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LIBERTARIANS PROTEST INCOME TAX

April 15 should be the best day for recruiting Libertarians. It's on this day that the message is brought home to average citizens that their labor belongs to the government, at least as far as the government is concerned.

Each year Libertarians across the nation protest taxation at local post offices. This is where tired, frustrated and angry taxpayers are mailing their 1040 forms at the last minute. The goal of these protests is to make people aware that there is a political party that opposes the income tax and to encourage them to join us in our struggle for freedom.

San Diego Libertarians protested at the main San Diego Post Office, where they were the only group picketing. Some LP literature was distributed—and two people even joined up the next day after reading it! Libertarians were interviewed on all three network television affiliates and on three local radio stations.

Santa Clara Libertarians protested at ten different post offices—from Palo Alto to Morgan Hill. This included about fifteen people, most of whom traveled from one location to another to give wider distribution to party literature. 9,000 flyers were distributed, according to coordinator **Eric Harlow**. Television cameras were on hand, but did not interview any of the demonstrators. To show the diversity of Libertarian outreach, the 1,500 flyers that were left over were distributed the following weekend at the Earth Day/Hemp Expo in San Francisco.

Los Angeles Libertarians held demonstrations at two locations—at Terminal Annex in downtown Los Angeles and at the Van Nuys Post Office in the San Fernando Valley. At Van Nuys, former LPC chair **John Vernon** was interviewed on KFWB Radio, and at Terminal Annex, **Perry Martin** was interviewed by KNX Radio. Literature was distributed at both locations. We had to share the Terminal Annex sidewalks with war tax resisters, Scientologists, an accountant distributing bagels, and a person dressed up as a bottle of Excedrin!

While only a few thousand Californians saw us demonstrating, quite a few more saw our television ads. This is the first media buy for the LPC in many years. An anti-income tax commercial developed by **David Nolan** was run on network TV in

Redding (Shasta County), and on cable TV (primarily CNN) in the San Fernando Valley, Orange County and San Diego County. A different ad, with a theme of "Enough is Enough," was developed by Oregonian **Larry Nathan** and ran soon after Tax Day on cable TV from Santa Rosa to San Jose. The most calls to the 800 number came in from Redding, probably due to the wider influence of network TV and the rugged individualism of the residents.

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TAX FREEDOM DAY LATER THAN EVER

Tax Freedom Day—the date on which the average American has earned enough to pay all tax obligations for the year—will fall on May 8 this year, three days later than last year. The Tax Foundation blamed the later date on last year's deficit-reduction tax increase, the January 1 boost in the amount of wage subject to Social Security tax, sharp increases in state and local taxes, and the recession. "Simply stated, tax increases will easily outpace the growth in individuals' incomes during 1991," foundation economists concluded. Income is likely to rise only 3.7% this year while the total tax take is expected to increase by 6.6%.

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HELMET BILL ADVANCES

As we go to press, **AB 7** by Assemblyman Richard Floyd (D-Gardena) is likely to be passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Pete Wilson. This bill would require all motorcycle drivers and passengers to wear regulation helmets. The bill had passed twice before, but was vetoed by then-governor George Deukmejian. Libertarians bitterly oppose this violation of individual rights. Supporters used the argument that uninsured bikers cost the taxpayers over \$100 million per year in medical bills for head injuries. Using this argument, taxpayers have to pay millions for criminal trials, so we might as well dispense with them to save money!

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FROM THE CHAIR

Pat Wright



The Libertarian Party hit the airwaves in April with our anti-tax ads. It is gratifying that we are big enough as a political force to buy television time to promote our views. A very big thanks to the following people (in no particular order, and the list may not be complete) for making contributions for the ads:

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We aired about \$7,000 worth of the ad developed by David Nolan in parts of Northern California, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties. Unfortunately, this did not produce many calls to our 800 telephone number. It has come to my

attention, however, that in some areas the wrong 800 number was displayed in the ad. I am investigating the extent of this error and apologize for any problems it has caused.

In the Redding area, the number was correct and the ad ran on network affiliates, a decent number of calls came in. In Southern California the ads ran on CNN and Headline News. Bay Area Libertarians ran \$3,000 worth of a different ad just after April 15, using an "Enough is Enough" theme produced by Larry Nathan. I do not yet know the results. In any event, I think it is important for us to continue to use paid television advertisements.

On the membership front, I feel a little more optimistic. The response from last month's mailing to expired members and high quality inquiries has brought in enough members to more than pay for itself. A telephone follow-up is now in progress to those members who have yet to renew. My thanks to Santa Clara, San Mateo, Ventura, Orange and San Diego for taking their parts of the list to call. That only leaves me the rest of the state, and I am calling.

The Executive Committee voted to produce 50,000 glossy, multicolored brochures on the Libertarian Party. We are using the theme "Defenders of Liberty—Making a Difference in California." The brochure will highlight some elected Libertarians and how they are making a difference. Steve Alexander of Santa Clara County has been drafted (I mean, he volunteered) to write the brochure. He is also writing a letter that will go out to the 10,000 newest registered Libertarian voters.

I am truly optimistic about our party's near future. I would like to thank all the people who have gotten behind our efforts to double membership to over 4,000 this year. Based on what I've seen in my two months as chair, I think it's going to happen.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE By Dik Browne



LEYKIS TO RECEIVE LP MEDIA AWARD



TOM LEYKIS—AFTERNOONS KFI AM-640

The Libertarian Party of California's "Libertarianism in the Media" Award for 1990 will be presented to KFI Radio's Tom Leykis Show. Host Tom Leykis and producer Gregg Cockrell will be honored for airing numerous Libertarian candidates during the 1990 election campaign. Leykis's own views, as expressed on the show, are often similar to ours. The station is located in Los Angeles, but has 50,000 watts and can be heard all over the southwest.

There will be a gala banquet on **Saturday, June 22**, at the Pomona Valley Mining Company, 1777 Gillette Road, at the Dudley St. exit of the 10 Freeway, in Pomona. The event will come after the LPC's state executive committee meeting, to be held elsewhere in Pomona. The restaurant is in close proximity to Los Angeles and Orange Counties, plus the Inland Empire. A large crowd is expected since Leykis is well-known, and the event will be advertised.

Cost is \$30 for dinner and program (tax and tip included). There will be no separate program tickets sold. Time is 6:15 p.m. for cocktails, 7:15 p.m. for dinner, and 8:15 p.m. for the program. Expect a podium-thumping speech from the guest of honor, Tom Leykis. Former LPC Chair John Vernon will present the award.

Seating is limited, so please reserve right away. Send your check payable to Libertarian Party of California, c/o Gail Lightfoot, P. O. Box 3207, San Dimas, CA 91773. Please specify if you wish to have roast beef, turkey, or a vegetarian meal. For more information, call Gail at (714) 623-1117.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Libertarian Party of California's State Executive Committee met March 23 in Pomona. The following actions were taken or announced:

- * Chair **Pat Wright** reported that a mailing to 3,040 former members and high quality inquiries went out, urging them to join the LPC. This is the first step in fulfilling a goal of 4,000 members by the end of 1991. There are currently 2,001. The committee passed a resolution calling membership growth the party's highest priority.
- * The Operations Committee and Political Action Committee committed to run an anti-IRS television commercial, produced last year by party founder **David Nolan**, in the San Jose, Orange County, Los Angeles, and San Diego cable TV markets. Much of the money was raised for this purpose in 1990 but not spent. LPC telemarketers were assigned to raise the rest.
- * The 1992 state convention will be held at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach (Orange County) on February 14-17.
- * It will only cost members \$20 instead of \$25 to join the national LP if they pay these dues with their state LP dues. See the membership application of page 7 for details.
- * A new "household" membership was created. For \$35, two members of a single household can join the LPC, instead of paying individual dues totalling \$50. Only one newsletter will be sent to the household. Both must sign the pledge of non-initiation of force.

- * Two initiatives currently in circulation—FIJA (Fully Informed Jury Amendment) and the California Hemp Initiative—were endorsed unanimously.
- * Three additional Libertarians are holding public office: **Lundy Moore** is a member of the Morgan Hill School District Board in Santa Clara County, **Mark King** is a member of the Carpinteria City Council in Santa Barbara County, and **Mike Earle** is a member of the planning commission in the same city. More details will be reported in the future.

FUNERAL SET FOR BILL OF RIGHTS

Last month we reported that Southern California Libertarians would mourn the steady demise of the Bill of Rights on **Saturday, May 11** at the Shrine Auditorium, 649 W. Jefferson Blvd., in Los Angeles. We will meet there at 9:00 a.m. Funeral or mourning clothes are suggested. At 10:00 a.m. we will view an actual copy of the Bill of Rights, on loan from the Virginia State Archives. 200 spaces have been reserved, so bring your family and friends. There is no charge.

Following this, there will be a brunch nearby at Margarita Jones Restaurant, 3760 S. Figueroa St. The program will include supporters of presidential contenders Andre Marrou and Dick Boddie extolling the virtues of their candidates. Cost for brunch and program is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Cost for program only is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. For reservations, call (213) 465-3445, extension 208, and send your check to LPC-SFV, 6324 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028.

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REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP

by Rick Wiggins

Before we can regain rights in America, we must maintain the ones we have. Reproductive rights are being fought for in the courts and on the streets of California. Operation Rescue, a fanatical anti-abortion organization headed by Randall Terry, blockades and occupies clinics where abortions and other women's services are performed. Their tactics include assault, property damage, and theft of equipment and files.

The Clinic Defense Alliance is an organization that prevents Operation Rescue from closing the clinics they "hit." You can do something vital, up-close, and personal for self-determination by helping the Alliance and identifying yourself as a Libertarian at a clinic defense operations.

Clinics are targeted for closure every few weeks in California, with Mother's Day (May 12) a favorite time for Operation Rescue to run amok. If you want to help defend your local clinic in Southern California, call (213) 651-1000 for a recorded message. In the Bay Area, call BACOR at (415) 626-5510. Don't forget to wear your Libertarian buttons! See you there. **CLNews**

BAJADA'S JOB THREATENED BY BALLOT ARGUMENT

Anthony G. Bajada, 1990 Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor, is a lecturer on the music faculty at California State University in Los Angeles. He was also one of three Libertarians to sign ballot arguments against Proposition 121 (June 1990) and Proposition 143 (November 1990). Since these were bond measures to finance projects of the California State University system (among others), the university administration was not pleased by his opposition.

Since Mr. Bajada supposedly has a right to freedom of speech, he was attacked in a backhanded manner. After he filed for Lt. Governor, he got permission from the associate dean to use "University Professor" on the ballot as his occupation, even though he is not a tenured professor. (The title "professor" is customary in dealing with university faculty and Assistant Professors and Associate Professors are usually addressed that way.) The problem arose after Bajada signed the ballot argument against Proposition 121 last June as "Professor of Music, California State University, Los Angeles" and then proceeded to attack the university administration.

Mr. Bajada was then told in no uncertain terms to call himself "Lecturer" instead of "Professor" in the future. But through an oversight, his argument against Proposition 143 appeared in November with his title again listed as "Professor." Because of this, a letter of censure was placed in his personnel file, which could hurt his chances for future promotions or even employment at the campus. So far, his demand that the reprimand be removed has been rejected by the university president, James Rosser. Mr. Bajada is appealing. He is also continuing to speak out against waste and incompetence in the California State University system. **CLNews**

NEWS BRIEFS

- * On April 1, ten pipe bombs were launched towards the regional IRS center in Fresno from a nearby field. One landed on the roof of the sprawling collection of buildings. No one was injured. Said William Vizzard, agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, "I think you can assume it is some kind of message to the IRS. What we're looking at is someone possibly who doesn't like the IRS." No one has claimed responsibility.
- * The Wilson Administration has unveiled a plan to create a California Environmental Protection Agency, which would regulate air and water pollution, control garbage and toxic waste disposal, and evaluate threats to the environment. The agency would be headed by a Cabinet-level secretary, who would become "a single point of accountability" for the health of the environment. Sierra Club lobbyist Gordon Hart called the plan a "very positive step forward." Wilson's plan will be submitted to the Little Hoover Commission, a government watchdog agency, and then to the Legislature. The agency will be created *unless it is rejected* by the Assembly or Senate.
- * William Bennett (no, not the former drug czar), a 73 year old Marin County Democrat who has served on the State Board of Equalization since 1970, has been charged with 23 felony counts of filing false expense claims. Bennett, who is known as a "fiery advocate of clean government," is accused of billing taxpayers for lodging and travel costs that had nothing to do with state business.
- * Men should have to pay a "sexual abuse" tax to help women and children who become victims, says Baerbel Tewes, a Socialist member of the German parliament. The tax would fund homes for women and children and self-help groups, and should be levied "to repair the lifelong damage inflicted by men."

NOTABLE QUOTE

"Spurred into action by the Milli Vanilli scandal, Assemblyman Bob Epple (D-Norwalk) has introduced a bill that would require promoters to warn concertgoers of performers who intend to lip synch. Certainly, we'll all be able to sleep better once it passes. But why stop there? How about a law requiring legislators to disclose whether they're merely mouthing the wishes of big campaign contributors?"

—Steve Harvey,
"Only in L. A.," Los Angeles Times

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SAN LUIS OBISPO LIBERTARIANS TAKE THE TOWN BY STORM

Three years ago the San Luis Obispo County Libertarian Party had three or four members and was virtually unknown. Now there are 22 members, and two of them have been quite active in promoting liberty in that pleasant Central Coast county. **Ron Bearce** and **Gary Kunkel** have chosen their issues well and have gained the wrath of the political powers that be.

The most important issue locally is water, or rather, the lack thereof. San Luis Obispo, like Santa Barbara, is not tied into the state water system. Politicians in both cities have used the water issue to limit growth. For five years the citizens of San Luis Obispo (pop. 50,000) have suffered from water rationing, while political leaders refused to look for alternative sources of water.

Bearce and Kunkel responded with the Water Action to Eliminate Rationing (W. A. T. E. R.) initiative, and collected more signatures than any other petition in the city's history. The initiative called for cutting back on rationing and requiring the city to develop other water sources, including purchase of water from the private sector. The measure appeared on the city ballot on April 9. Just before the election, the mayor called for eliminating rationing and got two other council members (a majority) to agree. Largely because the primary goal of the initiative was undercut by the city fathers, the measure lost 77% to 23%. Ron Bearce worries that the politicians will return to rationing now that the election is over.

On August 2, 1990 this same city council passed what was and still is the nation's most restrictive smoking law. It was basically unenforced until Bearce filed an initiative to exempt bars and businesses with separate smoking rooms from its provisions. The police were then dispatched to four local businesses where they cited employees who "allowed" patrons to smoke. Pattie Etchart, a bartender and a grandmother, will go on trial June 4.

Unlike most smoking ban opponents, Bearce and Kunkel are non-smokers who oppose cigarette smoking but support private business and Constitutional rights. They are rejecting tobacco company money and support from "smokers' rights" groups. In fact, the two are going statewide with a group called Californians for Fair Laws. Gary Kunkel traveled to Walnut Creek in Contra Costa County recently to testify against that city's proposed anti-smoking law. Unfortunately, the draconian measure was passed, but Kunkel's efforts led to bars and some restaurants being exempt. The Walnut Creek law is more restrictive in other ways, though, such as banning cigarette vending machines.

The Bearce/Kunkel coalition has gone county-wide as well, filing an Affordable Housing Initiative. Signatures are now being collected for a measure that would reduce building permit fees by about \$10,000 per unit from the current \$20,000. This comes at a time when the county supervisors want to raise the same fees by \$5,000 per unit for roads and bus stops.

Atascadero Libertarians **Gary Kirkland** and **Howard Dilbeck** (county chair) are working to overturn the county's fireworks ban, passed last year by a 3-2 vote. Lobbying continues, and the Board of Supervisors may change its mind in the near future (hopefully before July 4!).

Back in the city of San Luis Obispo, the Libertarian duo are also trying to have three of the five city council members recalled. This, added to the water and smoking initiatives, has resulted in a backlash. The council has acted to close down Ron Bearce's glassblowing business which he runs from his home. There had been no problems with zoning before, but the city has suddenly taken a great interest in shutting down the business. In Bearce's behalf, at least 500 citizens have sent letters to the city supporting his longstanding family business.

Meanwhile, the LP continues to grow in San Luis Obispo. 250 new Libertarians have been registered in the last six months alone. The local newspaper, the *Telegram-Tribune*, has printed stories about Bearce and Kunkel, identifying them as active Libertarians. Bearce claims to have saved the taxpayers over \$30 million with his opposition to government boondoggles over the years. He has run twice for city council, almost winning in 1987. He and Kunkel are now publishing "The Central Coast News and Commentary," a monthly publication designed to educate people about local issues.

To join Californians for Fair Laws or to subscribe to the publication, contact Ron Bearce at P. O. Box 4134, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403, or phone (805) 541-2615. **CLNews**



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

People pay more attention to an authority than to a person who is not. Therefore, when dealing with the press or other groups, use the best title for yourself that you can.

All dues-paying LPC members may sign after their name, "Member, County Central Committee, Libertarian Party of California" or "Member, State Central Committee, Libertarian Party of California." A county chair or some other officer may use their titles. If you are working on behalf of a candidate, you are, at the very least, an aide.

You can get creative to fit the issue. In Los Angeles, we created a "Subcommittee on Military Policy" to issue press releases on the war. If you come up with any others, please pass them on. Have fun!

Jerry Collette
Sherman Oaks

Editor:

I first met Dick Boddie as a customer (he frequents my small business and often amuses my other customers with his ready impersonations of celebrities and politicians). Through the years, we became friends. I didn't know his political affiliation, and I didn't care what it was. I just liked the kind of man he is—unwaveringly true to himself and to his beliefs. *That's rare!*

It was this past fall, though, that I decided that I not only want him as friend and customer; I want him as a leader. After the U. S. armed Saddam Hussein, allowed him to invade Kuwait and then backed him into a corner demanding from him and the rest of the world that he bend to our *exact* dictates, my activist spirit was afire.

I wrote. I studied. I listened. And I learned that Dick Boddie, a Libertarian (whatever that was), was also a peace activist like Ramsey Clark, Tony Russo, and Dr. Jack Kent. They are all heroes in the true sense because they had the courage to continue to speak for peace rather than applaud the actions of a man who had the courage (?) to "make that tough decision" and send other men and women to kill and to die.

Through my activities as a peace activist, I was exposed to varied political views, the Libertarian view being one of them. I was interested because of my own extremely independent nature and my belief that men and women will do what is best for themselves without intervention and that they have the absolute right to do just that. I went to a Libertarian Party meeting. I talked to Dick, who gave me Robert Ringer's *Restoring the American Dream* to read. And I realized, as Dick told me I would, that I was born a Libertarian.

I'm a journalist by avocation and am presently finishing an interview of Dick Boddie for *Elan* magazine. The publishers of *Elan* are libertarian, and the magazine is circulated internationally, so I look forward to the publicity for Dick and the party.

I have also volunteered to work on Dick's presidential campaign. I share with Dick and other Libertarians a dedication to liberty, to tomorrow, and to the ultimate victory of the human spirit.

Jere' Whitney
Huntington Beach

(Editors note: A number of people have written letters in support of Dick Boddie's presidential candidacy. CL News will have features on both Dick and Andre Marrou before the national convention.)

INFORMED JURY ADVOCATES NEED YOU

Last year we reported that Chuck Bower, a 70 year old resident of Amador County, was arrested and charged with "jury tampering." His "crime" was handing out information to prospective jurors outside the county courthouse. The literature advised them of their right to judge the law in a criminal case, not just the facts. The Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA) initiative is currently circulating, with the goal of informing all citizens of these rights.

Now it's *deja vu* all over again. Dixie Hawks, a registered Libertarian from Oroville (Butte County), is also charged with "jury tampering" for passing out fully informed jury leaflets at the local courthouse. In this case, though, Ms. Hawks' own son was to stand trial on a minor drug charge. Her own case will be heard soon in Municipal Court.

Chuck Bower, happily, was acquitted of his "tampering" charge by a judge who upheld his First Amendment rights. We hope Ms. Hawks will fare as well. Mr. Bower is a strong supporter of the U. S. Constitution and is now looking for someone else to carry on his long-running fight against the court system.

Mr. Bower has many years of research at his fingertips and an untold number of personal experiences to share with a spunky and intelligent person ready to take on this battle. Anyone interested in learning how to use this peaceful means to regain personal freedoms should contact Chuck Bower at P. O. Box 457, Pine Grove, CA 95665, or call (209) 296-4452.

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LIBERTARIANS SAY GATES MUST GO

On April 6, the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County passed a motion calling for Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates' resignation or removal. The Green Party and the Peace & Freedom Party have already made the same demand. A press release sent to the local media stressed our opposition to the police brutality that stems from Gates' intolerant and bigoted attitude. His past remarks, such as saying all casual drug users should be shot, were cited as well. The LP also endorsed a petition drive that began April 10 for Los Angeles voters to remove the chief under a loophole in the city charter.

A surprising development in the Gates saga came from a former Libertarian. Llewellyn Rockwell, president of the Ludwig Von Mises Institute and a former member of the Libertarian National Committee, quit the LP last year to found the new "U. S. Taxpayers Party," which holds fairly libertarian views (except for so-called "moral" issues). Rockwell is sometimes published on the op-ed page of the Los Angeles Times, usually making points for freedom, but on March 10 his column lauded police beatings and due process violations as an acceptable part of the war against urban terror. He wrote glowingly of the 1950s, when

the police always operated on this principle: No matter the vagaries of the court system, a mugger or rapist knew he faced a trouncing—proportionate to the offense and the offender—in the back of the paddy wagon, and maybe even a repeat performance at the station house.

Apparently the LAPD's beating of Rodney King is just fine with Rockwell. He wrote, "Did they hit him too many times? Sure, but that's not the issue. It's safe streets versus urban terror, and why we have moved from one to the other." Rockwell concluded, "As a **libertarian**, I can't agree (with a gun ban). I am, however, beginning to wonder about video cameras." Thanks for the linking of libertarianism and state violence for over a million readers to see!

I have known many libertarians. I have served with many libertarians. Mr. Rockwell, you are no libertarian. We (libertarians) heartily support the Bill of Rights. We believe that a suspect is innocent until proven guilty. We oppose police brutality, which is merely criminal activity under the color of authority. Several Libertarians wrote to the Times to refute Rockwell's tommyrot, including your editor. Former Chair John Vernon's letter was published, emphasizing that there was nothing "libertarian" about Rockwell's position and explaining our commitment to civil liberties.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION DATES CLARIFIED

We correctly reported last month that the Libertarian Party's 1991 Presidential Nominating Convention will be held August 29 through September 5 in Chicago. A notice was sent to elected delegates that the convention would be held the following weekend, September 5-8. Please disregard that notice. The convention is always held on Labor Day weekend, and 1991 is no exception. For more information, contact "Liberty Triumphant," P.O. Box 0848, Chicago, IL 60690, or call (708) 475-0391.

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