



Meeting of the Democratic Club of the Santa Clarita Valley (Featuring Mark Pash and Brad Parker)

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 7:00pm

El Chaparral Mexican Restaurant

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This evening we hope to discuss where we are going financially. Do Democrats need to take a vow of poverty in order to be progressive in today's economy?

A new non-profit - The Center for Progressive Economics has been organized with the following mandate ~ "CPE will promote the correct macroeconomic understanding, mainly through economic validation, that joins business with government, educators, environmentalists, civic and philanthropic leaders to create a quality global economy and community." and ~

"We cannot have a politically democratic society without economic democracy!"

Over the many years Progressives, Liberals and Democrats do not have a comprehensive grasp of the macro-economic forces at work in the world today. That has created a situation where Conservatives and the Right wing of American political life have free rein to say anything they want on economic issues with impunity because they tout themselves as the only reasonable position on real world economics.

CPE is bringing forth not only the counter to that argument but a robust picture of the Progressive alternative to over thirty years of "NeoLiberal" or "Rational" economics. Simply put - unlike all current "Zero Sum" or "Win-Lose" economic theories, Progressive Economics is the "Win-Win" economic solution!

Mark Pash is the driving force behind the economic policies you will find in all of the CPE publications online, in print and in person. Brad Parker has been working with Mark for over three years now to frame these economic policies around Progressive social policy positions.

Their first paper - Progressive Economic Principles: Creating a Quality Economy - is the last chapter in Brad Parker's book, "Left Turn Only." CPE is an outgrowth of that collaboration. Mark and Brad are working on a new way of communicating the liberal ideal through economics.

In that way we can prove our social positions on the solid ground of economics and counter the Conservative narrative, in both major parties, that only they have the economic solutions.

Our special guests tonight are Mark S. Pash and Brad Parker, Authors of Left Turn Only: Dispatches from the Progressive Underground.

Mark Pash CFP – Founder and Chairman

Mark Pash, CFP, (a certified financial planner)

Mark Pash grew up and worked in two separate family



businesses, one in

manufacturing and the other in retail stores. Mark went on to receive two business degrees, a Bachelors and Masters, from UCLA and USC, respectively. Then he served, as an officer, in the business branch of the U.S. Army- the Quartermaster Corp. After the army, he received his Certified Financial Planners designation from the College of Financial Planning.

Over the past 40 years, Mark has been very active in the financial industry helping clients with their budgets, investments, loans, income taxes, social security, medical coverage and scores of other person financial issues.

Additionally, Mark has founded a number of financial organizations and has served as an officer of various industry corporations and associations. His extensive background brings a grounded understanding of the practical and theoretical in the field of economics.

Mark has long been active in politics and was a Congressional candidate in 2002 in California's 27th Congressional District.



He wrote the book *E=mcf: Theory of Economic Relativity*

Description

Theory of Economic Relativity -- Reveals the glaring inadequacies of the current system; explores the reasons to have a diversified, non-inflationary and expansive monetary supply; presents ways to avoid excessive inflation; shows how some fiscal policy matters can be better solved by monetary policy; and finally, examines a different government structure and accountability system.

From the Author

The economic systems of the world are in need of change!

The current debate regarding 19th and 20th Century economics provides no viable vision for the 21st Century. Over the years, I've listened to a rainbow of politicians and economists and I've read the mountains of literature being presented by both sides.

About the only consensus thus far is the absence of a real solution to improve our economic systems. The purpose of this book is to christen the debate to vastly improve our monetary system, and consequently create an economic vision for the 21st Century. Paperback: 131 pages

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Brad Parker – Executive Director

Parker is a prolific political writer and speaker in Progressive and Democratic Party organizations. Brad is one of the founding members of Progressive Democrats of America in California. Parker has worked extensively on copyright and Net Neutrality issues, both in Washington D.C. and in the California Democratic Party. His book “Left Turn Only – Dispatches from the Progressive Underground” came out in 2010 and can be found on Amazon and Kindle. Currently, Parker is active in the

following political organizations:

Valley Democrats United, President

- *California Democratic Party-DSCC, Delegate, 42nd AD*
- *California Clean Money Action Fund, Board Member*

Brad is also the newly appointed Executive Director of the “Center for Progressive Economics” and a member of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 47.

Brad is an artist, songwriter, producer and musician. Parker’s music has earned him numerous awards in countries around the world with sales in the millions. In America his hit Country song “Nobody’s Gonna Rain On Our Parade,” recorded by Kathy Mattea, earned him BMI awards as a songwriter and a publisher as well as a BMI “Million-airs” citation for over 1 million broadcast performances and counting. Cher has recorded his songs as well as Richard Page, Edgar Winter, Karla Bonoff, K.T. Oslin, Ronny Cox, Hurricane, Bill Miller and many others.

Parker has produced and written hits for artists around the world including Andy Lau in Hong Kong, M. Nasir in Malaysia, Keiran Goss and Eleanor McEvoy in Ireland. Brad has shared the stage with Bo Diddley, Cyndi Lauper, Michael Bolton, Brenda Russell, Billy Burnette, Canned Heat, John Densmore, Greg Allman, Johnny Rivers, Eddie Money, Dan Fogelberg and Robert Cray, and many others. Parker is a 25-year member of NARAS and co-founder of online music marketing and promotion service “www.muzlink.com” ~ a member service of NARAS. BMI, ASCAP, NSAI, CMA and the Folk Alliance. Brad is also the owner of Riozen Media, www.riozen.com, an Independent Music and Media company.

