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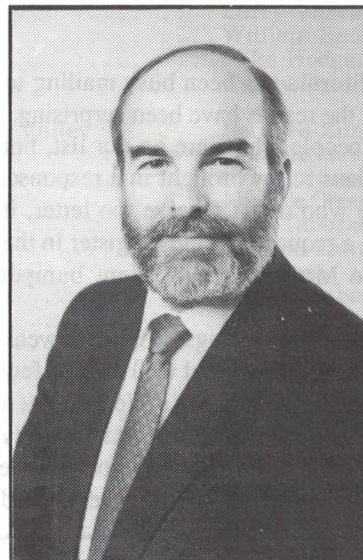
MARROU TO BARNSTORM CALIFORNIA

Libertarian presidential nominee **Andre Marrou** will visit California on a campaign/fundraising trip from September 9 to 18. Look for events in your area.

Marrou will arrive in San Diego on Sept. 9 (contact **Pat Wright** at 619/497-1085). He will then go to Orange County Sept. 10 (contact **Gary Copeland** at 714/435-9503), Los Angeles Sept. 11-12 (contact **John Vernon** at 818/780-9943), Fresno Sept. 14, Sacramento Sept. 15, San Francisco Sept. 16, San Jose Sept. 17, and back to San Francisco on Sept. 18. For the Northern California stops, contact **Scott Lieberman** at (408)379-6185.

The Marrou/Lord campaign has been in full swing. Ballot status is on track for *all 50 states and the District of Columbia*, an important milestone we only reached once before -- in 1980. New Alliance Party candidate **Lenora Fulani**, on all 51 ballots in 1988, will be on 42 or less this year. The "non-candidate" **H. Ross Perot** will likely be on all ballots as well, as the mysterious billionaire keeps signing documents to prevent his name from being removed.

Marrou received recent nationwide coverage on **Larry King's**



**Andre
Marrou**

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syndicated radio show. This, followed by a press conference on C-SPAN and an appearance on CNN's "Inside Politics", brought 3,700 calls into the LP National Headquarters in just one week. Vice presidential nominee **Dr. Nancy Lord** appeared on **Gene Burns'** syndicated radio show August 17 and had excellent response from the audience.

September and October are, of course, the most intense months of the campaign. Given the mood of the electorate, this is the year for the Libertarian Party to make great strides. The media is ignoring us, as usual. Be sure to write letters to the editor of your local newspaper and to news magazines, urging voters to vote for and reporters to cover the Marrou/Lord ticket. Be sure to include our California 800 number - (800)637-1776 - for people to call for free information packets.

Contributions keep the campaign going. Please send your most generous amount (\$1,000 maximum per person under federal law) to "Marrou/Lord Campaign," 1528 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003, or call (202)546-6095 for more information.



BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS

On August 8 the Libertarian Party of California's State Executive Committee voted to take the following positions on the November ballot propositions:

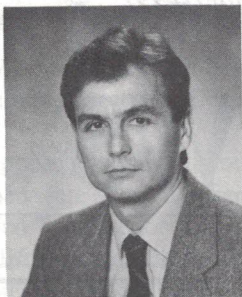
- Prop. 155 - \$900 million school bonds - NO
- Prop. 156 - \$1 billion rail transportation bond- NO
- Prop. 157 - Makes toll roads toll free after 35 years - NO
- Prop. 158 - Office of California Analyst - NO
- Prop. 159 - Auditor General - NO
- Prop. 160 - Property Taxes/Veteran exemption - YES
- Prop. 161 - Terminal Illness Initiative - YES
- Prop. 162 - Public Empl. Retirement - NO POSITION
- Prop. 163 - Snack Tax Repeal Initiative - YES
- Prop. 164 - Term Limits for Congress - YES
- Prop. 165 - Welfare/Budget Initiative - YES
- Prop. 166 - Basic Health Care Initiative - NO
- Prop. 167 - High Income Tax Hike Initiative - NO

NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES HIT THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Several Libertarians are running for non-partisan offices in the November 3 election. Three races look quite promising.

As discussed elsewhere in this issue, **Clearlake Councilman Bill Struthers** is running for a third term in that small Lake County community. Struthers was converted to the LP while in office, due to the efforts of Lake County LP Chair **Randall Grindle**. Grindle reports that there are eight candidates for three at-large seats. Three incumbents, including Struthers, are running. Struthers has a devoted following but faces a stiff challenge.

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FROM THE CHAIR

Pat Wright

The Libertarian Party of California has been busy mailing to everyone on our database list, and the results have been surprising.

Our mailing to about 9,000 people who were on our list, but who were not registered Libertarians really brought in a response. If you are one of the few people who didn't receive the letter, it included a voter registration card, a request that they register in the Libertarian Party, and an Andre Marrou for President bumper sticker.

The response has been huge and surprising. Despite a weak solicitation for funds, people sent in \$1, \$5 and \$10 (and a few larger contributions) -- and the letter made a profit. We also got a lot of complaints, notably from people saying they were already registered Libertarians and demanding to know why we would waste our money on mailing to them, but then saying they registered

their wife as a Libertarian with the voter registration card!

We also got a little hate mail. It's shocking to get hate mail directed at Jews, blacks, and gays. I have no idea what these bigots are doing on our mailing list. I just hope we can run a Jewish black lesbian for governor in 1994. Also -- enough with those pictures of aborted fetuses. please.

After all that, our membership is still right below 4,000. We've got to be at 6,000 by February to reach our goal. We are designing a modest mailing of 10,000 or 15,000 pieces for late September, but I hope the inquiries to our 800 number between now and the election will add enough numbers to help us reach our goal.

We are still facing severe money problems. Enclosed with this newsletter is an envelope to help with that problem. I hate to constantly beg for money -- so I'm only begging for \$5 (of course we'll take more). If a significant number of you slip in a five dollar bill and drop the envelope in the mail, we'll be that much closer to being financially solvent again.

Thank you for all your help and contributions you've given to the Libertarian Party. Although this column may sound as though things aren't going as well or fast as I'd like, I think we're in pretty good shape. For those of you who have been around awhile, consider where we are now to where we were five years ago. I'll bet that after the November election we'll be feeling even better.

Executive Committee Report...

The Libertarian Party of California's State Executive Committee met in Long Beach on August 8, with 14 of the 15 members present.

Jerry Douglas was elected treasurer and also member of the Operations Committee (to replace **Bonnie Flickinger**, who resigned after being elected to the Moreno Valley City Council in June). Douglas reported that the party has a large accounts payable that needs to be retired shortly. Contributions are welcome.

The committee voted to cancel the bounty program, under which the party was paying \$3 for each new Libertarian voter registration. The program was too successful and quickly unbalanced the budget.

Southern Vice Chair **Bob Weber** reported that flyers promoting the Libertarian position on gun owners' rights were distributed at the Pomona gun show. These flyers are available for other events as well. To order some, contact Bob Weber at (310)204-0612.

The Execuline long distance service flyer will be enclosed in this newsletter. All Libertarians and their friends and families are urged to sign up. Not only will Execuline customers save on their long distance bills, but 6% of the total will go the Libertarian Party of California.

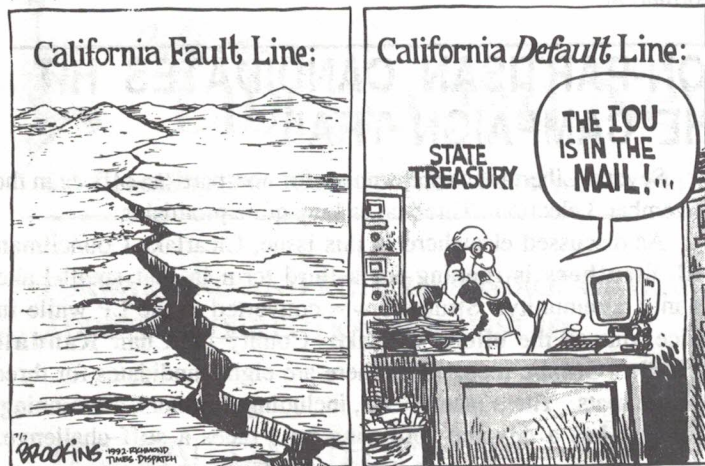
The 1994 State Convention bid was granted to **Cullene Lang** of Region 66 (Los Angeles - South Bay), who will host the conclave in the Los Angeles Airport area. The upcoming 1993 convention is already in the works in Sunnyvale (Santa Clara County).

The committee voted to extend the authority of the party's political action committee (PAC) to give contributions to candidates for State Senate and Assembly. Currently only statewide candidates were eligible.

Office Manager **Don Meyer** reported that 1,400 calls have come in to the party's 800 number since March, about 400 of which came in after H. Ross Perot quit the presidential race. When California's 10 million ballot pamphlets are mailed in late September, our 800 number will be included, so we should be inundated with inquiries. Contributions are welcome to defray the cost of sending out inquiry packets.

The committee adopted a resolution by Northern Vice Chair **Bill Evers** to oppose any U. S. intervention in the Balkans (the former Yugoslav states).

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held the Saturday after the November 3 election (November 7) at the LP of Los Angeles County office in West Los Angeles.





"Trail" -- cont. from Page 1

Contributions should be made payable to "Struthers for City Council," c/o Randall Grindle, P. O. Box 684, Lower Lake, CA 95457, phone (707)994-4817.

Bill Brown, an attorney and former sheriff's deputy, is running for the Camarillo City Council in Ventura County. His campaign is being run by **Aaron Starr**, who ran the successful campaigns of **Sandi Webb** for the Simi Valley City Council in 1990 and **Bonnie Flickinger** for the Moreno Valley City Council in June 1992. Brown's main campaign plank is to slash Camarillo's bloated budget and bureaucracy. He is taking his campaign door-to-door to bring this message to the voters. You can help make a California Libertarian the third successful city council candidate in recent history by sending a contribution to "Bill Brown for City Council," 834 Sharon Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010, phone (805)987-4078.

Last year **Dr. David McCann** won an unprecedented 38% in a special State Assembly election. If he could do that well in a partisan race, his new effort to win a seat on the Orangevale Recreation and Parks District Board should be a winner. 8 candidates are running for 3 seats. Two incumbents are running. This Sacramento-area board has a budget of \$1 million per year and is responsible for 12 parks. The main issue is the board's use of the 1972 Landscape and Lighting Act to enact a special assessment without a vote. The money is to be used for a \$10 million community center. 1,700 people wrote in to protest the assessment -- and there are only 10,000 registered voters in the district.

McCann is running on a ticket with two others known as the "New Boston Tea Party Team." Press coverage has been good. The Team has been endorsed by Paul Gann's Citizen Advocate, Ted Costa of Peoples' Advocate, and even by Barbara Alby, one of McCann's opponents in the 1991 Assembly race. Contributions can be sent to "New Boston Tea Party Team," c/o David McCann, M. D., 8880 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662, (916)988-7174.

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NEW ORGANIZATION TO OPPOSE DRUG WAR

Libertarian **Perry Willis** has formed a group called Americans Against Prohibition with the goal of building an American consensus against drug prohibition. The group will use three tools: paid broadcast TV ads, audio tapes for listening at home or in the car, and free radio talk shows.

Willis believes that the best way to convince a large number of people of the anti-prohibition argument is to run television ads. A learned magazine article may reach a few people, but TV reaches the masses. In some areas, ads can be purchased for as little as \$100. Ad ideas include one with William F. Buckley, Jr., Milton Friedman, and former Secretary of State George Schulz all opposing the drug war. Another ad points out that the drug warriors can't even keep drugs out of prisons, but they are turning America into a prison with draconian anti-drug laws.

Contributions are needed to get this media effort off the ground. Contact Americans Against Prohibition, P. O. Box 27251, Tucson, AZ 85726-7251.

POLICE-STATE NIXED IN CLEARLAKE

by Randall Grindle

Libertarian Councilman **Bill Struthers** of Clearlake (in Lake County) won a battle with Police Chief Roger Sciutto in July, when four ordinances the chief wanted bit the dust. Laws prohibiting alcohol use in the parks, the carrying of knives, loitering (standing around doing nothing) and cruising (driving past the same point more than twice a night) all failed during their first city council hearings.

Struthers had particular fun with the knife ordinance. At the council meetings he kept pulling out of a paper bag such "deadly weapons" as pizza rollers, plastic cake knives and vegetable peelers, asking if these were to be illegal. Struthers, showing his sense of humor, seems to enjoy "skewering" the city manager, planning director, council members and other City Hall personnel in the audience.

Among the other battles Struthers has won were the defeat of a utility tax by an 88% referendum vote; removal of eminent domain provisions against residences in the city's redevelopment plan; opening of closed city council sessions to the public; and overturning numerous restrictive planning commission decisions on appeal to the city council. Struthers jokingly attributes his ability to win "1 against 4" vote victories on the council to his study of Machiavelli.

Local Democratic Party activists are particularly incensed by this "Libertarian troublemaker" who continually thwarts their attempts to increase governmental power through more laws and taxes. Struthers faces reelection to a third term in November, and his political enemies are gunning to defeat him.

Luckily, he has a considerable following among the public, who appreciate his ability to rein in City Hall when it gets out of hand. If you would like to help keep a Libertarian freedom fighter in office, send your contribution to "Struthers for City Council," c/o Randall Grindle, P. O. Box 684, Lower Lake, CA 95457. For more information, call (707)994-4817.

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Should Candidate Strut Her Stuff?

Editor:

I was surprised to read of Vicki Vallis' campaign tactics for the 3rd Assembly District seat (August *CL News*). I don't doubt that Ms. Vallis is intelligent and capable, or that she would make a far better Assembly member than any of the current crop. My point of contention in her campaign approach.

The public's interest in the Libertarian Party is being stirred by Richard Boddie, June Genis and Andre Marrou -- "people like us," as the folks at home perceive them. When these newly-interested Californians are then confronted by a naked woman in *Hustler* magazine espousing identical principles, they will judge the messenger, forget the message, and then write us off as libertines or fringe group politicians. In order to be taken seriously as legitimate participants in the political process, we have to act like legitimate participants.

Gimmicks don't work. Stunts don't work. Hard work works. As much as we'd like to find a silver bullet -- and a pretty one at that -- titillation tactics do the LP no good.

Brian Schar

Huntington Beach, CA

(Schar is chair of the Orange County LP and a candidate in the 67th Assembly District.)

Is the Editor sexist?

Editor:

I am highly offended by the obvious sexist mentality of the writer of the article "Douglas Avoids FIJA Contempt Charge" (July *CL News*). Why did the writer make the following statement: "The other jurors didn't believe him, and one told the judge (a woman), who asked Douglas if he intended to follow the law as she gave it to him"?

Did the writer feel the sex of the judge was pertinent while the sex of the other parties involved was irrelevant? By the inclusion of "she" I was able to determine the judge's gender. By the inclusion of "(a woman)" I was able to determine the biased opinions of the writer.

Lisa D. Ringer (a woman)

Los Angeles, CA

(Editor's Note: I apologize for making it seem the judge's gender was important. I don't believe it was. Perhaps we should have used the judge's name instead of a gender reference. Indeed it was my assistant editor, Laura Brown (a woman), who added the gender reference because she didn't think it was clear who was being referred to.)

Will the Editor be Kidnapped?

Editor:

On June 15, 1992 the U. S. Supreme Court decided that the government has the right to abduct foreign nationals from their own country. I wonder about the implications.

How many other countries will follow U. S. leadership with its new kidnapping policy? When they do, which Americans will be in the greatest jeopardy? Who will be the first American abducted by agents of a foreign government?

One possibility is Ted Brown, editor of *California Libertarian News*. The editor has certainly violated North Korean law by "slandering" the North Korean government -- clearly, publicly and proudly. The North Koreans would like to have Brown's editorial neck on the chopping block.

Also threatened is Augie Busch, former CEO of Anheuser Busch, who may be wanted for exporting alcohol in clear violation of Islamic law. Agents of nations such as Iran and Saudi Arabia may be on their way over. (Remember, the U. S. had similar liquor laws from 1919 to 1933!)

Fortunately for Mr. Brown, Mr. Busch and all Americans, this new kidnapping policy rests on the brute power of America's superpower status. Unfortunately for people throughout the world, George Bush's New World Order is now grounded in the moral force of law.

Mike Binkley

Los Angeles, CA

(Editor's Note: I don't recall if I have ever "slandered" the North Korean government in print, so here goes: Kim Il Sung and his totalitarian toadies suck for air and should be shipped off to the moon as soon as possible so that all Koreans can be free of the Communist yoke. I'll be watching my back.)

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No More Death Penalty

Editor:

Three cheers for your column on the death penalty (June *CL News*). And three "boo-hisses!" for the pro-death penalty responses in the next two issues by David Wire and Russ von Hoelscher.

It is understandable that murderers' crimes should anger us -- but emotion is a poor guide for action. Our pledge as Libertarians is *not* to initiate force. Yes, self-defense is appropriate. But not revenge. And the state must have no powers beyond those of individuals, even in its criminal justice system.

For those who prefer the language of religion: what gives the state the right to act outside God's law? "Thou shalt not kill" (i.e. murder) applies to the state as much as to individuals.

Neither restitution nor lower taxes can be achieved with a dead prisoner, since it costs far more to legally kill him than to maintain him in prison for life. And how could his victim's survivors be compensated, other than by the labor of the convicted killer?

The U. S. keeps very seamy company in its official support for the death penalty: namely, Third World dictatorships, plus the former Communist regimes. Most other capitalist democracies are on the other side. As it says in Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment." This was inspired by our own 8th Amendment, which explicitly forbids the government to inflict "cruel or unusual punishment."

Those of you who still advocate the death penalty, we beg you to rethink your position. Please don't kill for us!

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From the Sublime to the Ridiculous

But have they caused California's budget crisis? Dateline: Zinder, Niger: Hundreds of people attacked bars and bordellos after militant Muslims declared that immoral women are causing a drought, the official Niger press agency reported. Police imposed a curfew after the mob marched on the homes of local officials and set fire to prostitutes' homes and the office of a women's association. Three people were injured. The mob was urged on by Muslim "holy men," who said that the women's "indecent" dress and conduct are responsible for lower-than-normal rainfall this year!

Teach Your Children Well

Editor:

An interesting thing happened on the way to the bar. I was on my way to shoot some pool, drink some beer, and listen to basic Dunsmuirian gossip. I got downtown and across the street was a group of Dunsmuir High School kids. One of them stuck up his arm and yelled, "Libertarian!" I yelled back, "You got it, dude!"

I went into the bar and said hello to people and that's about it. They love it because I let them tell me about all their ideas, and I either agree or disagree. But the kids love to listen to me talk. And they all seem to understand what I'm saying. Some of them will be eligible to vote this year or the next and they are determined to register Libertarian, join the Libertarian Party and vote Libertarian.

I guess I have a new title: The Libertarian Teacher of Dunsmuir.

Thomas E. Bolling
Dunsmuir, CA

Write to the Media

Editor:

If we are to be successful by 1996 we must act NOW! Prompted by the scare H. Ross Perot gave them this year, Democrats and Republicans are sure to tighten the election laws to prevent another serious challenge in the future.

Yet Perot has provided us with a great opportunity by drawing into the arena many of the people we hadn't reached yet and by increasing Larry King's popularity on CNN. Neither Andre Marrou nor Nancy Lord has appeared on Larry King's television show (though Marrou was on his radio show). King will not accept requests from campaign staff. He responds to demands from his viewers; therefore, we must write to him NOW!

Only by wielding our networking power can we build the groundswell that will be necessary to gather Libertarian support and allegiance for success in 1996.

Jeff Low
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CONGRESSIONAL BILLS:



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One Bad

Last year's Federal Highway Act contains provisions to coerce every state into passing helmet and seat belt laws by October 1993, or else lose control of a portion of their highway construction funds.

S-2204 by Senator David Durenberger (R-Minnesota) and HR-4207 by Rep. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) have been introduced to remove the sanctions section from the Highway Act, ending the blackmail against states that refuse to impose such authoritarian laws on their citizens.

Your help is needed to contact your senators and representatives to urge support of these companion bills. A repeal of California's helmet law will be introduced next term, but any such attempt will fail if the national edict remains in place. (by Clark Marley)

Senator John Chaffee (R-Rhode Island) has introduced SB 2913, to confiscate every handgun in the U. S. and compensate the owner with a payment of \$40. Chaffee also wants to flat-out repeal the 2nd Amendment. This bill shows how much the Republican Party is committed to the right to keep and bear arms! To oppose this travesty, write to Senator Alan Cranston and Senator John Seymour at U. S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. (Write to your congressman on the highway bill at House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.)

ALERT

ELECTION SPAWNS NEW BREED OF COMPUTER VIRUSES

George Bush Virus -- doesn't do anything, but you can't get rid of it until November.

Ted Kennedy Virus -- crashes your computer, but denies it ever happened.

Warren Commission Virus -- won't allow you to open your files for 75 years.

Jerry Brown Virus -- blanks your screen and begins flashing an 800 number.

David Duke Virus -- makes your screen go completely white.

Pat Buchanan Virus -- shifts all output to the extreme right of the screen and prohibits importation of any new files.

Dan Quayle Virus -- forces your computer to play "PGA Tour" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. six days a week.

Bill Clinton Virus -- mutates from region to region -- we're not sure exactly what it does.

Richard Nixon Virus -- a.k.a. the "Tricky Dicky Virus" -- you can kick it out, but it always makes a comeback.

H. Ross Perot Virus -- same as the Jerry Brown Virus, but with nicer fonts and it appears to have had a lot more money put into its development.

Andre Marrou Virus -- erases unnecessary programs, disconnects your network and makes yours a stand-alone machine, abolishes shared resources, and improves productivity by eliminating limits on resource allocation.

(From the Minnesota Libertarian, P. O. Box 580774, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0774.)

LIBERTARIAN COUNCILMAN TO LEAVE OFFICE

Libertarian **Robert Subers**, a physician, has been a member of the Clovis City Council in Fresno County for the last four years. His recent decision not to seek reelection brought these regrets from Curt Tuck, editor of the *Clovis Independent*:

"What a loss!

"That, no doubt, is what is being said this week by city of Clovis taxpayers who keep an eye on City Hall, after Dr. Robert Subers announced he would not seek reelection.

"The great loss is that the taxpayers will no longer benefit from Subers' insight into city budgets and his persistent questioning of spending proposals.

"In a way, Subers has been out of step with the majority of the Clovis City Council for the last four years. He has stood foursquare for supporting the basic functions of government -- police and fire protection -- and foursquare against the city's use of eminent domain. He is for limiting city spending to the rate of growth in population and inflation, and for doing things more efficiently -- such as contracting out more services that cities have pulled under their bloated city payrolls. His general position is: private enterprise can do almost everything better and for a quarter or half the cost of the same job by government.

"He and Councilman Dave Lawson have been the minority on a council whose majority has a tax-and-spend philosophy of government and such a cozy connection with city staffers that it amounts to an "all in the family" City Hall. That approach works against voters' interests and for the personal benefit of city staffers, who rarely hear: "No, let's look at that again from the point of view of cutting costs."

"Unlike the current council majority, Subers has kept his focus on his fiduciary responsibility to voters and not mainly "the family." His detractors say "Subers is out of step" with the council. That, in today's "tax-and-spend" climate, should be a badge of honor of a true public servant.

"Yes, Bob Subers will be missed on the council -- by the taxpayers. Not by those city hall and other special interest groups that continue to sap the city's fiscal strength and to urge the council to pass on ballooning costs to taxpayers in the form of higher water and sewer rates and planning and other fees.

"The voters' challenge, if they want to hang on to their property and wallets, is to replace Bob Subers with someone who has a similar philosophy of public service. Two of Subers' mentality would be even better."



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Tax Facts Update

by Dick Rider

We all know taxes have been increasing, but few know how bad things are getting. Consider these facts:

1. Suppose you paid all your taxes during the first part of the year and then were allowed to keep what you earned after that. That date is called Tax Freedom Day. In 1930 it was February 13. This year in California it's May 8, six days later than in 1991. In Sweden the date is mid-September!
2. In 1948 the median family federal income tax was \$9. Yes, nine dollars! In 1991 the figure rose to \$3,450.
3. In 1948 the maximum social security tax was \$30. In 1991 the maximum tax was \$5,123. For the self-employed, the maximum was \$9,208.
4. The federal deficit is understated due to off-budget antics. The correct way to measure the annual deficit is to compare the national debt at the beginning of the year with the debt at the end of the year. The difference is the real annual deficit. In 1991 this figure was \$477.2 billion. In 1992 we will have over a half trillion dollar deficit for the first time!
5. The total national debt in March 1991 was \$3.448 trillion. By fall 1992 it will exceed \$4 trillion. This figure greatly understates the real debt because it doesn't include massive unfunded pension liabilities or future bad debts such as the S&L debacle.
6. It took our country 204 years to accumulate the first \$1 trillion national debt. It took us only 11 years to accumulate an additional \$3 trillion debt.
7. Increasing taxes doesn't close the deficit. On the contrary, studies indicate that since 1950 each \$1 increase in taxes has been accompanied by an average \$1.58 increase in the deficit. The most recent 1990 tax increases resulted in the deficit growing over \$1.90 for each \$1 of increased taxes.
8. In 1950 the California budget was less than \$1 billion. This year it will be at least \$56 billion, and spenders tell us that we "need" at least \$8 billion more. Per capita, California taxes have zoomed from \$92 in 1950 to \$1,940 in 1991, far exceeding inflation.

Upcoming Events

- * **Tuesday, Sept. 8:** Jury Rights Day. If you can think of a law you know is wrong, you're invited to participate in America's 2nd Annual celebration of National Jury Rights Day at courthouses across the country. Celebrate your rights as a citizen juror! Help to 1) make our justice system deliver justice; 2) ban bad laws; 3) restore citizen control of our government; and 4) rescue our Bill of Rights. For more information, contact **Randall Grindle**, P. O. Box 684, Lower Lake, CA 95457, (707)994-4817.
- * **Sept. 11 - Oct. 4:** Los Angeles County Fair. The LP will have a booth at the nation's largest county fair. Over a million people should pass by the booth during the 24 day period, so this is likely the most important outreach event of the year. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Contributions are welcome as well. A generous Libertarian has loaned us the \$2,000 cost of the booth, but it must be paid back. To contribute or to volunteer your time, contact **Gail Lightfoot**, P.O. Box 3207, San Dimas, CA 91773, (714) 623-1117.
- * **Saturday, Sept. 19:** Libertarian Rally/Picnic: Noon to 4 p.m. at Old Orchard Park, one mile east of I-5, on the north side of Lyons Ave., in Newhall (near Magic Mountain). Park on the street or in the shopping center across the street. Local LP candidates will be present to discuss the issues. Bring your family and a basket lunch and make a day of it. For information, call (805)266-7179.
- * **Sept. 18-20:** FIJA Annual Convention. The Fully Informed Jury Association will meet at the LeBaron Hotel in Dallas, Texas, to promote the rights of juries to judge the law as well as the facts of a case. For more information, contact FIJA, P. O. Box 59, Helmville, MT 59843, (406)793-5550.
- * **Sunday, Sept. 20:** Future of Freedom Conference/Government Status and Jurisdiction Seminar. From 8 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. The Ritz, 1800 W. Whittier Blvd., La Habra (north Orange County). Sponsored by The Society for Libertarian Life (SLL), speakers will include constitutional attorney Jack Matonis. The evening banquet (7 to 9 p.m.) will feature a roast of U. S. Senate candidate Richard Boddie. Seminar cost is \$59 each or \$79/couple. Banquet is \$25/couple. Make checks payable to ALH and mail to FMGP c/o P. O. Box 224, Long Beach, CA 90801-0224.



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