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LPSCC JOINS WITH MONTEREY LP IN COURTING HUNDREDS OF JSA TEENS

Monterey VC Larry Samuels Upstages Green Party With Impressive Booth Setup

Reported by Marv Rudin

Led by Monterey County LP Vice Chair Larry Samuels, a contingent of 6 LP members from both the Monterey and Santa Clara regions passed out hundreds of flyers and Libertarian quiz cards and explained Libertarian principles to highly interested high school students at the Santa Clara Marriott. The students, who belong to the Junior Statesmen of America chapters from all over Northern and Central California, were holding their regular Fall meeting which takes place on a weekend in November every year, usually at the SC Marriott.



Ray Strong quizzing teen at OPH Booth



Larry Samuels & Mark Orzech

Manning a very impressive booth & table setup provided by Samuels, who said the OPH setup had been recently acquired by Richard Lundquist of the Monterey LP, were Chair Ray Strong, Bill Smith, Treasurer Jon Hugdahl, and David Scott from the local party, and Samuels and Mark Orzech from Monterey. The Libertarian presentation area took up nearly the whole north wall of a fairly large room. With its OPH (Operation Politically Homeless) booth on the left, two tables in the middle, and a Wall of Shame anti-drug-war display at the right, it totally upstaged the Green Party table on the East side of the room, manned by just one rep. Samuels said this was the first year for JSA to have full literature boothing because he proposed it last year, and the lady in charge liked the idea.

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Although many more students filled out the quiz or took away a copy to fill out later, less than 100 of them left their names and contact information. Ray Strong, who was administering the quiz while your reporter was there said "the rate of JSA students scoring Libertarian was comparable to those we've seen at the SC County Fair - about equal to those scoring liberal, and higher than those scoring conservative." He apparently felt this was surprising, as years of public school brainwashing would be expected to tend to turn out mostly liberals.

JSA is made up of students with an interest in politics, so it's not surprising that they eagerly took our literature. I had about 40 LIFE (Libertarians Informing Folks Efficiently) cards in my breast pocket and when I outreached them to students in the hall or passing by in the lobby, I didn't get a single refusal (it's more like 50% with the general public)!! Samuels said "About 700 pieces were distributed either directly or left on seats at lectures. The students were eager to take our material and learn about libertarianism. This was a perfect opportunity to make inroads with these bright and politically active students." There will be another opportunity to proselyte JSAers for the LP at the Spring meeting April of next year, also to be held at the Marriott, that judging from the huge success last month, the LPSCC should plan to capitalize on. In addition, JSA members at local high schools may be perfect contacts for getting our speakers opportunities to address civics classes. ■



David Scott disseminating LP wisdom to interested JSA girl



Interested JSA teens at LP tables

NINE CANDIDATES QUALIFY FOR 2002 BALLOT

Four From LPSCC And Nine Total Will Run For Partisan Offices In 2002 SCC Elections

by Marv Rudin

Much LPSCC activity has been devoted to final recruiting of candidates for partisan offices and funding, designing, preparing and mailing petition signature request mailers to help the candidates qualify for the ballot without the huge task of personally visiting registered Libertarians to request their signatures.

The recruiting resulted in LPSCC candidates (shown shown underlined in blue on table at right) lined up for 3 offices out of 5 available for districts having most of their voters in Santa Clara County, and 1 candidate - Elizabeth Brierly - running for board of equalization district 1, which is huge, covering the California coast from San Luis Obispo north, including the full Bay Area, and containing 8+ million people - 1/4 of California's population.

The signed petitions response to the mailer for some districts of our county was a disappointment, falling substantially short of what was needed and expected based on previous petition mailer results here and in the San Diego and San Mateo regions.

office	candidate	# mail sigs	other sigs	other county	# req	% in scc	\$ needed
BE 1	<u>ELIZABETH BRIERLY</u>	86	29	47	150	*	None
SD 10	ERVAN DARNELL	15	155		150	*	None
CD 11	Craig White	0	0	0	148	9%	131
CD 14	ANDREW CARVER	89		86	150	*	None
CD 15	<u>JEFF LANDAUER</u>	95	11		150	100%	459
CD 16	<u>DENNIS UMPHRESS</u>	45	60		150	100%	410
AD 20	KEITH LYON	8	151		94	*	None
AD 21	RAYMOND BELL	48	27	69	117	*	None
AD 22	<u>KENNITA WATSON</u>	82	11		117	100%	296
AD 24	<u>ZANDER COLLIER</u>	0	10		117	100%	658
AD 27	GORDON SACTJTEN	8	150		117	*	None

Five Libertarians From Adjoining LP Regions Running In Districts With A Portion in SCC Add To Our Candidates Making It Nine Libertarians To Be On Some Or All Of SCC Ballots

Assuming they get their petitions signed or in lieu fees in on time, LPSCC members running for office will be Brierly for Board of Equalization, Jeff Landauer (15th District) and Dennis Umphress (16th District) for U.S. Congress, and Kennita Watson (22nd District) for state Assembly. Non LPSCC Libertarians running will be Andrew Carver (14th District) for U.S. Congress, Ervan Darnell (10th District) for state Senate, and Keith Lyon (District 20), Ray Bell (District 21), and Gordon Sachtjen (District 27) for state Assembly

Petition Signature Request Mailer Takes Big Effort; But Results Are Short Of Expectation

The important prerequisites to the 2002 election campaign - candidate recruiting and petition mailer - were organized and managed by Chair Ray Strong and Vice Chair Joe Dehn with major help from several people - Fund Raising Chair Frank Groffie, who created the solicitation letter and organized bulk mail prep (a daunting task), ex Newsletter Chair Jascha Lee, who printed them (another big task), Secretary Dennis Umphress, who designed and got approval for a one page petition (unfortunately too late for this mailer), and Larry Felber, who helped

collect and submit candidate petitions. It is not altogether surprising that the Chair and his lieutenant, the Vice Chair would take this on, not only because it's an important function of a political party, but because Chair Ray Strong, who as campaign Chair for the past 3 years became very conversant with the latest election requirements (excepting the wild card posed by the recent redistricting by the state). But surprisingly the current Campaign Chair, to whom this function would normally fall, did little if anything to help, let alone lead the effort.



Petition mailer gang, with Tom Parks (back to camera), Theron Pogue, Kennita Watson, Jeff Landauer in foreground

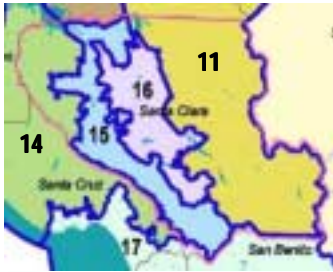


The petition mailer gang, with dynamic duo Travis Jones and Zander Collier seated in foreground

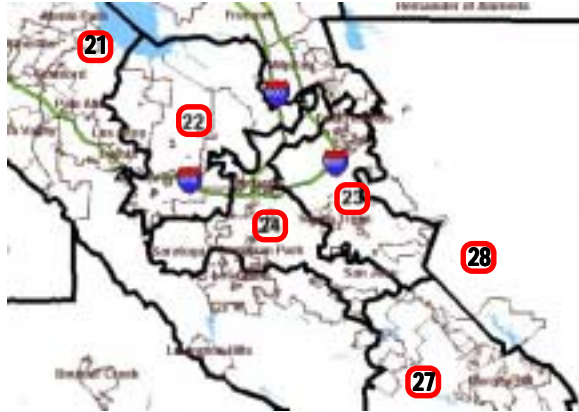
The preparation of the mailer was a huge task requiring many volunteers, not only to fold and insert the letter into envelopes, but also to segregate each candidate's petitions to correspond

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Editor's Note:
To satisfy the 14 days notice of the annual meeting our bylaws require, this Nov. issue has been printed and mailed and the Dec. issue will be web-only. This deviates from the announced schedule of printing only Dec., Mar., Jun., Sept. at end of those months. Because of the use of the SCL News for meeting notices, the future printed issue schedule should be end of Feb., May, Aug., Nov., for meetings in Apr., Jul., Oct., Jan..



U.S. Congressional Districts all or partially in SCC (SCC outlined in red)



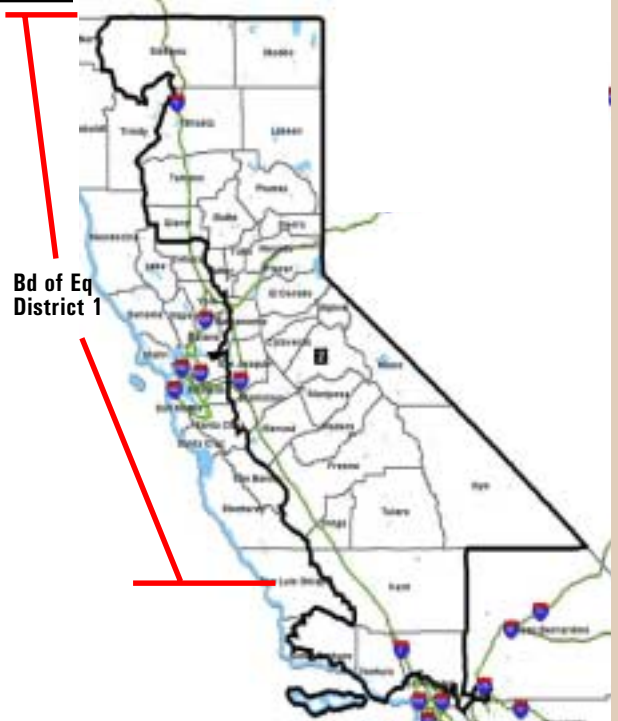
CA Assembly Districts all or partially in SCC - district numbers encircled in red



CA Senate Districts all or partially in SCC. Elections are for 4 years with half each 2 years; just one SCC district, 10, is up this year.

to the applicable district for his candidacy. Half of the October Excom meeting time was truncated to allow time for prepping the petition mailers. Performing the task were the following candidates, Excom members, or volunteers: Ray Strong, Joe Dehn, Dennis Umphress, Jon Hugdahl, Zander Collier, Frank Groffie, John Webster, Mark Hinkle, Travis Jones, Larry Felber, Jeff Landauer, Jascha Lee (who delivered the letters, which he printed), Tom Parks, Kennita Watson, Elizabeth Brierly, Theron Pogue and Gordon Sachtjen.

Candidate fees may be needed because of disappointing mailer response. The mailer was for gathering signatures typically worth between \$8 and \$10 each to save candidates the more arduous conventional method of calling and visiting registered Libertarians willing to sign their petitions. The latter process also sometimes got new registrations from housemates and dues paying membership applications. The mailer also attempted to do the latter plus it asked for donations. At press time (Dec. 7) the estimated results of the petition mailer and mailers by other counties plus direct petitioning, and the shortfall that must be made up by payment of a specific amount that differs for different offices, are given by the table on page 2. The right column shows the dollar amounts needed. Four out of the 5 LPSCC candidates (shown underlined in blue) have shortfalls, no doubt because they were relying on the mailer process. Brierly's district is so large that the 150 signatures could be acquired in other counties. Zander Collier, shown as a 5th LPSCC candidate, will not run because of the \$658 needed. Dennis Umphress waged a successful phone campaign to get Libertarians to return their petition mailers, and so now needs less of a payment, but he said some of his petitions were rejected because he printed the signer's name!! Isn't red tape mind boggling.



2002 LPSCC OFFICER ELECTIONS JANUARY 10TH IN CUPERTINO

by Marv Rudin, Newsletter Chair

You can run for LPSCC officer positions at the upcoming annual meeting Jan. 10th (see announcement on outside cover). Who will run is a mystery. No one has yet announced.

Readers with an interest in advancing the cause of freedom via the Libertarian Party are invited to throw their hat into the ring. Just call or write me (see pg. 9 for contact info) and I'll explain what's needed and if you want to run, I'll include you in a candidates for LPSCC party offices article in the January 2002 issue. Also, look at my proposed by law changes on pg. 5 for functions needed.

Especially needed are people with marketing and advertising and public relations skills, as reaching more of the public with limited resources is the party's biggest challenge. The challenge is even bigger now that two of our more active Excom members, Local Organizing Chair Travis Jones (see Oct. Issue of SCL News) and Membership Chair Tony Stemberger have resigned.

Proposed Bylaw Changes I (Proposed by Ray Strong)

For our January Convention the following Bylaw changes are proposed Deleted text is in red strike-through, new text is in blue italics. Proposed changes are in dark green and numbered. (Editor note: All sections in Changes I are from the Bylaws)

Editors Note:
These proposed bylaw changes will be voted at the LPSCC annual meeting (see announcement on cover - this issue). They are given here because the Bylaws say that members must be notified of proposed changes in advance of the meeting. By bringing a copy to the meeting you will facilitate your understanding of the voting.

Change 1: Article IV - Executive Committee Section 2. Transaction of Business

The Executive Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by mail, by voting on questions submitted to them by ~~or with the approval of the Chair~~ any member of the Executive Committee. Two weeks shall be allowed for the return of the votes thereon by mail to the Party Secretary. If, at the expiration of the applicable period, the quorum of the Executive Committee have not returned their votes, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed; in all other cases, a majority of the votes returned shall carry the measure except where a higher vote is required by the Constitution or By-laws. The Secretary must preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, at which meeting the Executive Committee shall order the disposition of such votes.

Change 2: Article VIII - Central Committee Meetings Section 2.

5% of the voting central committee members or 15 central committee members, whichever is greater, shall constitute a quorum for any official business Meeting. Meetings at which amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, or Meeting Rules are to be voted on require a 10% quorum of the voting central committee members. For purposes of determining a quorum for a particular meeting, the number of voting central committee members shall be the number of central committee members qualified to vote reduced by the number of otherwise qualified central committee members who have notified the Secretary in writing that they will not be voting at the meeting in question.

Change 3: Section 4.

The central committee may exercise any authority granted to the Executive Committee by these Bylaws.

Change 4: Article XIII - Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order as newly revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution, By-laws, or Rules of the Party. Occurrences of the words "mail," "written," or "in writing" in the By-laws or Rules shall be interpreted to include email within their meaning.

Proposed Constitution & Bylaw Changes II (Proposed by Marv Rudin)

These proposed changes use {} bracket red for deletions and underlined blue for additions and are numbered in green.

Constitution of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

Article III - Central Committee

The county central committee (hereinafter referred to as "central committee") shall consist of those individuals who qualify as a member of central committees under the Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of California (LPC), who live in Santa Clara County or choose to affiliate with the Santa Clara County region in accordance with the Bylaws of the LPC, and who are not members of any other county central committee **1 within or outside of California.**

Article IV - Organization Section 3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Party shall be composed of the following:

- The **2 {elected}** officers of the Party.
- The chair of each Working Committee who is approved at a meeting of the central committee.
- The Party's representatives to the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California.

By-Laws of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

Article I - Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Party is to conduct the following activities consistent with the Statement of Principles:

- Disseminating Libertarian political philosophy by **3 {entering into political information activities} 4 all legal means possible.**
- Nominating and supporting **5 Libertarian** candidates for political offices.
- Promoting and coordinating the activities of local units.
- 6 d. Supporting state and national Libertarian Party candidates.**
- 7 d.. Promoting and coordinating affiliated Libertarian clubs and organizations at schools and colleges.**

Article III - Elected Officers Section 2. Chair

The Chair shall preside **8 or delegate a CC member of his choice to preside over {at}** all central committee meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He or she shall **9 {be the chief executive officer of the Party} 10 manage and coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee members and any other CC members or any non-CC members doing party business.**

Section 3. Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair shall **11 {act as assistant to} assist** the Chair **12 by doing administrative and other assignments as requested, including chairing meetings,** and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of his or her office.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party, **13, and as such shall keep and maintain all party documents and records including standing resolutions and business transaction records and agreements.**

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive, expend, **14 invest, borrow** and account for the funds of the Party under **15 an accrual accounting system and a budget approved by** the **16 {supervision and direction of the Chair and} Executive Committee.**

Section 6. Membership Chair

The Membership Chair shall be responsible for activities to maintain and increase Party and central committee membership. **17** He or she shall recruit managers as needed to test or to regularly oversee projects and programs to add registered LP voters and CC members, such as (a) Mailing packets to inquirers; (b) Party phone answering; (c) Booths/tables at public places.

Section 7. **18** {Publicity Chair} Public Communications Director

The {Publicity Chair} Public Communications Director shall be responsible for the dissemination of information about the Party to the media and the public. **19** He or she shall recruit managers to operate publicity programs such as: (a) Letters and articles to editors; (b) Talk show call-ins and appearances; (c) Booths/table posters and flyers; (d) News announcements; (e) Presentation of prizes and awards; (f) Paid advertising of various kinds; (g) Party web sites; (h) Member handout cards; (I) Yard and car signs; (m) Signed clothing & caps.

Section 8. Newsletter Chair

The Newsletter Chair shall be responsible for publication of a newsletter and a news web site with email notifications for dissemination of information about the Party to the members.

Section 9. Campaigns Chair

The Campaigns Chair shall be responsible for coordinating candidate **20** and ballot argument writers recruitment, training, and support, **21** and, in conjunction with the Fund Raising and Membership Chairs, for petition mailers to registered Libertarians.

Section 10. Fundraising Chair

The Fundraising Chair shall be responsible for **22** {coordinating} managing fund solicitations by mail or phone and fundraising **23** {activities} events.

Section 11. Activities Chair

The Activities Chair shall be responsible for coordinating activities **24** {intended to involve} that entertain, motivate, and inspire members, **25** and with the Fund Raising Chair, solicit donations.

Article IV - Executive Committee

Section 1. Meeting Notification

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as may be determined by **26** {action of the Committee, by} call of the Chair, or by the written request of one-third or more of the members of the Executive Committee. A written or verbal notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given to each member of the Executive Committee not less than 3 days prior to said meeting **27** unless two thirds of its members agree in writing to a shorter notice... A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

Section 2. Transaction of Business

The Executive Committee may, without meeting together, transact business by **28** U.S. mail, or email, by voting on questions submitted to them by or with the approval of the Chair. **29** {Two weeks} **30** One week shall be allowed for the return of the votes thereon by mail to the Party Secretary. If, at the expiration of the applicable period, the quorum of the Executive Committee have not returned their votes, the measure being voted upon shall be deemed to have failed; in all other cases, a majority of the votes returned shall carry the measure except where a higher vote is required by the Constitution or By-laws. **31** {The Secretary must preserve all such votes until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, at which meeting the Executive Committee shall order the disposition of such votes.}

Article VI - Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

There shall be the following Standing Committees **32** and the listed sub-function managers who may be untitled volunteers, or appointed working committee chairs, depending on the scope of their activities.

Membership **33**

Administration

Growth Programs and Projects

{Publicity} Public Communications **34**

Radio/TV-TalkShows

Printed Publications

Booths/tables & Signs

Cards/flyers Programs and Projects

{Newsletter} Internal Communications **35**

Editor

Paper publication & distribution

Internet publication & distribution

Campaigns **36**

Candidates

Ballot Arguments

Fundraising **37**

Mailers

Phone campaigns

Events

Activities **38**

Regular social & recreational

Events

Section 2. Working Committees

The Executive Committee shall establish such Working Committees as it deems appropriate and shall appoint a chair for each committee. **39** {Working Committees shall exist at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.} **40** Heads of working committees may be given titles befitting their function, such as (function) Manager and (function) Specialist.

Article VIII - Central Committee Meetings Section 3.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for setting the time and place of all meetings. A minimum of 2 weeks notice shall be provided to the central committee membership **41** before **42** {concerning} any meeting. **43** unless it sets a time and place, for regular meetings which is published in the newsletter.

Article IX - Finances and Accounting Section 2.

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OUTREACH

Stories about local Libertarians publicizing and growing the party

AUDACITY PROJECT WILL TRUMPET LP CANDIDATES AND PRINCIPLES ON COUNTY STREETS/PARKS

by Marv Rudin

Late breaking development:

On Dec.2, the LPSCC Excom has authorized a budget of \$500 for the AudacityProject

One positive outcome of the October 20th dinner at Original Joe's in lieu of a full central committee meeting is a new project dubbed Project Audacity by its creator Alan Folmsbee. At the dinner, newcomer Alan told his adjoining diner, Hiram Pierce that he owns a 1000 watt Public Address system that could be mounted and powered on the back of a truck for political outreach. Hiram told him your reporter is highly interested in seeing more LPSCC outreach, and got us together out on the sidewalk after dinner to discuss it. I said his powerful audio system could be used to get attention, but we should have a visual message as well to make a lasting impact on the public. He agreed and the project was born. I agreed to manage the project and Alan volunteered to help.



Alan Folmsbee with mics in both hands demoing his system to reporter

The adjoining pictures show Alan with parts of his system at his Sunnyvale apartment, and a conceptual graphic of a rental moving van with Libertarian signs attached. The exact type of sign and the method of attachment need to be determined before we can make a trial run, hopefully during the Christmas shopping period someplace in the county where sidewalks are full. If the reader has suggestions please email or call me (rudin@lpty.org, 408-736-5626). The rental vans have either wooden or aluminum housings, so magnetic signage won't work on them. We may try a large panel truck using such signs. The author has been researching outdoor wrap around banner signage to use on moving vans.



We plan to have a driver and a speaker - either a candidate or party spokesman - with a mic in the right front seat, probably with recorded background music to use while the speaker is resting. Probably the truck will be used mostly for motoring around on streets or mall lots with many pedestrians. But it also may be parked in an open area at a field or lot where a crowd happens to be gathered, such as at a park, and our candidates and party representatives can do stand up speaking and interaction with the audience from the back of the van. One-day rental of moving vans is inexpensive - Ryder asks just \$19.95 plus gas. Folmsbee has a gas powered generator to power the system, a 1000W audio amplifier, preamps and control console, and speakers capable of handling close to the 1000W

power available. We hope to mount the mid-range and tweeter speakers atop the truck. Any advice on how to do this easily and quickly for one-day use would be appreciated.

Alan Folmsbee, is an engineer at Sun Microsystems. He has the audio system because he is a part time musician (drummer). He once led a band called "Keeper" in Connecticut, and lived in Hawaii and Germany before coming to Silicon Valley. He first registered Libertarian in 1992.

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The {Executive Committee} Treasurer shall cause an {efficient} accrual system of accounts to be installed and maintained.

Section 3.

All disbursements exceeding \$20 shall be made solely by check.

Section 4.

Both Treasurer and Chair shall have signing power and jointly shall have power to establish new or transfer existing Party bank accounts.

Article X - Endorsements Section 3.

If a measure, other than a statewide measure, is placed on the ballot within 45 days of the deadline for submission of ballot arguments, the Executive Committee may, by a three-fourths vote, take a position on that measure on behalf of the Party in order to allow an argument to be submitted by the Party or by one or more Party officers using their Party titles. {This position shall be effective only upon actual submission of such an argument to the appropriate election official prior to the deadline.}

Article III - Voting Procedure

Voting on elections and nominations will {normally} be by written ballot or roll call vote, unless a race is uncontested, in which case a voice vote or show of hands may be used.

WALK FOR CAPITALISM!!

Libertarians And Objectivists Take Advocacy Of Free Markets Without Government Interference To San Jose's Streets

Reported by Marv Rudin

Eleven Libertarians, including two San Franciscans joined with about forty local objectivists who gathered in San Jose under the direction of organizer, and FreeNation TV producer, Logan Darrow to participate in the worldwide Walk For Capitalism sponsored by the Prodos Foundation of Australia.

Libertarian supporters of liberty and the free market in a Walk for Capitalism met on Sunday, December 2, 2001, outside the Tech Museum of Innovation, on South Market, at noon. There were speeches extolling the virtues of capitalism: innovation, profit making and free trade, from an ethical perspective; presentation of the "John Galt Award" to T.J. Rogers as the person who has offered the best and most emphatic defense of capitalism in public forums; a 2.1 mile walk carrying signs in support of capitalism and American flags from the Tech Museum of Innovation to the SJ City Hall; a reading of grievances aloud and an affixing of them to the front door of City Hall; and a post walk party was held at the Gordon Biersch restaurant on East San Fernando.

Attending from the LPSCC were Ray Strong, Joe Dehn, Alan Furman, Mark Hinkle Lenora Kaposhilin, Jeff Landauer, David Anderson, Joseph Rowlands, and your reporter., and from the SFLP, Starchild and Ira Victor. Starchild, Ex-Chair, and now Outreach Committee Chair of the LPSE, wrote a colorful account to send out for web distribution from which the following excerpts well describe the event:



Big crowd gathered near SJ Terchnology Miseum for Walk For Capitalism

Despite cold, rainy weather, we had successful walks in San Francisco and San Jose, California. The San Francisco walk was small — only 6 of us walking. SF coordinator David Rhodes had decided to merge with the larger and better-organized San Jose effort rather than trying to totally do our own thing. Nevertheless, we did have a small event in SF for the record. We met at a coffee shop near Golden Gate Park on Haight Street in the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood, one of the most liberal (leftist) communities in the United States. The girl behind the counter asked me in puzzlement, "You're walking FOR capitalism?" I briefly explained the positive nature of economic freedom, and that it is not the same thing as materialism, consumerism, or big business. She seemed genuinely surprised rather than hostile. The weather was cold and threatening rain,



LPSCC members Rowland, Anderson, & Landauer amidst crowd raptly listening to Logan Darrow

We arrived in San Jose about half an hour after the scheduled assembly time (1130am?), and a good crowd of about 50 people had gathered. I noticed a lot of familiar Libertarian faces, primarily San Jose area folks; many of the other folks present seemed to be Objectivists. The set up was fairly impressive, thanks to the San Jose coordinator, Logan, who reportedly spent about \$850 renting equipment and hiring a security guard and a pair of videographers to capture the event on film. There was a platform with a solid metal podium, microphone, speakers, and a 7-foot-tall model of the World Trade Center towers. People brought a ton of nicely-lettered signs and a big white-on-black banner reading "No More Socialism."! Logan and a guy named Carl from the Independent Institute, a free market think tank in Oakland, spoke. Logan presented an award in the form of a nice plaque to T.J. Rodgers, the very pro-capitalist CEO of Cypress Semiconductors. T.J. didn't show up, but Logan promised to send it to him via private courier.

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After helping Logan and some others pack up all the equipment, the group David and I were with headed over to Gordon Biersch, a large beer pub and restaurant, where people were congregating. We had a fascinating conversation about the proper role of government with a Dutch anarchist named Rob and some Objectivists (I'm somewhere in between, but arguing for less nationalism found myself siding with Rob.) For all our size and organization, we didn't get any media coverage that I'm aware of, but it was very inspirational. Everybody seemed to have a lot of fun. I can't wait to do it again, next time even bigger and in a location with more visibility! Power to the people!" ■

OPINIONS

Share your thoughts on making our party more successful and advancing the individual freedom with responsibility movement

WHAT IS LIBERTARIAN POSITION ON W.O.T.?

by the Editor



Marvin B. Rudin, Editor

The War on Terrorism launched by George Bush in response to the 9/11 attack is perhaps the most difficult application imaginable for using Libertarian principles to decide what is the right thing to do. Because the terrorists are neither individualists nor representatives of a nation, but are an international affiliation of individuals dedicated to a deadly cause for which many of them appear to be willing to suicide to take the lives of innocents, the Libertarian platforms may not contain a plank that effectively provides adequate protection against such a threat. The National LP issued an announcement supporting the WOT in Afghanistan, with the qualification that innocent civilians not be harmed. Harry Browne and others say we should not make war but rather stick to police action and Letters of Marque and Reprisal as provided for in the Constitution. Some heated arguments have developed on party eboards about this currently all consuming issue. LPSCC Chair, Ray Strong wrote his opinion in a speech he prepared but was unable to give at our ill-fated Oct. 20 meeting. The full text may be read on the web by clicking on <http://www.lpty.org/scnews/2001oct/StrongSp.html>. Ray said regarding the purpose of his speech: "This time of war is a critical time for our party. Our resolve and persistence will be tested. Our ability to work with the emotional reaction to terror will be tested. Most of all, our ability to present a credibly relevant message will be tested."

The salient points contained in his speech are:

- a) We must not allow the 9/11 attack to cause us to think unclearly and abandon our Libertarian principles by accepting that screeners will be better by becoming government employees;
- b) The terror attacks would have come regardless of government policies, although the latter aggravate what is really a conflict of cultures - the west's for free markets, tolerance, and life, the Islamic militants' for closed societies, intolerance, and death;
- c) To avoid future hijackings, pilots should be armed, and to avoid terrorism generally all people should be able to be armed;
- d) Don't close borders and adversely affect trade and tourism; instead use technology to identify and track visitors;
- e) Don't raise taxes to pay for the war; instead cut other (unlibertarian) expenditures;
- f) Trading freedom for security is a false myth foisted on us by people who want to control us.

Two opinions epitomizing the dichotomy between Libertarians on this issue of how to deal with the terrorist threat were argued on the LPC eboard in October as follows:

1. The U.S. goal HAS to be to make it clear to enemy nations (nations that harbor and encourage anti-U.S. terrorist camps, training, funding, etc.) that the danger to their existence is too great to continue such policies.
2. "The problem with military policies that "send messages" ("make it clear") is that they just don't work. Did the Blitz convince England to give up in WWII? Did bombing Germany cause that country to give up? Did the war on the American colonies convince the founding fathers to give up? Ditto the war against Vietnamese independence. Ditto our 10 year bombing campaign in Iraq. Massive killing to "send messages" JUST DOESN'T WORK, especially when it comes to "true believers". Did the loss of the World Trade Center make any Americans less resolute in their beliefs?"

#2 is an excerpt from C. Schmidt of adjoining San Mateo County's response: ; his full opinion on the WOT, including how LPers should represent the party on this issue to outsiders, and that of several other Libertarians may be read on the web by clicking on <http://www.lpty.org/scnews/2001oct/WOTdisc.html>.

Although our SCL priority is on local issues the WOT and especially Homeland Defense aspect of it is both a national/international and a local issue, as terrorists can strike anywhere, and SF and Silicon Valley would probably be a prime target for future attack plans.



Ray Strong, Chair

Editor's Note:

Thank you for electing me newsletter chair for 2001. This year, at the end of each issue there is an opinion section with up to two pages of member notes and letters (including yours - please email so I don't need to type).

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