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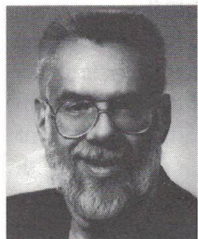


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Veteran consultant to participate at upcoming seminar



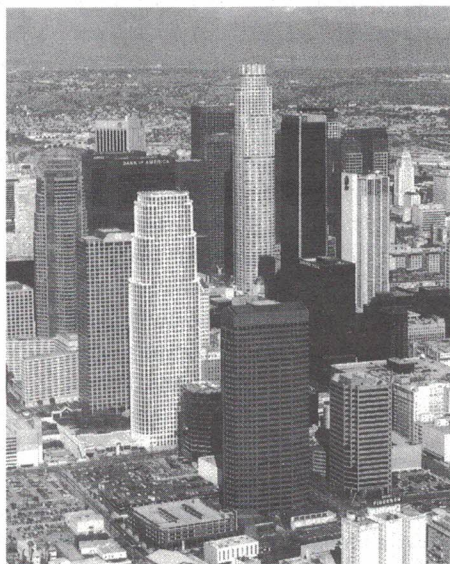
Jerry L. Russell

The national LP has added another impressive name to the list of guest speakers at Success '97, the upcoming seminar to be held in Los Angeles: Jerry L.

Russell, a communications executive with almost forty years of experience in public relations, advertising, association management, newsletter publishing and political campaign counseling. Those attending Success '97 will learn many tricks of the political trade from a campaign expert.

A resident of Little Rock, Arkansas, Russell heads his own firm, Campaign Consultants, and is his state's senior member of the American Association of Political Consultants. He has worked in over two hundred political campaigns, including U.S. Senate, U.S. House, gubernatorial, constitutional amendment, tax referendum, state legislative, judicial, and municipal races, maintaining a better than 70% winning record. Russell guided eleven campaigns during the 1996 election season — and won them all. He also oversaw a state supreme court race in Kentucky in November 1995, and eleven races in Arkansas in 1994 — going five-for-five in the general election.

In addition, Russell was retained by five clients for the May 1996 primary — all of whom were successful. In the November 1996 general election, he worked for three *(continued on page 4)*



Los Angeles — site of the LPC's 1998 Convention.

Convention Update

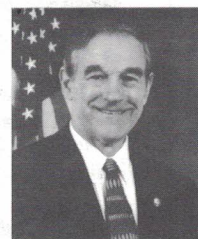
The LPC's '98 Convention to convene in Los Angeles.

Pack your shorts, dark glasses and Coppertone — the LPC's 1998 Convention will take place in the sunny city of Los Angeles. Observing tradition, the convention will occur over Presidents Weekend, February 13-16th. For four days, Libertarians from all over the state will gather to conduct party business, elect delegates to the national convention, and celebrate the blessings of liberty.

The convention will be located in downtown Los Angeles at the Hyatt Regency — a luxury hotel conveniently situated near freeways, restaurants and shopping areas. It is also just minutes from world-class entertainment centers like the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and the Mark Taper Forum. Other attractions, including movie *(continued on page 5)*

Ron Paul Introduces Bills to Help Third Parties

Rather than joining in the rush to trample the First Amendment free speech rights of all Americans, US Representative and former Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul (R-Texas) on September 15th introduced two pieces of legislation which will significantly reform our federal campaign system.



Ron Paul

"My legislation will open the system to more debate and more points of view, allowing Americans to see that they have a broader choice than is often presented," said Paul. "It will empower Americans, rather than further restrict them."

The first measure, *The Voter Freedom Act of 1997* (HB2477), prohibits states from erecting excessive ballot access barriers to candidates for federal office.

"For far too long, candidates from parties other than the Republican and Democratic *(continued on page 3)*

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LETTERS

Budget Blues

The August issue of *LPC Monthly* presented an "LPC Plan to End Budget Stalemate." Our state chair complains that state legislators hadn't passed a budget on time and should have their pay docked because of it.

I respectfully disagree. Why in the world would Libertarians want to encourage legislators to pass a \$68 billion budget, at least \$4 billion higher than last year's? If a Libertarian legislator (were there one) voted for such a plan, he or she would (or should) be booted out of the party.

Gridlock is good. Our legislators pass at least 1,500 new laws every year, a vast majority of which violate the rights of the people. It takes a budget for agencies to have funds (our tax dollars) to implement those laws. We should be discouraging legislators from passing the budget.

A New York judge once said, "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session." We would be better off to pay each legislator \$1 million at the beginning of each year, on condition they stay as far away from Sacramento as possible. This \$120 million annually would be chicken feed compared to the damage these guys do.

Remember, we must fight against big government. We should not be advocating any civic textbook, "good government" solutions that will make big government more efficient and effective. I say "NO" to any attempt to speed up the budget and "YES" to shutting down the whole Sacramento racket until they can whittle state government down to a fraction of what it is today.

TED BROWN
San Gabriel, CA

The following letter written by a member of R37 was recently published in the San Diego Daily Transcript:

Recycling Garbage

The condo complex in which I lived started the first successful (read ongoing) voluntary recycling program for multi-family housing in San Diego. Resident conservationists felt compelled to the effort since the city had no program for multi-family dwellings. Our condominium complex collected the usual assortment of "recyclable" items. All the labor was donated, as was the transportation of the materials. Had the program been required to recoup its labor and transport cost, it would have been a financial failure.

While many materials can be recycled, it is not

financially competitive to do so. When transport and collection costs are added, the process becomes a dismal failure for most materials. So why do politicians promote recycling by force of law? It is politically correct, and it makes some people feel like they are contributing to a "greater good." People motivated by high moral purpose tend to ignore financial reality, even if the so-called, good produces a financial disaster. This is another proof that government is irrational when making economic decisions. Politicians are always willing to adopt poor science to justify the spending of other people's money on projects without benefit as long as it will endear them to a constituency.

JOE HOENIGMAN
San Diego, CA

Anti-Gun Republicans

Recently, I called the three Republicans who voted for SB500. It was very interesting in that I asked to talk to the aide that handled gun control and two of the three were unavailable but all of the people said that they had been swamped with calls and that they would put me through to someone. In both cases, the person wanted to know why I objected to the bill and they seemed real interested. They really got interested when I said that I had been a Republican Party member for eighteen years before changing to the Libertarian Party six or seven years ago. I told them that four of my friends (all Republicans) had stated to me that they were going to vote for the Libertarian candidate in the next election. That really seemed to get their attention. When I called Senator Firestone's office, I was put through to the gun control aide and we talked for about ten minutes and he asked a lot of questions and said that the phone had been ringing off the wall. I told them all that I lived in Northern California but that I always voted. He asked me for my Name, Address and phone number because he said that he might want to talk to me again. If you have the time you might want to call these Republicans and voice your disappointment.

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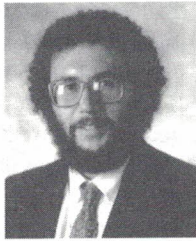
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State Executive Committee Meets

LPC Officers, Regional and At-Large Representatives gather to conduct party business

by Joe Dehn

The Libertarian Party of California's Executive Committee met in Santa Clara on Saturday, September 13.



Joe Dehn

Officers presented reports and various activities around the state were discussed. Expanded financial statements were presented, including new summaries and subtotals that had been requested by some members at previous meetings. The minutes of the June 14 meeting were approved with corrections.

Membership was a recurring theme during the meeting. Topics included how various membership statistics are defined, which membership count should be featured in the newsletter, projections of how membership counts will fall over the next several months without additional recruiting, national LP plans for membership prospecting, and estimated costs to recruit enough members to meet the goal of 5000 by year end.

Several amendments were made to the budget including \$3000 for additional

convention publicity intended to build attendance at the fundraising banquet. Approval was given for as much additional membership prospecting expense as the Chair is able to raise money for through targeted fundraising (beyond normal fundraising activities already included in the budget).

There was discussion of a request by the Chair that some of his expenses related to attending Executive Committee meetings be reimbursed, but no motion to authorize this passed.

The Kubby for Governor and Petersen for State Treasurer campaigns were each authorized to mail to the LPC list. There was discussion of giving the same opportunity to other Libertarians who might run for these offices and of possible charges for this beyond the cost of labels. Both campaigns agreed that if such charges were later set for other candidates they would retroactively pay on the same basis.

Other topics relating to '98 campaigns included: filing deadlines, recruitment of candidates for district offices, and the situation in the 54th Assembly District.

A request from Fresno County that they be recognized as a separate region

was approved, cancelling the previous combination of Fresno and four other counties.

Other items discussed included recent fundraising results, frequency of fundraising mailings, address corrections for our mailing list, improved delivery of 800-number information, and the "open primary" lawsuit.

At-large member Al Swain announced his resignation at the start of this meeting. José Castañeda, elected by the convention as first at-large alternate, will take his place for the remainder of this term.

The next meeting, to be held somewhere in the southern part of the state, was scheduled for November 22.

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Joe Dehn is Region 43 Representative to the LPC Executive Committee. This article has been condensed from his summary distributed to activists via e-mail. His original summaries of this and previous meetings, along with the official minutes from the Secretary which should be consulted for the complete record of business and exact wording of motions, may be found at <<http://www.lp.org/ca/lpc-ec-meetings.html>>. ■

Ron Paul

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Parties have faced enormous barriers to getting on the ballot," Paul explained. "This means voters are often not able to vote for the candidate who best reflects their philosophy, disenfranchising them. The two major parties love their hold on the system because it keeps them in power. While it is unconstitutional for the federal government to tell states what requirements they should have for candidates seeking state and local offices, it is the job of Congress to ensure that federal elections are fair and, above all, representative of the great diversity of opinion in

our nation."

Paul's second measure is *The Debate Freedom Act of 1997* (HB2478), which prohibits the recipients of taxpayer-supported campaign matching funds from participating in debates to which all candidates who qualify for matching funds are not invited.

"When candidates take money from taxpayers, then they should be will to debate the representatives of the variety of political opinions which those taxpayers hold," Paul said. "If a candidate doesn't want to be in such debates, then the candidate can refuse to have his or her

campaign subsidized by taxpayers. There is nothing which compels candidates to take those funds. Many Americans find it egregious that they are subsidizing candidates with whom they disagree, and are outraged when those same candidates refuse to participate in debates open to all candidates."

Paul is proud that his measures are being supported by a broad range of organizations and political parties. "Open elections benefit all Americans," he said, "and embracing the First Amendment should be Congress' number one priority as we debate campaign reform." ■

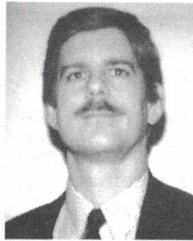
"Open elections benefit all Americans"

From The Chair:

Growing Our Membership

by Mark Hinkle

This is my eighth column as LPC Chair. As before, let us remember that we, as a Party, have three main goals this year:



1. Increase our dues paying membership to 5,000.
2. Raise \$150,000 in revenues.
3. Hire at least one paid employee, working in an office.

The LPC Executive Committee met in Santa Clara on September 13. They agreed that meeting our goal of 5,000 dues paying member was a top priority and thus modified the budget to increase the membership budget to whatever it takes to do so.

The committee also agreed to alter the definition of what "membership" really means to more closely reflect our past definition, rather than the national LP's definition. For example, we have had and continue to have "members" that live outside of California.

We also have "members" who've been elected to office, but not paid dues. Historically, both are part of our "membership," but not according to the national LP.

For example, at the end of August we had:

- 4,302 members, according to the national LP's definition;
- 4,696 members, according the LPC's definition;
- 4,896 donors according to the national LP's list.

Obviously, we must get all three numbers well over the 5,000 mark if we're to be an effective political party. To that end, we have begun a project to solicit large contributions from wealthy donors. My first request to one such person resulted in a \$5,000 donation — the

largest donation we've had in recent memory and, unfortunately, the legal limit for an individual contribution under Prop 208.

Thanks to your continued response to our requests for pledges and donations, we can now embark on our membership drive. As I've mentioned, we continue to successfully recruit from past members who have seen the party's turnaround. Another mailer has already started to bring in past members who have renewed excitement for the Party's future.

In addition, we've just purchased the list of Libertarians who voted in two or more recent elections. It should prove a rich source of new members. We're going to test this list by mailing 5,000 letters. If that proves worthwhile, we'll follow up with additional mailings of 10,000 in November and another 10,000 in December.

According to our database, 227 California LP memberships will lapse in September, 295 in October, 159 in November, and 127 in December. If we succeed in retaining 85% of those members, then we'll need to generate an average

of 193 new members each month until the end of the year in order to reach our goal. That's ambitious — but not impossible.

Again, thank you monthly pledgers! Monthly pledges to the LPC for the first three months of this year averaged \$1,563. The average for the last 3 months is \$2,288. That's up over \$725 per month!

I'd like to close with this call to action: the membership figures at the end of November and December will decide the delegate count for the next LPC and the national LP conventions. If you want to increase your delegates at both, now is the time! ■

Russell to Speak at Success '97

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other clients: two Democrats, and Win Rockefeller, the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor. Again, all three of his clients won their races — Rockefeller by 50.5% to 49.5% in a predominantly Democratic state. All-in-all, Russell has won nineteen of his last nineteen contests.



In addition, Russell is a past president of the Arkansas Advertising Federation and of the Arkansas Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. He is presently a member of the Arkansas chapter of the American Society of Association Executives. A former columnist for the *Arkansas Democrat*, he publishes *Grass Roots Campaigning*, a monthly information letter about "political techniques, psychology, and philosophy," and *Short Takes*, a monthly newsletter on media, politics and advertising. Russell has also made numerous presentations on "How To Win Elections" to civic groups, and has spoken at the Radio Advertising Bureau National Convention, and for the National Conservative Political Action Committee.

Jerry L. Russell joins the list of Success '97 speakers that includes LP Chairman Steve Dasbach, former LP Director Perry Willis, LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger and LP Communications Director Bill Winter, and fundraising experts Barbara Goushaw and Michael Cloud.

Success '97 will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles during the weekend of October 18-19 — don't miss it!

For more information, call eventcoordinator Kris Williams at the national Libertarian Party headquarters at (202) 333-0008, ext. 228. (Also see the ad on pages 6-7.) ■

"That's ambitious — but not impossible."

'98 Convention

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Laura McFadden

studios, amusement parks and beaches, are just a short drive away.

"In addition to providing a first-rate environment for delegates to conduct business," said organizer Laura McFadden, chair of

Region 66 (Long Beach). "We're hoping to produce an exciting and entertaining event worthy of Hollywood itself." McFadden and her partner Olga Cruz last teamed to produce the LPC's 1996 Convention in Long Beach — the most profitable and best attended LPC convention in the last 10 years. "We want this convention to be even better," she said.

McFadden and Cruz are already planning panels and booking guest speakers. They have invited all former Libertarian presidential candidates to speak throughout the weekend, and secured a commit-

ment from Steve Dasbach, National LP Chair, to deliver the keynote address to delegates. In addition, the pair have inked Gene Burns, long-time libertarian and radio talk show host, to be the featured speaker at the Grand Banquet Saturday night — traditionally our largest fundraising event of the year.

The Convention will kick off Friday, February 13th, with various committee meetings. These will be followed by a welcoming reception where convention-goers can meet and chat with many appointed and elected Libertarian officials, including Sandi Webb, (Simi Valley City Council), Bonnie Flickenger (Mayor Pro Tem of Moreno Valley) and Art Olivier (Mayor Pro Tem of Bellflower). Business sessions for delegates, panels and other special events will begin the following morning and continue until Monday.

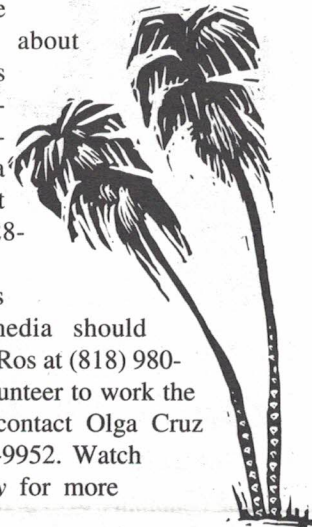
"The 1998 convention's theme will be growing the LPC," said McFadden. "We intend to promote the event heavily, and

"We're hoping to produce an entertaining and exciting event worthy of Hollywood itself."

make a concentrated effort to attract new members and those who have never attended an LPC convention before. This one is really going to be special!"

For more information about the LPC's 1998 Convention, contact Laura McFadden at (562) 428-8113.

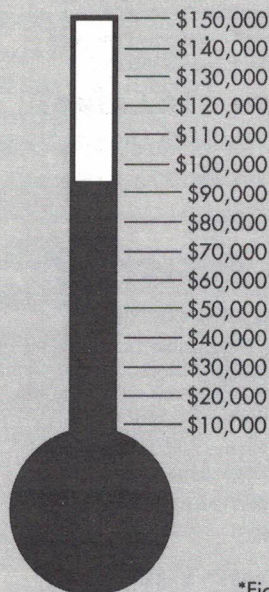
Inquiries from the media should contact Juan Ros at (818) 980-8833. To volunteer to work the convention, contact Olga Cruz at (213) 259-9952. Watch *LPC Monthly* for more details. ■



Growth Watch 1997

Revenue*

Current: \$94,908
Year End Goal: \$150,000



Pledges & Donations*

Totals for August
Pledges: \$2,134
Donations: \$1,856

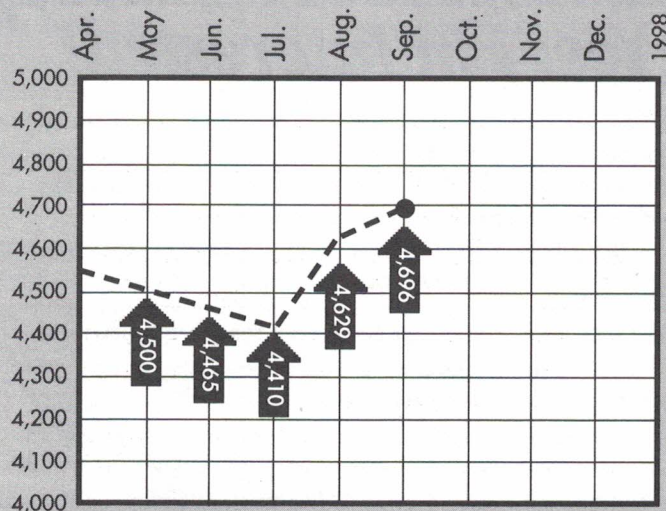
Help Us Grow! To make a monthly pledge or one time donation, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (408) 243-2711 x33.

About the new graph...

The numbers have been changed to include LP central committee members in California and out-of-state LPC central committee members.

Membership

Current: 4,695 Year End Goal: 5,000



Help Us Grow! Ask just one friend or coworker to join the Libertarian Party in 1997 -- or offer to pay their dues the first year if they will consider paying them when it comes time to renew!

*Figures for Sept. were unavailable at press time.

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Carla Howell, State Chair of the Massachusetts LP, attended the first Success '97 conference and said: "Great idea! The topics were all very good and pertinent."

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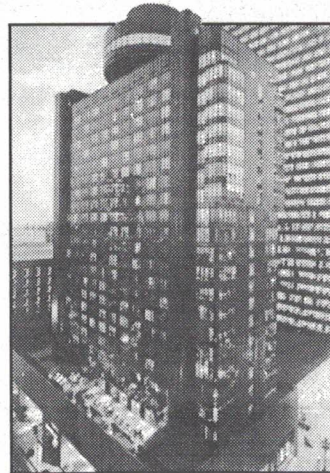
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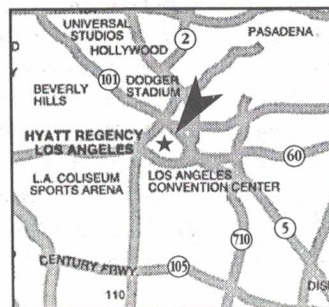
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Success '97 Speakers

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■ **Perry Willis:** LP National Director

■ **Bill Winter:** National LP Communications Director

■ **Ron Crickenberger:** National LP Political Director

■ **Michael Cloud:** One of the LP's all-time champion fundraisers

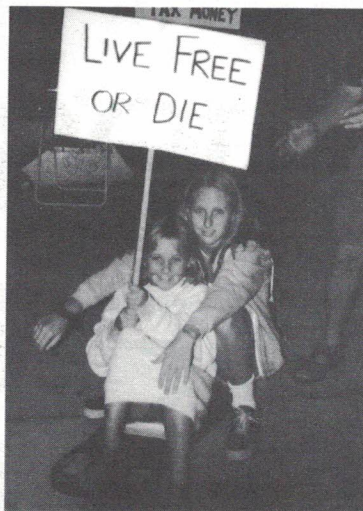
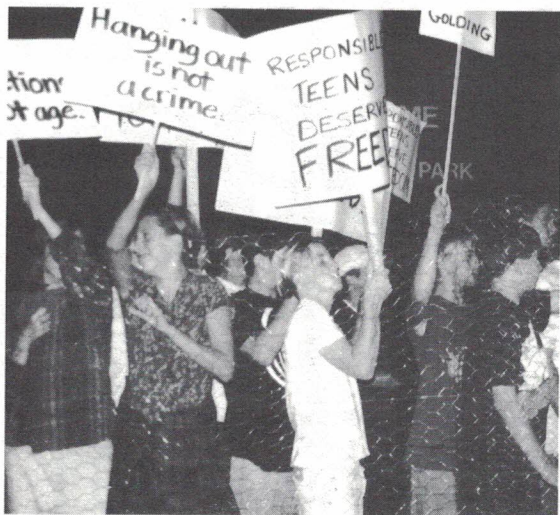
■ **SPECIAL GUEST**

JERRY RUSSELL:

The "Running to Win" portion of the Campaign

Seminar is presented by Jerry Russell of Campaign Consultants, a political consulting firm with a 70%+ winning record in more than 200 campaigns. He's also the editor and publisher of *Grass Roots Campaigning*, a newsletter on political techniques.





San Diego teenagers protest their city's new curfew law at marches and rallies.

San Diego:

Teens Protest Curfew

Politicians are like bullies — they only pick on wimps.” So says Libertarian activist **Dave Doctor** (R37) in reference to the 10:00 p.m. curfew imposed upon San Diego juveniles last June. Doctor has been mobilizing very unwimpy teenagers all across the county for an on-going series of protests against the law.

“This campaign is not just about bedtime. It’s about the fundamental rights of American citizens. When one group of citizens loses their freedom, we’re all at risk.”

Doctor’s first anti-curfew rally took place on July 11 at Mission Beach. The demonstrations continued for sixteen consecutive nights and attracted as many as 150 participants. Protests are now occurring each weekend in downtown San Diego — beginning at 10:00 p.m. The teenagers march through the streets chanting, distributing flyers, gathering signatures for a petition to repeal the curfew, and carrying placards with slogans like “Being young is not a crime,” “Pick on someone your own age,” “Judge us by our actions, not our age,” and “Mayor Golding, I already have a mom!”

“Our chanting is loud,” reports Doctor, “but there’s no violence. The marchers

are peaceful and orderly. We’re very proud of that.” When protesters are asked by police why they are out after ten,

Doctor advises them to reply, “I’m exercising my First Amendment rights.”

“A lot of teenagers protesting have been surprised by the number of people over thirty who have expressed contempt for the curfew,” says Doctor. “One woman offered to help us edit our flyers. Another approached

us to give legal advice. One tourist from New York City helped us distribute flyers. Like a subway train, our protests pick up people throughout the night — they walk along to show their support.”

On September 10th, protesters marched on a Police and Emergency Services celebration. “We circled them for more than an hour,” says Doctor. “We made a big impact. No one listened to the speakers. Many people took our flyers and one fireman even brought us food. Our supporters are out there. We must be determined and wait for them to join us.”

The anti-curfew protests have received lots of media coverage, including a report on MTV. At least one talk radio host declared his support for the marchers.

In response to the city government’s

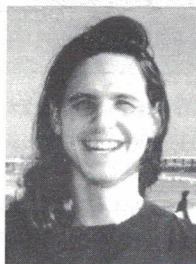
claim that the curfew reduces juvenile crime, Doctor says: “We’re protesting the morality of curfews, not their effectiveness. Would you outlaw swimming because it reduces drowning? Would you close down a school because of a few troublemakers? We shouldn’t be punishing law-abiding citizens for the abuses of a few criminals. We already have laws against vandalism and theft, and we should be enforcing them.”

What about parents who are unable to control their kids? “If a child won’t obey his parents, he certainly isn’t going to obey the curfew!”

Why is Doctor, who is in his twenties, fighting the curfew when it doesn’t affect him? “I’m disturbed by injustice. The government shouldn’t be dictating anyone’s lifestyle. I’m pro-choice on every issue — and I’m helping people defend their right to choose their own bedtimes.”

Despite the protests, San Diego Mayor Susan Golding has said she has no intention of repealing the law. “We weren’t surprised,” said Doctor, “but we’re going to continue our demonstrations until we amass a few hundred protesters — then we’re going to march on City Hall. We’re going to make it impossible for the politicians to ignore us.”

Readers interested in learning more about the curfew protests should check out Doctor’s excellent website at <www.davedoctor.simplenet.com>. ■



Dave Doctor

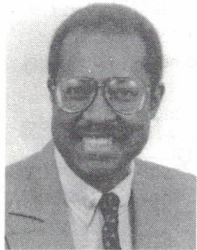
Fresno:

New Region Recognized

When the LPC’s Excom recently voted to recognize Fresno County as an official region, it was the fulfillment of a year-long effort by activist **Rodney Austin**. The action officially separated Fresno (now Region 10) from the Valley Libertarians — a conglomerate of counties that also included Tulare, Kings, Mariposa and Madera.

“When the Valley Libertarians was created in 1992, there were only about twenty-five LP members in all five coun-

ties," explains Austin. "Now Fresno alone has almost fifty members and is growing fast. We wanted to have meetings within the county because it's more convenient. We also wanted to focus our activities on the Fresno Supervisors and on our city governments."



Rodney Austin

The Fresno Libertarians have already formed a central committee. "We're currently drafting bylaws and will elect officers in November," said Austin. "Soon we'll have activists performing the tasks and functions that all comprehensive political organizations should."

Austin believes Region 10 will become increasingly active and visible in Fresno politics. "There is at least one local politician who is courting the Libertarian vote, and our four presentations to the city council have brought us before local officials and voters. This is an exciting time for Libertarians — nationally, statewide and here in Fresno County."

What are his long term goals?

"By the year 2000, I'd like 10% of the county's registered Libertarians to be members of the Fresno LP," says Austin. "I also want the LP to be third among political parties in Fresno County in voter registration. I want to have an annual budget of at least \$10,000. I would like to see an LPFC member elected to the Fresno Board of Supervisors or the Fresno City Council. I would like to establish a "liberteam" of groups and individuals in Fresno that respond to anti-liberty activities of our local governments within hours. And I'd like to see a permanent office for the LPFC."

Austin says that he first heard the word *libertarian* on a talk radio show in 1978. "I was a Democrat back then," he says, "but soon registered 'decline-to-state' because I thought the Democrats were no longer serious about civil rights. While I was getting my MS at Fresno State, I saw a notice about a Libertarian supper club and decided to attend. Marshall Fritz was there. The philosophy interested me: I began to see a linkage between accepting

responsibility for my personal challenges and having individuals in society accept the responsibility for their challenges without using force against their neighbors. I began to see libertarianism as the best solution for society. Meeting and talking with Richard Boddie encouraged me to become actively involved in the LP. I re-registered Libertarian on Veterans Day, 1987."

Although he declines to name his employer, Austin studies the analytical chemistry of metabolites of fresh fruits and vegetables. When he's not working or advancing Libertarian ideas, he likes watching and playing sports, and reading about African history and culture. ■

Trinity County:

Candidate Stumps at "Stomp"

Huh? What's that?" was the reply of **Jon Petersen**, the LPC's Northern Vice Chair and candidate for state Treasurer, when activist **Vince Carlton** (R45) invited him to attend the Trinity County Tribal Stomp.

"It's an annual mini-Woodstock type festival at the Trinity County Fairgrounds outside Hayfork, the weekend after Labor Day," explained Carlton. "A celebration of Native American culture."

After concluding that the festival might provide him with an opportunity to publicize his campaign, register some new Libertarians, possibly sew the seeds for a Trinity County LP — and have some fun, Petersen accepted.

"My wife Marianne and I chose to spend the weekend there," said Petersen, "even though we still had no idea what it really was." They arrived on Saturday, to find the fairgrounds swarming with food vendors, arts and crafts displays, information booths, musicians, dancers — and weekend fun seekers.

"We found the LP booth that Vince had set up, and pitched our tent nearby. The music was going strong, occasional



Jon Petersen and Vince Carlton.

announcements were being made, and whenever things looked like they might die down, the drums would start up again and get things going."

Petersen manned the booth for the better part of the weekend, talking with people who traveled from as far away as Florida, Arizona and Alaska.

"As usual, our Politically Homeless Quiz was quite popular," said Petersen. "Our board wound-up with about 60 stickers, mostly in the libertarian quadrant. We also got some LP voter registrations and inquiries."

Also on display at the booth were five jars labeled "Never," "Seldom," "Sometimes," "Usually," and "Always." Visitors were invited to drop a penny inside the jar that best described how often they trusted government. "Naturally," reported Petersen, "'Never' and 'Seldom' got most of the pennies."

Petersen credits Carlton for being the key to the event's success. "Vince was a stalwart provider — he was extremely well organized and prepared. When Marianne and I arrived, all we had to do was talk to the crowd, help them take the quiz, and hand out LP literature and my campaign flyers." Carlton even arranged for Petersen to speak before the crowd just after noon on Sunday.

There was no TV coverage of the event, but reporters from ABC and the local papers came by the LP booth to chat with Petersen. "There should be a good write-up in the local papers," he said "and the ABC folks asked us to get back with them later in my campaign."

"It was a great trip," concluded Petersen. "I plan to return next year with a large Libertarian contingent." ■

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Renewing Your Membership

Renewal notices are sent to members whose expiration date is coming up. Just return your dues payment in the accompanying envelope and your membership at the national, state, and local level will be renewed for one year. Please respond to renewal notices promptly so we don't need to send additional reminders — every additional notice costs money we could otherwise use to grow the party!

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Announcements

1999 Convention Bids

The LPC Excom announces that it is now officially accepting bids from contractors interested in organizing the 1999 LPC Convention. Traditionally, conventions are alternate between Southern and Northern California locations; because the 1998 Convention will be held in Los Angeles, the committee would prefer a Northern California site for the 1999 Convention. However, all bids are welcome. Interested parties should submit their bids to LPC Chair Mark Hinkle, 655 Lewelling Blvd. Ste. 362, San Leandro CA 94579-1844.

Candidates Needed

It's not too soon to plan for the 1998 election! Libertarians are needed to run for U.S. Congress, State Senate and State Assembly throughout California. Filing starts in January, but we need to plan ahead. If you are interested in running for public office as a Libertarian, or if you would like to volunteer to assist the campaign of another candidate, contact the LPC's Candidate Coordinator, Ted Brown, by telephone at (818) 286-7817, or via e-mail at <tedb@mail.idt.net>.

Cato & Bionomics Institute Conference

The world's preeminent libertarian think tank, the Cato Institute, and the Bionomics Institute will be sponsoring their 5th Annual Bionomics Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco from November 13th to the 15th. At the time we go to press, sponsors are lining-up an impressive roster of guest speakers, including Peter Huber, Greg Benford, Virginia Postrel and Michael Rothschild. For more information, call the Cato Institute at (202) 842-0200, or visit their website at <www.cato.org>.

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