, etc. to stock it with. Chair Gail Lightfoot points out that if just 30 people contributed \$100, the goal would be reached very quickly. We could even be there this year!

One million, three hundred sixty-two thousand, four hundred forty-seven people—that's 1,362,447—visited the Fair in 1986. It's no wonder that Republicans, Democrats, Republican Women, the John Birch Society, AFL-CIO, Peace and Freedom and the AIP are all there—where are the Libertarians?

Please send donations to: L.A. County Fair Booth, P.O. Box 3207, San Dimas, 91773. Also, see ad page five.



## More About LONG ACTIVE

Bob Lehman

A couple of points could be added to Neal Donner's excellent article on the LONG ACTIVE project (see Feb. *CLNews*) to explain why LONG ACTIVE did not quite produce the results we had hoped for in its first year of operation.

1. The original plan called for starting telephone follow-up by August 24 to people who had been handed a copy of the outreach issue of *LP News*. Many of the people we called were on vacation. Very few prospects were home to receive a visitor from the LP. Therefore, next time we should wait until after Labor Day to begin the phone call/follow-up phase of the project.

2. When we gave our volunteers address cards for literature distribution, we neglected to make a back-up list for the telephone-bank operation. Many volunteers were not able to complete all their calls but wanted to keep their cards until they had reached everyone. The volunteer phone-bank operation had to be shut down after just three days since not enough prospect names were on hand to place calls to.

3. Out of the first 100 calls to our Libertarian primary voters, over 60% agreed to help pass out literature. However, the return from Libertarians who did not vote in the primary was under 6%. Next time, we should not distribute copies of *LP News* to Libertarians who didn't vote nor to Libertarians who don't have a phone number for us to follow up on—that is, not until we have attempted to contact all Libertarians who actually voted.

Bob Lehman was the originator of the LONG ACTIVE project, which was run by volunteers in L.A. County in 1986. Neal Donner took over the project in early October when it was necessary, because of health reasons, for Bob to move to his parents home in Florida. Bob is still a member of Region 64 and returned to California to attend the Convention. (See photo, page three.)

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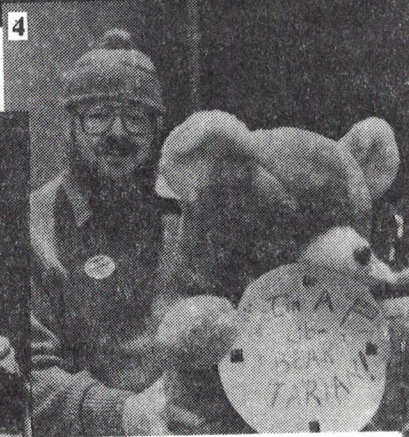
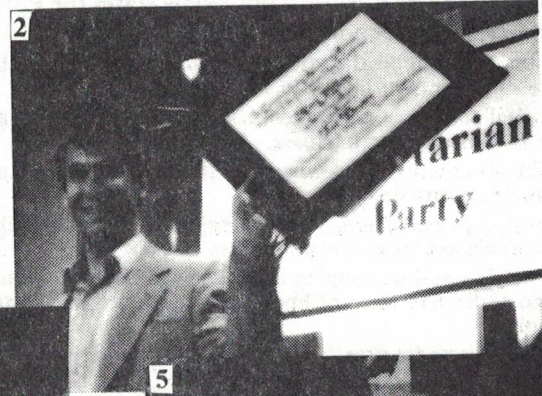
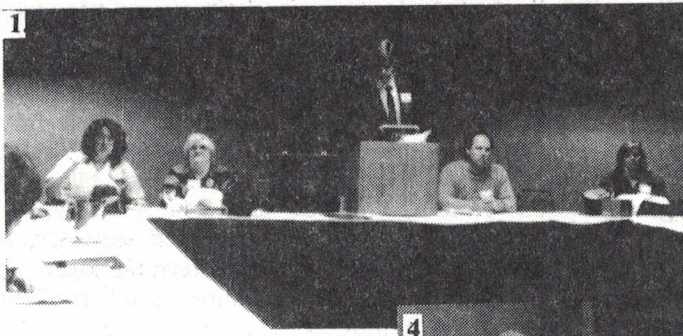
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# Candid Camera at LPC Convention



1. New State Officers—Hey, guys, how about a smile.  
left:right: Cullene Lang, Thea McLean, Mark Hinkle, Thomas Olson, Melinda Pillsbury-Foster.
2. Ted Brown wins Karl Bray Award.
3. Sunday Night Banquet: Alicia, Neddy and Ed Clark.
4. Bob Lehman with Lib-Bear-Tarian.
5. Autograph Party: Murray Rothbard, Michael Emerling (l).
6. Sunday Night Banquet: Speaker Milton Friedman (r) and David Friedman (l).

## Libertarians Run in All Kinds of Races

### Three Special Elections

**Ted Brown**

Two resignations and a death have opened up three seats which will be filled by special elections this spring, and Libertarians are running in all three.

The first will be March 17 in the 33rd State Senate District (southeast LA County and northern Orange County), in which Sen. Paul Carpenter resigned after being elected to the State Board of Equalization. Lee Connelly, chair of Region 65, has entered what looks to be a hotly contested race in one of the most marginal seats in California.

On April 7, in the heavily Democratic 5th Congressional District (San Francisco), Samuel Grove, who ran for the same seat in 1986, will face opponents in a contest for the seat formerly held by the late Sala Burton.

Finally, in the 56th Assembly District (East Los Angeles), Libertarian Howard Johnson, an immigration attorney who assists Central American refugees, is in the race for the seat vacated by Gloria Molina when she ran for, and won, a place on the Los Angeles City Council. Howard can be contacted at (213) 380-6179. Like the 5th Congressional, the 56th Assembly District is overwhelmingly Democratic.

### Connelly on the Ballot

The Libertarian Party will have a candidate on the ballot for the Special Election to be held March 17 in the 33rd State Senate District.

Lee Connelly filed his Declaration of Candidacy papers January 27 and paid a filing fee of \$252.32. He obtained the signatures of 48 registered Libertarians living in the district to reduce the fee to that amount from \$371.00. Signatures of 150 Libertarians would have reduced the filing fee to nothing. Lee chose to pay the fee instead of backing out of the race, "I've made a commitment to advance the ideals of the Libertarian Party to the best of my abilities, and if that means I've got to pay to get my name on the ballot, so be it. I would have preferred not to pay any fee, but there just wasn't enough time to get all the signatures. I had only five days."

Lee's name will be on the Primary Ballot with seven other candidates from three other political parties. To help finance a direct mailing, please send contributions to his address: 5841 Western Ave., Apt. B Buena Park, CA 90621. Tele: (714) 994-3256.

Based on an article in the *Newsletter*, of Region 65, Feb. 1987.



## Convention

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**LPC Bylaws.** The new seven-point bylaw states the Party shall promote Libertarianism by developing:

1. An on-going political strategy to identify, expose, combat, and defeat the opponents of liberty in the political arena.
2. Political activity in all segments of the population with a special emphasis in minority communities.
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4. Identifying, persuading, and recruiting influential individuals and opinion leaders to become members of the Party.
5. Identifying and developing coalitions with other organizations in order to realize the ideas of liberty as proclaimed in the statement of Principles.
6. Employing media experts, political tacticians, field workers, and others as needed.
7. Preparing a state-wide political environment to enhance the election of Party candidates pledged to the Statement of Principles

## Races

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### So You Want to be a Candidate

Diane Alexander

On Feb. 3, Gloria Molina won a seat on the LA City Council. She had three opponents—not a libertarian among them, although Region 64 member Diane Alexander was ready and willing to run. Running for L.A. City Council requires a staggering number of signatures—500 to be exact, plus an additional 500 if you want the filing fee waived—and these must be collected in a matter of only a few weeks. Thanks to efforts of seasoned LPC signature gatherers Ted Brown, Neal Donner, Don Meyer, and George Abrahams, Diane got well over 700, which should have been enough to assure her a place on the ballot. Unfortunately, she decided to wait till the last day to file (to get a few more signatures), and by then many of her signers had signed other petitions and their signatures were awarded to the candidates who filed before she did. Also, some of her signature gatherers were not experienced in the art of collecting signatures and failed to catch certain mistakes. Diane, who came within about 20 signatures of qualification, learned a lot from her attempt and has some sound advice for would-be candidates. — Editor

1. **File Your Petitions First!!** Other candidates will surely approach your signatories and say, "It's alright to sign more than one petition." *The signature belongs to the candidate that files first.* It is helpful, but no guarantee, to tell your signatories not to sign a second petition.

2. **Train Your Circulators Ruthlessly.** Reinforce what you say with a simple, *written* set of rules.

A. Double check that the individual signed and printed his or her name and that women sign the name they are registered under (Latino women in particular tend to use both their married and maiden names). If a person is in doubt about what name is on the registrar's list, she should sign her full name.

B. The signer must write the address. This cannot be done by a spouse or the circulator; however, it is alright for the circulator to fill in the date.

C. The circulator must make sure that the date of signing the oath on the front of the petition is *after* the very last date of signed on the petition, otherwise the entire petition will be thrown out!

3. If in doubt about a negative count result by an election division, challenge their count. In my case the people in the election division admitted error in 43 instances! I have been able to uncover two more. They refused me permission to review more dubious exclusions. With legal resources I would have challenged this—winning some and losing some. However, this would not have achieved my ends and would

for the singular purpose of abolishing statist law and restoring civil and economic liberty and property rights as proclaimed in the Statement of Principles and defined in the Platform.

• **State Officers Elected:** Four new officers were elected to state office. Mark Hinkle will continue as chair for a second term, with Melinda Pillsbury-Foster elected southern vice-chair and Tom Olson as northern vice-chair taking over those positions from Laurel Fest and Dennis Schlumpf. Cullene Lang, chair of Region 66, was elected secretary, and Thea McLean, treasurer, to replace Steve Kreuger and Jerry Douglas. The addresses and telephone numbers of the new officers are listed on page five.

CLNews wishes continued success to all the officers, and a round of thanks for a job well done to Laurel Fest, Dennis Schlumpf, Steve Krueger, and Jerry Douglas.

have required funds I do not have, so I'll retrench for the next battle, whenever, wherever it may be.

### Grove to Run in San Francisco

Sam Grove has announced his candidacy for the Congressional seat (5th District, San Francisco) vacated by the death of Sala Burton. The Open Primary for the Special Election will be held on April 7.

election to be held in early June. Here's how it works: to actually win the April 7 Open Primary, one of the contestants must win a majority of all votes cast, and with five contenders from one party alone, that is not likely. Therefore, the top vote-getter from the ranks of the Democrats, will face opponents of the other parties a second time. The April 7 Election is thus something of a free-for-all.

Contributions are needed as soon as possible to get the campaign off to a fast start, and that April 7 date is moving up quickly. Please send donations to: Grove for Congress, 1800 Market St., #32, San Francisco, 94102. Tele: (415) 558-9018.

Sam, an activist in the Libertarian Party since 1979, ran for Congress in Maryland in 1984 and for the Fifth Congressional seat in California in 1986. He is running a very active campaign with the help of Will Wohler, his enthusiastic and hard-working campaign manager. They are planning to distribute Spanish and Asian translations of campaign literature. Alicia Clark, former national LP chair, has volunteered to translate the English to Spanish material.

There will be at least five contenders from the Democratic Party in the open primary, so Sam is certain to be in a runoff

### More Races to Run

Libertarians aren't eager only to run for office. Region 62 chair Neal Donner has entered the L.A. Marathon. Neal, a nine-minute miler, is confident he'll complete the 26-mile course since he's been in two marathons already (Santa Monica and Marina del Rey/Culver City) and finished these in just under four hours. This time he's going for 3 hours, forty-five minutes, or even 3:30, which would qualify him for the Boston Marathon.



# Hollings Introduces Draft Bill

Just in case you thought the draft was something of a dead issue, Libertarians should be aware that it's still very much alive in the hearts of some members of Congress. On Feb. 3, Sen. Hollings (Dem., North Carolina) introduced S. 445, "a bill to amend the Military Selective Service Act to provide for the reinstatement of the registration and classification of persons under such, and to reinstate the authority of the President to induct persons involuntarily into the Armed Forces, and for other purposes." It would apply to all males between the ages of 17 and 21.

This is just a summary, and there's no way of telling exactly what's meant by the ominous "other purposes," although we can guess. *CLNews* ordered a copy of the entire bill, but it hadn't arrived as of press time. S. 445 has been referred to the Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services. The Armed Services Committee has requested executive comment from the Defense Department. Phone calls to Alan Cranston's and Pete Wilson's offices to find out how the California senators stand on the issue were not particularly fruitful, as neither was willing at that time to go on record as being for or against involuntary servitude. Perhaps a few (like 50,000, maybe?) more phone calls, letters and telegrams might help them make up their minds.

## Anti-Draft Group Formed

Friends of Libertarian draft resister Paul Jacob will not be surprised to hear that he has co-founded an anti-draft organization since his release from prison. After serving six months for refusing to register for the draft, Jacob joined with former U.S. Libertarian Party National Committee member Alan Lindsay to launch Volunteers for America.

Paul Jacob is quoted as saying, "I think that not only libertarians, but many liberals and conservatives are surprised to find an anti-draft organization that is neither leftist nor pacifist. VFA promotes just what the name says—volunteers. It has one very narrowly defined position—the draft is wrong. We welcome those opposed to conscription from all political viewpoints, believing that ultimately they will see the libertarian sense that the draft is slavery."

Libertarians interested in participating in VFA should call (800) 433-1973 or send correspondence to:

Volunteers for America  
P.O. Box 75283, Washington, D.C. 20013

From *Freedom Network News*, the newsletter of Libertarian International, 9308 Farmington Drive, Richmond, VA, 93229.

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# LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Tue., Mar 12	Steve Alexander: Revitalizing LPC in Bay Area	Mike Tejada	415/531-6899
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			John Corl	415/223-4112
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 Fernando Valley	Thu., Wed. 11	Alicia Clark: Every State in '88	John Vernon	818/780-9943
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Mar. 19	Jeff Riggensbach: On Drugs (So to Speak)	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills	Tue., Mar. 17	Howard Hinman: Most People are Already Libertarians	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Mar. 12	John Hospers: Reflections on Recent Events in South Africa	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey	Wed., Mar. 18	Informal Meeting: No Speaker	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
-66, South Bay	Thu., Mar. 19	Election of Officers	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
Marin	Wed., Mar. 4	Pamela Pacula: Home Schooling in California	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	Tue., Mar. 10	Election of Officers	Sharon Ayres	714/966-1211
	Thu., Mar. 19	Alan Bock: Immigration 'Reform' Update (Liberty Forum Supper Club)	Jack Dean	714/975-0905
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Bernardino			Brian Bishko	714/684-5218
San Diego	Tue., Mar. 10	Dick Boddie: Is Liberty a Miss?	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Tue., Mar. 17	Business Meeting	Pat Wright	619/295-9510
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., Mar. 24	Jeff Riggensbach: Tales from Dark Side of Drug Prohibition	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
San Francisco	Sat., Mar. 14	Joe Fuhrig: Trade Deficits and the State (Free Exchange)	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
San Luis Obispo			Clyde Steele	805/541-8892
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara			B. J. Wagener*	805/925-7088
Santa Clara			Steve Alexander	408/554-3733
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson*	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma	Tue., Mar. 17	Sonoma County LP Central Committee Meeting	Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare	Tues., 10 & 24	Discussion: Charles Murray's <i>Losing Ground</i>	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Ventura	Thu., Mar. 5	Planning for Tax Day	George Hasara	805/525-6321
Yolo			Bryce Bigwood	916/758-7032

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