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LPC GOES TO LAS VEGAS

Let's Celebrate Freedom!

California Libertarians will be heading for Las Vegas and the Alexis Park Hotel to Celebrate Freedom, at the annual LPC Convention, Feb. 17-20. Joining us in our celebration will be the Nevada LP, which is holding its Convention at the same time.

Among the items of business is the election of new officers. Ted Brown has decided not to seek reelection, and former Region 61 chair John Vernon has announced he will seek that office.

Also on the agenda is the election of delegates to the National Convention that will be held this Sept. in Philadelphia. If you plan on going to "Philly" as a delegate, you must be elected at the Vegas Convention.

In a break from tradition, business sessions will not run at the same time as the seminars. Instead, these will be held during the mornings, with the speaker events in the afternoons. This time nobody will be worn to a ravelling by a long afternoon of platform debate.

Whether your interest is "intellectual" or nuts-and-bolts political activism there's something for everyone. Our top-of-ticket candidates Ron Paul and Andre Marrou will be there, sharing with us insights and war-stories of their campaigns. You can learn ways to convey the message of Libertarianism in One Lesson from former presidential candidate David Bergland; and our first presidential candidate John Hospers will look at this whole matter of "pure" and "impure" libertarianism. Former LP chair Alicia Clark, Robert Poole of Reason Foundation, Tibor Machan of Auburn University, John Dentinger, Murray Rothbard, Michael Emmerling, Randall Grindle, and many other Libertarian scholars, candidates, and activists are featured speakers.

Harry Browne, author of *How I Found Freedom in an Un-free World*, is the speaker at the Sunday Night Banquet. His topic: The Economic Time Bomb. Find out how many minutes (years?) are left.

There's the Samuel Adams Awards Luncheon; and we can all relax during a night on the town (Saturday). For last minute information, contact Cullene Lang (213) 595-6266 or Nancy Neale (818) 893-6884.

Report from the Chair

Ted Brown

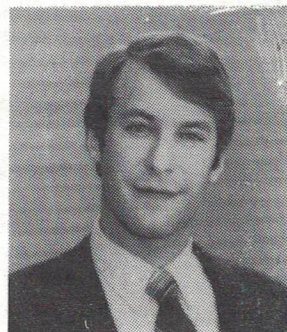
As many of you know, I am not seeking a second term as state chair, but will retire from that office at the close of the Las Vegas Convention. This last year has been an exciting time for the Libertarian Party, and there is every reason for great expectations for our future growth.

Membership currently is at 1,986, which is a record for us. The Paul/Marrou ticket, plus numerous local activities, boosted our visibility and support for our viewpoints. Over 3,500 people called our toll-free number in 1988 asking for more information; and as Nov. 8 drew near, calls were coming in at the rate of a hundred a day. Ballot arguments that I wrote opposing several bond issues were accepted for the Voter's Pamphlet and so traveled to the homes of California's 14 million registered voters.

As past chair I will still be active as a member of the state Executive Committee. I expect to work on increasing our membership even further in 1989, and to begin soon recruiting a full professional slate of 152 candidates for the 1990 election.

I believe that we can recruit statewide candidates who will receive the necessary two percent of the vote to keep us on the ballot, which is one way we can maintain ballot status. The other way is to increase the number of party registrants. LPC activists have been developing effective plans on how to do this, starting immediately. My personal opinion is that the registration drive should wait until 1990 when it can be used as a combination campaign and party-building tool. Election years bring more interest in politics than off-years like 1989.

For 1989, besides official LPC activities, I urge all individual party members to get the word out by means of writing letters to the editor, writing to legislators, giving



News and Events from the Regions

FofCon Update

The Future of Freedom Conference (FofCon) program has been finalized, and includes speakers from as far away as the Soviet Union and Ghana. Looks like a great line-up. More next month, but meanwhile check the ad on page four for speaker list and costs. The FofCon will be held at Fort Mason in San Francisco, March 25 and 26.

Here and There

FRESNO: John Graham, LPC contact in Tulare County, moved from Dinuba to Fresno and has agreed to be the contact there. He can be reached at (209) 275-6220. Roy Kendall has taken on the job of chair for Tulare County: (209) 732-3237.

SANTA BARBARA: County chair Steven Crigler will be starting the series of seminars developed by Marshall Fritz and the Advocates for Self Government. These will be held weekly beginning in mid-February. For details call: (805) 569-0244.

SAN FRANCISCO: At the Jan. 11 meeting, the LPSF voted to sponsor and promote an initiative to be placed on the Nov. 1989 ballot. This initiative would be an advisory one asking San Francisco voters to support a recommendation calling for the repeal of all state laws that prohibit the dispensing of clean hypodermic needles. Members decided this initiative effort would be a good way for the LPSF to increase awareness of Libertarian principles, build membership, and increase the number of registered Libertarians.

New Student Group at SFSU

The Libertarian Alliance is now an official club on the campus at San Francisco State University, with the purpose of sharing our beliefs of liberty and democracy with other college students. The club founder is Michael Lane, No. 1530 Verducci Hall, 770 Lake Merced Blvd., San Francisco, 94132. Tele: (415) 338-3685.

Michael writes that he hopes students on other campuses will start similar organizations, an idea that's crucial to the success of the movement. Without a libertarian group of some kind at a college, it is extremely difficult to get libertarian speakers onto campus. This changes once a libertarian group exists which can act as a sponsor. Lots of luck to Michael and his friends in this effort.

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Early Bird Robin on Ballot

Organization and planning paid off for "Early Bird" Robin Westmiller in her race for Glendale City Council. Robin had lined up her signature gatherers months ahead of time, so she was able to collect the required 500, plus a hundred or so to spare, and filed them several days before the filing deadline. Now she can concentrate on running her campaign.

She's already received invitations from various groups to attend their functions: for some of these she's been told that only a few council candidates are being invited. So she's clearly regarded as a serious candidate. One of the first group she'll be meeting with (on Feb. 6) is the Friends of Heritage, whose members are concerned about the wholesale demolition of whole neighborhoods under the auspices of the redevelopment agency.

Norma Jean's Home at Last

Norma Jean Almodovar, the 1986 LPC candidate for lieutenant governor, is back home with her husband Victor. That's the good news. The bad news is she is still on parole and will be for another three years.

Norma Jean was arrested in a police sting operation back in 1984. The charge was pandering, but in reality it was because it was known that she was writing a book exposing corruption within the L.A.P.D. She was convicted, in part due to poor handling of her case by her attorney who did not permit her to take the stand, something she had wanted to do. "I was chopping at the bit to get on the witness stand," she recalls; and she told *CLNews*, "We're going for a new trial. They don't want me on the stand, but I've got to try for another chance to tell my side of the story before a judge."

Meanwhile, since her release from prison she has been on several radio shows, and will be appearing on TV.

To learn about the background of the case, please contact your regional chair. If you want to hear Norma Jean herself, she's the speaker this month at the San Diego Supper Club (Feb. 14); and she'd like her friends to know they can write to her: 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., # 580, Los Angeles, 90028.

February Hikes

Bay Area: Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:00 a.m., Palomares Canyon/Niles Canyon — Pleasanton/Sunol area. Peter Stevenson, (415) 465-7421.

Los Angeles: No hike in February. For information on the March hike call Alan Pendleton, (213) 392-2181 or Ed Ogawa, (805) 379-1491, evenings.

San Diego: Saturday, Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m., bird-watching walk along the flood channel of the San Diego River. Great place for water birds — herons, egrets and ducks. Hike leader Sara Baase says she has become a "birder" and will be there, bird book in hand, to explain the differences between mallards and ruddy ducks. Contact: Sara Baase, (619) 460-9136.

• **Important Disclaimer:** These hikes are not an officially sponsored activity of the Libertarian Party. Each person's safety is his or her responsibility. So when you're on the bird walk, watch out for the wild goose.

Marrou Kicks Off Project 51-'92

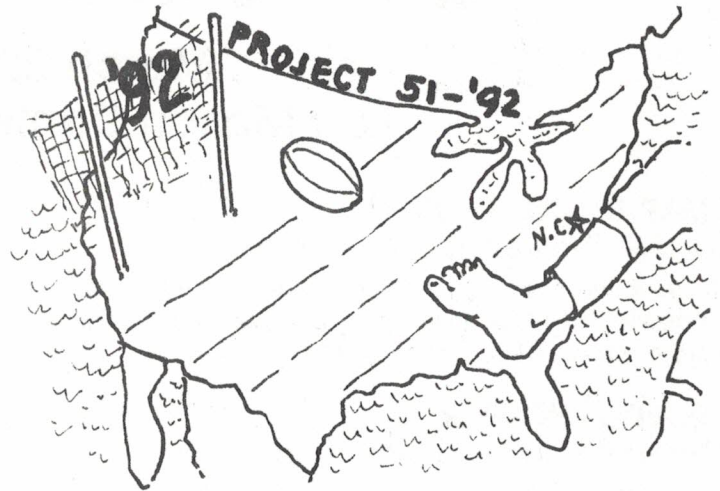
Andre Marrou, LP vice-presidential candidate in 1988, doesn't mince words, as he talks about our problems with ballot access over the years. "The problem has always been that we've waited until election year, then exhausted ourselves and our resources trying to get ourselves organized and our presidential candidate on the ballot in different states."

To break this pattern of what he calls "sprint, collapse, recover, sprint, collapse, recover," he and several other longtime LP activists have set up Project 51-'92: a national Political Action Committee whose sole purpose is to work for LP ballot status in all 50 states plus D.C. by 1992.

Leader of the PAC is Andre, with David Bergland as chief advisor. Richard Winger, ballot access authority, is ballot access consultant; Steven Fielder, former LP Ballot Access Committee chair, is advisor on Federal Election Commission requirements; and Michael Emmerling, Andre's recent campaign manager, is fundraising advisor.

As to which states do we give priority, "We're going for the hard ones first," says Andre. "Like North Carolina. In North Carolina we need 45,000 good signatures collected. That means 60,000 really, to allow for the bad ones. It'll cost \$60,000 — but those signatures are good for four years, so once we have them and we're on the ballot we won't have to worry about 1990 or 1992, at least not in North Carolina."

"Then there's Arizona. We still don't have permanent ballot status in Arizona, and to achieve it we need to register 8,000 Libertarians. In Illinois, we'll be initiating court action to challenge the starting date for the Libertarian presidential candidate." It seems that in Illinois an Independent candidate can start signature gathering 60 days earlier than a



third-party candidate. It's not fair, but that's the way it is unless we can change it!

"Things are really moving," says Andre. "We're starting to raise money, we've got good people as advisors."

Sounds like Project 51-'92 is an idea and an effort whose time has come. Obviously money is needed. Freedom is not free, and money is the mother's milk of politics and ballot access. The immediate goal is to get North Carolina on the ballot before the National Convention in Sept. For \$500 you can become a charter member; for \$250, an associate member. But any amount helps. Please send your contributions to Project 51-'92, 5143 Blanton Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Tele: (702) 435-3218.



How Things are Going



Petition Drive Nears Goal

June Genis, Libertarian activist of Redwood City, is well on the way to having enough signatures to put the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on red alert.

Last month *CLNews* reported how June had challenged the Supervisors, who had voted themselves a 24 percent salary increase just before Christmas. Upon learning of the pay-hike, June organized a group called Action for County Control on Establishing Supervisors' Salaries (ACCESS), and on Jan. 3 announced she would be fielding a referendum petition which would place the matter before the voters.

The odds were formidable, since June needs 10 percent of the number of the number of registered voters in the county who cast ballots in the 1986 gubernatorial election — a total of 19,715 signatures — by Feb. 18.

But as of Jan. 27, June and her volunteers had collected 13,000 signatures, and she expects to have 20,000 in hand by Feb. 8. That would leave a couple of weeks to gather several thousand more to offset any bad signatures.

To find out how you can help, call the LPC office in San Jose; San Mateo chair Lyn Sapowsky, (415) 368-8148; or June herself at (415) 851-7664, evenings.

San Diego Court Case

Last month *CLNews* reported on a lawsuit brought by three San Diego Libertarians (Pat Wright, Dick Rider and Steven Currie) against the County of San Diego to stop a half-cent cent sales tax increase which was approved by voters in November. The trial has been moved to Riverside County, because of possible conflict of interest with local San Diego judges. The judge should rule on this suit in mid to late February. Both sides have promised to take the case to the appeal level regardless of how the lower court rules.

The new tax, which is to pay for new jails and courtrooms, is on top of an increase last year (also 1/2 cent) earmarked for new roads. The salestax in the county is now seven cents on the dollar.

The argument of the Libertarians is that the tax violates Propositions 13 and 62, with voters approving the tax by only a simple majority vote. In order to get around the two-thirds vote required for approval under Prop. 13, the County had set up a new entity, the San Diego Regional Justice Facility Financing Agency, which in reality is the County Board of Supervisors.

Since this is being funded on a shoestring budget, any donations would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be sent to Dick Rider, P.O. Box 16449, San Diego 92116.

Future of Freedom '89

March 25th & 26th
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

MARTIN ANDERSON

"Inside the Reagan Revolution"

Former chief domestic and economic policy adviser to President Reagan (1980-1982). Author of several books on national policy, urban renewal, welfare reform and conscription.

ROBERT SHEAFFER

"Resentment Against Achievement"

Sheaffer is a founder of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Paranormal and author of **Resentment Against Achievement**.

GEORGE AYITTEY

"The Failure of African Socialism"

Ayittey is from Ghana and a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution with a PhD in economics. He has written for the *Cato Journal*, *Policy Review*, and the *Times of London* and is completing his first book, **Africa Betrayed**, to be published by the Cato Institute.

JIM LEWIS

"In the Belly of the Beast"

Lewis, a vocal opponent of the income tax and the IRS, was the Libertarian Party's candidate for Vice President in 1984 and has just finished a sentence in federal prison for battling the IRS.

JOHN DECECCO

"Sexual Liberty Under Attack"

DeCecco is Professor of Psychology and Human Sexuality at San Francisco State University and is Director of the Center for Research and Education in Sexuality.

LARRY STANLEY

"Pornography, Censorship & Entrapment"

Stanley, an attorney from New York, is a leading authority on pornography and censorship and police entrapment.

PAUL WEAVER

"How Big Business Betrays Free Enterprise"

Weaver is the author of **The Suicidal Corporation** published by Simon & Schuster in cooperation with the Cato Institute.

MIKHAIL BERNSTAM

"Economic Freedom Under Gorbachev"

Bernstam, born and educated in the Soviet Union, is now a fellow at the Hoover Institution.

Plus GREG CHRISTAINSEN on "Competing Legal Systems" and LEW ROCKWELL on "The Prospects for Free Enterprise."

Plus, a special bonus!!

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For Your Information

LP Chair Resigns

At the Dec. meeting of the National Committee of the Libertarian Party, Jim Turney resigned as national chair. Former vice-chair Dave Walter (Pennsylvania) agreed to take over that office, while David Bergland, past LP chair became vice-chair. Sam Treynor, of region 66, who had been filling the office of treasurer on an interim basis, was replaced by Stephen Fielder. Kirk McKee, who was our acting national director, also resigned, and a search is on for someone to fill this vacancy.

Winger Receives Award

The Northern California Committee for Party Renewal presented Richard Winger an award as the "Californian Who Has Done the Most to Strengthen Political Parties." The award was presented at its annual meeting in Berkeley, Jan. 21.

Richard Winger, in addition to being a member of the Committee's Advisory Board and now their Legislative Liaison, is the Field Representative for the Coalition for Free and Open Elections, editor of *Ballot Access News*, and was the 1986 LP candidate for California Secretary of State.

More Ballot Status Clarification

Last month *CLNews* reported that to stay on the ballot we would need one percent of the total number of votes cast in the gubernatorial election of 1990, which Richard Winger estimates would be about 85,000. Richard points out that there is another way to remain on the ballot, namely, that one of our statewide candidates receive at least two percent of the vote in that election.

But here is the situation. In 1986 candidates for all three third parties received enough votes in the race for state treasurer to assure their place on the ballot for 1988 and 1990. This was because the Republicans did not run anybody

for that office, so many of the votes that would have gone to a Republican were scooped up by third party candidates.

It's not likely the Republicans will leave that door open in 1990, so the best thing would seem to be to start boosting our registration figures. Just what the best strategy is or when the most optimum time would be is a matter being discussed by Libertarian activists throughout the state.

Report from the Chair

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editorial reply messages on TV and radio, and attending community and political meetings.

We have a golden opportunity for growth in the near future, with the expected statist policies of the Bush administration coming into full swing. There is no Reagan to steal our rhetoric any longer. As taxes rise, and savings and loan institutions fail, and Bush promotes "bipartisanship" in Washington, people will turn to the Libertarian Party as the only rational alternative. The time is now to build our party for future success.

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COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Tue., Feb. 14	Program to be Announced	Mike Tejeda	415/531-0760
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Calaveras			Tom Tryon	209/736-4845
Contra Costa	Tue., Feb. 14	Potluck Dinner and Discussion of Registration Drive	Mike Rother	415/932-4993
El Dorado			Richard Akin	916/622-4785
Fresno			John Graham*	209/275-6220
Humboldt			Daniel Mosier*	707/822-7804
Inyo/Mono Counties		Call County Chair for Information	William Baucum	619/878-2288
Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake/Mendocino/Napa Counties			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles County (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Mon., Feb. 6	Videotape: <i>Cover-Up</i> : The Hostage Crisis/1980 Election	Phillip Myers	818/780-9943
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Feb. 16	Chris Hofland: Soviet Souvenirs: a Personal Collection	Robert Weber	213/204-0612
-63, Foothills		No Meeting in February	John Tuttle	818/242-5699
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Feb. 23	Get-Together and Open Discussion	Don Meyer	213/463-5362
-65, Downey		Call County Chair for Program Information	Clark Marley	213/695-1979
-66, South Bay	Thu., Feb. 23	Potluck Dinner	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
	Tue., Feb. 7	George Smith: The Arts and Science of Argument (Albert J. Nock Forum)	Dirk Van Horne*	213/434-5138
-67, East San Gabriel Valley		No Meeting This Month	Gail Lightfoot	714/623-1117
Marin			Bob Bickford*	415/927-4814
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	Tue., Feb. 14	John Vernon: Looking Ahead — The Future of the LPC	Richard Martin	213/426-3069
	Thu., Feb. 16	Program to be Announced (Liberty Forum Supper Club)	Jack Dean*	714/871-0371
Placer			Bruce Daniel*	916/663-2568
Riverside			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento/Yolo Counties			Bryce Bigwood*	916/447-4527
San Bernardino			Ed Moss*	714/986-6677
San Diego	Tue., Feb. 14	N. J. Almodovar: Confessions of a Political Prisoner	Dick Rider	619/276-7166
San Francisco	Wed., Feb. 8	Videotapes: <i>Non-Negotiable</i> and <i>One Good Turn</i>	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
	Sat., Feb. 11	Robert Steiner: Don't Get Taken In (Free Exchange)	George O'Brien*	415/731-3031
San Luis Obispo			David Bersohn	805/466-3963
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara			Bob Bakhaus*	805/965-2741
Santa Clara	Thu., Feb. 16	Monthly Meeting at Coco's Restaurant	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg*	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tehema			Ross Crain*	916/529-0853
Tulare	Feb. 8 & 22	Study Group Meeting	Roy Kendall	209/732-3237
Ventura	Tue., Feb. 14	Social Meeting at Round Table Pizza	Aaron Starr	805/583-3308

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