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## Executive Committee Votes Bold New Media Blitz

After nearly two hours of discussion, the LPC Executive Committee voted 8-4 to approve and support an aggressive, two-pronged media outreach effort proposed by LP co-founder David Nolan.

Two other proposals for State newspapers were considered: one by *Liberty Bell* publisher Mike Hodges, who had published the state newspaper for the past year; the other by former National Secretary Joe Dehn, now residing in San Mateo. Discussion was lively and wide-ranging, but the comprehensive Nolan plan won.

Nolan contended that while an internal newsletter (for dues-paying members only) was essential, it was just as essential for there to be a publication designed for outreach. Nolan proposed having two publications in one: *California Liberty* for outreach, and the Libertarian Party of California NEWS for paid members. Both publications will be printed together and sent to dues-paying members. However, outreach distribution of *California Liberty* would not include the LPC NEWS.

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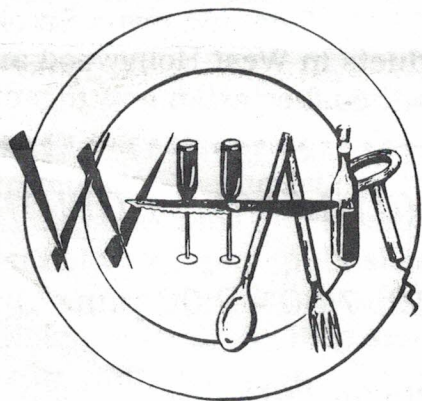
## LPC Convention in Brief

**By Ted Brown**

California Libertarians met for the 19th annual state convention February 18-21 at the Sheraton Hotel near Los Angeles International Airport.

Kim Goldsworthy, LPC Chair, called to order an early morning contingent of 51 delegates to begin deliberations on Party business. The final delegate count was 87. After the business sessions, delegates joined another 30 or 40 attendees to enjoy a variety of speakers and other events.

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## Smokers go to W.H.A.R. for Property Rights

Imagine liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans enthusiastically supporting a statement created by a Libertarian and reflecting the Libertarian position. It actually happened in West Hollywood.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1994, about 15 of the 140 Restaurant, Bar, Club and Hotel owners and managers of West Hollywood met at the Bel Age Hotel. The purpose was to organize the fight against the smoking ban enacted by the West Hollywood

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## About this newsletter:

This special issue of the *LPC News* is brought to you by the staff of *California Liberty* and your LPC Newsletter editor. Currently we are very busy putting together a brand new publication with a different look, a different approach to informing members and non-member readers about libertarianism in California. Look for the 1st issue in May 1994.

--Gail Lightfoot, *LPC News*



# Smokers Go To W.H.A.R. — from page 1

City Council.

Those present (including representatives of Barney's Beanery and the world-famous Comedy Store) resolved to form the West Hollywood Alliance of Restaurants, W.H.A.R. The steering committee includes West Hollywood Republican leader Charlie Mercer, candidate for West Hollywood City Council Mike Radcliff, Helen Petroff, owner of the Yukon Mining Company restaurant, Sue Connicte of the Westside Democratic Party Club, and LPC Reg. 64 Chair and ExCom At-Large representative Lawrence Goldberg, who authored the W.H.A.R. Mission Statement. Former Reg. 64 Chair Michelle Obregon designed the W.H.A.R. logo shown on page 1.

"It was quite remarkable," reported Goldberg, speaking of the alliance. "What really got people excited was the part of the Mission Statement that declared that restaurants, bars, hotels and clubs (not the City Council) should have the right to determine their own business policies. What started as a fight against the smoking ban has expanded into a fight for more business autonomy from governmental regulation.

"This is a particularly hot issue in West Hollywood," Goldberg went on to say, "because the City Council has placed many onerous regulations, restrictions and permit fees on clubs and other commercial establishments. With three of five City Council seats up for election on April 12, the timing of the W.H.A.R. formation is quite fortuitous."

Goldberg got involved when he saw news coverage of the Yukon Mining Company Coffee Shop defying the smoking ban by putting ashtrays out for their customers. Yukon owner Helen Petroff reported that her business dropped nearly 80 percent the week after the ban and that she had to lay off eight employees.

"I spoke to Helen," Goldberg said,

"and within a couple of weeks, we had the first meeting of what was to become W.H.A.R. Of course, I consulted with Sandi Webb, City Council member from Simi Valley, where a smoking ban was recently defeated, and we developed a plan that should work in West Hollywood."

Also, as a corollary development, the Libertarian Party has become a formal sponsor (along with Democrats, Republicans and others) of the Candidates Forum being held in West Hollywood for City Council candidates. Goldberg added, "It is amazing what can result from a single 'phone call. Helen has vowed to register Libertarian and support Libertarian candidates because 'Libertarians were the only ones who came out to help us fight.'"

A meeting of W.H.A.R. was scheduled for mid-March. Anyone interested in this issue should contact Robert Peterson at (213) 876-8504. Peterson owns Smoker's Rights Products in West Hollywood and is heading up the Libertarian contingent.

## Health Care Forum

April 12, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

La Cienega Park  
Community Center  
840 Gregory Way, Beverly Hills

\$5 donation requested

Speakers: Michael Tanner of  
CATO Institute  
Dr. Nancy Lord  
and others

For info: Call Pam Probst  
(213) 257-3207



# FIJA Activists Target Nevada Trial

## *Drug War Defendant Places Hopes on Informed Jury*

A defendant in a drug/conspiracy trial scheduled to begin April 12 in Reno, NV, is holding out for a jury trial rather than turn state's evidence. He also called on FIJA (Fully Informed Jury Amendment) for help.

Joe Siegfried of Foster City is among 50 persons, most of them San Francisco Bay area residents, who have been implicated by Ciro Mancuso, the original target of the investigation.

Mancuso, whose family operates a major construction firm in the Bay Area,

has pleaded guilty and is cooperating with the police.

Defendants believe that Mancuso will be given three years in a Federal prison camp while they face heavy mandatory sentences if found guilty. As most of the charges involve conspiracy, the trial has multiple defendants. Among them is Patrick Hallinan, a lawyer and brother of San Francisco supervisor Terrance Hallinan. Siegfried's wife, Merry Weeks, has also been charged with giving false evidence.

Acting on Siegfried's request, FIJA is planning to hand out leaflets at the Federal courthouse on Booth Street in Reno each Tuesday until the trial date. At that time, they plan to schedule a rally.

Those interested in giving support are asked to contact Gary Dusseljee at (916) 478-1776 or Brian Esterson at (702) 882-3516. Sue Vieau of Redwood City is spearheading mass support among Bay Area activists for the April 12 rally. She can be reached at (415) 591-5199.

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## ExCom Report

The 1994 Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California held its first meeting immediately after the state convention adjourned.

After a brief orientation of new members by Chair Kim Goldsworthy, the committee voted to replace *Liberty Bell* as the official Party newspaper with a new publication, *California Liberty*, to be published and edited by a group headed by LP co-founder David Nolan of Reg. 30. (See story, "Bold New Media Blitz," on page 1.)

In other action, the committee:

- awarded the 1995 convention to Alameda County.
- endorsed the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) which is circulating petitions to outlaw mandatory quotas.
- elected the Operations Committee to handle party affairs between ExCom meetings. Members are Kim Goldsworthy (Chair), Jon Petersen (Treasurer), Ted Brown (Reg. 63), Lawrence Goldberg (Reg. 64), and Richard Halvorson (Reg. 37).

The next meeting will be held Saturday, April 23, 1994 in the Long Beach office of Reg. 66.

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Coupled with *California Liberty*, Nolan's organization (Atlas Communications) will also produce a one-hour syndicated radio show, "The Fourth American Revolution," hosted by Nolan and *Orange County Register* senior columnist Alan Bock. "Although the content will be Libertarian, the radio show will include entertainment elements," Nolan said.

"The Fourth American Revolution" debuts at 12 midnight, April 4, 1994, on KIEV, 870 AM, in Los Angeles. According to Nolan, the radio show and *California Liberty* will cross-promote each other. Every time the show is syndicated in a new city, a special push would be made to increase

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# LPC Convention Report — from page 1

The convention was opened by Southern Vice Chair Gail K. Lightfoot, who asked Northern Vice Chair George L. O'Brien to read the Statement of Principles. Lightfoot then asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the recent deaths of several prominent Libertarian activists within the past year.

There was no election for Party offic-

## *In Memoriam*

John Vernon, Region 61  
Brian Page, Region 31  
Karen Lessard, Region 30  
Dennis Thompson, Region 37

ers, as those elected in 1993 were chosen for two-year terms. They are Kim Goldsworthy of Rosemead, Chair; George O'Brien of San Francisco, Northern Vice Chair; Gail Lightfoot of Pomona, Southern Vice Chair; Ray Acosta of Montebello, Secretary; and Jon Petersen of Santa Clara, Treasurer.

From a field of eight nominees, delegates elected five At-Large members to the Executive Committee. Three new to the board are Laura McFadden, Chair of Reg. 66; Lawrence Goldberg, Chair of Reg. 64; and Don Meyer, also of Reg. 64.

Bob Weber, who served as representative of Reg. 62 until that seat was replaced by the return of representation for Reg. 37, was re-elected to serve At-Large. Ted Brown (Reg. 63) was the only At-Large member re-elected for another term.

The remaining five seats on the Executive Committee are filled by appointment of the chairs of the five largest counties or regions. Representatives are Richard Halvorson of Reg. 37; John A. Webster of Reg. 43; Brian Schar of Reg. 30; Wayne Nygren of Reg. 01; and Robert Leet of Reg. 61. Halvorson is the only new member of that group, since Reg. 37 had not participated in meetings last year.

For the Judicial Committee, delegates elected Mary Gingell of Reg. 41, Steve Alexander of Reg. 43, Ed Clark of Reg. 63, David F. Nolan of Reg. 30, and Bruce Lagasse of Reg. 61.

## **State-Wide Candidates Endorsed**

Delegates formally endorsed seven Libertarians for statewide offices: Richard Rider, Governor; Bob New, Lieutenant Governor; Peggy Christensen, Secretary of State; Cullene Lang, Controller; Jon Petersen, Treasurer; Richard Burns, Attorney General; and Ted Brown, Insurance Commissioner. At least one of them needs to receive two percent or more of the vote in November for the Libertarian Party to retain its ballot status in California. In 1990, five candidates exceeded that figure.

## **Bylaws Updated**

The Bylaws Committee considered a number of changes of changes to the Bylaws and Convention Rules and proposed a total of 18 to the convention delegates. Fourteen were actually considered and adopted, with three being amended. In brief, the main changes are:

—Two county (region) officers (or three Party officers) may approve providing a county membership list to authorized organizations. Any county officer can get a county membership list from the Party within 10 days. Any County Central Committee member can get a copy of the county or Party Bylaws upon request, at cost.

—New member dues will be split 50%-25%-25%, respectively, to the entity (LPC or region) that signs up the member, the new member's region of affiliation and the LPC.

—Two at-large alternates to the Executive Committee (who can sit in for absent at-large members) will be elected at conventions.

At-Large Executive Committee members

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# California Liberty seeks 'many hands'

Although *California Liberty* has filled all major staff positions except one, there is plenty of room for more volunteers.

Project facilitator Lawrence Goldberg reported, "We need a responsible person to head up the all-important circulation department. Also needed are assistant editors, reporters (press passes are a possibility), one or two more ad sales people (paid positions) and a few people who are willing to lend a hand at whatever might need to be done."

The present nine-member staff can handle the job as it now stands, but as the old saying goes, "Many hands make quick work of big tasks." If you would like to volunteer a little time (or a little MORE time) call as follows:

Assistant Editors, Regional Editors and Reporters call Managing Editor Joe Miranda at (818)709-3812.

Ad Sales reps call Advertising Manager Marge Tendler at (310)376-3068.

For LP internal news, contact editor Gail Lightfoot at (909) 623-1117.

If you are not sure where you might

fit in, or if you want to place an ad in the Inaugural Issue or to help with distribution, call project facilitator Lawrence Goldberg. He can be reached by calling (818) 557-0901, or by writing in care of the Libertarian Party of California NEWS, P. O. Box 3207, San Dimas, CA 91773.

## Heiser needs assistance in April City Council bid

A call has been sent out for volunteers from Los Angeles and Ventura counties to help in the Santa Clarita City Council campaign of Fred Heiser between now and the April 12 election.

Scott Lieberman, of San Jose, said that Heiser has raised more money than any of his competitors. But he is in need of volunteers to walk precincts and to work on the telephone bank.

"I am flying to Santa Clarita for the last two days of the campaign," Lieberman said, "to help with the get-out-the-vote effort. We need your help."

Volunteers can call Heiser at (805) 252-6099 or Lieberman at (408) 379-6185.

## Newspaper, radio show open new markets

If you or your business would like to place an ad in *California Liberty* or for the radio show, "The Fourth American Revolution," the rates are low, according to temporary advertising manager Lawrence Goldberg.

To advertise in the Inaugural Issue, write to the *LPC NEWS* or call Goldberg at (818) 557-0901.

Professional sales manager Marge Tendler will be heading up advertising as of April 15. Call her at (310) 376-3068 if you are interested in being a commissioned ad sales person.

## Submissions Sought

*LPC NEWS* is your paper. It is our intent to reflect the diversity of our regional organizations and individual members. We hope to provide a catalyst for renewed activism through sharing information and experiences.

We welcome your input. For submission guidelines, send name and mailing address to:

Gail Lightfoot, *LPC NEWS*  
P.O. Box 3207  
San Dimas, CA 91773  
909-623-1117

May issue deadline: April 4.

June issue deadline: April 25.



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may be appointed by the Executive Committee to fill vacancies.

- Nominees for National Convention delegates will include the five Party officers.

- The updated Platform and the updated Bylaws and Convention Rules shall be available within 60 days after the convention, but need not be sent out automatically to county chairs and Executive Committee members.

- After each convention, a Style Committee will propose stylistic changes to the Platform and the Bylaws and Convention Rules committees and submit them to the Executive Committee for ratification.

Members of the ByLaws Committee were Jon Petersen (Chair), Neal Donner (Reg. 62), Cullene Lang (Reg. 57), Eric Lund (Reg. 66) and Bob Weber of Reg. 62.

## Changes to Platform Planks

Changes were made to a number of the Platform Planks. Three of the more far-reaching were:

- Support of "Three Strikes and You're Out" was made a part of the Judicial Plank.

- New language on Electronic Data Transmission was added as part of the Protection of Privacy plank.

- Added a new section on Disaster Relief.

The new additions and changes to the Planks will be discussed in detail in future issues of *LPC NEWS*.

## Karl J. Bray Award

At the annual Samuel Adams Society luncheon, former state Chair Bruce Lagasse announced that Michael Everling of Reg. 64 was the winner of the prestigious Karl J. Bray Memorial Award for Activism.

# CL Distribution: Outreach That Pays

The *California Liberty* Distribution Plan is designed to promote maximum exposure of libertarian ideas to the population of California, according to editor-in-chief David F. Nolan. He added, "Fortunately, the more successful this outreach, the greater the potential to alleviate significantly the financial woes of many regions and create strong operating capital for others."

In essence, he explained, regions would operate news rack vending machines, which would sell *California Liberty*. All the regions have to do is keep the racks filled and collect the money. This is neither a time-consuming nor difficult task, and can be done at whatever hours are convenient, according to newspaper representatives.

"What I like best about this," stated Joe Miranda, managing editor of *California Liberty*, "is that the regions have the chance to make money while spreading the Libertarian message."

Lawrence Goldberg, who is a facilitator of the project, added, "It gives regions an important, effective and money-making program for their volunteers. No matter how you cut this deal, it is a 'win-win' for everyone involved."

Goldberg added that Reg. 64 has already

contracted to run 30 news racks. He said that officers of other LP regions who would like to get involved in this "unique money-making outreach-generating project" should contact him at (818) 557-0901.

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circulation of the newspaper there and vice versa.

Nolan went on to outline a bold, appealing distribution plan for *California Liberty* that will "not only be outreach, but outreach that generates money for local LPC regions."

Under the plan, regions would distribute and sell *California Liberty* in news racks and keep the money collected. (See story, "Outreach That Pays," on page 6).

At least one region has already identified some 30 sites for news stands.

Nolan believes that with the cooperation of the local regions, total circulation will exceed 50,000 by Election Day 1994. He also believes "The Fourth American Revolution" will be syndicated on at least 20 stations by that time.

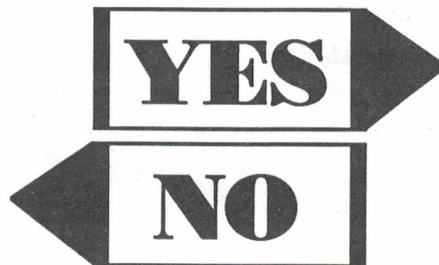


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# LPC Getting Back in the Black

LPC Treasurer Jon Petersen announced good news to delegates at the recent State convention: Most of the debt to the regions has been repaid, and will be completely paid off by the end of April, if not sooner. And funding has been provided in the 1994 budget for publishing Party news on a monthly basis again.

Petersen pointed out that this is an election year, "so we can expect a large increase in the use of LPC resources such as the 800 number. We have taken steps to reduce costs (such as switching to lower rate carriers) in anticipation of the high volume of calls we may encounter, and we will watch activity in all areas closely to prevent major impacts from unexpected sources."

"It looks like a banner year for us," he went on to say. "We urge everyone to show their support in whatever way they can."

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