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Registered Libertarians Flourish

Number of California "Reg-Libs" increases 4.09% in one month

Libertarian Party voter registrations in California leaped an impressive 4.09% in just one month, according to figures recently made available by the Secretary of State's Elections Division.

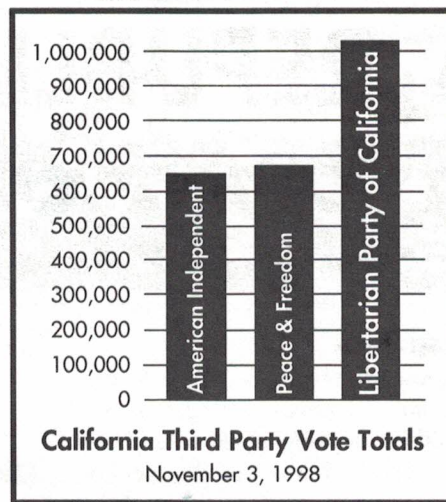
According to the newly released figures, from September 5th to October 5th, the Libertarian Party experienced the largest growth in registered voters of any alternative political party, and the largest percentage increase of all eight political parties on the ballot in California.

"I think, the September-October numbers are very encouraging," said an enthusiastic LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "Our candidates and activists have been working hard, and their effort is paying off big time."

The Libertarian Party continues growing faster than any alternative party according to the October report. By comparison, the Green Party's registrations only grew by 3.7% in the same period, while the American Independent Party increased by a mere 2.4%, and the Peace and Freedom Party rose a sluggish 1.4%.

Other third parties appear to be in trouble: Ross Perot's sputtering Reform Party saw their registrations drop 1.8% for the month, and the Natural Law Party dropped 1.9%.

"California voters are losing faith with the other third parties," Hinkle declared. "The simple fact is: the other third parties just aren't as organized or as credible as the Libertar- (continued on page 7)



Election '98 Summary

State Libertarians receive over one million votes; LPC maintains ballot status

Over one million votes were cast for Libertarians in the eight statewide races on November 3 — 55% more than the nearest third party and more than enough to guarantee continued ballot access for California Libertarians in the 2000 election cycle.

"Clearly we are the first choice among third parties for Californians," declared LPC Executive Director Juan Ros. "Our candidates delivered the right message — individual liberty, personal responsibility, and limited government — and voters looking for a real alternative responded to that message."

Libertarian candidates in California received 1,163,788 total votes in the races for U.S. Senate, Governor, and the six other statewide constitutional offices. The Peace and Freedom Party received the second-highest (continued on page 6)

LPC Launches "Operation Beachhead"

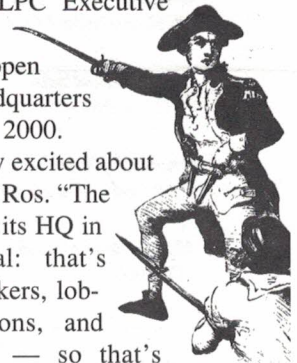
State party begins plan to open Sacramento headquarters by the year 2000

The LPC has announced the launch of Operation Beachhead, a new project spearheaded by LPC Executive Director Juan Ros that would open a state party headquarters in Sacramento by 2000.

"I am extremely excited about this project," said Ros. "The LPC should have its HQ in the state capital: that's where the lawmakers, lobbyists, associations, and press corps are — so that's where we should be too!"

The plan was drafted by Ros and approved by LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. It was first announced publicly at the Shelley Davis dinners held last month (see related story on page 3), where over \$18,000 was raised for the project.

Why call it "Operation Beachhead?" Ros explains: (continued on page 4)



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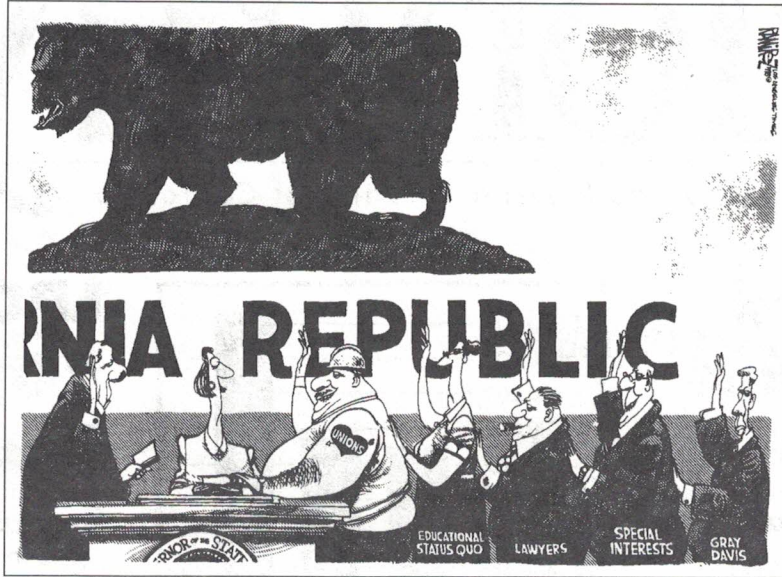
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LETTERS



Bumper Responds

In his letter in your October issue, Perry Willis claims that “as the Campaign Manager of the Marrou for President campaign at the time of the Dixville Notch victory,” Willis was “the person who decided that we needed to succeed in Dixville Notch.”

Unfortunately, Willis’s claim is not shared by everyone. Here’s what Andre Marrou stated in an e-mail message after reading my editorial “A Key to Success in 2000”: “By the way, Perry Willis, who was my Campaign Manager at the time, actively and forcefully opposed my Dixville Notch strategy and campaigning.”

The 1996 New Hampshire presidential primary was a failure for Libertarians but not because of a lack of resources. It failed because Harry Browne abandoned the New Hampshire primary fight to return to Tennessee to do talk radio from his home. The New Hampshire primary was a golden opportunity for Browne. If he had stayed and fought, he might have outpolled some of the lower-echelon Republican candidates.

How much money would it have taken to rent a hotel room, rent a car, and walk the streets of Nashua, Manchester, and Dixville Notch shaking people’s hands? Maybe \$200 a day. And Browne had already raised thousands of dollars from donors for the purpose of campaigning in New Hampshire.

One thing is certain in politics: If a candidate won’t fight, he can’t succeed. I still grimace when I think about what that woman from Dixville Notch said to C-Span after being asked why the 1996 Libertarian presidential candidate did so poorly. She said that voters in New

Hampshire have a policy: If you don’t come and ask them to vote for you, they won’t.

Finally, Willis incorrectly states that I am “a newcomer to Libertarian politics.” As former national LP director, he knows that I have served 3 terms on the national LP platform committee and have been speaking at LP conventions for 10 years. Perhaps what he meant to say was that I have not made politics my profession. I consider this a plus, and I suspect that many

American voters would agree.

JACOB G. HORNBERGER
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Libertarian Mafia

Now this is a hoot!...

Under the headline “Libertarian lawyers at center of Clinton cases” the *San Jose Mercury News* Washington Bureau (Oct. 19th) prints a muddled account of the “libertarian mafia” which has “put the president on the path toward impeachment.”

Later the article soppily smears the definition of libertarian and conservative (apparently anyone from the University of Chicago is a libertarian, so is any lawyer in Chicago, so are conservatives who support the rightist rag *American Spectator*); but you can’t really expect the *Merc* to make such fine distinctions- their staff just knows THEY aren’t libertarians.

At least they’ve finally set the world straight on why Poor President Clinton has his... um...cigar in the wringer — it’s that damn libertarian mafia.

We have a mafia?

I didn’t know. And I haven’t even learned the secret handshake yet!

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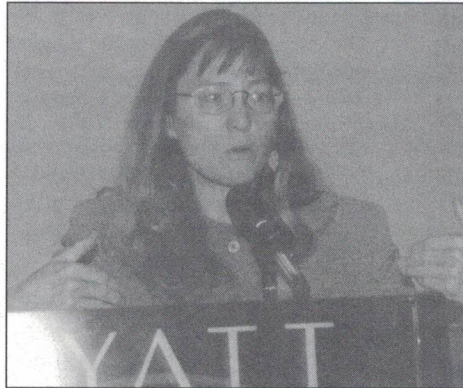
Shelley L. Davis Dinners Raise Big Bucks

Banquets in San Diego, Los Angeles & San Francisco raise \$18,000 for Operation Beachhead

In October, the Libertarian Party of California sponsored three fundraising banquets in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco featuring guest speaker, Shelley L. Davis, author of "Unbridled Power: Inside the Secret Culture of the I.R.S." (next issue, *LPC Monthly* will publish a transcript of Davis' speech.)

The evenings were highly successful. An articulate, droll and highly entertaining speaker, Davis was very well received by all three audiences, who showed their appreciation with loud applause and sizable donations.

Between the three dinners, the LPC raised a total of \$18,000 to launch Operation Beachhead. (see related story on page 1). "The generosity of California Libertarians continues to amaze me," said the evening's master of ceremonies, Michael Cloud. "They just keep giving



Shelley Davis speaking in Los Angeles.

and giving — what a wonderful and dedicated group this is!"

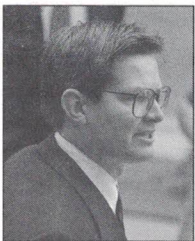
LPC Chair Mark Hinkle echoed Cloud's sentiments: "Obviously, our members really like what we are doing with their donations — and that's immensely gratifying. We're all building the future together — a

Libertarian future. Operation Beachhead is a very worthy plan — it's going to be another big step towards professionalizing this party, and increasing our influence in California politics. It's the foundation we need to accelerate the party's already dramatic growth; it's the launch pad for ultimately electing Libertarians to our state government."

LPC Executive Director Juan Ros, one of the primary organizers of the Shelley L. Davis banquets, was also extremely pleased by their results: "In addition to the great time we had with Shelley, and all the money we raised, I think what pleased me the most about the dinners was seeing all those new faces! Many of the people who bought tickets were attending their very first Libertarian event. It was just incredible. This party is growing so fast — it's very exciting!" ■

San Diego Libertarians Win Lawsuit

LPC activists successful in effort to stop school district's illegal use of public funds



Edward Teyssier

San Diego Libertarians have another legal victory under their belts. On September 28, San Diego Superior Court Judge Robert E. May, approved a settlement in favor of Libertarian activist

Edward M. Teyssier, who had filed a lawsuit two weeks earlier against San Diego Unified School District Superintendent Alan Bersin.

"The lawsuit involved illegal expenditures of public money to pass a massive \$1.51 billion school bond measure, Prop. MM," explained another San Diego Libertarian and experienced courtroom crusader, Richard Rider. "Clearly the district operated in violation of the law. And Bersin still faces another lawsuit seeking

repayment of the \$72,000 of taxpayer funds spent on the illegal mailing of his letter to voters touting the measure."

Rider continued: "We wrote the ballot argument opposing Prop. MM, but the issue of the illegal expenditures is separate from the Libertarian Party's position against the bond issue itself. Our contention is that the school employees are free to spend their free time promoting the bond issue, but they shouldn't use money from the public coffers to carry out this activity. That action is illegal. The court sided with us, and the SDUSD had to agree to just about every stipulation we asked for in the

Teyssier/Bersin lawsuit."

Under the terms of the settlement, the district had to discontinue its mass-mailing campaign to inform voters of the supposed benefits of Proposition MM, include a fair and balanced presentation of the facts behind the issue on any infor-

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mational materials it subsequently released, and not attempt to recruit citizens to vote for the measure.

Rider concluded: "We won! Hats off to Ed Teyssier, and to our attorney, Richard Gann, who took the case pro bono and basically beat an army of lawyers from the other side." ■

From The Chair:

Toward A Libertarian World

by Mark Hinkle

As always, I'll begin by restating our primary goals for 1998...

1. Build our ranks to 7,000 dues paying members;
2. Build our pledge program to generate \$6,000 per month;
3. Maintain ballot status.

Here's an update on our progress...

Goal #1: Our current paid membership figure is at an all-time high of 5,958 — that represents an increase of 187 in October. That's encouraging news, but we're still a little more than 1,000 members under our goal.

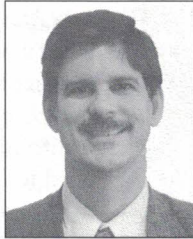
What are we doing to close the gap?

Perry Willis, who spearheads the national LP's direct mail recruitment program, Project Archimedes,

reports that a one half million piece mailer is in the postal pipeline right now: recruitment letters are filling the mail boxes of potential new members all across the country, many of them right here in California. In addition, the national LP is planning another mailer to register Libertarians in January, 1999. The LPC stands to gain substantially from both these mailings.

In addition, our Grassroots Challenge '98 is still running and gathering momentum. This contest is intended to provide financial rewards to LPC regions to build membership at the local level. San Diego (R37) has been the contest's hands down winner for two months running — and setting an example from which all of our other regions can learn.

Goal #2: We are still short of our objective, but making progress. The recent Shelley Davis fundraising dinners added another \$310 per month to our monthly



Mark Hinkle

pledge program. Participating in our pledge program is the single most important thing that any member can do to support the LPC. If you are not a pledger, please consider joining today. It's easy: just call our Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200 — he'll do the rest!

Incidentally, at our last LPC Execom meeting, the committee adjusted our 1998 budget down from \$350,000 to \$281,000. That's still way ahead of last year's gross income of \$190,000. We may not be as far as we'd hoped at the beginning of this year, but we're still much further than we were at the same time last year!

Goal #3: *Accomplished!* Several of our statewide candidates exceeded the 2% vote totals during the November election that was required for our party to maintain its ballot status

here in California!

Sadly, Libertarian Sandi Webb lost her seat on the Simi Valley City Council. The good news is that Libertarian Bonnie Flickinger was re-elected to the Moreno Valley City Council. In addition, three more Libertarians were elected to office: Norman Vroman will become Mendocino County's next District Attorney; Robert A. Noble will take a seat on the Arcata City Council; and John Mehaffey will join the Saratoga City Council.

Before I close, I would like to announce that our next annual convention will be held at the Double Tree hotel in San Jose, February 12-15.

One final announcement: I have decided to seek another term as your Chair. In just two short years, we've come a long, long way together; it is my hope to continue traveling with you on this path toward a more successful Libertarian Party — and a more libertarian world. ■

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LPC Launches "Operation Beachhead"

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"A beachhead is a position on an enemy shoreline captured by troops in advance of an invading force. By opening the state HQ in Sacramento, we will be capturing a segment of the political shoreline in advance of getting Libertarian candidates — our 'troops' — elected to the state legislature. In addition, a Sacramento HQ would be an unprecedented achievement in our history; it's going to increase our growth, influence and professionalism."

The plan drafted by Ros requires \$60,000 to fund the project through the year 2000, after which it is hoped party growth and increased fundraising will make it self-sufficient. The project will proceed in three stages, and Ros plans to launch the first stage immediately.

"I call Stage One the 'Office Image Plan,' where the LPC will rent an executive suite in Sacramento for minor cost. That would give us an address in Sacramento on the Capitol Mall and a phone number in the 916 area code. The receptionist would answer the phone 'Libertarian Party of California,' and would forward calls to me wherever I am. When I'm in Sacramento, I would be provided with a day office or a conference room for meetings." Stage One also funds monthly trips for Ros to Sacramento.

Stage Two is dubbed "Increased Exposure Plan," which increases the frequency and length of Ros' trips to Sacramento and also adds to the executive suite features.

The third stage, "Completion," would pay for the Executive Director's moving expenses to Sacramento and for full-time rental of an actual office.

"The plan is to raise the remainder of the \$60,000 from our members, and make sure that the Sacramento office is up and running by the primary in March of 2000." Ros said.

If you would like to contribute to Operation Beachhead, please call Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200. ■

Grassroots Challenge '98 Update

San Diego County wins first two months of LPC's membership growth contest

The results of the LPC's Grassroots Challenge '98 are in for the months of September and October — and San Diego (R37) is the runaway winner: the region added an impressive 56 new members to its roster in September, and another 55 members in October.

"We did a mailing to registered Libertarians who are not members," explained San Diego's Richard Rider, "offering a free two night stay in Las Vegas if they joined. It costs us \$5 for a Las Vegas certificate (plus the mail solicitation costs), so we break even on the certificates with the Grassroots campaign, and pick up some contributions in addition.

Overall, it's still a money losing effort. But, as the car dealer ads say, we lose money on every sale but make it up in volume: hopefully, some members will renew and make additional contributions, giving us long term positive returns."

"Once again, San Diego is setting the standard for activism," said LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "But I'm hoping that other regions will give them a real run for their money! I want to see which region's going to be the first to beat San Diego. With a little healthy competition, our total membership numbers can really skyrocket — then everyone wins."

Grassroots Challenge '98 is sponsored

by the LPC designed to reward individual regions who bring in new members.

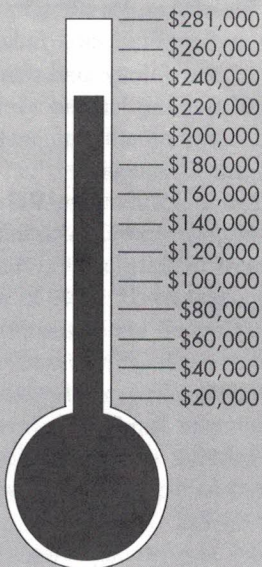
According to the contest rules, for every new membership that local regions submit, they will receive \$5.00. Once a month, the region with the highest percentage of new memberships will be awarded a prize of \$200 or \$5 per new membership, whichever is greater.

The region with the highest percentage for the whole contest will receive an additional bonus of \$100 or \$1.00 per membership, whichever is greater. The contest runs through December 31, 1998. Contest rules and instructions are available online at: <http://www.ca.lp.org/gc>. ■

Growth Watch: September/October 1998

Revenue

Current: \$230,940
Year End Goal: \$281,000



Help us Grow!

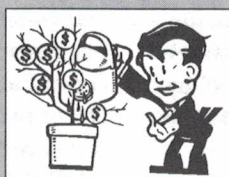
We're almost there -- please support the LPC with a one-time donation! Call (818) 506-0200!

Donations

September: \$3,901
October: \$28,536

Monthly Pledges

September: \$3,123
October: 2,789
Year End Goal: \$6,000

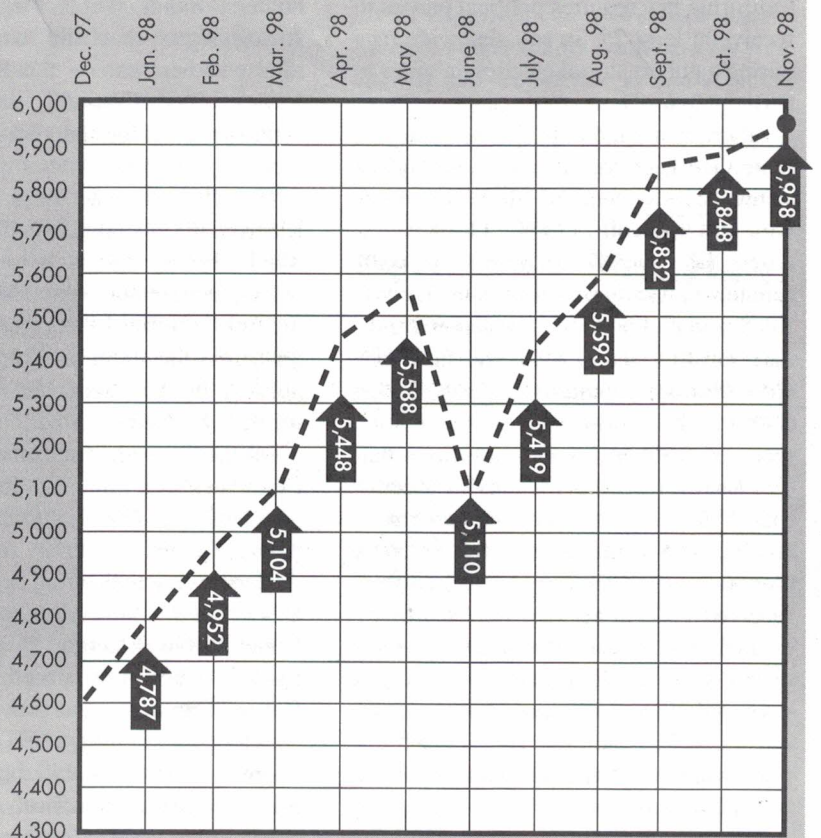


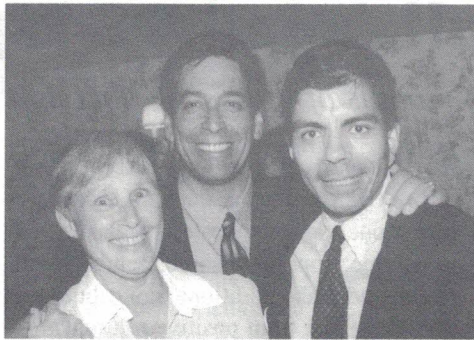
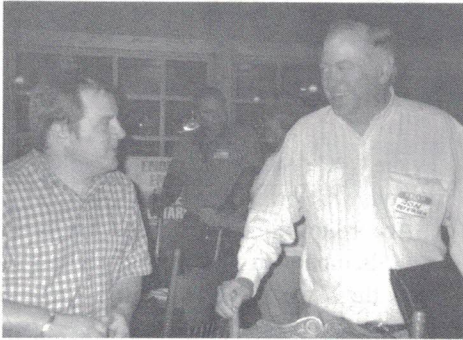
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Membership

September 30th: 5,848 / October 31st: 5,958 Year End Goal: 7,000





Scenes From The Campaign Trail... LEFT: Santa Clara County Airports Commissioner Brad Walker (L) chats with LPC candidate for Treasurer, Jon Petersen (R). CENTER: LPC's candidates for Secretary of State, Gail Lightfoot (L), for Governor, Steve Kubby (C) and José Casteñeda. RIGHT: congressional candidate Jesse Baird (L) and Attorney General candidate Joseph Farina.

Election 1998

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vote total for minor parties with 693,561, followed by the American Independent Party with 692,583. All three parties ran candidates in all eight races.

Additionally, four out of the eight Libertarian candidates received over 2% of the vote, easily guaranteeing continuing ballot status for Libertarians in 2000. California law requires political parties to receive at least 2% in any statewide race during a gubernatorial election in order to participate in the next primary.

Libertarian candidate for Secretary of State Gail Lightfoot received the highest statewide vote total of all Libertarians, with 194,829 votes (2.8%). Other candidates who received over 2% were Lieutenant Governor candidate Thomas M. Tryon (2.1%), State Treasurer candidate Jon Petersen (2.4%), and Insurance Commissioner candidate Dale Ogden (2.2%). In addition, Steve Kubby received 0.8% in his race for Governor; Ted Brown received 1.2% in his race for the U.S. Senate; Joseph S. Farina received 1.8% in his race for Attorney General; and Pamela J. Pescosolido received 1.9% in her race for Controller.

"Four of our candidates also received over 2% in the June primary, so I was very optimistic we'd surpass that threshold," said Ros. "I think we've reached a point where we don't have to worry about losing ballot status."

The million-vote total comes on the

heels of an 11% increase in Libertarian voter registrations since December, 1997 — the highest percentage increase of any party — and does not include votes from the 85 other partisan races that featured Libertarian candidates.

Local Races: Libertarians Lose One, Win Four

Perhaps the biggest disappointment for Libertarians this election was the loss of one of the party's most prominent office holders: Sandi Webb. Despite strong signs that she would return to her seat on the Simi Valley City Council, Sandi came in third for the two-seat race.

"Sandi is a true hero for Libertarians," said LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "She's a tough, principled fighter who blazed the trail for other Libertarian office-seekers across the country. We're very disappointed by her loss, but I also doubt we've seen the last of her."

On the plus side, four other Libertarian candidates won important local races...

In Riverside County, Bonnie Flickinger emerged the winner against Jim Anderson in a nail-biting race for the 4th District seat of the Moreno Valley City Council. On Election Day, Flickinger trailed Anderson by a mere seven votes. But once absentee and provisional ballot counting began, she took the lead and maintained it. This will be Flickinger's third election to the office.

In Mendocino County, Libertarian

Norman L. Vroman defeated Republican incumbent Susan Massini to become the county's next District Attorney. Massini had been seeking a fourth term but had come under fire locally for bungling several high-profile cases during her tenure. Vroman received 13,747 votes (51.74%) to Massini's 12,820 (48.26%).

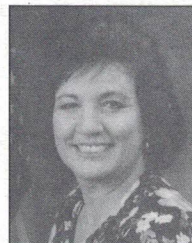
"Vroman fought a tough race that sharply divided the county, but in the end he pulled through," said Juan Ros. Vroman knows the rule of law better than

most — he was charged in 1991 with felony tax evasion and failure to file returns. He was acquitted in a San Francisco federal court of the felony and found guilty of five misdemeanors. He served nine months of a 17-month prison sentence.

In Humboldt County, Robert A. Noble, Libertarian candidate

for Arcata City Council, edged out a Green Party opponent by 71 votes to win one of two open Council seats. In a three-way race for the two seats, Noble received 2,170 votes (29.83%). The other winner, Democratic incumbent Jim Test, received 2,896 votes (39.81%). Green candidate Bradley J. Freeman was defeated with 2,099 votes (28.85%).

Noble's victory is especially sweet for Libertarians, as it happened in a city that in 1996 elected a 3-member Green Party majority to the City Council — the first such majority for the Greens in the United States. Greens outnumber Libertarians in Arcata by 10-1 according to the Secretary of State's latest Report of Registration,



Sandi Webb

which shows only 172 registered Libertarians in the city to 1,739 registered Greens.

With Noble elected, Greens now hold just two seats on the Council, while Democrats hold the other two. "Voters look beyond labels and judge each candidate based on the message," noted Humboldt County Chair Frederick Mangels. "Robert Noble's message of less government rang true even in a town known to be extremely liberal."

In Santa Clara County, Libertarian John Mehaffey won a seat on the Saratoga City Council, placing first in a field of five candidates. Three Council seats were up for grabs in the city. "It is another triumph for limited government," declared Santa Clara County Chair Marvin Rudin.

The re-election of Flickenger, and the election of Vroman, Noble and Mehaffey brings the number of Libertarian officeholders in California to 21 — a number expected to increase over the next several years. "As the Libertarian Party continues to grow, we will run more candidates for local office," said Hinkle, "and win more of those offices."

State Propositions

Unfortunately, the returns for the statewide ballot propositions was not a pretty picture: most of the big government initiatives passed...

The majority of California voters parted company with Libertarians on six of the nine ballot propositions on which the LPC officially took positions. Against the LPC's recommendations, voters approved Prop. 2 (transportation trust fund transfers), rejected Prop. 3 ("Open Primary" law amendment), approved Prop. 4 (animal trap ban), approved Prop. 6 (ban on horsemeat for human consumption), rejected Prop. 7 (anti-pollution tax credits) and approved Prop. 10 (tobacco tax).

On the bright side, the majority of Californians voted with Libertarians on three of the measures: voters approved Prop. 1 (contaminated property), approved Prop. 5 (Indian gaming) and rejected Prop. 8 (more public school spending). ■

Tales From The Trenches:

My First Political Rally

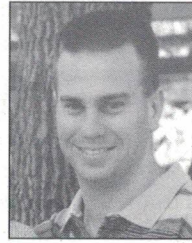
by Bernie Jackson

Well, I finally attended a political protest rally. I don't normally do that sort of thing, but I decided to go the extra mile as congressional candidate Mike Moloney's sidekick. I'm glad I did: it was a fun, exciting and eye-opening experience,

Mike and I were among 200 to 300 people who traveled Friday, September 25, to the San Francisco Hilton, a monument to poshness just across the street from the squalid Tenderloin district. Hillary Clinton was scheduled to speak that evening at a fundraiser for Barbara Boxer, and KSFO talk show host Melanie Morgan had seized the opportunity to summon listeners for a display of disapproval.

We arrived around 4 pm, among the first handful of people to show up. We watched with wry amusement as personnel in bright yellow jackets booted panhandlers off the block in preparation. I guess when you're a compassionate left-winger, you can't let pathetic needy losers get in the way of helping the needy. Eventually, protesters carrying signs with such sayings as "Resign, pervert" gathered near the rear entrance to the parking garage, some wearing "Vast Right Wing Conspiracy Member" sweatshirts. We were ideally poised to annoy the First Lady, if her luxurious limousine chose the rear entrance. Reverse psychology, of course, dictated that she would stay away from the front entrance, or at least that's how I interpreted it.

Somewhat before 5 pm, when Hillary was to arrive, the San Francisco cops politely moved us away from our spot, across the street and into the corner. They told us the Secret Service had ordered the rear entrance "shut down." We stood in the boonies behind some barricades, knowing that Hillary would never see us but not caring much. After all, someone was beating a drum, and there was chanting to be done. Our relocation turned out



Bernie Jackson

to be moot, anyway, because the feds used reverse-reverse psychology, sending Hillary in the front way! And, of course, the measly fewer-than-20 supporters with their "We love you Hillary" signs had been stationed front and center.

By 6 pm we had discovered that the cops would let us go just about anywhere if we kept moving, so we marched around the block. The bystanders were more enthusiastic than I had expected for San Francisco, giving us quite a few thumbs-up signs and shouting approval. We stopped our marching by settling next to the pro-Hillary people and drowning them out. Mike displayed his "Moloney for Congress" sign to great advantage throughout, and we left the scene at 6:30.

I arrived home tired but satisfied and entertained. I would do it again!

Tales From The Trenches is a new forum for LPC activists to share their experiences out there on the battlefield for freedom. If you would like to share one of your experiences as an LPC activist, please submit your article via e-mail to <LPCMonthly@aol.com>. ■

Reg-Libs Flourish

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ians. Voters have a choice and, increasingly, they are choosing the Libertarian Party."

Since December 30th, 1997, Libertarians have seen their voter registrations steadily increase 11.1%. In contrast, Reform Party registrations have plunged 10.4% for the year.

That puts Libertarians — with 82,079 registered voters — within foreseeable reach of surpassing Reform Party registrations for the first time. If the current trend continues, that's just what will happen next year. There's no doubt about it: the LPC's fortunes are on the rise. ■

Executive Director Update

October was a full and productive month for Juan Ros

As we approached the crucial November election, Juan Ros shifted into overdrive for his busiest time yet as the LPC's Executive Director.

First there was the phone...

"It's been ringing off the hook," Ros reported. "I received a flurry of calls from non-Libertarians interested in joining the Party, and from members of the media asking about our candidates and our positions on the ballot propositions."

Then there were all those special LPC candidate events...

On October 3rd, Ros attended a barbecue in the San Fernando Valley, hosted by Region 61, featuring a number of candidates as guests. On the 8th, he attended a debate for the 6th Senate District, which included Libertarian candidate Gerald Klaas. On the 11th, Ros attended the "Smoker's Choice Forum" in Marin County, organized by Region 21 Chair Tammy Austin.

Our Executive Director was also present for the third party gubernatorial debate held at Chapman University on October 12th. Libertarian Steve Kubby joined the four other minor party candidates in the debate, which was broadcast on C-SPAN. "Mike Vardoulis and the rest of the Kubby campaign did a great job organizing that event," said Ros. "And Steve turned in an excellent performance."

That same day, Ros

learned that ten Libertarian candidates received endorsements from the Gun Owners of California, a result of Ros' August meeting with GOC Executive Director Bill Saracino.

"Those endorsements are great news," Ros said. "I believe it's the first time our candidates have been endorsed by the GOC, a 50,000 member organization. This is another big step for us — further evidence that Libertarian candidates are being taken seriously."

Ros also issued a flurry of press releases in October. "I issued five in the last half-month, about one every three days," he said. The blitz paid off: Ros' Prop. 10 release generated editorials in the *Pasadena Star-News* and the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*; his ferret story was picked up by the *Orange County Register*; his release about the GOA endorsements was cited in "Calpeek," a weekly newsletter for California political insiders; and his announcement of the LPC's voter registration growth was mentioned in a report on KSFO radio in San Francisco.

Ros' big project for October was organizing the Shelley Davis dinners, which raised over \$18,000 for Operation Beachhead (see related story, page 1).

Ros also flew to Sacramento to attend a seminar on PACs. While there, he met with representatives from the "No on 10" campaign. Ros also introduced himself to several key members of the Sacramento press

corps, including AP writer Doug Willis, *Sacramento Bee* correspondent Dan Bernstein, and *Orange County Register* Capitol correspondent Dan Weintraub.

"As long as they're receiving my releases, they might as well put a face to the name," said Ros.

"The phone's been ringing off the hook!"

In late October, Ros returned to Sacramento and attended two seminars hosted by StateNet, an online resource for state politics. The seminars taught Ros how to analyze a bill and gave him the details on the legislative process. "I want to use that knowledge by effectively testifying in committees and initiating grassroots lobbying," he said.

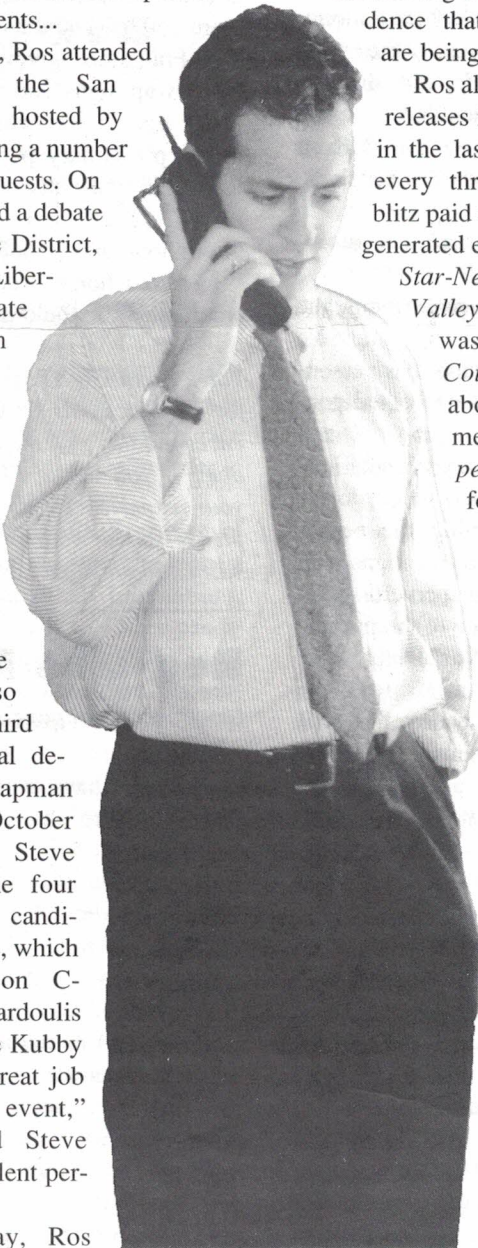
Ros also found time to speak to some groups on behalf of the LPC...

On October 10th, he delivered a speech in San Francisco at the California Conference on Redevelopment Abuse, sponsored by Municipal Officials for Redevelopment Reform. Ros said the title of his speech — "Redevelopment: Capitalism or Corporate Welfare?" — posed an easy question for Libertarians: "Redevelopment is corporate welfare, and that's why we oppose it."

On October 27th, he spoke on behalf of the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, Ted Brown, at a breakfast forum hosted by the Universal City-North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. "I told them, 'America is choking on big government, and Ted Brown is the Heimlich maneuver!' That got a big laugh. Afterward, several Chamber members told me they'd remember Ted on Election Day because of my speech."

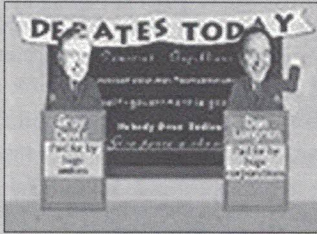
What's next?

"The work doesn't stop just because the election's over," said Ros. "We need to look at what we did right and wrong and learn from both. I'm going to focus on launching Operation Beachhead, monitoring the legislature, and developing relationships with media contacts. The time to begin preparing for the 2000 election is *now!*" ■



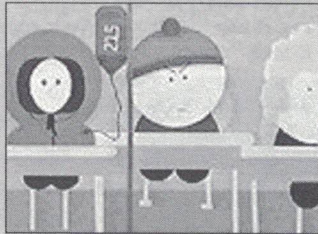
Kubby "Kicks Ass" at South Park!

Here it is -- the Steve Kubby for Governor Campaign's "South Park" TV commercial....

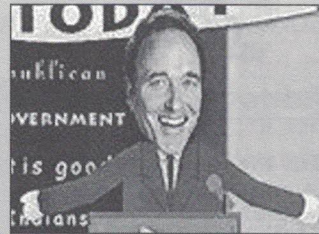


Lungren: As Governor, I'll reduce crime, educate your children and lower taxes.

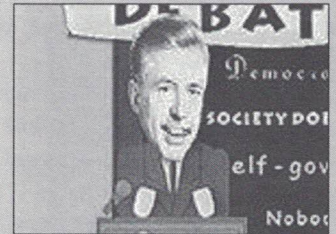
Davis: If I were Governor, I'd reduce crime, educate your children and lower taxes.



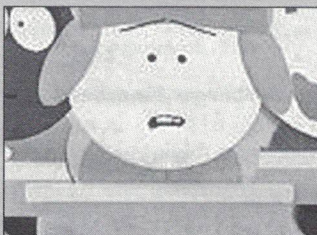
Stan: Dude! Didn't that other guys just say the same thing?



Lungren: What we really need are more laws to protect our children, and make sure we're safe by filling our prisons!



Davis: No! We should guarantee the safety of our children by passing more laws and *building* new prisons!



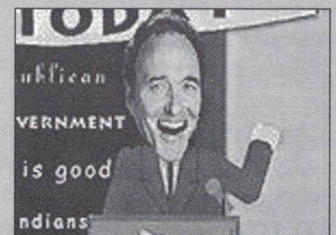
Kyle: I thought the two parties had different ideas. How come they sound *exactly the same*?



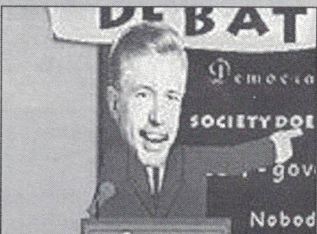
Stan: Yeah, it's like there's no choice!



Kubby: Hi, I'm Steve Kubby and I'm *also* running for Governor!



Lungren: How'd you get in here?



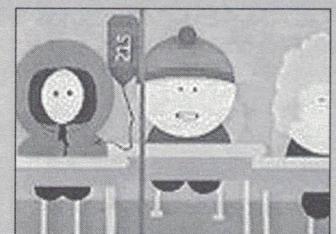
Davis: You don't have 40 million dollars!



Kubby: If I become Governor, I'll work to remove power from politicians return it to families. People need choices when it comes to education, health care, and helping their communities.



Lungren: Hippie!
Davis: Commie!



Stan: Dude! Kubby kicks ass!



Davis: That medicine is not government approved.



(popping sound as Lungren pulls IV out of Denny's arm.)



Kyle: Oh my God! Lungren and Davis killed Denny!



Cartman: Screw you guys -- I'm voting for Steve Kubby!

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Be sure to let us know if you move! Send your address change notice to the national office so that your newsletters and other important correspondence can be sent to your new address. If you are moving out of state but want to continue as an LPC member or continue subscribing to *LPC Monthly*, please also notify the state office so we can make the necessary arrangements to keep you on our list.

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