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CLC, LPC to Eye Merger

Mary Gingell Elected LPC Chair

In a move partly overshadowing the election of Santa Clara County's Mary Gingell as chair, the Libertarian Party of California voted at its August convention to establish a committee to consider merging with the California Libertarian Council.

Strictly speaking the organizations would not merge, but as Eric Garris pointed out in his successful campaign for Northern Vice-Chair of the LPC, recent events have raised the question of the necessity of a separate CLC. In particular, a recent Supreme Court decision would apparently allow a political party to endorse candidates in that party's primary, despite California law to the contrary.

The major obstacle before the committee is probably the question of dues. The Garris proposal is to appoint automatically anyone to the appropriate central committees who pays dues and signs the non-aggression oath. Appointed members would be fully equal to members elected at the June primary by registered Libertarians.

Bill White is the only Santa Clara County member of the nine-person committee. The committee will report to both the CLC and LPC Executive Committees at their November meetings in

Hollywood. Ideally, final action can be taken at the CLC convention in Oakland in February.

In other action at the LPC convention, the party voted to adopt the CLC platform without change. The only changes in rules and by-laws were minor. Santa Clara County members elected to LPC positions were Ray Strong (Judicial Committee) and Mark Hinkle, Bill White, Scott Olmsted, and Karen Huffman (at-large Executive Committee). Jeff Smith replaces Huffman as the Santa Clara County representative to the Executive Committee.

The CLC Executive Committee met on Sunday, August 15, following a successful breakfast at the Taylor Street headquarters. Most of the meeting involved routine financial business, but the committee did discuss the November ballot propositions. The following positions were taken: For 7 and 12, No Position on 6 and 10, and Against the eleven other propositions. Further details will appear in future issues of this newsletter.

In addition to Gingell and Garris, the newly elected LPC officers are Jack Dean, Southern Vice-Chair, Carolyn Treynor, Secretary, and Tom Jacobsen, Treasurer. At-large Executive Committee representatives from outside Santa Clara County are Lyn Sapowsky, Martin Buerger, Carolyn Felton, Mark Pickens, John Hamilton, David Bergland, Sharon Ayres, John Vernon, Mike Hall, Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, and Sally Foster. Joining Bill White on the merger committee are Eric Garris, Mary Gingell, Carolyn Felton, Hank James, Dennis Schlumpf, Mike Hall, Mike Anzis, and Jack Dean.

Hedges Shines At Agogino Event

by Karen Huffman

A benefit fundraiser was held Saturday, August 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Taylor Street headquarters for 24th Assembly District candidate Alice Agogino. Wine, cheese, fresh fruit, and the classical guitar music of local activist Scott Olmsted were enjoyed by all. The highlight of the benefit, the lively, exciting, and original guitar music of Michael Hedges, was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience of eight (including several friends of staff and/or candidates), the benefit staff of four, plus five Santa Clara County LP candidates.

Our local LP candidates have few, if any, large contributors and depend primarily on this type of small, local event to fund their campaigns. Alice Agogino would appreciate some feedback from anyone that missed her benefit so that she and others might avoid repeating whatever mistakes led to an audience that was smaller than the staff. Please phone the Taylor Street headquarters (408/CRY-FREE) any afternoon until 6 p.m. or so and share your insights.

Gun Control to Be September 16th Topic

The September 16th meeting of the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County will feature Stan Kosinski on the right to keep and bear arms.

Stan Kosinski is a software designer by profession whose interests range from education and politics to photography and the outdoors. Beginning with the historical background of the right to keep and bear arms, he will discuss the erosion and current status of and need for this right. His sections on possible future developments and on general and your specific questions should be especially stimulating.

The Libertarian Council meets at 8:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, at 401 East Taylor Street in San Jose. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

Zoning and Land Use Regulation: 20th Century Feudalism

by Lorne Strider

continued from last issue

The problem with the *public interest* approach is that land and its resources are allocated and developed on a sporadic and wasteful manner. Political influence causes a shortage of buildable land and subsequent housing crisis. The controls severely cripple the market, causing high rents and prices. In reaction, more regulation is applied in the form of rent control, inclusionary zoning, subsidies and other manipulation. Rents and prices, in turn, escalate again.

This vicious cycle of interference eliminates all but the most costly ownership and rental opportunities, forever barring the poor from better housing.

Blaming the private sector for the housing shortage caused by its own interference, government has entered the housing market itself. After a decade of urban renewal projects, over 3 million homes have been destroyed in order to build 2 million—the replacement housing citadels of crime and squalor. In the 1950's, one out of three families owned their home. Now less than one in 20 are fortunate enough to afford today's regulated housing.

THE ENVIRONMENT: PUBLIC WASTE AND DESTRUCTION

The environment suffers equally under the hand of the state. Regulatory agencies are not concerned with efficiency and retention of long term value, but rather with politics and empire building. Our fragile environment is entrusted to a government which we know to be always wasteful and often corrupt.

Environmental problems should be seen as matters of property rights. Clarification of rights and responsibilities, rather than public regulation is necessary to resolve conflicts of land use while preserving individual liberties.

When land is privately owned, sovereign control exists. Total control of the owner is limited, however, by the boundaries which mark his property. No owner has control or authority over property other than his own. Private ownership is complete within the boundaries and nonexistent beyond.

If we truly wish to clean up our environment, we must demand full restoration of property rights. Politicians and the judiciary must realize that social interests are best served by owner's rights and strict liability. With strict accountability no industry could afford to degrade our environment as is being done today. If property rights were strictly interpreted, the smallest amount of silt, herbicide, smoke, noise or radiation across a boundary would constitute *trespass*. In today's regulated society, these trespasses are negotiated by political process to "allowable limits," thereby compromising the rights of all property owners.

A LIBERTARIAN APPROACH

A number of libertarian approaches include the following:

1. Allow complete *laissez faire* in the housing market, and put an end to all building codes. Instead, replace state regulation by private warranty systems or insurance. Result—abundant and affordable housing for all, a diversity of styles and construction methods including experimental energy-efficient dwellings.

2. End government zoning and planning schemes. They are tools of vast destruction. Instead, allow voluntary covenants among willing neighbors. Also, the courts must clarify and enforce trespass and nuisance laws.

3. Eliminate government power of eminent domain. This law of state seizure causes untold loss and misery to many thousands of victims.

4. End environmental regulation, a system of public waste and destruction, and return to private conservation with clear and enforceable property rights.

5. Abolish state ownership of land. As much as 85 percent or more of some U.S. states are owned by the government. Public or common ownership is nonownership. When land belongs to all there is no specific responsibility to conserve. Any resource held in common, whether it be air, streams or forests, can be wasted and misused by any and all.

CONCLUSION

While it may be emotionally satisfying to believe that the land and its resources are the common heritage of mankind, this approach leads to degradation of the environment. As in all central planning schemes, human rights are violated on a massive scale while an elite core of bureaucrats make all decisions regarding growth, population density and movement, allocation of resources, and aesthetics. Control of the *land* becomes control of the *people*. In the interest of human rights, libertarians would restore property rights.

The above article was reprinted from a pamphlet published by Society for Libertarian Life, P.O. Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632.

The Bill White Roast

The scheduled entertainment at last month's Libertarian Party of California convention banquet was a roast of our own Bill White. Unfortunately by the time the organizers realized that nothing entertaining could be said about Bill White irrevocable arrangements had already been made with the hotel.

The first roaster was Jack Sanders, past party chair. Sanders seemed most impressed with the way Bill White always seemed to lead the pack in elections for national convention delegate, at-large representative, judicial committee, etc. He did remind his audience, though, that Bill was usually involved in counting the votes.

Then followed Joe Fuhig, our candidate for U.S. Senate. He seemed to be under the impression that he had been invited to roast a baseball player of a decade ago, but once he saw our Bill White on the platform he was inspired to suitably bland remarks.

John Redding then recalled earlier Bill White campaigns. He found Bill's slogan "a simple man of the community" too modest, declaring that Bill was in fact the simplest man of the entire community.

The promised mystery guest appeared in disguise. He was billed as Bill's drug supplier, but the audience went along with this improbable premise. In fact, this final roaster's voice resembled that of our own Dante DeAmicis. The mystery roaster claimed to be able to explain Bill's ever calm demeanor in public appearances.

Between speakers, a drawing was held for a souvenir of Bill's last run for office. This turned out to be a complete running outfit (illustrating Bill's lively sense of humor) with holes in some improbable places. The price in a second drawing was an old Bill White brochure (by the way, has anyone wondered why his brochures are never paid for by "friends of Bill White"?).

But all seriousness aside, Bill White would never have been chosen for roaster if party members didn't have the highest respect for him. Others may be better at garnering personal publicity—the party is said to be full of Crane people and Clark people and Rand people. But one thing's for sure—what this party needs is more White people.

NOTES

- **The LP National Committee** has selected San Mateo County as the site of its March 12-13 meeting. The national LP convention will be held September 1-4 (Labor Day weekend) in New York.

- **For faster service** on membership renewals, please send your renewal form and check to the Taylor Street office.

Santa Clara County Fair 1982

by Karen Huffman

This was the 8th consecutive year that the Santa Clara County Libertarians have had a booth at the Santa Clara County Fair. This year's booth cost us \$696.00, including \$425.00 for space rental, \$75.00 for liability insurance, \$20.00 for staff admission tickets, and \$176.00 for a Position Tester. The Political Position Tester was purchased jointly with the San Mateo County Libertarian Council and was a demonstration model obtained at a discount. Unfortunately, it did not arrive until six days after the fair started so it was not well utilized. It will be on display at Libertarian Headquarters throughout the year. Come and find out your political position and then leave any suggestions you have for clearer, more concise questions with Karen Huffman.

Donations totaling \$5.50 were received at the booth. Our staff registered 58 people into the Libertarian Party. (Last year's donations were over \$20.00 and LP registrations totaled about 110.) No one has tried to keep track of how many pieces of literature are handed out at the fair booth, but it was down this year partially because we were out of some of our Position Papers for most of the fair. Two people have joined the CLC in the 10 days since the end of the fair when this was written. This is an excellent response as we usually expect 3 or 4 new memberships within two or three months following the fair. Staffing the fair booth was much more difficult than usual this year because many of our major local activists were unavailable because they were staffing the Libertarian Party of California Convention that was held in San Jose the last weekend of the fair. A total of 85 persons were phoned (including nonmembers and members from other counties) and asked if they would be willing to help staff the fair booth. A total of 47 persons helped to staff, fund, set up, or take down the booth.

As the Fair Booth Coordinator, I would like to thank all of the persons who helped to make the fair booth a success. (The number of times that the person was a staffer includes help with set-up or tear-down of the booth.) **My special thanks** goes to those persons among the following who helped staff the booth because we were short-handed, even though they dislike the fair booth, and another special thanks goes to all the reluctant novice staffers.

The champion staffers were Al Hinkle (8 times) and myself (6 times). The following persons took 3 turns: Dante DeAmicis, Jan Hammond, Ross Parlette, Jeff Smith, and Greg Snyder. Two turns were taken by: Steve Alexander, Russ Fridley, Joe Fuhrig, June Genis, Mark Hinkle, Perry Lorenz, Mike Piltch, Wes Pinchot, Hal Sampson, and Janet & Howard Underwood. The following took one turn: David Bagby, Dustin Baker, Rolland Ballen (\$ donation), Dale Burrow, Vince Cook, Will Cunningham, Lory DeAmicis, Bob Donselman, Dan Dougherty, Ron Emslie, John Fletcher, Andy Garret, Stu Goodgold, Cary Kunz, Joe Leonard, Diana Merry, Fred Moulton, Eric Nagler, Jim Oser, Alan Paul, Nancy Penny, Kim Roberts, Charlie Ryan, Lyn Sapowsky, Larry Sleizer, Linda Torno, Casey Towse, Jim Wilson, Jr., and Jim Wurm.

- **Caliber schedule reduced** by the CLC Executive Committee at their August meeting as a cost-cutting measure. The next issue will come out in late September for use by LP candidates in their campaigns and another one will be issued in early February for the CLC Convention.

- **Solvency Day declared for November 5th.** The California Libertarian Council has a debt of over \$9,000. A contest has been started in an effort to break into the black. Prizes (donated) include a gold Sovereign, a gold Peso, a Silver Dollar, and others. To enter the contest answer one of the following in 25 words or less: "I want to pay the CLC debt because..." or "I want to roast _____ because..." or "I voted Libertarian because...". Send your entry and a \$5.00 check payable to the Solvency Day Committee.

- **The ballot argument** against Proposition 2 (the county jails bond issue) will be that written by Libertarian candidates Joe Fuhrig (U.S. Senator), Dan Dougherty (Governor), and Bart Lee (Attorney General).

August Is Exhausting

From the Chair:

August was the month that tested the resources of our organization, in terms of both money and volunteers. I am happy to report we rose to the occasion on both accounts.

Our activities began early in the month, with 9 of our candidates attending a workshop in Palo Alto on how to defeat Prop. 15: The Gun Registration Initiative. On August 5 the Santa Clara County Fair opened with the Libertarians back for our 8th year. On the weekend of the 7th-8th, council member and national committee representative Bill Evers attended the quarterly National Committee meeting in Billings, Montana. He reported on the firing of National LP Director Eric O'Keefe. It was also reported that the national headquarters will be moving. And just when we had most of our literature reprinted with the old address...it never fails! For further details on the National Committee meeting, you may contact Bill Evers at 415/494-0140 evenings. Not content to tackle only one event at a time, the Santa Clara Libertarians also played host to the Libertarian Party of California State Central Committee meeting on the weekend of August 14-15 (see details elsewhere in this newsletter).

Our monthly meeting followed with Pat Hazel outlining his battle with our local planning and building permit bureaucracy. That following weekend, candidate for the 24th Assembly Alice Agogino held a benefit concert at our headquarters. The concert featured local Libertarian activist Scott Olmsted and Windham Hill recording artist Michael Hedges. Thanks to both for their excellent performances. On Wednesday, the 25th, council members Bill Evers, who is also a candidate for the State Board of Equalization, and myself were invited to preview a film to be used in the No on 15 campaign in South San Francisco.

The reason that I wanted to outline our major activities for the month of August is to let you know just how much is going on and that it couldn't have happened without you. Our organization, which by many sources is considered the strongest in the state, depends solely on our volunteers. Without your time, money, and considerable effort we could not have done it. Two individuals deserve special thanks for their yeoman efforts: Karen Huffman and Lyn Sapowsky.

Remember: We cannot spell S CCESS without U.

Thanks,
Mark W.A. Hinkle

Calendar

SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

Thursday, September 9. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

A continuing two-part lecture and discussion series. It starts with a session of The Freeman Institute's (a conservative educational organization) lecture series on "The Miracle of America." After the break there is an informal discussion of the latest techniques that are being used in the fight against IRS tyrannies. Guest speakers also address various related topics. Location: Libertarian Headquarters, 401 East Taylor Street in San Jose. Fees: \$5.00 (first time is free) admission. For additional information phone the sponsor, Don McCoy, at 408/225-0473.

EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 9. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. For additional details about the meeting or its location telephone the Eastbay CLC Chair, Tod Mikuriya, at 415/843-0279.

SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 14. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Seven Oaks room of the A.P. Giannini branch of the Bank of America at Third Avenue and El Camino in San Mateo. Information phone: Don Smith at 415/368-8148.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 16. 8:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will feature Stan Kosinski, a local software designer who has been closely following the political efforts to deprive you of more rights. He will be speaking on "The Right to Keep and Bear Arms." LOCATION: 401 E. Taylor Street (corner of 10th & Taylor) in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

Thursday, September 23. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

See the September 9 "Spirit of Liberty" listing for details. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

FUTURE OF FREEDOM FALL '82 CONFERENCE

Friday, October 1 thru Sunday, October 3.

Confirmed speakers for this 10th Annual Conference include Thomas Szasz, Doug Casey, David Friedman, John Hospers, Jack Matonis, Robert LeFevre, John Pugsley, George Smith, Wendy McElroy, Jeff Riggensbach, and Jeff Hummel. The Friday night banquet will feature Nathaniel Branden and the presentation of the Mencken awards by the Free Press Association. Location: California State University, Long Beach. Fees: Range from \$12 to \$45. For additional information write or phone the sponsor: Future of Freedom Conference '82, Box 4, Fullerton, CA 92632 or 213/597-2769.

LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, October 2. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning to staff our permanent information, voter registration and merchandise booth in Aisle F at the De Anza Flea Market in Cupertino. Help us raise money to support local projects by talking to the public about libertarianism and current issues. Donations of books and other fast-selling items are needed and may be dropped off at the flea market or at our Taylor Street office. Location: De Anza College Parking Lot C, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Stelling Road in Cupertino. For more information or to volunteer call 408/CRY-FREE (noon-6 p.m. weekdays).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 21. 8:00 p.m.

Next month's meeting will feature Tom Palmer, Manager of the Dougherty for Governor campaign. He will be speaking on "Libertarian Class Theory or What We're Up Against." Location: 401 East Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

Additional announcements of events sponsored by and/or of interest to Bay Area Libertarians are requested. Deadline is the first of each month. Send announcements to SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN, 401 East Taylor Street, San Jose, CA 95112-9990

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