

#### Meeting Notes Rich Acuff

A live demonstration of our shiny, new SMLP Internet Web pages was the centerpiece of the April meeting. This on-line resource can connect you and other info-seeking inter-naughts with a host of useful data, including information about our candidates, past issues of the San Mateo Libertarian, and links to other libertarian organizations. Please pay a visit to <http://www.california.com/~lpsm/>, and, while you're there, take a moment to thank Christopher Schmidt, whose time and effort has made it possible.

We also discussed the Libertarian Party National Committee's 20-page *outreach "report"* as a possible addition to our outreach tools. Most felt it was too negative, failing to present the libertarian solutions to the problems big government seeks (with tragic consequences) to solve.

Although the program is still getting underway, there has been scant response to the Each-One-Reach-One effort. Please, take a moment to *give us a name* of a latent Libertarian to share our ideas of freedom and responsibility with. Otherwise, whom will you look to when "they" elect the next round of irresponsible demopublicans?

Our *next meeting* will be Wednesday May 15, at the office of Amy Guthrie, D.D.S., in Palo Alto, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. (See the map on the back page.)

#### Editor's Notes

Jon Matonis has a professionally designed *web page* for his *state senate* campaign at <http://www.publitrionix.com/Matonis/Campaign.html>.

I see that KCSM (TV60) is airing a special, "Starting Over: *Japanese Americans After the War*", which examines how "Japanese Americans overcame the fear of discrimination, ostracism, and uncertainty about the future following their release from incarceration during World War II." The cover of the May TV60 program guide, On Air, pictures "sisters Sumiye Sugimoto and Keiko Adachi who were among the first evacuees to leave the Central Utah Relocation Center to live in Redwood City." Airls 5/8 at 8pm, 5/9 at 11pm, and 5/22 at 9pm.

The subject acquires a certain currency when one considers that the number of prisoners of the present *War on Drugs* roughly equals the population of San Mateo County (~750,000)-or more than 6 times the number of Japanese Americans incarcerated by FDR and his New Deal Democrats. How long will it take to repair the damage to families done by the War on Drugs when the war is finally ended? Perhaps this documentary will give us a clue.

In researching prison numbers I came across a statistic that contradicts a common belief that people commit *crimes* (in part) because they can't find jobs. Of state prisoners surveyed in 1986 (the most recent year in my 1992 Statistical Abstract of the U.S.), *69% held jobs* at the time of their arrest and only 18% were technically unemployed in a year when 7% of the general population was unemployed. Therefore, joblessness is a factor in the delinquency of at most 11% of convicts.

I don't know how many of you caught KQED's neighborhood profile of San Francisco's Chinatown last month. It told the story of how, after decades of government attempts to confine Chinese Americans to a limited ghetto, the City of San Francisco tried to use the power of regulation to drive them out of the downtown entirely when the 1906 Earthquake destroyed their homes and businesses. Defying the City, *Chinese American businessmen* borrowed from private-sector off-shore bankers and shrewdly employed white architects and tradesmen (to enlist their allegiance) and built a new Chinatown before the City could stop them. Building in a fantasy architectural style to garner the support of the tourism industry, private-sector action triumphed over bureaucratic gridlock and those who would use the power of government to abrogate the freedom and private property rights of Chinatown's inhabitants.

I'd like to *thank our members and donors* for making our *web site* on the internet possible. Without your contributions, such projects just would not happen!

#### Traditional American Family Nadine Strossen

"Politicians talk a lot about the 'traditional American family'. Well, Big Brother is not a member of the traditional American family!"

-Nadine Strossen, National Director of the ACLU, commenting on legislators scrambling to "save" more children from their parents after the death of a 7-year-old girl while attempting a cross-country flight in a small plane. (heard on Comedy Central's Politically Incorrect)

#### Anti-Terrorism Press Release LPNC

WASHINGTON, DC- President Bill Clinton should veto the so-called "Anti-Terrorism Bill" out of respect for the innocent Americans who died in the Oklahoma City bombing, the Libertarian Party said today.

"You don't honor the memory of the dead by depriving the living of their basic freedoms," said the party's National Chair Steve Dasbach. "And you don't protect Americans from hypothetical foreign terrorists by giving more power to government agencies with a history of running roughshod over our civil liberties."

Dasbach's comments came as Clinton prepared to sign the "Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995" on April 19th-the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

"The fact that Clinton and Congress are trying to link this bill to the Oklahoma City tragedy is political ghoulishness at its worst," said

Dasbach "It shows that there is no tragedy that politicians won't try to capitalize on to further increase the power of government"

What would the Libertarian Party recommend to protect Americans against terrorism? "The best defense against domestic terrorism is a vibrant, open political system, where no American feels excluded or voiceless. The best defense against international terrorism is an American foreign policy that does not meddle in the affairs of other nations," said Dasbach. "Those are genuine anti-terrorism policies that would protect all Americans...and the Bill of Rights."

#### **On the Campaign Trail with Harry Browne**

[Editor's note: Harry Browne, LP Presidential candidate, emails periodic accounts of his campaign. This is roughly half of one such missive, but I found it so inspiring that I had to include a taste here. You can subscribe by sending your email address to announce-request@HarryBrowne96.org or find the complete commentary at Harry's web site at <http://www.HarryBrowne96.org/> ]

Nashville, Monday-Tuesday, March 11-12

At home for two days of catching up. Unsolicited requests for radio shows are pouring in now. On Monday, 11 new shows are booked. On Tuesday I have four shows to do-including Al Mamber's show on 160 stations. We had been reaching at least 300,000 people a week by radio, and we wanted to raise that to a million a week. Now we have done so, and the reception at this broader level is no less favorable.

With radio and TV combined, I must have spoken to at least 10 million people since January 1. And these have been 30-60 minute interviews, not 15-second soundbites. In terms of presenting one's case in detail, I have undoubtedly talked to more people than Clinton, Dole, Buchanan, or Perot. No, we don't have the attention of the mainstream press yet, but our full case is reaching more people than anyone else's is. Of course, none of the others has a case.

I continue to be impressed by how respectfully most talk-show hosts treat me, the Libertarian Party, and the concept of libertarianism. Pat McMahon in Phoenix is very respectful, and he raves about the gubernatorial campaign John Buttrick ran in 1994.

New York City, Thursday, March 14

8am: Four big in-studio shows today. The first is "Lionel", a star host on New York's ABC radio station. He's a character, but a libertarian through and through. He says to a caller, "You think we need a third party? We HAVE a third party, you putz-the Libertarian Party."

Then it's an hour on the public radio station. A decidedly different host and a different audience, but it still goes well. On to Alan Colmes, syndicated nationwide-a liberal, but he agrees with much of what I say. It's my second time on his show. Finally, a half-hour taping with Larry Jacobs-to be cut into soundbites and fed to ABC radio stations all over America. He's very supportive, and he asks me to sign a second book for his cousin.

Friday, March 15

1pm: A 15-minute interview on the new CNN financial TV network. Before escorting me to the set, the producer says I don't need to take my book with me-as the host has it and will mention it. But he just did an interview with another author, in which he never showed or mentioned the book. And I've been burned before. So I tell the producer I may need to refer to the book-and I do. Whenever I mention it, I hold it up to the camera. And I almost take over the interview. The host asks a question, I answer it in one sentence, and then take off on something I want to talk about. Years of practice is paying off, assuring that our issues are covered.

New Jersey, Saturday, March 16

Noon: The New Jersey LP convention. Talk-show host "Lionel" is the luncheon speaker, and he's a riot. A stream of consciousness comedian, similar to Robin Williams, but everything he says relates to libertarianism.

Talk-radio hosts not only are libertarian, they more and more are identifying themselves with the Libertarian Party. This week it's Lionel in New Jersey, last weekend talk-show host Cheryl Godfrey spoke at our fund-raiser in Las Vegas, the week before Irv Homer came to the LP convention in Philadelphia.

After the luncheon, a candidate forum-in which I stress that we should be seizing the opportunity we have this year, in which the public is begging for a credible program to make government much smaller.

Washington, D.C., Sunday, March 17

The campaign staff gathers for a strategy meeting. We talk with the principals of the public relations firm that may get us some national TV coverage.

Washington, D.C., Monday, March 18

3pm: On the Oliver North show-syndicated across the country. He is a gracious host and surprisingly supportive. I call for the repeal of the income tax, getting government out of Social Security, and reducing the federal government to just the functions specified in the Constitution. Then I call for ending the War on Drugs-and he says, "That's the first thing you've said that I don't agree with." But he doesn't stop to argue with me. When a caller suggests we need to get together with the Buchananites and form a third party, North says, "We have a third party already-it's the Libertarian Party." (Two days later Michael Reagan on his own show will say to forget Perot, that the Libertarian Party is America's third party.) [...]

Thursday, March 21

9am: My 20-hour vacation is over. What a day. Six radio shows by phone. None is a national show, but most are in large cities-Pueblo, Wilmington, Salt Lake City, Cleveland, Seattle, and Birmingham. Keith Pellegrini in Cleveland starts his show saying he doesn't know whom he'll vote for-he doesn't care much for Clinton, he doesn't trust Dole, and he doesn't like Buchanan. After ten minutes of the interview, he starts applauding and says, "I've found my man. I'm voting for Harry Browne."

In addition, the first in our new series of faxed press releases went out last night-and Lisa Paley's phone is ringing off the hook. She books 13 new radio shows today. [...]

Two to six radio shows almost every day. It's exciting to hear people call in to say they used to think they were conservatives or liberals, but they realize now they're Libertarians. Our time has come. If we relax this year, if we fail to take advantage of every opportunity offered, we have only ourselves to blame for not building the LP into the third major party.

**Do your part to keep us growing! Kate O'Brien**

Like every political organization, the Libertarian Party of San Mateo County should constantly be growing. Why? Because like an organic entity, political organizations are either growing or dying-and, in a very real sense, the membership numbers are the medical report that indicates the status.

Fortunately, for the LPSM the past 2 years have seen a steady (but slow) upward climb in membership. But it's important to keep it going.

That's where you come in. As a member, one of your most important jobs is to help recruit new Libertarians. That's why we started the "Each One Reach One" project-to make it easy for you to do just that. All you have to do is send in the name of someone you know who might be interested in the Libertarian Party-and a dollar-and we'll do the rest, with a professional information package.

But for the program to work, we do need your help. We need you to sit down, write out the name and address of a friend, co-worker, family member, or neighbor, and mail it to us today.

Please, do your part to keep the LPSM growing! If you haven't already, please participate in the "Each One Reach One" program.

**World Conference Libertarian Volunteer**

The International Society for Individual Liberty will hold its 1996 World Conference in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada from August 19 to 24. Price: \$595 for conference and accommodations. For more information, contact Brian Taylor via e-mail at: [brian\\_taylor@mindlink.net](mailto:brian_taylor@mindlink.net) or call (604) 224-4628.