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LIBERTARIANS FIGHT TO END THE DRUG WAR

SAN DIEGO: END-THE-DRUG-WAR RALLY HELD ON FIRST WEDNESDAYS

End-the-Drug-War rallies will be held the first Wednesday of each month. The next will be June 6th from 3 PM to 7 PM, at the intersection of Front and Market Streets, near the Federal Building in downtown San Diego.

If you would like more info or want to participate, please send me an e-mail. (See page 6).

Gardner Osborne, gardner@san.rr.com

LOS ANGELES: NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST!

October 22 is the annual National Day of Protest against Police Brutality. Joseph Miranda is actively organizing Libertarians to participate in the Protest.

The October 22 protests are an opportunity for Libertarians to get out in the streets and demonstrate against the insane drug war, gun control, police checkpoints, profile searches, IRS abuse, Waco, and government killings. (See page 9).

LOS ANGELES: VIGIL IN HONOR OF PETER McWILLIAMS AND OTHER DRUG WAR DEAD



June 16, 2001 is the first Saturday after the anniversary of the death of Peter McWilliams (Peter died on June 14, 2000 when he was not able to use marijuana to halt his AIDS-related nausea). The Libertarian Party of California and The November Coalition will have a Drug War Victim Vigil in Honor of Peter McWilliams and all the drug war dead, including law enforcement. This is just before Prop. 36 (Drug Treatment and Diversion Program) goes into effect on July

1, 2001 in California. The Libertarian Party of California declares solidarity with all groups fighting for the rights of political prisoners, and ending the insane War on Drugs. So come and invite others.

We will meet at 2 PM on the front lawn of the West Los Angeles Federal Building on Wilshire Boulevard, Westwood. There is plenty of parking behind the Federal Building. We will hold the vigil until 4 PM and then march (1/3 mile) to Westwood Memorial Gardens, 1218 Glendon, where Peter's ashes are interned. A band has offered to play at the vigil.

Please sign up for our new e-group for more information, or to volunteer to help The Political Prisoners Support Committee. To subscribe, please send E- mail to lpccpsc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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Chairman of The Political Prisoners Support Committee
of the Libertarian Party of California

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DRUG WAR WARRIOR AND FAMILY MOVE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Steve Kubby says the 2 1/2 year battle with Placer County has taken a heavy toll on his health. "People often comment on my bravery in fighting Placer County, but rarely do they understand that living with cancer is an even greater struggle. Living in British Columbia will make that struggle healthier and easier." The Kubbys are looking forward to healing emotionally and financially. (Steve's letter on pot peace dividend is on page 2.)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WANTED: ARMCHAIR ACTIVISTS!

My name is Garry Reed and I need all Libertarians to support my new online column. "The Loose Cannon Libertarian" appears twice monthly on www.newsguy.com. I'm writing an opinion column that takes on political and social issues from a hardcore Libertarian viewpoint. The goal of my column is to arouse curiosity, stir controversy and spark debate with the web site's otherwise general interest readership. For some people, this may be their first encounter with Libertarianism.

This is a good opportunity for armchair activists. If you hate campaigning, petitioning or demonstrating and can't afford to donate money, you can still support the Libertarian cause by simply pointing and clicking your mouse. Be sure to register at the web site.

Remember: in the war of ideas, every mouse click (and loose cannon shot) counts.

Garry Reed, Garreed@aol.com

SEAT BELTS SUCK

As a conscientious objector to seat belt and helmet laws, the idea of arrest for breaking a 'rule' recognized as an infraction punishable by a \$33 fine is rather frightening.

Such 'rules' do not change the near-panic reaction I have to the feel of a tight band across my chest while driving. Neither will the distinct possibility of being handcuffed and hauled off to jail – presumably to be released on my own recognizance.

Hopefully, I can get a psychologist to write a letter stating my phobia is real and not just manufactured for convenience. I find I can tolerate the shoulder belt when I am a passenger and can move the seat way, way back. However, I cannot drive in that position. The most ironic aspect of the situation is that in the 50s, I paid for seat belts to protect myself and my children. Of course, the newer belts and the law itself are something else again.

I ask you to sign this letter "anonymous" to avoid me becoming a target for the police. *Anonymous*

AYN RAND REVISITED

I'm no Randian scholar, but it seems to me like the whole California electricity fiasco is right out of *Atlas Shrugged*.

Substitute "electricity" for "railroads" and "steel" and events are unfolding almost word for word from the book, right down to the idiotic rantings of various politicians and pundits.

All we need now is "John Galt".

Frederick Singer, Singerfb@aol.com

HISTORY SHOWS JURIES AS 'LAST DEFENSE'

(Editor's note: Bruce's letter was published in the *Los Angeles Times*.)

The California Supreme Court drove the latest nail in the coffin of liberty by ruling against jury nullification. The court would rather have unjust laws applied to everyone than have juries set some free. They also wrongly blame jury nullification for all-white Southern juries that acquitted whites of murdering blacks. As the Fully Informed Jury Association (www.fija.org) points out, the real problem was the courts' jury selection practices, which excluded blacks even when they were 35% of the population.

In 1215, the English nobles knew the Magna Carta was worthless unless juries were free to acquit people of violating King John's unjust laws. This is even more true today, since the courts are not protecting us. The U.S. Supreme Court recently okayed a Texas woman being handcuffed and thrown in jail for a seat-belt violation.

Our last defense is juries: the brave juries who acquitted Northerners for helping runaway slaves before the Civil War; who acquit medical marijuana users today; and who refuse to impose a "third strike" for a minor, nonviolent offense like shoplifting. Your vote may not count much at the election booth, but it certainly does when you vote to acquit. *Bruce Bell, Bell.Bruce@littonisd.com*

DEATH PENALTY DISCUSSED

At last count, some 87 people on death row have been exonerated as a result of the more recent technology of DNA testing.

The most significant argument against the death penalty is that if the government is doing it, it surely will get screwed up. Too many innocents are persecuted as it is.

Max Newbury, MaxNewbury@aol.com

POT PEACE PAYS

Annual cannabis peace dividend would be \$500 per every man, woman and child in California

- Created by reducing state expenditures on cannabis prohibition.
- Ends harm and squandering of public money associated with cannabis arrests, prosecutions, incarceration, probation, court costs, drug testing, slashing narcotics officers' salaries, etc.
- Based solely on a 23% reduction in overall state expenditures. General Fund revenues officially estimated at \$73.9 billion for 2000-01. California Population officially estimated at 34,000,000.

Steve Kubby, steve@kubby.org

June 2001

LIBERTARIAN PARTY UPDATES

FROM THE CHAIR:



THE CHEAPEST WAY TO FIGHT BIG GOVERNMENT AND INCREASE INTEREST IN THE PARTY.

Ok, I admit it ... I can be a bit cheap. Sometimes I stretch a dollar so far that George Washington actually grimaces. I find it hard to pass on a good deal. And I especially like the word **FREE** — even if Milton Friedman says it doesn't apply to lunch.

So here is your chance to indulge in a little frugality and frighten your local officials for ... **FREE**.

Many local governments are placing bonds and other awful things on this November's ballot. And because few are paying attention, the proponents write their ballot arguments while potential opponents are napping.

When voters read their ballot pamphlets and see no opposing argument, they often assume that the proposal must be a good thing. We Libertarians should never let a bigger government measure go unanswered.

A ballot argument is **FREE** (there's that word again) advertising to every registered voter in the area.

Call your local city and county elections offices as soon as you finish reading this. Ask for the election calendar for measures going on the ballot in November. Here are the deadlines for Ventura County (they gave them to me for **FREE**):

- July 17 Last day government can place a measure on the ballot
- July 18 Publication by County Clerk of date for submission of arguments
- July 18 to July 25 .. Analysis prepared by Legal/County Counsel
- July 26 to Aug 2 Time to submit arguments for and against the measure
- Aug 3 to Aug 10 Time to submit rebuttal arguments

Some rules for writing arguments and rebuttals: You're limited to 300 words for arguments; 250 words for rebuttals. Up to five people can sign each. Ask for more details from the elections office. They have to provide those to you for **FREE**.

There are two schools of thought on how Libertarians should write the arguments. One says, "write purist positions" (e.g. all tax increases are bad). The other, "write whatever is going to persuade the most people" (e.g. here's why this tax increase is a waste of money). I prefer the latter approach. It's our best hope of protecting the 15 - 20% of the population that agrees with us.

Whichever you choose, write clearly. Use short sentences. Use short paragraphs. Use bullet points. It's more readable. Examine ballot arguments in prior elections for style tips. That's **FREE** also.

Here's a fun idea. Sometimes the government will pay for a poll, testing which arguments are most persuasive for and against proposed tax and bond measures. These are public documents. You are entitled to look at them for ... **FREE**. Use them to create effective ballot arguments against the measure.

And don't forget to include the 800-ELECT-US phone number so voters can get more info on the Libertarian Party. That way they can call **FREE**.

And if you need some advice on a particular measure, e-mail me and the other members of the Executive Committee.

Did I mention that this was **FREE**?

*Talk to you next month,
Aaron Starr CPA, starrcpa@pacbell.net*



ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY

As a member of the Libertarian Party, your support today ensures vigilance today. There is also a way for you to remain eternally vigilant, even after your passing, by remembering the Libertarian Party of California in your estate plans.

To discuss this option privately, please contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400, or e-mail: director@ca.lp.org.

INTERNS/ VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Help the Libertarian Party of California

If you live in the Los Angeles area, you are invited to volunteer or intern with the LPC! Contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros (818) 782-8400 director@ca.lp.org.

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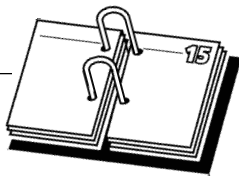
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CALENDAR

YEAR 2001



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

End the Drug War Rally, in San Diego at intersection of Front and Market Streets from 3 PM. Monthly on first Wednesdays. Contact: Gardner Osborne, gardner@san.rr.com.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Anniversary of Peter McWilliams' death as a drug war victim. See June 16 and front page.

JUNE 15-17

National Taxpayers Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Visit www.NTU.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Drug War Victim Vigil in honor of Peter McWilliams. Meet at 2 PM on the front lawn of the West Los Angeles Federal Building on Wilshire Boulevard, West Wood. See front page.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

LP of San Francisco, Direct Action Forum, 7 pm. Free presentation and Q&A. Dinner/drinks may be purchased. Thai House Restaurant, 2200 Market (at Sanchez). Information: (415) 626-9036 or sfdreamer@earthlink.net.

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>. Conference SOLD OUT.

JULY 9-13

Summer Seminars in Political Economy, in Oakland Hills near San Francisco for high school and college students. Sponsored by The Independent Institute and the Holy Names College. CClose@independent.org and www.independent.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Prison Reform Unity Day (also Bastille Day).

AUGUST 4-10

Cato University Summer Seminar. At the Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego. 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, austinrk@pacbell.net.

OCTOBER 6-7

Freedom Summit sponsored by Future of Freedom Foundation, Phoenix Arizona. For information visit: www.freedomsummit.com.

OCTOBER 22

National Day of Protest against Police Brutality. See page 9.

OCTOBER 25-28

Cato University Summer Seminar in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Information: (202) 218-4633 or www.cato-university.org.

YEAR 2002

FEBRUARY 15-18

LPC Convention in Santa Maria (Santa Barbara County). Contact: B. J. Wagener, Phone: (805) 928-1100, BJWagener@hotmail.com.

JULY 4-7

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LPC Updates



JUAN ROS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S JOURNAL

Beginning this month, LPC Executive Director Juan Ros's column is renamed "Executive Director's Journal" — with Ros providing a glimpse into the day-to-day operations of the Libertarian Party of California from his perspective. Let me know what you think of this new format!

APRIL 23, 2001

An early morning. The alarm goes off at 5:30 AM so I can catch a 7:15 AM flight to Sacramento. I haven't been to Sacramento in a few months, and I am looking forward to the trip.

The day's agenda includes meeting with a major donor and the opportunity to testify before the Assembly Elections Committee in support of AB 1515, a bill that would implement Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for special elections in California. For the past two months I have been working actively with members of the California IRV Coalition, who are very optimistic about passage.

My departure flight is on United, which means going through San Francisco. Not my favorite airport in the world, but at least they have a Jamba Juice where I buy breakfast. I'm starving, not having eaten a bite since I woke up.

I arrive safely in Sacramento, but when I turn my cell phone on I notice that it has only one "blip" left on the battery. I also forgot to pack my car charger. Ouch! That means I can't return calls or check the LPC office voice mail. I make a mental note to never forget my car charger when I travel.

While I await my rental car, a call comes in from Dave Robinson, who is with the Cal-IRV Coalition. He gives me the bad news that AB 1515 has been withdrawn from the committee hearing today. I am disappointed, but not surprised. This sort of thing happens all the time.

I am delightfully surprised when my rental car turns out to be an SUV. The rental car company has a special promotion where the one-day rental on an SUV is cheaper than the cheapest economy car. The wonders of the free market never cease to amaze me. Riding in style while saving the party money ... I like it!

I arrive at 12:15 PM at a restaurant in Fair Oaks for a lunch appointment with a major donor. This is one of the favorite aspects of my job. I enjoy raising money for the LPC because I know it is for a great cause: liberty. I enjoy meeting all sorts of different Libertarians and finding out what their passions are. And I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm and vision for the LPC with donors.

LPC Treasurer Lori Adasiewicz arrives and we have a nice conversation before the donor arrives. It turns out that he is not ordering lunch, which I find funny since the restaurant he chose was a steakhouse and I am a vegetarian! After an hour the donor gets up to leave, as he has a pressing appointment. Lori and I thank him for his time and we finish our lunch.

At 3:30 PM I show up at the State Capitol and ride the elevator to the 6th floor cafeteria, where I meet other members of the Cal-IRV Coalition who had also journeyed to Sacramento to testify in

Continued in next column

Thank You!

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Many thanks to our generous donors. Those who have made recent contributions to the LPC will be recognized in the July 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>.



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Ros continued

support of IRV. It's a wonderfully diverse group: staffers for the Center for Voting and Democracy, a member of the Grey Panthers, a representative from the League of Women Voters, and a staffer with the California Public Interest Research Group. We strategize for half an hour before making the trek to the hearing room.

4:00 PM: The Assembly Banking and Finance Committee is still convened, going way over schedule. Eventually that meeting adjourns and the Elections Committee hearing begins, albeit without a quorum. I sit in the hearing room for an hour, fascinated by the sheer number of people who have a stake in what happens in that room: agencies, lobbyists, citizens, special interests. It's a sad commentary on the power of the politicians sitting up on the dais.

I excuse myself at 5:00 PM and head back to the airport to catch my return flight. My cell phone is already dead by this time. When I check in, I learn that my flight to Burbank is delayed. I'll be missing dinner with my wife and son. I call home to give her the bad news.

My flight finally takes off at 8:30 PM, about 90 minutes late. As we cruise through the night sky I ask myself: what did I accomplish today? The answer: not much, in terms of actual productivity. But what I did was done to advance the LPC.

Some days are like that. You can schedule eight hours' worth of activity but in the end you may not get any of it done through no fault of your own.

I look forward to a day in the office tomorrow — with a full schedule, of course.

CALIFORNIA UPDATES

SAD NEWS ON RX MARIJUANA

In an eight-to-zero decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the federal government declaring that medical marijuana distributors cannot offer a "medical necessity" defense in federal court to the distribution of medical marijuana. This ruling will make it more difficult for patients who need medical marijuana to obtain it in order to ease their pain and suffering.



LPC Release, May 14, 2001

RESULTS OF 49TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 15

Judy Chu received over 50% so there will be no runoff which would have been a two-way race between the Democratic primary winner and Libertarian Kim Goldsworthy.

Judy Chu (D)	12,101	58.54 %
Daniel Arguello (D)	6,958	33.66
Robert Miranda (D)	1,097	5.31
Kim Goldsworthy (L)	514	2.49

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COLLEGE LIBERTARIANS YAHOO

Yahoo has an online College Libertarian Club that could use more student members at

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/collegelibertarians>

so if you know any Libs in college you might let them know. I didn't start the club but it seems to me it might be a useful medium for college groups to coordinate activities and share information if enough people participate.

Fred Mangels, fredtyg@bureaucrash.com

DOWN(EY) BUT NOT OUT

The Libertarian Party was highly visible in their demonstration to "End The Drug War" at actor Robert Downey, Jr's drug use hearing. *Entertainment Tonight* gave the Libertarians their day in the sun with mention of their demonstration and advocacy to end the drug war during the after-hearing press conference. The Libertarians chanted "End the Drug War NOW!"

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DON GORMAN'S ADVICE TO LOCAL ACTIVISTS

(Don Gorman is former member of the New Hampshire House and was one of the candidates for the Libertarian Party's 2000 presidential nomination).

- ✓ Local papers are hungry for news
- ✓ Local papers want news about local people — and they prefer good and happy news.
- ✓ Since we don't have money for paid advertising we have to use every bit of free media that we can get!

Suggested by Jonathan Zwickel, jonathanira@cell2000.net

MJ TASK FORCE INCLUDES LIBERTARIAN

In May, Libertarian Dennis Triglia was approved to be a member of San Diego's official Medical Marijuana Task Force. The San Diego City Council unanimously approved that the city form a Medical Marijuana Task Force, to look at issues surrounding effectiveness, usage, and ability for patients to obtain their medicine: cannabis. With the Medical Marijuana Task Force perhaps patients will be able to get their treatments soon. The Task Force can help to move the progress of Medical Marijuana studies at UCSD out of the research lab and into the healing use by dying patients. Hopefully soon, ill patients will be able to treat themselves with medicine they can grow themselves at little cost. Cheap, effective medicine that can move their lives back to self reliance once again.

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COACHELLA VALLEY: MJ FORUM HELD MAY 6 AT PALM DESERT CIVIC PARK AMPHITHEATER

This forum was a serious community discussion on the legal, medical, educational, social and economic issues relating to marijuana and its prohibition. Organizers believe that there are alternatives to prohibition that are far more effective in dealing with both the problems and benefits of marijuana. Presenters included, among others, award-winning author, journalist and satirist Paul Krassner plus Proposition 215 co-author and senior citizen activist Anna Boyce. *Doug Scribner, doug@123abc.net*

SAN DIEGANS PROTEST DRUG WAR

The first End-the-Drug-War Rally was held at the intersection of Front and Market Streets in downtown San Diego Wednesday, May 2 from 3 PM until 7 PM. I was expecting five activists to be present but three showed up. Fortunately I had four (three foot by four foot, similar to the tax day protest) signs available. The response was all over map: from What Drug War? How much do you get paid? Who do I talk to? Several took Voter Registration forms and about a hundred took pamphlets.

Mark your calendar. The End the Drug War Rallies will be held the first Wednesday of each month. The next will be June 6 from 3 PM to 7 PM. If you would like more information or would like to participate, please send me an e-mail.

Gardner Osborne, gardner@san.rr.com



Gardner Osborne and Brandon Osborne demonstrate in San Diego, near Federal building in downtown San Diego

LIBERTARIAN UPDATES

THE ART OF SELLING LIBERTY TO H.S. STUDENTS

Libertarian activist James Madison explains how one \$20 bill can help students understand liberty:

<http://www.lp.org/lpnews/0003/highschool.html>

Ernst Ghermann, ErnstGhermann@CS.com

LOOKING FOR LIBERTARIAN VETERANS

Please pass this on to your Libertarian Party region and to any veterans of whom you know. There is an e-mail list specifically for Libertarian veterans. Its purpose is to recruit veterans into the Party and to address veterans concerns. For more information, please go to

<http://www.onelist.com/community/LibVets>

To subscribe, E-mail to the following:

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TIME TO CHANGE

Bill Masters, America's first Libertarian Sheriff, has served as Sheriff of San Miguel County (Telluride) in Colorado for twenty years. He is the author of the forthcoming book, *Drug War Addiction*. Bill says it is time to change strategies. More essays by Masters may be found at www.libertybill.net.

Submitted by Richard Rider, RichardRider@EconomyTelcom.com

Excerpts from American Land Rights Association - Land Rights Network
SAVE 1400 FARMERS FROM ESA

Feds are using the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to stop all water delivery to 1400 farmers, thereby endangering Klamath and Tulelake farming families in Oregon and California. The water rights of farmers in the Klamath Basin in Oregon and California have been taken by Federal actions in pursuance of the Endangered Species Act. These rights are being taken without any commitment to just compensation. The water has been taken at the critical point of the irrigation season and the farmers and the communities dependent on agriculture are left to litigate, plead and wonder how our country could have possibly gone so wrong.

The 1,400 farms located in Siskiyou and Modoc County, California, and Klamath County in Oregon, were homesteaded, in part, by veterans of WWI and WWII at the special invitation of a grateful nation. These veterans were enticed with the promise of a rich irrigated land in which they could invest their blood, sweat and tears.

Local residents are now in shock at the decision by the federal government to completely shut off the irrigation water that serves more than 90% of the farmers. The decision, based on inflated claims to minimum lake levels and downstream flows for threatened fish, LEAVES NO WATER to allocate to the other 6,000 water users, including several major National Wildlife Refuges hosting migratory waterfowl.

With the lakes and reservoirs currently brimming with water, it is difficult for these small family farmers and ranchers not to feel betrayed and abandoned by their government.

E-mail: alra@pacifier.com • <http://www.landrights.org>

Excerpt from

"THE DECLARATION AND THE CONSTITUTION"

BY JACOB HORNBERGER

Many people have come to love being able to use government to impose themselves on others at no cost to themselves. Regardless of whether it's "for our own good" (seat belts), or for the benefit of the self-anointed (subsidies, false security), the effect is the same — a slow death spiral of freedom as each individual imposes just a little bit on other individuals by way of various advocacy groups.

Perhaps co-opting the popular phrase, "What goes around comes around" is the way to show the "there ought to be a law" crowd that their imposing themselves on others will eventually bite them in the ass.

Submitted by Bill Holmes, WTHolmes@compuserve.com

GUN CONTROL RALLIES DRAW LITTLE SUPPORT

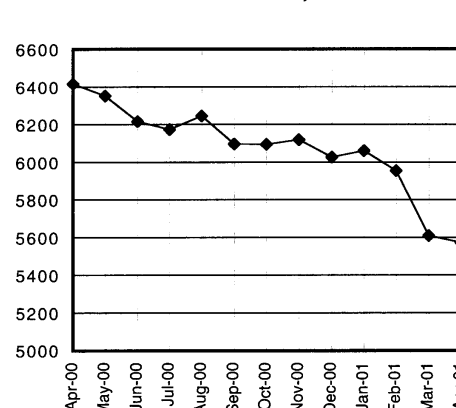
A year ago, the Million Mom March dominated news coverage with a large rally for gun restrictions in D.C. This year, the organization is in financial trouble and its Mother's Day rallies drew tepid attendance. (From *The Washington Post*).

Submitted by Johann Opitz, johannp@earthlink.net



San Francisco Libertarians celebrated May Day with a wine-tasting party. Mike Denny explains nuances of wine to Naomi Bauman of the Pacific Research Institute and Bob Leeds of Write with Style.

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AROUND THE WORLD

POLITICS AS USUAL

CONVERT LAND - OR ELSE

Officials are turning to landowners with an ultimatum - convert your dilapidated downtown real estate into high-density housing, or the city could force you to sell. San Jose's redevelopment agency has identified about 40 sites where it wants to see about 4,000 housing units. Officials want to construct high-rise apartment buildings on several of the lots, said John Weis, the agency's acting deputy executive director. *The SD Union-Tribune*, May 13, 2001

THREE BLACK EYES FOR THE FBI

The FBI acknowledged that it did not give secretly recorded audio tapes and other evidence to Alabama officials in the early 1970s when the state reopened its investigation of the 1963 bombing of a church which resulted in the death of two girls. A man spent 30 years in prison for a murder he did not commit, sent there by false testimony cooked up by the FBI to protect informants — informants who later killed more innocent people. The bureau failed to turn over thousands of pages of interview reports in the Oklahoma City bombing case. As a result, the execution of Timothy McVeigh has been delayed. *Various sources*

ARRESTED FOR NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT!

The Supreme Court held that officers can arrest and handcuff people even for minor offenses punishable by a fine. The justices ruled against a driver who was arrested and handcuffed for failing to wear a seat belt. Such arrests do not violate the constitutional protection against unreasonable search, the court declared.

Associated Press, April 24, 2001

DRUG UPDATE: UNITED KINGDOM

A British drug company said on Wednesday it was a step closer to launching cannabis-based medicine for patients suffering multiple sclerosis and other forms of severe pain. GW Pharmaceuticals said it had obtained encouraging results from the latest phase of clinical trials and was now extending its program into Phase III trials, which involve a wider range of patients in new locations and is the last hurdle before approval is granted. The company said it had also obtained regulatory approval to start clinical trials in Canada.

Reuters Limited, May 2, 2001

DRUG UPDATE: FRANCE

France seems to have fallen into outright buffoonery with the prosecution of pot activists for wearing a T-shirt with a pot leaf on it. Jean-Pierre Galland, president of the Cannabis Information and Research Collective, and Laurence Duffy, head of the campaign group's Lyon branch, each face a year in prison for violating article 630 of the French public health code. The law bans French citizens from "portraying in a favorable light and promoting or inciting the consumption of any product classed as a banned substance." Selling CDs titled *A little piece of hemp music* also appear to run afoul of the law.

Reason-Express, May 1, 2001

DRUG UPDATE: PERU

The drug war kill count went up by two. A Peruvian air force plane downed a plane carrying American missionaries who were mistaken for drug smugglers. A woman and her infant daughter from Michigan were killed in the shooting and crash. An American surveillance aircraft under contract tracked the missionaries' plane and guided the Peruvian jet in for the kill. *Associated Press*, April 21 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 these internet addresses.

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<http://americanmarijuana.org/>

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<http://www.landrights.org>

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<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/collegelibertarians>

FULLY INFORMED JURY ASSOCIATION

<http://www.fija.org>

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: SELLING LIBERTY

<http://www.lp.org/lpnews/0003/highschool.html>

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>

KUBBY TRIAL AND INFO

<http://www.kubby.com>

LIBERTARIAN SHERIFF BILL MASTERS

<http://www.libertybill.net>

LIBERTARIAN VETERANS

<http://www.onelist.com/community/LibVets>

NEWSGUY

<http://www.newsguy.com>

OCTOBER 22 PROTEST AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/oct22index.html>

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/oct22why.html>

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/protestbring.html>

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/oct2000photos.html>

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/libertydemo.html>

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<http://www.taxfoundation.org>

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIBERTARIAN JOE MIRANDA HELPS ORGANIZE NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST!

California LP member Joseph Miranda is working to organize a strong Libertarian presence at rallies across the USA on October 22 — the National Day of Protest Against Police Brutality.

There will be demonstrations in major cities throughout the United States to protest illegal law enforcement actions such as the LAPD Rampart crimes. The October 22 protests are an opportunity for libertarians (both capital and small “L”) to get out in the streets and demonstrate against the insane drug war, gun control, police checkpoints, profile searches, IRS abuse, Waco, and the government killing Peter McWilliams. Last year, a sizeable Libertarian contingent marched in the October 22 demonstration in Los Angeles, carrying the LP banner right up to LAPD Headquarters at Parker Center. In 2001, we can put even more people in the streets.

Libertarians need to confront the growing police state in America. To be sure, there are some good cops who have stood up and publicly opposed gun control and the war on drugs, and they need to be recognized and supported. But October 22 is not just about the so-called “rogue cops.” It’s about the system that produced the massacre at Waco, that arrests medical marijuana patients, that has SWAT teams kicking in people’s doors at midnight for victimless crimes, that has riot police firing rubber bullets and tear gas at peaceful protesters and gunning people down in their homes. It is the militarized climate of the “war on crime” which has produced these government atrocities and threatens our liberties. Scapegoating a few lower-ranking officers, as happened in the aftermath of the Ramparts crimes, does not solve the problem. We can only obtain justice by holding accountable the politicians, prosecutors and high-ranking officers who created the blatantly unconstitutional law enforcement policies in the first place.

What’s interesting is how a wide range of groups, including civil libertarians, community activists, Greens, radicals, human rights advocates, anarchists, and just plain concerned citizens work together to mobilize for October 22. It’s because increased government malfeasance is affecting Americans across the political

spectrum. Yes, socialists do have a role in organizing this event, but Libertarians need to ask themselves who is the bigger enemy of freedom these days: left-wing radicals who are protesting the police killing innocent people, or law enforcement officers who incarcerate citizens for victimless crimes?

We need to get as many Libertarian and Libertarian-allied groups as possible mobilized for the 2001 protest. This means contacting and coordinating any and all of the following activists groups which have an interest in fighting police brutality and unconstitutional government actions.

Second Amendment. Gun owners have plenty of reasons to fight against the BATF assault on the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

Anti-asset forfeiture. It’s time to demand an end to state sanctioned theft of private property.

Jury nullification. Jury nullification is a weapon which has proven effective in freeing citizens accused of victimless crimes. Protesters who face trumped up “conspiracy” charges are a ready-made audience for the jury nullification message.

Medical marijuana. Medical marijuana activists must demand that the police uphold laws like California’s Proposition 215, which legalized the medical use of cannabis.

Objectivists. The government violates its legitimate functions of protecting people’s lives and properties by incarcerating people for victimless crimes.

Tax protesters. This should be obvious. The IRS is the biggest “secret police” organization in the country.

Youth. Youth are under assault from curfews and profiling.

I will be using the internet to organize Libertarians for this event. Check in at the following:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/oct22index.html>

See page 8 for a complete list of October 22 Protest web sites.

See you in the streets!

Joseph Miranda, jamiranda@earthlink.net



Both of these photos were taken by Joseph Miranda in August 2000 in Los Angeles. The left photo shows a Libertarian contingent carrying the 'Don't Tread on Me' flag; the right photo shows a confrontation with police.

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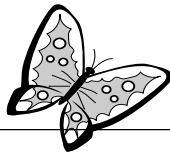
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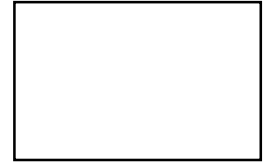
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