

## CALENDAR

**August 15, Saturday**, The LPWS Executive Committee will meet. Contact Karen Allard for details. (206) 759-1838.

**August 16, Sunday**, The Pierce County LP is planning a summer picnic. All state members and guests are welcome. Please call Karen Allard for more information.

**September 2nd to 6th**, Libertarian National Convention and The Culture of Freedom. Seattle Sheraton Hotel & Towers.

**September 6**, Deadline for the September NWL

**September 19, Saturday**, LPWS Executive Committee meeting, tentative.

## Backpage Notes

Thanks to Bill Bradford of Port Townsend for his technical assistance on this issue of Northwest Libertarian. This newsletter is now one of the best in the country.

Last month's article on Frances Kendall's and Leon Louw's lecture at the University of Washington will be reprinted in a forthcoming issue of American Libertarian.

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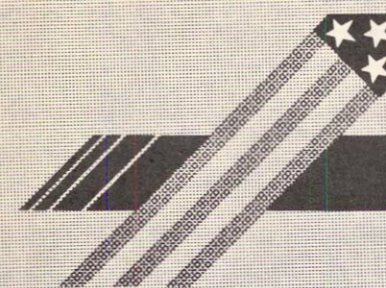
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## Ron Paul meets northwest Libertarians

### Texan front runner grilled by delegates at Tacoma barbecue

by Tom Tanaka

Ron Paul, former Republican Congressman of Texas, was in the northwest to persuade local delegates to support his bid for the presidential nomination at the Libertarian National Convention in Seattle this September.

Paul arrived from the Idaho LP convention in Boise to attend a barbecue in Tacoma on June 27. He spoke before a gathering of 65 people to stress that 1988 was an opportunity the LP couldn't miss. Paul believes that the American people are disgusted with the Democrats and Republicans both and would gladly hang their hats on the Libertarian peg if the choice is given to them. Paul urged renewed efforts at fundraising and motivation to this end.

After a hearty meal of barbecued chicken and salmon, delegates from Oregon and Washington met with Paul for an amicable grilling of the candidate on his campaign stands.

Paul said his campaign, which has raised over \$200,000 so far, would stress economic issues, and that by speaking to those issues he would be speaking "to the belly." He believes that employment and financial security are basic concerns of Americans. Accordingly he will stress sound money, abolition of taxes and reductions in government spending.

On foreign policy he advocates a non-interventionist U.S. stance with an end to military subsidies to American allies. Paul stressed that credit subsidies to the

Soviet Union must cease immediately. He believes that defense should be limited to the protection of America and advocates the closing of all overseas American military bases. Paul supports a move toward unilateral free trade as well.

Paul is known for his controversial stand against abortion, his only point of disagreement with the Libertarian Platform, a point which probably prevents him from being an automatic shoo-in over Russell Means. Paul holds that life must be assumed to begin at conception and does not see any contradiction in this belief with the libertarian philosophy.

Apparently radical anti-abortion advocates don't feel satisfied with his positions on this issue either. Paul believes that abortion laws should be handled on the state level and he is opposed to restrictions against "morning after" pills which would induce abortions. He acknowledges difficulty in handling extenuating cases such as teenage pregnancies. He believes that penalties for abortions should be weighed against the particular circumstances under which it was performed.

Paul stated that support has been high for his campaign among his newsletter

subscribers and former constituents. He pledged to support local ballot access efforts where feasible and to cooperate with state and local campaigns.

Attendance at the barbecue was the highest for a state LP event since the Freedom Conference held in April 1985. 125 people attended that event.

Before returning to Texas Paul met with Washington State Senator Jack Metcalf (R). Metcalf is spearheading a drive to challenge in U.S. Supreme Court the Federal Reserve's authority to issue debt money. Metcalf's bill (SB 5444) will appear on the ballot this November for voter approval. Paul is chairman of The Committee to abolish the Fed.

Paul was also interviewed on KING radio by Dennis Nettles on a 30 minute program. He took questions from listeners by phone and plugged the upcoming national convention as an important historic event.

### Welcome to Seattle!

The Libertarian Party of Washington State extends its greetings to the delegates and guests of the 1987 Libertarian National Convention.

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# Here at last!

## Historic occasion for Libertarian Party to take place in Seattle.

Most of you have been following the progress or participating in efforts to bring the Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention to Seattle's Sheraton Hotel. We are now on the home stretch.

Concerns still exist about the expected attendance. The reason is the lowered delegate count due to changes in the Libertarian national bylaws and reduced membership when the tallies were made. Some efforts are being made to organize a move to increase the delegate count as the first order of business so that alternates may be seated. There is doubt that some states will send any delegation at all. Larger states such as California are attempting to fill the positions of those states.

Other than that enthusiasm for the convention seems to be spreading in movement media sources. The convention has been advertised in Reason, Nomos, American Libertarian, LP News, and various newsletters. A 12 page promotional tabloid was mailed to lists of over 35,000 names.

Larry Reed from the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives will be added to the speakers' roster. He will

speak on the Polish solidarity movement. He will be accompanied by a Polish student and libertarian.

A babysitting and childcare service will be available on the convention site in one of the hotel rooms.

Norma Jean Almodovar may not appear as a speaker. The California Supreme Court has refused to hear her appeal of a blatantly unfair and unjust 3 year minimum sentence for pandering designed to silence and punish her for writing a book exposing police corruption.

Tom Robbins, a Washington state author, will be unable to attend. The appearance of Doctor Demento is uncertain at this time.

The Carribbean Super Stars, a steel drum band, has been signed to provide live music on the Puget Sound Cruise. Individual ticket prices will be \$40 and includes a dinner.

Other ticket prices are speakers: \$7.50 per event, Presidential Banquet; \$60, Breakfast events (4); \$30, LP Birthday Soiree; \$20, Movie series; \$15, Self-Government Advocates series; \$75, All speakers excluding SGA series; \$100, Bumbershoot tickets; \$14, Notebooks; \$7.50.

Tickets to breakfast and banquet functions are in limited supply. Advance reservations are suggested.

A Full package includes all these events. Delegates' packages include

everything except those speaking events which conflict with floor business. Economy packages include all SGA and other speaking events plus the Presidential banquet. All packages, including the Basic package, include the movie series, notebooks, Convention floor access.

A partial listing of convention personalities includes; Robert Anton Wilson, David Bergland, Dick Boddie, Alicia Clark, Karl Hess, Murray Rothbard, Andre Marrou, Ron Paul, Russell Means, Robert Poole Jr., Bruce Evoy, Michael Emerling, Marshall Fritz, Jeff Hummel, Ken Schoolland, Walter Block and Jim Peron.

Discounted registration ends July 31. For a free copy of the Convention promotional tabloid call 206-329-5669 or write to Convention Services, PO Box 23108, Seattle, WA 98102.

The Sheraton Hotel & Towers is located on 1400 Sixth Avenue in Seattle. For room reservations call (206) 621-9000.

"A general state education is a mere contrivance for moulding people to be exactly alike. It establishes a despotism over the mind, leading by natural tendency to one over the body."

John Stuart Mill, 1865

## Liquor tax opposed

Costco Wholesale is fighting against a regulation enacted by the Washington State Liquor Board requiring a minimum 10% markup on the retail sale of beer and wine. Costco is a member organization that offers goods at wholesale prices.

Costco president Jim Sinegal stated in an editorial in the member newspaper Costco Connection that his company would not comply with the regulation and would challenge it in federal court.

Sinegal writes: "We believe the State has provided ample proof that it does not do well in the business arena. One need only look at the condition of the Washington State Liquor Stores as evidence that they are out of their element. The private sector could make that business profitable and lower prices in the process. Incidentally, the State excluded its own liquor stores from compliance with the regulation. How's that for unfair competition?"

## LP Convention Volunteers Needed

Mike Carroll is coordinating housing for conventioners. If you can help out with space contact him at PO Box 7474, Tacoma WA 98407 759-0619.

Volunteers are sought to man the booth of the Libertarian Party of Washington State at the national convention. Souvenirs and information will be available at the booth. If you can help with this or other convention related projects of the LPWS contact state chair Karen Allard at (206) 759-1838.

Convention Services Group, the organizers, is looking for volunteers for on-site logistics, errands etc., including supervision of the art exhibit. For more information contact Rich Shepard at (206) 382-3822.

The LPWS Judicial Committee officially elected Mike Dunn as Chief Justice at a meeting held June 27. A final draft of the committee's rules was approved by 8 of the 9 members. For information on Judicial Committee rules and procedures contact Mike Dunn at 3933 S 326th Place, Auburn WA 98001, 838-5820.

## Letter of the Month

(The Spokesman-Review, June 25, 1987)

### "Surprised, angered" by column

To the Editor:

David B. Wilson's column ("A candidate's 'vision' isn't really important," June 16) surprised and angered me.

Wilson appropriately deplored political buzzwords such as "vision"; he explained that visionary candidates have a noble agenda for America and are "power freaks" yearning to push their fellow citizens around.

He also complained about the fraudulence of political visions as different as the New Deal and the Reagan Revolution; he wants "a presidential candidate who respects the voters enough to assume that they are grown-ups."

However, in the midst of this common sense and apparent respect for individuals, I was knocked for a loop.

Wilson included libertarians among his visionaries.

Libertarians are hardly "afire with gaudy notions of what the government can do."

Government can do nothing without the threat or use of force; libertarians oppose the initiation of force and fraud.

As a libertarian of nearly 15 years, I have yet to meet one who "wants to sell heroin like bubble gum."

Wilson has omitted a concept essential to libertarians - the freedom of individual choice. I want my freedom (and yours), not the tragedy of drug abuse.

Wilson's method of tossing this emotional hot potato at the reader is unfair and unworthy of the rest of his column.

Wilson asks for respect but doesn't seem to be giving it. I would like him to respect my right to make my own choice just as he would like liberals to give him the choice to use seat belts or to smoke.

Loretta Czap, Spokane

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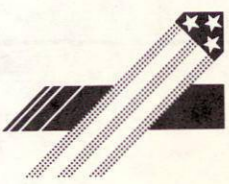
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## Other candidates toss hats in

The LP News has described the upcoming convention as The Battle in Seattle.

Last month this newsletter reported on three individuals who are seeking the Libertarian nomination for president. Those three are Carol Newman (who has reportedly just dropped out), Jim Libertarian Burns, who proposes spending all campaign resources in Vermont and Nevada for a maximum media blitz, and Harry Glenn, a retired welder and self-described constitutionalist. Since then the Northwest Libertarian has learned of two others.

**Jim Lewis** was the Libertarian vice presidential candidate in 1984. He is a book binding company representative and constitutional tax resister. He is the author of *Liberty Reclaimed*. He can be reached at 2 Neponset Ave., Old Saybrook, CT 06475 (203) 388-2046.

**Edward W. Roth** is a self-employed cabinet maker who "wants to make sure his kids have a country." He can be reached at PO Box 9053, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (312) 969-2314.

These five contenders are not likely to be a threat to either Ron Paul or Russell Means who are campaigning diligently and have extensive support from within and without the party.

In the Libertarian Party the vice presidential candidate is elected by the convention delegates, rather than chosen by the presidential candidate. Presently Andre Marrou, former LP Alaska legislator, is focusing his efforts on obtaining this nomination along with Ron Holland. Marrou can be considered the sole front runner at this time.

## Simplified ballot access laws sought

HR 2320, the unsuccessful bill to ease ballot access restrictions, has reemerged as HR 1582. This bill would set uniform ballot standards for elections to all federal offices. Currently each state makes its own laws concerning access to the printed ballot for non-Democrat/Republican political parties. In many states the requirements are so stiff that opposition parties are virtually barred from the electoral process.

HR 1582 would set a maximum of 1,000 petition signatures to qualify a third party candidate for federal office in any state. By contrast some states require as much as 80,000 signatures.

Richard Winger reports in *Ballot Access News* that HR 1582 has acquired 21 co-sponsors. This is much better than HR 2320 was able to do in the last legislative session. Winger reminds us of the days of truly free elections in this country: "...in the 19th century, there were absolutely no restrictions on who could be on the ballot, since there were no government printed ballots. Voters could make their own ballots, but most ballots were prepared by political parties. Voter turnout usually exceeded 80% of the eligible voters, sometimes over 85%. ...when both major parties shut out entire segments of the population, new parties arose suddenly and in considerable strength."

Winger urges his readers to write to their members of Congress urging support for HR 1582. *Ballot Access News* is available for subscription at \$5 per year. Write to 3201 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94123 (415) 922-9779.

## Region 3 delegates confer

Delegates to the National Convention from Oregon and Washington met June 27 to discuss concerns and strategies. Tonie Nathan of Eugene Oregon led the discussion which focused on other issues of importance besides the choosing of a presidential candidate.

Convention business in Seattle this September will also include the election of a chairman to the Libertarian National Committee. With a crucial election year coming up the choice must not be made lightly. A discussion of possible candidates for this and other positions on the National Committee followed, as well as changes in the national bylaws.

Nathan hopes to organize northwest Libertarians into a caucus to bring positive changes about at the National Convention.

Other action may involve a motion for the Libertarian National Committee to adopt the LPWS libersign logo as the national LP logo.

### Interested in Libertarian discussion and social gatherings?

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