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San Diego Libertarian Party Newsletter



LIBERTARIAN SUPPER CLUB WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

OPEN FORUM (IN OTHER WORDS, I COULDN'T GET A SPEAKER)

Featuring the Rider for Governor TV commercial All of the invited speakers declined this month, and as I am running out of month, I've decided to do another "Open Forum." The last time we had this program was immediately after the election, a post-mortem kind of event.

This time will be before the election, when things look promising. And to kick off the event, you will probably be the first to see the Rider for Governor TV commercial which was just completed early in July.

For the rest of the evening, get ready to share your thoughts on the Libertarian Party and the sad state of affairs of our state and nation. Maybe someone will even think of something positive to say about the state of freedom. Plan on an informal, enlightening evening.

Join us at the King's Inn, 1333 Hotel Circle South in Mission Valley. No-host cocktails at 6:30 pm • Dinner at 7 pm • Program at 8 pm Dinner includes Chicken Cordon Blue, salad, rice, (and per LPSD bylaws) chocolate dessert, tea/coffee.

Price for the dinner is \$17 if you make reservation by July 17.

Later reservations or at the door are \$19 with the extra \$2 going to Victor, our long-suffering waiter who has just about had it with our under-counting dinners.

Or come for the program only for \$5. Reservations appreciated, but feel free to "just show up."

Please phone your reservation to Pat Wright at 497-1085

June 1994 California Liberty VOTERS REJECT BONDS & ENTRENCHED POLITICOS

Despite orchestrated pleas by the usual coalition of pork-barrel political hacks and education establishment bureaucrats, the voters saw the proposed raid on their pocket-books for what it was, and said "enough is enough."

Among those opposing the latest tax-and spend schemes were the Libertarian Party of California, the Orange County *Register* and a broad coalition of taxpayers' groups.

The case against the bond issues was made clearly and convincingly by Lawrence Goldberg, representing the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County, in a pair of editorials delivered on radio station KNX. These were broadcast several times during the days immediately prior to the balloting, and reached an estimated audience of as many as one million listeners.

Another sign that Golden State voters have had it with spiraling taxes and budgets is the surprisingly strong showing by dark horse challenger Ron Unz in the Republican gubernatorial primary. Unz received more than one third of the votes cast in his race against incumbent Pete Wilson, despite Unz's being a virtual unknown prior to entering the race.

Unz campaigned on a platform of cutting both taxes and spending, and spoke out strongly against the bond issues. After the primary, he declined to endorse Pete Wilson by name, stating instead that voters in the November election should support the candidate who most closely represents the traditional Republican commitment to limited government and lower taxes. Some reporters took this as an indirect reference to Libertarian Party candidate Richard Rider.

FACTOIDS

Internal Revenue documents include over 10,000 pages of regulations and some 200,000 pages of interpretations of the basic code.

California State General Fund spending has increased at a compound growth rate of almost 10% per year since 1960.

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JERRY BALISTRERI, CANDIDATE FOR THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Concert for Liberty,
Saturday, July 9
at the Spreckles Organ Pavilion, 4 to
6 pm featuring renowned pianist
Stanley Oliver

Libertarian Picnic & Auction, Saturday, July 16th at Doyles Park in La Jolla

Hike & Walk for Liberty, Saturday, August 13th.

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LIBERTARIAN FORUM
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Call Pat Wright (297-1085) if you want to help with the behind-the-camera work.

Phone Richard Rider (530-1776) with content ideas.

POLITIKS AS USUAL

compiled by Steve Currie

ADDICTS ON WELFARE

A Senate subcommittee reports that over 250,000 alcohol and drug addicts receive \$1.4 billion in Supplemental Social Security payments. This number has tripled in three years.

Salt Lake City Tribune 5/29/94

CONNECTICUT AS BAD AS CALIFORNIA

When does it not pay to earn an extra dollar? In Connecticut, the tax on the extra dollar between \$48,000 and \$48,001 is \$217. Competitive Enterprise Institute Newsletter

CONGRESS RATED LOWER THAN LAWYERS?

A survey of small business owners by the National Federation Independent Business reported that only 2 percent of small business owners gave Congress a high or good rating.

San Diego Union-Tribune

HEAD START WANTS STORE

In Baltimore, the Union Baptist Church wants to take a building owned by store owner Son Chan Pak. The Baltimore City Council is considering taking the store and demolishing it to make way for the Baptist Church's Head Start Day care center. A Rev. Vernon Dobson was quoted: "The city has a right to determine the use for that building." Son Chan's son David retorted "I don't know what chance we have, but I think there are things called property rights in this country."

Baltimore Sun 11/2/92 via Cato Policy Institute

DON'T TAKE THAT CONGRESS PERSON'S MONEY

When Luis Gutierrez wanted a bill that would freeze congressional salaries, he received a chilly reception. He reports that a committee chairman told him "Don't you ever introduce legislation that sticks your hand in my pocket." Maybe this should be our response to all tax increases.

60 Minutes 2/6/94

FACTOIDS (cont. from front page)

Unreimbursed Medi-Cal caseloads in California have increased from 31,600 in 1989 to 345,100 in 1993.

According to one report, at least 50 community college districts in California provide health insurance benefits to former trustees.

From Tax Talk published by the SD County Taxpayers Assn., 427 C Street, Ste. 311, SD 92101. 234-6423.

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STEVE GREEN

excerpts from *The Daily Californian*, Monday, June 27, 1994 By Paul Ybarrondo

SANTEE Steve Green, A certified public accountant known for his opposition to an unsuccessful 1993 school bond issue, has announced his candidacy for the Santee City Council.

Green, a self-designated "fiscal conservative," said too many candidates for public office label themselves as such while campaigning, but once in office their spending is anything but conservative.

"Many politicians claim to be fiscal conservatives, yet when it comes to their own back yard, they have a blind spot. We can elect public officials who don't just talk about being fiscal conservatives, but actually are." Green, 33, led the opposition to Proposition A, a proposed \$28 million city bond issue to build a new school and refurbish existing schools. The ballot measure was supported by school district officials, but was soundly defeated last June by Santee voters. The drubbing given to Position A discouraged the City Council from placing a similar \$28 million bond issue on the November 1993 ballot.

Green said his immediate goals if elected will be to turn over noncore government programs, such as parks and recreation, to private non-profit groups and to introduce competition in core service areas.

Green singled out the city's recent exclusive franchise agreement for trash service as an example of government overstepping its bounds. "No one I've talked to in Santee thinks the government should choose their trash company, yet that decision has been made for them," he said.

Green said the current City Council has made some progress in improving the city's business climate, but he said there are still some areas where the city could become more "business-friendly."

Green is a 10-year resident of Santee. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from San Diego State University, and has been a CPA since 1987.

The four-year terms of Council members Hal Ryan, Jim Bartell and Edith French are up in December. Replacements will be elected in November.

For more information on Libertarian Steve Green's campaign, call 562-8705



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MILITIA FORMED!

John Wallner, the 1992 Libertarian Candidate for Congress in the 49th District, is organizing the San Diego Militia.

We hope that by organizing the San Diego Militia, we can file actions in the Federal Courts which will provide the Second Amendment with teeth. After the Militia has been in existence for at least a year, some of our legal-eagles will file court cases requesting federal sanction under the Second Amendment. From there, we can incrementally restore our firearms rights. This approach is similar to that used by the NAACP in successfully defeating racial segregation.

The initial goals of the San Diego Militia are:

- Advocate a broad interpretation of the Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms;
- Provide low or no-cost firearms safety education to the public;
- To educate the public about firearms;
- To educate members on applicable firearms laws;
- To influence pending firearms legislation;
- To learn and practice military-style parade drill, and to perform in community parades and special functions;
- To promote safety and responsibility among gun owners;
- To serve our community.

The next meeting for the San Diego Militia is Tuesday, July 12, 1994, at 7 pm, at Joe's Restaurant (in the Best Western Hotel), at 3805 Murphy Canyon Rd., at Highway-15 & Aero Drive.

For more information, contact the San Diego Militia at 272-1789 during business hours (leave message), or write to: The San Diego Militia, P.O. Box 12361, La Jolla, Ca., 92039.



And that the said constitution be never construed to authorize congress . . . to prevent the people of the united States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.

Philadelphia Independent Gazetteer, Aug 20, 1789

A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercises, I advise the gun. While this gives moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise, and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball, and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind. Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walk.

Thomas Jefferson

Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the people's liberty teeth and keystone under people's independence . . . From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove that to ensure peace, security, and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable . . . The very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference--they deserve a place of honor with all that's good.

George Washington

CONSPIRACY TO CREATE FELONS

Beginning in July of 1992, the Drug Enforcement Administration mounted a campaign to destroy a small hydroponics store in Norcross, Georgia: Southern Lights and Hydroponics, Inc. Across the street from the store they rented an office from which they would operate their \$1,000,000 investigation. As many as six agents . . . kept the store under near-constant observation .

The campaign against Southern Lights was just one small part of a nation-wide campaign of terror to eradicate the indoor cultivation of marijuana. The DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) had determined to snuff out all hydroponics stores in the Country.

Sometime before July of 1992, drug agents had approached Gary Tucker, the owner of Southern Lights. They wanted to put cameras in his store to secretly film his customers. When he refused, they told him they would shut him down, but Gary was unafraid. He was operating within the law, and any customer who even mentioned marijuana was asked to leave.

Today, as he serves the first few days of his 16-year sentence he is beginning to understand JUSTICE. Gary Tucker, the Viet Nam Veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star, who is still married to his childhood sweetheart, who has lived in the same house for 20 years, and who didn't even own a BB gun, is a Federal felon. Further, his wife Joanne and his brother Steve took the fall as well. They were sentenced to 10 years each.

But it's important to understand that the Tuckers' convictions were for CONSPIRACY to manufacture marijuana – not manufacturing. You see, the Tuckers had no marijuana: none on their persons; none in their homes; none in their store. Nor did they have any drug paraphernalia. They were never caught selling drugs or buying drugs.

While the Tuckers spend the next decade in prison, murderers, rapists, and robbers will be released after a fraction of that time. In God's name, where are our priorities?

> Excerpts from an article by Nancy Lord, 1992 Vice-Presidential Candidate of the Libertarian Party and Attorney for the victims

Please send donations to:

The Tucker's Appeal Fund c/o Nancy Lord, M.D. 135 Walton Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303



Many thanks to J. C. Anderson for coordinating the Libertarian Booth at the Del Mar Fair this year. The next issue of *Liberty!* will be an "Outreach" issue to those who signed up at the fair.

We usually get enthusiastic responses to our booth. One such letter is on page 3.

LIBERTARIAN HIKE

HIKE - San Elijo Lagoon, Solana Beach Saturday, July 30, 1994 - 10:00 AM

We'll be hiking along the south shore of San Elijo Lagoon, about three or four miles in all, depending on how far we decide to go. This is an easy coastal hike for a midsummer day, and one that we haven't done before. The lagoon attracts lots of birds.

DIRECTIONS: From San Diego, take Interstate 5 north to Solana Beach and exit at Lomas Santa Fe Dr. Turn left, follow Lomas Santa Fe west about 0.8 miles and turn right on Rios Ave. Follow Rios Ave. north about 0.8 miles to its end. Park along the edge of the road.

The nominal starting time is 10:00 AM. I will be at the parking area by 9:45, and at 10:15 we will hit the trail.

There will be the usual optional meeting at an ice cream parlor after the hike. Wear sturdy shoes and suitable clothing and take water, lunch and sun protection. Take a camera if you wish. Please tell me if you plan to come; I'd like to know how many people to expect. Call or send E-mail if you have questions, or if you want to receive hike announcements by E-mail.

CONTACT: Philip Erdelsky, 282-8611, 75746.3411@compuserve.com.

Note: We haven't had injuries on our hikes, but the insanity of current liability decisions prompts the following: These hikes are not officially sponsored by any group or individual. No one assumes liability for anyone else. So don't roll in the poison oak, and don't drink from the lagoon!

June 19, 1994

I'd like to share with you part of a letter I sent to Bill Holmes, the Libertarian Candidate for Representative of the 51st District, after reading his literature among others:

As of Monday, June 20, I shall cease to be a Republican. I plan to change my political party to Libertarian. For years, I have advocated the proper honoring and respect of basic human rights that our current "Big Brother" government keeps infringing on and violating.

* * *

I picked up Libertarian literature from my visit to the Southern California Exposition (Del Mar Fair), and upon reading it came to the realization that this party stands for the convictions and principles that I have profoundly believed in throughout much of my life. As I see "Big Brother" whittling away at our personal rights and freedoms, bit by bit, and as I become increasingly dismayed and alarmed at the direction in which we are being, perhaps unwittingly, led, I have finally awakened to the reality that neither of the two major political parties that now run our country are truly representing or complying with the will of the people. They are ignoring the will of the people, and somehow have acquired the attitude that they are no longer accountable. Unfortunately, voters have brought this on themselves by electing candidates who are self-serving instead of citizen-serving. Heaven help us!

Sincerely, Jan Renfrow



Saturday, July 9, 4 - 6 PM

Concert for Liberty. At Spreckles Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park with Pianist Stanley Oliver Sponsor: Jerry Balistreri's campaign.

Monday, July 11, 7 PM (2nd Monday because of holiday) **Business Meeting of the SD Lib. Party**. At home of Richard Rider, 10969 Red Cedar, San Diego. 530-1776.

Tuesday, July 12, 7 PM San Diego Militia meets. See page 4.

Saturday, July 16

Libertarian Picnic & Auction

At Doyle's Park in La Jolla. Sponsor: Jerry Balistreri's campaign.

Tuesday, July 19, 6 to 9 PM

Libertarian TV Show Taping in El Cajon See front page.

Wednesday, July 20, Evening

Libertarian Supper Club. See front page.

Saturday, July 30, 10 AM

Libertarian Hike. See article on this page.

Monday, August 1, 7 PM

Business Meeting of the SD Lib. Party

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Saturday, August 13

Hike for Liberty. Sponsor Jerry Balistreri's campaign. See front page.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Liberty Toastmasters

Meets every Thursday, 6:15 pm at Coco's Restaurant on Balboa (2 Blocks East of Genesee).

Every Friday Evening, 9:00 PM

Lowell Ponte's libertarian talk show "Night Talk" KCEO radio, AM1000.

Monday thru Friday, 3 – 6 PM

Weissbach, libertarian talk show on KOGO radio. AM600.



JULY TOPIC: PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

For all of the personal mail that I send (perhaps a dozen letters per week, plus bills, perhaps 20/month - that's 60-70 a month total, I use the 29¢ stamp with the American Flag. I place the stamp upside-down - which is the symbol for distress, trouble, etc. If hundreds or thousands did it - many others would see it.

Jerry Mills

A SIGN OF THE TIMES

Dear friends;

I cannot begin to explain why some rules seem so insane. Forgive me this bad rhyme, I had so little time.

I was on a Mother's Day deadline: my patio was a go, yet I did not have the glow of a nuclear-powered sign of the exit kind. We've got one now. Do you? It's state of the art, it comes a la carte, it's sleek, very chic and not for the meek; it's nuclear-powered, it may even be flowered. Everyone should have one: I do!

So you say, "What's this all about?" The law is the law, there can be no flaw, so why do I seem so in doubt?

An exit sign I did have, and bright did it light the night. It was made of plastic, the cost wasn't drastic; for 20 bucks it was quite a sight.

Mother's Day on the patio was all I wanted, but the building inspector found a law I'd flaunted: "Exterior Rated" was flat-out required, and he said he'd be back when I had it wired.

I said to him (with a forced little smile)
My fingers have walked more than a mile,
I have called over ten different places
and spoken with even more empty faces
who all tell me "Exterior Rated" is tough;
I really don't want to come across gruff,
but that sign you're demanding is exceedingly rare I can't seem to find it anywhere,
yet I still have mothers who expect and need
(on their special day) a patio feed!

I guess an orphan he must have been, for he said to me with a Cheshire grin, "Try harder!", and I, with so little time, took off after the required sign.

Forward I went on a mission better spent, and spend I would, for my sign was procured (for a mere 200 bucks I was assured), and it now hangs proudly for all to see, while confused I hope you will not be:

For the glow of the wine serves to tell the tale of the glow of the sign that I wish said "For Sale".

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LIBERTARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

The libertarian movement is far larger than a mere political party. The Libertarian Party is only a small part of the libertarian movement in this country! There are libertarian think tanks, magazines, academic associations, environmental organizations, and political groups all around the world. Here are some of the larger organizations:

Advocates for Self-Government (Materials for activism. Free catalog) 3955 Pleasantdale Rd. #106A Atlanta GA 30340 (800-932-1776)

Cato Institute (libertarian think tank) 224 Second St. SE Washington DC 20003 (202-546-0200)

Foundation for Economic Education (publishes *Freeman*) Irvington-on-Hudson, NY 10533 (914-591-7230)

Foundation for Research on Economics & the Environment 4900 25th Ave NE Suite 201 Seattle WA 98105 (206-525-7264)

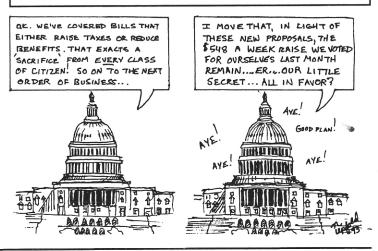
International Society for Individual Liberty (International publications/conferences. Free catalog) 1800 Market Street, San Francisco CA 94102 (415-864-0953)

Laissez-Faire Books (Wide selection of books, videos, etc. Free catalog.) 942 Howard St., San Francisco CA 94103 (800-326-0996)

Reason Foundation (publishes *Reason* Magazine) 3415 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Suite 400 Los Angeles CA 90034 (310-391-2245).

The superior freedom of the capitalist system, its superior justice, and its superior productivity are not three superiorities, but one. The justice follows from the freedom, and the productivity follows from the freedom and the justice.

Henry Hazlitt



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