FIJA Plans Jefferson Memorial Rally, Other Activities Across U.S. for September 5th

Libertarians will be participating in various activities across the country September 5, sponsored by the Fully Informed Jury Amendment organization.

The top-billed event will be a demonstration at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. The activities are planned in remembrance of an important anniversary—It is the day an English judge actually imprisoned a jury for exerting its right to nullify unjust laws when it refused to heed the judge's instructions and find William Penn guilty of teaching an illegal religion, Quakerism.

The Jefferson Memorial demonstration will begin at noon and will feature Larry Dodge, leader of the FIJA campaign, Don Ernsberger from the LNC, Larry Pratt from the Gun Owners of America, and a spokesperson from the ACLU.

LP and FIJA activists across the country will distribute literature at courthouses or participate in related activities September 5.

McCann Campaigning Hard In Two-Way Assembly Race

Dr. David M. McCann, Chair of the Sacramento Libertarian Party, is running for the 5th Assembly seat in a special election to be held September 17. It will be a two-way race between the Libertarian and a Republican.

As with all special elections to fill a seat in the state legislature, an open primary was held, with the top vote getter in each party proceeding to the final election. The Democrats failed to field a candidate.

McCann polled better than five of the Republicans in the nine-way primary race.

The Republican primary winner, B.T. Collins, is reported to be the hand-picked candidate of Gov. Wilson. Collins favored the Governor's tax increase plan and is considered to be a gun-control advocate.

McCann is running an active campaign for the seat. Donations may be sent to: David M. McCann, M.D., 8880 Greenback Lane, Suite B, Orangevale, CA 95662.
State Rep. Warburton Quits GOP; Tax Issue Made Him a Libertarian

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUNDAY NEWS, Concord — An 80-year-old retired industrial chemist and former New Hampshire Libertarian Republi
can, Richard E. Sincere Jr., recently announced he has renounced his affiliation with the Republican Party.

Sincere said he was driven to make that decision because of a growing belief that the party's platform has shifted to the right in recent years. He also expressed frustration with what he sees as a lack of attention to the issues that matter most to him, such as tax reform and environmental protection.

Sincere was a member of the Republican Party for many years but has now become a Libertarian. He cited the Libertarian Party's strong opposition to government干预 and its focus on individual liberty and limited government as the reasons for his switch.

Sincere's decision is the latest in a growing movement among Republicans who are dissatisfied with the direction of their party. Many have been drawn to the Libertarian Party, which advocates for a limited role of government and individual freedom.

Sincere said he is looking forward to working with other Libertarians to promote their goals and values. He encouraged others who share his concerns to consider making a similar decision.

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**Libertarian Party wants spot on state ballot in 1992**

By The News-Record Staff

The Libertarian Party is looking for a way to get on the ballots of all 50 states in the 1992 elections.

The party has been growing in recent years and is hoping to nominate a presidential candidate in 1996. To do so, they need to appear on the ballots of all 50 states.

They are currently running candidates in a number of states, including New Hampshire. However, they have been struggling to gain support and have not been able to get the necessary petition signatures to make the ballot in every state.

Sincere said he is optimistic about the party's future and is looking forward to working with others to make it a major force in American politics.

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**The sober truth: The Prohibitionists want to control our lives**

By Rick Sincere

We moderns have been conditioned to believe that alcohol and drugs are evil. But is it true? How did we come to believe this? What evidence is there to support this belief? And what are the real consequences of drinking and drug use?

In this article, I will explore the history of prohibition and the current debate over alcohol and drug policy. I will also present some scientific evidence that challenges the prohibitionist position.

Throughout history, prohibition has been a failed experiment in controlling human behavior. It has led to widespread black market activity and has failed to solve the problems it was intended to address.

The current debate over alcohol and drug policy is complex and multifaceted. There are many different perspectives and interests involved. But one thing is clear: prohibition is not the answer.

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**Letters From Readers**

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**Viewpoint**

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Seizures Usurp Rights

Jefferson is turning in his grave. The Bill of Rights he prized is in tatters.

The March '21 seizure of three fraternity houses, allegedly sites of drug violations, demonstrates the extent to which the War on Drugs has eroded civil liberties. The houses seized will remain federal property even if their indicted residents are found not guilty. Seizure of property on which drugs are found, regardless of its owner's innocence or guilt, has become systematic policy, violating property and due process rights.

In Orwellian fashion, the seized houses, rather than their owners, are sued in civil court as if they are persons, instead of inanimate objects. The government circumvents rights accorded their owners by the Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Amendments.

Automatic property seizures originated in medieval superstition. Under old English law, any object causing a man's death, such as a runaway ox-cart, was personified, declared tainted or evil and forfeited to the Crown. Kings broadened justifications for seizure of property until forfeiture became their principle means of tax enforcement.

The founding fathers so abhorred automatic seizures that they outlawed even forfeiture following conviction in the Constitution's first article. Only under admiralty and maritime law did they permit it, to seize enemy ships.

Today, however, the state employs in rem proceedings in civil suits against property. In rem suits share with medieval superstition the idea that seized property, rather than its owner, is the defendant. This bizarre fiction renders the owner's guilt or innocence irrelevant, eviscerating Fifth Amendment pledges that "No person shall be . . . deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process." Even if the owner demonstrates innocence of drug dealing and ignorance of its occurrence, his property is forfeit. Civil forfeiture proceedings sidestep Sixth Amendment rights to counsel and criminal law's presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

Property can be seized for any amount of drugs, no matter how small. In 1986, the Coast Guard seized a $3 million yacht after finding a pinch of marijuana ash employee left in a trashcan on board, even though its owner does unknowingly to drug dealers, even if they are not negligent. Our property is at the mercy of drug police.

The drug war's cost to society is immense. It violates privacy and property rights. Prisons are so overcrowded with non-violent drug users that murderers are released early to kill again by officials like our new drug czar, former Florida Governor Bob Martinez.

Increasing drug prices, the drug war drives addicts to steal to fund their habits.

The costs of prohibition generally exceed the costs of drug usage, especially for marijuana, the plant grown by Jefferson, which poses less health risk than tobacco. In 1988, after 15 days of testimony and more than a year's deliberation, conservative Drug Enforcement Agency Administrator Francis Young ruled that "marijuana is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man."

Citing research by Harvard and leading medical schools, Young pointed out that marijuana has not caused a single documented death. "In strict medical terms," he wrote, "marijuana is far safer than many foods we commonly consume." Noting that marijuana is "capable of relieving the distress of great numbers of very ill people," he recommended its prescription to glaucoma and chemotherapy sufferers, who can avoid blindness and nausea by consuming pot.

Unfortunately, Young's recommendations were rejected by DEA administrator Jack Lawn and attacked by anti-pot crusaders like Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates. Administration officials have chosen instead to listen to fanatics like former Drug Czar William Bennett and his predecessor, White House Drug Advisor Carlton Turner, who was fired in 1986 after the Washington Post ridiculed him for announcing that marijuana causes homosexuality and AIDS.

Rather than reflexively supporting the war on drugs, Americans should respond to property seizures like that which occurred on March 21 by demanding a restoration of individual rights.

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City school cost high

Pittsburgh taxpayers wonder why their school taxes are so high.

And the June 17 Pittsburgh Press story by Bill Zlatos, "Wallace plan calls for $5 million more in cuts," gives part of the answer.

Next year's budget will be (after proposed cuts) around $320 million. The number of school employees is nearly 6,100.

So far, so good. But the vital data to complete the analysis was omitted from the story: How many students? A five-minute call to the Board of Education solved that problem: 40,000 students.

A few calculations and the answer was clear. There is one school employee for each eight students. It costs $8,000 to educate each student for one year.

One employee for eight students is irrational; $8,000 to educate one student for one year is ridiculous. That's where your school dollars go. That's why your school taxes are so high. What's the answer? Simple — privatization, competition and parental choice!

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