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Colorado Hosts Tenth Anniversary Libertarian National Convention

by Ray Strong

Ten years ago, eight libertarians met in Colorado Springs to found the Libertarian Party. The party's first nominating convention met in June 1972 in Denver. This year we returned to Denver. The huge sign hanging above the corridor at Denver's airport told quite a tale about those intervening years: it said, "WELCOME LIBERTARIANS."

We libertarians certainly felt welcome as the festivities began on Wednesday, August 26, with an "Evening with Murray Rothbard." A formidable array of speakers including David Friedman, Roy Childs, Don Ernsberger, Dave Nolan, Bob Poole, Karl Hess, Robert Anton Wilson, Ed Clark, and Dick Randolph was available even to those busy delegates who stayed on the floor for all of the Convention business: bylaws, platform, and election of officers. Some highlights included a thought-provoking discussion by David Friedman of a heuristic method for deriving libertarian law, a thunderous exhortation by Dave Nolan, "Let's never again say, 'decriminalize soft drugs.' . . . Let's say, 'taxation is theft,' 'conscription is slavery,' and 'war is the health of the state,'" an insightful proposal for LP strategy, tactics, and rhetoric by Ed Clark, and a stirring promise of a chance at significant electoral victory by Dick Randolph.

Probably most significant of the actions of the convention on bylaws and rules was the failure of the committee to report any recommended change to the rule on frequency and timing of national conventions. As a result, there will be no change in the planned August 28-September 6, 1983 date for the next Presidential Nominating Convention (to be held in New York City at the Sheraton Centre).

Changes to the platform included several revisions in the area of justice, promoting "private adjudication of disputes by mutually acceptable judges" and "all-volunteer juries," and an excellent substitute plank on human rights, which concludes as follows:

Today, no government is innocent of violating human rights and liberty, and none can approach the issue with clean hands. In keeping with our goal of peaceful international relations, we call upon the United States to cease its hypocrisy and its sullying of the good name of human rights. Only private individuals and organizations have any place speaking out on this issue.

Some of the most interesting of the platform committee's proposals were not considered by the convention because of a lack of time. Most controversial among this group were majority and minority reports on nuclear weapons including a call for unilateral disarmament. Although a new plank on women's rights holding "that individual rights should not be denied or abridged on the basis of sex" was passed, the convention declined to suspend the

Santa Clara Libertarians Preview Future Candidates

On Thursday, September 17 at 8:00 p.m., members of the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County will have a chance to preview some of our candidates for the 1982 elections. All prospective candidates for Santa Clara County races are welcome to prepare 1- to 2-minute introductory speeches for this meeting. The speech should introduce the candidate and libertarianism. Members of the audience will ask each candidate a few questions typical of political gatherings.

Our prospective candidates are not yet able to declare their intention to run specific races because the California Legislature has not produced one complete reapportionment plan allocating boundaries to the various election districts. However, we expect to field 5 or 6 candidates for the state assembly, 2 or 3 for the state senate, and 3 for U.S. Congress.

The Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County meets regularly the third Thursday of each month at our county headquarters, meeting room at 401 E. Taylor in San Jose. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

Clark Wins Close Race for Chair

by Ray Strong

The Libertarian Party held its best ever National Convention and 10th anniversary celebration August 26 through 30 in Denver, Colorado. In the most exciting and least predictable national election yet, Alicia Clark took a third ballot victory for the office of National Chair, defeating contenders Kent Guida of Maryland and John Mason of Colorado. (See the August issue of SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN for a report on the candidates.) The voting was so close that a swing of five votes would have required a fourth ballot runoff between Alicia Clark and None Of The Above, dropping closest rival John Mason.

In another close race, Sheldon Richman, past chair of the Platform Committee, defeated Craig Franklin and Dallas Cooley for the position of Vice Chair. The other two officers were elected without opposition: Frances Eddy of Maryland was elected

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rules to consider the specific issue of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Entertainment at the banquet was superb, the only flaw being the normal tendency of the fundraising portion to drag on interminably. By the time Sunday rolled around everyone was more than ready for the election finale. I believe Alicia Clark was elected Chair because the delegates wanted to emphasize unity and play down any apparent divisiveness or factionalism within the LP. Let's hope that our next convention is even bigger and better than this biggest and best so far.

NOTES

• **Libertarian Supper Club** of San Francisco meets monthly at various San Francisco restaurants. If you would like detailed information on the upcoming dinner please telephone the sponsor, Beverly Locke, at 415/864-3969 or write to her at 117 Pierce Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

• **CAST petitions available** at county headquarters. The initiative sponsored by Citizens Asserting Supremacy over Taxation (CAST) is now being circulated. If you have not received one or

would like to have more of them call 408/CRY-FREE or come to our local headquarters at 401 East Taylor Street in San Jose.

• **LP/10 GOLD RUSH raffle winners** announced. Two Bay Area men, Eric Garriss of San Francisco and Fred Stitt of Orinda, won fourth place prizes of an autographed copy of Roger MacBride's *New Dawn for America*. The raffle took in over \$3,000 and netted around \$1600 to help pay off CLC debts.

• **Advertising wanted** for the SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN. Many local libertarians would like to patronize area businesses that are owned or operated by local libertarians. This newsletter circulates to over 400 members, subscribers and new inquiries every month. Your advertising would help to support our outreach to more potential libertarians living in the Santa Clara County area. Business Card Rates (camera ready copy): \$10/month, \$100 for 12 months. Full Page: \$100, \$200 for 3 months. Half Page: \$50, \$100 for 3 months.

Endow A Chair

The names of the following famous libertarians have already been chosen:

Ayn Rand	Murray Rothbard
Thomas Jefferson	Ludwig von Mises
David Nolan	Karen Huffman
Lazarus Long	Ed Clark
Howard Roark	Timothy Leary
Adam Smith	Karl Bray
John Galt	Dante DeAmicis
Ray Strong	Frederic Bastiat
Bill White	Chuck Olson
Robert Anton Wilson	Jimmy Stevens
Tom Glass	Midas Mulligan
Justice William O. Douglas	

Others are still available. Endow a chair at Libertarian Headquarters for only \$40 and choose the name of one of the remaining heroes and heroines. As of September 1, 9 chairs remain. The price of an endowment will go up \$5 each month until all the remaining chairs are endowed. So act now to be sure your favorite libertarian will have a place in the history of our headquarters.

Send your choice and check for \$40 payable to the Libertarian Council to 401 E. Taylor, San Jose, CA 95112.



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California Libertarian Council

401 East Taylor Street, San Jose, CA 95112

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 Membership dues only—no California Libertarian—minus \$8 Total _____

*This includes a 20% discount off the Libertarian National Committee dues.

Clark Wins Colorado Cliffhanger

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Secretary and Vivian Baures of Oregon was elected Treasurer. A table comparing the California delegation votes with the totals appears elsewhere in this issue.

Voting rules require that if no candidate receive a majority on a given ballot, then the candidate receiving the lowest vote total be dropped from succeeding ballots. Arguing that with three or more candidates running for an office, the candidate most preferred (as a second choice) might be eliminated on the first ballot, Dan Wiener had proposed a system in which only candidates receiving under five percent of the vote would be eliminated from the first ballot. Since this proposal failed, an alternative maneuver was executed in which a dummy (i.e., non-serious) candidate would be nominated in order to be first dropped. In the race for chair, the extra candidate was Lyn Sapowsky; and in the race for vice chair, Scott Olmsted.

Record of Vote for National Officers

ballot

	Chair					
	Clark	Mason	Guida	Sapowsky	NOTA	Other
CA 1st	33	46	9	5	1	0
Total 1st	198	159	153	7	27	?
CA 2nd	33	44	13	----	2	6
Total 2nd	196	165	161	----	?	?
CA 3rd	44	49	----	----	3	1
Total 3rd	273	228	----	----	35	8

Vice Chair

	Richman	Franklin	Cooley	Olmsted	NOTA	Other
CA 1st	32	15	25	4	0	1
Total 1st	184	169	94	8	10	4
CA 2nd	46	25	----	----	0	?
Total 2nd	237	208	----	----	?	?

Note: "?" means we were not able to obtain an accurate vote total.

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ANNUAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY BOOTH AT THE SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR

**Friday, September 4 through Saturday, September 19.
Noon to 10:00 p.m. every day.**

Any persons interested in helping staff the booth at the County Fair Grounds in San Mateo should contact Lyn Sapowsky at 415/356-8148.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 17. 8:00 p.m.

This month's meeting will feature a "Meet the Prospective 1982 Candidates Night." Each "candidate" will practice a brief speech and will answer political questions from our "non-partisan" audience. LOCATION: 401 East Taylor Street (corner of 10th & Taylor) in San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. For more details about the speakers or the meeting telephone 408/CRY-FREE.

HOT TUB CHRISTENING & POTLUCK CHURCH SUPPER

Saturday, September 19. 6:00 p.m. til ?

Mark Hinkle will be hosting this interesting event. Please let him know ahead of time what dish you plan to bring if you are coming for dinner. Soft drinks provided, other drinks are BYOB. Location: 7178 Via Colina in San Jose. For more details and directions phone Mark at 408/227-1459.

MONTEREY BAY REGION LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, September 25. 8:00 p.m.

Region Five of the CLC (Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito Counties) will meet for a "Regional Rap Session." Oswald Lake will lead the discussion of libertarian principles. Members and friends are invited to bring their favorite controlled substance and join us for a stimulating and entertaining evening. For location and directions phone Chair, Robin Jarvis, at 408/476-6426.

LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, October 3. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning to staff our permanent information and merchandise booth at the De Anza Flea Market in Cupertino. Help us to raise money to support our many local projects and educate yourself and others on the issues, by talking to the public about libertarianism. 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 (11-6 weekdays).

SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

This month's agenda features a business meeting. Meetings are held 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.

EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. For information on the speaker and the location telephone Mark Tarses at 415/843-4019.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 15. 8:00 p.m.

Next month's meeting will feature Martin Buerger, Northern California Vice Chair of the Libertarian Council. Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 31. 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. See next issue for details.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 31. 7:30 p.m.

Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Admission free to LP candidates; others will be expected to make a contribution.

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.

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