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#### Friday

- 8:00 PM Welcoming Reception
- 10:00 PM Hospitality Suite

#### Saturday

- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Business Session
- 12:30 PM Luncheon
- 2:00 PM Speakers/Workshops
- 6:00 PM Candidates Party
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- 9:00 AM Business Session
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- 10:00 PM Hospitality Suite

#### Monday

- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Business Session
- 12:30 PM Sam Adams Lunch
- 2:00 PM State Exec. Committee

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- Margaret Wilcox • Richard Winger • Jarret Wollstein

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PAGAN CAUCUS FORMING FOR CONVENTION

I'm looking for any Pagans within the Libertarian Party of the State of California who are interested in forming a Pagan Caucus. Please contact me.

*Jason Gonella, (661) 948-3654,  
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### TRAFFIC OPPORTUNITY

We here in Santa Clara are going to the theaters to get our name out. There is a current movie out called *Traffic* which identifies several issues with the futility of the drug war. We feel this is the prime time to make theater go-ers aware of our stance on the Drug War and freedom. We are going to put together our own pamphlet to hand out when the movie lets out.

I thought I'd mention this in case any other parties in the state wanted to do the same.

*Travis Jones, travis@keepandbeararms.com*

### DUMB LAWS

Politicians never change: they passed dumb laws many years ago and continue to do the same today. Here is a small sample:

- \* In Alabama, it is illegal for a driver to be blindfolded while operating a vehicle. The same state also stipulates that dominoes may not be played on Sunday.
- \* In Connecticut, the police can stop you for bicycling over 65 miles per hour.
- \* Nebraska state laws stipulate that it is illegal to go whale fishing. (Think about that for a second.)
- \* In Tennessee, another landlocked state, you may not shoot any game other than whales from a moving automobile.
- \* A Washington law states: "It is mandatory for a motorist with criminal intentions to stop at the city limits and telephone the chief of police as he is entering the town."
- \* In Florida, a special law prohibits unmarried women from parachuting on Sunday or she shall risk arrest, fine, and/or jailing. Apparently married women are free to parachute seven days a week.
- \* In Massachusetts, tomatoes may not be used in the production of clam chowder. (They take their clam chowder seriously in Massachusetts!)

We actually pay these legislators? You find a lot more evidence of legislative stupidity at:

<http://www.dumblaws.com/>

*Phyllis Avery, pavery2@juno.com*

### RIDICULOUS!

The DEA has now officially announced that it intends to ban most hemp products in the United States, including food made from sterile (non-psychoactive) hemp seeds and hemp-based personal-care products.

Under the DEA's proposed regulation, literally millions of Americans will be criminalized for possessing shampoos, lotions, and soaps that have the slightest amount of naturally occurring THC, the primary active ingredient in marijuana. (It is impossible to get a psychoactive effect from hemp-based shampoos and soaps, but the DEA is proposing to ban them nevertheless.)

Those who are arrested for shampoo or soap will face up to one year in federal prison and a \$10,000 fine — the same penalties they would face if they were arrested for possessing a small amount of marijuana.

If someone is arrested with a stockpile of (currently legal) hemp products that weighs hundreds of pounds, it stands to reason that the defendant would face a 5- or 10-year mandatory minimum prison sentence — or even the death penalty — under federal law.

There are already 700,000 arrests every year in the U.S. for marijuana offenses. Our nation's beleaguered criminal justice system doesn't need the additional strain of processing 100,000's of additional arrests that will result from the illegal possession of non-psychoactive shampoos and soaps.

We don't need another front in our nation's failed war on drugs. Please oppose the DEA's hemp ban before it is allowed to take effect. In urgency, Coalition to Save Hemp: <http://www.SaveHemp.org>

*Bill Holmes, wtholmes@compuserve.com*

### EXITING NEWS!

Kristin Overn, the producer of the Harry Browne info-mercial and all 5 of his commercials phoned me from Washington DC from the biennial (every two years) awards ceremony of the American Association of Political Consultants.

She informed me that the radio ad that Mark Hilgenberg and I wrote and produced has won a Pollie Award. The ad is called: *Tired of Getting F\*\*\*ed?*

A version made for the WA State LP can be heard by clicking: <http://www.123abc.net/~thirdwheel/F-edWApro28kmusic.ram>.

*Doug Scribner, doug@123abc.net*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY UPDATES



MARK HINKLE

## From the Chair:

We, as a Party, set two main internal goals this year:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month.

**Goal 1:** We had 6027 members at the end of December, 2000. From December 31, 1999 to December 31, 2000, we had a net loss of 411 members. I think the reasons for this are obvious. As a Party (LNC, LPC, and the regions), we focused on campaigns last year, rather than membership growth. Now that we're into a "non-election year",

we should return our focus back to membership growth: the source of our funding and our activists. I understand that the LNC will once again be doing some direct mail campaigns to boost membership.

One very encouraging note that I've learned from Joe Dehn's membership statistics, is that the LPC is 3 times larger, in membership, than the second place state: Georgia. We used to be 4 times larger not long ago. So, other LP organizations are finally showing some dramatic growth.

**Goal 2:** The current monthly pledge total, based on figures from January 19, 2001, is \$5,127.72. The November figure was \$5,573.31. This included funds passed through to the local regions. The number of pledgers has shrunk from 257 in November to 242 now. It looks like our pledge base was hit as hard as the stock market.

Clearly it's time for a new chair to come in and re-energize the LPC.

At press time, I understand that 3 folks are seeking the office of LPC Chair. To that end, I'd like to suggest you consider the following when electing the officers, the 5 At-Large members of the Executive Committee, and the regional representatives from the 5 largest regions.

There's an old saying that says, "A house divided cannot stand". For most of the last 4 years the LPC's ExCom house has definitely been united, which is not to say there haven't been disagreements. Unity has been an important factor regarding our significant growth, our growing strength, visibility and maturity as an organization. Undoubtedly, a new Chair, new officers, and a new ExCom will review the current goals and likely revise them or create new ones.

What's important is to assemble a team of Libertarian leaders that can work together to accomplish the goals they set. I submit to you that this is more important than making sure all "factions" are represented.

The progress we've made over the last 4 years could not and would not have been possible without a full time Executive Director. Juan Ros has done an outstanding job for you. We're now a professional organization that's having a real impact on California politics. You, our donors and dues paying members, have made this possible. Please stay the course.

Please join the monthly credit card pledge program. An investment in the Libertarian Party gives you a chance for a freer, more prosperous future.

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*Yours in liberty, Mark Hinkle*

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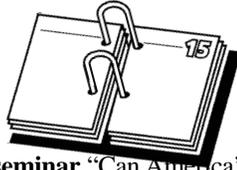
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## CALENDAR

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### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Independent Policy Forum **reception and seminar** "Can America's Electoral System be Fixed?" The program will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Independent Institute's conference center in Oakland CA. Contact is Ms. Nichelle Beardsley at (510) 632-1366x118.

<http://www.independent.org/tii/forums/010206ipf.html>

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Gun Owners** in San Diego are invited by Supervisor Bill Horn to attend the "State of the County" address and reception. This is a chance for gun owners to meet the county supervisors. **Be sure to RSVP by February 5th to 1-800-668-5933.** Music by the USMC 1st Marine Division Band, at 6:30 pm, Concert Hall, California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido CA.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**Cox Public Access Channel** will be airing a tape created by Mark Selzer, Chair of District 64, 10 PM (also February 26 at 9:30 PM),

### FEBRUARY 16-19

**LPC Convention**, Doubletree Hotel, San Jose. Presenters include Mary Ruwart, Richard Winger, John Hospers among others. Contact: Cullene Lang (530) 894-2691 and (530) 894-5565, [cullene@aol.com](mailto:cullene@aol.com). Information and registration at: <http://www.ca.lp.org/conv/2001/>

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Mark Selzer on TV, 9:30 PM. (See February 13).

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

**Kubby sentencing hearing** in Auburn, CA.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 6

**Special Election in San Gabriel Valley, 24th State Senate District.** Libertarian Carl "Marty" Swinney is running against two Democrats and a Republican.

### MARCH 15-18

**Reason Weekend 2001.** Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Florida. Sponsored by the Reason Foundation. Contact: Amber Trudgeon (310) 391-2245, [ambert@reason.org](mailto:ambert@reason.org).

### MAY 25-27

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

### JULY 1-5

**The 20th annual world conference of the International Society for Individual Liberty**, to be held in France. Information and 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.

**W**illiam R. Baucum, 74, passed away January 9th at Southern Inyo Hospital, Lone Pine CA. Bill had been a chairman/contact person for the Libertarian Party representing Inyo and Mono Counties for more than 20 years. He stepped down as chairman in 1997 but stayed active on the central committee until his death.

Bill served as a radioman for the US Navy during World War II. After the war, Bill went to technical school. His first job was on an oil platform in the gulf. He moved to Los Angeles where he worked in a radio store before going to work in communications for the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power in 1964. He worked for the LADWP until his retirement in 1983. He was also an active ham radio operator for many years and enjoyed communicating on his computers and programming them. He was also active in the American Legion.. He is survived by his brother, John Baucum of Hampton Bay, New York.

*Information from Wayne A. Ball and obituary in Inyo Register*

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## CALIFORNIA UPDATES



JUAN ROS

### ROS HITS THE GROUND RUNNING IN NEW YEAR

The California electricity "crisis" and the Steve Kubby trial were on the mind of LPC executive director Juan Ros, who returned from the holidays last month ready to fight for liberty in the new year.

"Just because there are no big elections in 2001 does not mean the LPC should lay low

for the year," Ros said. "In fact, we need to work harder than ever this year to prepare for 2002!"

California's electricity problems created a perfect opportunity for the LPC to demonstrate that 1996's so-called "deregulation" law was nothing of the sort. "The media has been inaccurately portraying the problem as a failure of the market. The reality is the 1996 law did not deregulate the industry at all and actually worsened an already bad situation."

At press time Ros had issued two press releases on the electricity "crisis" and was drafting an official LPC "white paper" on the subject, outlining Libertarian solutions. "Libertarians need to step up and defend the free market," Ros urged. "Otherwise whatever solutions the Legislature proposes are only likely to botch things up further!"

Also at the end of last year, the jury in the Steve Kubby trial handed down its decisions. Michele was acquitted of two charges and the jury was hung 11-1 on five charges against both of them related to medical marijuana. Steve was found guilty on two charges, felony possession of a mushroom stem and possession of a minute quantity of peyote.

Ros immediately issued a press release expressing Libertarians' mixed feelings about the verdict. "We were thrilled to learn the jury was hung and that Michele was acquitted, but we were at the same time disappointed in Steve's conviction on the two ridiculous charges," Ros explained. "11 members of the jury felt the Kubbys were following the law [Proposition 215] as approved by voters. The two convictions against Steve underscore the insanity of our failed drug laws."

Mark Hinkle's statements on the Kubby decision were picked up by the Associated Press and published in most news accounts.

With Steve's sentencing scheduled for March 2, Ros plans to be there to show his support. "I will be in Auburn along with other Libertarians to back Steve Kubby!" Ros said.

Also in January:

- Ros appeared on several cable TV programs broadcast in the local Los Angeles area. On one show, "At Issue," Ros participated in a debate on whether cell phone use while driving should be banned (Ros argued against a ban, naturally). On the second show, "Saving the American Dream," Ros sat on a panel discussion of various issues of the day providing the Libertarian perspective.

*Continued in next column*



### OUR GENEROUS DONORS

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A photo of Steve and Michele Kubby during their trial. Sentencing and retrial decision is due on Friday, March 2, 2001.

- Ros inspected several hotels for possible 2002 State Convention sites in the Los Angeles area. "I hope to have a proposal ready by the time our new Executive Committee meets at the conclusion of the 2001 Convention!"
- Ros welcomed and trained new administrative assistant Lynda Kay. "Lynda is a highly-qualified individual who will be available to our members and donors for help and support. She is a valuable addition to the LPC staff!"

"2001 is shaping up to be quite a challenging year," Ros concluded, "and my job is to make sure that the LPC is up to the challenge!"



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## CALIFORNIA ENERGY CRISIS

### ENERGY CRISIS CREATED IN SACRAMENTO

*Experts agree with Libertarians:  
Electricity is not 'deregulated'*

California's electricity crisis is not the fault of "deregulation" or the market — because California's electricity market was never deregulated, the Libertarian Party of California asserted, an assertion with which a growing number of economists and deregulation experts agree.

"Politicians who are predisposed against the free market have taken advantage of the current situation to blame deregulation and justify more government intervention," said Libertarian state executive director Juan Ros.

"Members of the media have followed along, continually referring to the 'deregulation' law passed by the Legislature in 1996. The fact is, as Libertarians will point out, the 1996 law did not deregulate electricity in California, but rather forced power companies into a regulatory scheme that has led to the skyrocketing prices, shortages, and blackouts we are seeing today."

Many experts agree with the Libertarian position that the electricity market in California is far from deregulated — and that government intervention is the real problem:

- Economist Thomas Sowell in his syndicated column published January 25: "The political micro-management of California's utility companies can hardly be called deregulation without twisting the meaning of the word beyond recognition."
- Lance Izumi, Senior Fellow in California Studies at the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy in San Francisco, writing for the Knight-Ridder News Service on January 15: "The reality...is that government, not the market, is the cause of California's power woes. Despite [Governor Gray] Davis's slam against California's 1996 'deregulation' of electricity, state government did not totally deregulate the pricing mechanism for electricity."
- Pepperdine University Professor of Economics George Reisman wrote: "We do not yet have such a [deregulated] market. We have merely taken a modest step towards it, in the aftermath of numerous, more powerful steps in the opposite direction."
- Adrian T. Moore and Lynne Kiesling of the Los Angeles-based Reason Public Policy Institute noted: "California didn't deregulate its electricity market, but rather 'restructured' it, requiring far more state intervention in electricity transactions than existed before."

Concluded Ros, "Further regulation will worsen the situation. Libertarians and experts know that only immediate and complete deregulation will bring about an end to our power problems."

### LET THE INVISIBLE HAND WORK

**F**INALLY we are getting an honest admission that California's electric power industry was not deregulated. Any objective observer can see that the state's Legislature just restructured existing regulation and, due to unforeseen future events at that time, very dire unintended consequences have been the result. Contrary to the collectivists' propaganda, it was not deregulation that failed; it was the collectivists' regulation of the marketplace that failed.

The solution is not more government regulation; instead, let the free market's invisible hand do its work, by full deregulation of the electric power industry, before more dire unintended consequences result.

*Johann Opitz, johannp@earthlink.net*

*Published Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, San Jose Mercury News*



### YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN CALIFORNIA WHEN...

**Y**our electric bill is higher than your mortgage payment—because your state "deregulated" the energy biz by adding regulation and government control while preventing new generating plants from being built for roughly a decade.

*Unknown source, from the net*

### WANT MORE POWER? BUILD WE MUST!

**D**eregulation in other states, such as Massachusetts and Texas, is more successful because these states made it possible and profitable to build new power plants. This is in stark contrast to California, where a crisis was inevitable because the prices remained below what it cost new plants to produce electricity.

Compounding the problem were several things, starting with California's open-ended environmental review process. While other states have a checklist approach—once you've gone through the list, you can proceed with building a plant—the process in this state seems to go on almost forever.

In addition, major population centers, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, have air quality standards that limit the amount of electricity that can be produced in those regions. And, again at the local level, community opposition to new construction has thwarted plans to build new plants.

More than 40 new power facilities are now proposed for California. An aggressive push to permit and construct half of these would solve the current supply crisis, allowing power prices to fall dramatically.

*Los Angeles Times, January 23, 2001*

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## AROUND THE WORLD

### POLITICS AS USUAL

#### WILL PEDDLE FOR SEX

According to Rome's daily *Il Messaggero*, when Italian police announced that they would confiscate cars of men soliciting prostitutes, customers simply dusted off old rusty bicycles and pedaled off in search of sex. *The Associated Press*, Dec.13, 2000

#### SINGAPORE SLING

Singapore announced some public rest rooms will be rated with one to five stars, just like fancy hotels and restaurants. In the words of Singapore's prime minister, a clean society is "a gracious society." *The Associated Press*, December 13, 2000

#### SINGAPORE FLUSH BEATS FULL HOUSE!

Since 1989, Singaporeans have faced fines up to \$107 for the first offense of not flushing a public toilet, and up to \$714 for third and subsequent offenses.

*This is True* by Randy Cassingham, 1997, <http://www.thisistrue.com>

#### NUMBERS DON'T BACK GUN CONTROL

The Bureau of Justice Statistics says gun-related deaths and injuries fell 33 percent from 1993 to 1997. At the same time, the number of firearms in this country was up by nearly ten percent.

*The Daily Oklahoman*, December 17, 2000

#### ALERT!

A sneaky new high-tech device that allows police to analyze your breath for traces of alcohol without your knowledge or consent doesn't just violate the Fourth Amendment, it could get you tossed into jail for drunk driving even if all you did was use mouthwash. The PSA III Sniffer is built into a flashlight that police can shine into your car after you've been pulled over for any reason. It contains a pump that draws in your exhaled breath when you speak, and instantly analyzes it for the presence of booze. If alcohol is detected, it flashes red.

*Libertarian Party press release*, January 23, 2001

#### CANADIANS PAY FOR BOOBS!

Canada paid for breast implants for a 15-year-old girl. She is getting reimbursed because she got a note from her shrink that says they were necessary to her "mental health."

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/pages/010107/5059394.html>

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#### YOUR HOME IS NOT YOUR CASTLE IN SAN MARINO

The City Council of San Marino has passed the "bar and grille" ordinance, requiring homeowners to submit plans for city approval before they can install security bars. Plans will be reviewed by the Design Review Committee to ensure installations are safe – and attractive.

*This is True* by Randy Cassingham, 1997, <http://www.thisistrue.com>

#### NO STAMP OF APPROVAL FOR POSTAL SERVICE.

The watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste has released a report on the U.S. Postal Service. It notes that the USPS lost \$84 million in the years 1995-97 on T-shirts, mugs, stickers, phone cards and other retail items. It also estimates that the USPS loses at least \$1 billion annually in waste, fraud, and abuse. And the Postal Service doesn't even have to pay parking tickets and vehicle licensing fees. *Parade Magazine*, January 14, 2001

### NOTEWORTHY WEB SITES!

#### ADVOCATES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT

<http://www.self-gov.org/>

#### CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT INFO

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

#### DRUG WAR CLOCK

<http://www.drugsense.org/wodclock.htm>

#### ELECTION STATISTICS

<http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-hist-elections.html>

<http://archive.lp.org/er/>

#### GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF HI-TECH

<http://www.techleadership.org>

#### GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT SHOWN

<http://mwhodges.home.att.net/hodges.htm>

#### GUN OWNERS HOME PAGE

<http://www.KeepAndBearArms.com>

#### HANDGUNS

Current list of handguns approved by CA Department of Justice:

<http://caag.state.ca.us/firearms/certlist.htm>

#### HERITAGE FOUNDATION

<http://www.townhall.com/columnists>.

#### INS PETITIONS TO STOP CHECKPOINTS

<http://www.lprc.org/inspetition.htm>

#### KUBBY TRIAL AND INFO

<http://www.kubby.com>

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Activist Resources: <http://www.ca.lp.org/act/>

Bylaws: <http://www.ca.lp.org/bylaws/>

Convention Info/Registration: <http://www.ca.lp.org/conv/2001/>

Convention Agenda/Bylaws/Platform, at

Secretary's Corner web page: <http://www.peoplesveto.org/lp/>

Membership: <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-member-services.html>

Platform: <http://www.ca.lp.org/platform/>

#### LIBERTARIAN PARTY NATIONAL

General information: <http://www.lp.org>

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

#### OUTREACH

<http://www.libertarianrock.com>

<http://www.GrowTheLp.org>

#### RECOVERY ALTERNATIVES TO 12-STEP PROGRAMS

<http://www.smartrecovery.org>

<http://www.rational.org/recovery>



## CALIFORNIA UPDATES

### PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR REGIONAL BYLAWS

Eastbay Region #1 has decided to update our regional bylaws. We have been operating under a document that is dated 1979 but was probably adopted around 1976.

Please send a copy of your region's bylaws, preferably as an MSWord attachment (but we can use any format that is convenient for you) along with your suggestions or comments. We will appreciate your input since most of us feel that once every two decades is about the right interval for revising bylaws and we want to create a document that will serve for the next twenty years. Of course, we will be pleased to share our end product with all interested regions. If your bylaws are not available in electronic format, please consider bringing a copy to the convention or snail-mail to: Wayne Nygren, 24828 Canyon View Ct., Hayward, CA 94541-6812. Thanks for your help.

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(Editor's Note: Region 43's bylaws are online <http://www.sc.ca.lp.or/lpsc-bylaws.html>)

### TAPES AVAILABLE

Adrian T. Moore's talk to the West L.A. Libertarian meeting on the Electricity Crisis was a great success. Audio tapes are available for \$5 with a contribution to LPLAC. (Of course, we'll cheerfully accept larger donations!) Just contact me by e-mail.

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### LPC ENDORSES RACIAL PRIVACY & ELECTION REFORM

The Executive Committee of the LPC voted to endorse the California Racial Privacy Initiative which is proposed by the American Civil Rights Coalition.

The Executive Committee also voted to endorse the Resolution in Support of AB45 to Reform the Selection of Presidential Electors in California.

Votes and comments are posted at: [http://www.peoplesveto.org/lp/documents/documents\\_votes.html](http://www.peoplesveto.org/lp/documents/documents_votes.html)



### SPECIAL ELECTION – SWINNEY FILES IN SD24

Libertarian Carl M. "Marty" Swinney of Whittier has filed for the March 6 special election in the San Gabriel Valley's 24th State Senate District. As far as we know, there are two Democrats and a Republican running as well. The district is 65% plus Democratic.

The volunteers who collected Marty's signatures were:

Ted Brown, Bruce Dovner, Mike Everling, Leland Faegre, Kim Goldsworthy, John Jewell, and Michael McGuire.

It's often difficult to get on the ballot for a special election. Marty should be able to make some good points, especially about the electricity crisis.

For liberty, Ted Brown, [tedbrown1776@hotmail.com](mailto:tedbrown1776@hotmail.com)

### CATO HANDBOOK IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

I would like to recommend to everyone, especially candidates and spokesmen and women, purchase the *Cato Handbook for Congress*. Due to redistricting, there will be districts where Republican incumbents will be forced to run against each other. Unlike most primaries, they will have to show and respond to more public forums. This will give us a great opportunity to show our positions. We must be better informed and show alternatives to the present situation. Let's not waste this once-in-a-decade opportunity.

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### WAITING TO INHALE

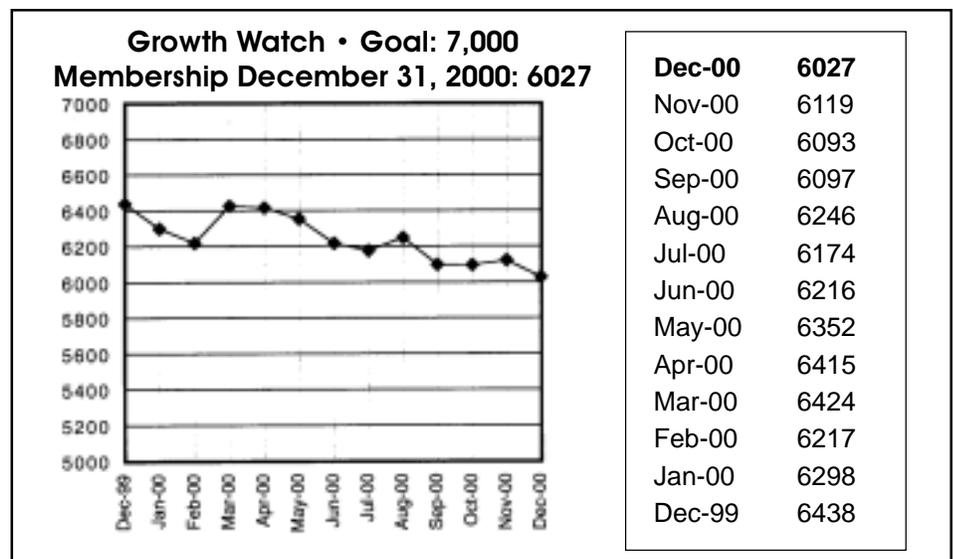
Alan Bock's extraordinary new book, *Waiting to Inhale: The Politics of Medical Marijuana* is finally in print. It is published by Seven Locks Press, an independent publisher headquartered in Santa Ana. It will be in Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstores. It is slated to be on Amazon.com. It's a "quality paperback," 286 pages with footnotes and index.

The back cover has endorsements from John Stossel, Milton Friedman, Jim Doti (president of Chapman U. in Orange County), Joe McNamara, David Boaz, Rep. Tom Campbell (R), state Sen. John Vasconcellos (D), Jim Bovard, Sir Eldon Griffiths (chairman national World Affairs Council), Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw, Tod Mikuriya and Jane Marcus of Beth Am Congregation and Women of Reform Judasim.

*Waiting to Inhale* is a thoughtful mainstream book by a legitimate commercial publisher that will be in standard publishing channels. Alan Bock is a veteran mainstream journalist — 20 years at *The Register*, the third largest paper in California — that doesn't pull many punches and reveals a number of things many drug reformers don't know.

For example, Alan explains how Dale Gieringer and Scott Imler submitted their own version of Prop. 215, but lost out to Dennis Peron and John Entwistle, because Dale paid by check and John paid by money order.

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