

# Libertarian Lifeline



## This just in 9/30/99

On the 50th anniversary of the Chinese Communist Revolution, the Social (In)Security Administration admits for the first time that you won't be able to live on it when you retire. Interesting coincidence. (ABCNEWS)

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## Operation Politically Homeless

**O**ur Operation Politically Homeless booths this month were a big success.

90 on Personal issues and 100 on Economic issues landing him at the top of the Libertarian Sector. Fearing

Fran Grotefend sponsored a booth at the Danville Farmers Market on Saturday 9/11. Five volunteers showed up to help including Greg Lyon, Scott Camanaros, Jeff Sommer, Fran and myself. Prevented from being actually in the Market, we set up on the

sidewalk in front. Our first visitor was Danville Councilman Mike Shemansky (R) who took the quiz and scored

"political suicide" he will remain a Republican until we build **The Party**



The secret is out. Freedom works! Hugh's on the right window-shopping. Just kidding Thea, Q;-D>

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## Insurance Co. Pays for Patients Pot

In one of the first instances of an insurer paying for losses of medical marijuana, 215NOW! Hero Robert DeArkland received a claim check in the amount of \$6,500 from Boston-based CGU Insurance Company -- the maximum \$500 per plant allowable under the shrubbery clause of DeArkland's policy.

Law enforcement seized 13 marijuana plants from DeArkland's home in an October 1, 1998, raid along with grow lights, fertilizer, \$424 in cash, 1.5 grams of dried marijuana, and a letter from DeArkland's psychiatrist.

DeArkland was charged with cultivat-

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# Notes from the Chair

This week began very well. A co-worker announced he had changed his voter registration to Libertarian. A conservative Christian, Mick was more likely to tease me about my political beliefs than enter into serious discussion. We knew that we agreed that taxes were too high and that his Republican views did not match mine on personal freedoms.

Mick decided to re-register because the Republicans in office have disappointed him repeatedly. Rather than lower taxes as they promised, the Republican Congress has consistently voted to raise taxes. Mick and others like him are sending a message to the GOP that the average taxpaying Republican would rather switch parties than go on supporting liars and do-nothings.

Ask yourself how many of your Republican friends would like to send a message to their Party leaders. Then ask your Republican friends if they wouldn't like to switch. We'll supply you with as many voter registration cards as you need. Come to our October meeting in Lafayette to pick up a handful.

The week ended on a sour note. A fax to my office outlined a piece of legislation just passed that restricted the right of certain retailers to determine their stores' inventory of nontaxable goods.

Assemblymen Floyd and Villaraigosa introduced a bill to restrict large retailers or mass merchandisers from carrying more than 10% of their inven-

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The deadliest weapon you have only fires neurons.  
Better keep it loaded. Use your Smart Bomb!

*(Nintendo Ad)*

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## San Leandro DBA/BID is DOA!

Last month we reported that Mike Jacobowitz, a local attorney and East Bay LP member was leading a crusade to stop the City Council from **"requiring"** downtown business men to **"contribute"** to a Downtown Business Association/Business Improvement District. (Read New Tax)

In a compromise decision, business owners will be **"informed"** (read billed) of Association Dues but are **"NOT required"** to pay. Mike will be on the Board of Directors to insure it stays voluntary.

They won't be allowed to steal other people's money. They will have to make it the old fashion way. EARN IT! The DBA/BID, as another alphabet soup bureaucracy, is **"Dead on Arrival."**

Without Mike's opposition, the City Council would have its New Tax.

Congratulations and thanks Mike!

***One man can make a difference!***

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### The phone rings at DEA headquarters.

"Hello?"

"Hello, is this the DEA?"

"Yes. What do you want?"

"I'm calling to report my neighbor Adrian Thibodeaux!  
He is hiding marijuana inside his firewood."

"Thank you very much for the call, sir."

The next day, the DEA agents descend on Thibodeaux's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They swear at Thibodeaux and leave.

The phone rings at Thibodeaux's house.

"Hey, Adrian! Did the DEA come?"

"Yeah!"

"Did they chop your firewood?"

"Yep"

"Great, now it's your turn to call. I need my garden plowed."

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strong enough to get him elected as a Libertarian. One lady did say that she "feared" the LP. When we asked why, she didn't give a specific answer, only that she was a member of the Peace and Freedom Party. I understand her fear with Socialism failing throughout the world and Liberty on the rise. As she walked off in a huff I said; "We believe in peace and freedom too but you won't get them from a big centralized government."

We registered 10 new voters (0 Lib but 4 Declined to state) and got 12 good prospects. Most people were very friendly and about half scored in the LP sector. We all had a great time.

**T**he next Saturday we had a booth at the Sun Valley Mall in Concord. The Mall is privately owned and really doesn't like allowing "Free Speech, Voter Registration or petitioning" on premise but is required to by court order. (I admit I felt a little guilty but that is where the people are. Besides the Damocrats were there too.) The Mall gave us a table between Macys and Penny's right in front of Victoria's Secret. Q:-D> People were whizzing by and it was a little harder to get people to stop. Hugh McLean, Jim Wolfe and I were handing out pocket sized "Worlds Smallest Political Quizzes" as people went by until a baby-faced Mall cop told us to stop. The Mall's 8 pages of rules limiting 'time, place and manner' was a little vague on leafletting so we complied. We then started asking people to answer the "one question survey"; "Does the Government do a good job?" by putting a poker chip in the jar that they agreed with.

Most, Sometimes, Seldom, Rarely or NEVER.

Once they stopped we then asked them to take the 10-question quiz and many did. We actually got busier. The baby-faced boy in blue came back and told me we couldn't TALK to people as they walked by to which I responded. "Have you ever heard of the First Amendment? Besides the Mall's rules say that I can speak in a conversational tone which I am!" He backed off and let us continue. We wound up registering 2 new Libertarians, 4 Declined to State, one Independent, 5 others and got 17 good prospects who want more information.

One 17-year-old girl spent 20 minutes talking to Jim and was very interested in the Party and Platform. We are **The Party** for Gen Xers. I'm sure Jim planted the seeds that will one day bear fruit. A middle-aged cynic wanted

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ing marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale, but the charges were dropped due to insufficient evidence.

This June, when sheriff's deputies returned DeArkland's property and plants, he discovered that the plants were dead. DeArkland filed a claim of loss with CGU, who processed the claim after DeArkland proved he had received a physician's recommendation to grow the marijuana.

The only other similar known case occurred in Seattle, where earlier this year State Farm Insurance paid \$3,500 to a man who was arrested after he reported his medical marijuana stolen.

For the complete background on Robert DeArkland, visit his entry on the 215NOW! Heroes Page at <http://www.215now.com/heroes.htm>

The insurance company payment to DeArkland was featured in the San Francisco Examiner and the Sacramento Bee. Links to those stories can be found on the 215NOW! Media Page at: <http://www.215now.com/media.htm>

-THE KUBBY FILES-  
<http://www.kubby.com>

You can help support the defense of liberties and the Kubbys with your contribution to their legal defense fund: Kubby Defense Fund

### **In a landmark ruling for medical marijuana**

patients a federal appeals court ruled Monday 9/13 that medical marijuana centers may be allowed to distribute cannabis if they can prove that the drug is needed to protect patients against imminent medical harm.

In a 3-0 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ordered U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer to review his October 1998 injunction, which shut the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative (OCBC) for violating federal drug laws. Breyer's decision to shut the OCBC came at the request of the Clinton administration. The Appeals Court felt Breyer should not have granted the request without regard for the sick people served by the OCBC.

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

on July 4th 1776 King George the Third wrote in his diary; "Nothing of importance happened today."  
(Jeopardy)

Monica Lewinski's father received a request of support from The Clinton Legal Defense Fund." He replied; "Return to sender. You must be morons."  
(Liberty Pledge Newsletter)

William Bennett said on his Silicon Valley tour; "The high-tech community has a basic LIBERTARIAN approach, which is 'leave us alone,' I'm sympathetic with that... but the problem is that if you ignore government, you become the victim of the one law we always pass, which is the law of unintended consequences."  
<[www.newsbytes.com](http://www.newsbytes.com)>

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown is urging Gov. Davis to veto a bill that could kill a controversial ordinance allowing police to seize cars used in alleged drug deals or prostitution solicitation. Owners do **not** have to be charged with a crime. They have already seized 300 vehicles with proceeds split 50-50 between the city and the Police.  
(Examiner)

an LA cop has admitted to shooting a handcuffed prisoner in the head and then framing him for assault. A dozen other LA cops are now under investigation for similar conduct.  
(ABCNEWS)

the US "Justice" system has executed 76 people so far this year. The most since 1951.  
(ABCNEWS)

October 12th there will be 6 billion people in the world. (At least 25% libertarian but they just don't know it yet. Spread the word and  
***Come to The Party***)

Q:->

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tories as food and drug items, all nontaxable goods. Both the State Senate and the Assembly passed the bill the second week of September. This bill covers new construction and is not retroactive. Organized labor and supermarket chains pushed this legislation. The arguments in favor of the bill included the nonsense that small grocers were being put out of business by the warehouse stores. These are the same small stores that use the mass merchandisers as distributors.

Our legislators believe they can violate our right to contract with whomever and under whatever terms we choose. The bill is really not surprising when we consider all the local restrictions on building and the business assessment districts which exist in each of the cities and both counties here in the East Bay. Also consider all that Congress and "big business" have done to restrict competition. But, it was shocking to read the quote attributed to Assemblyman Floyd (no relation to our past editor, Terry) in the Los Angeles Times article: "...before these bastards (Costco) take over the whole country."

Costco, which does not advertise, took out a full-page ad in most of the newspapers around the state. They are asking their customers to write to Governor Davis asking him to veto the bill when it reaches his desk. I am taking Costco's request one step further. I have cut up my Safeway card and I am returning it to their headquarters in Pleasanton with a letter of explanation. I am telling Safeway that I will not shop in their stores because of their support of restrictions on competition and free trade. I am explaining to them that it will cost me more to shop in the independent local grocery store but I will be spending all my grocery dollars there and at Costco's food department. I am copying the letter to Governor Davis, Assemblyman Floyd, Lucky's, the local union offices for grocery store clerks and to Costco. I am hopping mad and I am not going to take these restrictions on my freedoms any more. I hope you will join me in supporting local independent stores as well as the mass merchandisers.

This sort of legislation is most hurtful to the economy as a whole. The ripple effect cuts jobs and capital that keeps our economy strong. Speaking out on free market issues is a valuable part of the libertarian political agenda. Not only do we educate the public regarding the marketplace, but we show up the Republicans who only give lip service to the concept of free markets.

Toward liberty,

Marion

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to know; "What do you guys get out of this?" I replied; "Do you mean do we get paid? No, we're volunteers. We just get the good feeling of knowing that we are defending your freedom and ours."

All our volunteers will be registered with the Advocates for Self-Government as participating in an OPH booth. Volunteering for 3 OPH booths, writing 3 Letters to the Editor or giving 3 speeches promoting libertarianism in 1999 will get you a "Lights of Liberty" award. The Advocates have just announced that anyone qualifying in multiples will be eligible for a Super Grand Prize drawing of the autographed Libertarian Presidential Book Collection.

Scott Camanaros is sponsoring a booth for October and has just announced that he will be running for Assembly in the 7th District. That's dedication!

Greg Lyon will sponsor a booth in November, Terry Floyd in December, and James Cantwell in January. If you would like to join

## Registered libertarians, may we have your autograph. It is worth money.

Our LP Heros need to pay a ballot access fee OR collect over one hundred signatures from

Registered libertarians to be listed on the ballot. Marion tells me that each signature is worth about 7 bucks in savings to *The Party*. We currently have 9 candidates running so your attendance, October 19th, could save

**Candidates! Get your ballot access petitions signed at this months meeting.**

## Volunteers rebuilding church at Waco compound site

By Associated Press, 09/20/99 02:01

WACO, Texas (AP) A **libertarian** talk show host and volunteers used shovels and pickaxes over the weekend to begin rebuilding a church at the site of the Branch Davidians' compound fire six years ago.

A fire during the 1993 government raid leveled the compound, killing leader David Koresh and about 80 followers. Austin talk show host Alex Jones, 25, said Sunday he wants to rebuild the church as a memorial and to increase publicity about the FBI's possible role in the fire.

"This is about saying the witch hunt of 1993 is over," Jones said as he and about 60 people who accompanied him to the fenced-off hillside began digging foundations for a 38-by-40 frame church.

The deadly fire April 19, 1993, ended a 51-day standoff between Koresh and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and FBI.

Jones said he chose now to build a memorial and church because of a recent admission by the FBI that agents had fired potentially incendiary tear gas canisters at the compound the day it burned, despite years of statements to the contrary. Attorney General Janet Reno earlier this month appointed a special counsel to investigate.

Government officials maintain that Branch Davidians, and not federal agents, set the fatal fire.

A wrongful death suit filed against the government by relatives of those who died is scheduled to go to trial next month. "It's all about public opinion. We know that now is the perfect time, that's why we're doing it," Jones said.

The project is expected to take two to three months.









Koresh follower Clive Doyle, who survived the 1993 fire, said Sunday he has been leading 12 to 20 people in Bible studies near Waco and likely will lead services at the new church.

Koresh's stepfather, Roy Haldeman, 71, a retired carpenter who had lived at the compound, said that he felt good about the project. Stoically looking over the workers, he said the project's significance was "too deep" to explain.

**"In a time of universal deceit,  
telling the truth is a revolutionary act."  
George Orwell**

# October 1999

"The Democrats worst fear is that somebody's making money and the Republicans worst fear is that somebody's having fun. Maybe that is why they don't like us because we like to do both!" Q:-> Bumper Hornberger 1996

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## Why did I get this? I'm not a member.

Recently you registered as/or requested information about the Libertarian Party. You will receive three free issues of the East Bay LP's newsletter so that you can see what your friends and neighbors are doing to reclaim the values we all cherish. We hope you will join us in the fight for LIB-

## Coming up next month...



17 November @ 5:30 The Civil War: Liberty and American Leviathan Henry Mayer, Independent Historian Author, All on Fire: William Lloyd Garrison and the Abolition of Slavery Jeffrey Rodgers Hummel, Professor of Economics and History, Golden Gate University Author, Emancipating Slaves, Enslaving Free Men

## Schedule of events



Cal Berkeley's Liberty Alliance meetings are every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm in 262 Dwinelle Hall. Info Mark Goodman at 510-548-2154.



9 October Call for time. Operation Politically Homeless sponsored by Scott Camanaros This is a tentative date as several locations are possible in the Concord area but not confirmed at press time. Info Scott (925) 687-0460



19 October @ 7:30 pm EBLP Regional Meeting 711 Saint Mary's Way Lafayette. Info Scott Wilson Q:-> (925) 687-0460



20 October @ 5:30 pm The INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE presents Virtual Money and the Internet by Richard Rahn, former Chief Economist, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Senior Fellow, Discovery Institute; President, Novecon Corporation Author, The End of Money: And the Struggle for Financial Privacy The INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE 100 Swan Way, Oakland info@independent.org 1-800-927-8733, 1-510-632-1366



31 October @ 4:00 pm Folding Party & Regional Exec Com Meeting. McEwen/Nygren home is at 24828 Canyon View Court, Hayward Info (510) 889-9216



25 October @ 7:30 pm the Oakland/Berkeley LP meet at The Albatross Pub 1822 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley Info (510) 655-901



29 October 8:30am-5:00pm, San Francisco Just Say Know: New Directions in Drug Education, presented by the San Francisco Medical Society and The Lindesmith Center-West \$25. info (415) 921-4987 or visit <http://www.lindesmith.org/news/conf.html>

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(For those joining the LP as a voting member)

I hereby certify that I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals.

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(Required)

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I want to know more!

I'll bet your like that too. That is why this is the back cover of

## **WACO** **THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT**

An inferno with a tank in front and Siskel & Eberts "Two Thumbs Up!" aren't enough. I want to know more.

The people that made this film are the same people that broke the story last month, when a former FBI agent admitted after 6 years of denials, that pyrotechnics WERE used on that fateful day.

Watch this movie (again?) with people, like you, that want to know more. That want to know the truth!!!

7:30 pm October 19th Details inside.

"...a painstaking, powerful, and incendiary  
anatomy of the 1993 clash..."  
—*Boston Globe*

"...Waco joins the honorably long list of  
American documentaries that examine  
governmental actions..."  
—*The New Republic*



An explosive new documentary film, *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* is the first complete picture of the tragic series of events outside Waco, Texas during 1993 that killed four federal agents and 86 men, women and children of the Branch Davidian religious sect.

*Waco: The Rules of Engagement* is the story of federal law enforcement gone tragically wrong. It shows how the FBI, disdainful of the Branch Davidian's religion and bent on revenge, repeatedly lied to the public and American political leaders in order to focus overwhelming deadly force on a group whose diversity of race, national origin and apocalyptic religious beliefs made them easy targets for a lethal abuse of its members' civil and human rights.

*Waco: The Rules of Engagement* will change forever the way the world thinks and talks about the tragic events of April 19, 1993. Most importantly, it will retool our commitment to the basic precepts of tolerance and freedom upon which American society is built.



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