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Pescosolido Enters Race

LP activist to run for State Controller in 1998



Pescosolido

Libertarian Pamela J. Pescosolido has announced her intention to seek statewide office in the 1998 elections. A resident of Visalia and immediate past chair of Region 10 (Central Valley), Pescosolido

will run for State Controller next year.

This will be Pescosolido's second campaign. She ran for US House, District 19 in 1996.

Asked about her background, Pescosolido said: "Like many of us, I was a libertarian long before I knew there was such a thing. A lot of my libertarian beliefs were instilled in me by my father, a partner in a citrus farm management company, who fought a 14 year battle with the USDA over its orange marketing orders. The orders' prorate provisions limited the amount of fruit that could be shipped each week by packing houses, an effort to keep prices artificially high. My father was killed by a drunk driver in 1992 but, six months later, we finally won our battle with the USDA, which abolished the prorate provisions of the California-Arizona navel marketing orders. While in college, law school, and for all the years since I got my J.D. in 1990, I helped various lawyers on those marketing order cases. I learned to mistrust the bureaucratic urge to regulate everything within grasp."

Pescosolido registered libertarian in 1988 and first joined the Libertarian Party around 1993. Three years later, she became Chair of (continued on page 4)



Our Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence. This month, Libertarians celebrate the historic event's 221st Anniversary.

LPC Excom Meeting

Officers & representatives gather in Los Angeles

The LPC's Executive Committee met at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Los Angeles on June 14th to conduct official party business. All members of the committee were present.

After calling the body to order, Chair Mark Hinkle delivered his report, expressing his approval at the current levels of fundraising and interest in the party.

Following him, Northern Vice-Chair Jon Petersen reported that San Francisco's (R38) level of activism has dropped precipitously; the committee discussed ways to revitalize the region.

Southern Vice-Chair Bob Weber reported on a variety of news and events taking place in (continued on page 7)

Proposition 198 Lawsuit

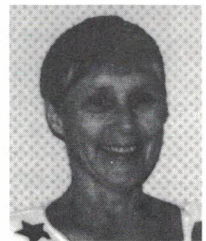
LPC joins other parties in opposition to Open Primary

by Richard E. Venable

It is a rare occurrence indeed when the Libertarian, Republican, Democrat and Peace and Freedom parties find a common rallying point — as they have recently in their opposition to the Open Primary Initiative (Proposition 198).

These four political parties have joined in a lawsuit filed in November 1996 to prevent Prop. 198 from being enforced. The Libertarian Party of California officially became a co-plaintiff in February 1997. Defendants are California's Secretary of State Bill Jones and Californians for an Open Primary.

Each of the four parties has designated a plaintiff witness and an expert witness. The Libertarian plaintiff witness is Gail Lightfoot, LPC Immediate Past Chair. The suit was filed during her term of office and she had already been involved in some of the early discussions. Incumbent Chair (continued on page 5)



Gail Lightfoot

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LETTERS



Another Republican Turns

When I pulled into my driveway, about 9 p.m. this evening, a pickup truck pulled in behind me. I walked up to the cab and the driver handed me my *Investors Business Daily*, which he was delivering. As he handed me my paper, he said: "How can I register Libertarian? I've had it up to here with the Republicans."

I had never seen him deliver the paper before. Evidently, he was prompted to stop by having seen my LP bumper stickers. He appeared to be in his fifties. And so we gain another Reg-Lib.

ERNST F. GHERMANN
San Fernando Valley, CA

The following letter was recently published in the L.A. Daily News:

Bondage

The public outcry over misuse of money for bond issues comes as no surprise to the Libertarian Party. This is the reason we consistently write the ballot arguments against them.

Bonds are the worst method of financing government projects. They double the cost and invariably are never spent on the undertakings for which the funds are intended. Afterward, their proponents always come back asking for more money.

We urge the voters to use a simple rule of thumb when confronted with any bond issue in the ballot box. Just say no.

KIT MAIRA
North Hollywood, CA

Port Watson Project

Just a short note to let you know that the Port Watson Project, an attempt to set up a libertarian community in the Bahamas, is now online at <http://www.portwatson.org>. The site also features the classic libertarian short story, "Visit

Port Watson", which inspired the whole thing, as well as photo and text archives, the project history, a list of links for would-be community builders, and one completely gratuitous Wav file. Please share this information if you know someone who would find it of interest!

KEVIN BLOOM
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Free The Ferret

I want to bring to your attention legislation we are fighting to pass here in California: AB363, the Ferret Decriminalization Bill.

Our state ban on ferrets is an example of governmental overreaching. The California Department of Health Services claims ferrets are a threat to children, but studies from American Veterinary Medical Association and the Center for Disease Control show that dogs are over 200 times more likely to bite and severely injure a child or adult than ferrets. The CDC describes ferrets as docile and cat-like.

Moreover, the domestic ferret is already here! The Department of Fish and Game estimates that there are over 500,000 ferrets in California. They pose no threat to agriculture or wildlife. All fifty states report no feral populations of ferrets, and no adverse effects on wildlife or agriculture. Recent successful efforts to end bans on ferrets in Michigan and Massachusetts were supported by their wildlife agencies. Here, the California Veterinary Medical Association strongly supports legalization.

Pet ferrets are legal in 48 U.S. states, as well as in the countries of Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Smithsonian Institution, the Museum of Natural History, and over 155 zoos and zoological societies classify the ferret as domesticated.

The ferret deserves its spot next to our cats and dogs. Please contact your senator and tell him to support this bill. You may also want to visit the Californians For Ferret Legalization website at users.cnet.com/~beisners/gsfs/lobby.html.

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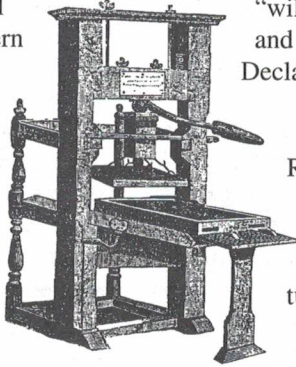
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American Liberty News Service

California Libertarians launch syndicated news service

A new national publication company committed to spreading libertarian ideas, American Liberty News Service (ALNS), has started in Loomis, California. Its first syndicated publication, the *Loomis Liberty Gazette*, will be on the streets of its Northern California hometown for the first time on July 4th, 1997.

"The date is significant," said Bruce A. Daniel, DDS, founder and Managing Director of the new publication. "The *Loomis Liberty Gazette* and American Liberty News Service will be a modern version of Thomas Jefferson's *National Gazette*. Its pages will carry local, state and national articles that are libertarian, sound money, free market, anti-warfare, anti-welfare, minimal government in their approach.



Richard Venable, long time Libertarian activist and Editor of the LPC's previous newsletter, *LPC News*, will serve as the ALNS Editor.

"Our company," Daniel continued, "will be an unflinching promoter and defender of the ideals of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and, most importantly, the Bill of Rights."

ALNS will provide a syndicated service of state and national news plus feature articles and photos to local small town or neighborhood publishers anywhere in America. It can be transmitted via the Internet and e-mail. The local publisher will insert articles, photos and features relating to his community. Printing and distribution will (continued on page 4)

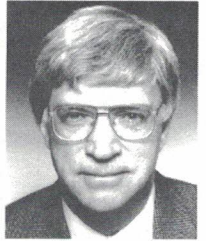
ISIL Moves

Landmark bookstore closes

The International Society for Individual Liberty, one of the libertarian movement's foremost champions, has been forced to move from its headquarters in San Francisco — an action that also forced the group to permanently close their Freedom Forum Bookstore.

Adding irony to injury, the action was precipitated by a group of left-wing political insiders flush with \$1.1 million squeezed from taxpayers.

"Many of these scoundrels are members of the local Democratic Party Central Committee," said ISIL President Vince Miller. "They also scored a \$3 million HUD redevelopment grant from their friends in the Clinton Administration — a slush fund osten- (continued on page 5)



Vince Miller

Environmental Agency Wastes Resources

LPC Chair criticizes California Air Resources Board

by Richard Venable

Noting that the California Air Resources Board is planning to spend \$5 million in a four-month ozone study of smog in Southern California, Libertarians are asking if the Board thinks it can realistically improve on what it has been doing and at what cost.

"By its own admission, air quality has improved considerably over the past few years," said LPC Chair Mark Hinkle in a recent press release. "However, the Air Resources Board seems to be trying to make our air purer than it was when the first European explorers saw the land. Early visitors such as the mid-18th century Gaspar de Portola commented on the haze rising over what is now the Los Angeles basin from the cooking fires of the few thousand native inhabitants."

Hinkle went on to point out that ozone

is a natural element in the atmosphere. It is also created when sunlight reacts with nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. While at ground level it is the primary constituent of smog and is associated with respiratory problems; it also screens harmful ultraviolet rays.

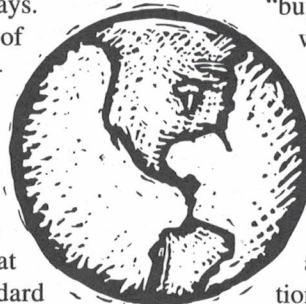
"Does the economic cost of such studies and of compliance by motorists of oppressive smog regulations justify the results?" Hinkle asked. "The answer is 'no.' A study by the Department of Energy points out that changing the ozone standard could dramatically increase the possibilities of cancer-related deaths and hundreds to thousands more incidents of skin cancers and cataracts. Any stricter change would also increase the already onerous cost to motorists to keep their vehicles up

to the ridiculously high emission standards mandated by the government."

Hinkle also took the Board to task for concentrating its efforts on regulating automobiles and not on industrial polluters. He pointed out that industries can "buy" emission credits created when automobiles are removed from operation.

"Isn't it only fair that industry should be subjected to the same standards that motorists are?" he asked. "After all, regulators admit that automobile pollution is really only a part of the problem."

Hinkle went on to say that in a Libertarian society such matters would be resolved much better by free market agreements rather than through arbitrary bureaucratic measures. ■

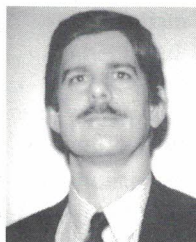


From The Chair:

You Are Making It Happen

by Mark Hinkle

This is my fifth column as Chair of the Party — and my fifth reminder that we, as a Party, have 3 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.

As I write this column, we've added over 100 new members here in California over the last 5 weeks. Since the beginning of the year, we've added 1,008 new members. That's a 30.3% increase. Traditionally, the Party's membership numbers decline after a Presidential election; this time they've grown.

The LPC now has 4,334 dues-paying members. To put that number in context, the next largest state organization is Pennsylvania — at 1,281 members.

Recently, national LP Chair Steve Dasbach and Director Perry Willis informed me that they are in the process of sending a membership recruitment letter to 125,000 people. Typically, such a mailing generates a 1% response, which adds up to 1,250 new members nationwide; and because the LPC's membership is about 20% of the national LP's, that means that about 20% of these new members will be Californians. And so we continue to grow.

Now for some financial news... Since my election as Chair, you, the members of the LPC, have given \$29,699.62 in one-time donations to the Party. In the grand scheme of the political world, that isn't much. However, when you consider that the LPC's 1997 budget is \$71,000, it's amazing! Thanks for your support — and please keep it coming...

The LPC can't make it on the income it receives from membership dues alone.

Our 4,334 members each pay minimum annual dues of \$25. That money is split three ways: the national LP gets \$13; the local regions get \$7.20; and the LPC gets \$4.80. The LPC depends upon your donations and monthly pledges to make ends meet, let alone grow.

If just 10% of our 4,334 members pledged to give a dollar a day to the LPC, that would generate \$158,191 of income per year — enough to hire an Executive Director, a clerical staff, and a part time lobbyist in Sacramento. It would also cover office rent and expenses.

If that sounds good to you, and you can afford a dollar a day for the next year, please sign up as a pledger. Even donating \$0.33 a day (\$10 per month) would help. To become an LPC monthly pledger, use the membership form on the back of this newsletter.

We're working wonders on our budget — but are we going to change the course of California politics with \$71,000?

No.

That's why I made raising an annual budget of \$150,000 one of our primary goals for this year. Our Executive Committee is used to hearing a lot of pie-in-the-sky schemes for fundraising that never deliver. That's why they passed a budget for this year that's almost identical to last year's. In fact, it's about the same as our 1990 budget. In real terms, it's actually a *decline* in income.

Fortunately, you've been very supportive of our goals and extremely generous with your donations. We still have a lot to do, including hiring a part-or-full-time employee. The only way to convince the Excom that such a move is feasible is to increase our monthly pledges — income that the party can depend upon.

So please continue supporting the LPC by becoming a monthly pledger. Please become one of the 10% of our members who pledge \$1 a day for the next year.

You are turning this Party around! You are make our plans a reality! ■

Pescosolido Enters Race

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Region 10, which consists of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa and Tulare Counties. Under her leadership, the region quadrupled its membership — thanks, in part, to numerous mailings (which Pescosolido organized and funded) to local Reg-Libs. Her other activities included sponsoring a candidates forum during the 1996 election.

Currently, Pescosolido is fighting “an ongoing battle” with the local newspaper, the *Visalia Times-Delta*, which she believes should provide “more even-handed coverage of political issues.”

Pamela J. Pescosolido is divorced and has a three-year-old son, Harley. ■

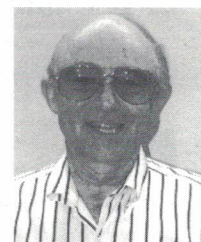
American Liberty News Service

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also be handled locally. Initially, ALNS will syndicate news on a monthly basis, with the long term goal of going weekly. Its publications will be formatted as magazines and distributed free to the public.

According to Daniel, ALNS will target small towns and neighborhoods within a single zip code. “Such areas generally have less than 10,000 inhabitants. They know each other, they raise honest hard-working families, they use the local services. That's where you find the grass-roots people of this country — the bedrock and foundation of America.”

To receive more information about ALNS or sample copies of *Loomis Liberty Gazette* write: American Liberty News Service, P. O. Box 165, Loomis, CA 95650. You can also telephone Bruce Daniel at (916) 652-9789. The ALNS fax number is (916) 652-3588. ■



Bruce Daniel

Prop. 198

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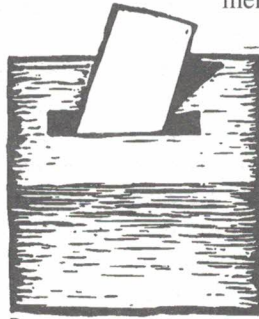
Mark Hinkle appointed Lightfoot as his Executive Assistant for Legal Affairs to continue working on the lawsuit on behalf of the party.

The party's expert witness is Richard Winger. Graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in political science, Winger has long been interested in American minor parties, electoral behavior of minor-party voters and independent candidates. He is the publisher of *Ballot Access News*, which analyzes legal, legislative and political developments of interest to minor parties. He has also written numerous articles on ballot access laws and related topics.

Prop. 198 became law in March 1996 by 3,340,642 (59.51%) to 2,273,064 (40.49%) of the votes cast. Of those voting in that election, 467,988 (7.7%) did not vote on the measure. Those voters who did comprised only 41.8% of the

14,523,362 registered voters.

The Plaintiffs maintain that the new law "is invalid and unenforceable because it violates their rights of political association, political expression, free speech, and their right to petition government for redress of grievances."



Prop. 198 would provide for a single primary ballot on which, under the appropriate title for each office, the names and party affiliations of all candidates are placed randomly and not grouped by political party. This would allow voters in the primary to vote for any

candidate regardless of party affiliation. The candidate of each political party who receives the most votes for a state elective office becomes the nominee of that party at the next general election. The only separate partisan ballot provided would be for the election of central committee members by voters of each party.

Three of the four plaintiffs say their parties want to be able to have a role in

deciding who represents them in an election, and that their bylaws require that candidates be chosen by members of their own party. They also agree that it would create more expense for office-seekers having to reach out to the general public rather than just to those within their own party at primary election time. The LPC and the Peace and Freedom Party also maintain that the open primary will further skew voting totals for all parties and put the minor parties at a disadvantage.

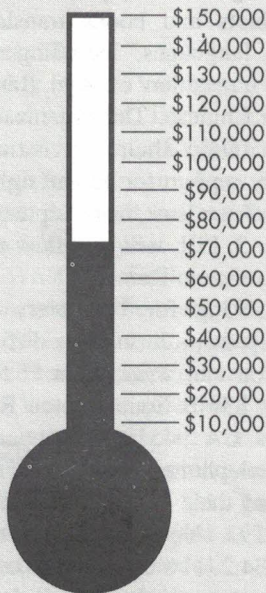
Lightfoot and Winger, along with the other plaintiff witnesses and expert witnesses, have given depositions to the counsel for the Secretary of State. The trial is scheduled to be held on July 28, 1997, in Sacramento.

Neither Lightfoot nor Winger are strangers to lawsuits such as this one. In 1990, Lightfoot was plaintiff in a suit in which the Libertarian Party sought to nominate by convention. The party was not successful and appealed to the Supreme Court, which refused to hear the case. Winger has been an expert witness in other political lawsuits. ■

Growth Watch 1997

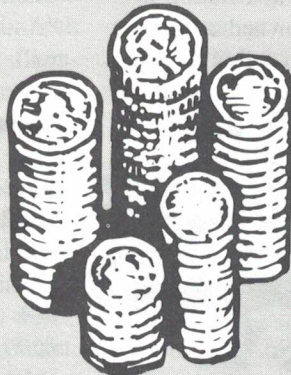
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Year End Goal: \$150,000



Pledges & Donations

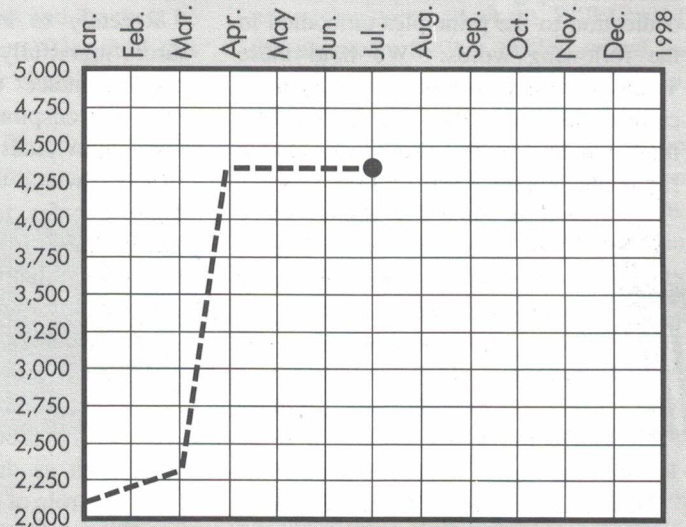
Totals for June
Pledges: \$2,004
Donations: \$6,721



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: 4,334 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!

Hollow Holiday

By Vin Suprynowicz

What a hollow holiday the Fourth of July has become for many Americans: so long as they stick to grilling hot dogs and watching fireworks displays, they can usually convince themselves that they still honor the same values that make July 4, 1776 worth commemorating.



Sadly, they don't.

221 years ago, England taxed American colonists at far lower rates than we tolerate today. Our ancestors would never have granted government agents the power to search our bank records to locate "unreported income," as we have done. King George's ministers never disqualified jurors who refused to swear to forsake their conscience "and enforce the law as the judge explains it to you." — as our government's judges do without public protest.

Contemplating their contemporary descendants, it's hard to believe that a few hundred musketeers once gambled their lives and property on the slim chance that they could defeat the greatest army in the world. When you think of it, these rebels possessed only two palpable assets: a truly great leader, and their own dedication to the principles embodied in the following words: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty,

guns from patriot militias in Lexington and Concord. In reaction, colonists shot and killed scores of government agents. If the same event occurred today, would most Americans call those minutemen "heroes" — or "terrorists"?

In the Federalist Papers, James Madison wrote that under his proposed Constitution, Americans would have no need to fear authorities taking away their rights; that "the ultimate authority... resides in the people alone," and that government efforts to usurp powers not granted to it by the Constitution would be met by "resistance." Where is that resistance today?



Another federalist, Noah Webster, wrote: "Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States." Today, how many Americans support banning private firearm ownership?

Recently in Phoenix, twelve jurors regretfully said that they had "no choice" but to convict a man of "conspiracy" for associating with other individuals who owned automatic rifles on which they had failed to pay a \$200 transfer tax. How would those jurors have ruled if they had been informed of their nullification rights, or if Knight's attorney had been allowed to use the Second Amendment as a defense?

President Clinton's Drug Czar Lee Brown once told me that the role of government is to protect the people from dangers, such as drugs. "No," I corrected him, "the role of government is to protect our liberties."

"We'll just have to disagree on that," was his reply — as, I'm afraid, would be the reply of too many Americans today.

Happy Fourth of July. ■

ISIL Moves

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sibly to renovate the building. In addition, they're busy working their political connections to grab several million additional tax dollars from both the city and federal governments. Sadly, It's politics as usual, especially for San Francisco."



The International Society for Individual Liberty

ISIL was forced to move so that their offices can be transformed into San Francisco's first Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community Center.

So the city has lost one of the world's only exclusively libertarian bookshops — and a favorite rallying place for local freedom-lovers for over 17 years. "A lot of San Francisco libertarians are very sad to see this happen," said Miller.

ISIL will still offer a small selection of books by mail order. They will also continue to publish their popular newsletter, *Freedom Network News*. And, of course, the organization will not waver in their efforts to promote liberty throughout the world.

Among the projects on ISIL's horizon is their ongoing efforts to publish libertarian pamphlets and books translated into foreign languages, including Kai Chen's new translation of Ayn Rand's "Anthem" in Chinese. The organization will also maintain their international efforts to rally support for human rights.

Last but far from least, from September 28 to October 3, ISIL will host their next World Conference in Rome.

ISIL is looking for volunteers and donors to help them during this difficult transition. You can write them at their new address: 836-B Southampton Road #299, Benicia, CA 94510. The organization's new telephone number is (707) 746-8796, and their new fax number is (707) 746-8797. You can also e-mail ISIL at <71034.2711@compuserve.com> or access the organization's website at <www.isil.org>. ■



and the Pursuit of Happiness — That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it."

How many Americans still believe in and cherish those ideas? How many would fight for them?

The War for American Independence began when British forces attempted to seize arsenals of unregistered, untaxed

Excom Meeting

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the Southland, including a Libertarian lawsuit filed against the L.A. Unified School District. (See related article in the May issue of *LPC Monthly*.)

Treasurer Eric Fine presented the party's financial statements, detailing figures through May.

At-large representative and candidate coordinator Ted Brown reported that he has identified candidates for all statewide offices in the 1998 election, and that he will be encouraging regional chairs to recruit candidates for district offices. Regional representative Mark Murphy (R30) mentioned that popular LP activist Richard Boddie is considering a run in Orange County — and that Republican Bob Dornan is pleading with the LP not to run anyone.

Fundraising contractor Michael Cloud reported on his recent fundraising letters, and on his plans for the regional fundraising seminars in July. He also said that members' pledges to the LPC currently total \$1,700 per month, and that he expects that figure to reach \$5,000 by December or January. Anticipating a good turnout at the 1998 LPC convention, Cloud predicted that the main banquet could raise \$30,000-40,000. He also proposed ways to cultivate large contributions from wealthy donors.

The committee discussed the membership recruitment budget, including the advisability of spending on this activity now that the national party, under the UMP, is aggressively recruiting new and lapsed members in California. It was argued that national's recruitment efforts should augment and not replace our own, and a motion to terminate spending in this

budget category failed.

By an 11-3 vote, the committee approved the bid presented by Laura McFadden of Convention Solutions to hold the LPC's 1998 Convention in Los Angeles. The convention will be held over President's Weekend (as is the party's tradition) at the Hyatt Regency in downtown L.A.

The Committee heard a presentation by lobbyist Robert Harris on ways the LPC could influence legislation. A committee to develop a strategy for and oversee such activity was created, along with a \$2,500 annual budget; veteran activist Aaron Starr was appointed as its Chair.

A request to combine two LPC regions — San Bernardino (R36) and Mojave (R69) — was approved.

After scheduling its next meeting for September 13 in Santa Clara, the committee adjourned. ■

HUMOR

Raising Pork By Not Raising Hogs

Submitted by Richard Rider

The following letter, sent to United States Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, is a "golden oldie" favorite of Libertarians. In case you've missed it...

Dear Sir:

My friends, Wayne and Janelle, over at Wichita Falls, Texas, received a check the other day for \$1,000 from the government for not raising hogs. So, I want to go into the "not raising hogs" business myself next year.

What I want to know is, in your opinion, what is the best type of farm not to raise hogs on, and what is the best breed of hogs not to raise?

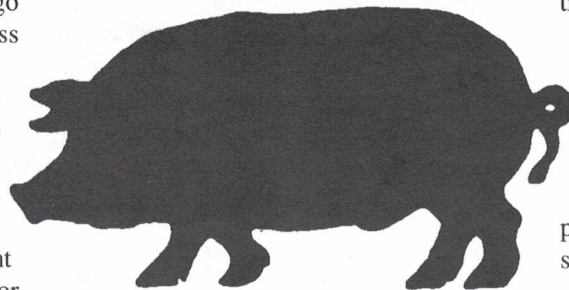
I want to be sure that I approach this endeavor in keeping with all government policies. I would prefer not to raise Razor hogs, but if that is not a good breed not to raise, then I can just as easily not raise Yorkshires or Durocs.

As I see it, the hardest part of this program will be keeping an accurate inven-

tory of how many hogs I haven't raised.

My friend Wayne is very excited about the future of this business. He has been raising hogs for 20 years and the most he ever made was \$420 in 1978, until this year, when he got your check for \$1,000 for not raising hogs.

If I can get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, will I get \$2,000 for not raising 100



hogs? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 "not raised" hogs, which will give me \$80,000 income the first year. Then I can buy an airplane.

Now another thing: these hogs I will not raise will not eat 100,000 bushels of corn. I understand that you also pay farmers for not raising corn and wheat. Will I qualify for payments for not raising wheat and corn not to feed the 4,000 hogs I am not going to raise?

I want to get started not feeding as soon as possible, as this seems to be a good time of year to not raise hogs and grain.

I am also considering the "not milking cows" business, so please send me any information on that also.

In view of these circumstances, I understand that the government will consider me totally unemployed, so I plan to file for unemployment and food stamps as well.

Be assured that you will have my vote in the coming elections.

Patriotically yours,

OTIS DEAL

PS: Please notify me when you plan to distribute more free cheese. ■

Central Los Angeles:

Marshall Fritz to Visit L.A.

Region 64 (Central Los Angeles) has announced that it will host a supper club with special guest speaker **Marshall Fritz**, Founder and Director of The Separation of School & State Alliance, on August 1st. The event, which is open to all LP members and their guests, is being organized by Region 64 Chair **Pam Probst**.



Marshall Fritz of the Separation of School & State Alliance.

"I've been a long-time member of Alliance," said Probst of the non-profit group. "Years ago, when I was fresh out of school and newly acquainted with the concepts of self-government and liberty, Marshall was there with the Advocates for Self-Government to guide me. And when my children reached school age, and I was discovering homeschooling, parental rights and education liberty, Marshall was there again with the Separation Alliance. I guess you could say he's one of my inspirations."

Probst expects a very large turnout for her event. In addition to mailing invitations to Los Angeles Libertarians, she is

sendi
500-700
invitations
to local
home-
schoolers.
"This is
really a
terrific
outreach

opportunity for our region," she said.

Once dismissed by the mainstream media, the idea of getting government out of the education business is quickly gain-

ing widespread support. From the beginning, Marshall Fritz has been one of the separation movement's point men. According to him, "Getting government out of education will not only improve academic achievement, but will also help reverse the cultural trend of anger, violence, and aimlessness of so many of our youth."

Before he founded the Separation of School & State Alliance, Fritz

served as President of the Pioneer Christian Academy, where his advanced ideas for education were endorsed by a wide range of educators, including author William Glasser, Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman, and New York State Teacher of the Year John Taylor Gatto. He was also President of the Advocates for Self-Government, an educational organization that teaches Americans who love liberty how to express their views positively. His writings have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* and many other publications; currently, he is Publisher of the Alliance's newsletter, *Education Liberator*.

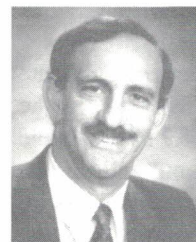
Marshall Fritz is widely known as one of the Libertarian movement's most entertaining and inspiring speakers. If you live in Southern California, don't miss this opportunity to discover why.

Region 64's supper club with Marshall Fritz will take place Friday, August 1st. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the program at 8:00 p.m. Location: The International House of Pancakes, 7116 Sunset Blvd. in Hollywood. For more information, contact Pam Probst via telephone at (703) 257-3207 or e-mail at <Pprobst@primenet.com>. ■

San Diego:

Radio Rider

On June 20th, one of the LPC's most active members, **Richard Rider** of Region 37 (San Diego), replaced vacationing host Roger Hedgecock on his talk



Richard Rider

radio show, broadcast on one of San Diego's most popular stations, KOGO-AM600. The program aired in its usual timeslot, from 12:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., on a signal reaching all the way to Santa Barbara — so Rider

had the ears of countless listeners throughout Southern California.

"The show focused on the taxpayer issues I've been battling this past year or so," said Rider, who fielded calls and interviewed three guests...

First up was **Ron Carrico**, an attorney and columnist for the *San Diego Daily Transcript*. "Ron was one of the first to criticize the infamous stadium deal," said Rider, referring to the city government's efforts to expand its ballpark without the two-thirds voter approval required by law. "His recent columns have pointed out the folly of the baseball-only ballpark, and particularly the downtown site location."

Following Carrico was **Richard Gann**, President of the Paul Gann Citizens Committee. "We discussed the ramifications of Prop. 218 (which mandates a two-thirds popular vote to increase taxes) and the upcoming effort by taxpayer groups to require the same vote on bonded indebtedness throughout the state."

Rider's third guest was **Kris Vosburgh**, Executive Director of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association. Vosburgh discussed the efforts by statists in the California legislature to overturn Prop. 13's two-thirds vote requirement on bonds. According to Rider: "The two-



thirds vote requirement is both a common protection for taxpayers and critical to impeding special interest attempts to ram through both tax and debt measures without broad-based support."

Rider devoted his final hour on the air to taking calls from listeners. "That was great fun," he said. "The 7-line phone bank was full. I went through the callers as fast as possible, giving Libertarian solutions to various problems."

Of course, being a radio talk show host does have its drawbacks, as Rider admitted: "Frankly, it's more fun being a guest — a host has to be willing to let others do much of the talking, and I want to do all the talking myself! But the staff seemed extremely happy with my performance, so I hope I get another shot at this big-time talk show." ■

San Diego: Student Appointed

Teenage Libertarian and member of Region 37 **Joseph Henchman** has been appointed to the newly-created post of S.D. District Supervisor of the Junior Statesmen of America (JSA) — a student-run organization founded in 1934 to get teenagers involved in politics.

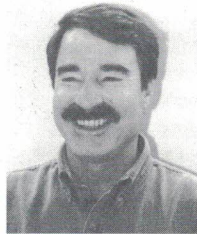
The job entails coordinating expansion efforts of the group in S.D. County.

This fall, Henchman (16) begins his junior year at Carlsbad High School; he has been a member of the LP since 1992. In 1996, he helped LP representatives participate at the JSA Presidential Election Conferences. He has also arranged for libertarian speakers to appear at high school events, distributed the Nolan Quiz at his school's annual carnival, and led student opposition to the recent Carlsbad bond proposal.

Henchman has drafted a plan for expanding the JSA and needs assistance. Students or teachers interested in forming a JSA group can contact him at (760) 945-2196. You can also check out the JSA website at <www.jsa.com>. ■

Placer County: Student Outreach

Recently, activists in Region 31 (Placer County) carried the torch of liberty to local high schools. Their efforts were part of a voter outreach program, developed by the Placer County Board of Elections, intended to educate and interest students in the mechanics and importance of representative government.



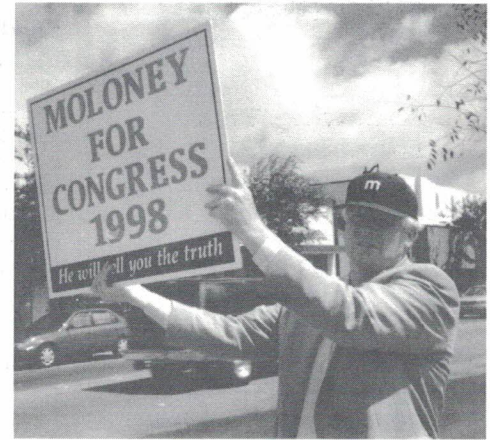
Robert Page

"The main feature of this program," reported Region Chair **Priscilla Falconi**, "was to invite spokespeople from all political parties to give a presentation describing their party. The only third party to accept was the LP." Participating representatives were invited to address students at local high schools.

Robert Page spoke for the LP at most of the events, and recruited replacement speakers for those that he could not attend. Filling in for Page on those occasions were **Dr. Bruce Daniel**, **Adam Chacksfield** and **Clyde Smith**.

According to an Elections Board spokesman, the Libertarians did an "excellent" job. More importantly, the students apparently thought so as well: "Student voter registrations tended to be for the undecided category," said Chacksfield, who nevertheless felt certain that had students been polled after the question-and-answer period rather than before, "many would have registered Libertarian."

After delivering his presentation to Roseville High School, Page was invited back to participate in a debate. Students also videotaped an interview with him which aired on the local cable channel. ■



Candidate Mike Moloney takes his campaign to the streets.

San Mateo: Libertarian Runs for Congress

A member of LPC Region 41 (San Mateo), **Mike Moloney**, has announced his intention to run as a Libertarian for California's 12th congressional district in 1998. A strong believer in grass roots activism, Moloney proves it by carrying his own campaign placard at San Francisco Bay Area public events.

"I stand there holding my sign and greeting people," explains the candidate. "Most are very friendly and seem impressed that I'm out there meeting them face-to-face. Many stop to ask questions." Moloney continued: "While the media ignores Libertarian candidates, I've found that the typical voter is very receptive to our ideas." Indeed, based upon his conversations with voters, Moloney believes their mood is continuing to turn against the two parties, and that they are more receptive than ever to the Libertarian message. "Many people say they've been hearing a lot about the party recently, and correctly identify it as 'the party of smaller government.'"

Apparently, Moloney's efforts are beginning to pay off. In June, his campaign was the subject of a positive article published in the *San Mateo Times*. ■

For Your Information

Renewing Your membership

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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, contact Ted Brown at (818) 286-7817 or via e-mail at <tedb@mail.idt.net>.

Fundraising Seminars

This month, the LPC is sponsoring two seminars intended to support local regions. Admission is \$25. The Southern California seminar will be held July 26, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Irvine Ranch Water District, 15600 San Canyon Ave. in Irvine. The Northern California seminar will be held July 27, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Hitachi Data Systems, 750 Central Expressway in Santa Clara. For more info, call Laura McFadden at (310) 428-8113 or e-mail <LauraMcF@aol.com>.

Northern Regional Conference

Sponsored by Region 45, the Libertarian Northern Regional Conference takes place July 26-27 in Redding. Highlights will include fund-raising workshops and a barbeque. Admission is \$97 per person for both days, \$49 per person for one day, and free for children under 13. Fee includes meals and events. Lodging is available at nearby motels and campgrounds. For info, reservations and arrangements, e-mail Gail Ponthier at gponth@awwwsome.com or call Vince Carlton at (916) 223-4123.

Charles Murray Dinner

On August 9th, Region 61 (San Fernando Valley) will host a fundraising dinner with special guest speaker Charles Murray, celebrated author of the recently published *What it Means to be a Libertarian*. Location: The Red Lion Hotel near the L.A. airport. Price of the dinner is \$55 person, \$90 per couple in advance. Deadline to RSVP is August 4th. For more info and to RSVP, contact event organizer Juan Ros by telephone at (818) 980-1233 or e-mail at <juan@myself.com>.

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