

# LIBERTARIAN LIFELINE



## Local Measures Warrant Attention

While much of the focus on the November 5 general election is directed to the national races and statewide propositions, several items appear on local ballots that deserve serious and thoughtful consideration by Libertarian voters. Ponder the issues carefully, but always bear in mind what "unintended consequences" these measures will have on your life. All politics is local, and the impact of local elections can be far more devastating than some of the better-publicized issues.

Measure C would amend the county charter to create two new positions in the Sheriff's Department for Assistant Sheriffs, positions exempt from civil service hiring procedures. This means that the Sheriff can appoint anyone he wants to these positions. Although the LP did not submit an argument against the measure, it's pretty obvious that this would increase the county payroll by two positions and only further contribute to the bloated bureaucracy that is Alameda County. Moreover, it creates a perfect crony situation for the elected sheriff to pay back political favors with such an appointment. This one is easy. *Vote NO.*

Measure D would extend the current "temporary" 5.5% utility tax paid by residents of unincorporated areas of the county (Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Sunol, Fairview and Cherryland) until June 30, 2001. Temporary taxes should remain *temporary*, and if we allow them to be extended, they inevitably become **permanent** because politicians are addicted to money, and they can never "just say No" to a tax. Moreover, as stated so forcefully by Libertarian Peter Kavalier in the ballot argument filed against Measure D, why should *all* voters in Alameda County vote on a tax that only affects a very few of them? He argues that the majority of the voters don't even pay this tax, but they can nevertheless impose it on their neighbors if this measure passes. The original tax was not even put to a vote, but was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1992 with very little fanfare and added to the PG&E bills of residents in these unincorporated areas. Although it had a sunset clause, it's obvious that the Supervisors never intended it to be temporary. It seems pretty lame that the strongest argument in favor of Measure D makes a point that most of the voters won't even have to pay this tax, so why should they oppose it? Another no-brainer. *Vote NO* even if you don't live in the affected areas.

Measure E is an interesting proposal to amend the county charter to limit the powers of the Board of Supervisors in making management decisions affecting the county's healthcare delivery system. What this

means is that any proposal to close, relocate, sell, or privatize any of the county hospitals or clinics (Highland General Hospital, Fairmont Hospital, the John George

Psychiatric Facility, etc.) must be put to a vote of the people, rather than be decided by the Board. Although this measure is supported by the bickering socialists in the Service Employees International Union (SEIU Local 250), it actually makes a lot of sense. It gives a voice in such matters to the constituents of the county's health care system as to how that system is managed. And while "privatization" is a word Local 250 is reluctant to use when discussing the best ways to reorganize the county health system (and would surely oppose if it were to be seriously considered), the passage of Measure E would guarantee that such a decision would be made by the *voters*, not the Supervisors. The kicker is that the measure is opposed by virtually all of the Supervisors with the exception of Keith Carson. Any idea so adamantly feared by politicians *must* have something going for it. Measure E limits the authority of the Board of Supervisors and transfers at least some of that power back to the voters. Use your own judgment, but I'd be inclined to *vote YES*.

Measure JJ is a special \$3 million per year property tax increase intended to fund security improvements (i.e. rent-a-cop security guards) and graffiti abatement (i.e., soap and water) on the AC Transit bus system. It is supposed to sunset after six years, but who really believes that? This is a tax increase that will hurt property owners, and will in all likelihood have little or no effect on the safety or attractiveness of our public transit bus fleet. *Please vote NO.*

Measure S is a bond issue to finance the seismic retrofitting of several City of Berkeley administrative buildings. Supporters argue that the buildings are so old they pose a threat to the health and safety of city employees. The City Hall in particular is alleged to be unsafe and could collapse in an earthquake, killing dozens of city employees and politicians (boo-hoo). Opponents argue that it is a tax increase, pure and simple. With all the vacant commercial space in downtown Berkeley that could be leased for this purpose, it seems insane to spend so much money maintaining old, dilapidated buildings. One of the reasons downtown Berkeley has so much vacant real estate is because the taxes are so onerous that most businesses have fled the area, leaving it a commercial ghost town. Mayor Shirley Dean and her city council have even approved a new Downtown Business District Tax that imposes yet a new tax burden on the few remaining businesses in the most blighted area, just one block east of the City Hall. Measure S has little or nothing to do with safety, and everything to do with irresponsible fiscal policy. *Please vote NO.p*

# LP Hits the Big Time!

## Browne Lampooned on *Saturday Night Live*!

After 25 years of relative obscurity, it took the Harry Browne campaign and the disaster perpetrated by the Commission on Presidential Debates to get the Libertarian Party recognized on national television by way of Dana Carvey and the talented cast of *Saturday Night Live*. The opening sketch of the the October 26 broadcast featured comedian Will Ferrell wearing Larry King's black glasses and trademark suspenders interviewing Dana Carvey's dead-on impression of H. Ross Perot. Carvey went completely over the top with his manic characterization of the batty billionaire, rattling incoherently until Ferrell's "Larry King" managed to silence him long enough to introduce the talented Mark McKinney (formerly with the Kids in the Hall) as Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne. But "Browne" barely got to finish a sentence before Perot interrupted once again to ridicule his "Government Doesn't Work" theme. Eventually, Carvey's character is momentarily silenced long enough for two other "fringe" candidates (from the Totalitarian Dictatorship Party and the Female Circumcision Party) to attack "Browne" for refusing to release his medical records. Browne indicates that his medical records are irrelevant to the campaign. "Oh sure," remarks cast member Chris Kattan as Female Circumcision candidate Alvin Krone, "It's easy to make excuses when you're sitting on a lead in the polls!" □

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# From the Chair

by Jeffrey Sommer

*Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.*

It is my great pleasure to report that our banquet on the Twentieth of September was a rousing success. It brought together the various groups behind the Compassionate Use Initiative (Proposition 215) and encouraged them to consider the Libertarian Party as their vehicle of political change in the future.

I was not lying when I stated that it takes two things to effect political change: a party capable of genuine ideology, and activists who can direct and propel the inertia of the party itself. That is the way to overcome the opposition.

I especially wish to thank our Regional Secretary, Tammy Austin, who worked tirelessly with me to put this event together. Rarely have I seen such a tremendous dedication to duty, and I am happy to point her out as another example to be followed.

Finally, keep in mind that our efforts must directed outward, to appeal to more and still more people. Shyness is fatal. Preaching to the choir is a total waste of time. If you can address a hostile crowd and make them like you, and you're not afraid to face down your worst ideological enemy, then go out there and whup 'em! Me, I read Marxist newspapers just to keep up with the Other Side.

Boring? You bet; but imagine my glee when I can tie a political opponent into knots using his own position against him! My radio show does have a lot of things going for it, and the ceaseless struggle against half-baked Socialist "theoreticians" who call in is definitely worth hearing. Go and do likewise.

*Love is the law, love under will.*

(The Libertarian News Hour is heard at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday afternoon on Free Radio Berkeley, 104.1 FM. To talk to Jeff on the air, call (510) 665-1978)

# The Voice of the Whirlwind

by David Lenson

*The following text is a transcript of a speech delivered by David Lenson at the Boston Freedom Rally on September 21, 1996. It is reprinted here with the permission of the author.*

Last night a voice came to me out of a whirlwind, and it said: "Lo, the last days of the Drug War are at hand. Soon the countryside will bloom with fields of hemp, and the forests will be cut no more.

"Soon the prisons will open and our friends and families will be together again, half a million strong. And instead of building prisons, we will rebuild our schools and universities.

"Soon the government will return the cars and the houses it has seized, and the money it has stolen from its citizens in fines, court costs and lost pay.

"Soon there will be peace in city streets, the guns will be set down, and the policeman will be our friend again. Soon the Constitution will be restored, and the judges uncorrupted.

"Soon we will tell our children the truth about drugs, and the lies and slogans will be forgotten.

"Soon it will be legal to dance and party again, and the gloom that shrouds America will burn away like morning fog.

"Soon the armies of the Drug War will be dissolved, and the United States government will never make war on its own people again.

"Soon the sick will have the medicines they need.

"Soon we will sleep at night without fear of the knock on the door, and paranoia will be a thing of the past.

"Soon America will be Eden again, and we will grow whatever we want in the Garden."

And I said to the voice in the whirlwind, "When, when is soon?"

And the voice said: "Beware! For the last days of the Drug War will be the worst. There will be more busts than ever, and more prisons built. There will be more lies and more hate, and the content of your blood and brain will be scanned by sensors and satellites, by piss tests and hair tests and polygraphs. The screens of your computers will be read half a

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mile away by black trucks parked silently in the trees. Choppers will shake your shingles, and searchlights and lasers will probe the corners of your houses. Before peace comes, you will be blamed for all the nation's ills, for its violence and ignorance, for its politics of universal abandon.

"In the final days you will be busted for speaking out against the War, and busted for thinking about Peace."

And I said to the voice in the whirlwind, "How long? How long is long?"

And the voice said: "THAT IS UP TO YOU."

Up to me? If it was up to me there would have been no War. If it was up to me America would be what it started out to be — a nation of positive purpose, a land of hope and freedom.

"No," said the voice, "it is up to you. How badly do you want Peace? Are you ready to fight for it? Are you ready to take the risk of speaking? Are you ready to talk to your parents, your brothers and sisters, your children, your legislators, your mayors and councilmen, your priests, your rabbis, your ministers, your friends and your enemies? Are you ready to do one thing for peace each day? Write one letter, put up one sign, convert one Prohibitionist, tell one kid the truth? Are you ready to organize? Are you ready to fight for peace?"

And the voice subsided, and I saw the prisoners of War, the prisoners of consciousness, pouring out of America's jails. I see them here today, ten for every one of us, celebrating their freedom through us this afternoon. □

# Greg Lyon Speaks to California

*A version of the following commentary was broadcast on KRON television on Wednesday, October 23 as part of the station's public service effort to allow candidates of all parties to address the voters directly in an unedited five-minute video presentation.*

Two hundred twenty years ago, our forefathers fought a revolution to establish a government for the people. Today that government which was created to serve us has instead become our master.

Americans are losing their freedom to live their lives as they choose so long as they do not harm or defraud others. The Bill of Rights is being eroded. Each American is shackled with twenty thousand dollars of national debt. I have traveled across the heartland and to all four corners of this great nation. I have seen the faces of America and touched its heart. I believe that Americans are a good and kind people. I believe that America's problems lie not with its people, but with our elected officials. I believe that the problems with America today exist because we have too many politicians and not enough leaders.

Our government has failed because it tries to be all things to all people. Thomas Jefferson once said "that government which governs least, governs best." His words ring truer today than ever before. The time is a hand for a new American revolution. Not a revolution of bombs and bullets, rather a revolution of ballots and votes. I believe that the American people can and will take back their government.

We must turn from the special interest party and the party of the rich. The two established political parties have forsaken the principles that this country was founded upon. Instead, Americans must seek out a new political party that embraces the Constitution of the United States. That party is the Libertarian Party.

Why the Libertarian Party? What is its political philosophy? In one word it is FREEDOM.

Freedom loving Americans are turning to the Libertarian Party as the true defenders of Liberty. As a Libertarian, I can make a covenant with the voters that neither my Republican nor Democratic opponents can make. Every time I vote, I will vote for freedom. Not just morally correct or politically correct, but True Freedom. I am running for political office to give a voice and a face to all those Americans who ask only one thing of their government - TO BE FREE.

Libertarians offer the best of Republican and Democratic philosophies. Like the Republicans, we believe in protecting your economic freedom by reducing the size of government and the tax burden on Americans. Like the Democrats, we believe in protecting your personal freedom to live your life as you choose

so long as you don't harm or defraud others.

If you believe that each and every American is entitled to each and every right as stated in the Bill of Rights. That Americans have rights and also responsibilities. That we should have both personal and economic freedom. Then I respectfully ask you to consider the Libertarian Party.

The United States of America has been unique in the history of the world. For over two hundred years we have been a beacon for freedom. Our principles have stood firm when many nations of the world tried and failed with socialism. Today, Bill Clinton wants to lead us in to the 21st century as a socialistic society.

There exists an inverse relationship between our liberties and government power. As government's power increases, our liberties decrease. Some people may be willing to trade their freedom for security. I for one, will not.

Government is about one thing and only one thing Power. Getting it and keeping it. The most distinctive feature of government is coercion- the use of force and the threat of force to win obedience. This is how government differs from every other agency in society. The others persuade, government compels. Nothing involving government is voluntary, as it would be when a private company does something. One way or another, there is a compulsion in every government activity: the government forces someone to pay for something; the government forces someone to do something; or the government forcibly prevents someone from doing something.

Being able to force people to do what you want can be an attractive prospect, especially if you don't have to admit, even to yourself, how you're getting what you want.

There is no other reason to involve government.

If you want to feed the homeless, you don't have to persuade hundreds of people to donate money. The government can force millions of people to contribute. If your business is losing customers, you don't have to try harder to match your competition. The government can establish licensing laws or impose tariffs that get the competition out of your hair. If you don't want people reading pornography or other "bad" literature, you don't have to persuade people to find something better, just get government to put the smut-peddlers out of business.

As with any power, it tends to corrupt. It is inevitable that the system may go wrong. A government that can tax us, confiscate our wealth to feed the poor and punish foreign despots will soon tax us to feed political cronies and punish political enemies.

Government is not about what is right, it is about power. Until 1960, the federal government had practically nothing to do with education, crime control or welfare (except Social Security). But by 1975, the federal government dominated all three areas. In each case, the pattern was the same: the federal government provided financial subsidies to state and local governments and once these governments became dependent on the money from Washington, the federal government imposed conditions for

continuing to receive it.

The money the federal government gives to a community comes from citizens in that same community. Routing it through Washington allows the Feds to set the rules. Thus the federal government began setting standards for school curriculum, school lunches, welfare eligibility, and police procedures and budgets. By taking control away from communities, the federal government made schools, police and welfare systems even more remote from the people who pay for them and rely upon them--and made them even more susceptible to fraud and graft, and to meddling by social reformers. Once provided, these benefits become "rights" and anyone who suggests eliminating them is denounced as mean and heartless.

Further, it gives the federal government more power and Americans less freedom. The dollar that goes to Washington does not come back a whole dollar. Some of it goes to support the Washington bureaucracy. Even more insidious, federal money is used to reward supporters or to buy votes.

As an example, how many of you remember Bill Clinton's pledge to put a hundred thousand new police officers on the streets? When the first list of cities getting federal funding came out, Little Rock, Arkansas received money for 40 new police officers. The cities of Dallas and Houston, who supported Bush in the 1992 elections, received none. That's right. Two substantially larger cities with higher crime rates received no money for new police officers while the President's home town received a disproportionate share. Now the money is gone and so are the police officers. Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Examining the meanings of the root words of politics will shed some light on defining politicians. "Poly" meaning many, and "tics" meaning ugly, bloodsucking parasites.

American politics is consumed by special interests. Both those supplying the money as well as many voters, each asking "what can the government do for me?" As government doles out its favors and perks, others seeing an opportunity, line up at the trough for their special privileges. But nothing is free. There is a price to be paid. That price is your freedom. You give up responsibility for your life. In the end you are nothing more than an indentured servant beholden to a bureaucrat who demands your vote in return for granting you that which is already yours.

The cycle of special interests is firmly entrenched in American politics. The special interests give money to the candidates, who need their money to persuade people to vote for them. Once elected, the politicians then use government's power to give the special interests their special privileges. And thus the cycle continues from one election to the next. The one flaw in their strategy is that the voters cannot be controlled, only influenced. So what do politicians do? They make vague statements and general promises to the voters to win their votes. The goal is to get elected, not to serve.

This election, I ask you to pause before you once again cast your vote for either the Republican or the Democrat. Ask yourself, does either political party really represent my political beliefs? Am I happy with the direction this country is headed? If the answer is no, then take a stand for freedom.

Send a message to Washington that there are still Americans whose votes cannot be bought, who still believe in America, and who cherish its principle of freedom for all. Stand up for America. Do not be denied your liberties. Vote Greg Lyon for Congress.

And after this election has passed, you will be able to hold your head high and say, "I didn't vote against someone, I didn't vote my special interest, I voted for freedom."

The Democrats and Republicans will make many promises to entice you to vote for them. Yet, time and again, once elected, their political actions are far different from their political talk. Their promises are like the millions of moving stars in the night sky, save one -- the North Star, which never moves.

Let it be said that when politicians on both sides tried to take us down that path chasing after their promises in the sky, we stood firm and wouldn't follow them. That our eyes found their way back to the guiding star that we have followed since the beginning. If you wish to know what to leave our children, leave them the best that we have, leave them the freedom that we inherited. Leave our children their star. □

# To Protect and Serve?

By Thomas L. Testerman

Before I get too far into this article, we must get a few things straight. I am as strongly anti-drug as anybody and probably more so than most. But even stronger than my leanings against drugs are my leanings toward the promise... no the *guarantees*--of the Constitution of the United States of America. We, the citizens of the State of California, have recently been witness to violations of the Constitution even more blatant than those involved in the Rodney King beating case, all of which were documented by the media and yet the perpetrators, led by our illustrious Attorney General, have yet to be called to task, much less called to court. Mr. Lungren's leanings to excessive zeal in the performance of what he perceives as his duty is further reflected in some members of our state and local police forces. With Mr. Lungren leading the way, it is no longer what law you have broken, but rather, what law you might break, that justifies punitive actions and attitudes without regard to the cost in human rights.

The Constitution guarantees me the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; it promises that I will be safe from unreasonable searches and seizures, and that my right to peaceably assemble will not be abridged. When he assumed the office of Attorney General of the State of California, Mr. Lungren took an oath of allegiance to these same principles, but it would appear the oaths taken in the afterglow of the heat of an election are not sustained when only higher goals can rekindle that fire. The right to life cannot be sustained unless one has an appetite. This same right is violated when elected officials condemn you to suffer nausea so severe as to be unable to keep food down. Liberty and the pursuit of happiness are not possible if one's inability to see has become a prison or the happiness being pursued is lost to blindness. The city of San Francisco recognized the attempts of the Cannabis Buyers Club to ease these symptoms in the victims of glaucoma, AIDS, cancer chemotherapy, multiple sclerosis, etc., and then only with a doctors' prescription. Indeed, Mr. Lungren saw fit to allow the "club" to operate until Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Initiative, was introduced. As the initiative gained support, Mr. Lungren became more outspoken in his calling for the shutdown of the "club." Was this renewed fervor kindled by concern for laws possibly violated, or political opportunities missed? When Mr. Lungren finally decided to do his job as he now proclaims it to be--it is, after all, an election year--he proceeded to do that job from a different city, in a different county, using police forces other than those from the city in which he would be serving his STATE warrants. These methods were required because San Francisco's police agencies would not cooperate in the raids nor would San Francisco's own District Attorney. Mr. Lungren has required State and Federal Police to violate jurisdictional limitations and thereby their oaths to protect and serve, ignoring constitutional search and seizure guarantees. He has also lowered an already strained level of electoral trust of government and her minions. Meanwhile, those being punished most severely are guilty only of being terminally ill, attempting to remain alive a little longer, wanting to be able to see, or

just wanting to help these people.

With this being the attitude of the Chief law enforcement officer of the State of California, it is of little surprise that a scheduled rally for the Compassionate Use Initiative had to be canceled when the Anderson, California police department and the California Highway Patrol raised the cost of police presence at the rally from several hundreds of dollars for a twelve hour period to over \$11,300 for that same twelve hour period. The reason for this extorsive denial of these supporters' right to peaceably assemble was that the police had received bomb threats against the rally. Rather than hunt down the potential bomber, and remaining true to Mr. Lungren's example, law enforcement agencies decided to punish those who can least afford it, the terminally ill, the partially blind and those who would help them.

To those who placed the threat, words, printable words, cannot express my loathing. To those in positions of authority who used the threats to limit the rights and lives of those involved in the 215 campaign, words cannot express my disappointment. To those who have been denied this opportunity to further their fight for aid and comfort in their plight, words cannot express my apologies. For Mr. Lungren, who I deem to be the cause and inspiration for so much denial of so many rights, words cannot express my distaste.

While it may be standard operating procedure for politicians to frustrate, irritate, and aggravate us, it is quite another thing for them to condemn anyone to the suffering and darkness experienced by those served by the Cannabis Buyers Club. Such failure by the federal, state, or local authorities amounts to criminal behavior and therefore is an impeachable offense.



# An Election You Can Win!

The East Bay Region Libertarian Party traditionally elects its officers at the January General Meeting, which will be held next year on Tuesday, January 21, 1997. If you are interested in running for a position, please notify current chair Jeffrey Sommer at (510) 537-3212 and he will include your name on the ballot. Nominations may also be made at the meeting. Positions to be filled include the Region Chair, the county Vice-Chairs, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Committee Representative, and delegates/alternates to the state convention to be held in Sacramento over the long President's Day weekend in February. We are also actively soliciting volunteers to serve as database manager and newsletter editor.

If you like what we've been doing and want to propel the party forward through your own efforts, consider running for a local position. If you *don't* like what we've been doing, and believe you could do a much better job, let us know how you feel and step forward to put your ideas into action. We're open to both suggestions *and* criticism.

But be prepared for the responsibilities. The Chair must coordinate the region's activities throughout the year and delegate tasks to the other officers. The Chair also maintains the party's voice-mail, regularly updates the recorded messages and answers inquiries left in the mailbox. The Vice-Chairs arrange for meeting space and speaker presentations, coordinate the phone-tree, as well as other duties necessitated by political events. The Treasurer maintains the party's finances, pays the bills that are due, and

receives disbursements from the State Party Treasurer. The Secretary records minutes of meetings and documents all our activities. The Executive Committee Representative attends quarterly meetings that alternate between Southern and Northern California. In addition, the Exec Com Rep should have access to a computer and e-mail in order to participate in the on-line discussions that precede these meetings and receive immediate alerts when the ExeCom takes action outside of its regular meetings. Delegates and alternates should make plans to attend the state Convention in Sacramento to represent our region during the Bylaws and Platform debates.

There are also new Libertarian Student organization forming on the campuses of UC Berkeley and Ohlone College, and we would like to work closely with these students in building our presence in the academic environment. This will require activism and dedication among both the students and party regulars.

The LP needs more volunteers to help spread the work around to be a more effective organization. If more hands are available, less work will need to be done by each individual, more will be accomplished and more of our goals will be achieved. Please do your part to make the LP a success! ☐

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*(For those joining the LP as a voting member)*

*I hereby certify that I do not believe in nor advocate the **initiation** of force as a means of achieving social or political goals.*

### Libertarian Party

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS **NOVEMBER**

**Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3, 1996. T&S Gun Show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.** Libertarian Candidates Greg Lyon (10th Congressional District) and Forrest Smith (Pleasanton City Council) will be in attendance to meet the voters and spread the message of freedom. To volunteer to help staff our table at the Gun Show, call Marion McEwen at (510) 889-0216.

**Tuesday, November 5, 1996: Election Day.** Remember to vote for the candidate of your choice (preferably the Libertarian) and if you're working the polls as a judge, clerk, or inspector, please be prompt and report to your polling place at 6:30 a.m. on the dot to be sworn in and begin the democratic process. Many Libertarians will be volunteering their time this election as poll workers, and will be gaining an intimate knowledge of the machine.

**Tuesday, November 19, 1996: Alameda County LP General Meeting.** Ricky's Sports Lounge and Steakhouse at 15028 Hesperian Boulevard in San Leandro (near BayFair Mall). Help us analyze our efforts and progress in the general election and begin planning for the next one. Formal business will begin between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. For more information, please call the LP Party Line at (510) 531-0760.

**Friday, November 22, 1996: Sex, Porn and the American Way.** A lecture and slide show presented by Ann Simonton, a former model and filmmaker who helped establish the MYTH California beauty pageant protests. 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the offices of Resources for Independent Thinking, 5236 Claremont Avenue in Oakland. \$10 admission. For further information, please contact RIT at (510) 601-9450, or email to rit@well.com.

**Sunday Afternoons, 5:30 p.m.: The Libertarian News Hour** on Free Radio Berkeley, 104.1 FM, hosted by East Bay LP Chair Jeff "Zippy the Yippie" Sommer, the voice of freedom on the airwaves originating from one of the last bastions of socialism in America, Berkeley, California.

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