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News Of Local Libertarians' Struggle To Save Freedom



ALL LP MEMBERS & GUESTS INVITED TO 2003 LIBERTARIAN STATE PARTY CONVENTION

Will Be On Presidents Day Weekend At Ontario Marriott On Outskirts Of Los Angeles

Reported by Marv Rudin

- o A Superior Court Judge who talks of ending the war on drugs;
- o A professor talking about terrorism and its impact on civil liberties;
- o A former State Senator talking of the cause of liberty;
- o A tax fighter discusses turning back the tide of taxes in California.



Former LPC Chair
Gail Lightfoot is
hosting Convention
as convention
contractor

These are just a few of the highlights of the 2003 LPC Convention. It is almost here. Feb. 14 to Feb. 17, 2003 at the Ontario Airport Marriott with its state of the art Conference Center and Lecture Hall. So – if you have not already done so – register now for the conference and hotel before events and rooms are sold out.

Here is what is planned for your enjoyment.

Friday, Feb 14, 2003

Join a Debate, er..., polite discussion of the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform and its effect on the Unified LP/LPC membership plan,

Geoff Neale, chair of the National Libertarian Party, will be the keynote speaker at the 2003 LPC convention to be held February 14 - 17 at the Ontario Airport Marriott Hotel. Neale was elected chair of the national Party last July in Indianapolis. Before his election as LP Chair, he served four terms on the National Committee, and as Chair of the Texas LP from 1998 - 2002. President of a software company, Neale makes his home in Houston, Texas. Prior to moving to Texas, Neale had been active in the California LP.



"Meet and Quiz" the candidates for LPC Officer and ExCom At-Large Reps, and enjoy the hotel Sports Bar Happy Hour, a movie in the movie room and top it off with suites set up by candidates, regions and/or special interest groups.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003

7 to 10 AM Buffet Breakfast

8 AM Keynote Speech by Geoff Neale

8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Communication Seminar presented by Larry

Robert Pinci

9 to 5 Program Committee meeting begins

12 to 5 Platform Committee meeting begins

Bylaws has not set a start time

12 to 2 Buffet Lunch

Karl Manheim, Loyola Law Professor

Combating Terrorism and the Impact on Civil Liberties

1:00 PM Panel Discussion with Ted Gunderson,

Former FBI Supervisor

All day: Dual tracks of Panels and Presentations

5:30 PM Forum in Lecture Hall

6 PM No Host bar

7 PM Banquet

7:30 PM Tom McClintock introduced by Sandi Webb

Tom McClintock, considered one of California's foremost spokesman on conservative fiscal policy and government waste, will be the banquet speaker on Saturday, February 15, during the LPC 2003 convention. McClintock has served 7 terms as a State Assemblyman and two terms as State Senator. As an Assemblyman, he jointly authored the Mello-Conditt-McClintock Tax Rebate Act which returned \$1.1 billion of tax over-collections to California taxpayers.



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Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, will be the speaker at the annual Sam Adams Luncheon at noon on Monday, February 17 at the Ontario Airport Marriott Hotel. The Sam Adams luncheon traditionally is the closing feature of the LPC State Convention which is being held from February 14 through 17. Coupal is a recognized expert in California tax policy. He is an attorney. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has offices in Los Angeles and Sacramento. Coupal is shown above addressing the National Taxpayers Union conference in mid-2002.

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Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003 7 to 10 AM Buffet Breakfast
Welcome - 8 to 5 Business Session - 12 to 2 Buffet Lunch
12:30 PM Will Swaim, Editor OC Weekly
5 PM Panels and Presentations resume
5:30 PM Forum in Lecture Hall
6 PM No Host bar
7 PM Dinner - Superior Court Judge James Gray

Monday, Feb. 17, 2003 7 to 10 AM Buffet Breakfast Welcome
8 to 12 Business Session
12 to 2 Sam Adams Luncheon
Jon Coupal of the Howard Jarvis Association.
3 to 5 Executive Committee meeting

For those unable to take in either dinner the Conference Center remains open for Movies, Vendors, Informal Forums and Discussions until the Hospitality Suites open their doors for the back room politics and discussions on both Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Panels, Forums and Presentations Saturday, Sunday and Monday (some speakers unconfirmed)

*** Panels and Forums:**

Campaign Lessons Learned by LP Candidates

Advocating Pure Versus Practical Solutions, a discussion of the relative merits of espousing "pure" versus "practical" or incremental solutions and when compromise becomes a sellout

Past Chair's Insights with Dan Wiener, Mike Hall, Mary Gingell

Past US Senate candidates Jack Dean, Ted Brown, Gail Lightfoot discuss their and other statewide senate campaigns

High Benefit/Low Cost Options for LPC support of campaigns

Community and Grassroots Approaches and Opportunities



Superior Court Judge James P. Gray will be the banquet speaker on Sunday, February 16, during the LPC 2003 convention at the Ontario Airport Marriott Hotel. Judge Gray currently presides over the civil trial calendar for the Superior Court of Orange County. A champion of many causes, he is more prominently known for his distaste for the War on Drugs, and continues to mobilize government officials, civic leaders, politicians and the public to join

him in exploring alternate solutions to reduce the chronic problem. He has also written a highly-acclaimed book on the subject: **Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It - A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs.**

*** Presentations:**

Marketing the LP by David Schrader

"Environmental Issues" by Gordon La Bedz

Libertarians and Christianity with Kevin Craig

Voter and Election Trends Richard Winger

Antiwar.com with Eric Garris

Rediscovering What Once Made the LP Great by Bob Bakhaus

Second Amendment by Anna Z., of Liberty Belles and a member of the Pink Pistols

Free State Project by Jason Sorens

Antiwar.com

Rethinking the Non Initiation of Force with Sandor Woren

Using Pubic Access TV by Gail Lightfoot and BJ Wagener

Team Building with Ed Moss

Using the Initiative Process Effectively by Mark Dierolf

The Libertarian Alternative TV program with Mark Selzer

Operation Breakthrough by a designee of Aaron Star

Convention packages

*** Full package:**

Two Dinners, 3 Breakfasts and Lunches, All Speakers
Jan 2003 = \$300 and Feb. 2003 = \$350 Feb 11 = \$375

*** Elected Officials Special \$200 for a Full Package**

*** Delegates Only - \$100 - 3 buffet breakfasts, (Sat, Sun, Mon.), 2 buffet lunches (Sat, Sun), Plus All speakers in Conference Center, Excludes LPC Banquet, Sun Dinner and Sam Adams Luncheon**

*** Candidates * Special - \$150 - 3 breakfasts (Sat, Sun, Mon.), 2 lunches (Sat, Sun) and the Sam Adams Luncheon on Monday Where you are honored as a Libertarian Party candidate.**

Marriott Information

*** Rooms: Single/Double - \$75+ tax (currently 11.85%) = \$83.89**

Suites are \$350 and \$250 per night plus above tax

Check in Friday evening to fully enjoy all three days.

Reservations: 909-975-5000

Web Site: www.marriotthotels.com/ontca

Tool Bar: Check Rates and Availability

Group Discount Code: lpclpca

Discount rate ends Jan 30, 2003

Please make your hotel reservation before Jan 30, 2003

HABLA USTED ESPANOL LIBERTARIO?

Beau Cain Translates LIFE Card For Outreach To Hispanics

Reported by Marv Rudin

Do you speak Spanish? I've heard that Hispanics are natural libertarians because they've had experiences with authoritative governments south of the border, and so don't trust government. Perhaps that's why a high percentage don't vote. But we don't need a high percentage to join the LP for our rolls to swell by a high percentage. If we want that, the first step is to have a means of outreach to Hispanics who don't speak English or who are more likely to be attracted by a Spanish message.

The park maintenance manager where I jog to and exercise daily is a Hispanic to whom I gave a LIFE card early this year, and he recently asked me if he could get some in Spanish to pass to his friends.

For those readers unfamiliar with "LIFE" cards, they have been around since 1998, when after a card contest to see which local Libertarian could come up with the most effective short message or slogan to attract people to a Libertarian web site, I decided that such cards represented a great way to facilitate outreach by Libertarians who don't have time to meet with other Libertarians or go out of their normal daily paths to do outreach. To read the LIFE card story the reader can go to <http://www.lpty.org/scnews> on the web and click on 1998 March, May, & September.

Recently, LPSCC member Beau Cain translated the current LIFE card wording (other wording is possible - any suggestions?) into Spanish (see following paragraph). Spanish sentences and words tending to be longer than English, do any of Spanish speakers out there see a way to shorten the words without losing the meaning or effect? The quiz is a particular problem to squeeze in because even in English, to fit in the type had to be made just barely big enough to be legible. One solution may be to cut it to 10 questions instead of 20. What do you readers think?

SALES MESSAGE EN ESPANOL

Los Demscratas tasaran lejos mas de usted dinero.
Los Republicanos proscribiran mas de sus libertades.
Sslo los libertarios lucharan para todos sus derechos.
Pero el arte de los media no lo dira. Ellos aman el gobierno grande.
!Evmtelos! Visite www.lpty.org/d-tax.

!Si usted quiere el gobierno limitado y menos pesado algzn dma, usted debe decir su ha los oficiales elegidos ahora! Mande un mensaje todos polmticos de "Republocrat" entenderan:
cambia su matrncula de votante al libertario.
Llamenos o nos manda correo electrsnico hoy para una forma pagada de franqueo de matrncula.

The above Spanish is Beau's translation of the message on the sales side of the LIFE card pictured at right. Beau also has performed a translation of the 10 social and 10 economic questions on the quiz on the opposite side of the LIFE card. The instructions in English and Spanish follow. If the reader spots any typos (I can't!) or has any suggestions, please let your reporter know.

QUIZ EN ESPANOL

Which Party is best for you?
>> ?Cual Partido es mejor para usted?
What is your political position?
>> ?Qui es su posicisn polmtica?
Answer the questions below to find out!
>> !Conteste las preguntas debajo de averiguar!
Your political position is the point where:



Beau Cain brings Spanish to LIFE

**THE DEMOCRATS'LL TAX AWAY EVEN MORE OF YOUR MONEY.
THE REPUBLICANS'LL OUTLAW EVEN MORE OF YOUR FREEDOMS.
ONLY THE LIBERTARIANS'LL TRY TO PROTECT ALL YOUR RIGHTS.
BUT THE MEDIA WON'T TELL YOU - THEY LOVE BIG GOVERNMENT.
TO GET OUR STORY, CALL US, OR GO TO THE WEB AT: WWW.LPTY.ORG**

IF YOU WANT LIMITED, LESS BURDENSOME GOVERNMENT SOME DAY, YOU NEED TO LET IT BE KNOWN NOW! SEND A MESSAGE ALL THE REPUBLOCRAAT POLITICIANS WILL UNDERSTAND:

RE-REGISTER AS A LIBERTARIAN!

CALL 408-243-2711 AND WE'LL HAPPILY MAIL YOU A POSTAGE-FREE REGISTRATION FORM



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PUBLICITY

Stories about local Libertarians publicizing the party

FERRER RUN GETS "LIBERTARIAN" INTO LOS ALTOS AND PALO ALTO PAPERS

Reported by Marv Rudin

Editor note: Little or no publicity was gained in Dec. by local LPers, but I discovered that candidate Laura Ferrer got publicity in some of her local district papers before the Nov. elections that went unreported in our Oct. issue, so without any publicity to report in Dec. I'm reporting it in this issue.

Laura Ferrer got us some much needed Libertarian Party publicity when she was interviewed by the Los Altos Town Crier and Palo Alto Daily News about her run for the El Camino Hospital board. Although it was a nonpartisan race, Laura took advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate that a Libertarian lady with sensible views was willing to serve the public, even though disclosing membership in our minority party probably costs votes. Here is the portion of the article in the PA Daily News covering Laura's interview and including several "Libertarian"s:

"Four vie for El Camino hospital board"

"Two incumbents and two newcomers are seeking the two open seats on the El Camino Hospital District board. Each hopeful has different take on the hospital's future. The district is working on a strategic plan to help it through a hospital rebuilding process, as the Mountain View hospital is seismically unsound and must be rebuilt in the next decade to tougher state standards. El Camino Hospital serves Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills.

Two incumbents, Mark O'Connor and David Reeder, are hoping to win their four year seats again while two new challengers, technical writer Laura Ferrer and patent attorney Bill James, are also in the running. Candidate Philip Green also will appear on the ballot, though early in the race he decided to drop because incumbents were running.

The candidates include one who stresses technology, another who sees the hospital board as a way to get involved in the community and one who was recruited by the Libertarian party to run. A fourth stresses his financial background as being handy on the board.

Here's a look at the candidates in alphabetical order.

Ferrer, a 48-year-old Mountain View resident, was solicited to run for the hospital board by the state Libertarian party. Her main interests in serving are for alternative remedies at the hospital, including nutrition, preventative treatments and acupuncture in



Laura Ferrer gets covered in Los Altos and Palo Alto papers

conjunction with Western medicine.

'I've had a lot of success with that myself. I'd like to see health care continue to move toward the alternative,' Ferrer said, stressing that her goal is 'not replace Western medicine.'

Technical Writer

If elected she would raise the issue as to be tabled for the future. She has done technical writing for many companies, including Oracle and Cisco, and now works for The Carl

COMING EVENTS...

Central Committee Meetings: April 10th (location yet to be decided)
July 10th (location yet to be decided)
October 10th (location yet to be decided)

Executive Committee Meetings: Normally 1st Saturday of month, 10:00am
Usually at Rosegarden Library, Naglee & Dana Avenues, San Jose

Speakers Meetings: 2nd Thursday in months without central committee meeting
Cocos Restaurant, Sunnyvale (Oakmead Parkway & Lawrence Expressway)
Next speakers meeting: Thursday 13 Feb. Come at 7pm for dinner, meeting at 8pm

If enough volunteers to answer questions, give quiz, and pass out literature (maybe you?):

Gun Show February 22 & 23 San Jose, CA Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
" " March 22 & 23 San Jose, CA Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

Group. She has run her own business, Concept Documentation Services.

One of her passions is helping people to understand things like banking, finance, history, and education, and she intends to start giving apolitical workshops on these subjects on a full or part-time basis." {Editor's note remainder of article about other candidates is being omitted for brevity.}

In addition to good coverage in the interview, Laura was the only candidate whose photo (good smiling one) appeared in the article. Interviewed more recently by your SC Libertarian reporter, Laura talked about why she was running, the main issues, and her back ground and that of her husband, a long time LPer. She said she was running because of the main issue - the budget, which is going to require a bond to finance and that the hospital needs to be run that will be solvent to justify a bond, and she wanted to - get involved how the \$'s are spent with respect to alternative medicine, and wanted to make climate receptive for the latter. She said she was born in Palo Alto, went to Menlo High, Her father was an engineer at Lockheed. She graduated from UC Berkeley majoring in English, and went into technical writing as a career. She was introduced to Libertarianism by a long time friend from Berkeley, Lexy Gilmore, after which she learned more about the subject from Husband Allen Hacker, who was instrumental in starting the LP in Nevada, and who ran for U.S. Senate vs Paul Laxalt in Nevada in '80 or '82 (wasn't sure). now operates a pro-Constitutional program in conjunction with the We The People organization. Laura closed by saying that her goal is not necessarily with the LP but rather to "help people to learn about economics, medical, history, politics, public education, and religion."

PARTY GROWTH - OVERBECK TAKES FIRST STEP

By Marv Rudin

For those members who are unaware of it, the LP registration rolls in our county are under 1% of all registered voters. The percentage rose during the 90's and has stalled out at about 3/4%, and actual numbers of Libertarian registrants has declined from 6000 to about 5000, along with all county and state registrations.

The fact that in the year 2000, 17% of Americans scored libertarian on the ASG quiz, indicates that to date we have been able to identify just 1 out of 25 of these libertarian-thinking folks via registration. Moreover, the vast majority of these folks don't know the Libertarian Party agrees with their views and wants to represent them. This means that growing the party ought not to be highly difficult, because a big chunk of the population doesn't need to be persuaded by our outreach, just informed sufficiently to realize that we agree with them or vice versa. Even a small LP message put in front of them by some inexpensive means (we can't afford much) saying "For Both Personal and Economic Freedom" might be enough to attract members of the aforesaid 17%.

As far as the number of dues paying members and financial donors are concerned, they've also decreased, but more than just in proportion to registrations because the national LP has failed to fulfill its 1997 agreement with the LPC under UMP to recruit dues paying members (for which it was to get the lions share of dues and donated monies). Dues paying members and donors in our county have dropped from just over 600 at the end of 2000 to 380 at the end of 2002.

Our new Membership Chair, Randy Overbeck wants to reverse this recent downward trend in Libertarian registrations and members. As a first step, he has asked for proposals. Following are brief summaries of proposed growth ideas he has collected thus far along with the idea's proposer. Since growth not only requires gaining new Libertarians but also requires hanging on to those we already have, some ideas may involve "inreach" - keeping in contact with present members and registrants.

- 1) Sample Newsletter to registered Libertarians - Randy Overbeck
- 2) LP Sign & Promotion on 4 sides of our own box truck - Marv Rudin
- 3) Inserts into Metro News or similar newspapers - Mark Hinkle
- 4) Increase knowledge of what libertarian means - Laura Stewart
- 5) Call Registered Libertarians - Form teams & Split up the 5K - Thomas Spielbauer
- 6) Approach Home schoolers & support Educational Choice - Robert Arne
- 7) Combine a petition drive for some local issue with a registration table. - Mike Laursen
- 8) Spanish Language Recruitment Materials - Randy Overbeck
- 9) Drop the legalization of all drugs issue - Gary Molle
- 10) Mass mailings to registered Libertarians within Santa Clara County - Mark Hinkle
- 11) Spanish Language version of website - Elizabeth Brierly
- 12) Recruitment Drive with Cash Prizes for biggest recruiter - Randy Overbeck
- 13) Get email addresses and email notes of all events to members - Thomas Spielbauer
- 14) Welcome letter for new members in Newsletter - Randy Overbeck
- 15) Put LP ad on money including URL of an LP "sales" site - Marv Rudin
- 16) Co-sponsor events/activism w/groups who agree on a particular issue - Elizabeth Brierly
- 17) Mailing experiments targeted toward members registered with other political parties and those not registered. - Randy Overbeck
- 18) Search net for SCC email addresses and small-scale test different SCC email ads by counting web hits - Marv Rudin
- 19) Repeatedly urge members to pass out LIFE cards after small scale tests to find cards getting best response - Marv Rudin
- 20) Test radio ads at small stations at 3 am and go to bigger stations at more active times if high response ad is discovered - Marv Rudin

Randy has been too busy with house shopping and slowed by a temporary health problem recently to layout a plan for the next step, but presumably it would be to ask for volunteers to develop and try small-scale inexpensive test and measurement in some form of as many of these ideas as possible. All readers are asked to contact Randy by phone or email (see contact numbers on Pg. 9 with any additional ideas or to discuss how you might be able to help him grow the party. ■



Membership Chair
Randy Overbeck

MEETINGS

Internal business meetings of the local party

HUGDAHL REPORTS TO EXCOM: SHORT PAYMENTS FROM NLC/LPC !

Reported by Marv Rudin

The January Executive Committee meeting of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County was called to order at 10:10 am on Saturday, December 7th, 2003 by Ray Strong at the Rosegarden Library in San Jose. All Excom members were present except Publicity Chair Ed Allison and LPC Rep Mark Hinkle, who was away at an LPC Excom meeting.



Treasurer Jon Hugdahl notes shorted payments from NLC/LPC

After perfunctory business such as setting the agenda and approving the past month's minutes, an urgent report was given by Treasurer Jon Hugdahl concerning a large shortfall in the LPSCC's primary source of income - its share of its member dues (which was set by the UMP agreement in 1997 at 24% of LPSCC member dues plus a very small percentage of donations by our members to the national LP). Hugdahl reported that we are receiving only half the normal UMP distribution due to lack of funds at national. Secretary Joe Dehn said that the formula remains the same and that national still owes the rest. There was general discussion of the financial situation at national. In response to queries from Strong, Hugdahl indicated that this would not cause an immediate problem for us but noted that we have significant ongoing expenses including the mini-storage rent.

Fundraising For Legal Action Fund: Hugdahl reported that revenue from the recent fundraising letter so far was \$540, only slightly above the cost of \$525. Fund Raising Chair Mike Laursen reported that more than half the money came from one person. There was discussion of why the letter had not done better, suggestions including the general economic climate and our lack of recent experience producing such letters.

Telephone Services: Cathi Brown reported on research into plans for an LPSCC cell phone arrangement, including the recommendation by Mark Hinkle of a particular local plan. There was discussion of how such a phone might be used in conjunction with a messaging service. There was discussion of the recent trial of a messaging service and of the question of forwarding our main number to it. Hugdahl moved to continue the trial for three months. Dehn moved to amend that our main number be forwarded to it. There was discussion of concerns about how well this would work and of who would be willing and able to take the calls. The motion to amend passed and the main motion passed on a voice vote. There was discussion of how to proceed on the cell phone question. No action was deferred due to the uncertain revenue situation, and the fact that Hinkle was not present, and concerns about where the phone would be kept.

Committee On Priorities, Strategy, And Tactics: Chair Laursen and Brown reported that this committee had some discussions and started a phone survey of LPers - both members and registered-only. Laursen said the poll wasn't scientific, that they were looking for local causes, ways to build membership, and reasons to give \$'s favored by those polled.

JSA Convention: Several new to this event represented the LP: Starchild (of SFLP), Henschman of UCLP, Cathi Brown, Laura Stewart, and Jascha Lee (Santa Cruz LP). Some special characteristics of this event were noted: the value of outreach to such politically interested teenagers and of giving them a good first impression of the LP, the permanent OPH team approach used by the Monterey County LP, and the use free cookies to attract interest. Ray Strong said 50 requested more information

Welcome Letter: Brown expressed concerns about a "welcome wagon" letter from Mary Ruwart that she received after joining the party in March 2002. Dehn said the Ruwart was authorized by the national party but was not the official new member packet. There was discussion of whether we should be sending our own packet of information to new members.

Campaigns: Umphress reported on results of the November election. He noted that Measure F, against which we were the only organization to submit an argument for the ballot pamphlet, failed by only a slim margin, making it plausible that we made the difference. There was discussion of the poor coverage of our efforts by the media, including claims that some measures which we opposed had "no opposition". There was discussion of voter turnout. Umphress reported that so far one measure had been placed on the March 2003 ballot, but he recommended that we not take a position on it.

Candidates For Party Offices: There was discussion of whether this was a topic that should even be considered by the Executive Committee. Arguments in favor included: a responsibility of the outgoing EC to provide for continuity, the desire to avoid finding at the convention that nobody is willing to run, and the benefit of informing members about the candidates through the newsletter. Arguments against included: election of party officials is the job of the convention not the EC, listing candidates in our minutes or the newsletter makes them appear to be officially sanctioned, and some potential candidates may not want to talk now about whether they intend to run. The committee voted 5 to 4 in favor of considering the subject. Umphress reported on several people who said they planned to run. He said he intended to post an e-mail announcement soliciting additional candidates. Rudin asked that candidates provide resumes that he could include in the newsletter. He said he would make clear in the article that other people can run for these offices also. There was discussion of whether it was better to let people know which offices so far have no known candidates, to encourage people who might not run for fear of "stepping on someone's toes".

Convention Notice: There was discussion of the notice requirements and the degree to which they could be satisfied by the newsletter, by a separate postcard mailing, by e-mail, or some combination of these. Strong said that if it was necessary to mail postcards he would authorize the spending.

LPC Positions: Strong raised the issue of whether our bylaws require that representatives to LPC committees be selected by the EC rather than the convention, and suggested that we be prepared to convene an EC meeting during the convention to formally appoint the people elected by the convention. Stewart moved that we delegate these choices to the convention. The motion passed by a voice vote. ■

(LIFE card Spanish Translation - Continued from page 3)
 >> Su posición política es el punto en que:

The number of Social Liberties that you answered "Mine" and

The number of Economic Liberties that you answered "Mine" cross on the map below.

>> El número de las Libertades Sociales que usted contesta como "Mmo" y

>> El número de las Libertades Económicas que usted contesta como "Mmo" la cruz en el mapa abajo.

SOCIAL LIBERTIES

Whose decision should determine whether you:

- Wear a seatbelt or a helmet?
- Own a gun?
- Enlist in the military?
- Help a foreign country?
- Buy sex?
- Use drugs or cigarettes?
- Buy adult books or videos?
- Have a baby?
- Educate your children at home?
- Gamble?

Spanish tends to be longer (blue - longest question in English ; red - longest question in Spanish)

LAS LIBERTADES SOCIALES

- ?Cuya decisión debe determinar si usted:
- Lleva un cinturón de seguridad o el casco?
- ?Posee un fusil?
- ?Reclute en el ejército?
- ?Ayuda un país extranjero?
- ?Compra el sexo?
- ?El uso de drogas o los cigarrillos?
- ?Compra los libros o los videos adultos?
- ?Da la luz a un bebé?
- ?Educa a sus niños en casa?
- ?El juego?

ECONOMIC LIBERTIES

Whose decision should determine whether you:

- Operate a business in your home?
- Work for \$3.50 hourly?
- Buy foreign-made products?
- Hire unlicensed contractors?
- Hire undocumented workers?
- Invest for your retirement?
- Invest in high-risk ventures?
- Seek medical care from a non doctor?
- Pay a housekeeper \$3.00 hourly?
- Change your house without a permit?

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LAS LIBERTADES ECONÓMICAS

- Cuya decisión debe determinar si usted:
- ?Opera un negocio en su hogar?
- ?Trabaja para \$3.50 por hora?
- ?Compra los productos hechos extranjeros?
- ?Emplea a contratistas no autorizados?
- ?Emplea a trabajadores sin documentar?
- ?Invierte para su jubilación?
- ?Invierte en aventuras de alto riesgo?
- ?Busca el cuidado médico de alguien de otra manera que un doctor?
- ?Le paga a una ama de casa \$3.00 por hora?
- ?Cambia su casa sin un permiso?

Way too long but can be shortened?

WHICH PARTY FITS YOU BEST?

What's your political position? Answer the questions below and find out!

Find where number of Social Freedoms to which you answer "Mine" and number of Economic Freedoms to which you answer "Mine" cross on the chart. That is your political position.

SOCIAL FREEDOMS

Whose decision should it be whether you:

- Wear a seatbelt or helmet?
- Own a gun?
- Become a soldier?
- Help a foreign country?
- Buy sex?
- Use drugs or cigarettes?
- Buy adult books or videos?
- Have a baby?
- School your children at home?
- Gamble?

ECONOMIC FREEDOMS

Whose decision should it be whether you:

- Run a business in your home?
- Work for \$3.50 an hour?
- Buy a foreign-made product?
- Hire an unlicensed contractor?
- Hire an undocumented alien?
- Save for your retirement?
- Invest in a risky investment?
- Use a non-doctor for medical care?
- Pay a maid \$3 an hour?
- Work on your house with no permit?

LIFE Card - Side 1

Santa Clara Libertarian -- Schedule of Publication to 2003 Year End

COVERAGE PERIOD	FINAL INPUT	PUBLICATION
January Issue:	February 10th,	on web site February 16th
February Issue:	March 10th,	printed & bulk mailed March 20th
March Issue:	April 10th,	on web site April 13th
April Issue:	May 10th,	on web site May 18th
May Issue:	June 10th,	printed & bulk mailed June 20th
June Issue:	July 10th,	on web site July 20th
July Issue:	August 10th,	on web site August 17th
August Issue:	September 10th,	printed & bulk mailed September 20th
September Issue:	October 10th,	on web site October 12th
October Issue:	November 10th,	on web site November 16th
November Issue:	December 10th,	printed & bulk mailed December 20th
December Issue:	January 10th	on web site January 18th

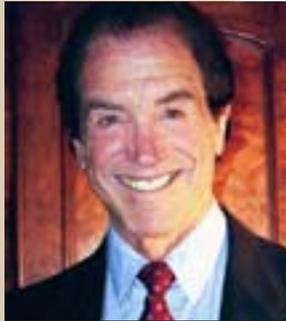
Notes by Translator (Beau Cain):

"Mine" is best rendered "Mmo". The abbreviation "gov't." has no common Spanish equivalent, so you may need to spell it out: "Gobierno". The political philosophies and parties are very likely recognizable in English as well as Spanish, but here's the Spanish equivalents anyway:

- Libertarian = El libertario
- Republican = El republicano
- Democrat = El demócrata
- Communist = El comunista

OPINIONS

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Marvin B. Rudin, Editor

CAN A LIBERTARIAN BE THE "LOTE" FOR A CHANGE?

Is This A Way To Get An LP Partisan Victory In The Next Elections? Concentrate On Finding And Selling An Outstanding Libertarian Candidate As The LOTE (Lessor Of Two Evils) To The Out Party And To Most Of The Independent Voters?

by Marv Rudin

Necessity is the mother of invention. The shrinkage of LP rolls plus usual depressing election totals recently plus the arrival of the time for new years resolutions must have worked overtime on my subconscious to impress on it the necessity for an breakthrough of some kind to reverse the apparent decline of the freedom movement over the last two years. Maybe that's why I woke up one morning at the beginning of this year with an idea I wish I'd thought of long ago. Our problem to overcome is that Libertarians can never win, even with a super candidate, because people always choose to vote for the LOTE - "the Lessor Of Two Evils".

So, I thought, if we could make the Libertarian the LOTE he or she could win. Then I thought, the Libertarian is closer to both the liberal and the conservative, than they are to each other. What if one of them is missing from the race? Then the Libertarian would be the LOTE as far as voters on the missing side - whether liberal or conservative - is concerned. Maybe in such a race those on the missing side would not just vote for, but would actually back the Libertarian in hopes of knocking out the other major party's candidate to try to attain a winning total in the legislature like the Dems did when they lured Senator Jefford away to become an independent. It may just be possible in Santa Clara County, where in nearly all districts, the Dems are so strongly ensconced that a Rep hasn't a chance in most districts. In such districts a Libertarian with Rep backing might have a chance because he/she can draw votes from a combination of libertarian Dems, DEC's (Decline-to-state's), and non voters who are libertarians but are unaware the LP represents their views due to inadequate or negative LP publicity. Even if the Libertarian candidate falls short, the publicity gained would be so valuable that it might be worth the LP stepping aside and not running in the one district (AD27) where the Reps have a chance (in 2002, a Libertarian, Gordon Sachtjen, drew more votes than the Dems margin of victory - about 3000 versus 1000). In general, what kind of district is needed where a Libertarian could get big party backing for a partisan office and win? I envision a district in which one major party has about 40% of registered voters, the other has 25%, the DEC's have 10 % and eligible-but-unregistered's (EBU's) have 25% of eligible-to-vote's (ETV's). The strategy would be to get the LP candidate's ads funded by major "out" party plus independents (LPer's, DEC's, and EBU's), make a registration drive of EBU's, court the DEC's, with the common goal to unseat an arrogant incumbent with the "Lesser of two evils" being the Libertarian because he/she is either stronger on personal AND economic freedom than the conservative candidate or the liberal candidate, whichever is being opposed. ■

LETS PROMOTE LP WITH A DYNAMIC, HIGHLY VISIBLE "OFFICE ON WHEELS"!

by Marv Rudin

This is an enhancement of an existing idea that ran into a problem -The "Freedom Van." I originally described and pictured this idea in the Oct. 2001 issue of the SCL News (Link: <http://www.lpty.org/sclnews/2001oct/Vol%2029%20Issue%209.pdf>). I haven't yet been able to test the idea, largely because I got discouraged when truck rental companies like UHaul told me they won't allow a sign blocking their signs (the ones hyping their \$19.99 per day offer). I considered doing it anyway with an undetectable plastic wrap sign, but it would have exceeded budget of \$500, and would not respect the truck company's contract. The enhanced idea is for the party to own or maybe to long-term lease rather than one-day-rent a box truck, and to use the truck for a greater variety of purposes because of its permanent status. Uses envisioned are: (a) On a daily basis, putting up big, varied, highly visible advertising signs in front of the public (can be better than billboards because can be closer to traffic) at various county high traffic sites (by volunteers living close by who can move the truck to avoid abandonment laws); (b) Portable store room and delivery vehicle for outreach materials and fixtures; (c) Parades (probably with music and speakers); (d) Speaker platform at events, malls, and parks (probably using music to attract attention); (e) Campaign truck (Again probably with music to attract attention); (f) Excom meetings could be held in it if fixed site is unavailable on short notice or for convenience to a concurrent event (like 2002 picnic meeting).

Rationales: (a) Signs can't be posted on land except during election season; but there is no limit for vehicles; (b) Can provide highly visible LP "presence" at high traffic points all over county by moving around each week at busy traffic sites; (c) Cost can be offset by replacing present fixed site storage, and with advantage of ability to conveniently transport needed outreach fixtures and handout materials to events without need to pack and unpack twice, plus bringing large display sign on outside of Van not possible if using a personal car; (d) Uniqueness of use by political party can get media coverage including pics; (e) Comparatively low overall cost for benefits gained: amortized over 5 years, would cost under \$3000 per year (the office we had for over ten years ending in 1999 cost over \$5000 per year; it also stored outreach items but was far less convenient when taking and returning them than would be a truck. ■

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