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Libertarians Elect National Officers in Anaheim:

Harry Browne & Art Olivier for President & Veep

More than 1,100 delegates and attendees met for the LP National Convention in Anaheim on June 30 to July 3. The Libertarian Party elected president and vice president nominees plus a new national chairman. The delegates also selected other national committee members including regional representatives and made changes to the party platform.



The theme was “America’s Future: Liberty, Responsibility, and Community.”

President: **Harry Browne**
Vice President: **Art Olivier**

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(Florida), Region 4
Richard Schwarz
(Pennsylvania), Region 5
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Deryl Martin (Tennessee), Region 7

Special events at the convention:

- **Peter McWilliams** received a posthumous Champion of Liberty Award for his fight for medical marijuana.
- **Michael Cloud** was honored as the best Libertarian communicator.
- **Richard Rider** won the Samuel Adams award as Libertarian activist.
- **Ed Clark** received the award for Lifetime Achievement.

Media Coverage:

- Potential audience of millions watched two days of gavel-to-gavel coverage on C-SPAN.
- Seven talk-show hosts broadcasted live from the convention.
- Fox TV, the Fox News Channel, KABC-TV, KNBC-TV, Orange County News, and KCAL-TV covered the Convention.
- *The Los Angeles Times*, *Worth*, *Maxim*, the *Orange County Register*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*, Associated Press and Reuters sent reporters.

Platform Changes:

Delegates removed a section from the “Women’s Rights and Abortion” plank that listed specific laws and policies the party opposed, while keeping the statement that government should be kept out of the question [of abortion].

Delegates also voted to make additions to the War on Drugs plank, specifically condemning police profiling policies and civil asset forfeiture,

and describing Drug Prohibition as “a war on the American people.”

Delegates voted to add language to the platform specifically opposing “hate crime” legislation.

A new “Family and Children’s Rights” plank was added (replacing the “Family Life” plank), which explains the Libertarian perspective that families have a right to raise their children without government interference. The new plank underscores the notion that children have rights, and deserve to be treated with justice — while also delineating the rights and responsibilities of parents.



Art Olivier and his family celebrate his selection as the LP Vice Presidential nominee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

38: MEDICARE FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS?

Some Libertarian advocates of this measure claim that Prop 38 "will result in a reduction in the tax burden caused by government-run public schools because per-pupil government expenditures are greater than the voucher amount."

Their claim fails to consider the implications of

- (1) additional spending for current private school students,
- (2) "fully fund[ing] the demand for programs offered by the community colleges",
- (3) changing the funding formula for all K-12 students, and
- (4) giving the power to interpret that formula to the Director of the Department of Finance.

Please read the text of the measure and draw your own conclusion.

Even if the theoretical savings were possible, the advertised application of that savings to tax reduction is pure fantasy. The state would experience the increased spending for the vouchers (potentially raising income taxes to pay for them), but it would be up to the counties and school districts to realize the implied "savings" by firing employees and closing public schools. Then, yes, in theory they could "reduc[e] the tax burden" by issuing property tax rebates (of the money they formerly spent on schools) or by lowering property tax rates. That scenario doesn't sound very likely, does it?

Would vouchers benefit private education? Like Prop 38, Medicare was once touted to save money and enhance private health care using similar arguments. Has medical care gotten cheaper—or more expensive? Has government involvement in health care decreased—or increased—since taxpayers started

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FIGHTING ANTS – AND WASTE!

Your recent articles in *LPC Monthly* regarding California special districts did not talk about another avenue for Libertarians to get involved. I am the Program Manager for the Orange County Fire Ant Authority, a division of the Orange County Vector Control District. We have 34 members on our Board of Trustees, but the program manager (me) has more influence on the day-to-day operations, much like a city manager vis-a-vis the city council.

Our program is brand new and I was "given" 2.8\$M to begin the program. I "returned" 1.4\$M and our program is on the way to being the first municipality to eradicate the Red Imported Fire Ant. My job is to put myself out of a job!

Richard A. Bowen, Program Mgr. OCFAA
rbowen@ocfireant.com

BECOME A PERSUADER FOR LIBERTY!

I call on all Libertarians to participate each and every day in the 2000 election by convincing voters to not only VOTE LIBERTARIAN but join in convincing other voters as well..

Gail Lightfoot, GkLtft@aol.com

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picking up the tab? Subsidies always increase prices and the one who pays the piper always calls the tune. Good-bye, "affordable" "private" schooling!

This proposition is the exact opposite of Harry Browne's "Great Libertarian Offer": It is the answer to the statist question "What is your favorite government program that doesn't exist yet?"

I will vote against Prop 38. Will you?

Christopher Schmidt, Secretary, R41
(San Mateo County), CVASchmidt@ACM.org



LP POSITIONS ON PROPOSITIONS



The Executive Committee of the LPC has taken the following positions on propositions to be voted on in the November election.

NO Prop. 32: AB2305 "Bond: Veteran's Bond Act of 2000"

NO Prop. 33: ACA 12 "Legislature: Retirement"

[NEW] Prop. 34: SB 1223 "Campaign Contributions and Expenditures" (*No position taken yet*)

YES Prop. 35: "Public Works Projects. Use of Private Contractors for Engineering and Architectural Services. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute."

YES Prop. 36: "Drug Treatment Diversion Program. Initiative Statute."

YES Prop. 37: "Fees, Taxes. New Definitions, Vote Requirements. Initiative Constitutional Amendment."

YES Prop. 38: "School Vouchers. State-Funded Private and Religious Education. Public School Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment."

NO Prop. 39: "School Facilities. 55% Local Vote. Bonds, Taxes. Accountability Requirements. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute." (Son of Prop. 26)

OPINION

From the Chair:

We, as a Party, set two main internal goals this year:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month.

Goal 1: The July 31st membership statistics are NOT good. Our national membership figure now stands at 6138. This is a one-month drop of 235 dues paying members. However, Operation Breakthrough may wipe out that dip. We are submitting new donor names, \$25 or more donated, for membership. Over 500 contributed, but we need to sort out the current paid members from that list. I'll report next month if we're back on track.

Goal 2: The new monthly pledge total is being computed and will be reported in the next newsletter. Our new pledgers will be acknowledged in our next printed issue (October).

The National Convention was in Anaheim. I've been attending LP conventions since 1975 and this was the most professionally



MARK HINKLE

run event ever. We selected candidates, revised the party platform and had the opportunity to meet Libertarians from all over the nation.

LPC has endorsed the goal of running 200 candidates in 2000: Operation Breakthrough is in full swing. See Juan Ros's notes on page 6. I'm confident that when the deadline is upon us, we'll have reached our goal (200) and stretched beyond it, nearly doubling our best previous year for the total number of candidates running.

Money is running short. Isn't it always?


With a new office, new part-time helper, and the expenses of Operation Breakthrough, we have reluctantly had to make some severe cutbacks in the publication of this newsletter. Our revised schedule is printed issues for October and December - all other issues through November will be available online only.

If you're able, please join our monthly credit card pledge program or make a one-time donation. Help us elect Libertarians to office this year! Think of the monthly pledge program as a Freedom 401/K plan, i.e. an investment in your future freedom and the freedom of the country.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 1, Santa Clara

Harry Browne will be speaking at Marriott, 7 PM, free, open to the public.

Wednesday, August 2, San Diego

Harry Browne will be speaking at Hyatt Regency La Jolla, 3777 La Jolla Village Dr., 7 PM, no cost.

Wednesday, August 2 Hermosa Beach (1st Wednesdays)

NRA Members' Council of the South Bay. The California legislature will be voting on AB 273 which would require that all handgun buyers be licensed by the state's Department of Justice. (Would mandate that all gun owners: pass a written test on firearm laws; pass a shooting proficiency test; be fingerprinted, and register all handguns owned; among other requirements.) Meeting: 7:00 PM, Ein Steins, 1301 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa Beach, (310) 379-3943.

Thursday, August 3, Orange County

Harry Browne will be speaking at Airport Hilton, 7 PM, free, open to the public. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

August 2 - 6, Yuba City

Region 51 will host a booth (for the 6th year!) at the **Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds** in Yuba City. Assembly and Congressional candidates are encouraged to attend. Contact: Todd B. Herman, LPCREG51@otn.net, (530) 673-2208.

August 9 - 13, Plumas County Fair

Dan Howe will be setting-up and manning an LP Booth. Needs help and encourages candidates to show up. Contact: dchowe@plumasnet.com or phone at (530) 281-6499.

Wednesday, August 16, Riverside County

Libertarian Party Vice-Presidential candidate **Art Olivier** will be visiting Riverside County. The Libertarian Party of Riverside County invites everyone to attend! Info: 7 PM, The Oaks Restaurant, 2986 N. Perris Blvd., Perris (909) 940-5080 (restaurant phone).

August 26 - 27, Fresno

Conference of Regional Parties to be held at the Piccadilly Inn University, in Fresno. Minimum cost to attendees. Hosted by Rodney Austin, Northern Vice Chair. See article on right-hand side of this page.

September 15 - 17, Los Angeles

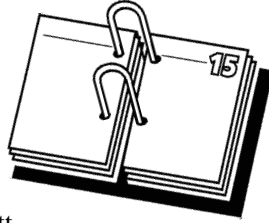
The Great Western Gun Show, which is advertised as the world's largest firearms, blade and militaria show has returned to the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds (from Las Vegas). Web site: www.greatwesternshow.com. E-mail: info@greatwesternshow.com.

Sunday, September 17, San Diego

Libertarian Supper Club features speaker Mark Arner de France on "False Child Abuse Central Index." (See article by Mark on page 6.) Coco's Restaurant, 5955 Balboa. Meet at 6:15 PM, dinner at 6:45 and speaker at 7:30. Cost of \$15 includes choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian dinner and beverage. Program alone is \$5. Contact: Tom Hohman, 44lesstaxes@home.com (858) 759-0808.

October 7 - 8, San Diego

Gun Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds.



RESERVE NOW FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE!

The 2000 Conference of the Regional Parties of the Libertarian Party of California will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, at the Piccadilly Inn University, Fresno.

Saturday Seminars: Six speakers will share their experiences and insights, and answer your questions. People who have successfully done local outreach, electoral, activist, infrastructure, fund-raising, and membership projects.

Sunday Chairs' meeting: Sunday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Meet with other regional party officers and activists in a discussion of a variety of topics that affect regional parties. Meeting will include a break for brunch.

The cost for the conference is \$5 per day, postmarked no later than August 13. After August 13, the cost for the conference will be \$10 per day. Please mail reservation with payment to Rodney Austin, 4515 E. Washington, Fresno CA 93702-2429. Please mark envelope "Attn: Reg. Conf." and address check to the Libertarian Party of Fresno County.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Piccadilly Inn University, (559) 224-4200, until August 12. The special conference room rate is \$73 per room, regardless of occupancy. You must mention the "Libertarian Party" to receive the special rate. Please make your lodging reservations directly with the hotel. There are several dozen restaurants within a mile or two of the conference site on Shaw Avenue, as well as Fashion Fair Mall. Other hotels on Shaw Avenue within short driving distance include Super 8, Quality Inn, and Holiday Inn Express.

Summer nights in the Central Valley (low 70s with low humidity) cannot be beat anywhere! The days...well...that's what air conditioning is for! Hope to see you all here in Fresno!

Rodney Austin, rkaustin@cybergate.com



**Uncontrolled power will turn
even saints into savages.**

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NEWSLETTER YEAR 2000 SCHEDULE

The current budget allows the following schedule for printing this newsletter: August (online), September (online), October (printed), November (online), December (printed).

Only the October and December issues will be printed and mailed.

All issues are online at <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpcm/>

COMMENTARY



Libertarians (the New American Patriots) Work to Reinstitute a Constitutional Government

The Libertarian National Convention, June 27- July 3, 2000 • by Jerry Krim

Author Jerry Krim is a free-lance writer for MEDIA BYPASS. He notes: *I was amazed at the purpose and somber approach the delegates displayed. I saw (maybe) six bottles of beer and zero drunks throughout the complete convention. This is, in my mind, a record for convention attendees and I've been to several hundred. Every delegate I spoke with gave me candid and honest dialogue. The concepts of choice, honesty, truthfulness and responsibility were intact within everyone to whom I spoke. Brother Jim Lorenz, Utah Chair (Emeritus), gave me a Libertarian ball cap which I proudly wore throughout the convention.*

It was a somber sunny day at the town hall when the citizens assembled to discuss the cruel abuses of the distant government under which they lived. The attendees were men of means and intellect, true and honest in their principles, leaders of their communities and had pledged their lives, their property and their *sacred honor* to the task of choosing a lawful government for themselves and their friends. In the final end to this saga, these fifty-six fine-minded men were persecuted, jailed and tortured, and eventually lost their families, their farms and properties, *and* their lives. These were the men who had eventually signed the Declaration of Independence, the *organic* document that formed this great nation.

For five days a similar group met in Anaheim, California, to discuss these same principles, these same complaints and the simple facts that government was again abusing the People whom had given it only *limited* powers to represent them. The Libertarian National Convention was a meeting of men and women who know the *principles* of law; they are educated, mostly entrepreneurs, and they know of the unconstitutional manner in which the

present government is wreaking its havoc. They, as a group, have maintained for over the past two decades that federal and state governments have grown too large to serve our nation, honestly and fairly. Their arguments are all properly based in *principle*, natural law, and reason.

However small in numbers, their voices and their opinions are growing stronger and more understood to the People all across the nation. Their philosophy is probably embraced by many more than their party membership – most likely by a factor of ten times the present participation. An uninitiated public easily absorbs the true solidity and reason encompassed in their philosophy and arguments. The law, or constitutionality, of the issues is sound and historically correct. True patriots, such as the Libertarians, do not exist in the halls of government where the “republicrats” have totally run amok. The Fourth Estate, totally controlled by government, will never tell you the truth about their solutions for a nation foundering into the third millennium. Tom Jefferson warned that we had nothing to fear but “ignorance” itself. Libertarians are attempting to correct that fallacy of good representative government.

Rousing pomp and ceremony was not an order of the day during the nominations for national elections; Libertarians are working quietly to correct their local and state governments – and they are succeeding where they have sufficient numbers. They seek judicial reform; the return of a Judicial Department and the fully informed juries that are the cornerstone of our “government *by* the People”. Political reforms, where the State Constitutional Laws are sacrosanct and their governments are again “government *of* the People,” are proposed. Executive rule by the wasteful federal bureaucracy would be devolved back into a smaller group of republican form of government *representatives* who would respect the rights of the People again in federal (and state) “government *for* the People”.

Libertarians are *rights abiding*, choice driven, principled and honest in their thinking. They are focused and diligent American Citizens that want a better life for their children, families and neighbors. Our great nation’s future progress will depend upon your ultimate participation – dynamic or static – in restoring constitutional government.



Libertarian Candidate in Parade!

Dennis Triglia (candidate for State Assembly District 78) participated in the 26th annual San Diego Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade on July 22, 2000. He got lots of applause including someone yelling, “At last - another party! Go Libertarians.” There were over 110,000 people at the parade.

The driver is Buddy Coyle and the passenger in the front seat is Rick Charboneau. Rick was waving signs “End the Drug War” and “Enact Prop 215 NOW.” Some supporters waved “Triglia for Assembly” signs on the sidelines. The parade was followed by a two-day festival in Balboa Park in downtown San Diego. Dennis went on both days and distributed Libertarian literature.

AROUND THE STATE

CA's "False Child Abuse Central Index"

Remember 1692, when leaders of Salem, Massachusetts drew up lists of hundreds of "suspected" witches, then hanged 19 women and "pressed" another to death after sham trials?

The California Child Abuse Central Index now contains more than TWO MILLION names of suspects and victims

Or, back in the 1950s, when U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy accused thousands of army officials, media employees and public personalities of communism as chairman of a subcommittee on investigations? McCarthy's charges were never proven, but his "blacklisting" drove many people from public office, destroyed social standing, and ruined careers.

In 1965, the state of California resurrected public hysteria by creating a list of "suspected" child abusers, without providing any notice to suspects. The Child Abuse Central Index now contains more than TWO MILLION names of suspects and victims, and serves as the foundation of state health officials' frequent claims that child abuse has reached epidemic proportions.

The list has effectively PUNISHED hundreds of thousands of Californians by damaging their careers, reputations, finances and child custody - ALL WITHOUT CONVICTING SUSPECTS OF ANY CRIME. The "victims" who normally receive lifelong listings along with suspects, stand to be similarly punished as adults, because they are considered to be potential abusers when they grow up.

Mark Arner de France, a 42-year-old career journalist, was falsely accused of molesting his two young sons by an anonymous person in October 1997, during a post-divorce custody battle. He submitted to an investigation and was promptly told by the investigator that he had been cleared. However, he sought records of the investigation in court and six months later learned that the investigator had added his name to the state's index as a suspected child abuser. Arner filed a \$20,000 lawsuit against the county and forced officials to review the records, admit they made a mistake, and to remove him and his children from the index.

He has since volunteered hundreds of hours of his time to quantify how many other people have similarly been listed, and publicly pushed for new state laws to require others to be notified of listings in writing, and to be given hearings to challenge their listings without having to go to the expense of a lawsuit. Arner's story has been covered this year by several newspapers, two radio stations and by Fox6 television news.

Arner has worked for 20 years as a reporter or editor for five different newspapers in California, Utah and New York. He has reported 15 years for the Union-Tribune Publishing Company, and has specialized in transportation for the past eight of those

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JUAN ROS

LPC Director works against August 11 Deadline for Operation Breakthrough

PHONE HAS BEEN RINGING OFF THE HOOK!

The response to Operation Breakthrough has been excellent. The phone has been ringing off the hook with potential candidates who received our mailing and are interested in running for Special District seats! In fact I had to turn on voice mail because I kept getting interrupted with calls and wasn't getting any other work done!

Operation Breakthrough Accomplishments:

- Mailed out 9,696 Operation Breakthrough letters to registered Libertarians in 25 counties on July 14
- Received over two dozen responses in the first 24 hours
- Telephone follow-up to potential candidates began week of July 24
- One previously unknown Libertarian officeholder discovered: Bruce Gordon of the Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District (San Diego County)

Also:

- Juan & Alex organized the Titus Street office
- Juan appeared on two television shows since the convention and several talk radio shows, including KVTA in Ventura

Two Operation Breakthrough bugs to report:

- (1) In San Diego an unknown number of registered Libertarians received letters saying they were eligible to run for the San Diego "County Water District." It turns out the SD Registrar of Voters had a typo in the list of Special Districts they gave me, and that office should have read "Cambridge County Water District."
- (2) In Riverside County, letters were sent urging Libertarians to run for the Ortega Trail Parks and Recreation District — an agency that was abolished a year ago by Libertarians! (Good job, Gene Trosper and co.!)

While these sorts of hiccups are to be expected, overall the mailing seems to have gone smoothly. Filing closes on August 11. *Let's run as many Libertarian candidates as we can!*

years at the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. Before that, Arner reported for the *Blade-Tribune* in Oceanside, the *Green Sheet* newspapers in Murray, Utah, and edited the *Millerton News* in upstate New York. Arner is remarried and shares equal custody of his two sons with his former wife. Arner's comments about the Child Abuse Central Index are being made in Arner's capacity as a private citizen, not on behalf of his employer.

Mark Arner de France

San Diego member, Coalition of Parent Support

Mark & his family can be viewed at <http://twistnews.com/>
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LP NAT'L CONVENTION PHOTOS

Photos taken by Paul Marsden are categorized by date (see end of URLs).

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If you have a fast internet connection, you may also see all of the above at one spot:

<http://www.driveway.com/share?sid=1cc9dd4f.87ddb&name=LP+Convention+2000>

GROW THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Great ideas skillfully assembled by Kristi Stone at <http://www.GrowTheLp.org>

LP CONVENTION REPLAYED

If you missed parts of the LP national convention or like to watch some segment over again via the internet, go to: <http://www.c-span.org/Campaign2000/libertarian.asp>

LP CONVENTION SPOOF

http://www.theonion.com/onion3624/libertarian_convention.html

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Site under construction. Includes minutes and other documents.

http://www.sandiwebb.com/lp/documents/documents_default.html

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Our generous contributors to the Monthly Pledge Program and Operation Breakthrough will be acknowledged in the October printed issue of this newsletter.



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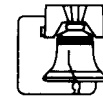
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- Want to help the Libertarian Party of California?
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If so, and you live in the Los Angeles area, you may be able to volunteer or intern with the LPC!

If you are interested, contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros to schedule an interview at (818) 782-8400, e-mail: director@ca.lp.org.



AROUND THE GLOBE

POLITICS AS USUAL

Narcs Posed as Census Workers

Two St. Paul police officers investigating an alleged drug house posed as US census workers. The US Census Bureau manager said that she was “just awed” by the officers’ duplicity and that she was checking with the regional office in Kansas City to determine whether impersonating a census worker constitutes a federal offense. Ramsey County public defenders, who informed the Census Bureau of the ruse by the officers, questioned whether it was legal or ethical. *St. Paul Star Tribune*, June 30, 2000

Poverty-Stricken Democrats Get Cash

The Los Angeles City Council voted to give \$4 million to help cover a shortfall facing organizers of the Democratic National Convention in August. *Los Angeles Daily News*, June 24, 2000

Anthrax is NOT the Only Enemy

Pentagon officials acknowledged the failure of their ambitious policy to inoculate all military personnel against the deadly anthrax virus. At a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee, witnesses described blunder after blunder in the Pentagon’s two-and-a-half year program. The most severe was a shortage of the vaccine caused by the mismanagement and financial problems of the only company licensed to produce it – a company in which a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff controls an 11 percent stake. Of the 2 million doses given since 1990, 1,404 adverse reactions have been reported. Of those, 73 were considered fatal,

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The New York Times and *San Diego Union-Tribune*, July 13, 2000

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Under pressure from the US, Colombia has reluctantly agreed to take the first step toward developing a powerful biological herbicide against the coca and heroin-poppy fields that are spreading across its countryside. The Colombian government’s uneasy support for the project came as President Clinton was about to sign a bill providing \$1.3 billion in aid to Colombia to fight drug traffickers and the insurgents who protect their trade.

The New York Times, July 6, 2000

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The Italian manual of commercial law is 500 pages long and is absurdly complicated. Two examples: hairdressers must open at 9 AM and shut at 7 PM and must be closed on Mondays; and in Rome, mark-down sales can occur only in February and mid-July to mid-August.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, June 20, 2000

Drug Czar Turns Script Writer

Over the last two years, the drug office has paid scriptwriters and networks about \$22 million for “programming content” – placing anti-drug messages WITHIN their shows, allowing them to run commercial advertisements in place of government-sponsored anti-drug ads. Drug czar Barry McCaffrey told reporters that he is planning to expand the use of financial incentives for TV networks who broadcast anti-drug themes in sit-coms and dramas to include Hollywood movies.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, July 12, 2000

Small Business Administration Yields BIG Shaft

An audit of the SBA’s program to certify the minority status of federal contractors revealed that nearly half of its spending may have been improper. The SBA spent \$22 million on the program over the last two years, but it has certified only about 3,100 companies nationwide—a tenth of the number it anticipated.

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Summary of LPC Executive Committee Meeting July 4 Meeting in Anaheim, California

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California met in Anaheim on 4 July 2000.

The minutes of the 18-19 March meeting were approved with corrections. There was discussion of the level of detail that should be included in the minutes.

The Chair reported on fund-raising and matters relating to the new office, including the hiring of the new administrative assistant and purchase of new computer hardware.

The Northern Vice Chair reported on progress in region activation, a generic campaign brochure project, and plans for the region conference in August. The Southern Vice Chair reported on campaign, membership, and publicity activities of various regions.

The Treasurer presented financial statements as of 30 June. There was discussion of the results of the recent fund-raising letter which was mailed to a selected contributor list. There was discussion of expectations for revenue and expenses for the rest of the year.

There was discussion of modifying the budget to allow printing of more issues of the newsletter; instead, the Committee decided that only the October and December issues will be printed.



JOE DEHN
Regional Representative

The Executive Director provided a written report covering media, legislation, campaigns, the Operation Breakthrough candidate recruiting project, region development, fund-raising, and the new office.

The Membership Chair presented a report on ideas for improving membership growth, with emphasis on recovery of lapsed members. There was discussion of new procedures to encourage regions to contact lapsed members and the possibility of a contest among regions for the highest retention rate.

The Committee voted to take positions on all seven measures currently qualified for the November statewide ballot: in favor of measures dealing with the definition of fees, privatized public works contracting, drug treatment, and school vouchers; and in opposition to measures dealing with legislator retirement plans, veterans bonds, and a lower vote requirement for school bonds. A resolution in support of the school voucher measure was adopted.

The Committee heard a presentation concerning an incident in which the Chair decided to exclude someone from attending the 1998 convention. A subcommittee consisting of Ted Brown, Steve Cicero, Frank Manske, and Aaron Starr was

appointed to study the question of establishing policy in this area and report back at the next meeting.

It was decided to delegate to the Operations Committee the selection of candidates for presidential elector, with the restriction that they be either a member, contributor, or elected officeholder.

There was a discussion of Operation Breakthrough. An \$21,000 expense line and corresponding dedicated revenue line were added to the budget for this project.

There was discussion of a complaint by Edison McDaniels that he had been excluded from the presidential primary ballot.

The Committee approved a number of changes to the standing resolutions, mainly deletion of items that no longer seemed needed in light of changes in the Bylaws or membership practices.

Other items briefly discussed included: the possible split of Mono/Inyo back into separate regions, a web site set up by the Secretary, and the modified open-primary legislation that may appear on the November ballot.

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 September in the San Jose area.

This is a summary of the meeting and is not intended to be a complete record of business.



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