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THE TAXMAN

If you drive a car, I'll tax the street.
If you try to sit, I'll tax your seat.
If you get too cold, I'll tax your heat.
If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet.
Taxman! Well, I'm the taxman.

George Harrison, The Beatles



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TAX DAY PROTESTS!

MONDAY, APRIL 16

At the time of posting, we had confirmed these locations of tax demonstrations. Others are being planned. Lots of how-to's, ideas from past protests, online order form and layout for printing "Million \$" bills, plus up-to-date information on tax protests around the state is available at: <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-tax-day.html>. Tax Day Protest Pamphlet (in PDF format) is at: <http://www.peoplesveto.org/Taxday/>

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There are also Tax Day Protests being held in other areas but we do not yet have the location of the demonstrations:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAW VS OPINION

What good is having a published law if public opinion is what counts in the orderly operation of our society? When confronted by a public servant's demand for our life, liberty, and property; do we respectfully ask for the supporting law or do we do as we are told believing it is for the "public good"? A Republic operates under a structure of published law that exists to prevent abuse by our public servants. A Democracy operates under a structure of "school and media advertised" public opinion changing whenever desired to allow the plunder by the controlling few of the public many. Democratic dogma permeates our thoughts and actions, influencing our man-made institutions. Much of the Libertarian Party's platform is based on the "Rule of Opinion" not on the "Rule of Law".

There is not a single reference to what the published law says, and then how the Libertarian Party would change it. We strive to elect law makers, to change existing regulations, and to have a return to peace and prosperity while refusing to open the law book. We are so like Don Quixote with great idealism, wasting our resources charging mythical beasts! The funny part is that the bulk of the published law supports the Libertarian ideals. We need only reinforce it by bringing the published law back into the public forum through our thoughts and actions. But we Libertarians do love our windmills...

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GUNS IN SCHOOLS

Gun violence in the schools and proposed solutions are much in the news recently. Most have the assumption that more government is the answer. Here are my "less government" recommendations:

1. Repeal all state and federal legislation regulating the ownership and peaceful use (including self-defensive use) of guns.
2. Hold parents responsible for their children's crimes, unless the children are emancipated minors.
3. End all government funding of schools and repeal all compulsory schooling laws.
4. Some private schools, by their own choice, teach the safe use of handguns in the early grades. Compare the frequency of gun violence in schools that do and do not offer such courses.

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"Tis pleasant to observe how free the present age is in laying taxes on the next." *Jonathan Swift*

LIBERTARIANS=ELITISTS?

See page 5, Golden Torch Club.

I am put off by the increased benefits (perks) that one can get by donating higher amounts of money to the LPC. "Preferred Seating?" Yuk. Sounds like getting to sleep in the Lincoln bedroom.

Jerry Mills, lordmills@earthlink.net

PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS!

The problem with an *unregulated* economy is that many people are stupid, and waste their money on dumb things instead of saving it for retirement or planning ahead for healthcare or other contingencies.

The problem with a *regulated* economy is that when you take those same stupid people and give them power over everyone else, they don't get any smarter.

Marvin Simkin, msimkin@primenet.com

I'M FOR REPARATIONS

(Tongue in cheek) In addition to reparations for Blacks, which should be paid by the African nations that captured and sold their own people into slavery, the U.S. should provide reparations to other groups that have suffered discrimination in America: Jews, Irish, Chinese, Japanese, Catholics and Native Americans. That way we can bankrupt the U.S. and start over again, this time adhering strictly to the Constitution! Any comments?

Don Goldberg, libertarian3@juno.com

SEWAGE AND BALLPARK LETTER SENT TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER

So another 1 1/2 million gallons of raw sewage spills into Mission Bay, and the spill goes unnoticed for TEN DAYS!

You'd think that our San Diego city council would realize that our infrastructure is in decay, and should acknowledge that it is their primary responsibility to upgrade these critical but unglamorous city needs. But instead they are busy subsidizing multimillionaire playgrounds.

Tom Hohman, 44lesstaxes@home.com

MORE COMPULSION, YOUNGER AGE

AB 634 (Wesson): Five year-old compulsory education introduced 2/22/01.

This bill would lower the compulsory attendance age for entry into school from 6 to 5 years of age. This requirement will apply to all children, whether their parents plan to send them to public school or private school (including private home schools.) For those interested in writing letters to their masters, I mean Assemblymen, <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

Michael Metti, metti2@home.com

LIBERTARIAN PARTY UPDATES

FROM THE CHAIR:



One month into the job and we've hit the ground running! Our first challenge is to get the party's finances into order and have our fingers on the pulse by bringing the accounting in-house. Lynda Kay, our Executive Director's top notch assistant, has a bookkeeping background and is busy getting this done as I write this. This is both bad and good news. The bad news is that the party has gotten too big to handle the finances solely with a volunteer treasurer. Of course, it also happens to be the good news.

We are very fortunate to have an Executive Committee that understands the importance of being solvent and growing the party. I'm proud to write that most everyone on the committee has agreed to help with fund raising to get us over our financial hump. I would like to acknowledge our new Treasurer, Lori Adasiewicz, who has already brought in a \$5,000 check from a donor in the Sacramento area. Good Job, Lori! I hope to report similar successes from the rest of the Executive Committee in my next report.

Our questionnaire project is going well. A draft is going out to hundreds of Libertarians so that we can perfect it and then send it out to the membership-at-large. Your answers will affect the future direction of our party.

It very much warms my heart to hear the outpouring of good words, and the number of people willing to help. Since becoming your chair, I have gotten offers of free computer programming assistance from David Maloney, the chair of San Francisco, and Glenn Dickey, a member in Alameda County. The dedication to our movement that these two have makes me very optimistic about the future.

There are a few more individuals I'd like to thank. Irv Rubin, Al Carlan, Audrey Carlan, Bruce Dovner, Kate O'Brien, Paul Blumstein, Erich Miller and Rodger Rosie are all working very hard with Rabbi Reuven Mermelstein on our first Yom HaShoah project at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles. Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Remembrance Day, provides an opportunity for us to reach out to a community whose relatives have suffered from one of the more horrific examples of modern government tyranny. It is also an opportunity to bring out our message of how important it is that we preserve the Second Amendment to prevent this sort of genocide in the future. If you'd like to attend this event, it will be held on April 19th at 7:00 PM.

There's plenty more to do. If you have any skill or resource that you even remotely think could be helpful, please drop me an e-mail and let me know. I'll do my best to take advantage of your help.

And if you want to help financially, please become a monthly pledger. Call Executive Director Juan Ros at 818-782-8400 and he'll set you up.

Aaron Starr, aaron@starliteoriginals.com

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Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their consciences.
C. S. Lewis

In all countries all tax laws are today written as if the main purpose of taxes were to hinder the accumulation of NEW capital.
Ludwig Von Mises

They call it a 1040 form because you keep \$10 and the government keeps \$40.
Jay Leno

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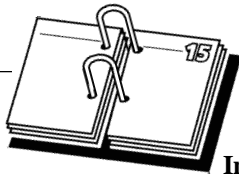
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CALENDAR



YEAR 2001

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Grassroots Preparation Workshop includes Campaign Plan and Budget, Research, Precinct Analysis, Targeting, Vote Goals, Volunteers, and Fundraising. \$69 in advance (\$99 at the door). At the Sheraton Four Points, 5990 Green Valley Circle, Culver City. Matt Lewis, (800) 827-5323, ext. 229. Sponsored by Leadership Institute (nonpartisan, nonprofit group training "conservative leaders.")

APRIL 7-8

Freedom Law School, 2001 Freedom Rally in Irvine CA. A dozen freedom speakers. www.livefreenow.org, (714) 838-2896.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Sacramento City Election. Libertarian **Steve Watanabe** is running for City Council.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Monterey County LP Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, Naomi Lopez Bauman, "Taxes: Send it and They Will Spend It!" Chef Lee's Restaurant, 2031 N. Fremont, Monterey. E-Mail: lpmc@go.to

Santa Clara County LP quarterly business meeting, 8 PM at the Campbell Community Center.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

Tax protests are being held in many locations. Check online at <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-tax-day.html>.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. North Valley Jewish Community Center, 1001 Rinaldi Street, Granada Hills, 7 PM.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day Celebrations. Opportunity to present non-coercive ways to conserve our vital resources. San Diego, Balboa Park.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Santa Cruz Industrial Hemp Expo, at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Assemblymember Virginia Strom-Martin (D-Duncans Mills) will be keynote speaker. Strom-Martin introduced Assembly Bill 448 to legalize the commercial production of industrial hemp in CA. Contact: Bob Lamonica, bob@cruzexpo.com. (831) 466-0500.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Special Election in the 49th Assembly District. Kim Goldsworthy is running.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Monterey County LP BBQ & Potluck, 4:30 PM. Featuring Aaron Starr, at 26765 Paseo Robles in Carmel Valley. E-Mail: lpmc@go.to.

MAY 25-27

Libertarian Futurist Society National Conference, in Columbus, Ohio. For information, visit <http://www.LFS.org>.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Tri-County Meeting (Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito), 6 PM. Featuring Vince Miller "Libertarian Political Movement in 80 Countries." Golden Rickshaw Restaurant, 1115 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville. E-Mail: lpmc@go.to.

JULY 1-5

The 20th annual world conference of the **International Society for**

Individual Liberty, to be held in France. Info/registration at <http://www.bastiat.net> and <http://www.libertarian.to>.

AUGUST 4-10

Cato University Summer Seminar. At the Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by the Cato Institute. For information: phone (202) 789-5229.

AUGUST 25-26

Regional Conference. Third Annual Conference of the Regional Parties, in Fresno. Contact Rodney Austin.

YEAR 2002

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LPC Updates



JUAN ROS

ROS HELPS STARR LAUNCH AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR THE LPC

With the election of new state chairman Aaron Starr, LPC Executive Director Juan Ros returned to focus on his most important responsibilities: media outreach, fund-raising, and special projects.

“Aaron and I have an excellent working relationship, and we are both committed to maintaining the party’s professionalism.

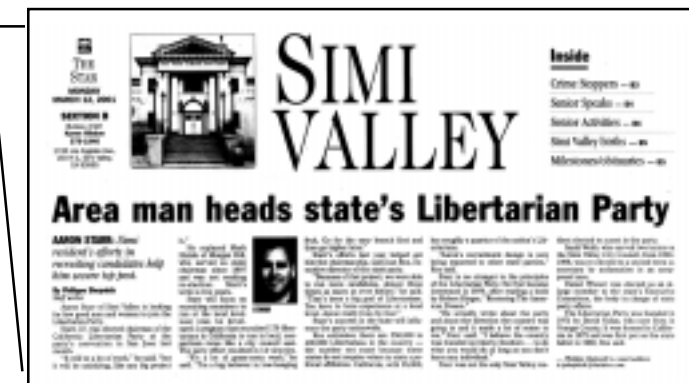
Professionalism breeds success. Aaron has a lot of plans for the LPC, and my job will be to help him and the Executive Committee carry out those plans!”

(S)uch monstrous abuse of power will never happen again as long as we fight to maintain every one of our precious liberties, beginning with the right to defend oneself.

Ros has kept a busy schedule the past month, including:

- Attending the Steve Kubby sentencing on March 2 in Auburn. “The cheer that went up in the courtroom when the judge lowered Steve’s convictions to misdemeanors was overwhelming!” Ros recalled. “And when the judge went on to say that Steve would be allowed to use medical marijuana, I knew that the justice system in California had finally turned a corner in securing the rights of suffering patients.”
- Attending an Electoral Reform Conference at Stanford on March 3. The conference was co-sponsored by the California Instant Runoff Voting Coalition and the Center for Voting and Democracy. “Seeing so many individuals from all over the political spectrum get together and support the implementation of Instant Runoff Voting only shows how much voters are fed up with the current system and want a change. Fortunately IRV will benefit the Libertarian Party and Libertarian candidates — and I look forward to working with this coalition to help make it happen!”
- Speaking before a UCLA Political Science class on political parties. “This is my second year speaking in this class, and I

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Aaron Starr’s election and the Libertarian convention made front page news (above the fold!) in the local paper.



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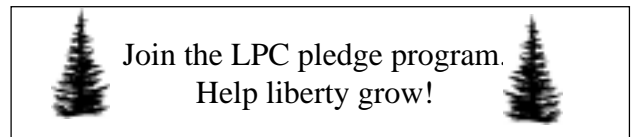
DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Many thanks to our generous donors. Those who have made recent contributions to the LPC will be recognized in the May 2001 (printed) issue.

Want to pledge every month to the LPC or increase your current pledge? It’s the least-expensive form of fund-raising available, and monthly pledges charged to a debit or credit card will automatically renew your annual LP membership (\$10 per month minimum)!

To join our Monthly Pledge Program or make a general contribution for party operations, please contact Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400 or e-mail: director@ca.lp.org. You can also use the form on the back page of this newsletter or our secure online contribution form on our web site: <http://www.ca.lp.org>.

Also available: membership in the Golden State Torch Club. Benefits include increased communication from the Libertarian Party of California, regular contact by LPC staff, and preferred seating at special LPC events. If you would like information about the Golden State Torch Club, please contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400.



Ros continued

was pleasantly surprised by the intelligence of the questions. The students were well-informed about Libertarianism and the LP, and their questions were thought-provoking rather than condescending. I am pleased that Libertarianism is so widely accepted at what is generally considered a left-leaning liberal campus.”

- Helping coordinate the LPC’s Yom HaShoah event on April 19. “Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Remembrance Day, provides an opportunity for Libertarians to demonstrate our sense of community. The Holocaust was a horrible, extreme example of government tyranny at its worst, and Libertarians want to send a message that such monstrous abuse of power will never happen again as long as we fight to maintain every one of our precious liberties, beginning with the right to defend oneself.”

Ros is also hard at work on several special projects under Starr’s leadership and guidance. “Aaron and I want to make sure the party continues improving and succeeding. We hope to provide our valuable local activists at the grassroots level with the tools they need — including candidate training, media training, a membership survey, assistance in press release distribution, increased communication between the state and local parties, and more”.

“There are a number of important projects in the works, so keep reading these pages and checking the LPC web site at <http://www.ca.lp.org> for all the latest news!” concluded Ros. ■

BECOME COMMUNICATION & MEDIA SAVVY

YES, WE NEED TOASTMASTERS

If you set a goal for yourself of becoming the Libertarian Party's most persuasive and influential speaker — a dynamic individual who captures the hearts and minds of both Libertarians and non-Libertarians alike — what would be your first step towards achieving such a lofty goal?

Undoubtedly, the vast majority of Libertarians have more immediate goals ahead of them. Some Libertarians may want to be Chair of their local region. Some activists may want to be more comfortable when speaking to the media. Some Libertarians may be striving to improve their own image before representing the party as a candidate.

Regardless of what our individual goals may be as Libertarians, the first step is something we all have in common. The first step is to join Toastmasters.



Many Libertarians already recognize the benefits of becoming a member of Toastmasters. Founded in 1924 by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, Toastmasters has grown from a small group of men in a YMCA basement to a worldwide organization with more than 175,000 members. Since its inception, Toastmasters has helped people become better public speakers, better listeners and better leaders. Toastmasters, like Libertarianism, helps to change peoples' lives in very powerful and meaningful ways.

For Libertarians, becoming a member of Toastmasters is a wonderful experience because it is a very Libertarian organization. Participation in Toastmasters — unlike participation in Social Security — is completely voluntary. Toastmasters is financially independent because it is supported by its own dues-paying members. Friendly competition is an element of every Toastmasters meeting not just because it's fun, but because the organization is grounded in an understanding of what motivates and inspires people to achieve their personal best.

As political activists determined to improve ourselves and share our message, can we afford to stay home when our local Toastmasters club is meeting? When we miss our local Toastmasters club meeting, we miss a lot. We miss opportunities to meet other leaders in our communities. We miss opportunities for many people to meet the first Libertarian they've ever known. We miss opportunities to talk to bright, educated and open-minded people.

Yes, we need Toastmasters. Join the growing number of Libertarians who have already recognized it as the first step to success by visiting <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Paul Marsden, jointoastmasters@hotmail.com

Paul Marsden is a Libertarian from Orange County and would like to hear from other Libertarians involved in Toastmasters.

OTHER RESOURCES FOR CANDIDATES & ACTIVISTS

Saturday, April 7 (see Calendar on page 4)

Grassroots Preparation Workshop

Online advice for candidates and activists who want to learn how to better handle the media.

For some pointers, see the activist resources page at:

<http://www.ca.lp.org/act/media.html>

GETTING GOOD PRESS QUOTES

Many candidates, including myself, have been misquoted by the press. Here are some ideas to help minimize errors.

- When you are being interviewed by the press, make sure that you pause after you answer so that the reporter has enough time to write down what you said.
- If you really want to emphasize something, say it slowly so that the reporter can write it down accurately and POLITELY ask him to read back what he wrote so that you can hear what it sounds like in order to correct and clarify.
- It's also helpful if you can provide the press with your prewritten statements.

The easier you make it on them, the more likely you'll look favorably in print. Remember, you will probably only be given a one or two sentence quote in the article. So make it count.

Aaron Starr, aaron@starliteoriginals.com



MASTERING THE MEDIA

Some of you had the opportunity to attend the Libertarian Party's Success '97 or Success '99 seminars, where several experienced activists came to various cities around the country to give presentations on state and local organizing.

One of the topics was "Mastering the Media". In this presentation, Bill Winter and Jim Lark shared the secrets of the national LP's successful media program. You would have learned:

- how to get your releases to the right people
- what to include to make your releases interesting
- how to make your release program look professional

But you missed it! And there are no Success '01 seminars planned. And you really do want to build a better media presence for your region. You want the newspapers in your area to take you more seriously, and to report on your activities. You want to help your candidates, too!

What if I told you that these presentations were recorded, and that 60 minutes worth of the best parts had been collected together for you to watch?

- the five rules of media success
- how to avoid having your releases ignored
- discussion of specific successful releases (and what made them successful)

Think of how much more fun and effective your regional activities would be if you got some attention from the media! More media attention means more satisfaction for your activists, and more of them!

You can watch it all for free — on the web.

Just go to: <http://www.ca.lp.org/act/media-releases.html>

You'll need RealPlayer, but you can download that for free, too.

If you missed the Success '9x seminars, here's your chance to get caught up with the people who went. If you did go, you can use these recordings to refresh your memory on the important points. Either way, you're sure to learn something that you can use to help make your region more successful!

Joe Dehn, jwd3@dehnbases.org

KUBBY FORBIDDEN FROM GOING BEFORE SUPREME COURT



March 28, 2001. Former Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby should be going before the United States Supreme Court today, but Placer County has forbidden him from leaving the state. Kubby is one of 14 patients whose medical records have been submitted as examples of patients who cannot live without medical marijuana.

"It is frustrating that after all my work for ten years on behalf of medical marijuana, I am being denied this historic opportunity to join my fellow patients and friends at the Supreme Court hearing today," said Kubby.

Kubby played a key role in the passage of Prop. 215, but was arrested when he publicly asserted his voter-approved right as a medical marijuana patient to cultivate his own medicine. Both Kubby and his wife were raided, arrested and charged with 19 criminal counts. All marijuana charges were later dismissed, but Kubby was convicted of misdemeanor possession of a psychoactive mushroom stem and some tiny peyote cactus buttons. Kubby was forbidden from leaving the state and sentenced to 120 days of house arrest with electronic monitoring and three years of formal probation.

In a recent letter to Placer County officials, Kubby said he is publicly refusing to serve a single day of probation or pay a dollar in fines, "because of my profound belief that the threat of jail is being held over my head to coerce me into 'voluntary compliance' with a criminal justice system that is broken."

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES RIGHTS

Legal briefs are being submitted in the State Court of Appeals, in *Edelstein v Fado*, A93007. The issue is whether San Francisco permits write-in candidates to file a declaration of write-in candidacy in city run-off elections.

Ballot Access News,
<http://www.ballot-access.org>

DON'T LET CALIFORNIA KEEP YOUR DOUGH!

There is a super easy-to-use free web site listing unclaimed funds held by the State of California. The front page is at <http://www.sco.ca.gov> but you can go straight to the inquiry page at <https://scoweb.sco.ca.gov/scoucp/inquiry/index.html> if you want to get straight down to searching.

I found six different sums of money belonging to people I know, and it took only a few minutes of looking. With a rare name you can just type in a last name, but with a name like mine you have to say 'Schmidt' and 'Chris' to narrow it down some. Shorter names match longer, so 'Chr' matches Chris, Christopher, Christine, etc. You can also use cities to narrow or widen your search. E.g. I tried all the Schmidts in Redwood City, in case they got my first name wrong. (I found one that way for someone else.)

The only bug is that if you examine a listing in detail, you have to re-search from scratch to look at the other listings – a minor inconvenience, but you'll use your "back" button a lot. There is a clearing house for unclaimed property in other states at <http://www.unclaimed.org/> It helps you find the other states' web sites that do things similar to the California site.

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"AND THE OSCAR FOR BEST PICTURE ON GOVERNMENT FAILURE GOES TO..."

Steven Soderbergh's "Traffic" failed to win the Academy Award for Best Picture, but its sobering lessons about the War on Drugs make it Hollywood's most educational offering in years, explains economist Jeffrey Miron, research fellow at The Independent Institute, in an op-ed that appeared in *San Diego Union-Tribune*, *New Jersey Record*, and the *Orange County Register*. "Although 'Traffic' did not win the Oscar for Best Picture of the Year, writes Miron, "it deserves the title of Most Important Picture of the Year."

See "Traffic's Lessons" by Jeffrey A. Miron, at

<http://www.independent.org/tii/lighthouse/LHLlink3-12-1.html>

TAX DAY PROTEST INFO ONLINE!

As a service to members and activists, the LPC has posted materials online to assist in organizing and staging an effective Tax Day Protest on April 16. (One day later because the 15th falls on Sunday).

The Tax Day Protest is traditionally one of the biggest and most appealing events for local and state Libertarian Parties. LP members from across the country converge on local post offices to protest the federal income tax, providing an opportunity to reach out to tax filers, passersby, the media, and more.

The materials posted online are the elements of a package compiled by the LP national headquarters. Included are a "Tax Day Protest" pamphlet, legal memos in case you are approached by postal service employees, plus online order form and layout for printing "Million \$" bills that you can distribute to last-minute tax filers. There are also reports of past protests.

Try to take a photo or two to send to this newsletter. Good luck with your Tax Day Protest – and have fun!

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TAX DAY PROTEST INFO:
<http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-tax-day.html>
TAX DAY PROTEST PAMPHLET (PDF):
<http://www.peoplesveto.org/Taxday/>

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AROUND THE WORLD

POLITICS AS USUAL

TAXING FIGURES

Senators, Representatives and their employees are more likely than other federal employees not to file tax returns or to have unresolved debts to IRS or owe back taxes, an Internal Revenue Service report showed. The noncompliance rate for the House of Representatives and its staff was 5%; Senate and its staff was 4.4%; federal employees and retirees was 3%. IRS employees have a low non-compliance rate of 1.7% but they can be dismissed immediately for non-compliance. (For all Americans, the noncompliance rate was 5.7%.)

The New York Times, March 9, 2001

DON'T FIGHT WITH YOUR SPOUSE!

The Virginia Senate voted to let Fairfax County prohibit its residents from sleeping anywhere but their bedrooms.

Washington Post, January 27, 2001

BRAVO BATTLE!

Uruguayan President Jorge Batlle has become the first head of state in the region, and one of the few anywhere, to call for the decriminalization of illicit drugs. Batlle, a blunt free-market reformer, questions the costs and effectiveness of a drug war whose primary theater of battle is Latin America. "During the past 30 years this has grown, grown, grown, and grown, every day more problems, every day more violence, every day more militarization," the 73-year-old president told a radio audience. "This has not gotten people off drugs. And what's more, if you remove the economic incentive, (the drug business) loses strength, it loses size, it loses people who participate."

San Jose Mercury News, February 18, 2001

HOME YIELDS HOT INFORMATION

Thermal scan of a home led police to the discovery of marijuana. Danny Lee Kylo (Florence, Oregon homeowner) contends that his Fourth Amendment rights were violated because the officers did not obtain a search warrant to scan his house with the thermal imager. "If the government is free to use technology to look inside our homes, there really won't be anything left of the right to privacy," said Dave Fidanque, executive director of the Oregon Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Sacramento Bee, February 20, 2001

PORK IS ALIVE AND WELL

Cash for pet projects could set a record. Some porky items: sunflower research in North Dakota, mapping chicken genes in Michigan, \$1.25 million to repair a church in the Aleutian Islands, \$176,000 for the Reindeer Herders' Association, \$4.6 million to help restore a downtown section of Wheeling WV. Tom Schatz, president of Citizens Against Government Waste, an organization dedicated to eliminating pork, said that Congress is likely to break the record, \$17.7 billion, set last year.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, October 29, 2000

PRAY FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS!

The Zoning Commission in New Milford, Connecticut has banned a family from holding prayer meetings in their home. Robert and Mary Murphy were told to immediately stop holding weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies in their single-family home. The Murphys had been conducting the meetings – which were attended by two dozen or fewer people — since 1995. But the Zoning Commission threatened to take legal action against the Murphys if the meetings did not stop.

LP Release, January 3, 2001

NOTEWORTHY WEB SITES!

The sites listed will vary from month-to-month, except for the Libertarian sites which remain on the list. Special thanks to Johann Opitz (johannp@earthlink.net) who supplied many of the e-addresses.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT INFO

Register to vote: <http://www.ss.ca.gov>

Assembly Information: <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/>

FREEDOM LAW SCHOOL

<http://www.livefreenow.org>

GUNS

The Armed Citizen: a monthly listing of defensive gun use.

<http://www.nrahq.org/administration/publications/ac/>

HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

<http://www.HJTA.org>

INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING

<http://www.calirv.org>

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

<http://www.bastiat.net>

<http://www.libertarian.to>

KUBBY TRIAL AND INFO

<http://www.kubby.com>

LIBERTARIAN FUTURIST SOCIETY

<http://www.LFS.org>

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

<http://www.toastmasters.org>

TRAFFIC (THE MOVIE) LESSONS

<http://www.independent.org/tii/lighthouse/LHLlink3-12-1.html>

UNCLAIMED MONEY

<http://www.sco.ca.gov>

<http://scoweb.sco.ca.gov/scoucp/inquiry/index.html>

<http://www.unclaimed.org/>

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Secretary's Corner (Executive Committee Agendas/Minutes):

<http://www.peoplesveto.org/lp/>

Tax Protests

Info: <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-tax-day.html>

Manual in PDF format: <http://www.peoplesveto.org/Taxday/>

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Platform: <http://www.dehnbase.org/lpus/library/platform/>

CALIFORNIA UPDATES

VICTORY IN FULLERTON

The Libertarian Party has just become the fourth largest political party in Fullerton. The Libertarian Party has gained 75 registered voters from 409 to 484 while the Reform Party lost 51 registered voters falling from 493 to 442. This is according to *Fullerton At A Glance* newsletter printed by Fullerton City Hall.

Of the seven political parties recognized by the state of California, the Libertarian Party is one of the three listed as organizations by the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce. When I volunteered to become the Acting leader of the Libertarian Party in Fullerton; the Libertarian Party became the only political party with active leadership in the community. The Libertarian Party now trails the third place American Independent Party by 630 registered voters 1,114 to 484. Since the American Independent Party is not listed as an organization by the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce and has no active leadership in the community this gap of 630 is expected to narrow.

I was very pleased to hear that the City Council Watch Program of Orange County has been re-named the California Council Watch Program. I was even more pleased to hear that I had been named the first Chairman in charge of its state-wide expansion. I did not ask for this great honor, but I gladly accepted.

Ralph G. Baker Jr.



LIBERTARIAN RE-ELECTED AS CITY TREASURER • KIM GOLDSWORTHY TO RUN FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

Marian Smithson, City Treasurer of West Covina, was re-elected to her position on March 6. Marian is a long-time member of Region 67. A plurality is sufficient for election. The results:

Marian Smithson - 3,250 - 48%
 Colleen Jansson - 2,046 - 30%
 Wayne Helick - 1,433 - 21%

Kim Goldsworthy has announced his candidacy for the May 15 special election in the 49th Assembly District. This district has opened up because Assemblywoman Gloria Romero won the special election in SD24. Kim is a former state chair and has run 4 or 5 times before for various offices, so he is well-informed. Only about 45 signatures are needed, so there shouldn't be too much of a problem. But of course, volunteers are always welcome. The district includes Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, and part of East L. A.

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PAC INFO NOW AVAILABLE!

I have created a little directory of Libertarian PACs (committees that have been established to make contributions to Libertarian candidates).

You will find it on the campaign resources page at:

<http://www.ca.lp.org/act/campaigns.html>

If you know of any others that should be listed, please let me know.

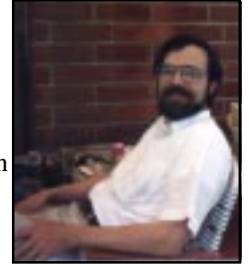
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ED MACOMBER REMEMBERED

Ed Macomber was a Poway Libertarian Party member and outspoken activist since his college days in the early 1970's. Ed designed computer hardware.

Ed, after struggling with brain cancer for just over a year, died March 12. His family held a small, quiet memorial and Ed has been cremated.

He is survived by his wife of twenty years Sandi, daughter Kristy Leahy, son Mike, and two grandchildren.



LIGHTFOOT ATTENDS FORUM AT CAL POLY POMONA

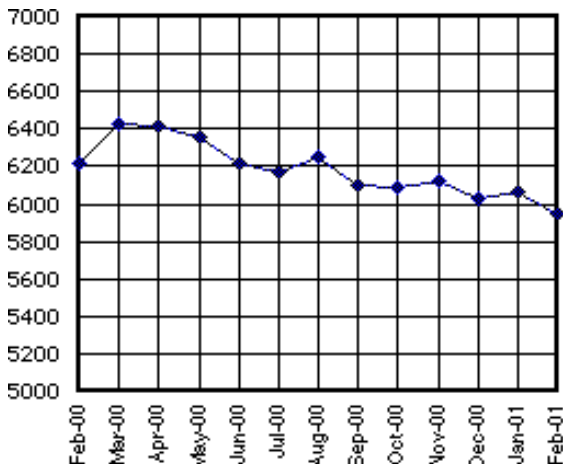
On March 5, 2001, I attended a forum titled "The Body Politic" at Cal Poly Pomona. Melinda Pillsbury-Foster of Santa Barbara joined me as the two Libertarians on the panel. Representing the Republicans were Martha J. House and Dr. Barbara Stone; Democrats were Eileen Ansari and Helen Daugherty; and Greens were Walter Sheasby and Julianne Spillman.

The panel was most notable for its apparent agreement and congeniality. Few, if any, direct attacks on another's viewpoint were made. It appears to me the political landscape is leveling out - at least as far as the spoken word is concerned. Democrats sound like middle-of-the-road Republicans, while Republicans sound like middle-of-the-road Democrats. Libertarians were equated with the conservative element in the Republican Party. Greens were characterized as the 'real' Democrats by Dr. Stone. Those present agreed on most issues and even the generalities of solutions. There was very little focus on specifics so as to illustrate our differences.

Since 1964 when Barry Goldwater shocked a nation by expressing conservative views, the Body Politic has indeed shifted. Today there is little if any admitted or discernible difference from one political party to the next. This is especially apparent when we gather in panels and forums to explain our positions on issues.

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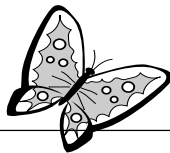
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I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: _____

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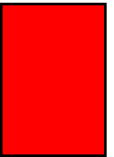
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