

Libertarian Lifeline



Late breaking news...

LPC Treasurer Eric Lund <EricSLund@aol.com> attended our Nov. meeting with some bad news. LPC is bleeding support Mark Hinkle's goals and Juan Ross's efforts show them the money, but give me your time.

Q:->

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Notes from the Chair

Because we trust you...

Did you know that...

Reasonable limits.

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

Calendar / Application

EBLP Officer Elections in January

At the January Regional Meeting we will elect the officers who will guide us through what will surely be an exciting election year. At our November meeting the current officers expressed their intentions.

- Chair **Marion McEwen** will not be seeking re-election.
- Alameda Vice-Chair and Web Master **James Cantwell** after thinking about it said, "Let me put it this way. If there is someone out there who really, really wants

Chair; who is thinking of nothing but being life will not be complete until they are ACVC; then I will not stand in ever, like last year, if

ing to run, then I will gladly put my hat in the ring for a

• Co. Co. Vice-Chair and Lifeline Editor **Scott Wilson Q:->** said, "I really want to keep my jobs if you'll

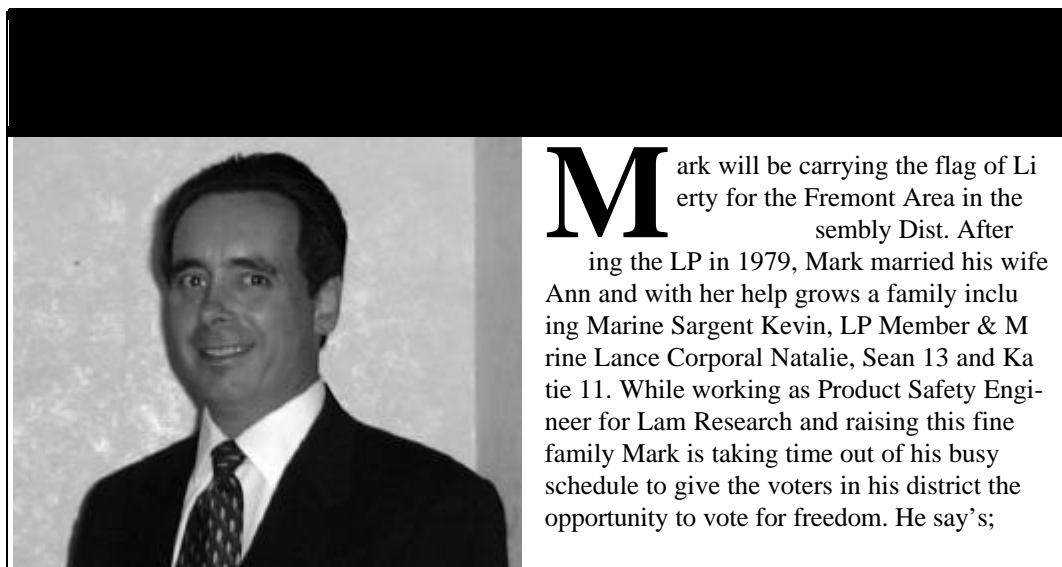
• Treasurer **John Taylor** said that he, "would continue to do his job if re

• Secretary **Linnea Nygren** also agreed to continue her post.

• Executive Committee Rep. and Data

consulting with his family replied, "I would be happy to continue maintaining the database (not really an

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Mark will be carrying the flag of Liberty for the Fremont Area in the Assembly Dist. After joining the LP in 1979, Mark married his wife Ann and with her help grows a family including Marine Sargent Kevin, LP Member & Marine Lance Corporal Natalie, Sean 13 and Katie 11. While working as Product Safety Engineer for Lam Research and raising this fine family Mark is taking time out of his busy schedule to give the voters in his district the opportunity to vote for freedom. He says;

"I've been a member for a long time and watched the LP grow. We are now poised on the brink of becoming a major political force. _____, I want to be a part of the return to Liberty."

Notes from the Chair...

We are approaching the end of the year and the end of an era. I think we are
 ing the end of society's understanding of the very premise of indivi
 ual rights. We no longer defend ourselves against tyranny. We have forgo
 tection our rights afford us, to such an extent that as a society we no
 longer question the rules we live under. Even our system of justice, established to pr
 tect our rights, is disappearing because we no longer know its value.

Bill Gates has committed no crime. He has not harmed another human being. Bill
 Gates has been charged and convicted of being a monopolist, by a single judge. One
 man has condemned Bill Gates as a criminal and society has accepted that ruling.
 a new judicial phenomenon. Michael Milken also faced a judge, not a jury
 in his trail about a decade ago. Milken was convicted a
 evil capitalist and making money. He made lots of money and so did people who
 n's customers did not sue him. It was government not investors
 who put Michael Milken on trail.

ich brought charges against Bill Gates. It is "The Justice
 Dept." which is still considering bringing charges against the Tobacc
 though 'The Justice Dept.'s own investigation has found no evidence of wrongdoing.

As you will have heard, Peter McWilliams, a cancer patient is on trial in Los Angeles
 ning to distribute marijuana. This is not a crime yet there are
 federal laws that prohibit both of these activities. In the not

**"This battle [over medical marijuana] is no more about
 marijuana than the Boston Tea Party was about tea."**

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 signed authors or if unsigned, of the Editor Q:->

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On his first day on the job, a lumberjack was given an axe and told to cut down as many trees as he could. Monday he day he cut 9. Wednesday 7, Thursday 5 and Friday only 3. The foreman asked; "What wrong? You started out so well." The lumberjack replied; "I don't know. I'm than ever." The foreman inspected the rookies axe and finds it as dull as the back side of a spoon!
SHARPEN YOUR AXE!!!

Libertarian Party wields the Hammer of Principle but it bounces off the doors to the houses of government.

The Republican Party gained power through a "wedge issue," slavery.

The Democrats regained power through another "wedge issue," The New Deal.
And/or should the Libertarian Party's "wedge issue" be Medical Marijuana?

Most people vote for emotional reasons, not in reasons. Whether you are talking to a "compassionate servative" or a "bleeding heart liberal" almost ever



suffered with cancer, AIDS, glaucoma, or chronic pain. Would they deny their ca

Doctor, to stop the violent nausea caused by chemotherapy? Or worse yet, throw her out of her home through Asset Forfeiture or into jail with a Mandatory Minimum because she grew marijuana authorized by her State but prohibited by the Feds?

Health Care / Doctor Patient relationship
States Rights / Asset Forfeiture
Mandatory Minimums / Fully In

These are emotional hot buttons. Each of these issues already have extensive grass roots infrastructures that lized to our cause.

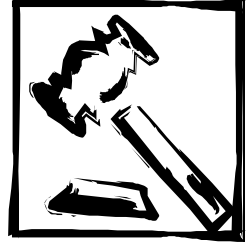
Every State (six & D.C.) that voted on a Medical Marijuana initiative has passed it overwhelmingly!

ers passed it by the _____
zens had to pass it twice because their legislators gutted their first one. A recent Gallop Poll suggests that 73% of voters nationwide support Medical Marijuana. vernors have come out publicly against the

Insane War on Drugs but neither is doing anything about it.

I do NOT suggest that we abandon or weaken our principles. Our ultimate goal (among others) is to eliminate the coercive power of the FDA entirely, forcing an end to the Insane War on Dr We should not shy away from that. I only suggest that all of our Federal Candidates focus on the Medical Marijuana issue to the Republicrats and Reformers into a defensive posture.

I outlined this idea at our last Regional Meeting and about agreed. I called Harry Browne's Sunday night talk show to get his opinion. He pointed out that the Republicans "...didn't try to end slavery for just the sick slaves." He will continue



but no State has passed that measure yet.

As Bruce Ramsey wrote in an article titled

see the entire country reordered to fit a political theory anyone else's. Philosophers serve their tequila pure, and aficionados may savor it that way, but in the mass market it goes down as

[Personally I; "lick, suck, shoot and chase 'Rita Q:-D>]

The LP nominating convention is still 6 months away. Is there a Presidential candidate that will take up this challenge Larry Hines or Steve Kubby. Must we wait for our membership to increase to the point that our Hammer of Principle to batter the door down or can we, with limited resources, start to chop the door down and let the chips fall

Q:->

Harry Browne's NPR radio show, Sunday's 8 pm

Much source material culled from Alan Bock's article;

Hypocrites

James Cantwell EBLP Vice-Chair Alameda

The press and politicians are missing the boat on the George Bush/Cocaine issue. The issue should not be whether he did drugs or not; he has all but admitted that he did; and who cares whether it was marijuana or cocaine. Al Gore had admitted to pot use in his past, as has the current President of the United States, albeit in his typically weasel verbiage. The e should be that while these otherwise stalwart men have admitted drug use in the past; none of them went to prison for outhful mistakes". That separates these hypocrites from a good many other people in this society.

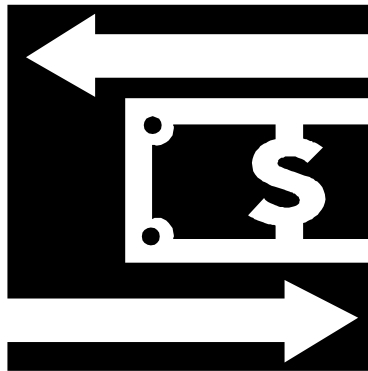
The End of Money and the Struggle for Financial Privacy

Katherine McKay

On October 20 I attended this lecture at the Independent Institute in Oakland, given by two speakers. Dr. Richard Rahn, the author of the book of the same title, is president of Novecon Corp. and former Chief Economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Peter Thiel, the chairman and CEO of Confinity, Inc., is the co author of The Diversity Myth.

The Internet will change almost every area of our community lives, including our currency and financial transactions. With the advent of strong encryption, privately issued money and private online banks, individuals will at last be able to transact business without government interference. We will be able to encrypt money and transfer it instantaneously to any place in the world, regardless of tax jurisdictions (tax havens) will survive in the world's tax jurisdictions, and the latter (including our own government) will have to either trim the

attempts to try to keep citizens from



known or risky banks' currencies were accepted only at a discount. In the future, large, well-known banks and governments may find it difficult to compete with them. If governments want their money to be accepted for transactions, they will have to keep their currencies free of inflation. Gresham's law will thus be reversed: good money will drive out bad. When people have a choice between different currencies, and are not forced to accept government's fiat money, they will choose stronger rather than weaker currencies, those backed by something of intrinsic value.

Private currency means there is no medium of exchange, no legal tender; value is directly exchanged for value. The new digital financial instruments will be based on virtual assets such as a stock index or on real property; in effect, business will be conducted by trading little slivers of stocks, indexes or other property. These slivers constitute a de facto currency. Barter is a cumbersome and primitive version of this; both types of exchanges are based on real value and avoid

Moreover, these new instruments will be settled immediately without bank clearinghouses. The real settlement of digital money collapses the time between the two ends of a transaction and removes the necessity

of issued money is already in use. At present there are several categories: traveler's checks, frequent flyer miles, smart cards. Smart cards (cash purses) are credit cards with a computer chip. They are filled not with cash but with digits, which are not stealable by thieves, and can be protected by passwords, handprints, voiceprints, etc. The digits can also be sent over the Internet in payment for goods and services, and if they have been encrypted the transaction will be untraceable. Internet companies presently offering digital money are e

The government can tax large physical real estate and merchandise, but services cannot so easily be taxed, and taxation of transactions over the Internet is possible only with massive curtailment of civil liberties. Any country in the world which does not have a free Internet base will get all the trade. When services are more frequently paid for online using strong encryption, the tax base of any high

The forces unleashed by the new technologies toward an era of digital currencies and limited government, whether our elected representatives like it or not. Dr. Rahn left us with the question of whether our society can resolve these problems sensibly or whether our government will see strictures which will make citizens into criminals. And we all know what happens when Prohibition is imposed.

Because we trust

We call for the repeal of all legal tender laws and reaffirm the right to private ownership of, and contracts for, gold. We favor abolition of government fiat money and compulsory government unit of account. We favor the market commodity standard, such as gold coin.

We favor deregulation of financial institutions and other businesses by en

A. Requiring the chartering of banks.

C. The limiting of branch banking.
D. The governmental definition of different classes of financial institutions.

E. The proscription of types of business which financial institutions are not allowed to conduct including the underwriting and sale of insurance.

F. The prohibition of branches of out

G. All laws or regulations controlling, regulating, or prohibiting the raising of funds or the sale of securities by an individual, partnership or corporation

H. The Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Community Reinvestment Act and other measures that force banks and mortgage companies to fulfill quotas in making mortgage loans, and the federally sponsored lending code drawn up by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development seeks to impose such quotas under the guise of voluntary social responsibility. Such measures enforce governmental group preferences and will artificially channel scarce capital into unproductive projects.

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As you can see several of our current officers have two jobs and with decision not to run we have a vacuum at the top. There are many other positions that we could have as well, if we had someone who wanted to do it, such as Membership Recruiter, OPH Director, Campaign Coordinator, Media Contact, etc... One person can make a difference! Lady Liberty needs you. Where would America be if **George Washington** just sent in \$25 (25 cents adjusted for inflation) and let somebody else fight the

Prior experience is not necessary. When I became a year ago I couldn't even type. I still can't, but I could "highlight, copy and paste" like a bad boy and my "hunting and pecking" is a lot faster now than it used to be. The most important requirement for any of these offices is desire. You must be willing to commit a little time, energy and yes a little money. We have two out of town conventions this year in California.

If you would like nominate someone or put a notice to run in next months Lifeline please contact me ASAP at (925) 687 0460. Whether you want to hold office or not, please attend the January Meeting and show your support for the people who do.

***All politics are local. This is your home.
This is your Party.
the EBLP to grow?
Come to (and help build) The Party!***

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

from 1986 (the year mandatory sentencing was enacted) to 1996, the number of women sentenced to state prison for drug offenses increased ten fold (from around 2,370 to 23,700) and has been the main element in the overall increase in the imprisonment of women. More than two thirds of all women in state prison have children.
Amnesty International & Bureau of Justice Statistics

Reform Party Presidential Candidate Donald Trump said the government should impose a one percent tax on the assets of individuals and trusts worth \$10 million or more to pay off the national debt in a single year.

Can you say; "Mass exodus of capitol?" Q:->

Richard Cowan, former executive director of NORML who now presides over the Web site www.marijuananeews.com, has an alarming theory to explain Lockyer's inaction on implementing Prop.215. "I think that what almost all of the politicians really fear is the political power of organized 'law enforcement.' If this is the case, then this should be of concern to everyone, regardless of their views on drug prohibition. When a nation is effectively ruled by the political power of the police, **it is a police state** regardless of whether or not it retains the formal procedures of a democracy."

Liberty Magazine

The number of marijuana arrests in 1998 was larger than the number of arrests for murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault combined

Marijuana Policy Project's source FBI's Uniform Crime Report

Chris Jay Miller, 48, of Citrus Heights backed his pickup truck to the door of an evidence shed behind Placer County sheriff's headquarters and, with help from Sgt. Keven Besana, filled its cab and much of its bed with bags of marijuana and plant clippings, grow lights, hydroponic tubs, two revolvers, two rifles, a camouflage bulletproof vest, circulating fan and other gadgets, most of which were in the cultivation of pot that had been seized by police. Based on the "severity of the defendant's medical condition" and his possession of a written recommendation by a licensed physician, prosecutor David H. Tellman persuaded the court to dismiss all charges.

Q:-D>

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he real issue is that according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, there are approximately 1.5 million arrests per year for drug abuse violations, by state and local agencies. Of these, over three quarters are for possession violations. This is the War on Drugs at its fi est. How many future presidential candidates do you think we'll see out of this 1.5 million?

George Bush is the governor of a state with some of the most draconian drug laws in the country. Someone in his state caught in the possession of small amounts of marijuana or cocaine can serve 6 months to a year in jail; some times longer, much longer. That's not to mention the specter of asset seizure and forfeiture. Refresh my memory; how many years did George Bush, Al Gore and Bill Clinton serve in jail for drug use or possession?

Bill Clinton and Al Gore oversee a massive federal effort to put people like themselves in jail. Are they the only ones who are entitled to "youthful mistakes"? How far do you think any of these repenters would have gotten in politics with a felony drug conviction on their records not far. Why should the rules be different for them? If they

allowed" to overcome their drug problems (if they were indeed problems to begin with) without the intervention of the long arm of the law; why shouldn't the rest of society be given that chance?

Reasonable Limits

Scott A. Capanaro

What exactly are reasonable limits on citizens' private arms? Are these the same reasonable limits, that the S Union placed on its' serfs? The same 'reasonable limits' the Nazis placed on the Jews? The cost of 'reasonable limits' in the **56 million murdered by their own gover**

Many feel that firearms are not a deterrent to 'tyrannical government'. Yet, every 'tyrant' practicing genocide has always started by registering and then confiscating civilian arms. Tyrants feed of its' citizenry if armed. Tyrants know history. Switzerland armed and free for 600 years. Afghanistan armed and free for 600 years. An armed and informed citizenry cannot be ruled by a tyrant. ment (or the supporters of the Bill Of Rights) that is limiting our traditional rights to assembly, free speech, and freedom from unreasonable searches. It is our government infringing upon our rights to protect us from drug dealers, gang bangers, and gun owners. Just as Hitler was protecting his people from communists, organized labor and Jews.

Do we have the inalienable right to protect our liberties our families, our lives? If we do then it is only a matter of how effective are the tools we choose to accomplish this sacred duty.

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December 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

Due to the Holidays this 'Schedule of Events' is subject to change. Please call to confirm date and time.



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

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..... HAPPY HANUKKAH						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Oak/Berk LP	28	29	30	31	Y2K



13 December @ 7:30 p.m. **EBLP Regional Meeting** is moving this month to Jim Cantwell's office. Take Grand Ave. exit from Hwy 580 (from east or west), turn West on Grand Ave. proceed (going towards downtown Oakland) for approx. 7 blocks until you reach Lenox Ave. The building entrance is just around corner from Grand on Lenox on the left hand side of the street. The building has a marble plaque with the address "268 Grand". Enter the building through a rod iron gate and proceed up a small flight of stairs and ring the upper buzzer on the left hand side of the door, for Crist, Fritsch & Paterson.



\$10 Opera Plaza Homeowners Community Room Mezzanine (take elevator in front of theater) 601 Van N



Winter solstice for 1999 will occur at 11:44 pm

Universal Time). If you want to be precise about it, please be sure to correct for your time zone will be early morning on December 22 for every other U.S. time zone. <http://www.candlegrove.com/solstice.html#1999>



home is at 24828 Canyon View Court, Hayward



meet at The Albatross Pub 1822 San Pablo Ave.

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

Recently you registered as/or requested information about the Libertarian Party.

receive three free issues of the East Bay LP's newsletter so that you can see what your friends and neighbors are in the values we all cherish. We hope you will join us in the never ending fight for **LIBERTY and JUSTICE for ALL!**

Coming up ...

Y2K and a Freer New Year!

F.E. LP Congressional Candidate
Prof. Fred Foldvary on Natural Rights and Natural Resources Admission \$10

18-21 February 2000 **California LP Convention** Location: Doubletree Hotel San Diego-Mission Valley, San Diego, California 0200 <director@ca.lp.or

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Anaheim, California
<http://www.lp.org/conv/2000/>

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(For those joining the LP as a voting member)

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Before the Revolutionary War, these trees where meeting
local chapters of the Sons of Liberty and i mas Paine to pen...

Liberty Tree

In a chariot of light from the regions of day, The Goddess of Liberty came; Ten thousand celestials directed the way And hither conducted the dame. A fair budding branch from the gardens

Where millions with millions agree, She brought in her hand as a pledge of her love, And the plant she named Liberty Tree. The celestial exotic struck deep in the ground, Like a n tive it flourished and bore; The fame of its fruit drew the nations around, To seek out this peaceable shore. Unmindful of names distinction they came, For freemen like brothers agree; With one spirit endued, they one friendship pursued, And their templ was Liberty Tree. Beneath this fair tree, like the patriarchs of old, Their bread in contentment they ate, Unvexed with the tro bles of silver and gold, The cares of the grand and the great.

With timber and tar they Old England supplied, And supported power on the sea; Her battles they fought, without getting a groat, For the honor of Liberty Tree. But hear, O ye swains, 'tis a tale most profane, How all the tyrannical powers, Kings, Co mons, and Lords, are uniting a main To cut down this guardian of ours; From the east to the west blow the trumpet to arms Through the land let the sound of it flee, Let the far and the near, all unite with a cheer, In defense of our Liberty Tree.

The Last Liberty Tree 1599-1999



June 3, 1999 ANNAPOLIS, MD: State Cl ones America's Onl y Remaining Liberty Tree;
Governors of Original Col onies to Receive Copi Maryl and Commission for Cel ebration 2000.

The Party! Q:->