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Don't Miss the July 13th Central Committee Meeting! ****New Location****

There is always plenty to do and learn during an election year. This quarter we are thrilled to welcome Gail Lightfoot, US Senate candidate, as the meeting's guest speaker. We will also discuss how you can help with local grassroots efforts and local and national campaigns. This being an election year, wouldn't it be good to endorse our candidates? Well, we need a quorum to do that. If that's not enough come down for the pizza!

13 July 2000

7:30-10:00 P.M.

Campbell Community Center

Building Q

Roosevelt Redwood Room

Location

The Campbell Community Center is a complex of approximately 10 buildings on the Northwest corner of Winchester Blvd. and Campbell Ave. The parking lot is on Campbell Ave. about 500 feet west of Winchester Blvd. Building Q is the building closest to this parking lot.

Agenda items will include:

- * Endorsements of candidates and other matters to appear on the ballot
- * Reports from the national convention
- * Update on presidential campaign
- * Update on US Senate campaign (**special guest speaker: Gail Lightfoot**)
- * Update on district campaigns
- * Recruiting candidates for local offices
- * Grassroots campaigning — bumper stickers, yard signs, etc. ■

From the Editor -

Unlike previous issues, this issue includes news affecting Libertarians on the state and national level. While many receive information already on these fronts, we decided to include two articles because of their great importance. The first article is about the Libertarian perspective on the open primaries and the second is some very sad news about the late Peter McWilliams and insight from a LP presidential candidate, Harry Browne on this great man's passing. Finally, my apologies for not including the article on the Executive Committee Leadership changes in the last newsletter. This is important information from way back in February -it was submitted just when the March newsletter had hit the presses.

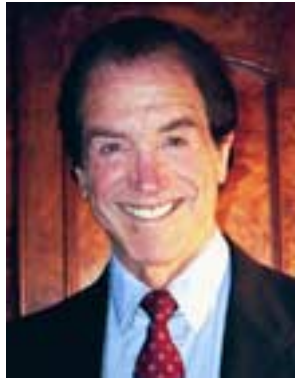
And finally, this will be my last year in charge of the newsletter. If you are interested in joining next year's team, please contact me. Marv is going to try his hand at putting out the next electronic issue, so you are probably in for a treat (and maybe even a phone call!). ■

Jascha Lee

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Chair's Column - Let's Get Growing

by Marv Rudin, LPSCC Chair

HALF YEAR SUMMARY REPORT

With half this year nearly over, here is a summary of the happenings and opportunities for our local LP region:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL Accomplishments this year: (a) Moved reserve funds to get significantly more interest; (b) Saved about \$3000 per year by printing newsletter quarterly instead of monthly; (c) An official accounting chart of accounts is being established; (d) Two-signature large-amount check control. Problems: (a) Expenditure of officer time and gasoline for in-person Excom meetings that could be eliminated by use of virtual meetings on the net.

2. GROWTH RATE About 40% of the CEGAP plan's target of 10% per half year.

3. GROWTH PROJECT TESTS Modest activity level and low participation by members relative to plan. A few volunteers are coming forward but still not nearly enough. **Accomplished:** (a) 21 hours of DMV table and carding tests by different members than in '99 have yielded registration rate of about 40% of '99 tests - still much better than Eastridge mall tests of '97 and '98, 1450 LP sales cards were put in hands of public, and member who did tests in '99 has been asked to do a comparison evaluation; (b) weekend tabling and carding at market malls has been found to be feasible (very promising because it will enable members to do tabling who work when DMV is open); (c) a two day gun show, and an April 17 Tax Day table at the Meridian Post Office both used the free T-shirt-if-register-LP technique, and were both very effective in gaining new LP registrations.. **Planned:** (a) ask registered Libertarians to register members of their family and acquaintances, as part of a mailer inviting them to an LPSCC celebration event; (b) organize an

LP Growth Programs group and eboard to discuss and organize DMV/market-mall tabling and other specific outreach and publicity programs.

4. PUBLICITY (a) Big setback - chair Graham Thorsen moved out of state. (b) My KSJS Libertarian Night on Naked Radio had excellent successive guests Libertarian John Mahaffey (Saratoga city council vice mayor), LP U.S. senate candidate Gail Lightfoot, and Libertarian Jan Hutchins (Los Gatos city council vice mayor). (c) Big break through - I got on with KSFO Libertarian talk show host Brian Wilson for one hour. (d) A public access cable contact was established with Bill Chew who invited me to appear on his July 9th show on San Jose's ATT cable access channel; he has offered to help me get a Libertarian cable access show set up (e) Gail Lightfoot returned to our area to speak at the NRA meeting where she was warmly received; (f) I successfully researched the problem of how to do clean bumper sticker removal, preparatory to asking all members to wear them or other types of LP ads on their cars; (g) Candidate activity has been slack, but many opportunities to publicize the LP will undoubtedly arise in the 2nd half as the elections approach.

5. SCHOOLS & COLLEGES (a) I and Libertarian candidate Jack Hickey ran a table and spoke at a political event at West Valley College; (b) a trial high school district (Fremont Union HSD) was contacted seeking an opportunity to speak to its government classes. The head of the social studies department insisted that any such talk cover all political parties, not just the LP; I hope to break through this barrier when school starts in Sept. by placing all parties on the Libertarian Landscape Chart.

6. SPEAKERS BUREAU Activity has fallen off, but

**YOU CAN MAKE
A BIG DIFFER-
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SAGE**

I wonder what percentage of our members are willing to wear some form of party advertising on their car, yard, or clothing? Are you? If you'll do it, it would make a big difference in LP name recognition. Car stickers and window signs are by far the most cost effective way to promote LP recognition and they cost so little that we'll provide one to you at no charge if enough of you say you'll use them. We may even install it for you if you come to our monthly meeting. And you needn't fear messing up your car - I guaranty to remove any party-supplied stickers without a trace. Please email me (rudin@lpty.org) if you're willing to use one and tell me which kind, sticker or window. If enough of you members email interest, we may be able to buy enough to do a special design with the local party number on it that would enable measuring how effective it is in getting inquiries

help is on the way. Rose Wiegley, a newly arrived Libertarian from Idaho has agreed to take on the soliciting of speaking engagements for Bill Carr, Ron Berti, herself, me, our candidates, and any other members who are interested and qualified.

7. OUTREACH TO LP SUPPORTED-ISSUES ORGANIZATIONS I visited a meeting of the San Jose FACTS (Families Against California Three Strikes) Chapter and gave a short talk, and some of their leaders have registered LP.

8. NET OUTREACH Member Kennita Watson is working to outreach to the eboards and web sites of Silicon Valley organizations. She will be encouraging you members to join local organizations with eboards and to add something after your signature on messages that will persuade people to visit our sales site at <http://www.lpty.org>. We also are considering trading banners with web sites of local political-issue organizations whose cause we support, such as gun rights, drug legalization, and right to home school.

9. MARKET RESEARCH LP public familiarity poll showed how unfamiliar the LP is to most people and why we need to use bumper stickers and all inexpensive means to publicize and inform. Poll results: 17% of those called answered their phones; 75% of people who answered were registered voters; 28% of those reached named LP without prompting when asked names of parties; 11% of those reached knew what the LP stands for.

10. LOCAL CITY POLITICS A two-story monster house built in a one-story Eichler tract in Sunnyvale has enraged many people in the neighborhood with the lack of concern for their feelings. I had announced what I called the "Sunnyvale Libertarian Council" last Fall on cable TV but got little response. At a special meeting over the monster house recently I proposed a charter amendment that would protect residents from code variances being issued by the city without the immediate neighbors' approval. The leaders of the meeting liked the idea. Apparently Monster homes will be a recurring theme in local politics across the valley, and may create an opportunity for Libertarians to form and lead a local-power zoning control movement and ultimately to take control of a city council.

UPCOMING CHANGE IN NATIONAL LP LEADERSHIP

There will be a change in national leadership after the national convention in Anaheim. The three announced candidates all emphasize a strategy for growth that is to some extent consistent with my CEGAP (Cost Effective Growth Action Plan) plan for the LPSCC. Professor Phillip stresses using the LP News and other national LP resources to promote what he calls "local organizing", Professor Jim Lark stresses building a student Libertarian movement, and Gary Copeland stresses building LP registrations much more rapidly with a multilevel sales scheme called the "Wolfpack". Because of this, no matter which one of them is elected, I expect to see an enhancement our region's activities and effectiveness due to more support and publicity for local programs and projects.



LP Booth - Fundraising Chair Report.

by Frank Goffie.

We didn't go to the Santa Clara County fair this year. The LPSCC didn't have a fair booth, whereas we did in 1998 and '99. Why not? Well, the motion to put up a booth didn't carry at an LPSCC ex. comm. meeting earlier this year.

The motion was carefully considered at the ex. comm. meeting. An overriding consideration was the fair's move from summer up to spring. For decades, the fair was held in late July or August. This year, the county fair managers decided to move the fair to May. Several of us felt the change was radical and created too many unknowns. What if the weather were bad in May? How much would a lack of animals and harvested farm products weaken the fair? With kids still in school, who will be willing to gather up the family after work and go to the fair in the evening on a school night? Would just the radical shift in scheduling catch many traditional attendees unprepared?

There have also been nagging questions for years regarding the value of going to the fair in general, brought up for debate again at the meeting. Does the cost justify the growth numbers we generate? Should such decisions be based just on numbers, or are there intangibles that can't be measured, such as the advertising, stature, networking, and LP esprit de corps that we generate by having a booth at the fair along with the DemoPublicans?

Joe Dehn provided constructive remarks in favor of going. An LP booth at a May fair, he said, could have drawn a whole different batch of booth workers from our membership. People who have worked the booth in August in the past might not have been able to make it in May, but there would be an equal or greater portion of members who would have enthusiastically helped in May when they couldn't have helped in August. Joe also brought up another good point: 2000 is an election year. People are thinking more about politics in an election year and would be more willing to approach a politically oriented booth at a fair.

The vote was to keep our powder dry and sit this one out. We'll watch the fair-in-May experiment this first year and rethink it next year.

The figures on fair attendance this year are now

in. I quote from the June 4, 2000, *San Jose Mercury News* (p. 4): "Fair attendance this year plunged dramatically to 250,000 paying visitors, down from 327,000 last year . . . [Fair executive director] Troyer expected attendance to drop somewhat because people are not yet accustomed to a spring fair. The fair had been held in August for nearly 50 years. But Troyer didn't expect the dismal weather that soaked the fair during the first half of its 10-day run. . . . "The year we make the change, it rains like heck. And it's cold for the first weekend."

That's a 24% drop in attendance from 1999 to 2000. That means, all other factors being equal, if we had gone to the fair we could have expected to garner only 81 registrations versus 106 last year. Perhaps the ex. comm. made the right decision, this time.

Early next year, I think the LPSCC should again debate having a booth at the fair. Perhaps cash reserves will be high, with the money saved by not going this year. A long-range weather forecast at that time will be useful. I've prepared a binder with materials on every aspect of managing the fair booth, gleaned from my experience in 1999. So, whether I or someone else in the LP manages a future booth, the knowledge is there if we ever need it again.

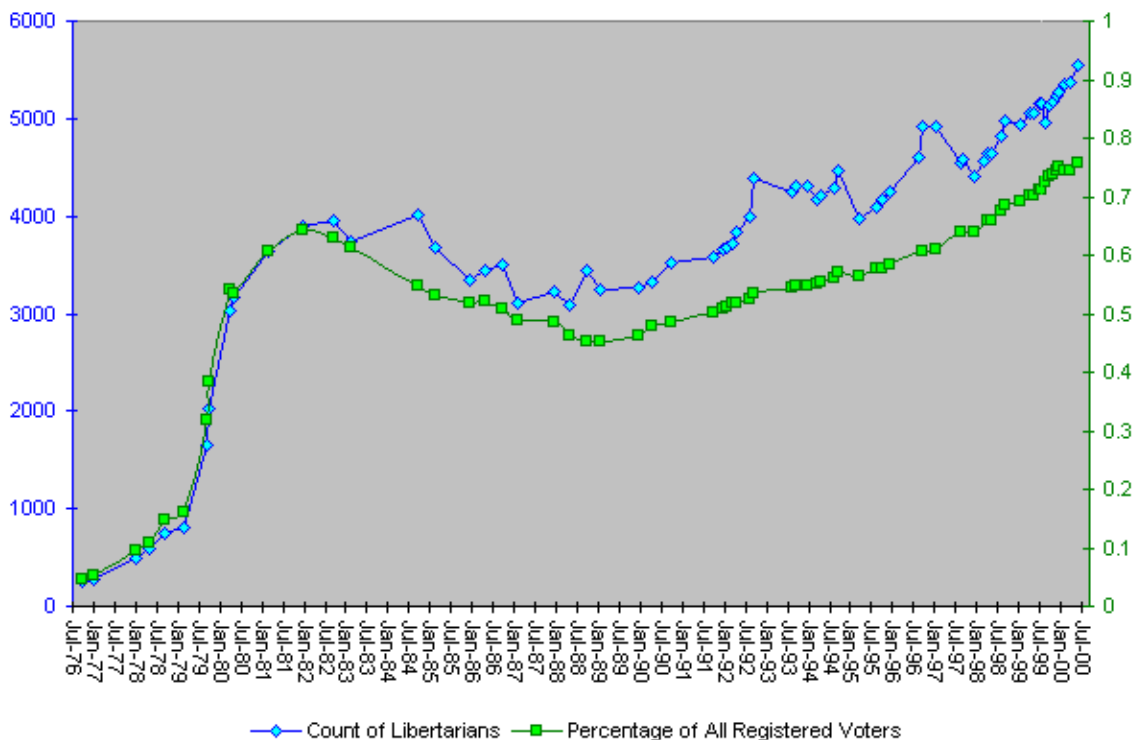


Libertarian Candidates Surpass other Minor Parties

In every partisan primary race from U.S. Congress to State Assembly in which an LP candidate participated, the Santa Clara County vote for the LP candidate was greater than the Santa Clara County vote for any party other than Republican. We had a wide variance of results; but we seemed to consistently capture the non Republican vote. Congratulations to all Libertarians running in Santa Clara County.

Following are the final vote totals for our team:

Race	Libertarian	Total	Percent	SCCTtl	Per Cent
USS	Gail Lightfoot	109,545	1.7	4,113	1.3
13CD	Howard Mora	2,279	2.1	303	2.9
14CD	Joe Dehn	2,927	2.0	1,955	2.2
15CD	Ed Wimmers	2,327	1.5	1,810	1.3
16CD	Dennis Umphress	2,695	2.9	2,695	2.9
11SD	Jack Hickey	8,213	4.1	5,513	4.1
13SD	John Webster	3,514	2.8	3,514	2.8
13SD	Kennita Watson	2,853	2.2	2,853	2.2
15SD	Gordon Sachtjen	3,320	1.9	594	2.0
20AD	Mark Werlwas	3,486	5.0	1,195	4.8
23AD	Dana Albrecht	1,175	2.4	1,175	2.4
24AD	Ray Strong	2,665	2.8	2,665	2.8
28AD	Roger Ver	901	1.2	465	1.5



Latest figures from the registrar of voters show Libertarian registration in Santa Clara County at a new high — 5551 (out of 734207, or 0.76%).

Market/Malls Test using DMV Kit

by Marv Rudin

On Saturday, June 10th, Dan Weisberg and I explored the possibility of setting up our DMV table/kit and handing out DMV cards at markets and other kinds of locations at neighborhood shopping malls. This is feasible because the cards are designed to be versatile - they don't say "DMV." We looked over three markets and inquired with the managers of two of them - both happened to be Albertsons - regarding how to make arrangements. They were unfamiliar with handling such a request from a political party. Each said he would check with his headquarters.

Rather than do nothing, we decided to try setting up in front of a shop next to one of the markets without asking anyone for permission, and see what would happen. First we tried the front of a Clothestime shop next to one of the markets. Using duct tape - the standard method used at the DMVs, we were able to put up and secure the 3 posters of the table/kit even in a fairly brisk breeze, and we found passing shoppers to be mostly friendly and willing to accept our cards, a bit more so than people at the DMVs. The rate of handout was a little less than at the DMVs - about 50/hour versus 70 for the DMVs. After a while a young man with "Security" on his shirt came by and watched from a distance as we handed out cards. We were apprehensive that he'd ask us to leave. But instead he came up and said "I like the Libertarians although I'm a registered Republican." Relieved, we gave him one of our cards, he chatted with us for a while, and he left to make his rounds.

After a couple of hours outside Clothestime, the traffic seemed to slow a little, and since we were exploring, we decided to try another market-mall. This was easy to do because the tear-down or set up of the table/kit is quick - it takes between 5 and 10 minutes. The one we came across had a Safeway that had no open unused area for setting up the table, but a Longs drug store nearby did have such an area next to its entrance, so we set up there.

At both trial sites Dan did most of the card passing, after I had demonstrated at the beginning how we have successfully approached people at the DMV tests. I just say "How're you doing today?" in an upbeat voice, and then hand them a card. With no prior experience, he found the HYDT to be very effective - at least 60% accepted the card. We gave cards to many folks who'd apparently not heard of the LP before, and we gained 3 LP registrations in about three hours. - a lady who took two registrations forms for herself and



her son-in-law, and a man named Rick who asked for a form saying "the government gives handouts to people to control them." We gave out 150 cards with the quiz on one side and an exhortation to send a message by registering LP. Several people asked for and received

literature that would allow them to learn more about the LP.

All of us owe a great big "thank you" to Dan, who is so new to the LP that he was unaware of the Nolan Chart until that day, yet had the courage to adventure forth to meet the public and help try to find a way to grow the party faster, without first taking a full course in Libertarianism.

My plan is get a procedure established that will make it very easy for many more of our members to participate and get the same satisfaction Dan and I got from reaching numerous members of the public on a weekend. It's fun and uplifting, and by this method it can be done regularly near one's home during the year, and not just at monthly or annual events that may be far from home. And we had no competition for the attention of shoppers, as occurs at the county fair, flea markets, festivals, etc. And the table/kit is easy to carry and set up, and carry distance is short because parking at market-malls is very close to the location of use. ■

LPC Executive Committee Hits Ground Running

by Jascha Lee and Ray Strong

February 20, 2000

The first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California was more than the usual meet each other and set the agenda kind of meeting. The at large members of the Executive Committee had just been elected at the final Sunday morning meeting of the LPC Convention. The traditional Sam Adams luncheon was finished. And now the Executive Committee was to hold its first meeting of this term.

It was a trial by fire for the new members. They were faced with a significant tactical decision involving a significant fraction of the total budget for the year. Following the serious cash flow problem of 1999 that resulted in the LPC temporarily but illegally withholding dues income destined for the regions, the Executive Committee was understandably reluctant to take on a major new expense. However, they were also reluctant to pass up an opportunity for the LPC to improve its effectiveness and to make Juan Ros our Director even more productive.

The proposal put forward by LPC Chair, Mark Hinkle, was to rent an office for the Director in North Hollywood and to hire an Administrative Assistant to the Director who would handle clerical work, database management, cadging (processing of fund raising income), mail, email, telephone answering, and response to inquiries for Juan. The proposal carried some urgency because our current cadging service (Thea and Hugh McLain) was moving and would no longer be able to handle our business. As outlined by Mark and detailed by Juan, the proposal would consolidate some operations, but would definitely cost more. The AA would free Juan to write more fund raising letters and call on more major donors.

Mark and Juan presented a good idea with several unpredictable additional costs and some balancing unpredictable increase in income. This was truly a good test of the mettle of the Executive Committee. If they could deal reasonably with this proposal then we could expect them to handle everything else that comes their way this year.

At first the discussion branched off in several directions, the Committee nibbling at the edges rather than going for the heart of the matter. There was a suggestion to consider the systematic use of volunteers in place of a paid AA. The issue of the Sacramento office presence was brought up. In consolidating operations, it was hoped that we could reduce expenses but not eliminate our Sacramento presence. Because of our cash flow problems in 1999, a reserve fund was suggested, the implication being that building up such a reserve fund should take precedence over any new, more costly expansion of operations. The committee began to focus on the central issue as they asked where (in the budget) would the additional money be found. The only serious proposal was to reduce the newsletter budget by reducing its frequency of publication.

From the beginning, the proposal was vague rather than crisp in terms of the dollar amounts involved. We expected the Executive Committee to tell the proponents to go back to the drawing board and come back with specific dollar amounts. Instead, led by Aaron Star, the committee began working as a budget committee, examining and estimating each expense, based on their combined experience. In a relatively short time, they had fleshed out the proposal with reasonable estimates and concluded that the net additional expense would be approximately twenty-one thousand dollars.

Having fixed on the cost, the Committee then proceeded to debate the wisdom of this tactical move.

After much debate, time was running out. A proposal to add the missing \$21K to payroll failed. Another motion was made to instead add the \$21K to excess support over expenses was made (this would allow for the option, but not lock it in, and also to build up a surplus reserve). The vote was very close. Joe Dehn passed when it came to him. When everyone else had voted, Joe's was the make or break vote. He said that in order to have a budget, he would support the motion and cast the deciding vote in favor of it. So the newsletter will be published every other month in hard copy and every month electronically. This will reduce the newsletter budget from \$46K to \$27K. The

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Bestselling author Peter McWilliams is ‘murdered by the War on Drugs’.

WASHINGTON, DC — Peter McWilliams, the #1 bestselling author and medical marijuana activist who was found dead in California on June 14, was murdered by the War on Drugs, the Libertarian Party charged today.

“Peter McWilliams would not be dead today if not for the heartless, lethal War on Drugs,” said Steve Dasbach, the party’s national director. “The federal government killed Peter McWilliams by denying him the medical marijuana he needed to stay alive as surely as if its drug warriors had put a gun to his head and pulled the trigger.

“Peter McWilliams may be dead, but the causes he so bravely fought for — access to lifesaving medicine, an end to the War on Drugs, and greater freedom for all Americans — will live on.”

On Wednesday, McWilliams was found dead in the bathroom of his Los Angeles home. According to sources, he had choked on his vomit.

McWilliams, 50, had suffered from AIDS and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma since 1996, and had used medical marijuana to suppress the nausea that was a common side-effect to the potent medications needed to keep him alive. ■

What can we learn from the life of Peter McWilliams?

By Harry Browne, LP Presidential Candidate

Peter McWilliams, who died on June 14, was more than an author and activist for libertarian causes. He was a teacher from whom we can learn to be better salesmen of liberty — and even better people.

First some background. In March 1996, Peter was diagnosed with both AIDS and cancer. He was required to take so many pills that he vomited constantly, rendering the pills useless. Like many other people, he found that smoking marijuana relieved the nausea, kept the pills in his stomach, and allowed him to stay alive.

Always a libertarian and opposed to the Drug War, his personal afflictions prodded him to become even more an activist — and he set to work writing a book on medical marijuana.

In December 1997 the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency conducted a predawn raid on his home and stole his computer — containing the only copy of the book manuscript. In July 1998 he was arrested and charged with violating the federal drug laws by smoking marijuana. The trial judge prohibited him from pointing out that medical marijuana is legal in

California. Stripped of his only defense, he plea-bargained for a sentence of five years — which he hoped to serve under house arrest, rather than in prison.

While awaiting the final determination of how he would serve his sentence, he was allowed to post bail and remain at home — provided he stop smoking marijuana. He complied with the prohibition because his family’s homes were mortgaged to provide his bail. No longer able to use marijuana to keep his medicines down, he finally died this past week — apparently choking on his own vomit. As Steve Kubby has said, Peter died of an overdose of government.

Despite his somewhat flamboyant public personality, Peter was a gentle, sensitive soul. He exhibited a tolerance toward his enemies that would have made a saint proud.

Someone once asked him why, since he was living on borrowed time anyway, he didn’t get a gun and take some of the Drug Warriors to the Hereafter with him. Peter replied, “My enemy is ignorance,

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not individuals.”

He said, “It is winning the war of ideas — through fact, logic, persuasion, and, yes, humor — that brings about lasting change.

“What we are facing today in America is not an evil dictator like Hitler, who is the head of a snake and whose removal will kill the snake — but overgrown bureaucracies like the Drug War, which is more like an anthill. No matter how many individual ants you kill one at a time, the colony goes on.

“Any idiot with a gun can kill. It takes clever perseverance to make lasting change. . . .

“As has been proven time and again, to alter the government in this country does not take violence, but education. My job is to get the country back into believing and living under the supreme law of the Constitution, not to kill those who are leading the country astray

“I support the high road of truth, facts, debate, and education, even if I’m not able to walk that road much longer, and even if lies, deception, repression, and ignorance are the direct cause of my death.”

Peter was a wonderful example — not just of tolerance, but of effectiveness. He taught us that the battle for a free, libertarian America is too important to indulge ourselves by being venomous, snide, patronizing, or violent toward our opponents. We must keep our heads, be patient, and help Americans understand how the government and the Drug War are hurting them.

We gain nothing by asserting our superiority and browbeating the people we need to bring to our side. We gain everything by following Peter’s example and treating everyone — friend or foe — as a sovereign, but perhaps misinformed, human being. ■

Libertarians praise Supreme Court blanket primary decision

News from the Libertarian Party of California

June 26, 2000

PANORAMA CITY — Hailing it as a momentous ruling for all political parties, the Libertarian Party of California praised today’s 7-2 Supreme Court decision striking down California’s blanket primary, which was approved by voters in March, 1996.

“This vital decision emphasizes the importance of political parties’ freedom to choose their own candidates,” stated Libertarian state chair Mark Hinkle.

“We are very pleased that the Justices, after hearing the arguments from both sides, saw how the blanket primary undermined the very existence of political parties.”

Under California’s blanket primary system, voters could cast ballots for any primary candidate regardless of party affiliation. The Libertarian Party of California, along with the state Republican and Peace and Freedom parties, joined the lawsuit filed by the state Democratic Party challenging the blanket primary (California Democratic Party v. Jones, 99-401).

In arguments before the Supreme Court in April, state lawyer Thomas Gede defended the blanket primary, saying the election “belongs to the voters” and that the blanket primary has increased voter participation in California.

“In a sense Mr. Gede was right: elections do belong to the voters. But there is an enormous difference in the purposes of partisan primary and general elections,” Hinkle noted.

“The whole point of a primary election is for the voters of each party to choose the candidate that best represents their party’s point of view for the general election. If any voter can vote for any party’s primary candidate, why should political parties even exist?” asked Hinkle.

“Increasing voter participation is a noble goal, but not at the expense of political parties’ freedom to associate,” Hinkle added. “Voters who affiliate with a particular party should be free to choose that party’s candidate without interference from nonparty members. Voters who for whatever reason choose not to affiliate with any political party really play no role in party primaries.”

Hinkle praised past Libertarian state chair Gail Lightfoot, under whose administration the party joined the lawsuit and who has served as the party’s point person on the case for the past four years. “Gail’s tireless efforts have borne fruit, and on behalf of all California Libertarians I thank her for her commitment to this case.”

Executive Committee

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Update

In a subsequent LPC ExCom meeting an outside vendor was awarded a contract to run the 2001 State Convention. This freed up enough money to warrant printing additional editions of the state newsletter to take us through summer at which time we'll have a better handle on the budget reality. Printing the state newsletter is a major budget item. The debate on this is similar to the debate we had here in Santa Clara: is it worth it? You probably know that I don't think it is (as a matter of fact, I think all but a tiny fraction of the newsletters go straight from the mailbox to the garbage can). What do you think? As an alternate rep to the State ExCom (and for our primary rep, Thomas Spielbauer), which way should we vote? How about the state Executive Director? Do you share my belief that he's worth the salary we pay him?
Jascha Lee

\$19K difference will be moved to the Excess Support over Expenses category, raising it to \$21,400.

The representative to the Executive Committee from Santa Clara County, Tom Spielbauer, had to leave before the meeting was over, so our region was not represented in the close vote. The ExCom requires an official notice from the chair of each of the five largest regions specifying how that region is to be represented (e.g. the names of specific alternates). Since Joe Dehn was elected to an At Large position on the LPC Executive Committee, Santa Clara County has a vacant Alternate position.

The only other item on the agenda was setting the time and location of the next ExCom meeting. Mark suggested a two day team building meeting. Wonder Valley Ranch (near Fresno) was put forward. Unfortunately, the dates available, March 11-12, conflicted with an LNC event, so the following weekend was proposed, the location TBD.

We are encouraged by the results of the meeting. They prove that this ExCom will be able to work as a team and make reasonable decisions. The closeness of the vote represented the difficulty of the decision rather than an even division between disagreeing factions. While this kind of meeting can never seem satisfactory to the participants, we believe the process followed was constructive and that the LPC is in good hands for the next term. ■

“All American Libertarian Picnic”



Mark your calendars then don your red, white and blue duds and head on down to Sanborn Park in Saratoga.

Sunday, August 20th
noon - 3 P.M..

From Saratoga, proceed 2 miles west on Highway 9 to Sanborn Road. Turn left onto Sanborn Road, traveling 1 mile to the park entrance.

For more information on the picnic see:

<http://www.lpty.org/picnic>

For more information on Sanborn park see

<http://claraweb.co.santa-clara.ca.us/parks/prkpages/sanborn.htm>

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