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Prop. 198 Update

Legal challenge is "down but not out" says LPC Chair

by Richard Venable

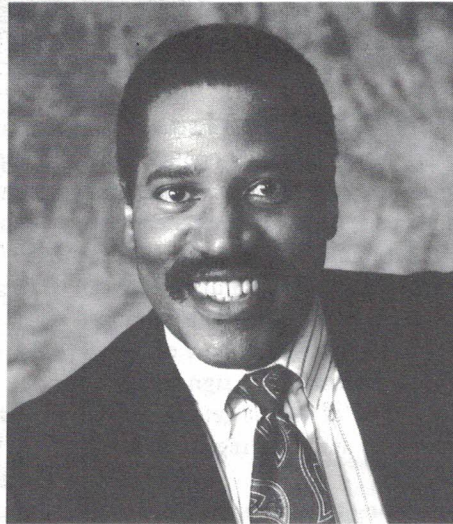
When Californians go to the polls for this June's primary elections, they will not receive a ballot listing only candidates affiliated with their chosen party, as they have in previous primary elections. Instead they will use a ballot that list all the candidates for office, regardless of party affiliation.

The change comes as a result of Proposition 198, the California Open Primary Initiative, passed in March 1996. That measure was challenged in U.S. District Court in July 1997 by the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom state parties. The initiative was ruled constitutional by Judge David Levy on November 17, 1997. It will, for the first time in the state's history, allow people to vote in the primary for any candidate regardless of their party affiliation.

Libertarian Party of California Chair Mark Hinkle has declared that, despite the Court's ruling, the LPC will stand alongside the other political parties in an appeal of the ruling.

"We may have lost this skirmish," Hinkle said, "but we will persist in the battle. Our bylaws clearly state that only our party members may select our candidates. In fact, our bylaws call for our candidates to be chosen by caucus and convention of our party members rather than by taxpayer-funded elections."

The Court ruling denies the right of political parties to select candidates who best reflect their philosophical positions, charges Gail (continued on page 3)



L a r r y E l d e r

Larry Elder to Speak at Convention

Controversial radio personality to attend 1998 LPC Convention in Los Angeles

We are pleased to announce that Larry Elder, one of the most controversial, provocative and libertarian voices in talk radio today, will be a featured guest speaker at the Libertarian Party of California's 1998 Convention.

"We're very excited that Larry will be joining us," said Juan Ros, Media Liaison for the convention. "Anyone who has ever heard Larry's radio show or seen one of his many TV appearances knows that he is a truly sensational speaker — and a big friend of Libertarians. Convention-goers are in for a major treat."

Larry Elder's radio show can be heard weekday afternoons on KABC AM-790 in Los Angeles. His (continued page 5)

Connerly Says He's a Libertarian

Leader in fight to end racial preferences uses L-word to describe his political views

Another prominent public figure has described his political views as libertarian. Ward Connerly, the University of California regent who has become a leading opponent to racial preferences in the workplace and academia, has used the word "libertarian" to describe his politics, according to an article published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* (12/31/97).

Connerly has emerged as one of the most controversial figures in contemporary California politics. As an African-American opposed of affirmative action, he has been vilified by liberals as "a traitor to his race." While that position also won him praise from conservatives, his recent support for a new U.C. policy to provide domestic partnership benefits to homosexual employees is now attracting virulent attacks from the right. Connerly's conservative opponents on this issue include Republican Governor Pete Wilson, his (continued page 5)

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LETTERS



Registering New Libertarians

I urge all Libertarians to go to their county registrar of voters, pick up a handful of voter registration forms and use them to register new Libertarians. I have found this to be the easiest and most efficient method of recruiting new voters. I carry the registration forms with me most times and have been astounded at how easy it is to get friends and acquaintances to sign up. I mail the forms myself to be certain it gets done. All this is totally cost free and each registration is a real gain for our party.

Since I started doing this a month ago, I have already registered fourteen new Libertarians — and a few of them are out there getting signatures themselves!

KEMP WOODS
Paicines, CA

Bill Lann Lee

As the *New York Times* recently stated, "President Clinton on Monday named Bill Lann Lee acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, a calibrated act of defiance against the Republican Senate leadership."

Even more significant is this appointment as an act of defiance against the American public and the principle of equal rights under the law.

The fact is that Lee is at the extreme fringe of Prop 209 opponents — as exemplified by his wacky assertion that it is illegal for the University of California to use SAT scores and grade point averages in evaluating applicants for admission.

Clinton's appointment of Lee is also a cynical attempt to "use" Lee, an Asian-American, as a token to help insulate him from the political damage which could otherwise result from an inevitable consequence of Lee's policies: Asian-Americans are the major victims of racial preference programs at the University of California and other American colleges.

For those of us who believe that it is morally repugnant for the government to use a person's

skin color to grant or deny preferences, Lee's appointment is a sad occasion. However, Lee's conduct will be carefully scrutinized by those who reject his group-rights mentality.

The struggle to dismantle governmental racial preferences will not be lost!

MANNY KLAUSNER
Los Angeles, CA

Forced Labor

A California initiative that would stymie organized labor's ability to raise millions of dollars in campaign funds has been approved for the June 1998 ballot. The Initiative requires labor unions to get written permission each year before spending a member's dues on political causes. The measure's proponents said they hope the initiative will inhibit use of union dues for political activities.

This is a big deal here in California. If it passes, experience shows that it will reduce coerced union political spending by as much as 80%. Given that the unions are primarily public employees and that union positions are almost always the opposite of the Libertarian Party, we need to support this effort and endorse it.

From a Libertarian philosophical viewpoint, we should find opposition to coerced dues an easy issue to support. All the measure says is that the unions must get the members to sign a letter saying it is okay to use their dues for political purposes.

Most members won't sign it, even under intense union pressure.

RICHARD RIDER
San Diego, CA

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New Laws Go Into Effect

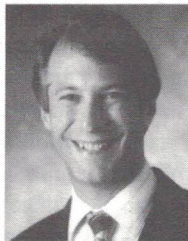
More laws to harass our people, eat out their substance

by Ted Brown

Governor Pete Wilson signed 959 bills into law in 1997. The number is usually higher, so we should be thankful for small favors. While some bills are good, such as a reduction in the state income tax for a small percentage of taxpayers, most involve the micromanagement our lives. Following are a few of the bills that Libertarians would have rejected had we been able to:

AB 1126: Creates a program to provide health, dental and vision care for 580,000 low income children who have no other health insurance.

SB 1344: Prohibits cloning a human being or purchasing or selling an ovum,



Ted Brown

zygote, embryo or fetus for the purpose of cloning a human being.

AB 38: Requires HMOs and health insurers to permit mothers and newborns to remain in the hospital for at least 48 hours, or 96 hours for a cesarean delivery.

AB 849: Creates a moratorium limiting off-sale beer and wine licenses to no more than one store per 2,500 population in any county becomes permanent.

AB 752: Bans all tobacco advertising on billboards within 1,000 feet of schools and playgrounds. Violators can be fined \$200 to \$6,000.

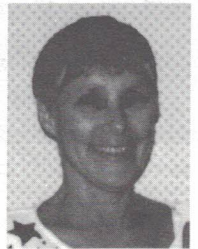
SB 257: Permits redevelopment agencies to subsidize the down payments of police officers *(continued on page 9)*

Prop. 198

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Lightfoot, a former LPC Chair. The lawsuit was instituted during Lightfoot's term and Hinkle, her successor, named her as his Special Assistant for the case, to maintain continuity. She testified as a plaintiff witness at the hearing last July.

"The Libertarian Party exists to run candidates who can best explain Libertarian ideas," Lightfoot said. "We tried to point out to the Court that an Open Primary system leaves smaller parties vulnerable to political mischief — crossover voting to weed out unwanted challengers to mainstream politicians. Actually, it's a Blanket Primary. It will eliminate voices not in the mainstream of the political arena, resulting in an even greater move



Gail Lightfoot

toward moderation, a 'dumbing down' of the political agenda. There is so little difference now between the parties in power that it is like having one party with two names. With this new system, it will become even more so."

Lightfoot pointed out that the nearly 60% of voters who approved Proposition 198 was actually a scant 17.3% of those eligible to vote. "Turnouts for primaries are typically low, she said. "They provide a fraudulent basis for claims that a mandate exists. Then all of us have to live with an unfair law until another reform comes along."

Lightfoot went on to say that one of the smartest things Judge Levy said in his decision was that "The court does not decide whether a blanket primary is a good idea; it may prove to be a bad idea, in which case the people of the state presumably will act to reform the system in the future as they have in the past."

She added, "Let's hope that the mere thought of political mischief sends the reformers back to their desks in a hurry to restore the proper ability of political parties to choose individuals to represent them as candidates." ■

LNC Meeting

National committee gathers to conduct party business



Joe Dehn

by Joe Dehn

The LP National Committee met in Washington, DC on December 13-14.

The recent audit (from which only a partial report was available as of the meeting) was discussed. Financial statements for 1996 were adjusted to correct for an error which significantly understated accounts payable. Plans are being made to replace the current accounting system, and to schedule another audit in the first part of 1998 so the report can be ready before the national convention.

A budget for 1998, totalling approximately \$2.7 million, was adopted. This budget provides for several major initiatives, including a \$400,000 budget line for direct mail prospecting; ballot access

projects for upcoming elections and to build toward "ballot access independence", implementation of the new MIS (this was reported to be on track, although some members, myself included, expressed concern about inadequate specification of the project); enhancements to the WWW site; and building a financial reserve.

The budget anticipates increases in several revenue areas including the pledge program, major donations, and LP News advertising. This budget also includes significant revenue and expense lines relating to the convention.

The permanent appointment of Ron Crickenberger as National Director was approved. A motion of confidence in Bill Winter as Director of Communications and as *LP News* editor was approved.

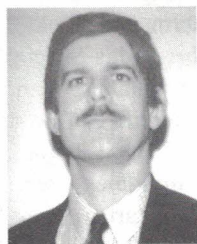
There was discussion of how much information about staff compensation should be consid- *(continued on page 4)*

From The Chair:

Keeping Our Resolutions

by Mark Hinkle

Happy new year! This is my eleventh column as Chair of the Party and the first for 1998. As before, let's remember that we, as a Party, had three goals for 1997:



Mark Hinkle

1. Increase our dues paying membership to 5,000
2. Raise \$150,000 in revenues (DONE — and then some!)
3. Hire at least one paid employee working in an office

We start 1998 with at least one of our 1997 goals clearly accomplished: raising \$150,000 in revenues. At press time, I don't have the final figure for 1997, but according to my spreadsheet, we had approximately \$189,106 in gross revenues. That's two and a half times what we did last year! We should have the official results for you next month.

As for our #1 and primary goal, I don't have the final 1997 membership numbers to report to you at press time either. I'm guessing we fell short of 5,000

dues paying membership goal, based on the number of memberships that were due to lapse in December against the early returns from last month's LNC/LPC mailing to approximately 20,000 registered libertarians, as well as the results that trickled in from several mailers that Membership Chair Pat Wright did in November and December. Unofficial results from the reg-lib mailing indicates a 1% response rate. That should mean about 200-250 new members.

Good news from national LP is that they have resumed calling lapsed mem-

bers to get them to renew.

As for goal #3, the hiring of our first full time employee since the 80's... Last month, I reported that "I expect the starting date to be December 29th". I was planning on using the national LP as an employment agency. The national committee took up my proposal at their December meeting and, unfortunately, deferred making a decision until their next meeting, in March. The committee had concerns regarding insurance issues — it wasn't known, for example, if the company that provides benefits to the national Party's employees does business in California. So there's still a few wrinkles to be ironed out.

As I mentioned last month, I've discussed sharing office space with the Santa Clara LP. I've now measured our future office — it's almost 700 square feet and will rent for \$700 per month. This is an excellent rate for Silicon Valley office space.

This may seem like a lot of space for two full time employees and it is.

However, I've already received a commitment from a longtime Libertarian volunteer to work in the office from late spring until the November elections. Fur-

thermore, I've received a request from a high school student who'd like to serve as an intern this summer. If we can raise the money to cover her nominal salary, I'd like to hire her for the summer as well. If you support this idea, then I'll need your votes — in the form of donations!

I hope I'll have more and even better news to report next month. In the meantime, please continue your generous support of the LPC. With your help, we will make all of our goals a reality — and that's a New Year's resolution worth keeping! ■

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LNC Meeting

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ered public. It was decided to report to the membership on an annual basis the compensation of all employees as a group and the compensation of the Director specifically, with the understanding that additional details of employee compensation are to be considered confidential.

There was discussion of the LPC's request that the LNC act as an "employee leasing" agency for the state Executive Director and Office Manager that are expected to be hired during 1998. The predominant view was that there were too many potential problems with such an arrangement, in areas such as taxation, benefits, and liability, to be worth the benefit, as compared to alternative arrangements that the LPC (or other affiliates in the same position) could make for themselves, e.g., by making use of existing commercial organizations that provide such services.

The ten LNC-appointed members of the convention Platform Committee were selected, with John Buttrick as interim chair. No Californians applied for these positions, but the LPC will, as one of the ten largest state affiliates, be able to select one member of this committee at the state convention in February. The ten members of the Bylaws Committee were appointed, with David Bergland as interim chair. Terry Savage was chosen as a Bylaws Committee alternate.

Other items discussed included membership prospecting and renewal projects, plans for the convention, unauthorized mailings to the mailing list by a candidate, trademark registrations, staffing plans, literature costs and inventory, the chart of accounts, listing the WWW address in LP News, distribution of financial statements, and a request from Ron Paul for use of the mailing list. Regional representatives reported on campaign and other activities in each region; Ken Krawchuk and his campaign manager presented a review of his campaign for a town council seat in Pennsylvania.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7-8, again in Washington, DC. ■

Larry Elder

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vigorous opposition to affirmative action and the welfare state, as well as his strong support for pro-liberty ideas, has made him the scourge of Southern California liberals. In fact, Elder's opponents have been so threatened by the spectacle of an African-American forcefully speaking out against racial preferences that they have launched a boycott to drive him from the airwaves. Larry's supporters, led by best selling author David Horowitz (*Radical Son*), have sprung to his defense with a massive ad campaign. The resulting battle has been raging across Los Angeles media for months. So far, KABC has stood by Elder, but the outcome is undecided.

Larry Elder will address California Libertarian convention-goers on Sunday, February 15. Don't miss this very special opportunity to hear him speak in person — and to show your support for this true friend of freedom.

The 1998 LPC Convention will take place February 13-16 at the Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles. For more details, see the ad on pages 6-7, or call Laura McFadden at (562) 428-8113. ■

Ward Connerly

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anti-affirmative action ally and the man who appointed him to the Board of Regents.

According to the *Chronicle*: "Connerly said his views on domestic partner benefits are a reflection of his libertarian philosophy, which rejects government infringement onto personal liberties. 'I'm not an advocate of homosexuality, but I happen to believe that as long as someone is doing something that isn't harming anyone, it is really none of my business.'"

The article continued: "And he [Connerly] evokes nothing less than the Declaration of Independence to defend his position. 'What is more sacred to your pursuit of happiness than to live with

whomever you want?' he asked. 'Your pursuit of happiness means doing it on your terms, not society's terms.'"

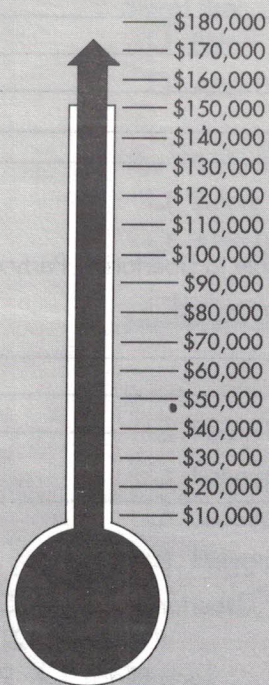
Assessing the damage done to his relationship with his anti-affirmative action allies, the article included a comment from another well-known libertarian: "For some people, it obviously is going to undermine his support," said David Boaz, vice president of the Cato Institute, a Washington-based think tank, and author of *Libertarianism: A Primer*. 'But I hope those people will be so committed to the goal of eliminating preferences in public policy that they will continue to work with him.'"

Connerly was campaign chairman of the California Civil Rights Initiative, and is now chair of the American Civil Rights Institute — which he founded to advance colorblindness throughout America.

With Connerly drawing fire from the political right and left for his self-described libertarian views, could there be a declaration of support for the Libertarian Party sometime in the U.C. regent's future? ■

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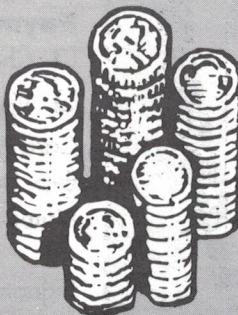
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Year End Goal: \$150,000



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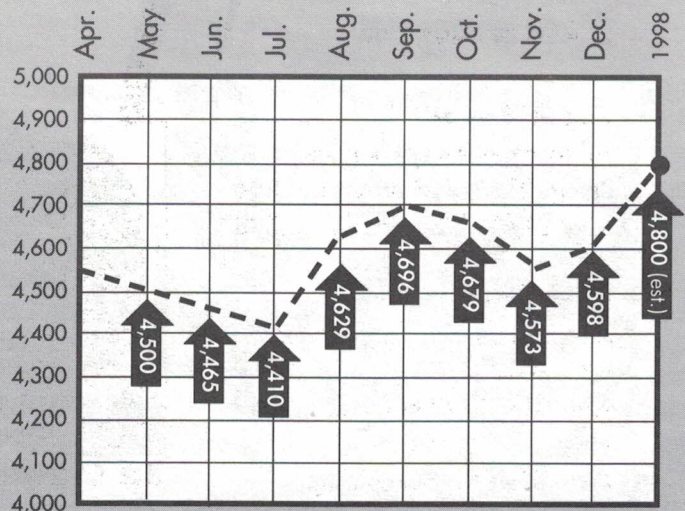
Totals for December
Pledges: \$2,552
Donations: \$28,442



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.

Membership

Current: 4,800 (est.) 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!

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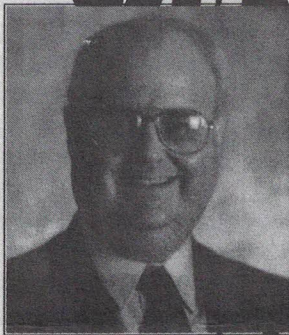
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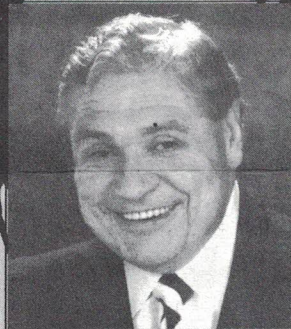
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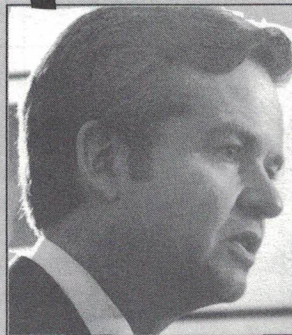
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Steve Dasbach
LP National Chairman



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Nationally syndicated talk
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Ed Clark
1980 LP Presidential Candidate

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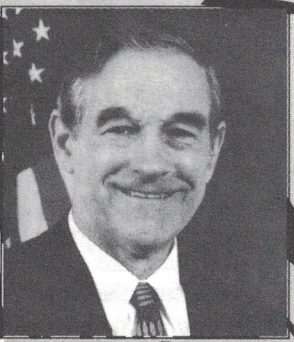
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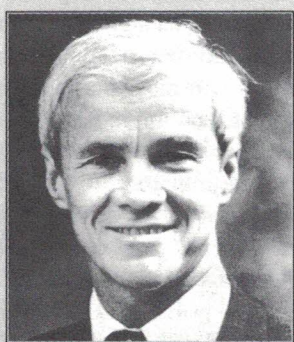
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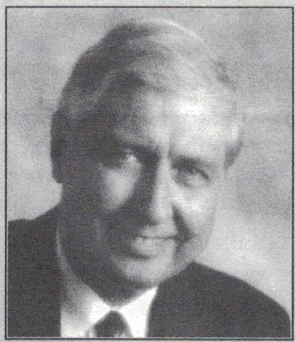
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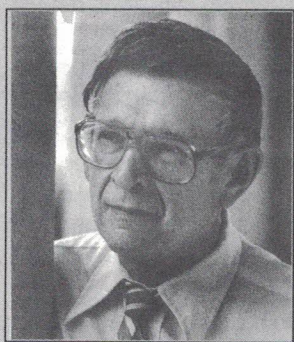
Ron Paul (tentative)
Congressman and 1988
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David Bergland
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Building LP Grassroots in California

by Steve Kubby

At the risk of sounding like Ed McMahon, watch your mail: within the next few days, California Libertarians will receive a letter from me. And yes, you might be a winner!

LP founder David Nolan has written about the important opportunities presenting themselves to Libertarians in the days — not years or decades — ahead. As dissatisfaction with big government politicians converges with a spirit of renewal that can come with the new millennium, people may well take the revolutionary steps necessary to change government as we know it. As Mr. Nolan has noted, if we don't move on this opportunity today, it will be lost forever.

My family and I want to contribute toward achieving all of the benefits that a Libertarian society offers. To do that we offer you our lives and talents, not just for this year's gubernatorial race, but for a strategic plan we believe will catapult the LP into major party status during the course of the next five years.

Allow me to explain — then, if you share our excitement and commitment to move forward today, please join us in Los Angeles for the Libertarian Party of California State Convention in February to launch a peaceful revolution to take back our rights.

With your support, the strategy we will launch follows this basic outline...

Name Recognition

The 1998 California gubernatorial race will allow us to begin the hard work of building candidate name recognition among the voters. We want to use this campaign to build a team spirit up and down the Libertarian Party ticket. It is my firm commitment to you that I will use the spotlight a gubernatorial candidate can capture to shine it on LP candidates in strategically important grassroots races. In addition, we will start to build lasting coalitions among groups who are fed up with authoritarian government to



Steve Kubby and his baby daughter Brooke.

take us into the future with more members, more money, and most importantly, more energized activists to take our message to their family, friends, colleagues and neighbors.

Safe Communities Act

In the year 2000, we will launch an initiative campaign for the Safe Communities Act of 2000. This initiative will give the Kubby campaign an opportunity to continue to build name recognition among voters and further our coalition building work. More importantly, this initiative will open up an important debate by offering purely Libertarian solutions for the crime problems people fear most. This will make Libertarians relevant in the eyes of voters because we will lead a new debate for a new millennium.

Running Hard

Then, in the year 2002, we will run the strongest gubernatorial campaign in the history of the LP — capturing double digit numbers with a real shot at winning. And an important strategic goal for the Kubby campaign in 2002 is to do whatever we can to get at least two Libertarians elected to the state Assembly.

Strategies & Tactics

Going into all the specific strategies and tactics we will use to achieve victory won't fit in the space allocated here. But I can give you just a few examples of what

we will do this year, with your help, to turn this plan into real success...

We will make extensive use of professional polling to determine which issues are most important to voters. While you and I each have singular issues within the broader politics of freedom that excite and motivate us, the Kubby campaign knows that we have to resist the temptation to tell the voters what they should think. We will discover the issues that matter to the people and then offer Libertarian solutions to those problems. That is an important first step that has to be accomplished

to convince voters that Libertarian candidates are relevant. And we will share this data with all other LPC candidates.

We will break new ground in reaching the Internet community with "Cyber-side Chats" where voters can regularly discuss the issues with me in a live forum.

We will make pointed efforts to reach out to various segments where Libertarians can find fresh new members to open up new opportunities for victory, including Hispanic communities, small business people and entrepreneurs, the Lesbian and gay communities; and other folks who have experienced the agony when squashed under the big boot of big government.

We've already broken some exciting ground within the entertainment industry to find people who will help Libertarians get into the spotlight.

Moving Forward

Over the past several months we've been building this strategy to raise the LPC to new heights at a pace fast enough to make a difference in your life and mine. I'm deeply grateful to dedicated volunteers like Terry Savage who came to me and helped us assemble a strong team with vision and determination. You and I can now go forward with a winning plan that will lead the nation to liberty.

So, watch for your mailing from the Kubby Campaign in the next few days. You will be a winner! ■

New Laws Go Into Effect

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who buy homes in high crime neighborhoods.

AB 6 and SB 3: Possessors of the mood altering drug GHB without prescriptions face 16-36 months in prison. Sellers could face four years in prison.

SB 457: Increases risk of asset forfeiture for drug dealers using minors as drug runners or possessing chemicals used to make methamphetamines.

AB 1221: Forbids the sale of ammunition that can be used in concealed weapons to people under 21.

AB 991: Requires new residents to register their handguns with the Dept. of Justice within 60 days of moving to California.

AB 204: Enables passengers caught with handguns concealed in cars in which they are riding to be charged with a felony.

SB 720: Enables county supervisors to charge an additional \$1 to register motor vehicles. The revenue will finance expanded criminal history fingerprint checks for local law enforcement and public employment purposes.

AB 74: Extends until 1999 the requirement of anyone convicted of any drug offense to lose his/her driver's license for six months, whether or not the offense was related to driving.

AB1277: Enables gas station employees to face a \$100 fine if they fail to help DMV-recognized disabled drivers refuel their vehicles.

SB 548: Requires landlords to install and maintain deadbolts and window locks.

AB 1213: Requires building contractors to be certified by the Contractors State License Board to perform home improvement work.

SB 8: Creates new state Dept. of Justice unit to more closely monitor the state's card room industry.

SB 389: Designates "San Joaquin soil" as the official state dirt. (Although not a violation of anyone's rights, this one is downright silly!) ■

When Ayn Rand & Milton Friedman Met Phil Donahue

by Perry Martin

Appearing on *The Phil Donahue Show* was always a challenge for any liberty loving person. The well-spoken Donahue could always be counted upon to make the case for government over private action — and to often shamelessly but effectively demagogue the issue to rally his audience behind him.

Now you can watch how the sparks flew when two of freedom's most ardent and articulate champions — Ayn Rand and Milton Friedman — went up against the top-rated liberal talk show host in a pair of compelling new videotapes.

The videos capture two separate appearances by Rand and Friedman on Donahue's show, taped in the 1970s. Each features one interview with Rand, one with Friedman. Thus presented, they offer not only the pleasure of watching these two libertarian giants in action, but also a fascinating opportunity to compare their diametrically opposed personalities and conversational styles.

Rand's outspoken and judgmental attitude antagonizes Donahue, who spends an inordinate amount of time badgering the author/philosopher about it. Of course, when the conversation turns substantive, Rand delivers devastating attacks on her ideological foes — statism, altruism and mysticism — and outguns Donahue at every draw. Here is a rare opportunity to view Rand at her uncompromising best, never softening her attitudes or ideas to make them more palatable to her often hostile host and audience. It's a brittle but tough, honest and courageous performance.

In dramatic contrast, economist Milton



Phil Donahue interviews Ayn Rand in two fascinating videos.

Friedman's manner is easygoing and affable — though no less principled or forceful. Donahue doesn't like Friedman's ideas any better than Rand's, but is disarmed by the Nobel Prize winner's charm, and therefore more open to him. Friedman uses plain language and good humor to make persuasive, common sense arguments for private enterprise and free markets. He explains how government action, not a failure of capitalism, was responsible for the Great Depression, and how government regulations cause higher prices and more unemployment, not less. Always as accessible as he is insightful, Friedman demonstrates why he is one of liberty's most popular advocates.

Both volumes in this collection are highly recommended — you'll watch them repeatedly with great pleasure.

The Rand/Friedman/Donahue videos are \$24.95 each (be sure to specify either volume 1 or 2). California residents must add 8.25% sales tax. Postage is \$2.95 for up to 5 videos. To order, send a check or money order to No Free Lunch Distributors, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Ste. 218, Burbank, CA 91506. You can also order by phone at (888) 557-6353, or at the No Free Lunch Distributors website at <www.getwhatyoupayfor.com>. ■

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If you need some special update to your membership records, such as a change in region affiliation, please contact the state office.

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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 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>.

Bylaw Changes

You now have the chance to put in your two-cents about the LPC Bylaws. Don't like some of the provisions? Tell it to the Bylaws Committee! Send your proposal(s) to one or more of the committee members at least one week before the start of the convention. All submissions received by then will be considered. The Bylaws Committee members are Joe Dehn, Linda Grau, Jon Petersen, Terry Savage and Bob Weber. To contact them, see their listings elsewhere on this page. The sooner you send your proposals, the better the committee will be able to review them.

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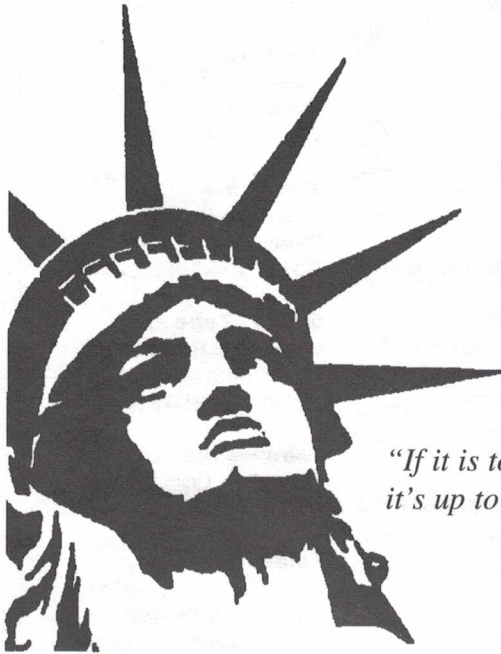


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