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Libertarian Council Hears Lecture on Survival Thursday, February 19

The Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Co-op Grocery Store on Fremont Avenue at Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road. The featured speaker will be Mike Watson, co-owner of the Survival Store in Sunnyvale. His topic will be Food Storage and Emergency Preparedness.

Mr. Watson entered the survival business both because of its recent accelerated growth and because the current state of our economy makes general economic catastrophe (as opposed to more localized earthquakes or severe weather) a possibility to be taken seriously. He will discuss various methods for achieving self-sufficiency and preparedness as well as the trends which make this kind of preparation prudent.

The meeting room is located above the Co-op Grocery Store in the Fremont Corners Shopping Center. (From 280 take Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road north. The shopping center can be entered via a right turn immediately before Fremont Avenue. Stairs to the meeting room are located just inside the grocery store entrance closest to the Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road.) The Libertarian Council meets the third Thursday of every month. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

Notes

- **Newly elected officers** of the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County are Mark Hinkle, chair; Russ Fridley, vice chair; Lory DeAmicis, secretary; Pam Loucks, treasurer; Karen Huffman, membership chair; Dante DeAmicis, activities chair; Ray Strong, fundraising chair; and Ruth Stevenson, research chair.
- **A permanent meeting place** is needed. The latest new location for meetings costs the County CLC \$10 per month. If you know of a better and/or cheaper room that will hold at least 50 persons please telephone CRY-FREE to let us know.
- **Advertising wanted** for the SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN. Many local libertarians would like to patronize area businesses that are owned or operated by libertarians. This newsletter circulates to over 600 members, subscribers and new inquiries every month. Your advertising would help to support this outreach to more potential libertarians living in Santa Clara County. 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.
- **The 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 St., San Francisco, CA 94117.

We're Still #1

A Year of Growth in Santa Clara County

by Ray Strong

We must have been doing something right in the last year: growth in Libertarian Party registrations and growth in Council membership indicate that we have been one of the most active regions in California. We are still number one in total number of memberships in the state but now we outnumber number two by over 100 memberships. A year ago the difference was only a handful of members. Current plans for continued growth in 1981 include opening a permanent County Headquarters for Council and Party, maintaining and upgrading our presence at the monthly DeAnza Flea Market, active participation at California and national conventions, making our booth at the annual county fair better than ever, and preparing for 1982 elections. We would like to surpass the American Independent Party in registrations this year. We are even planning a bid to host the 1982 California Libertarian Council Convention.

Next year (1982) will be a severe test of our ability to grow. We know from our experience last year that each public office we run for will require a minimal team of three activists: candidate, campaign manager, and treasurer. Each candidacy will also require a minimal \$2,000 budget. We plan to campaign for every partisan position open to us. In order to improve our results over 1980, the organization, campaign teams, and seed funds must be gathered in 1981.

Thus, although there are no scheduled political contests this year, we can't afford to relax. Instead, we must redouble our efforts to take advantage of our momentum and be prepared to take advantage of the predictable disillusion voters will experience with the "new beginning" of politics as usual. During the next few years, the need for a Libertarian Party is going to become increasingly evident. By planning and building our organization now, we will be ready for opportunities like special elections and voter initiative propositions.

Will we meet the challenge of 1981-82? It's up to the readers of this newsletter. We need volunteers who can spend time making phone calls, stuffing envelopes, and spreading libertarian ideas. And we need operating funds: a very rough budget of \$600 per month will just barely get us through the year (office \$200, telephone \$50, activities \$100, newsletter \$150, postage \$100). We can only collect that kind of money if you help—not just by donating, but by actively raising money from all those registered Libertarians and friends of the party we just haven't had time and resources to contact.

Please get us off to a good start this year by sending your contribution (payable to the **Libertarian Council**) to this newsletter, at the address on the masthead.

What About Rent-A-Cops?

by Robert Poole Jr.

John Candido is a police officer in San Francisco. He carries a gun, wears a badge, makes arrests, and patrols a tough north-side district. But John Candido is not a public employee; the taxpayers don't pay his salary. Candido is a Patrol Special, owner of a private security firm.

Candido's firm has the right to provide special police services in one of 62 private beat areas in the northern part of San Francisco. Stemming from the rough-and-tumble days of the 1850s, the city's private police beats live on, formalized in the 1899 city charter. And because they do, San Franciscans have access to far better policing than do citizens of most other cities.

That's because each patrol firm provides services tailored to the needs of its customers. Homeowners can pay a minimal monthly fee for once-a-night drive-by patrol—or go whole-hog with on-foot backyard checks. A large apartment building may sign up for three to six nightly walk-throughs. The Japan Trade Center pays for 24-hour-a-day foot patrol. And those who wish to do without are perfectly free to do so.

The city police force couldn't begin to offer this kind of specialized service. To begin with, it has its collective hands full just responding to crime calls—backyard foot patrols are the last thing it has time for! In addition, as a service paid for by everyone via taxes, the city police cannot give one taxpayer specialized service and withhold it from others. Only a user-pays system can accommodate the highly varied demands for protective services which actually do exist.

How good are the Patrol Specials? You may have read stories about poorly trained private guards—the media stereotype is a pot-bellied fellow retired from a more strenuous job, handed a gun and a uniform and sent out on the job. While there are a few private security firms that fit this picture, it does not apply to San Francisco. The Patrol Specials attend the city's Police Academy, right alongside city police officers. They receive the full officer training program, and only after graduating and being sworn as police officers can they strap on a gun and begin work. Consequently, the Specials have an exemplary reputation.

In most cities private security officers are not sworn law enforcement officers. That means they have only the ordinary power to make a citizen's arrest, rather than full-fledged police powers. But

in Washington, DC, security officers who are licensed to carry guns are considered "special police officers" and have regular police powers. At last count there were some 4,000 such private police operating in the District of Columbia, along with 3,000 unarmed security guards.

Unfortunately, private policing is not working as well in Washington as it does in San Francisco. And the difference appears to be the training the officers receive. While some firms provide detailed, rigorous training—equal to or better than the police academy—others provide very little. And the D.C. government requires only a doctor's certificate, a pistol qualification certificate, and a background check in order to grant an applicant a license. The extent of training (e.g., an accidental shooting of one guard by another in October) reflect adversely on the whole profession.

Yet such problems seem to be mostly growing pains of an industry that is rapidly professionalizing. The largest firms—Burns, Pinkerton's, Wackenhut, Guardsmark—operate nationwide with highly professional standards. Most have had at least some experience providing regular police-type services over the past decade. Guardsmark and Wackenhut have actually policed entire towns under contract. And just last month a downtown business organization in Kansas City, Missouri hired a security firm to patrol the downtown area. The vandalism-plagued district will be patrolled by three armed security officers in a van.

Police privatization is not limited to this country, either. Some 30 Swiss towns and villages have hired the large Securitas firm to provide local policing, instead of having their own police departments. The Swiss Association of Towns reports lower costs and improved service as a result of the change. Patrol operations are conducted on foot and in radio-equipped patrol cars. Besides these municipal contracts, Securitas provides residential, commercial, and industrial security services to private customers in more than 200 Swiss communities.

What's the lesson from all this? It's simply that police patrol and arrest services can be provided efficiently by private firms—just as virtually any other municipal service can. And patrol services can be tailored to customers' special needs, and paid for like any other service. Just as in any other field, of course, some suppliers are

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- I wish to be a member of the local region or region _____.
- I am eligible to vote in _____ County.
- I am I am not) registered to vote in the Libertarian Party.

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please allow six weeks for processing your application.

Membership Category	California Only	Combined Membership CLC/National*
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Associate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400.00
Life/Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1300.00

A subscription to the newsletter of the California Libertarian Council (CLC) is included in all the above membership categories.

California Libertarian subscription (non-member) \$10

- Donation for regional newsletter (Suggest \$2-\$10) _____
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- Membership dues only—no California Libertarian—minus \$8 Total _____

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

The following letters from Santa Clara Libertarians have recently been published in the San Jose Mercury.

Make Criminals Repay Victims

In his letter to the editor, David Fadness makes some excellent points about requiring convicted criminals to work, but I think we should go further. Instead of having prisoners sweep streets and the like, let's contract their labor to businesses and make the prisoner/employee pay for his food, lodging, clothing, etc. while in jail. The prisoner may even learn a skill which could be used once he is released.

As a Libertarian, I believe that the court's primary responsibility is to the victim. Any money earned by the prisoner should first go to pay restitution to the victim. The victim is the one that suffered first and should be compensated first.

Furthermore, the convicted should pay court costs. Aside from relieving the taxpayer's burden, this might persuade the guilty to waive a trial and plead guilty. This would speed up the courts and reduce the number of jurors needed.

When a convicted criminal pays his debt to society, he should pay all of it. To make the victim or the taxpayer foot the bill is a grave injustice.

How much of this debt the prisoner could realistically pay is an unknown, but any part, large or small, would give us taxpayers a break in the spiraling cost of crime. It's time crime cost the criminal—literally.

—Mark Hinkle
San Jose

Libertarian Looks at "True" Conservative

I have just finished reading an article on "true" conservatives and pseudo-conservatives written by one John B. Anderson, which appeared in a recent issue of the *Mercury News*. I also have on hand the current platform of the Libertarian Party of California. Some interesting comparisons:

Anderson: Real conservatives believe that special subsidies are inappropriate and hinder the operation of the free-market system.

Libertarian: In order to achieve a free economy in which government victimizes no one for the benefit of anyone else, we oppose all government subsidies.

Anderson: Real conservatives believe that businesses releasing hazardous products or materials into the environment should bear the legal responsibility. . .

Libertarian: Physical harm to health or property by pollution is as real as harm due to assault or theft and must be dealt with through objective legal procedures.

Anderson: True conservatives believe that the price of energy should be deregulated and that the various forms. . . should be allowed to compete fairly in the marketplace.

Libertarian: All forms of energy should be free to compete on the market without subsidy or artificial props or impediments.

Anderson: True conservatives believe that the federal government should not construct uneconomical and expensive public works. . .

Libertarian: Government-operated or supported monopolies (public works) abridge individual rights to free trade and should be abolished.

Now that we know Anderson ripped off the ideas of the Libertarians to create his fictional "true" conservative, we only have to ask ourselves why. The answer, I believe, is fairly obvious. John B. Anderson was hot stuff a month ago, but now his one-shot supporters have evaporated, and he is simply a man without a party. He sees the Libertarian Party. He wants in. So he has to change his image, bit by bit, so that it will appear that he has always been in sympathy with the Libertarian Party's ideology.

It won't work, John. Libertarians aren't that naive, and if you try to buddy-buddy up to them, they'll simply toss you out the door and make sure you don't bounce twice.

—T.F. Falcon
Sunnyvale

State Child-Care Rules Force Regimentation

I am trying to change a state regulation for day-care centers which provides that children under the age of 6 must be housed in separate rooms according to their chronological age: zero to 8 months, 8 to 15 months, 15 to 24 months, and 24 months to 6 years of age. The person in charge of policing my child's day-care center insists there is no way to obtain an exception to this rule for the age group between 15 and 24 months and the 24 months to 6 years group.

If a child is below average in development, he is forced to be ahead of himself even though he cannot; if he is above average he is forced always to wait until the other children catch up. Can't we let our children be who they are instead of constantly pushing or pulling them to be average?

Furthermore, I am the parent, not the state. The state should not have the power to dictate how I raise my child. I am not referring to the protective laws that try to stop child abuse; I am talking about a basic philosophical and practical difference in how I want my child raised.

I believe that this law is unconstitutional. It limits my legal options for determining how I raise and educate my child even though my choices are much more concerned with who he is as an individual and how he can fully develop emotionally, intellectually, socially and morally.

I much prefer a day-care center (and school, in later years) that groups children by their developmental age as opposed to their chronological age. Also, I think it is reasonable to allow children to be ahead in some areas and behind in others; most of us do not excel evenly across the spectrum of knowledge and ability.

Each individual has his own unique and special talents, abilities, and limitations; let's not hinder our children's growth.

—Laura E. Lahti
San Jose

Journalists Ignore Candidates With Ideas

In your Sept. 5 editorial, you ask "Where are the giants?"

With blinders firmly affixed, you look only at Republicans and Democrats. I ask you: Would a giant join the Republicans or the Democrats today?

Where would a giant be welcome? Not in the major parties, not among the established politicians where being careful not to rock the boat is the greatest virtue. Not among the captains of industry or labor who sing songs of protectionism and defeat. And least of all among those rebels against authority who seek only to tear down and destroy.

I would seek giants among optimists and among builders, among artists and dreamers, but primarily among doers. And I would expect giants to be big enough not to be threatened either by competition or by what others do in the privacy of their own homes. In short, I would seek giants among the Libertarians.

—Ray Strong
San Jose

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more professional than others; there's no *guarantee* that private service will be better.

All things considered, though, given privatization's general record of better performance and lower cost, it would be foolish indeed to exclude policing from the list of services open to the private sector.

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FOREIGN POLICY, NATIONAL SECURITY & ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Thursday, February 5. 3:30 p.m.

Leonard Liggio, a historian with the Institute for Humane Studies in Menlo Park, will lecture on "World War II and the Cold War." He will discuss the Taft-Hoover mainstream Republican critique of liberal interventionism in WWII and the Cold War, and the laissez faire foundations for a non-interventionist foreign policy. Location: Stanford University, Terman Engineering Building, Room 101. Sponsor: The Decisions and Ethics Center of the Department of Engineering-Economics Systems at Stanford. Information Phone: Scott Olmsted at 415/497-1767 or 415/856-0766.

GALATIANS FELLOWSHIP: BAY AREA

Saturday, February 7. 1:30 p.m.

Evangelical and Libertarian fellowship will meet at the home of George Schumer. The next meeting will be March 22nd in Sunnyvale. Information phone: Ross Parlette at 408/739-5614.

CALIFORNIA LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL AND LIBERTARIAN PARTY/CONVENTION '81— A LIBERTARIAN CONVENTION OF IDEAS.

Friday, February 13 through Monday, February 16.

The California Libertarian Council & Libertarian Party will hold its eighth annual convention in San Diego. For a brochure giving all the details write to: San Diego Convention Committee, 3808 Rosecrans St. #265, San Diego, CA 92110. Information phone: 714/223-3313.

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Leonard Liggio will lecture on "The Contemporary Problem." He will discuss The Great Powers Interventionism—Vietnam and Afghanistan. See the February 5 lecture entry for additional details.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 19. 8:00 p.m.

Mike Watson, owner of The Survival Store in Sunnyvale, will be speaking on Food Storage and Emergency Preparedness in the '80s. REPEAT LOCATION: Second Floor Meeting Room of the Co-op Grocery Store in the Fremont Corners Shopping Center at the corner of Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road and Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. For more details about the speaker or location phone 408/CRY-FREE.

SLOUCHING TOWARD CONSCRIPTION

Tuesday, February 24. 7:30 p.m.

Thomas G. Moore, long-time libertarian and director of domestic studies at Stanford's Hoover Institute, will be the featured speaker at the February 24 meeting of People Against the Draft at the First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper, Palo Alto at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Moore, who has long been involved in antidraft activities was a participant in the Reagan transition and has a direct line into the new administration. Also on the program will be a report from the national antidraft conference which was held February 13-16 in Detroit.

LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, March 7. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning, to staff our permanent information and merchandise booth at the DeAnza Flea Market in Cupertino. Help raise money to support 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 brought to the flea market. Location: DeAnza College Parking Lot C, Stevens Creek Blvd. and Stelling Road in Cupertino. For more information or to volunteer call Dante or Lory DeAmicis at 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, 184 North Sunnyvale Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

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