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End Public School Monopoly SUPPORT "CQE" INITIATIVE

There can't be anyone these days that's really happy with the public schools. A nationwide study has declared America "a nation at risk" because of increasing illiteracy, and more recently there's concern about "cultural deprivation." Students are simply not being taught needed information; there's no real content either in textbooks or in classroom instruction. All this despite the fact that education consumes 55 percent of all money spent by government in California.

Now there's a great opportunity for Libertarians to take the moral high ground. Rather than pointing fingers and saying "What do you expect? We told you so," we can say, "yes, the situation is serious — here's what can be done about it."

Richard Arnold, a professional petition-drive organizer, has put together the "Tax Credit for Quality Education Act" Initiative, which has been carefully drafted by attorney David Bergland, the LP presidential candidate in 1988. This initiative would enable all taxpayers (including businesses) to receive an educational tax credit to be deducted from income taxes paid to the state of California. This would be for qualifying educational expenses incurred or paid by the taxpayer on behalf of eligible students, whether they attend public or private (including home) schools.

Arnold has formed an organization, Californians for Quality Education (CQE), to field the initiative, and he's lining up a broad coalition of support: private schools, Christian schools, education reform groups, etc.

The initiative is important for two reasons. First, the disaster known as public education must be rectified, and this cannot be accomplished simply by throwing ever increasing amounts of tax money at the schools. As Arnold points out, "we have allowed the State to monopolize education, removing from it the benefits of competition. . . we have made curriculum the subject of unending political lobbying and strife in our courts. . . we have trapped the poor in the worst schools." The public school monopoly must be broken, and education opened to the benefits of competition.

Second, the initiative can be of enormous benefit to Libertarian candidates and the party during the coming campaign. David Bergland writes: "the LP's presidential campaign could cause quite a stir. If we mounted some other equally impressive effort at the same time, the effect could be not merely

doubled, but multiplied. A major initiative could help buoy the LP onto a rising tide in 1988."

On page 3 is an ad by CQE calling for signature gatherers, contacts with private schools and other groups, Libertarian coordinators, crew managers, etc. Study it carefully, there's sure to be some way you can participate. Signature gathering will begin just after the first of the year (candidates can take forms around while their getting signatures for ballot qualification). The initiative has been formally endorsed by the ExCom of the LPC.

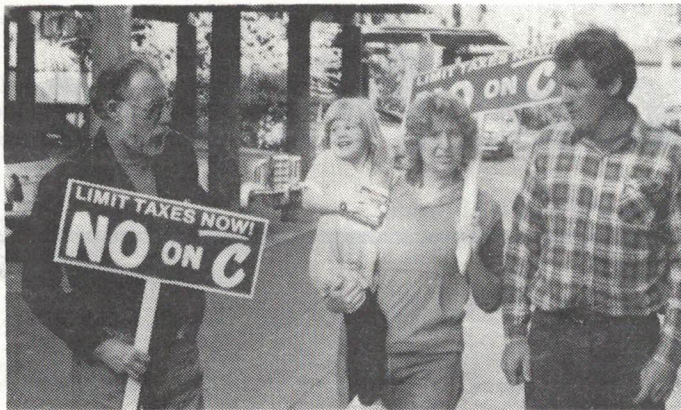
Free Forum Update

Last month *CLNews* reported the Oct. 23 raid by the San Francisco Police Department of Free Forum Books, the libertarian bookstore owned by San Francisco LP chair Jim Peron. The cops came to arrest a part-time employee on "morals charges" and proceeded to search the place and confiscate records. No charges were pending against the bookstore, but the officers, described by a district attorney as "two cops on a crusade that I can't control," spent seven hours going through everything. They took Jim's personal address book, membership lists, payroll records, letters from customers, signed petitions for Norma Jean, whatever caught their fancy. None of what was taken had anything to do with the charges against the employee. "An intelligence gathering operation" is how one lawyer sees it.

Jim writes: "At this time the bookstore is engaged in costly efforts to force the police to return the stolen items. Legal costs will easily run over \$2,000. . . The D.A. admitted the police want to try to close the bookstore with phony charges but 'didn't have anything.' With no charges pending and the D.A. not intending to file any, the police officers 'on a crusade' are still managing to put Free Forum Books out of business by forcing the store to spend thousands of dollars on legal fees."

Contributions are desperately needed. The rent is due, but money is being eaten up by attorney costs. This could be the last month of operation. Please help. Send donations to Free Forum Books, 1800 Market St., San Francisco, 94105.

News and Events from the Regions



In Alameda County Bob McEwen (l), Marion McEwen with daughter Linea, and Rob McEwen (r) try to save the Gann spending limit. Story below.

November 3 Results

Ballot Measures: California voters seem bent on getting more debt and higher taxes. Incredible. In Alameda County, Marion McEwen (see last month's *CLNews*) was unsuccessful in her last minute attempt to alert the voters to the evils of Prop. C — an initiative to raise the Gann spending limit. But the appearance of her signs and the fact that there was any opposition at all was sufficient to strike terror into the hearts of Prop. C pushers like county supervisor Don Perata. A good deal of press coverage was generated by this Libertarian action, and although voter approval was apparently overwhelming, the actual number of votes cast was quite small. Only 15% of the eligible voters went to the polls, despite massive efforts by the pro-Prop. C people to drum up interest in the election.

In San Diego, a similar proposition to raise the Gann spending limit was approved by voters (Prop. E), but voters did reject the two bond issues which libertarians had written arguments against. Mayor Maureen O'Connor is working to figure a way to circumvent this obstacle.

Local Races: Lee Connelly, chair of Orange County and Region 65, came in fifth in the Buena Park city council race. "I did well, considering my total expenditures of \$10 and my attendance at three candidates forums," said Lee. "I received five percent of the vote total. No signs, no flyers and no precinct walking. Not a bad finish at all."

Alan Carlin finished fourth (16.2%) in the Rancho Palos Verdes city council race — three vacancies, three incumbents, five candidates. He ran a hard campaign and finished only a few hundred votes short of third place.

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Hartune Neffian in Visalia and came in fourth in a four-way race for two seats on the city council, just a few votes behind the third-place candidate. In his literature Neffian described himself as "a strong advocate for individual rights," and in public speeches told audiences that "government is set up not to speak for the majority, but to protect the rights of the individual." He stressed the right to property, individual liberties and opposition to zoning, subsidies to developers, regulation of businesses, etc.

Dennis Schlumpf, former northern vice-chair, was defeated 45% to 55% by the incumbent for a seat on the Tahoe PUD.

Here and There

SANTA CLARA: Andre Marrou, LP vice presidential candidate, will be visiting the Bay Area in Jan.

REGION 62, West Los Angeles: Westside Libertarians have ongoing project, walking a selected Pet Precinct. Each month between now and next Nov. precinct walkers will deliver flyers to all houses in the precinct. At present there are six registered Libertarians in the precinct. This is a test to determine whether concentrated precinct walking is really an effective tool for increasing registration, increasing membership and getting results on election day.

CALAVERAS: Tom Tryon, Ron Paul Coordinator for his county, will run for re-election to the County Board of Supervisors.

YOLO: Bryce Bigwood has requested being listed as a contact rather than chair of Yolo County on the back of *CLNews* as there are not enough Libertarians to form a central committee. Bryce has a new address and phone: 1315 Lake Blvd., Davis, 95616; (916) 758-2346.

BUTTE: Over 40 guests attended a recent fund-raiser for Ron Paul hosted by Dr. Harry Pendery. The event netted \$700.

Chico State Libertarians have formed a student group. The newly-elected president is Michael Tilton, 842 W. Second Ave., Chico, 95926; tele: (916) 343-5466. There are plans to invite Russell Means to speak on campus if funds are available.

December Hikes

San Diego: Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:45 a.m.; Oakzanita Peak, Cuyamaca Mountains. Excellent views in many directions (if the weather is clear), 8.2 miles round trip with 1,300 feet of altitude gain — more than our other hikes, but it's stretched out over a long trail. Contact: Sara Baase, (619) 460-9136.

Bay Area: Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:15 a.m.; Tule Elk Preserve at the north end of Point Reyes Peninsula. It's fairly flat, about six miles round trip. If it's raining really hard, meet at Lloyd's house for conversation and lunch around the fireplace. Contact: Lloyd Licher, (415) 472-3294.

Los Angeles: Saturday, Dec. 12, 9:45 a.m.; Dark Canyon Trail in Angeles National Forest. This follows the escape route of the bandit Tiburcio Vasquez. More shade and easier walking than previous hikes. Contact: Alan Pendleton, (213) 392-2181, or Ed Ogawa, (805) 373-2483.

• **Important Disclaimer:** These hikes are not an officially sponsored activity of the Libertarian Party. Each person's safety is his or her own responsibility. So step carefully and resist that urge to run barefoot through poison oak.

C.Q.E. Wants You!

By the time you read this, Californians for Quality Education will have filed the "Tax Credit for Quality Education Act" Initiative. In January we begin gathering signatures.

Between now and then we must do five things:

- 1) Build a corps of thousands of volunteer signature gatherers to help collect the 600,000 signatures we need.

C.Q.E. Wants You to help in this effort.

- 2) Finish building our coalition. We already have representatives from private schools, Christian schools, education reform groups and Christian school groups. We are making new contacts every day.

C.Q.E. Wants You to contact a local private or Christian school near you and let them know of our efforts. Also, send us their name and address.

- 3) Sign up Libertarian co-ordinators from every LP region in the State. **C.Q.E.** Wants you to be the co-ordinator in your region.

- 4) Hire crew managers (preferably Libertarians) in all of these regions. **C.Q.E.** Wants you to work as a part-time organizer for our paid signature drive. Earn \$3000-\$5000!

- 5) Continue building the \$300,000 fund we will need to put this issue on the 1988 ballot.

Help in any or all of these areas is welcomed. Write or call us, today.

C.Q.E.

1020 Second Street, Suite B
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High Court Rejects Appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court on Nov. 9 refused without comment to hear Norma Jean's appeal, thus letting stand a lower court decision that she be incarcerated at least three years in state prison on a charge of pandering. Earlier this year the California Supreme Court refused to review the case. This means all her appeals are exhausted and her only hope is for a new trial.

Meanwhile, she's been moved to a different facility and has a new address: W27022, Dorm 112, Bed 55; P.O. Box 1800 CRC; Norco, CA 91760.

One last piece of news. On Sept. 23, Ed Brady and a 60 Minutes crew filmed Norma Jean at California Institute for Women in Chino, spending about two hours with her. The segment will be aired sometime in December, but exact date has not been released. Keep checking your TV Guide.



Cracked Pots in Orange County

Orange County Libertarians have begun bestowing a special award — The Cracked Pot Award — on politicians, bureaucrats and other authority figures for decisions/actions that infringe upon the personal and economic rights of individuals.

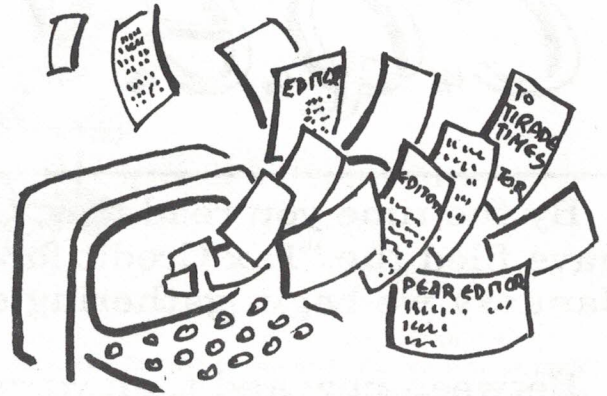
The first award, in Sept., went to Mayor Larry Agran of Irvine for his pushing for a 100 percent ban on smoking in Irvine restaurants. Agran met with chair Lee Connelly and received his award, a cracked flower pot. Lee reports, "We agreed that we disagree on the amount of allowable governmental intervention in the lives of human beings, but I'm glad an open channel has been established. . ." They sure do disagree. To the local paper, *The Daily Pilot*, Agran said that without laws "we'd be urinating on the street and drooling in our spaghetti." Good choice. Give that mayor the Cracked Pot (and perhaps a copy of Bastiat's *The Law*).

The Oct. award went to 32 people — the Orange County Deputy D.A., 19 police officers and 12 jurors that entrapped and later convicted one woman, Pamela Weston of (gasp) prostitution.

Talk about a sting operation. To entrap Ms. Weston, 19 officers from Santa Ana, Irvine and Newport Beach staged a bachelor party, paid for by the taxpayers of Orange County. According to the report, 17 of the cops left with satisfied smiles on their faces — they had to get proof after all. Lee Connelly observes, ". . . crimes like rape, robbery and murder were undoubtedly being committed while this difficult operation was 'going down' — pardon the pun."

Media response has been good, and the recipients of the awards have wanted theirs — you know, 32 flower pots is an awful lot of pots. In fact the response has been so good that a similar award project is planned for Region 65, the Mid-Cities region. Also under consideration is a Liberty Bell Award to be given to friends of liberty. Perhaps *CLNews* is being overly cynical in supposing that candidates for that honor will be a lot harder to find.

Based in part on articles in *Two Tuesdays*, the newsletter of the LP of Orange County and Region 65. Editor, Lee Connelly.



Would Patrick Henry Complain?

Dear *CLNews*:

I enjoyed reading about the letters from California Libertarians that were recently published in local newspapers. Because people generally need to hear the message of liberty many times before it can penetrate the life-long pro-government propaganda we are all subjected to, such letters serve a vital function in the fight to move America back toward its heritage of freedom.

By coincidence, I have just finished printing out 63 such letters on the subject of the stock market crash, and urging that Ron Paul and other Libertarians be given more coverage in the public debate about the economic crisis.

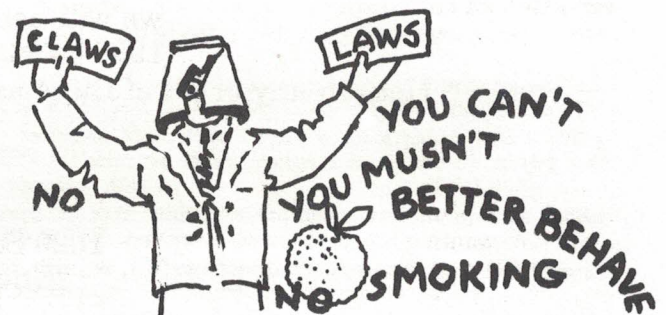
Dick Rider, San Diego vice-chair, was kind enough to provide me with the names and addresses of all these newspapers, most of them in California. A \$15 investment in stamps, envelopes and paper gives my ravings a much higher exposure than if I sent only a single copy. Of course, my tongue is practically stuck to the roof of my mouth after licking all those stamps and envelopes, but would Patrick Henry have complained?

I cannot say where, if indeed anywhere, they might be published. Experience tells me at least several will. Last year at Thanksgiving I visited relatives in Simi Valley, north of Los Angeles; they had seen and cut out one of my letters to the *Simi Valley News*.

Anyone with a personal computer can easily multiply their efforts in the same way.

Glen Allport
10940 Scripps Ranch Blvd., #2D
San Diego, CA

If anyone spots one of Glen's letters, please send a copy to *CLNews*, and you might also let Glen know where his letters landed and that all that lickin' and stickin' did some good.



Common Sense is Big Hit

The following is from *Alabama Liberty*, the newsletter of the Alabama LP. *CLNews* recommends that every regional chair and local group send for a sample copy (please include a couple of dollars to cover their costs). — Editor.

Here's something that has worked in Birmingham to spread libertarianism and that could be tried elsewhere. It's *Common Sense*, a four-page newsletter for residents of Jefferson County. Depending on the issues covered and the amount of money available, 5,000 to 20,000 copies are printed and distributed each month.

Common Sense discusses local issues exclusively. Libertarianism is woven into the stories without suffocating readers in ideological jargon. Take the lead story in one recent issue. It discussed how a group of doctors in Birmingham has asked the city to use eminent domain to force a number of businesses to sell their property to make way for a clinic. In simple graphic language, the story showed how this was the same as the doctors waving guns in the owners' faces to force them to surrender their property. It further pointed out that the real culprits are the city officials who are willing to take property by force. . .



The most popular feature is "Horrible Mentions." This consists of brief items on recent stupid, arrogant or scandalous actions on the part of public officials. The items are supplemented by deliberately sarcastic editorial comments. Humorous graphics drive home the point. Readers are invited to vote for the "Horror of the Month" — and they do!

Reaction to *Common Sense* has been gratifying. The editors receive letters after every issue, most of them favorable. Some readers send \$5.00 to get a year's subscription by first-class mail. Callers to local radio talk shows are sometimes heard quoting *Common Sense*, and sources say copies are circulated through City Hall and the County Courthouse.

Common Sense is an easy publication to do. Its news comes straight from the local media, so little original research is required. A helpful local printer and the party's bulk mail permit keep expenses fairly low.

Restaurant and store owners are starting to help out by keeping stacks of *Common Sense* available for their customers. They can see that Libertarians are people who care about what's happening in the community and who are willing to stick up for the rights of the little guy against the power-mongering local tyrants.

Editors Frank Monachelli and Steve Smith will be glad to advise anyone wanting to start up a *Common Sense*. Write them care of the Alabama LP, P.O. Box 11514, Birmingham, AL 35202. Tele: Frank, (202) 322-2991; Steve, (205) 853-9307.

Booklet on Lobbying Offered

This has got to be one of the best buys around. Randy Grindle, chair of the Lake County LP, has obtained a booklet put out by the State Consumer Advisory Council on how to do grassroots lobbying. It tells how to contact your legislator, dos and don'ts in lobbying, how legislation is handled, how to write letters — all the things a grassroots activist/lobbyist ought to know.

For your copy, send Randy \$1.00. Now that's a real bargain. His address is: P.O. Box 684, Lower Lake, 95457.



Property Rights Initiative

The heading on the petition form makes it absolutely clear what the Sonoma County Property Owners Bill of Rights is all about: "The purpose of this initiative is to regain property rights lost over the last 40 years."

Specifically, this initiative would require the county to compensate property owners for any property acquired by the county for public use; prohibit "down zoning" unless compensation is made for lost value; abolish the Design Review Board; and require notification to property owners subject to specific zoning changes or general plan amendments.

Initiative authors George and Richard Crane and Harry Wagner have called in outside help — libertarian John Robertson, a veteran of petition and/or registration drives in many states to get the LP and its candidates on the ballot. Now he's with People for Property Rights and must collect 15,000 signatures by Dec. 20. That's a real challenge. Sonoma Libertarians could help by signing and returning the petitions sent them by chair Jim Oglesby not long ago. Jim mailed about 600 petitions, but only a few have been sent back. Come on, folks. Even if you just sign your own name and don't collect any others, *every signature counts*.

This attempt to limit the powers of the planners and zoners comes not a minute too soon. As an example of the kind of things Sonoma County residents are up against take the case of Allen Shainsky, who bought an old 29-acre chicken ranch in Windsor, a small town seven miles north of Santa Rosa on Route 101. His plan was to develop a state of the art modern poultry operation handling 90,000 fryers. Unfortunately, this doesn't fit the intentions of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce that wants the area developed into subdivisions, modern business parks and new retail centers for 30,000 residents. Perish forbid that there be a chicken ranch in such an area. Despite the unanimous approval of the Planning Commission, Shainsky's proposal was shot down by the County Supervisors on Nov. 3.

Clearly Sonoma County is ready for a Property Owners Bill of Rights. If you would like more information or would like to help or send a donation, contact People for Property Rights, 649 Crane Canyon Road, Santa Rosa, 95404; tele: (707) 584-5141.

Letter Log



Letters by Libertarians are being published in local newspapers at what seems an increasing rate, thanks no doubt to the Letters to the Editor projects being carried out by many regions. Some writers have sent copies to *CLNews* with a note that this represents "a sample," so whatever is cited in Letter Log represents just a fraction of the good work being done.

Also, it's important to bear in mind that many of the writers use assumed names so they can get published more frequently. *CLNews* will print only the pseudonym unless that person says it's OK to reveal his or her identity.

Please keep *CLNews* informed by sending copies and relevant information to the address on page 2; and if you want any copies of the letters, contact your regional chair (check the back of *CLNews*) for the address of the writer.

Pat Wright, chair of the San Diego County LP: Condemns police crackdown on prostitution. *The Tribune*, Aug. 18. (San Diego County)

Jack Sanders, former chair of the California LP and President of United Taxpayers of San Diego (UNTAX): Analysis of the defense spending and social security budget under Presidents Reagan and Kennedy. "... the 913 percent increase in the federal budget in 25 years is caused by excess increases in every budget category, and the only answer is to cut spending across the board." *The Tribune*, July 8.

Dick Rider, vice-chair of San Diego County LP: Alerts voters to the dangers of Mayor O'Connor calling on community groups to push for Propositions A, B, C, and E — all of which will increase taxes. *The San Diego Union*, Oct. 24. Also appeared in *The San Diego Tribune* and other papers. (For more on this issue, see page 2).

Dick Rider: Opposes "Save the Family Farm Act," intended ostensibly to raise farm incomes, but would actually be a food tax on the general population and "in essence" would make it "illegal to grow food without a government license." *The Tribune*, San Diego, June 9 (edited); the *Blade Tribune*, Oceanside, June 9 (unedited).

Dick Rider: Outrage over police undercover visits to four massage parlors to entrap prostitutes, particularly in view of recent attempts by the city to overturn the Gann spending limitation this November on the grounds that more money is needed by the government. *The Tribune*, Sept. 10.

Betsy Hayward, Treasurer of the San Diego LP: "Give the suckers an even break." Scathing indictment of the state lottery system — the lousy odds and the "false and misleading advertising of the state Lottery Commission." *San Diego Union*, June 10.

Don Ellis, Oceanside: Excellent discussion of deficit, or as Don points out, what's really meant is an *increase* in deficit. Asks why more attention is not paid to Ron Paul, the one presidential candidate who knows how restore fiscal sanity. *Blade-Tribune*, Nov. 15.

Colin Caldwell, San Diego: "Taxation is Theft." Applauds "courageous Americans" who refuse to pay their taxes; cites the inanities and iniquities perpetrated by the federal government. *The San Diego Union*, Sept. 15.

Robert Valente, Clairmont: Condemns beer industry's wholesaler monopoly bill and similar subsidy laws. These are not truly free-market as their proponents claim. *The Tribune*, Sept. 17.

Dave Janowitz, San Diego: Attacks San Diego Gas and Electric's donation to a group that's pushing the half-cent sales tax increase, Proposition A. *The San Diego Union*, Oct. 21. (For more on Proposition A, please see page 2).

Jan Vanderslice, San Diego: League of Women Voters is anything but "neutral" — it's constantly pushing a welfare-state agenda. Should rename itself The League of Socialist Women Voters. *The San Diego Union*, June 11.

John Murphy, San Diego: Opposes Proposition A. *San Diego Union*, Oct. 24.

Was also published in the *San Diego Tribune* and other papers.

Glen Allport, San Diego: Remarks on the causes of the stock-market crash; points out that Ron Paul, is the only presidential candidate able to offer a true alternative and some answers to the problems. Urges that Paul and other Libertarians be given more coverage in the public debate about the economic crisis. *The Tribune*, Oct. 27. (Please see Glen's letter to *CLNews*, page 4).

Janet Brown, Temple City: Argues against smoking ban on buses, trains and plains. *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, Sept. 13. (Region 63)



John Vernon, chair of Region 61, Van Nuys: Condemns the idea of a national service as the slavery that it is, whether the draft be military or not, in peace or wartime. Calls for a constitutional amendment to limit ability by government to declare war and to draft young people to fight it. *Daily News*, Jan. 10.

Ernst Ghermann, Canoga Park: Opposes both military draft and national service. The fundamental issue is who owns you — Society or yourself? "There is no draft or mandatory service in the land of the free." *Daily News*, Jan. 10 — on same page as John Vernon's. (Ventura County)

Ernst Ghermann: Toll road benefits. *The Daily News*, March 7.

Ernst Ghermann: Compares alleged benefits of minimum wage legislation with known results: base-pay hike will hurt the poor. *L.A. Times*, May 22.

Ernst Ghermann: Religion must be kept out of politics; each individual should follow own conscience and belief system. *Daily News*, Aug. 28.

Ernst Ghermann: The two old parties are not the only ones around; "Libertarians are gearing up for a vigorous campaign." *Daily News*, Oct. 21.



Donald Tork, Thousand Oaks: Asks whether planting of flowers along a freeway, using tax-dollars which are obtained by threat of force, is a legitimate function of government. *News Chronicle*, Sept. 27. (Ventura Co.)

Donald Tork: Opposes a proposed anti-pornography ordinance. "A free society is that society in which people are able to make choices and to be responsible, as individuals, for the choices that they do make." *News Chronicle*, Nov. 4.

Randall Grindle, chair of Lake County LP, Clearlake: Good discussion of the right to privacy and property, natural rights, and the function of government. *Times Star*, Sept. 24.

Jeff Smith, San Jose: The governor doesn't need more time to consider bills before signing, we all need far fewer laws. *Mercury News*. (Santa Clara Co.)

John Inks, Mountain View: Higher taxes will not reduce federal deficit. Discusses national debt, the federal budget and the already existing giant federal tax increases. *Mercury News*.

Don Cormier, San Jose: Politicians and bureaucrats are pyramid builders turning downtown San Jose into a desert of monoliths. *Mercury News*.

Richard "Al" Date: Re. the peace visualization group *Beyond War*. "History teaches us that wishful thinking quickly dissipates in a hostile political environment. . . The attainment of peace is only possible (and meaningful) through liberation." *Santa Cruz Good Times*. (Santa Clara County)

For Your Information

ExCom Resolutions

The LPC ExCom met in Visalia the first weekend in the last meeting before the Convention next February. Three resolutions were approved: a resolution opposing U.S. intervention in the Persian Gulf, one endorsing the Humane Death Act initiative, and a third condemning the San Francisco Police Department for their raid on Free Forum Books.

The second resolution requires some explanation. It endorses an initiative to pass "A Uniform (Model) Humane and Dignified Death Act" which would permit terminally ill persons to seek physician assisted "aid in dying." For more information about this, contact Americans Against Human Suffering, P.O. Box 11001, Glendale, CA 91206; (818) 240-1986.

Bylaws Changes

Lyn Sapowsky was chosen Bylaws Committee chair at the recent state ExCom meeting. Lyn requests that you submit proposed changes, additions, deletions or suggestions for consideration of the LPC 1988 Bylaws Committee *before* Jan. 15, 1988. Send your proposals in writing to Lyn Sapowsky-Smith, 4 Inner Circle, Redwood City, 94062. Tele: (415) 368-8148.

Primary Calendar Correction

Last month *CLNews* published a calendar for the 1988 Primary, reprinting verbatim information obtained from the registrar of voters in Santa Clara County. While the filing dates remain the same throughout the state as published, it seems that not all registrar offices will be open on Dec. 31 for picking up the petition forms for signatures in lieu of filing fees. This means in some counties candidates will have to wait until Jan. 4 to pick up their papers. Check with your registrar of voters. The New Year weekend is a great time to collect signatures as so many people are home. Having to wait can be a real handicap.

Political Party Rights

Richard Winger

On Nov. 2, the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, denied California's request for a rehearing in *San Francisco Co. Democratic Central Committee v Eu*. On Nov. 17, the same court denied the state's request for a stay of the decision. Unless the U.S. Supreme Court intervenes, political parties in the nine states in the 9th Circuit will be free to structure themselves as they wish and to endorse candidates in their own primaries. . .

California's request for a rehearing had been presented to all 26 full-time judges of the 9th Circuit. Not one of them, including Judge Anthony Kennedy, Reagan's present appointee to the U.S. Supreme Court, voted to grant a rehearing. Nevertheless, the California Secretary of State and Attorney General indicate they are almost certainly going to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to accept the case.

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LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., Dec. 10	Program to be Announced	Mike Tejeda	415/531-0760
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa		Pizza Party/Election of Officers and Plans for Campaign	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 County (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., Dec. 9	Ferde Grofe: Impact of Gov. Regulation of Aviation	John Vernon	818/780-9943
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Dec. 17	Philio Fixler (Local Gov. Center): Privatizing Education	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills	Tue., Dec. 15	Craig Franklin (singer/songwriter): Libertarian Songfest	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Dec. 10	John Dentinger: Lie Down with Conservatives, Get Up with Sleaze	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey		Call County Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
-66, South Bay	Thu., Dec. 17	Christmas Party at Cullene Lang's	Sam Treynor	213/546-2846
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/623-5067
Marin	Wed. Dec. 4	Charles Baird: South African Political Economy (Free Marin Forum)	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	Thur. Dec. 10	Call County Chair for Program Information	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
		Program to be Announced (Liberty Forum Supper Club)	Jack Dean*	714/871-0371
Placer			Charles Carr	916/652-4801
Riverside/San Bernardino Counties			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Diego	Tue., Dec. 8	Dennis Thompson: Libertarian Libretto	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Sat., Dec. 12	Candidate Recruitment Meeting	Pat Wright	619/295-9510
	Tue., Dec. 15	Business Meeting	Pat Wright	619/295-9510
San Diego (No. Co.)		No Program Scheduled for This Month	Paul King*	619/433-7252
San Francisco/Marin Counties				
	Wed., Dec. 9	Video Tape: Donald Lavoie, "Seducing the Left"	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
San Luis Obispo			Clyde Steele	805/541-8892
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara			Brian Garrity	805/928-0311
Santa Clara	Sat., Dec. 12	June Genis' Annual Christmas Open House	June Genis*	415/851-7664
2Wed., Dec. 23		Business Meeting	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare			Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Ventura	Thu., Dec. 3	Round-up of Candidates for Campaign '88	George Hasara	805/525-6321
Yolo			Bryce Bigwood*	916/758-2346

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