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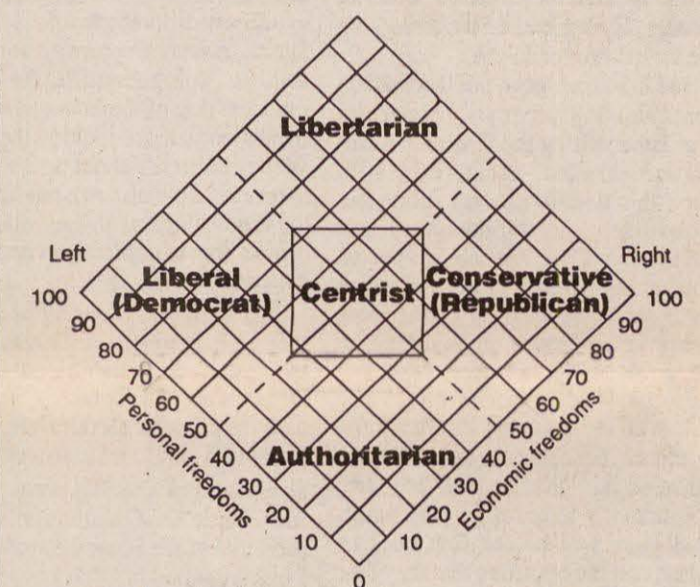
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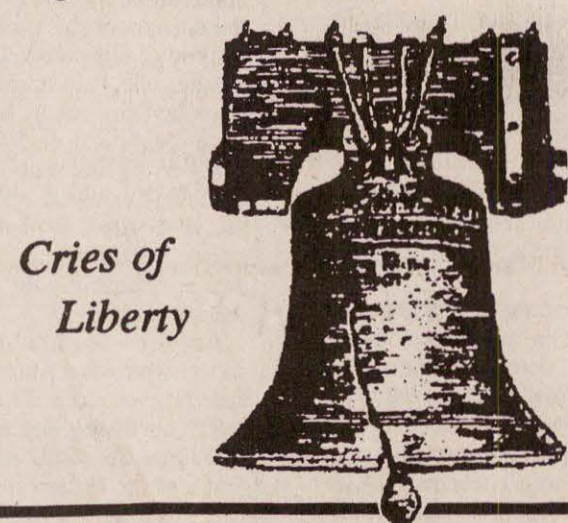


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Add multiple totals for your Economic Freedom score: _____

If you found yourself in the Libertarian region of the political map, you have scored high on the freedom scale. You have more in common with the Libertarian Party than with the Democratic or Republican Party. Take a stand for freedom: Register and vote Libertarian.



Cries of Liberty

THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle; that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant the government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely (1) the right to life - accordingly, we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action - accordingly we oppose all attempts by governments to abridge the freedoms of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property - accordingly, we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

Editor's Note:

If you find yourself basically in agreement with the above Statement of Principles, we strongly urge you to photocopy this ad and send it to friends, relatives and neighbors.... tack it up at the laundromat, corner store or anyplace visible to the general public.

We need YOU to spread the word. The media is biased and tends to ignore us! For example, our presidential candidate, Andre Marrou, was on ballots in fifty states, yet was excluded from the Bush - Clinton - Perot debates by the Debate Commission.

We don't have perot's millions for TV coverage or to print ads, and we don't have Bush's or Clinton's tax money stolen from YOUR pocket to cover costs, so we must rely on you, the individual to spread the word... Do it for your sake, and do it for the sake of liberty.

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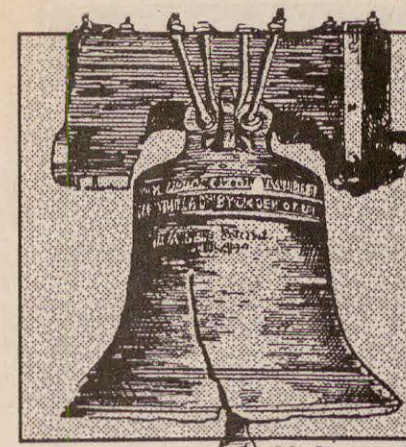
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"... and the Liberty Bell shall set you free."

Ten thousand dollars for just one penny!

A member of the Libertarian Party from Las Vegas, Eric Klien, recently promised to give \$10,000 to the U.S. Treasury if President Clinton reduced federal spending one penny.

Klien even offered to allow for inflation and population growth in determining if the appropriations in the next budget are less than this year's. "I, Eric Klien, at 8214 Bridlepath Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128, challenge Bill Clinton to keep his word to cut spending," Klien said in a letter to the White House. "If he cuts spending by even one penny I will donate \$10,000 to help pay off the federal debt."

"Considering that he plans to raise taxes by over ten trillion pennies, I feel that it is only fair that he reduce spending by at least one penny."

"The terms of the contest are as follows: Take the total amount spent by the federal government in 1992. Multiply this amount by the CPI increase in 1993 and by the population growth in 1993. See if Bill Clinton can manage to spend at least one penny less than this amount in the year 1993," Klien explained.

Klien's challenge was sent by Federal Express to arrive at the White House on Monday, March 1. Commenting on Klien's letter, LP National Chair Mary Gilling said, "Given Mr. Clinton's record, I expect Mr. Klien will be keeping that \$10,000. Unfortunately, that means the rest of us will be losing a lot more of our money to continuing big government and waste."

Klien, 27, is a retired computer programmer and successful stock market investor. In the last election, he was treasurer of the Tamara Clark for State Senate campaign.

The Libertarian Party advocates substantial reductions in the government's size and cost through such measures as privatization, public land and property sales, abolition of subsidies, and overall cutback in the role of government.

Political Property Seizures Proposed Crime Control Act of 1993

By Ross Regnart

The Crime Control Act of 1993 redefines Illegal Search and Seizure while eliminating an innocent citizen's civil redress in suits against government officials and agents.

Incorporated were provisions of proposed SB 265 titled "Terrorism Death Penalty Act of 1991" and Senator Biden's SB 266 "Comprehensive Counterterrorism Act of 1991." Both bills contained language which can charge law abiding citizens of being agents or affording support to terrorist organizations.

Consider: the property forfeiture effects on organizations and individuals

when Speeches, Writings, and Assemblies mentioned in SB 265 are combined with the forfeiture provisions of Biden's SB 266 now incorporated in The Crime Control Act of 1993: any individual or organization in the United States who had or should have had knowledge that an associate might commit a terrorist act can have their property seized. Written like Federal Drug Forfeiture Laws, a citizen who allowed their home or other real property to be used for an assembly would start out guilty having to prove they did not have knowledge of the unlawful methods of the organization or individuals they allowed to use their property.

Politically active organizations and

labor unions are especially vulnerable to The Crime Control Act of 1993 provisions which define bodily acts as "terrorist acts." A fist fight at a demonstration or picket line would qualify. The physical act need not cause bodily harm as its provisions refer to "involving any violent act."

S.8 The Crime Control Act of 1993 forfeiture provisions which seem aimed at public dissent are written like RICO laws taking on the added prospect of Political Property Forfeiture. Broadly written intent to commit terrorist acts is defined: "appear to be intended: (1) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (2) to influence the policy of a government

Look out for movements in regional government

By Sarah Foster

From Sacramento - It's time to get serious, folks. It's no use kvetching to the TV and your next door neighbor. The social engineers, planners and police have big plans for you! Two State Senate bills - SB 153 and SB 1158 - demand immediate attention. They are to be heard in policy committees this month. If the committees pass them, they go to the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee of the Senate, then to the floor.

Let's stop them before they grow! Mark your calendars for the hearing dates: April 14 for SB 153; April 20 for SB 1158.

Look out for regional government: SB 153: Rebecca Morgan, R - Menlo Park, is a redux of last session's SB 797, the "Bay Area Government Consolidation Act," which was narrowly defeated on the final day of the session.

Specifically, SB 153 consolidates three major existing regional entities, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). Doesn't sound threatening? Read on.

This is in reality a "regional government" bill: regional government (or regionalism) being a form of socialism in which the state, nation, and even the world are divided into geographic districts, i.e., regions, with government functions and agencies centralized in these for administrative purposes.

Regionalism thus means administrative government by professional planners, administrators and "experts." Limited government? You gotta be kidding: regionalism is government completely unlimited. Individual rights? The planners never heard of them. Ultimately, regionalism means the end of our system of elected, legislative bodies, local government, and to our citizen's rights of initiative, referendum and recall of officials. It means government control of our property, our businesses, our lives.

It is not communism, under which government owns everything, but will someday "wither away." Under regionalism there is no hope for its future demise. It is similar to Nazi fascism, with large corporations sitting in special positions of power, enjoying subsidies and numerous

privileges denied the rank and file. Private ownership of property is permitted, but how you use and dispose of it is controlled by the government. If that sounds pretty much like the system we have today, it's because the promoters have almost completely their agenda.

That agenda, which has been moving since the 1930s, runs on two tracks. The first: to bring in administrative government, per se. That's been a clear success. The second track involves establishing a layer of administrative shadow government of single purpose regional entities, above cities and counties.

These entities were empowered to establish public "goals," e.g., no smog by the year 2020, and order implementation. So they make regulations and issue dictates on land use, transportation, whatever. Today we have water quality districts, planning districts, regional park districts, etc. - headed by unelected commissions, whose members are beyond recall and whose edicts are beyond referendum. Even city and county governments are under the gun and must comply with edicts they may disagree with.

Councils of government (COGs) were set up in the mid-1980s to be the regional agencies for dispersing federal funds connected with housing and planning programs. (Already established ABAG was the model.) They are voluntary associations of cities and county elected government officials. Their purpose is to get together to deal with "problems" said to go beyond "mere" city or county boundaries. One idea catching on across the country is to make membership in the COGs mandatory and give them powers of "revenue generating" (taxing authority) - can regional police be far behind?

Besides the three-agency consolidation, SB 153 establishes an interim commission charged with drafting a growth management "strategy" (a plan) for the Bay Area. Further along a permanent Regional Commission would be set up to run things and people in the Bay Area. What happens to the city and county governments? They would become "rubber stamps" - as they already are in too many respects.

SB 153 is marketed as a "growth management" bill. That's Orwellian

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Tweak the nose of your local labor union!

By Dick Rider

Don't get me wrong. Some of my best friends belong to labor unions. They are fine institutions in their place. But would you want your daughter to marry a labor union official?

Seriously, the Libertarian Party is neither pro nor anti-labor union. We feel that collective labor-management negotiations are fine, as long as neither side uses force to attain their goals.

A strike is a basic right of labor, but when the strikers use force against those who are willing to take their place, they lose any claim to the moral high ground. Since government uses its force to back the labor unions demands, and since the unions consistently favor the growth of the socialist state, we have no friends in the labor power structure.

Some libertarians find themselves in a quandary in the workplace. Perhaps they work in an agency shop, where all workers MUST pay labor union dues ("agency fees" for non-union workers), even if they choose not to join the union. This coercion is particularly galling when one realizes that a good portion of these "dues" go for political support of socialist candidates such as Teddy Kennedy, Bill Clinton and Willie Brown.

At last, there is some relief at hand. Due to a recent Supreme Court ruling (Beck vs. communication Workers of America), any worker who is not a member of a union can demand that any agency fees he must pay not be used for non-bargaining purposes.

From a practical standpoint, that means that any non-union worker can file for a rebate of that portion of his fees used for political purposes. This system is far from perfect - the arbitration system used to calculate what percentage of agency dues are used for politics is rigged by the pro-union American Arbitration Association. Nevertheless, the process results in a significant return to the worker of money that in most cases would have been spent to destroy the free market system that allows the worker to make a good living in the first place!

The problem is that most workers know nothing of this recent ruling. The unions and the government are doing everything they can to keep this court decision quiet.

But for those who know about the Beck case, all they have to do is file a form letter annually requesting a rebate of all dues spent on non-bargaining activity. It is simple and painless for the worker, but it is a real thorn in the side of the union. If the knowledge concerning this option spreads, a significant portion of the union's political power will be undermined.

So if you work under these agency shop conditions, or have friends and co-workers stuck in this compulsory bind, find out more about the Beck case and similar rulings. You do not have to become a constitutional scholar - all you need is to find out how to file the form letter for a refund. If you want more information, call the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation at 1-800-336-3600.

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Yet another bureaucracy!

"Governor Pete Wilson has appointed Daniel L. Hernandez to the newly created Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, a volunteer body designed to promote physical fitness activities in California.

"The Council, which will be chaired by Arnold Schwarzenegger, is part of Governor Wilson's preventative government agenda. This council, by promoting physical fitness, will cut health care costs for California by making our people healthier," Wilson said. The Council will encourage all Californians to exercise, but it will especially target those more at risk - children and the elderly."

As if we're not in debt enough already!

Public Access TV for Libertarians

I was recently certified by my local Public Access TV station to use their camera equipment & editing bays and have completed 2 one hour shows. The first is Robert Poole of Reason Magazine speaking on Privatization of Government Business. The second is Doug Theoburn speaking on Libertarian Economics and Accounting. Doug is with a firm called Income and Capital Growth Strategies, Inc.

These tapes, though 3/4 inch and suitable for public access stations, are done by an amateur, but the content is worthwhile. I am also interested in collecting 3/4" tapes done by others for the purpose of becoming a lending library. If you would like to borrow either of the above send \$15 for the round trip mailing and handling to me.

There is also a series of 13 1/2 hour professional tapes available from Ron Paul's organization: The National Endowment for Liberty. You may contact them through David James at 18333 Egret Bay Blvd. #265, Houston, Texas 77058.

Robert Jay Thousand Oaks

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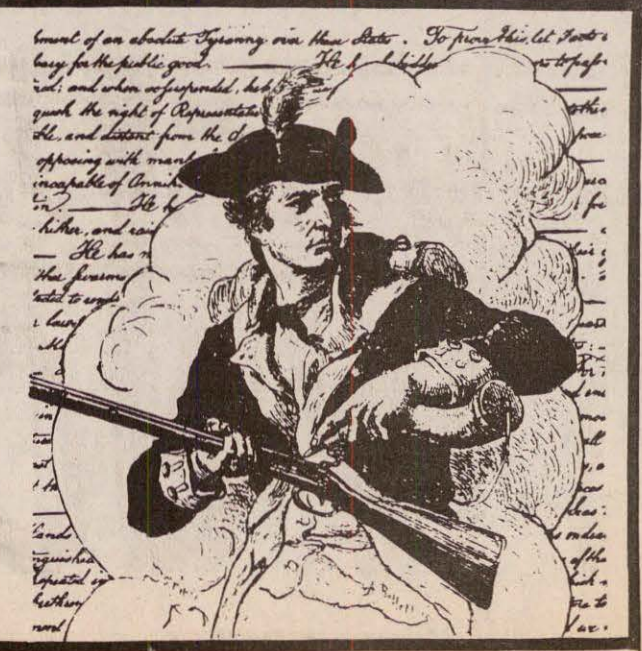
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"A segregated school means a school that is controlled by people that have no real interest in it."

To The Editor:

I recently read a very negative article concerning school choice (Jan. 27, San Bernardino "Sun") by Richard Rothstein, a research associate for the Economic Institute. Some of his statements sounded questionable, so I did a little research, and I'd like to help dispel some of the myths surrounding the school choice initiative. Mr. Rothstein stated that school choice would cause "white flight" to private schools, and that when poor and minority children are placed in schools with children like themselves, academic achievement declines. Most schools, public or private, draw their students from their surrounding area, therefore the kids tend to be from the

schools, I'm merely pointing out that segregation is not the cause of low-achievement. The problem is the unquestioning acceptance of inferior public schools. Even Malcolm X stated, "(It) does not mean a school is segregated because it is all black. A segregated school means a school that is controlled by people that have no real interest in it." The government has gained so much control over the curriculum, discipline, salaries, regulations, and every other aspect of our public school system, that any input from the people who really care, the teachers and parents, is discouraged. It doesn't help matters that the government also retains so much control over school finances. \$5242

on their reputation for turning out educated, successful graduates to attract more students. This would not necessarily hurt public schools. In fact, it would improve them. If you felt your public school was a good one, and wanted to support it, you would use your voucher there. It would not only bring in more money directly to the school, it would encourage the school to compete with others, and as a result become more efficient and also improve the quality of their teaching staff and their curriculum. The unsuccessful or unproductive ones would either have to improve or close. Regardless of the success or failure of the initiative, we can't continue with our present system.

"Yours In Liberty..."

Letters to the Editor

same socioeconomic class and ethnic group. School choice may actually change this trend. Every student will be entitled to a voucher, not just white middle-class kids, and they will no longer be confined to a certain district; you will be able to choose the school you prefer. According to a friend who taught at public school in Seattle, the private schools there enroll students from all ethnic groups and economic classes. She also pointed out that Catholic schools are well-known for their diversity, drawing from Asian, Black and Caucasian groups. As to his second statement, he's obviously never heard of Piney Woods. It's an all-black boarding school, privately funded, in rural Mississippi. Their students are primarily from poor single-parent homes in inner-city neighborhoods, and have been raised around poverty, crime and drugs. Yet not only do 90% of the graduates go on to college, they take with them self-esteem and hope for the future rarely found in inner-city kids. The rules and regulations are strict and enforced at Piney Woods, but it's because of this that the students are able to focus on the main reason they're there; to learn. I'm not trying to make a case for segregating

is designated per student, by the state, but after it goes through the Legislature, the Department of Education, the Office of Education, and the School District Administrative Office, there's only 39% left for the student. That means, 61% of the money intended for the student went to bureaucrats. In contrast, (if the school choice initiative was in place) once you decided on a public or private school, you would take your voucher directly to that school. (That is about \$620 more than a public school receives through present methods, and \$3200 that isn't going to bureaucrats.) Schools have become so standardized that academic competition is impossible. We are, after all, a nation of individuals. We have different backgrounds, philosophies, values, and different ideas about what we want from education. Because of this, we need a diversity of schools from which to choose, so we can find one that fits our child's particular needs. This would also encourage academic competition among schools, something hard to find in our present educational system. Public schools are paid for each student enrolled, regardless of how he is faring academically. Private schools must depend

tem. Some public schools' ambiguous ads that claim "more graduates than ever" don't specify how many of these "graduates" can read, spell or do simple arithmetic. I firmly believe that vouchers will help create more schools like Piney Woods, and will open doors for poor and minority kids who would otherwise have had them slammed in their faces. But it's extremely important that the California School Choice Initiative stands as it was written. It freezes existing regulations on private schools, and prohibits new ones unless approved by a certain majority of voters. There must be as little interference from the government as possible, or the whole program would be pointless. Give the School Choice Initiative a chance. Look past the criticisms and do your own research. Read the initiative thoroughly and think about what you want from your school, and who you want deciding what your children are being taught. The old phrase, "...good enough for government work!" shouldn't apply to the education of our children. It's high time we separate school and state.

Nancy Upfold
Running Springs

"Putting the People First" before what?

To The Editor:

Putting People First?
Slick Willie Clinton's book *Putting People First* deserves a new title: *Putting People First for the Tax Collector!*

For one year, Slick Willie sold his snake oil with a "New Covenant" label. He promised to "soak the rich". Those who made over \$200,000 per

year, while those in the middle class would get a tax reduction. Incredibly, his snake oil was bought by 43% of the voters! Most were middle class. After being president only one month, Willie's New Covenant suddenly changed, chapter and verse, to the Old Testament of tax and spend. The middle class won't get a tax reduction. Instead, they'll pay even

higher income taxes, higher energy (BTU) taxes, and many on social security will be taxed on 85% rather than 50% of their incomes. So be it for the middle class! The High Priest of socialism has spoken!

For liberty,

B. Wilder Merrill
San Jose

"Mr. President - Please don't raise my taxes!"

Dear President Clinton:

Thanks to you, and your staff, for soliciting public comment regarding your plans for deficit reduction, and overall economic recovery for the American people. Please brace yourself, Sir, because this letter may be uncomfortable for you to read. This is certainly not an easy letter to have to write, either.

On January 9th, 1992, I was permanently laid off - by the company that had promoted and relocated me from the Denver area, to Los Angeles county five years earlier. During the following seven months, I distributed over five hundred resumes, filled out countless job applications, made hundreds of phone inquiries, sought help from six employment agents in three states, and had to suffer through the humiliation of collecting twenty-four weeks of Unemployment Compensation. Over sixty-five percent of that money went to pay for rent, light and heat. The rest went to bills, postage, resume printing, gasoline, food and tax.

Since September, 1992, I have been living in Ventura County - north of Los Angeles - where my new job is located. The pay is two hundred less per month, and the rent is one hundred dollars per month more - for one hundred fewer square feet of space. While my case must be certainly be listed as a positive statistic on the books of many bureaucrats, plus tax increases and inflation. At this rate, my \$4,695.36 of lost income last year may never be recovered. Put simply, if I can't eat it, wear it, or sell it for a few fast dollars, I can't afford it! I was not in debt last January, and I

hate having to owe money now. At age thirty-five, the prospect of starving on Social Security in another twenty-seven years is nothing less than terrifying.

Now that you have a thumbnail sketch of my situation, I would like to give you a few suggestions for actually dealing with the deficit, and providing permanent economic growth. First and foremost, do not raise

their errant lead. Ending wasteful spending needs to come first, then the dollars that are being poorly spent can be either saved - my personal choice - or be spent in areas of greater priority. Wasting the taxpayer's money should be a criminal offense. Next, simplify the income tax code, by adopting a ten percent flat rate without any deductions, for anyone earning ten thousand dollars or more

"You contract with me, as a citizen and part - owner of this Nation, is good for four years, Mr. President, and I'm not about to weasel out on my end of the deal. I will make every effort to keep an open mind, and give your plans the benefit of any area of the doubt."

- Clark R. Marley

any taxes! In his first term, California Governor Pete Wilson tried to cover a fourteen billion dollar deficit with a fifty / fifty budget cut and tax increase deal. That resulted in eleven billion shortfall, and an unemployment rate of eight and one-half percent the next year. The deficit last year was another seven billion, and I got caught up in the ten percent jobless rate. Spending cuts are required anyway, so why not simplify the process by relying exclusively on spending reductions? Maybe I've missed a few speeches since your State of the Union Address, but I still have yet to hear from anyone on your staff, Congressional Democrats, or even the Republicans push for adoption of the *Grace Commission's* report on Government waste. Our last two Presidents have ignored those findings, and I would at least like to have some explanation if you choose to follow

per year. Those citizens who earn less should be exempted completely. By keeping alive the current system of collecting high taxes, then granting a myriad of small deductions, taxpayers are encouraged to cheat. Internal Revenue Service agents are encouraged to harass the taxpayers, and the attorneys on both sides are the only ones to benefit from it all. Your proposal to increase the Earned Income Credit comes from the heart, I'm certain, but since I'm single and sexually responsible - no children - this won't help, because I don't qualify. Easing credit is a lost cause in my case as well, because buying a new car is out of the question, and home ownership will only come if I manage to win the Lottery. Please exempt income taxes on Unemployment Compensation, and other services that we are forced to pay for. Because I've had to declare those funds as income, it is costing

lations, instead of actually doing business. Their replies are either fits of nervous laughter, obscene curses, or both. The truth is so bad, that none of them have been able to even consider giving me an estimate, let alone study the issue! How can a small businessman concentrate on maximizing his clout in the marketplace, while having to constantly change proven business procedures in order to satisfy punitive bureaucrats? How can a corporate manager be expected to run a profitable operation, when funds needed to buy salespeople, customer services, dealer support, secretarial staff, accountants and production personnel need to be spent on lobbyists, legal departments and to attorneys instead? Every minute consumed by regulation comes at the expense of lost sales, missed shipments, product quality, increased overhead, and upset customers.

American businesses use quarterly reports as the benchmark for success, and the stock market is far more interested in corporate assets than the value of the products and/or services that the corporations actually deliver to the public. The reason for this is very simple, Mr. President. There is no confidence in Government within the business community, because constant changes in taxes and regulations make long-term planning too much of a gamble. The concept of having to compete with marketplace rivals is a welcome challenge, but when forced to keep up with increasing governmental demands as well, the neighborhood becomes dangerous very quickly. Why not try a limit on new regulations and taxes for a ten-year period, and allow the footing to equalize. Those firms that have run a clean operation could take immediate advantage, and would force their competitors to either keep up, or be bought out. Long range planning would become the rule, instead of the exception.

The American people have proven to the rest of the world countless times, that we are the most inventive and competitive collection of humans on the planet Earth - even as mismatched and disagreeable as we often can be. My concern over this trend towards failure has led me to this conclusion: We are spending far too much time, effort and money in a losing battle to protect ourselves personally and professionally - from City, County, State, and federal agencies. This has sapped our National strength, and has hindered our

progress in all areas.

Mr. President, I did not vote for you in November. Neither Mr. Bush nor Mr. Perot gained my ballot either, because quite frankly, none of you seemed worthy of my trust. On Election Day, my support went to Libertarian Party candidates, because they all called for smaller and more skillfully operated Government. Partisan politics as played by both the Republicans and Democrats have hurt this Nation very badly, and I have used my vote to keep from supporting "it - for - tat" foolishness at great public expense. I fervently hope that your plans - should they become law - are successful, because if things get any worse, I may lose the job that it took so long to find. Millions of other Americans are in the same boat with me. Mr. President, Please, don't allow petty bickering or bureaucratic may - says to sink us for their own personal political gain.

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Yours In Liberty,

Clark R. Marley
Santa Paula

A note from the Southern Vice Chair

To The Editor:

As Southern Vice Chair, I intend to solicit information from the southern regions that I can use to create articles for the state newsletter. I will compose, edit or submit "as is" any and all information sent to me by the southern regions.

I seek both to inform, educate and motivate all members of the LPC by telling them what is happening and being done by regions of all sizes and shapes.

I believe that our success depends on both our diversity and our willingness to both tolerate that diversity and our willingness to both tolerate that diversity and share our ideas, successes and failures with each other without demanding that everyone following the same path of activism.

If we only share with those who follow our lead we may miss some of those who will take our idea and adapt it to their style. If we insist that everyone do exactly what we do, we will miss out on the good ideas we can adapt to our style.

This is my invitation to all the southern regions to send to me anything and everything they would like to share so that I can pull all the ideas together for the state newsletter.

Gail Lightfoot
San Dimas

A blow against freedom of speech

To The Editor,

As a real estate professional, I work with all races and classes of people. Recently, I received a listing of "unacceptable wording" in advertising from a real estate organization of which I am a member. The long list includes such words as Male, Retired, Adult, Student, etc. and was produced to assure conformity to The Federal Housing Act and The California Unruh Act which are "civil rights" laws.

It seems these laws themselves are in violation of human rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Those violated rights appear to be freedom of speech and property rights. It's paradoxical that newspapers and real estate groups would put up with such an attack on their individual rights. This could only happen in an environment of confusion and apathy regarding the very nature of rights. I think we can sadly thank the Marxist college professors for much of this confusion.

Perhaps the following thoughts would help to bring clarity to this issue: To be consistent with natural law, there are only three basic human rights. These are: Life, Liberty and Property. All other rights must spring from and be consistent with these. These rights pertain to the individual only. When these rights are respected, the individual owns his or her own mind and body and may do anything except infringe on the rights of others. There can be no such thing as "class rights", "racial rights" or "civil rights" except as an extension of the three basic rights by free will agreement. Our nation was founded on this sound, workable human rights theory.

Contrast this to the Soviet Union which was founded on the Marxist view of assigning privilege or permission to groups. This is the problem of violent crime in America. Justice Department statistics bear this out. In spite of only three basic human rights, there are over 100,000 laws nationwide, only 0.02% of the estimated 100 million plus privately-held arms in America were reported to have been used in crime, domestic tragedies, or other forms of abuse. Prior to the 1968 watershed year for statutory controls, the figures were even less. Alternatively, this means that 99.98% of all citizen-owned guns were possessed by decent, responsible, and law-abiding owners in defense of their homes, families, businesses, and hunting rights. This hardly indicates any of the most recent arguments proffered by gun control advocates for yet more restrictions.

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By William N. Gaillard

Over the last two centuries there have been three outstanding abysmal failures in the history of Congress. The first was the Tenure of Office Act passed in 1866 over the objections of then President Andrew Johnson. Johnson maintained that it was unconstitutional. Sixty years later in 1926, the Supreme Court agreed and struck it down. The second abysmal failure of Congress was the Volstead Act of 1919, or the 18th Amendment, popularly known as Prohibition. Nearly fifteen years later on 5 December 1933 Congress itself had enough courage, enough wisdom and enough presence of mind to repeal Prohibition as, at best, unworkable. Finally, the third abysmal failure of Congress was (and still is) the Gun Control Act of 1968. Above all else, the Gun Control Act of 1968 has distinguished itself as being perhaps one of the most deliberate contrivances of impoverishment and deprivation of individual liberty that has ever been conjured up in the perverted ingenuity of Man. It was the benchmark legislation of a benchmark year that foretold of more like-minded law to follow.

It is truly and tragically ironic that by the time we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights on 15 December 1991, most if not all of these rights have been seriously eroded away by the very same elected representatives and magistrates who swore a solemn oath to protect and defend this sacred document "against all foes both foreign and domestic." One can only wonder if when they took the oath that they also remembered to include themselves. The most significant agent of this erosion of our birthrights has been directed against that of private firearms ownership.

Twenty-three years' experience with the various forms of gun control that have embraced small arms, selective bannings, and "waiting periods" for the law-abiding citizen have incontrovertibly proven what legitimate gun owners have known all along; gun control absolutely does not work and will never solve the problem of violent crime in America. Justice Department statistics bear this out. In spite of only three basic human rights, there are over 100,000 laws nationwide, only 0.02% of the estimated 100 million plus privately-held arms in America were reported to have been used in crime, domestic tragedies, or other forms of abuse. Prior to the 1968 watershed year for statutory controls, the figures were even less. Alternatively, this means that 99.98% of all citizen-owned guns were possessed by decent, responsible, and law-abiding owners in defense of their homes, families, businesses, and hunting rights. This hardly indicates any of the most recent arguments proffered by gun control advocates for yet more restrictions.

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recent study of homicide in 13th century England. Although no guns existed, homicide rates were several times higher than ours. Just as today, the murderers were largely restless, disturbed, alcoholic people; their victims ... primarily (being) their families and acquaintances; the weapons ... primarily (being) knives ... agricultural instruments and ... large rocks." As an interesting aside, in today's England where firearms are virtually banned, the number of homicides committed by spouses and by "significant others" armed with large, 12" cast-iron skillet have grown geometrically.

Therefore, one cannot help but conclude that in the absence of small arms, violent offenders will seek some other weapon to achieve the same destructive goal. Alternatively, gun-related crime in England has grown some 400% since 1980. Oh well, so much for gun control as crime control in jolly old England: dead of a theory.

In other subsequent studies, Texas and Pennsylvania scholars Morgan O. Reynolds and Mark K. Benenson, respectively, have challenged the promises made by gun control advocates to deliver the goods. Bearing in mind that a promise made is a debt unpaid, the accounts of Handgun Control, Inc. (HCL) and others are, statistically, seriously in arrears.

Reynolds states that "(T)he evidence of failure of actual gun control measures in America is overwhelming ... There is a long history of gun control laws in this country and they have always promised a great deal (but that) no one has found evidence that gun controls decreased crime in the United States, despite the high payoff for such evidence and numer-

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land - let's go to Morton Grove, Illinois, the scene of the nation's first real blanket handgun ban. Predictably, (again) homicides (including handgun-related) increased with other serious crimes by some 15.7% in 1988 compared with a 3% rise in the rest of suburban Cook County.

Not satisfied with New York City, California, and (God forbid) sleepy, upper-crust Midwestern m hamlets? Who would bet? Let's take it to the source. Let's take our case to Easy Street on the Potomac surrounded by Reality Street on the beltway. Let's take it to our Nation's Capitol-the gun murder capital of the country. In no other area of the nation has the vociferous advocacy of further gun controls been more obscured by deceit, falsehood, sophistry, doctored statistics and disinformation than in the District of Columbia. Even New Jack City pales into insignificance by comparison.

The most draconian and unjust gun law in America is in Washington. Despite the fact that no firearms are allowed in the city, gun-related homicides have skyrocketed beyond the worst fears of even the pro-gun prognosticators. Despite the decrees of the city council, the whole town "packs" and violent crime is out of control. The reasons for this are obvious: only the bad guys pack in any significant numbers. Therefore, the history of early eighteenth-century Ferrara, Italy has repeated itself immeasurably in Washington. Even the homicide rate in the "gun culture" of the nineteenth-century Wild West was less than 10% that of the District. But the city government, accompanied by a biased and abusive local news media, has turned a deaf ear and a blind eye to both the pleadings and visible plight of the so-called "silent"

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In the final analysis, the politicians, the bureaucrats, the special interest groups, and the press are the bogeymen-arsonists in this drama. And in the final analysis, the arsonist burned down the building and then decided to beat the dog and ban matches in order to adroitly, and once again, draw attention away from himself. So, you guessed it, the totally innocent dog of the law-abiding gun owner once more took in the neck. Well perhaps it's about time we gave them a taste of their own medicine. In the shining light of all the evidence, it is now time to abolish gun control in America.

The argument, here, is as important as it is timely. In 1991, in the twilight of our Constitutional Republic as we approach our true bicentennial, the cause of all our ills being restored back to us revolves exclusively around what has been referred to as late as "the Constitution's linchpin"; that is, the Second Amendment. I am reminded of what happened at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention when Benjamin Franklin was asked, "what have you wrought?", to which the old man replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it." Bearing in mind that this was the same man who warned us some twenty-nine years prior to the Constitution's first ratification that "They that can give essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Our national and state capitulation to various forms of gun control comprise, precisely, the relinquished essential liberties that have failed to deliver the "temporary safeties" promised.

Therefore, in view of the dismal and dangerous track record of gun control in America, it is now time for the citizens of the United States to dispose of this perilous facet of domestic polity before we wind up losing everything that our brave soldiers have fought and died for since the firing of the first shots at both Concord and Lexington in April, 1775 - the shots fired by that very same citizen Militia referred to so simply and so eloquently in our Second Amendment.

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In Detroit, a highly-publicized firearms training program directed towards benefiting the Grocer's Association resulted, again, in a 90% drop this time in grocery robberies. Conversely, in Albuquerque and Oklahoma City, the police strikes forced the citizenry to arm and patrol their own streets. The crime rates dropped to levels unheard of in anyone's recent memory either before or since.

It is an indisputable fact that most criminals, being the mental and moral cowards and misfits that they are, instinctively look for an easy mark. Bad guys will be the first ones to admit that the one thing that they fear the most is the armed, Joe-blow citizen as opposed to the police officer who, by formal instruction, is trained to exercise restraint in the use of lethal force.

However, flying squarely in the face of all the contradictory evidence outlined above, the law-abiding gun owner is still subjected to the machinations of the Iron Triangle comprising the anti-gun politicians, special interest groups, and the large, corporate news media whose minds are already made up and not wishing to be bothered with the hard facts.

If at the end of this sojourn the reader suspects that a certain, deliberately - implemented blueprint of diabolical dissonance emerges here, he or she has just won the PTA ball for the week. It should be all too painfully evident to anyone with eyes to see and even an aboriginal aptitude for reflection that the arguments in favor of gun control are unsupported by any practical schooling or, for that matter, assiduous efforts at analysis of available data; there simply cannot be that much bad information around and all in the same country? No.

The pattern that emerges here is one that is as momentous as it is sneaky. "Here in the United States we have allowed our once limited federal government to become a gargantuan central government, partly due to our foolish tendency to grant it ever increasing control over our lives, so that it can 'solve' alleged 'threats' to our personal safety. More often than not, such 'threats' are wildly exaggerated (sometimes completely fabricated) for the very purpose of

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At our next meeting: U.S. Magistrate to speak against drug prohibition

Federal District Magistrate Ronald W. Rose is one of a growing number of justice and law enforcement professionals challenging the "War on Drugs."

He will speak to Libertarians at the LP of Orange County's next meeting: Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m., in the art gallery adjacent to Randell's Jazz Club. (See map on back page.)

Rushing to head up new committee structure for 1993 activities

Jim Rushing is the new Organizational Committee Chairman. He will oversee the creation of several committees and maintain the committee organization. The main goal of the Libertarian Party is to elect Libertarian candidates. With this in mind, each committee will work on the many sub-goals required to achieve the main goal. To accomplish this, fourteen committees will be formed or re-activated.

The Media Committee will compile and maintain media contact mailing lists. Press releases and announcements are the main focus. Media strategy for TV and radio will also be developed.

The Direct Mail Committee will maintain the mailing lists and mail out as directed in quantity.

The Follow-up Committee will maintain an information packet and mail out daily as inquiries are received. After the initial response to the inquiry, the name will be given to the Direct Mail Committee.

The Nolan Booth Committee will construct, maintain, and encourage the use of Nolan booths. Booth information include giving Nolan Tests, registering Libertarians, taking memberships, managing petition sig-

natures, selling T-Shirts, buttons, etc., distributing literature, and forwarding inquiries to the Follow-up Committee.

The Fundraising Committee will develop donor lists, compose fundraising letters, stock and merchandise Libertarian T-Shirts, books, etc.

The Literature Committee will maintain a stock of literature including pamphlets, position papers, platforms, etc., for quantity requests for mailings, demonstrations, Nolan booth, and other events.

The Coalitions Committee will reach out to other organizations with speakers, literature, books, etc.

The Letter to the Editor Committee will urge everyone to write letters to the editor and develop awards to those who get published, especially those who use the word Libertarian.

The Monthly Meeting Committee will arrange for meeting room, name tags, sign in records, and organize refreshments, music, literature table, etc.

The Phone Tree/Precinct Committee will develop a phone tree headed by precinct captains. This committee will be used in conjunction with events and campaigns.

The Candidates Committee will develop



Laura and Jim Rushing (left) discuss plans with Fred Singer

candidates and information about coming elections. It will also serve as a support base for candidates.

The Action Committee will identify upcoming events and opportunities the Libertarian Party needs to respond to. Examples are fairs, rallies, parades, forums, hearings, etc.

The Organizing Committee will conduct

committee reports at monthly meetings and publish the minutes of each meeting.

The New Voter Registration and Party Memberships Committee will check county recorder records each month with total number and location of registered Libertarians. Membership will also be tracked.

Jim Rushing can be reached at 714-494-2048.

Silicon Valley executives rebuff Clintonomics

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE) via First! -- In a testimony before the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, T.J. Rodgers, president and chief executive officer of Cypress Semiconductor testified against President Clinton's recently unveiled high-technology policy, including the "data superhighway" initiative.

The testimony challenges the perception that all high-technology CEOs are in accord with the Clinton Administration's technology policy, citing supportive comments from other prominent high-technology leaders. Rodgers' testimony was part of a Congressional Subcommittee hearing on high performance computing.

Rodgers told members of the Subcommittee: "The (Clinton) administration would have us believe that the business leaders of Silicon Valley stand unanimously behind its program. The image of John Sculley, CEO of Apple Computer, sitting beside the First Lady and applauding the State of the Union address has been beamed far and wide by White House political operatives.

"I am here today in strong opposition to the administration's economic program in

general and its technology agenda in particular. I am not alone."

Rodgers used his own company as one example of a successful company that will be hurt by Clinton's economic program. He pointed out that Cypress generated more than \$1 billion in cumulative revenue, \$160 million in profits (of which \$60 million was paid in taxes), 1,500 jobs, and paid cumulative salaries of nearly \$500 million (of which employees paid taxes of nearly \$150 million).

"If that is an 'excess of the 1980s' let's have more," Rodgers said. "As an entrepreneur, I should not have to apologize for my success and that of the company. I am offended by the administration's divisive rhetoric.

"As we debate the virtues of raising taxes on individuals and corporations, let's not debate abstractions. Let's debate the realities of who pays and the impact of raising taxes on those people and companies."

Following are comments from high technology leaders Rodgers cited in his testimony:

-- Joe Zemke, chief executive officer, Amdahl Corp. -- "Whether it is sugar subsidies or 'investments' in high performance computing, the Clinton program represents the same logic: siphoning dollars from individuals and corpora-

tions and allocating them through a process that is terribly inefficient -- a process that is responsive not to market requirements, but to bureaucratic empires and political payoffs."

-- Don Valentine, founding venture capitalist and director, Apple Computer; director, Cisco Systems -- "Don't assume that the Pepsi-Cola kid (John Sculley) speaks for Silicon Valley. We do not need pretenders who speak for us. We have visionaries who are rare, important and doers."

-- Finis Conner, founder and chief executive officer, Conner Peripherals -- "The development of all technologies and products involves risks and rewards. The government should not be in the business of speculating with taxpayers' money on which of those risks will be winners and which will be losers."

-- Scott McNealy, chief executive officer, Sun Microsystems -- "In the current economic climate, the proposed increase in the corporate tax rate does not encourage job growth, business investment, or global competitiveness. Rather, it penalizes profits and will result in further loss of jobs."

Other high technology leaders cited in Rodgers' testimony include: Gil Amelio, chief executive officer, National Semiconductor; Wilf Corrigan, chief executive officer, LSI Logic; Pierre Lamond, founder, National Semiconductor; L.J. Sevin, chairman, Cyrix; John Adler, chief executive officer, Adaptec; Scott McNealy, chief executive officer, Sun Microsystems; and Roger Emerick, chief executive officer, Lam Research.

Rodgers continued: "I still have most of the wealth associated with my Cypress shares. What have I done with my wealth? I invested it. In fact, I invested it in precisely the kinds of companies on which the administration wants to shower taxpayer subsidies -- the world's most advanced competitors in fields such as semiconductors, biotechnology, software, networking, environmental sciences and health care. Every incremental dollar that Washington takes from me comes directly out of my investments in these companies.

"Essentially, the administration is arguing that by taking my money in the form of higher taxes and 'investing' it in subsidies, it can make better investments -- create more jobs and wealth -- than the venture-capital firms with which I invest -- firms that are the envy of Japan and Europe. That logic defies common sense."

While approving of the administration's move toward a high technology vision, Rodgers criticized its plan to spend billions in taxpayer money to fund technology programs. He argued that these programs, such as the "data superhighway" initiative, could be funded by the free market without any cost to the

taxpayers.

"Multiple, competing highways are being built day-by-day across the United States. MCI, AT&T and Sprint already have three independent, coast-to-coast, fiber-based long-haul networks. The real issue is extending those networks into the home. The role for government is to untangle the morass of bureaucracy and regulations that prevents private companies from hooking up the 'last mile' of fiber to the home," Rodgers said.

Rodgers offered the following examples to underscore his position on the administration's "data superhighway" initiative.

-- "The regional Bell operating companies would gladly hook fiber optics from the long-haul network to the home. But they are prevented from doing so by regulations that make the huge capital investments uneconomical."

-- "Cable operators are already hooked into 60 percent of American homes. They too could make the connection with existing long-haul data superhighways, but they are prevented by regulations that declare them a 'natural monopoly' and restrict them to television and movie business."

-- "The long-haul superhighway could be hooked into the home through wireless circuits. But the frequencies required are currently being held up by the Federal Communications Commission."

Rodgers called for the administration to make further cuts in government spending. He pointed out that while a successful American company like Boeing had to cut 20 percent of its workforce to survive, Clinton's plan to eliminate 100,000 federal jobs only accounts for only five percent of the total government workforce.

"The opportunities for cuts go way beyond headcount," Rodgers said. "We could spend hours listing wasteful and unnecessary programs -- programs that made sense 30 or 40 years ago, when they were created, but that make no sense today."

Rodgers' overall recommendation: "Washington should stay away from the intricacies of high-tech competition -- whether the issue is the data superhighway, high-performance computing or advanced manufacturing. It should focus instead on the infrastructure of competition -- those factors of production that help all companies equally. President Kennedy said it best: 'A rising tide lifts all boats.'"

Rodgers concluded his testimony with the following: "America's entrepreneurial companies have the guts, brains and drive to beat the best the world has to offer. All we need from Washington is the confidence to let us fight it out."

LP founder Nolan seeks radio talk-show career

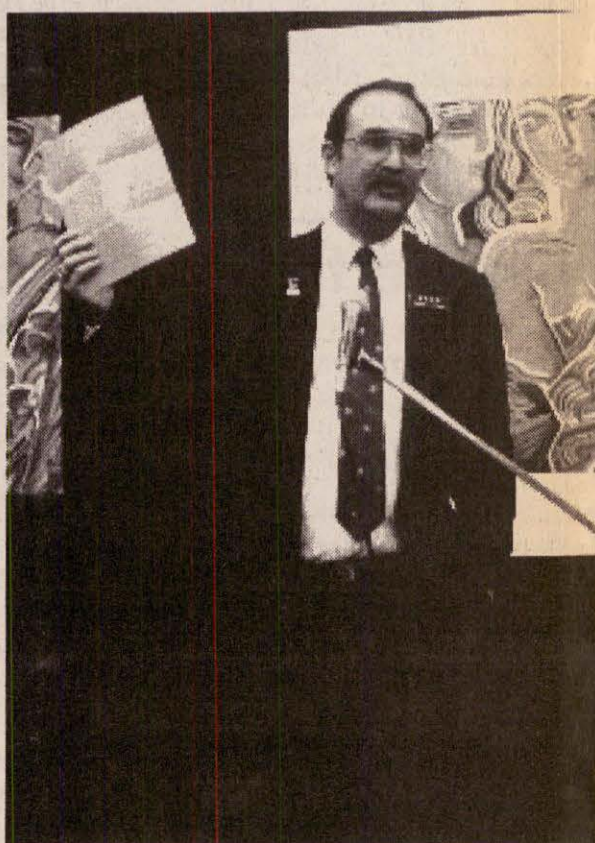
Unfortunately, there are very few overtly libertarian radio talk show hosts -- Gene Burns is the most obvious exception. And ever since semi-libertarian Tom Leykis left KFI last fall, there are no recognizably libertarian hosts on either of the two major Los Angeles area talk stations, KFI and KABC.

You can help change that. LP Founder David Nolan has declared his intention to become a talk show host, and his chances of getting on the air will be greatly enhanced if we can show some support. So please take a few minutes to write or call both KFI and KABC and urge them to add Dave to their lineup. If possible, you should both call AND write!

Points to make include the following: 1) libertarian ideas are gaining in popularity, as shown by our rising vote totals and number of elected officeholders; 2) the libertarian viewpoint is not currently represented on their station; 3) Dave is uniquely qualified to present a libertarian perspective; 4) he is quick-witted, knowledgeable, and has a great voice. Here's who to contact:

David J. Hall, Program Director, KFI, 610 South Ardmore Ave., Los Angeles 90005. Phone 213-251-3126, FAX 213-251-3170.

Diane Cridland, Program Director,



David Nolan

KABC, 3321 S. La Cienega, Los Angeles 90016. Phone 310-840-4912. FAX 310-558-5689.



Chair Emeritus Roger Bloxham relates the travails of the ill-fated lawsuit to repeal the metro transit sales tax.

LPOC puts the "party" back into politics



LP co-founder David Nolan (far right) chats with a visitor as Dan Lindgren (2nd from right) looks on, and Richard Newhouse (center) trades war stories with David Keller (2nd from left).

Photos by Scott Bieser

For Orange County Libertarians, the changing of the guard has recharged the principle of party in the Party of Principle.

On March 23 the regular business meeting was compressed to one hour, after which activists welcomed an estimated 50 visitors to an evening mixer.

On two occasions during the four-hour gathering LPOC leaders announced special upcoming events, and Chair Mark Murphy exhorted guests to join in the struggle for liberty.

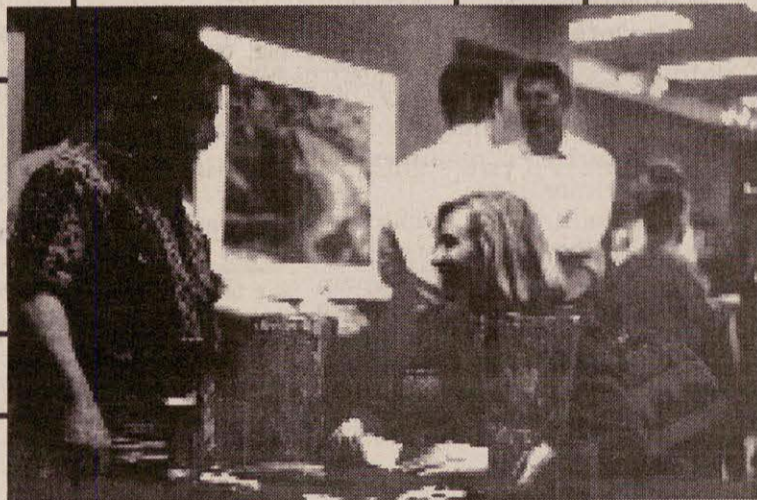


LPOC Chair Mark Murphy welcomes the crowd to his first full meeting as Chair, and works to rouse a bit of rabble while he's at it.

Inexhaustible firebrand Linda Grau spreads her enthusiasm.



Lyn Bloxham, a representative for The Heartland Institute, networks with free-lance writer David Keays.



LPOC Treasurer Gail Moore shares a chuckle with a newcomer at the sign-in table.

Notes from the Chair

Liberty Social Mixer launches new season of activism

By Mark Murphy
LPOC Chair

Brian Schar said I'd be busy and he was right! There are so many little details to take care of, not to mention the enormous task in front of us. In general, we are on the right track and moving forward!

The last meeting, dubbed the Liberty Social Mixer, was a success. In attendance were 35 regular members, what we called the "blue" tags. The "red" tags numbered about 50. The red tags were members who have not regularly attended meetings or new people who were curious about the Libertar-



Mark Murphy

ian Party. We had quite a group! I'd like to thank all the regular members who took the time to introduce themselves to new attendees making them feel welcome.

Here's some behind the scene news. Geoffrey Braun has assumed full duties as Secretary! By this, I mean I finally relinquished control of the Party database over to him. He also inherited about 200 inquiries from the National LP. National is a bit behind in sending these inquiries. They date back to August 92 and we just received them. Better late than never! Thank you Geoff for the hard work.

Jim Rushing will become the Organizational Committee Chairman. He'll be organizing volunteers for the Party (see related story). These volunteers will be called upon to help with regular meetings, special events, and campaigns. For the Libertarian Party to reach its goals of electing LP candidates, we need money and time donated. If you don't have money to donate, time is the next best thing!

There are a few action items that need to be done in the next month or so. First, we

have over 1,000 names and addresses of people who have inquired or let their membership expire. I plan on contacting each by mail to invite them to renew their membership or join the central committee for the first time. Many of these people are not aware of our activities and deserve an opportunity to know we are active and growing.

Second, we need to launch a campaign to keep the media informed of our upcoming events. Judge Rose will be speaking about the drug war at our next meeting, April 20. He takes the Libertarian stand of ending prohibition. The local media should take interest in this event; i.e., The Register, The Times, OC News Channel, and others. We should build relationships with the media to keep them informed. It is often the case they are not

aware of our events. This will change!

Third, we need to organize an aggressive fund raising campaign. Memberships to the Orange County Central Committee bring in \$15 each. Most of this is used up in newsletter costs and inquiry mailings. Very little is left to operate with. To grow, we need to fund outreach. We need to find alternate sources of fund raising. Remember, anyone can donate money to the Party. They need not be a member.

Let's work on our short term goals! With more people interested in the Libertarian Party, we will have fresh new ideas to help us grow. With a strong volunteer base firmly in place, we will be more effective in the 94 campaign. Let's keep on track and move forward!

Newhouse fifth out of seven in special election

Richard Newhouse, running against five "R&D Party" candidates and one other alternative party challenger, picked up just under 2 percent of the vote in a special election to a vacant State Senate seat held in early March.

Newhouse placed ahead of one Democrat and a Peace & Freedom party candidate, running for the seat vacated by Republican Ed Royce, who won election to a Congressional seat last November.

"I got some moderately good coverage in the Orange County Register and the L.A. Times," Newhouse said. He also received coverage in the Garden Grove Journal and a local newspaper in Fullerton.

Newhouse said he spent roughly \$250 on his campaign, most of it to meet the state's

ballot access requirement.

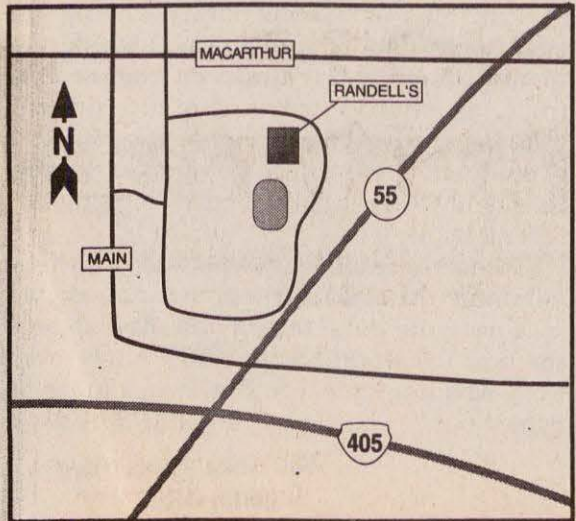
Noting a low turnout (14 percent) and the high portion of absentee ballots cast, Newhouse said in future races like this he would do more to generate absentee votes.

Meeting Time & Place

The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month in the art gallery next to Randell's Jazz Club, located at 3 Hutton Centre Drive in Santa Ana (see map). Business meeting starts at 6 p.m. with a social function or featured guest speaker starting at 7 p.m.

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"Every action or decision of an institution must be intended to keep the institutional machinery working."

"To speak of any goal or purpose of an institution other than keeping the institutional machinery running is no more meaningful than to speak of a goal of an automobile exhaust or the purpose of the hum of a sewing machine."

— Robert N. Kharasch



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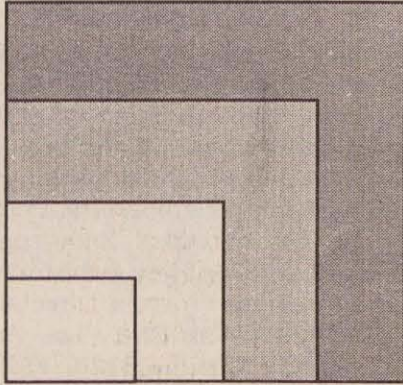
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Medical Care Debauchery

If some people have their way, everyone in the future will receive equal medical care . . . unfortunately

By Scott David Brennan

Our nation is once again at the brink of socialized medicine. For years, the U.S. has been moving steadily toward the Marxist ideal of "from each according to his means to each according to his need." Early this century President Wilson's Commission on Industrial Relations recommended implementing national health insurance to satiate labor. The 1930's brought the New Deal, and Roosevelt's objective: compulsory insurance. It was only the precursor to J.F.K.'s New Frontier and L.B.J.'s Great Society; which brought us the adolescence of the welfare state and Washington's explicit entanglement in private medicine. The baton has been passed to Sen. Kennedy and Rep. Waxman who are going to run as far as they can to ensnare physicians. A 1990 survey for Metropolitan Life Insurance exposed that there are no less than 800 pieces of legislation dealing with health care before Congress. "A moral imperative" is what the National Governors Association self-righteously called universal health care. Sen. Rockefeller described it as a major "domestic crisis." Why, at a time when the world is privatizing, command economies are failing, and people are dying for liberty, is the "Leader of the Free World" posturing toward more usurpation of power? Because we are ignorantly and eagerly granting our fragile, precious responsibilities to tyranny. We need only look at the effects of intervention in the economy to predict the aftermath of state medicine. Politicians are shrieking that costs are rising steeply; However in 1952, before Medicare and Medicaid, public health costs were only 4.3% of G.N.P. Presently, under ex-

tensive economic intrusion, mandates, and price fixing, the cost has more than tripled to 45%. Government, now paying 40% of all medical bills, cannot economize; the medical care is food. How does the U.S. survive without imposing strict order over the means of production, distribution, and demand of food? Because, despite the continual reinforcement of the illusion that free markets are weak, unresponsive, and imperious, greedy, thousands of companies, functioning independently, are motivated to compete to provide varied products to meet the many demands of consumers. Rationing procedures, drugs, and consultations, is not a solution, but a failure. The free market is the soil of new technology and innovation. When the wealthy around the globe fall ill, the U.S. is their attending physician; because we provide superior advancements in medical science. At a time when a great majority of Americans claim they are pro-choice and have a right to their bodies, Congress wants to remove all medical choices except the increasingly taxing monopoly of the state. Independent, voluntary trade, free from licensing and regulation, is the only intelligent way to supply health care: to all people completely, cost effectively, humanely, and without coercion. Americans forcefully stealing from each other, through taxation, under the guise of philanthropy, is demeaning, dishonest and objectively immoral. We must vigilantly guard and hold high our singular sovereignty, responsibility, and unalienable right to make decisions for our own life.

To The Editor:

"I am submitting an essay on health care that I hope you will consider for publishing. Your paper *The Liberty Bell*, has been a monthly joy; its hard to find good current Libertarian news and ammunition. Your first three issues are very enlightening; keep 'em coming. The Libertarian Party has been a turning point in my life, a philosophy of government that I searched for since childhood. It was only by chance, that two years ago a few college students told me about the party and its ideals, which I have always shared.

"Currently, I am a student of economics at California State University at Fullerton in my junior year. I am active in school activities: I was elected Student Body President at Fullerton College; received "Outstanding Service to the College" from the Business Division; and I am now active in The Economics Association. I have earned an A.A. Degree in Political Science; after graduating with my B.A., I will pursue a doctorate in economics. My career goal is to work as a professional economist at a policy institute or corporation, writing about my passions: Libertarianism, capitalism, and individualism.

"Writing and getting published will be an integral part of my future work. I see writing, as I'm sure you do, as the most powerful tool for spreading liberty and freedom.

Yours in Liberty,

Scott David Brennan

on the board; and when questioned about the Constitutionality of universal health care on C-SPAN, Sen. Rockefeller revealed "I don't know what the 9th and 10th Amendments are... I'm not a lawyer".

Who Serves Who?

By Jeffrey Forrest

President John Kennedy's gift of oratory was never more eloquently demonstrated than in his 1961 inaugural address. He stirred the emotions and pride of Americans everywhere with his now famous admonition, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." The charm and charisma of the dynamic young president was electrifying. Few people examined the deeper implication of what he had said.

As a statement of national policy these seemingly noble words mask an audacious proposal: nationalize the government. The purpose of the governments, which is that the individual's highest duty is to serve the state. This premise was clearly exposed by our founding fathers when they framed the First Article of the United States Constitution.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

In other words, this nation was created to secure the peace, safety, and well being of its citizens. It is evident from these three objectives that the framers of the Constitution were committed to the proposition that government exists to serve the people, and not the other way around. It is an artificial entity created solely for their benefit. When it ceases to be of such benefit it has no justification for continued existence.

The need prompting creation of these United States - peace, safety and well being - still exist, but the structure put in place to carry out the objectives has been so perverted it now seems to exist for its own sake.

Despite prohibitions against involuntary servitude, average Americans spend nearly half their lives working on behalf of the government. Every third job in America is held by a government employee. They produce little or no goods; therefore, each bureaucrat is supported by the production efforts of two workers. This monstrous bureaucracy has become the fourth branch of government. By virtue of its very size, top administrators and efficiency experts generally agree that it is as impossible to change as it is to control.

Robert McNamara, administrator and systems expert noted for his organizational skills, was one of the most powerful men in America during two presidencies. Nevertheless, as Secretary of defense, he gave up in defeat when he tried to reorganize even one department of the entrenched structure. Even President Kennedy complained of his frustration at not being able to have his policies carried out as he directed.

Nearly ninety percent of America's huge unbalanced budget goes to pay the ever escalating salaries and costs of his new estate. It's members - often unresponsive, indifferent, and sometimes even hostile to the people it serves - have one primary objective: to secure and maintain their jobs and benefits. Some positions are of course necessary, but many - if not most - could be safely eliminated to the long range benefit of the Nation's economy and general welfare.

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Other: Food (the seeds are high in protein). Oils (for cooking, lubrication, and fuel). Non-toxic paints and sealants. Industrial fabrication materials. Rope and twine.

Personal

Marijuana has been used for thousands of years for medical, social and religious reasons, and for relaxation. Several of our presidents are believed to have smoked it. One out of every

five Americans say they have tried it.

A Brief History

In 1937: Congress passes the "Marijuana Tax Act of 1937," effectively prohibiting its use by taxing dealers of and dealings in marijuana.

In 1938: Cannabis was withdrawn from the American public against the advice of the medical community.

In 1942: The U.S. Department of Agriculture produced the film "Hemp for Victory" instructing "patriotic farmers" on how to grow hemp for the war effort.

In 1970: Hemp was excluded from the Class II schedule of drugs (having demonstrated medical value) and listed as a Class I (dangerous substance with no known medical value), despite all evidence to the contrary.

In 1972: The Nixon - appointed Shafer Commission urged that use of cannabis be re-legalized, which was not done. Still, medical research continued, often with remarkable results.

Political property seizures proposed

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by intimidation or coercion.

It would appear from provisions contained in Senator Biden's proposed Senate Bill 266, now included in The Crime Control Act of 1993, targets any group of persons which would dare demonstrate for or against any issue. Any picket line which is alleged to have blocked public access could qualify to intimidate or coerce a civilian population. Should violence result for any reason at a public assembly, the property forfeiture provisions of The Crime Control Act of 1993 may be triggered causing forfeiture of attending demonstrator's homes used for meetings and the vehicles they used for transportation to the event. Demonstrators and/or pickets who left messages on a member or organization computer BBS system could cause the forfeiture of the system and all its records. The fact the system operator had no knowledge of any planned violence will not prevent property forfeiture of organization and member assets.

Conspiracy is enough under provisions of The Crime Control Act of 1993: Property Forfeiture, Arrest, Huge Fines, and Prison Sentences can result from "activities which appear to be intended toward violence". Distributing political action flyers could qualify.

The Crime Control Act of 1993 provisions when first examined are misleading for it gives the reader the impression it is after agents of a foreign power wishing to do Americans harm. The "Trojan Horse" in The Crime Control Act of 1993: anyone in the United States committing an undefined violent act or attending an assembly can be charged with terrorism.

Discovery of Witnesses and Evidence Eliminated

If a Defendant under Section 2333 of Title VII terrorist acts and/or conspiracy seeks to discover from the Department of Justice the evidence against him, the attorney for the Government may object on the ground that compliance will interfere with a criminal investigation or prosecution of the incident, or a national security operation related to the incident, which is the subject of Civil Litigation. Example: Government Civil Forfeiture. Expected: Defense against Government charges may be difficult where citizens have no access to knowing of the alleged evidence against them or the right to cross examine government's secret witnesses.

Secret Witnesses - Secret Trials:

Protection of Jurors and Witnesses in Capital Cases Chapter 113B Section 138 states that the list of veniremen and witnesses need not be furnished to Capital Offense Defendants should the court find by a preponderance of the evidence that providing the list may jeopardize the life or safety of any person.

Title VII Section 2337

The Crime Control Act of 1993 eliminates civil suits against U.S. and Foreign Governments by persons injured resulting from Government Agents in pursuit of prevention of terrorist acts.

Title VII Section 711: Sentencing Guidelines Increased for Terrorist Crimes

The United States Sentencing Commission shall have the power to provide an increase in the base offense level for any felony committed in the United States that involves or is intended to promote international terrorism. Participation by political activists in Lawful Speeches, Writings and Public Assemblies may be used as evidence by Government to show that a political participant was aware of the unlawful methods of the individual or organization they are alleged to have afforded support.

One person's violent unlawful act at an assembly may be enough for the Government to allege the assembly appears to be intended toward violence or Activities which could intimidate or Coerce a Civilian Population.

Under current drug forfeiture laws: innocent citizens have been implicated by informants who will often testify to anything to mitigate their own arrest. This has resulted in innocent citizens being arrested and killed by drug agents; forfeiture of their property; and financial ruin.

Under proposed provisions of The Crime Control Act of 1993 special breaks are afforded informants, even against the death penalty. Government will have no difficulty creating informants to cause the incarceration of any citizen considered a threat to one's political agenda.

Disproportionate zero tolerance laws have served as precedents for expanding forfeiture: Since 1984, forfeiture laws have been operating on the erroneous contention that property can possess intent to commit crime. Innocent owners can have their property seized prior to trial on mere suspicion, starting out guilty, the

owner having to prove they did not have reason to know that their property was being used to facilitate a forfeitable offense. Government need only show the property owner was negligent in making their property available for illegal drug activity to cause its forfeiture.

The forfeiture scam: tenants arrested on real property when offered a sentencing deal by a prosecutor or immunity from further prosecution, often reply in testimony, "that had the real property owner been vigilant, he or she could have discovered drug activity taking place on their property." Government has used against real property owners in Civil Forfeiture Actions the fact that a property owner had reported to police that a tenant was dealing drugs at their property to show an owner had prior knowledge of the activity. Elderly citizens afraid to face machine guns and other threats by drug dealers are especially vulnerable to having their homes and rental property seized. Elderly property owners, often in bad health, are easy prey for Police Forfeiture Scaams.

The Crime Control Act of 1993 will allow government to use against its citizens, illegally seized evidence. Searches, wiretaps and seizures that result in obtaining evidence from an invalid warrant but was carried out in reasonable reliance on a warrant issued by a dishonest and neutral magistrate found to be invalid based on misleading information or reckless disregard of the truth, may in many instances over-ride Constitutional 4th Amendment protection against illegal search and seizure.

S.8 The Crime Control Act of 1993, amends the "Exclusionary Rule" to

add Section 3509 Admissibility of Evidence Obtained By Search or Seizure (a) Evidence Obtained By Objectively Reasonable Search or Seizure (b) Evidence Not Excludable By Statute or Rule; sets the groundwork for Government Forfeiture Squad to at random invade innocent owner's homes and businesses with a minimum of probable cause. Government need only assert that "a search and seizure was carried out in circumstances justifying an objectively reasonable belief that it was in conformity with the Fourth Amendment."

Informants: Now being paid by government 25% of net proceeds realized from forfeited assets in drug related seizures could earn similar amounts causing forfeiture of citizens homes they allege to have been used by an owner for discussion of attending assemblies which the informant believed "appeared to be intended toward violence or to intimidate or coerce a civilian population."

The Crime Control Act of 1993: Informants and law enforcement agencies addressing prevention of terrorist acts are to be funded by Forfeiture and Fines collected from terrorists and/or persons alleged to have afforded terrorist material support. Will citizens exercising their Constitutional right to free expression and association be targeted by government agents who know their jobs are dependent on Property Seizures, fines and arrests?

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Ross Regnari is a staff writer for the Liberty Bell.

More laws California did not ask for

By Ted Brown

Our California state legislators are back in session — and are introducing new bills at their usual rapid-fire rate. The legislative analysis of reports that the average cost of proposing each bill that goes to the governor's desk, including staff analyses, committee hearings and floor votes, is \$10,100. The 1992 Legislature sent 1,733 bills to the governor's desk.

Libertarian oppose any laws that increase the power of government to the detriment of our personal and economic freedom. To voice our opposition to the proposed laws below, send your letters to your state senator or assembly member at State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

AB 821 by Assemblyman Dominic Cortese (D-San Jose) would ask voters to approve a \$698 million coastal and riparian resources bond issue.

SB 473 by Senator Henry Mello (D-Santa Cruz) would ask voters to approve a \$263 million coastal and riparian resources bond issue.

SB 158 by Senator Dan McCorquodale (D-San Jose) would ask voters to approve a \$603 million parks and recreation bond issue.

AB 163 by Assemblyman Rusty Areias (D-San Jose) would ask voters to approve a \$1 billion higher education bond issue.

AB 165 by Assemblyman Willard Murray (D-Paramount) would ask voters to approve a \$450 million bond for youth and adult correctional facilities.

AB 638 by Assemblyman Steve Peace (D-Chula Vista) would ask voters to approve a \$150 million bond to finance wastewater disposal and toxic cleanup along the California-Mexico border.

SB 131 by Senator David Roberti (D-Van Nuys) would ask voters to approve a \$425 million housing bond.

ACA 5 by Assemblyman Curtis Tucker, Jr. (D-Inglewood) would allow voters to approve local government bond issues by a simple majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote.

AB 642 by Assemblyman Gil Ferguson (R-Newport Beach) would give local governments the authority to prohibit the sale of pornographic material in vending machines.

AB 749 by Assemblyman Mickey

Conroy (R-Orange) would revoke the state physician license of Dr. Jack Kevorkian and any other person who assists another to end a human life.

Tucker, Jr. (D-Inglewood) would allow law enforcement officers to use decoys under age 21 to catch people who sell alcoholic beverages to minors.

AB 153, also by Tucker, would prohibit people from riding in the beds of Open pickup trucks unless they are secured with a restraint system.

SB 4 by Senator Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton) would require California employers to withhold another \$314 million over two years to restore solvency to the worker disability insurance fund that covers non-work related injuries.

AB 159 by Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles) would prohibit the issuance or renewal of liquor licenses to any club that denies membership on the basis of a person's color, race, religion, etc.

AB 629, also by Friedman, would increase potential prison penalties for the sale of illegal drugs within 300 feet of a public park or beach.

AB 205, also by Friedman, would require cities and counties to adopt tree protection ordinances and require developers to plant trees to replace those that are cut down during construction work.

AB 42 by Assemblyman Steve Peace (D-Chula Vista) would increase prison penalties for people convicted of selling illegal drugs to pregnant women.

ACA 7 & AB 1025, both also by Peace, would allow state lawmakers to stay longer in office — senators could stay for two six-year terms and assembly members for three four-year terms.

AB 167 by Assemblyman Tom Umberg (D-Garden Grove) would make it a felony punishable by 2 to 4 years state prison for a motorist to fail to pull over if so directed by a law enforcement officer.

AB 598 by Assemblywoman Jackie Speier (D-Burlingame) would establish tighter regulation of the cremation of human bodies, including annual unannounced inspections of California's 142 licensed crematoriums.

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FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE CHAIR

By Kim Goldsworthy

Last month we discussed telephone numbers of importance to YOU, the average Libertarian. Now we can discuss specifics, knowing that help is just a phone call away — to your local chair, to the vice-chairs of California, or to the state party Chairman, or even to the National LP in Washington DC. Our network is in place; let's go politicking!

Assume that you are the brand new chair of your local county central committee. Congratulations! For the next twelve months, you are in charge of running a county-wide chapter of a nonprofit organization. How does it feel to be the CEO of a political party?

I know how you feel: rudderless.

"First things first. Are there any pressing problems that must be solved? If yes, then put out the immediate fires first."

- Kim Goldsworthy

money we have in the bank? Let's see the monthly cash flow from last year. From where did we get our income? Dues or fund-raising? Where did our money go? To the newsletter or to mailings to registered libertarians?"

Ask your secretary: "Let's see last year's minutes. What goals did we set? What goals did we reach? What policies did we set (or traditions did we start) so we don't reinvent the wheel? What activities did we participate in? Were they successful, or a waste of time?"

Ask your membership chair: "How many dues-paying members do we have today? How many did we have the same time last year? Are we growing, shrinking, or stagnating? Are the newest members coming from

collected bylaws from other county LP organizations, so samples are available. Also, I know a professional parliamentarian, an LPC member, who may act as a consultant in revising your bylaws. For #3, there are several media lists available, but I do not know which is most current, or most complete. However, a media list of TV, radio, cable, and newspaper can be created easily.

An office is not necessary. What is necessary is that the duties that would take place in an office be carried out. Your volunteers are vital in this regard. There must be a telephone contact; typically, it rings in the home of the chair. There must be written correspondence, so letterhead and matching envelopes give the impression of a well organized political machine. A computer is a versatile tool for a million things. I'm convinced that a FAX machine is now a must. Make good use of a Pines-Bowes meter machine and a mail scale if you are doing lots of mailings of less than 200 pieces. Remember, five people can each share 1/5th the load, each acting as 1/5th of the virtual office.

All we did step back, take inventory, appraise the situation, and gather data. We haven't discussed things like training the new volunteers, fund raising by mail, learning how to write a press release, etc.

It's up to you now. The Libertarian Party is the only libertarian organization that may engage in politics without losing its status as a not-for-profit organization. We have that edge over prestigious organizations like Reason Foundation, Advocates for Self-Government, Foundation for Educational Education, etc. They are educational. Let's get political. Let's take our media lists and our fax machines and do what no other libertarian group can do: as the Germans say, Realpolitik!

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The Pollution Solution

How do we maintain a sane environmental policy that allows for human progress?

By Dr. Mary Ruwart

We all want a safe, pollution-free environment — and with hope in our hearts many of us have turned to government rules and regulations to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the horrors of a ravaged world. Yet pollution of our air and water still threatens. In South America the rain forests are cleared so rapidly that some of us may live to see them vanish from the earth. In Africa, big game animals are hunted to extinction. Where has our environmental strategy failed? What can we do to make things right again?

The Greatest Threat Of All

Toxic Waste: Ironically, the greatest toxic polluter of our nation's environment is the very government we've turned to for protection. The greatest polluter is the U.S. military. Pentagon spokesman Kevin Doney told the National Academy of Sciences in 1984 that, "We have found some 17,400 contaminated sites at 1,850 installations, not including foreign sites." The "contamination" consists of toxic solvents used to de-ice military planes, by-products of the manufacture of nerve gas and mustard gas, and radioactive debris. In 1988, the Department of Energy estimated that it would take 50 years and \$100 billion to clean up a mere 17 of these sites. How can we expect the greatest polluter of all time to effectively halt pollution by business and industry?

Radioactive Waste: Even when the courts recognize that our government is guilty of killing people with pollution, victims have had no recourse. In 1984, a Utah court ruled that 10 out of 24 cases of cancer brought to its attention were due to negligence of the U.S. military in association with nuclear weapons testing. The Court of Appeals ruled that even though the U.S. government was responsible, it would not have to compensate its victims. The government's "sovereign immunity" — it does not have to right its wrongs. How can a "polluter pays" policy work if the greatest polluter of all cannot be held liable?

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nent in the next election. Few honest politicians can survive against such odds. Consequently, the special interests win virtually every time. Indeed, it's a wonder that our environment has not been totally devastated long before now.

The Easy Way Out

The answer to environmental protection may be gleaned by observing special interest behavior. Let's take the example of the paper companies who log America's national forests. The U.S. Forest Service, with our tax dollars, builds three to four times as many logging roads as hiking trails, so that vast swaths of our precious forests can be felled by paper companies with little cost and only token replanting. However, on lands which they own privately, the paper companies suddenly become staunch environmentalists! They replant so that their own forest acreage increases

governments taken over the rain forests and handed them over to special interests. An important element in protecting the rain forests is to respect the homesteading rights of the native peoples who have consistently exhibited a history of sustainable use.

Conservation publications, such as *Cultural Survival*, recognize that upholding the property rights of native peoples is absolutely crucial to saving the rain forests. Private ownership encourages preservation of endangered species as well. For example, Zimbabwe respects the homesteading claims of natives to the elephants on their land. Like other private property, elephants and their products can be legally sold. As a result, the natives jealously protect their valuable elephants from poachers. The natives have every incentive to raise as many elephants as possible so they can sponsor safaris and sell

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each year - while the national ones dwindle. In the South, International Paper makes as much as 30% of its profits from recreational uses of its forests. Why is there so much difference between how paper companies treat their own land and the way they treat public property? When a paper company is allowed to log a national forest, it has little incentive to harvest in a responsible and sustainable manner. After all, the paper company has no guarantees that it will be allowed

National LP chair lashes out at BATF in Waco and Clinton

Libertarian Party national chair Mary Gingell condemned the armed BATF raid on the Mount Carmel mission, "Gingell observed. "This religious community, and reiterated a long-standing plank of her party's platform: "We demand the immediate abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms."

"The BATF used to be called the

Bureau of Prohibition and, ever since Prohibition was repealed in 1933, it has been an agency in search of a mission," Gingell observed. "This religious community, and reiterated a long-standing plank of her party's platform: "We demand the immediate abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms."

"The BATF is solely to blame for the fatalities, injuries, and destruction. These stormtroopers initiated

We Stand Corrected

We at the *Liberty Bell* receive so many great pieces of writing that it's sometimes very hard to attribute the source of these pieces. Passed on from one Libertarian to another on FAX paper or on hand-written mimeographs, the author is usually omitted and uncredited.

Last month we published the "Social Contract Between the Signer and the Government of Central North America." It has been pointed out to us that the author of that particular piece was Bob Alexander of Massachusetts. We now reprint it here with the proper authorial credit. If anyone can help the staff at the *Liberty Bell* determine the authorship of any previously uncredited piece of writing, please contact us at through the post office box or FAX machine.

SOCIAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SIGNER AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CENTRAL NORTH AMERICA

WHEREAS I wish to reside on the Central North American Continent, and WHEREAS the Central North American Government controls the area of the continent on which I wish to reside, and WHEREAS tacit and implied contracts are vague and therefore unenforceable, I, THE SIGNER BELOW, agree to the following terms.

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SECTION TWO: Should the Government demand it, I will surrender my liberty for a period of time determined by the Government and typically no shorter than two years. During that time I will serve the Government in any way it chooses, including military service in which I may be called upon to sacrifice my life.

SECTION THREE: I will limit my behavior as demanded by the Government. I will consume only those drugs permitted by the Government. I will limit my sexual activities to those permitted by the Government. I will forsake religious beliefs that conflict with the Government's determination of propriety. More may be imposed at any time.

SECTION FOUR: In consideration for the above, the Government will permit me to find employment, subject to the limits that will be determined by the Government. These limits may restrict my choice of career or the wages I may accept.

SECTION FIVE: The Government will permit me to reside in the area of North America which it controls. Also the Government will permit me to speak freely, subject to limits determined by the Government's Congress and Supreme Court.

SECTION SIX: The Government will attempt to protect my life and my claim to property it has allowed me to keep. I agree not to hold the Government liable if it fails to protect me or my property.

SECTION SEVEN: The Government will offer various services to me. The nature and extent of these services will be determined by the Government and are subject to change at any time.

SECTION EIGHT: The Government will determine whether I may vote for certain officials and the influence of my vote for certain officials. The influence of my vote will vary inversely the number of voters and I understand it typically will be minuscule. I agree not to hold any elected Government official liable for acting against my best interests or for breaking promises, even if those promises motivated me to vote for them.

SECTION NINE: I agree that the Government may hold me fully liable if I fail to abide by the above terms. In that event the Government may confiscate any property that I have not previously surrendered to it, and may imprison me for a period of time to be determined by the Government. I also agree that the Government may alter the terms of this contract at any time.

An open letter to Ross Perot

Dear Mr. Perot,

Thank you for the March 21, 1993 TV forum. It was a super idea. However, as a Libertarian, I would like to offer a few suggestions to help make a future effort more meaningful to the American people.

Most of our problems today seem to be caused by too much government. It's just too big. Sort of like cockroaches - it's not what they steal and carry off that hurts so much - it's what they fall into and mess up!

Questions 1 & 2 concerning tax increases do not give the alternative of tax reduction. Why not?

Questions 3 through 8 were very good. These advocate a periodic audited presidential financial report, a balanced budget amendment, line item veto, term limits, etc.

Question 9 concerning trade agreements and jobs tends to perpetuate the myth that free trade hurts employment. Leading economists have found the opposite is true! Free trade between countries actually creates jobs in both countries. For accurate reasoning behind this, please read *Economics In One Lesson* by Henry Hazlitt and *International Trade and the National Income Multiplier* by Fritz Machlup. To further increase your wisdom in economics, please consider the writings of Milton Friedman, Ludwig Von Mises, F. A. Hayek, and Murray Rothbard. For more information, call (800) 326-0996.

Questions 10 through 13 concern promoting more regulation on lobbyists. While it's true that our government is grid-locked by special interest groups, the best solution may lie in having government less involved in our lives. People seem to lobby only when seeking benefits or special privileges. Why lobby of nothing can be gained? By reducing government intervention we will also reduce lobbying activity.

Question 15 seems to endorse a new national health system. Most of the high cost of health care has been directly and indirectly caused by previous government intervention. The private health plans are already establishing cost containment programs. Doctors and patients should be free to agree in advance on reasonable cost solutions related to liability. Medical licensing laws need to be liberalized to increase competition, thus lowering costs. Our schools should be teaching personal responsibility for health rather than always looking to the government for solutions.

Question 16 concerns direct election of the President. Our founding fathers gave us a republic, not a democracy. This was to protect minorities from majorities and provide for a limited government. Perhaps, if the president were elected by the House of Representatives that purpose would be served better.

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From the State Capitol: Dairy regulations strangle milk industry; Libertarians miffed at lack of recognition

By David Kline

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO (CAPITOL) -

With the amount of government bureaucracy involved in the pricing and marketing of milk products, one almost has to wonder if the cows should be considered public employees.

Both the federal and state governments regulate milk prices with what one California Department of Food and Agriculture employee called "a very complicated, convoluted system." And that's an understatement.

Without getting into the specific number-crunching, the system works like this:

The federal government regulates prices on 70 percent to 80 percent of the milk produced in the United States. In California, the state government also regulates prices on milk products, using a different formula than the feds.

The state sets the prices that processors must pay when they buy milk from dairy farmers. The prices are different for different classes of dairy products (for example, different prices are fixed for milk, butter, cheese, etc.), and also vary by region. Prices are set higher in the Southern California market area.

The prices, which are adjusted by the state every two months, are set using a formula which takes into account the cost of milk production, the retail price of certain dairy products and the average weekly earnings of manufacturing workers.

As mentioned, this description is a low-fat version of the price-regulating process, which technicalities such as "commodity reference prices" and "fixed differentials" omitted.

A CDFG staffer said government became involved in the dairy industry to "insure adequate supply at fair and reasonable prices." Without government involvement, the milk supply would be unstable and some California dairy farmers would leave the business, the staffer said.

The CDFG worker also noted that in Southern California, the retail price of dairy products always increases when the state's fixed price increases, but it seldom decreases when the state's price goes down.

The state government should stop this meddling in the dairy industry. The taxpayers who pay for the bureaucracy would be better off, and the market would take care of itself, as markets always do.

Under the present system, consumers pay roughly the same price for a gallon of milk regardless how much milk is on the market. Without government involvement, consumer demand would determine milk prices.

Since money is the mother's milk of politics, consider the budget implications of state involvement. The governor's budget for the 1993-'94 fiscal year proposes \$15.5 million for the Department of Food and Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Services Division, which oversees the milk pricing.

Because this \$15.5 million also funds state efforts to provide consumer protection, mediate problems between producers and handlers, and provide other marketing services, it is hard to say how much would be saved if the government got out of the milk business. But it's safe to say that the money would be enough to pay the salaries of quite a few school teachers, road workers, police officers, fire-fighters and other useful public employees.

SACRAMENTO (CAPITOL) - Libertarians are used to bearing the frustration associated with being a so-called third party, but this year they should be plenty miffed.

The media, which made a choice long ago to avoid giving any publicity to third-party candidates in order to save precious air time and newspaper space for more commercials and advertisements, have nonetheless gone blue in the face talking about Ross Perot.

Granted, the United States has never seen anything quite like Perot's rise into politics - it was definitely newsworthy. But now Perot and running mate Bud James "Why am I Here?" Stockdale are, at best, spoilers in the race, and they are still given substantial air time.

Why should this upset Libertarians so much? Because their candidates, including some proven spoilers, couldn't get a mention on the slowest of news days.

In California, two Libertarians played significant roles in the 1990 Assembly races. In the 75th District in San Diego, Libertarian John Murphy stole almost 11 percent of the Republican vote from then-incumbent Republican Sunny Mojonier.

With the conservative vote thus split, liberal Democrat Deirdre Alpert won with 46 percent of the vote over Mojonier's 41 percent.

Also in San Diego that year, incumbent Republican Assemblyman Jeff Marston was unseated by Democrat Mike Cotch by less than one percent of the vote. Libertarian Ed McWilliams won six percent of the vote, while Peace and Freedom Party and write-in candidates won a combined five percent.

Given that Libertarians, when forced, are very likely to vote for a republican over a Democrat, the presence of McWilliams cost Marston his seat.

This year, the Libertarians are using their still-developing political muscle by intentionally staying out of the Assembly race in Alpert's district. By keeping their candidate out of the race, they hope to help Alpert's

Republican opponent because they do not like her big government philosophy.

Without a Libertarian candidate to drain off those Republican and independent voters who favor less government, liberal Alpert is doomed," said Dick Rider, chairman of the San Diego Libertarian Party.

The Republican in the race is none other than Jeff Marston. Rider said Marston is still only the lesser of two evils, and that if he wins, the Libertarians will enter a fiscally conservative candidate to challenge him in 1994.

But even in 1994 the Libertarian candidates will be nothing more than spoilers unless they start to publicize their candidacies and their party. One San Diego Libertarian is trying to generate publicity by putting dimes in expired parking meters before cars are ticketed and leaving a note saying, "Hello! You have just been saved from a \$20 parking ticket by the Libertarian Party, the only political party that wants to keep your money out of the hands of the government."

Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the Libertarians and other third parties, it is sad to note that this publicity stunt will probably get more media coverage than any of the candidates.

Not incidentally, the Health and Safety Code is where you'll also find the infamous redevelopment law, which allow cities and counties to seize people's property by eminent domain and turn it over to rich developers. Civil asset forfeiture is a little different version of government plundering. It enables the police and other law enforcement agencies to seize property - without due process - and turn it over to themselves. It's like they're saying to the taxpayers: OK, you won't vote us - here we come!

What it is: Civil asset forfeiture is a way for law enforcement personnel to take possession of property without having to charge a person with a crime. Since the property is what is "guilty," it's the property that is seized - under civil law, not criminal. Then

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"The Health Choices Freedom Act of 1992 (H.R. 5746) was introduced by congressman Bill Richardson of New Mexico. Congressman Richardson is one of the strongest congressional supporters of my campaign for president and I look forward to working with him and the nutritional supplement community on this important issue."

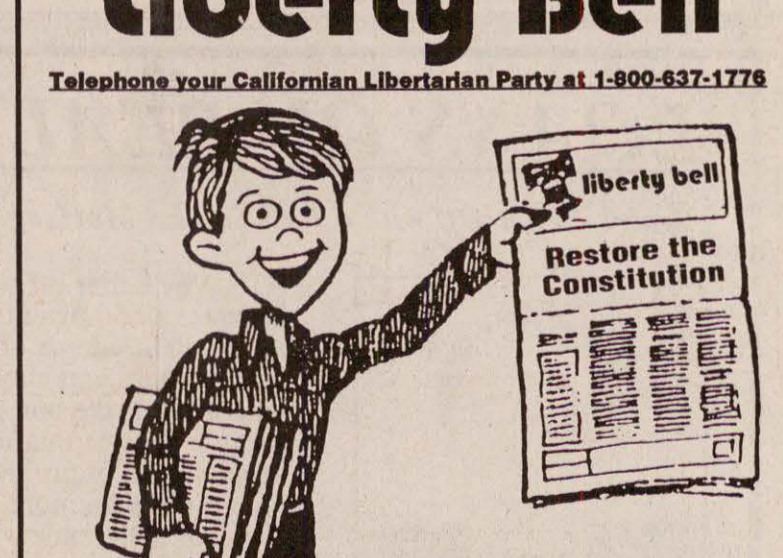
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Look out for movements in regional government

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"newspeak" for land use control.

Twenty years ago when many of the same pushers tried to get a similar bill through, the emphasis was on "streamlining government functions." The true intent of SB 153 and the earlier forms can be documented in many memos and reports. It is the eventual merging of nine Bay Area counties into a "region." This would not just be creating a new county, but creation of a completely new form of government: administrative governance of a region.

Once the process is underway in the Bay Area, the entire state of California will be regionalized. Plans call for eventual division into ten administrative regions. This is why all Californians must work to defeat this.

If the Bay Area goes, your county will be next! You have been warned!

Say No to Forfeiture Squads: SB 1158: Ken Maddy (R - Fresno), is carrying the bill for the Attorney General's office to extend the life of a bill that is to "sunset" on January 1, 1994. This is a Civil Asset Forfeiture Act, and involves Sec. 11470, of the Health and Safety Code, which was enacted in 1987 and amended in 1990. SB 1158 repeals the "sunset" sections, thereby making the statute permanent. It also makes some amendments, and these serve to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to engage in asset seizure.

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Life without taxes?

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Social security and other government pensioners, or those near to retiring, could be paid off in a lump sum. Payoff money would come from sale of government assets, and funds from closed government agencies. Retirees would be free to invest the large amounts of money received any way they pleased. Political uncertainty about retirement would be ended.

Younger persons could arrange for their own retirement, using money otherwise taken from salaries for social security payments. There would be no required government social security system.

Massive tax credits would be offered to individuals and groups to assume government welfare, education, public works, environmental protection, and other social services. Those tax credits would be warranted, given the savings to government by not supplying those services.

Alternatives to Taxation
The judicial system would be made self-supporting by requiring convicted felons to pay court and related costs. Police and fire services could also be paid this way, supplemented by private subscription.

Military costs, cut by about two thirds, could be funded in several ways. Donations and a national lottery are among the possibilities. Many

think taxes cannot be averted here, but alternatives to forced taxation should be tried.

Laws covering how we should behave could be drastically reduced, thereby limiting the need for elected legislators. Common law, which often does not require a lawyer, would suffice in most cases. Salaries and expenses of elected officials still needed, likely to be part-timers, could be funded voluntarily or through service fees.

Finally, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, the legal basis of our income tax, could be repealed. Americans need never again fight taxation without representation!

protection and encourage to grow. A massive increase in the cost of gasoline for all who drive in California would undoubtedly discourage many from vacationing here.

The biggest penalty that pay-at-the-pump would impose is that it takes away your right of choice in

the matter of auto insurance. When you are grouped in blocks of 5,000 and serviced by a government-chosen insurance carrier - one that is determined through often unreliable bidding processes - there is a clear lack of incentive to provide quality service. In other words, under this plan, you lose!

To The Editor:

I'd like to express my appreciation for the clear thinking expressed by Senator Don Rogers in his column on workers compensation. It was Senator Rogers' Libertarian opponent for the 17th State Senate seat, and let me say that he's pretty good on most issues - for a Republican. He is a tireless opponent of gun control, helmet laws and the bureaucratic nightmare that is driving businesses out of this state. If I had it to do over again, I'd still run against him as hard as I could. But I now realize that I should have been on his side with regard to those thieving parasites in the IRS. I am a better Libertarian today for having met him.

I'd also like to express my support for Pete Knight, a real American hero, who received his Astronaut's wings 25 years ago last January. I have

included an article with this letter describing Assemblyman Knight's attempts to eliminate the many useless boards and commissions that clutter up government and slurr at the taxpayer funded through. I met Mr. Knight several times on the trail and grew to respect him greatly.

I have my political differences with both these men, principally, the "victimless crime" issue. However, I happen to believe that it is important to support elected officials of other parties when they do good and oppose them when they do ill. In the final analysis, it doesn't matter how you're registered to vote, it's what you vote for. Whatever other differences we might have, these are two legislators who will never vote to increase our taxes.

Fred Heiser
Santa Clarita

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