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Getting It Done with Gail Lightfoot

Gail Lightfoot, of Pomona and San Dimas, is the new Chair of the Libertarian Party of California. She was elected from a field of three on the closing day of the State Convention, which was held February 17-20, 1995 in the Oakland, CA, Airport Hilton.

Her campaign slogan was "Getting It Done with Gail!"

The other two candidates were Jon Peterson, of San Jose, and Fredrick Heister, of Santa Clara.

Two ballots were needed to elect the Chair since none of the candidates collected more than 50 percent of the vote the first time. Of 89 votes cast in the first round, Lightfoot received 47, Peterson 27 and Heister got 25. In the second round, between Lightfoot and Peterson, Lightfoot received 59 votes, Peterson 27 and Heister 3. Lightfoot received 59 votes and had a slight gain to 59. Immediately following her election, Lightfoot sought out the other two contestants and asked them to join her team and run for other positions on the ExCom. She told them that she liked their ideas, many of which coincided with her vision of where the Party should be going. "Working together on the same team," she said, "we can implement many of our mutual plans that will strengthen the Party and prepare us for the future."

Lightfoot is a long-time activist. She is an early member of the national LP and of the state organization. She founded the Region 67 East San Gabriel Valley, in eastern Los Angeles County and served as its Chair for several years. With the exception of one year (1991), Lightfoot has served on the Executive Committee of the State Central Committee since 1980. As a member of the ExCom, she has served as Secretary and Chair.

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Gail Lightfoot (right), newly-elected LPC Chair, receives the gavel from outgoing Chair Kim Goldsworthy.

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High school students to study politics at Los Angeles meet

Between 1,000 to 1,500 high school students from around the state will converge on the Los Angeles Hyatt Hotel from April 29-31 to learn more about the political process. The Junior Statesmen of America, a group is called, is composed of high school students of varied interests. Their main goal, according to spokesman Gregory Morton, is their own education. They are not there to promote any particular political agenda. Morton is a senior at Northridge High School in Los Angeles. The group will have an informational booth at the conference on April 30. The group will provide the space, a table and chairs. Other political parties are also being invited to participate. "The idea," Morton said, "is to make the participants more aware of the ideology of the various parties."

Lightfoot named John McCready of Region 65 to be the Los Angeles area coordinator. She invites interested volunteers to call McCready at 310/906-0114. The Chair has also asked Gene Berkman, chair of Region 37 Riverside, to work with them.

Roger MacBride, Libertarian and 'Little House' heir, is dead

On Sunday, March 5, Roger Leo MacBride, who became guardian of Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" series of young adult novels, who had drawn on them in his own writing and who ran for President in 1976 as the Libertarian Party's nominee, died at his home in Miami Beach. He was 65. The cause was an aortic aneurysm, says his daughter, Mrs. A. MacBride, who lives in the Vero Beach area. Mr. MacBride became the guardian of the "Little House" series in 1968, upon the death of Mrs. Wilder's daughter, Rose Lane, an adherent of the laissez-faire, objectivist philosophy of the novelist Ann Rand. She had adopted MacBride as a political disciple. He was her executor and sole heir.

The "Little House" books recalled Mrs. Wilder's handsome frontier childhood in the 1870s and became a popular success story in the 1950s. MacBride, on the other hand, was a political activist. He served as the Libertarian Party's "Party" in the 1970s. In recent years, he had two books published in his own series of historical young-adult novels, based on Mrs. Lane's childhood on a Missouri farm. A third book is to be released next month and he had just completed a fourth. Born in New Rochelle, N.Y., MacBride was graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He first joined the Libertarian Party in 1968, and ran for President in 1976. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1977, when, as one of Virginia's 12 Republican electors, he cast his vote for the Libertarian candidate, John Hospers, and Thane Nathan, giving them their only vote in the Electoral College.

As the Libertarian Presidential candidate four years later, he was on the ballot in 32 states and drew 17,501 1/2 votes. He lost to Democrat Jimmy Carter. He served as the Libertarian Party's Governor for America at the Libertarian Challenge" (Green Hill, 1976), which remains in print.

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Getting IT Done in 1995

by Gail Lightfoot

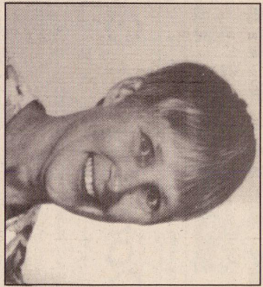
I must tell you how excited I am about the coming year. I am gratified and honored to have been elected to lead the Party for the next two years. And I am excited that you and I have, on the same Executive Committee for the Libertarian Party of California, 17 activists who are fully committed to Getting IT Done now.

Every declared candidate for the Chairmanship is now a member of the ExCom. Jan Petersen, 1993-94 Treasurer and now 1995-96 Treasurer was the first person to declare as a candidate for the Chair's aggressive position for Assembly in 1994 who declared his candidacy for Chair in November is serving as an At-Large Representative. Fred Heiser, of Region 61 San Fernando Valley, a candidate for City Council in Santa Clara in 1994, tossed his hat in the ring in January and is also an At-Large Representative for 1995.

Jan Petersen will be serving on the Fundraising Committee along with Peter Casanada, Fred Heiser, and Adam Starr. Starr, a member of Region 56 Ventura, is not a member of the ExCom, but has been successful in campaigning for the ExCom. You can expect great things from his efforts. You can expect great things from the efforts of committed activists as they formulate their fundraising plans.

Terry Savage will be on the Membership Committee along with Colleen Lang, Rodney Austin of Region 10 Contra Valley, and Joe Dahn, Region 43 San Jose representative. Joe Dahn is clearing the inquiry. Response Committee with Jonathan Reicher. He is busy getting things done, such as mailing LPC News to the inquirers, beginning now. He will be contacting Regions to find out what is being done at the regional level to reach out to those inquirers. Joe also posts LPC News on WWW on the LPC "page" each month.

Bill Holmes, Region 30 San Diego, is the ExCom representative to the ExCom "on line" with an e-mail address. One of our first goals is that every ExCom member and all the Regions have an e-mail address. Wayne Nygren and David Wirtz are serving on the Database Oversight Committee. They will be working with our contractor and the LPC Sysop (that is computer



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language) for systems operator, the person who sets up those single key stroke commands within the software to make our contractor's job easier to upgrade the capabilities of our database so that the LPC interaction with members and donors is state of the art.

Ted Brown's efforts to promote candidates for elective office will be enhanced by the addition of Jonathan Reicher and by a number of volunteers who expressed an interest in not just partisan offices, candidate announcements, and campaign strategy, but also LPC. These individuals are developing the LPC website to full site of candidates being ready for action in October of this year.

Laura McFadden will take over the Publications Oversight Committee. Richard E. Venable, of Region 67 East San Gabriel Valley, will edit LPC News and be on the Publicity/Media Committee. Terry Savage, Wayne Nygren, Christine Owen and Bob Weber will be serving on the Publicity/Media Committee with Venable. He is an experienced professional in the worlds of public relations and journalism.

Jerry Collette, now of Region 30 Orange County, who is not an ExCom member, will assume the Chairmanship of the Convention Oversight Committee, a post he held from 1990 to 1992. As LPC Secretary, Jose Casanada will interact with the Secretary of State's office and monitor our voter reg-

istration as well as maintain the Party's records (minutes, correspondence, and archives). A very special, brand new and very important committee has been formed. Headed by Ed Moss and Kim Goldsworthy, it is called the Internal Education Committee. George Reis, Region 30 Orange County Representative will be the ExCom member serving on this important Committee. They will be printing the finishing (for now) touches on the Regional Training Manual. They will also be ready to assist you in your regions with developing your members skills in working in a volunteer political organization.

Each and every one of these committees can use your help if you are interested. You do have the very idea or resource they are searching for to do their job well. Contact any one of us if you have an interest in helping or learning more about what goes on at the state central committee. As a bureaucrat, the state central committee really does not have to do much but it does need to do it well. And when these leaders finish serving their terms, we will need others to take their places. If you are not involved at the local level, consider becoming so. You will find that Getting IT Done is fun.

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Meeting: 7:00 PM at the Southern Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Southern Los Angeles Ave., Southern Los Angeles, CA 90001
Phone: (213)562-3840

Notes from the Southern Vice Chair

Richard H. Halverson



Your Southern Vice Chair visited business meetings of the Orange, Los Angeles (LPLAC) and San Diego Regions. Committee Chair Gail Lightfoot and Dick Venable also were present. Committee Meeting (213)225-3405 for information regarding the annual Dodger Stadium event on May 21. This will be the fifth anniversary of the group outing. Scheduled for the Clubs vs. Dodgers game - first strangers or who knows? Frey tickets have been reserved at \$10.00 each for seating in the Pavilion Area (bleacher seats in the outfield otherwise known as "Home Run Alley"). Bring your own gloves. This should give a different perspective from the top deck perspective. Contact Gail Lightfoot at (909)623-5347 for more information prior to the event. Get ready for a 15-Miler Race!

Even though not ultimately successful in his race for Pasadena City Council, Ted Brown received the endorsement of the Pasadena Republican Club. This is notable since, in efforts to become elected locally or even to advance issues we advocate legislatively, we need to build bridges with other groups. There was a rather large, undecided vote going into the election, and established committees the Pasadena area a difficult and

Bill Gilliland also ran for Redondo Beach City Council. Details of that race, which is being reported, can be found on page 6.

A luncheon is being planned over Memorial Day weekend at Mt. Whitney Park, near Lone Pine. There will be plenty of opportunities for meeting, fishing, camp fire and plethoric fellowship, not to mention the clean mountain air. It is the intention to have Libertarians from all over the state participate. Contact Gail Lightfoot at (909)623-5347 for more information. Please contact Michael Everling (213)225-3405 or Bob Weber at (310)254-0612 (cell) or (310)944-1212 (ext. 109) (home).

Lawrence Goldberg reports there are now 23 news racks out on the streets for California Liberty (71 in Contra Valley, 4 in Sacramento) and 1 each in Gold County and Glenn Valley). There are 77 racks remaining with copies of orders from Santa Clara, San Bernardino and San Francisco. Cost is \$55 per rack. Contact Lawrence at (818)557-0901.

Attendance at Orange County's business meeting was high due to interest in key races for officers. Among those elected were Geoffrey Braun, Chair, and George Reis, Executive Committee Representative. Jack Dean gave further details on affiliation with the Committee of Correspondence. (See separate story on this page.) It looks like Orange County will be off to a good start in 1995. Contact Gail Lightfoot at (909)623-5347 for more information. Please contact Richard Rider, appointed secretary to the San Diego County Social Services Advisory Board, is now chair. Yes, we do have not only elected Libertarians, but also political appointees. You might consider first serving in one of these capacities, not only to serve your community and to advance Libertarian perspectives, but to build a resume of credibility should you choose to run for office. Unfamiliar with offering your services to a non-profit? Unfamiliar with offering your services to a non-profit? Unfamiliar with offering your services to a non-profit?

Steve Green, San Diego Chair, located a copy of the longest Region By-Laws. He immediately scanned some of the provisions and revised some of the prior actions of the Central Committee which may have been contrary to the By-Laws. Another "minorature" of Steve's is to discontinue the business meeting in order to allow the agenda to be published in the Region Newsletter. This gives members a better picture of what is going on in the Region and allows them to support other Regions who are not already doing so consider doing the same.

In any case, your Region should send a copy of your By-Laws to the State Secretary. Moreover, please remember to

Reg. 37 joins "Committees of Correspondence"

In the wake of the recent financial disaster, a group of 15 Orange County organizations have formed the "Committees of Correspondence." (Ea. Note: If that name has a familiar ring, you remember your colonial history well, especially the period 1765-1776). The Committees' intent is to communicate with other organizations and individuals in the area with aggressive tax and asset protection strategies. In the wake of the LP of Orange County, with Jack Dean as Chair, a resolution to participate in the Committees of Correspondence and to lead wherever assistance is deemed appropriate. At a recent meeting, Supervisors William Steiner and Jim Silva and the new county CAO William Poppey, presented

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Share with your region does with the rest of the State.

With the coming elections, quick communication is important. Call your region on e-mail. Call your LPC Chair, Vice Chair or ExCom member for help.

Two Gold Country members get Letters to the Editor published

The following two letters appeared recently in the same issue of the *Western Lib*'s Monday Reader Forum page.

The state or the people

Concerning the continued activities of the federal government in Tuolumne County, we believe the 10th Amendment prohibits most of the federal claims to our land. While the Constitution requires these lands to go to the state or to the people, we favor the people for several reasons:

Both the state and local governments are subject to the same pressure from special interests and political factors as the federal government. Transfer to these bodies would damage press freedoms but not correct the land problem. The state or the people have a forest fire time bomb ready to destroy public and private property due to past mismanagement of public lands. Government ownership tends to be irresponsible because there is little concern for future value of the land. It is easier to see the same problems of government land ownership in Russia or Mexico. However, the concern of the private owner for future value has resulted in private lands being much better managed. Also, private owners can be held responsible for their actions.

Our country now has the political momentum, due to the "Prime Rule Movement," to propose a plan to the state and federal governments for disposal of the subject federal lands directly to the people. It would be important that such a plan request private property rights while being kind to nature.

Albert J. Segalla,
Secretary, Gold Country Libertarians
Twin Harbors

Deficit standard

"Back to the deficit" editorial, March 3) states that deficit of the balanced budget amendment "decried" committed both sides to further deficit reduction without tampering with the Constitution. This leads me to believe you can help me obtain a copy of the Constitution that we are operating under now. The copy I have is an old one, framed in 1787 and adopted in 1789. The first 10 amendments, adopted in 1791, were to alter these that states and the citizens whose states had a say in them.

This document required that the Congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses deemed it necessary, could propose an amendment, but these demands of the states had to carry it. Evidently, we are not using this old copy anymore.

Don K. DeGroot
(DeGroot is the chair of Region 03 Gold Country)

Plan for LP presence

I am a Bay Area member of the LPC and an inboard of Directors of Miami United Taxpayers Association (MUTA). I am significantly having some small success at pushing this largely conservative group to a libertarian direction. Undoubtedly, more of a permanent presence at our board meetings could work. I am pleased the first Wednesday of the month Bay Area residents wishing to attend can contact me at 415/673-2848.

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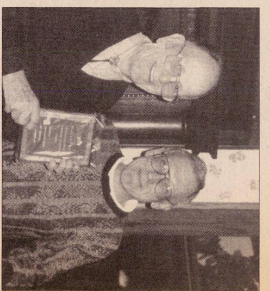
Region 41 Chair corral city commission post

Kate O'Brien, newly-elected Region 41 Chair, was recently appointed to the Park Arts Commission by the Meristo Park City Council.

Her duties will involve making recommendations to the Meristo Park City Council regarding displays of public art, making decisions regarding arts programs for adults and children, organizing the children's concert series, and making spending decisions. Part of the job description includes adopting a "top" project here, O'Brien said, will probably be something along the lines of voluntary funding of first amendment rights during funding issues.

Unsuccessful candidates in the recent Redwood Beach city election include William Galt, Region 6, who usually gets more than 500 votes in a race, received only 75 in a four-man race. The winner, a relatively unknown with professional backing, received 67 percent of the vote, with only 207 percent of the voters turning out.

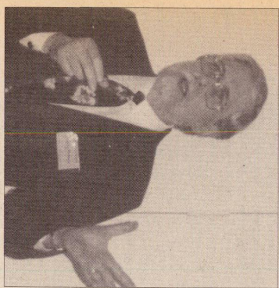
With over half of the ballot boxes being delivered unsealed to the counting staff and other requirements, the same candidate and several city officials believe there should be a change. If the election is invalidated, a proposition regarding carrying concealed weapons would get another chance also.



Cathie Wells (left) was presented recently with a plaque "in recognition of his recent years of distinguished service to Libertarianism." The Region 67 East San Gabriel Valley activist had announced earlier that he would retire after the region's annual meeting. He said that, at age 92, it was time to do other things that he would continue his LPC membership and his regular pledge. Region 67 Chair Lee Barton (right) related the many activities Wells took part in for the Region, and remarked that it would be difficult to find someone to take his place.

Convention highlights

Two declared hopefuls for the LP presidential nomination and a noted radio talk show host wore among the list of national speakers during the 1995 LPC Convention. The two declared hopefuls were Harry Browne, a nationally known author and investment advisor, and Doug Ohmen, a Danville, CA, businessman. Browne spoke at the Saturday banquet. Later, he and Ohmen took part in a forum attended by most of the dinner guests.



Harry Browne

Business sessions hectic but orderly

From the Welcoming Reception on Friday evening, February 17, until the closing banquet following the election of the new slate of officers at noon on Monday, February 20, the 1995 Annual Convention of the Libertarian Party of California was a continuous round of activity.

Business sessions, breakfasts, banquets and speakers, followed by several open house sessions, and during the day were the business meetings in which were hammered out the proposals of the Bylaws and Platform committees along with other Party business.

Despite some last minute program changes and minor crises that always crop up at such gatherings, the overall mood of the convention was one of solidarity, optimism and general goodwill. Many people commented that it was pleasant to see a large number of people from all over the country and from in Los Angeles.

Business matters had actually started by noon on Friday with meetings of the Bylaws and Platform committees. Both groups had a number of proposals to discuss and prepare for presentation to the full body in the convention.

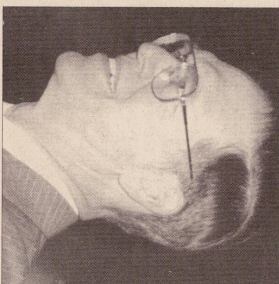
Because there were so many items considered from both the Bylaws and Platform committees during the convention, LPC News will report on them in the next issue.

Mary Gignell, of Reg. 43 Santa Clara, chaired the Platform Committee and presented the report. Ted Brown performed the same functions for the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

As part of the opening ceremonies on Saturday morning, David Nolan, co-founder of the LP, read the Statement of Principles (see page 2) of the Libertarian Party. The reading was followed by the playing of the national anthem and the playing of the national anthem of the United States. A dedication of a new book, *Challenging Our Constitution*, by Gignell, former Chair of the National Libertarian Party, and his regular pledge, Region 67 Chair Lee Barton who had died last year and in prior years had asked delegates to observe a "Moment of Silence" in their memory. (A listing of those deceased leaders appears on page 4.)

Browne's theme was that "government doesn't work." He pointed out several things he could do as president that would drastically reduce the budget with a stroke of a pen. One example would be to pardon all those imprisoned for victimless crimes, such as drug possession or prostitution. Ohmen spoke of bringing freedom from governmental interference and abuse, of restoring honor to the office of President, restoring dignity to the office of Vice President, and of restoring the role of the Senate. He said that he would like to see the office of the President held by a woman, like William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, which he comes to praise Browne, not to bury it. The only thing men do lives with us. While our taxes are of interest with their works."

Ohmen circulates the prose as part of his campaign literature. Although her appearance as the Sunday speaker was predicted as recently as last month's issue of *LPC News*, Dr. Nancy Burns, whose show now emanates from KQO in San Francisco. This was his first appearance before the LPC in more than five years. Burns quickly captivated his audience with his witty remarks and pointed, often acerbic, comments on the political scene. At the conclusion, he received a spontaneous standing ovation.



Doug Ohmen

Kyrone speaker on Saturday morning was Richard Boddie, member of the California Libertarian Party. He said that he had to "bring the theme, 'It's not time simply because we're here, it's time to be here,'" he stressed that by participating, working together and reaching out to others with similar sentiments, the LPC can be a positive, effective political force. He expressed his remarks with humor and side comments, Boddie had the mid-morning group of 79 delegates alternately nodding their heads in agreement, chuckling and applauding.

In the final report, departing Chair Kim Coddeworth reported on the successful past year during the past two years. They included the national convention in Las Vegas, the regional conventions, the candidates through letters, and the local regional efforts through training sessions. The Secretary had held and organized the Party archives. Also, two inactive regions became active: Reg 51 Sutter/Yuba and Reg 03 Gold Country. Northern Vice Chair George L. O'Brien touched briefly on activities in the northern part of the state. He also touched on the formation of the two regions, one of which, Reg 03 Gold Country, encompasses the counties of Amador, Calaveras and Plumas. AZ and would be interesting that he mentioned near Gail Gignell, Southern Vice Chair, made his first presentation of activities of the southern part of the state, stating that most items of interest had already been covered in *LPC News*.

The Party is now out of debt. Treasurer Jan Peterson told delegates. The last refund had been paid out in August of 1994. He added, however, that there was still good news and bad news as a result of last year's election. The good news was that the Party had never paid itself the Party's \$400 million in debt. The bad news was that the Party was some \$4,500 in debt to the contractor. That would be repaid soon in installments, he said, since the Party now has a positive cash flow.

Delegates approved two resolutions on the first day. One resolution, passed without dissent, opposed any "hand-out" of the Mexican economy which uses taxpayers' money or government loan guarantee. The other endorsed the ballot initiative Fund to increase the earnings.

A fifth resolution, brought to the floor on the last day, was not given consideration. That resolution proposed that the state Platform is largely redundant with that of the national document. Stating that it creates confusion, others stated the national Platform as the state Platform and rested the Platform Committee to consider additions or issues peculiar to California, that can be used as outreach literature. The Chair noted that the resolution had not been submitted in the proper time and manner.

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In Memoriam

Remembering our dead Libertarian leaders, state and national, who gave so much of themselves in the struggle for liberty.

Murray Rothbard	1927 - 1995
Karl Hess	1923 - 1994
Dennis Thompson	1939 - 1994
Karen Lessard	1951 - 1994
Brian Page	1961 - 1993
John Vernon	1940 - 1993
Dean Amthuzel	1938 - 1992
David Maxwell	1948 - 1992
John Deinger	1953 - 1992
Friedrich A. Hayek	1900 - 1992
Karen Huffman	1942 - 1992
Willis Stone	1899 - 1988
Bob Lehman	1994 - 1978
Karl Bray	1943 - 1978

Dialogue from the floor was orderly, but sometimes heated during some discussions on points of the Platform and Bylaws.



Letters to the Editor

Helms bill would relax regulations

This is something like a call to press and phones, etc.) The subject is California Assembly Bill 373. This bill will exempt people age 21 and over from the mandatory motorcycle helmet law. I am a member of the Libertarian Party and I encourage you to write to or call their Assemblyman to encourage passage of this bill.

Robert J. Lawton,
Redding, CA

(Ed Note: AB 373 would also delete a statement of legislative intent regarding wearing of safety helmets and would delete the term "safety" in describing helmets.)

Seeking ideas for promoting LP

Having read the current Libertarian publications and been at a LP open door but we must act wisely and promptly. We must increase our visibility.

I am writing a letter to the *Clarity Report* in reply to a letter stating dissatisfaction with both Democrats and Republicans and calling for a third party. He did not mention how he expected to bring this about. I intend to emphasize that the Libertarians stand for over taxes and much less government involvement. We should promote many publications, including government social services at the same time. Of course, I

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The word — and the ideas — are beginning to catch on

In his acceptance speech, the newly-elected Mayor of Newport Beach, John Hedges, made several statements that are a good indication of the increasing spread of Libertarian thought. Among his comments, he said, "The results of this election should leave no doubt that the changes in City government are permanent and on-going... This election made clear the desire of the people that government involvement in their lives be minimized... It is necessary to provide public services some minimum level of government involvement that they can live with, but I believe that they merely want the government to do less and to have them done."

In 1957, Ayn Rand wrote the book *Atlas Shrugged*. I would like to quote a passage from that book which well illustrates the economic view of government at all levels. In the passage, Dr. Ferris, a government official, is speaking to Mr. Keegan, an industrialist. "Did you really think that we would have a free society in the United States? The only free book that I have ever seen is the *United States Constitution*. Any government has the power to crack down on criminals. When there aren't enough criminals, one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws. Who wants a nation of law-breaking citizens? What's there in that for anyone? But just pass the kind of laws that can neither be ob-

eyed nor enforced nor objectively interpreted — and you create a nation of lawbreakers — and then you can catch on and you understand it, you'll be much better off with it."

The mayor went on to say that "We at the local level of government are not immune from the type of bureaucratic law-making which so engulfs the freedom-loving citizen. We make decisions which regularly affect more the day-to-day lives of citizens than any other government."

Hedges concluded with this statement: "Finally, I leave you with a quote by Thomas Jefferson taken from his first inaugural address. 'Still one more thing, fellow citizens — a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to raise the level of living of the people.'" George Reiss, newly-elected ECom Representative for Orange County, Reg. 30, has met and talked with Mayor Hedges. Reiss says that while the Mayor is a registered Libertarian, he does hold many Libertarian views. Hedges has also been talking with Robert Poole, of Reason Magazine, about privatization of some government functions.

Samuel Adams Society Luncheon

In keeping with tradition, the Samuel Adams Society luncheon was held on Monday, February 20, following the close of the business session of the 1995 LPC Convention in the Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel. While it is not a part of the official Party business, it is always well-attended. Dick Don, the founder and director of operations of the Samuel Adams Society, announced that the committee did not select any nominee activist for the Karl Bray Award this year. Committee members must agree unanimously on any nominations. The Society did name Richard A. Bodde, activist, moderator and 1994 U.S. Senator candidate, to receive its Sons of Liberty Award.

Richard Wagner, publisher of *Balboa Access News*, spoke to the group on "A Simple Way to Make a Big Game." Speaking of the 1995 National LP Convention, he suggested that the LP make sure of getting candidates into each of the 218 federal legislative races to be voted on in 1996. Then, at the National LP Convention in Washington, D.C., on July 4, those candidates can have a group picture taken on the steps of the Capitol. "This," Wagner said, "would tell the Republicans, who introduced their 'Contract to America' on those same steps, as well as the Democrats, that there is a strong Party of Principle waiting to be seen."

First meeting of new ECom

At its organization meeting following the 1995 Annual Convention, Jonathan Richter, chair of Region 10 Central Valley, invited the new EComs Committee to hold its first meeting. LPC Chair, Gail Lightfoot, announced the ECom would meet in Fresno the week-end of April 1 and 2, 1995. The location of the meeting will be determined by the mid-dec of March.

Statement of Principles

Judicial Committee reports decision on challenge

In early February of 1995, then LPC Chair, Kim Goldsworthy, wrote to the Judicial Committee asking that group review and suggest some of Principles. The Committee met on February 20, 1995, and the members of the Committee at that time consisted of Bruce Lagasse, Steve Alexander and Mary Gangel.

On Monday, February 20, Bruce Lagasse delivered the Judicial Committee's decision before the delegates assembled at the LPC convention in Oakland. He prefaced the decision by recapping the adoption of the Statement of Principles by the National and State organizations. Lagasse pointed out that in 1972 the original Statement of Principles was adopted by the National and State organizations. At the time of the fall of 1974, the National Convention meeting in Dallas changed the wording of the National Statement and then proposed that change with a referendum that seven-eighths majority would be needed to make further changes. Over

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ton, Fundraising Committee chair and, in 1990, Steve Clark. From 1993 until the present, she served as Southern Vice Chair. She ran under the name of "Getting IT Done with Gail," a slogan repeated in many badges, flyers and table stands. "I think these three points my team and I will be stressing for the next two years — Lightfoot said. "Those points are Goals, Tools and Deeds. I'll be talking more about those in future newsletters to activists and in the monthly Chair's Column."

Paul Peterson, treasurer, announced that the Chair's position at the November 1994 meeting of the ECom. His theme was "Growing the Party" through increased membership and voter registration. He withdrew in early January when Terry Savage, also of San Jose, announced his interest in the position, with the theme of growth through membership and registration and increasing public awareness. Savage was candidate for the 20th Assembly District in 1994. Peterson was elected to the position of treasurer. Just weeks before the state convention, he withdrew from the Chair's race, saying he might be moving out of state due to an offer of employment.

At that point, Peterson re-entered the race. Heister ran last year as a candidate for a city council seat in Santa Clara. Like Savage, Heister had not held an elected position at the local or state level. His campaign was focused on winning local party positions, expanded membership, and increasing public awareness. The only other contested race for an officer's position was that of Northern Vice Chair, Colleen Lang, on the ECom in 1993, now living in Sacramento, was highly contested by Don K. DeGroot, chair of Region 01 Central Valley. The vote was 21 to 7.

The names of other officers and Executive Committee members can be found on page 8. Addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are also listed so that you can contact them directly.

Condolences

LPC Chair, Gail Lightfoot, extends sympathy to the family of the late ECom Treasurer, Paul Peterson, on the recent death of his mother, Evelyn Mifmine Peterson, following a short illness.

time, the California Statement had been modified, but has not been changed to meet the National Statement. As a result, the two statements read the following decision which had been signed by all three members:

"In the matter of the challenge... the Judicial Committee has no jurisdiction over this challenge... under the provisions of Convention Rule 14 (Platform Committee), Section 2. In that section, the Judicial Committee is given authority to rule on 'Challenges of adopted Principles...' believed to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles of the National and State organizations. It is the responsibility of the National and State organizations to resolve these challenges, so that challenges can be resolved before the convention ends, while there is still opportunity for the current convention body to deal with the ruling (whether to overturn the Judicial Committee or to adopt a different wording)."

"That constitutes our ruling on the particular challenge. In addition, we would like to issue advisory opinions in the following related matters:

Matt Piazza enters race for Horcher seat

For the second time in six months, Matt Piazza, Region 65 activist from La Mirada, is running for the same 65th Assembly District seat. Last time, he had hoped to beat out Paul Horcher, among others. This time, he hopes to defeat Horcher. Horcher ran and won as a Republican. On the first day of legislative business, he switched to Independent status and ran for the Brown in power. Within a few weeks, more than 4000 voters signed his name to a recall petition. The recall initiative is set for May 16. Piazza faces competition from four Republicans and

Protests planned

Tax protests scheduled

By press time, at least four counties have announced tax protests on the first day of filing income tax returns. This is Riverside, where the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in Riverside, chair Gene Tronzo, has announced two protests. One will be at the main post office in Riverside. The other, under the direction of Gene Tronzo, will be held at the Temecula post office in the southwestern part of the county.

A number of the eight regions in Los Angeles County will have members converging on the Terminal Annex in Los Angeles on that day. The chair of Region 10, Central Valley, has announced a protest rally in Fresno. Two days earlier, on April 15, a region will have a book at the Politically Incorrect Party (also known as the Dino Head Party) in Modesto.

Gail County, Reg. 01, chaired by Gary Hines, has also put out a call for Libertarians in Anaheim. Calaveras and Tuolumne counties to make their presence known at their post offices, a year ahead, organizers are preparing a National Tax Rally on the weekend of April 15, 1996 to be held on the Elridge in front of The White House. Those interested can contact Rally Communications, 1438 Highway 120, By, MN, 55331, telephone 218/965-2767.

2nd Amendment Rally announced for July

The second annual 2nd Amendment Rally has been announced for Saturday, July 1, 1995. Purpose of the rally is to bring together Libertarians from all over the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. The rally will be held on the West Steps of the State Capitol in Sacramento. According to organizers, it will be an all-day affair. Booths and exhibits will open at 9:00 a.m., with special guest speakers appearing at 1:00 p.m. Those wishing to have an exhibit or otherwise participate may contact Peter Resnik, P.O. Box 11171, Suisun, CA 94585, telephone 709/452-5871.

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