

LIBERTARIAN LIFELINE



Closure of SF Cannabis Club

Galvanizes Prop. 215 Campaign

East Bay LP to Host Fundraising Benefit at Schroeder's Restaurant in San Francisco

The campaign to legalize medical marijuana took on a new urgency on August 5, 1996 when the Cannabis Buyers' Club of San Francisco was raided by state and federal police officers. The August issue of the *Lifeline* was just going to press that day when word of the raid reached the LP, so we were not able to include details of the incident in our last issue.

The club — the largest of approximately 30 underground clubs across the nation that supply marijuana as a therapeutic agent to patients who possess a doctor's recommendation — provided relief for an estimated 11,000 seriously ill patients throughout the bay area. The early morning raid — which occurred *without* the cooperation of local law enforcement or District Attorney Terence Hallinan — was ordered by state Attorney General Dan Lungren, an outspoken opponent of this year's state ballot initiative to legalize marijuana for medical use (Proposition 215).

According to newspaper and eye-witness accounts, the raid took place at 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning, a time when the club was not serving clients. Armed with a search warrant, nearly 100 gun-toting agents broke down the club's front door and seized medical records, at least two computers, 40 pounds of marijuana, some documents pertaining to Proposition 215, and an undisclosed amount of cash. In addition, five other locations associated with the club personnel were raided.

A spokesman for the state Justice Department, Steve Telliano, said that no arrests were made during the morning sweeps, but acknowledged that charges may be filed against some of the club's organizers at a later date.

Many San Francisco leaders expressed both shock and outrage at the actions of the state narcotics officers. District Attorney Hallinan denounced the raid as a political act by Lungren. San Francisco Sheriff Michael Hennessy said that he will refuse to enforce the injunction and Mayor Willie Brown stated that he was "dismayed by the Gestapo tactics displayed by [the attorney general.]"

The decision to close the San Francisco Buyers' Club was granted by Superior Court Judge William Cahill based on affidavits from narcotics officials that the club had sold marijuana for non-medical purposes to undercover agents. In a tape released to the media, club founder Dennis Peron was shown selling a quantity of marijuana to an undercover agent for what were alleged to be non-medical purposes. The agent was posing as an AIDS patient who wished to provide marijuana to fellow patients in nearby Sonoma county. "Judge Cahill ordered the club closed, but you cannot close the spirit of the club," announced Dennis Peron to a crowd of approximately 800 demonstrators who attended a candlelight march later that evening. "We'll stay open as [the] headquarters for Proposition 215."

The big question now looming for activists on both sides of the medical marijuana issue is how the raid and subsequent shut-down of the Cannabis Buyers' Club will affect California voter's sentiments in November. While some Californians speculate that the timing of the raid may have been motivated by political reasons (at the time, the week before the Republican Convention in San Diego, Lungren was reported to be on Bob Dole's short list of potential running-mates), many marijuana activists forsee the raid as being a catalyst to inspire voters to support Proposition 215. "The [actions of the attorney general] prove the need to pass Proposition 215," said California NORML Coordinator, Dale Gieringer, Ph.D. "[He] has made it plain that he not only opposes the medical use of marijuana, but is also intent on wasting taxpayer's money enforcing laws against it."

Also worth noting is the recent legal action of the American Cancer Society, which filed suit against the No on Proposition 215 Campaign to have its name removed from a list of organizations opposed to the medical use of marijuana. In ballot arguments filed with the Secretary of State in Sacramento, the ACS was listed among a very small group of organizations on record as being against Prop. 215 (actually, the ACS takes no position on the issue). In fact, it seems that the No on Proposition 215 campaign is having a difficult time finding *anyone* opposed to the measure, since the California Medical Association, California Oncologists and the vast majority of public health professionals statewide heartily endorse the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

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Meanwhile one week before the raid, the Oakland City Council unanimously passed a resolution (#72881) establishing a working group to ensure that Oakland police officers adhere to that city's tolerant medical marijuana policy. Earlier this year, the city council declared its desire "not to expend city resources in any investigation, detention, arrest, or prosecution arising out of alleged violations of state and federal law regarding the possession, cultivation, and/or distribution of marijuana for medical use."

"I believe that this marks the first time a legislative body at any level of government has established an official committee with the express purpose of ensuring that the police do not enforce marijuana laws," said Attorney Robert Raich of Oakland. Specifically, the resolution states that a "working group shall consider legislative and administrative methods to ensure enforcement of and compliance with the city's medical marijuana policy." A similar yet far smaller club currently operates in Oakland and has been endorsed by local officials. To no one's surprise, the East Bay Cannabis club has seen a dramatic increase in clients in the month since the closure of the San

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Francisco club.

To help the campaign for Proposition 215, the Libertarian Party plans to sponsor a benefit dinner for Debbie Goldsberry on September 20, 1996. Goldsberry, a longtime activist with the Cannabis Action Network, was the primary force behind the statewide signature drive that put Proposition 215 on the ballot. Through Debbie's efforts, the campaign collected the signatures of more than 750,000 registered voters in California to demonstrate the widespread support for the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

The dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Schroeder's Restaurant, located at 240 Front Street in San Francisco's Embarcadero Center, only a short walk from the BART station. Live music will be provided by Annwm. Tickets are \$30 in advance, but will be \$35 at the door, so pick them up early by calling the LP at (510) 531-0760 or call the Proposition 215 campaign at (415) 331-1500, extension 633. Do your part to make this event a success and help to make medical marijuana legal for those suffering from terminal or debilitating illnesses.

With Dan Lungren, vice-chair of the No on 215 campaign, utilizing the power of his office to keep sick people separated from the most effective and least expensive therapeutic for pain and nausea, it is up to us to raise the funds to educate the voters of California to the importance of this issue. It is the right thing to do, the humane thing to do, and our moral duty to help those who are stricken with diseases that make their lives a constant struggle against pain, nausea, blindness and seizures. Marijuana has been remarkably effective in relieving the painful symptoms of such illnesses as cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma, and epilepsy. It is sorely needed by thousands of California citizens.

For more information on the Oakland City Council resolution, please contact Attorney Robert A. Raich at (510) 420-1137. For more information on the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Club, please contact Jeff Jones at (510) 832-5346.

Phone calls concerning the status of the San Francisco Cannabis Buyers' Club should be directed to the following number: (415) 621-3986. □

Journalist Hugh Downs Calls for Browne to be Included in Presidential Debates

The following is excerpted from a transcript of Hugh Downs' August 17, 1996 commentary on "Perspective," a nationwide radio program on the ABC Radio Network. Downs, the long-time anchor on ABC Television's 20/20 newsmagazine, has previously advocated such Libertarian concepts as drug legalization.

It seems a growing number of Americans think conservatives and liberals are not so different after all. This may surprise some people, but despite the seemingly opposite positions taken by Republicans and Democrats, millions of Americans can't tell them apart. It's true. In foreign policy especially, it's more difficult to tell a Republican from a Democrat than it is to tell a Tutsi from a Hutu - I can never tell those two groups apart either. If you ignore what they say, the Democrats and the Republicans act like antipodes of a single entity.

Of course, millions of American voters have been saying this for years. Just look at the growing number of third parties. In the last presidential election, Ross Perot slapped together a candidacy and millions of people followed him. All those people, all those Reform Party voters, think that the Democrats and Republicans offer America nothing more than just more of the same. The Reform Party says it offers a choice that isn't more of the same; but something different.

When I heard all this Reform Party hoopla I couldn't help but think of the Libertarian Party. [Like Reform Party Presidential candidate Richard Lamm] The Libertarian Party also came from Colorado, but not a couple of months ago, not even 4 years ago when Ross Perot suddenly appeared on television; the Libertarian Party was formed way back in 1971 - The Libertarians are now, and have been for nearly 3 decades, described as fiscally conservative and socially liberal.

The Libertarian Party is, by far, the very largest political party after the Democratic and Republican parties. Libertarians actually occupy office. Elected Libertarians serve in various offices all over the country. Every year, Libertarians gain more registered voters - defections from the 2 big parties. They also offer an alternative to (what many people see as) the tired twosome. People who are sick and tired of listening to liberals and conservatives, now listen to something completely different. Many of them are listening to Harry Browne, the Libertarian candidate for President. Listen to what Browne has to say about liberals and conservatives.

"Liberal politicians," Browne says, "keep proposing new programs that further reduce the choices we can make with our money and our lives. Conservative politicians often ... [object] that [these proposals are] too restricting or too expensive. But each year some of the programs pass despite the objections. And they pass permanently - because even when the conservatives have control of the government they rarely repeal what they once denounced."

"And the conservatives have programs of their own," Browne says. "They love anti-crime and national security programs even when they reduce the liberties supposedly guaranteed in the Constitution. Liberal politicians often fight such proposals - condemning them as intolerable invasions of our privacy and our freedom. But some of the programs pass. And they too pass permanently - because even when the liberals have control of the government, they rarely repeal the legislation they once denounced."

Libertarians have been saying that there's no difference between Republicans and Democrats for about a quarter of a century. So, you might wonder why we hear so much more about the Reform Party and not so much about the Libertarian Party. One

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reason is probably Ross Perot's bank account. Ross Perot buys television time. Libertarians are not so rich, even though they too are fed up with a government that, they feel, wastes money and reduces freedom. Libertarians are more fiscally conservative than the so-called conservatives, and more socially liberal than the so-called liberals. They just don't have a lot of money to tell that to voters. Libertarians say the problem with the country isn't drugs, or crime, or guns, or abortion or daytime talk television shows - all of which are problems identified by liberals and conservatives. Instead, the Libertarians say that the problem with the country is the government itself. The government has become so big, so bloated and so powerful that the government doesn't work. Harry Browne's book is called, significantly, "Why Government Doesn't Work". Libertarians say that the government is actually the source of all the other problems. This is not as radical as it may sound. In fact, we've all heard this complaint once before. Remember when? Harry Browne remembers.

Harry Browne reminds us that: "in 1980 the American people elected by a landslide a President who promised to get government off our backs. He said government was the problem, not the solution. He promised to balance the budget within three years, to cut government spending drastically, and reduce the awful burden of taxes. When he left office eight years later, government spending was 69% greater, tax collections were 65% larger, and \$1.9 trillion had been added to the federal debt your children are supposed to pay."

The Republicans defend the record of President Reagan by insisting that the Democrats controlled Congress and therefore Reagan was powerless. But that's misleading. Browne explains: "Since the government grew so much in spite of [President Reagan's] promises, you'd think Congress must have overridden hundreds of his vetoes - if not thousands of them. But in eight years, [Reagan] vetoed only 78 of the thousands of bills sent to him. And only four of the 78 vetoes were on major budget bills. Of the 78 vetoes, Congress overrode only eight. This means Congress enacted into law only eight bills the President didn't approve of. Republicans and the Democrats appear to take different stands on issues but the results of their interaction always enhances each other's aims. If anything, the Reagan Administration proved that. Democrats and Republicans don't offer two different choices, so much, as they guarantee the same old big-spending, bothersome government. The Libertarians say get rid of it.

The writer P.J. O'Rourke once said that Libertarians have an unusual political cause - which is no political cause whatsoever. He said "We have no ideology, no agenda, no catechism, no dialectic, no plan for humanity... All we have is the belief that people should do what people want to do, unless it causes harm to other people. And that had better be clear and provable harm. No nonsense about second-hand smoke or hurtful, insensitive language, please."

Last time I looked, Harry Browne was beating both Bob Dole and Bill Clinton in informal Internet "voting" booths. Computer people seem to be listening to the Libertarian message: reduce the government to the very smallest size allowed by the Constitution. Pay our debts. Transform the Pentagon into an affordable force that defends our country, and not other countries. Stop the drug war. And if they do these things, they'll save enough money to get rid of all income taxes within the first year of office. That's right, Harry Browne will eliminate the IRS forever. Some Americans who have read his book "Why Government Doesn't Work", are wondering why they ever voted for those other two parties.

Let's hope that the debates in October include people like the Reform Party candidate, Ross Perot, and also, for the first time, the Libertarian candidate Harry Browne. It shouldn't make any difference that a candidate comes from a smaller "third" party; America should listen to all of them. □

REGARDING OUR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

by Marion McEwen

Some of you will recall that there were some problems that affected only third parties in the March Primary in Alameda County (see "Primary Election Fraught with Problems," in the April *Libertarian Lifeline*). Several precincts did not have primary ballots for us or for the Green and Peace and Freedom Parties.

Spokespersons for the three parties asked for and received a hearing with Brad Clark the Registrar of Voters. Brad explained, to my satisfaction, that training had occurred regarding the separate ballots for the third parties and that a special instruction sheet was included in the materials given to the poll workers.

The missing ballots seem to stem from two problems the Registrar's Office has during each election cycle. Though there is a scheduled training prior to each election, many veteran poll workers assume they know everything and don't show up for the training. The second problem is one we as a Party can address. Brad has over 1000 polling places to staff. He "hires" more poll workers than he will need, but many do not show up for work.

When Brad explained his problem with no shows, I challenged all the members from the three Parties present at the meeting to put their principles first and volunteer to help Brad in the November election. Now I am asking you to really be part of the election process. The more third party volunteers Brad has, the fewer problems we will all have. Wouldn't it be hoot if he had more volunteers than he needed, all of whom showed up to be trained and then to work?

Seriously, this is part of the election process we can participate in and we can make a positive difference. In the past, Alameda County has had serious election night problems. Libertarian volunteers can change that. We can be part of the solution. I am urging you to look at your schedules and plan now to be there on election day. I have already volunteered and I wish there were going to be at least one third party member at each polling place. Terry Floyd and I will contact the Greens and the Peace and Freedom Parties to encourage them to find volunteers among their members. But, I would like the Libertarian Party to field the most poll workers. Please heed the call. Or as Lyndon Johnson might say (he won't though because he is still dead) "Volunteer and volunteer often."

I hope that as a Party which exclaims to the world that volunteerism works, we will come through on election day for our

own sake and the sake of our community. Alameda should be the first community to report its election results not the last. Call me and let me know that you are volunteering. We should be the first party in number of volunteers not the last. I look forward to hearing from you. (Marion McEwen may be contacted through the LP Party Line at 510-531-0760 or 510-889-9216).

"Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he then be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the form of kings to govern him? Let history answer this question."

-- Thomas Jefferson

A Nation of Informants:

Big Neighbor is Watching You

The dystopia depicted in George Orwell's final novel, *1984*, was of a nightmare society ruled by fear, motivated by fear and controlled by fear. The terrified citizens of the book were obedient not because obedience was rewarded, but because they feared the consequences of disobedience. People feared not only the authorities, but also their fellow citizens, because Big Brother encouraged them to rat on each other. In fact, failure to report a thought crime about which one had knowledge constituted a thought crime itself; thus, if you chose *not* to report a crime committed by your neighbor, you could be accused of a crime yourself.

Orwell's vision of a paranoid society has been laughed off by some, but used as a model by statist throughout the world. Perhaps the statist are not even aware that their actions constitute the fulfillment of Orwell's frightening prophecy, because they routinely dismiss criticism of their actions as hysterical paranoia. Actions, however, speak louder than words.

Take, for example, the latest trend in the governments' arsenal of manipulative weapons: tattler hotlines. The newest one is 1-800-5-ASK-4-ID. This one is sponsored by the California Department of Health Services' Tobacco Control Program. Say you are standing in line at your local convenience store waiting to pay for your gas, or a six-pack of soda or God forbid, a pack of cigarettes. If you witness the convenience store clerk sell any tobacco product to a person who may be underage without first asking to see the customer's identification, you may call 1-800-5-ASK-4-ID and the convenience store will be assessed a fine. Never mind that there may be five or six impatient people waiting in line to pay for their own purchases; never mind that the customer may be a regular visitor whom the clerk knows by name and knows he or she is of legal age. If they fail to ask for ID before ringing up the sale, and they are reported through the hotline, they will be fined. What does the fine do besides punish the store clerk? Does it go to enhance tobacco education programs for children? Well, no, but at least it helps to pay for the costs of maintaining the hotline.

Many more people are aware of the 1-800-END-SMOG hotline, which you are encouraged to call to report the license numbers of cars you see on the road emitting exhaust fumes. This doesn't result in the car's owner being fined, but they are sent a notice that they have been reported along with a questionnaire about their car's condition and maintenance record.

Few of the surveys are ever returned, and those

that are frequently contain language considered inappropriate in polite company. But the point is not to shame the polluters into fixing their cars, though that may sometimes happen; the hotline's primary purpose is to enhance the database of the DMV by red-flagging files of cars that may have difficulty passing California's strict emissions standards, and thus eventually fall under the state's new confiscation provisions (SMOG II).

A secondary goal is to make the callers feel good about themselves and thus encourage them to continue to report more cars. "It's everybody's responsibility to keep the air clean," reported one environmentally-conscious SMOG hotline caller. Especially if you can do so anonymously . . . or vindictively to cause problems for someone against whom you may hold a grudge. The 1-800-END-SMOG hotline may be just the thing to harass a neighbor with whom you have been having a long-running dispute. Or, if you are *really serious* about destroying someone's family or making their existence a living hell, perhaps you should consider reporting them to the wife-beater hotline, or the child abuse hotline.

There is, in fact, a hotline open for almost every social infraction, from minor lapses of common courtesy to major felonies. You can report someone for everything from jaywalking, to lottery fraud, to cheating on their company travel claims. Almost every truck you see on the highway these days sports a bumper sticker that practically begs you to call a toll free hotline to report the drivers' conduct. If an 18-wheeler cuts off your Geo Metro on the interstate, you can't very well compete with him in a game of highway chicken, but you *can* call the Driver Alert hotline and have him or her reprimanded for their unpardonable failure to see your compact in their rear-view mirror.

Of course, you can also call the hotline to compliment a truck driver for his or her skill and courtesy, but fewer than 30% of such calls fall into this category.

No one disputes that some reprehensible conduct such as spouse abuse and child abuse deserves punishment and resolution. But encouraging anonymous tattling is the antithesis of the social skills most of us were taught from our earliest years. Our kindergarten teachers scolded us for tattling, and encouraged us to use our developing communication tools to resolve petty disputes by *talking* about them, or implementing good manners by saying words like "please," "excuse me," "I'm sorry," and "thank you."

Hotline Incorporated is a company in Virginia, founded by Ralph McNamara, a former government

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worker who saw which way the wind was blowing and decided to become an entrepreneur to provide these invaluable services to his former employer. McNamara reports that hotlines are considered so effective that every federal agency operates at least one, and some operate three or four, many of whom are now contracted through his agency. This doesn't even count all the state agencies (like California's Department of Health Services and the DMV) which operate their own tattler hotlines.

Within 24 hours of the pipe bomb explosion in Atlanta's Centennial Park during July's Olympic Games, the FBI established a toll-free hotline through McNamara's company for citizens to report suspects in the attack. "They bring in a lot of money," reports McNamara, who adds almost as an afterthought, "and they also save lives."

Despite McNamara's claims, the effectiveness of hotlines is not conclusively proven. The FBI ran the 1-800-UNABOMB hotline for almost three years, fielding more than 53,000 calls. Not a single one provided any clue that led them to the tiny Montana cabin of Theodore Kaczynski, so far the only suspect identified in the case. That tip was provided by Kaczynski's brother, who recognized the writing style of the suspect in the "Unabomber Manifesto" published in the *New York Times* and several other major newspapers.

The beauty of these mechanisms is the anonymity they provide. Few people would ever call a hotline to turn in their neighbor if they had to identify themselves and take responsibility for the action. Even McNamara admits that, "People feel comfortable calling a hotline because they don't like answering questions like 'Who are you?'" In most cases, the caller to a hotline does not need to identify themselves, nor have any shred of proof for their claims. They need not even be mentally stable. All they need is a reason to call.

"Whatever happened to the days when you could talk to your neighbor?" asks Rabbi Brad Bloom of Sacramento's B'nai Israel synagogue. At one time, people could settle a problem between themselves, without having to involve the authorities. Rabbi Bloom is particularly concerned by Sacramento's hotline trend, reminding his fellow citizens of the Gestapo's practice of encouraging "Good Germans" to identify Jews in hiding during World War II, a practice that was the inspiration for Orwell's totalitarian vision. "I don't think we're far from that now," warns Rabbi Bloom. "I think Big Brother is already here." □

Jeffrey R. Hummel to Speak at Upcoming LP Meetings

Historian, economist and author Jeffrey Rogers Hummel will speak to East Bay Libertarians in both September and October in combination with the publication of his latest book, *Emancipating Slaves, Enslaving Free Men: A History of the American Civil War*, published this month by Open Court Press.

Hummel, a long-time East Bay LP member, is Associate Adjunct Professor at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, where he teaches both economics and history. He wrote the scripts for audio tapes produced by Knowledge Products on the Constitution (narrated by Walter Cronkite) and on American Wars (narrated by George C. Scott). His articles have appeared in the *Texas Law Review*, the *International Philosophical Quarterly*, and numerous other publications. He has contributed to the *Encyclopedia of American Business History and Biography* and to a collection edited by Robert Higgs entitled *Arms and Politics*.

His latest book offers a startling new perspective on the American Civil War, a turning point in our nation's history. Hummel explores the role of that war in the growth of centralized government power. The national government that emerged victorious dwarfed in size the minimal Jacksonian state that had commenced the conflict. A distant administration that had little contact with its citizens had been transformed into an overbearing bureaucracy that intruded into daily life with conscription, taxation, regulations and surveillance. Much of this surge in government authority would never be reversed. Henceforth, Americans increasingly depended upon government at every level to solve social problems and undertake new tasks. The United States had commenced its steady march toward the welfare-warfare state of the twentieth century.

Few people now recall that prior to the outbreak of the war, radical abolitionists, such as the fiery and implacable William Lloyd Garrison, originally advocated Northern secession from the South. They felt that this would best hasten the ultimate destruction of slavery by allowing the free states to get out from under the Constitution's fugitive slavery provisions. In order to appreciate the true sophistication of this tactic, a sophistication that Garrison himself may not have grasped entirely, we must navigate the still lively controversy about the economics of American slavery. Was the South's "peculiar institution" economically rational, profitable, and expanding, as Nobel prize winning economist Robert Fogel and Stanley Engerman claimed in their controversial classic *Time on the Cross*? Come and find out why letting the lower South secede in peace was still a viable anti-slavery option when Lincoln first took the oath of office in March of 1861.

The LP meets in Alameda County on September 17 at Ricky's Sports Lounge in San Leandro beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Contra Costa LP General Meeting takes place at Fuddruckers in Concord on October 22, also beginning at 7:30 p.m. See the September Calendar of Events on page 8 for further details. □

Beggars Can't Be Choosers

by Thomas Testaman

We, the United States of America, have become a nation of beggars. True, we do not grovel before the door of the international community asking for assistance; rather, we beg those who should be representing us for that which our forefathers promised us: our inalienable rights. As our "representatives" in Washington and our State capitols decide which or what will become law, please note that while they decide, we sit quietly at home and accept whatever they hand us in laws with no questions asked. No question except, "When will this stop?"

My fellow Americans, we have for too long accepted, as fact, that we need to be led rather than to be leaders. That the government knows best what laws are right to protect us, rather than using our rights to lawfully govern. This mindset — of ASKING if congress can balance the budget, ASKING the federal government to stay out of our personal lives, ASKING government to stay out of education — is the culprit. It is now time for a reality check.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ASK!

If you come to the realization that the government actually represents the constituency that elected it, then

it must listen to and answer to that same constituency. Ahh, there's the rub. We must get up off our knees, quit asking the government to take responsibility for us, our children, and our elderly and do it ourselves. Then we must take the time to let those people who are supposed to represent us know what it is we wish for them to do. In other words, we must become the leaders that our forefathers gave us the right to be. If we fall short in this need to become involved, then we can remain the beggars we have become, for with the right to succeed comes the right to fail.

As we sit at home and decry the state of our country, we must take enough time from our lamentations to ask ourselves, when was the last time I became involved? As taxes go up, education goes down; government grows, income shrinks; crime increases, safety decreases; we must ask ourselves who is truly at fault. If you, as I do, blame our leaders, then we of the electorate are at fault. If anything is going to change, then we of the electorate must resolve to get up off our knees, quit begging the government to make changes, and resolve to make them ourselves. In this election year, we have the opportunity to take back what we have given away over the years and begin to exercise what so many have given so much to insure our right to. □

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **SEPTEMBER**

September 17, 1996: Alameda County LP General Meeting. Ricky's Sports Lounge and Steakhouse at 15028 Hesperian Boulevard in San Leandro (near BayFair Mall). Come hear historian and economist Jeffrey R. Hummel present information from his new book *Emancipating Slaves, Enslaving Free Men: A History of the American Civil War* from Open Court Publishers. Formal business will begin between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. For more information, please call the LP Party Line at (510) 531-0760.

September 20, 1996: Compassionate Use Benefit Dinner for Proposition 215. 7:00 p.m. at Schroeder's Restaurant, 240 Front Street, San Francisco. Help us honor Debbie Goldsberry and raise funds to support the campaign to legalize medical marijuana. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. To RSVP, call the LP at (510) 531-0760 or (415) 331-1500, extension 633.

Sunday Evenings, 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On-Line Chat with Greg Lyon, Libertarian Candidate for Congress. America On-Line subscribers are welcome to join a weekly chat room with Libertarian Party Congressional candidate Greg Lyon every Sunday evening at 8:30. Just log on and go to LYON4CONGRESS.

Sunday Afternoons, 5:30 p.m.: The Libertarian News Hour on Free Radio Berkeley, 104.1 FM, hosted by East Bay LP Chair Jeff "Zippy the Yippie" Sommer, the voice of freedom on the airwaves originating from one of the last bastions of socialism in America, Berkeley, California. ***Besure to tune in on September 8, 1996 to hear a live interview with LP Vice-Presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen.***

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