

California Libertarian News

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“Trust Me,” Says Wm. Bennett

Libertarians and Allies Say No!

LOS ANGELES: Over 100 Libertarians and their allies showed up October 7 in front of the Federal Building in Westwood, near UCLA, to protest the government's *jihad* against drugs and civil liberties. They carried white roses, in honor of the WWII anti-Nazi student underground group, Die Weise Rose.



Joining the LPC in speaking out against the Drug War were Bruce Margolin of NORML; Chris Conrad, Business Alliance for Commerce in Hemp; Lynn Osburn, American Hemp Council; and Jerry Rubin, Alliance for Survival. Libertarian spokespersons included the protest organizer Neal Donner, Ted Brown, John Vernon, Kim Goldsworthy, and Howard Johnson (Region 64); perhaps the most graphic was Chris Hofland (Region 62) with his evaluation of the arguments used by the Drug Warlords to promote the ongoing assault against individual liberty.

“This is the kind of stuff you can expect from Washington these days,” Chris told the delighted crowd, as he waved a plastic baggy of “evidence,” collected at a local riding stable. The crowd cheered, cameras clicked and whirled.

Media response, though slight, was favorable over all. We were on Channel 2 (CBS) and Channel 4 (NBC), at least briefly, and a couple of local channels, too. The *L.A. Times* gave us 10 inches of column space. However, we were upstaged by the March on Washington, so our time on the six o'clock news, as well as coverage in the papers, was cut.

Spinoff from the demonstration includes numerous inquiries about the Libertarian Party, particularly from the UCLA community (good write-up in the *Daily Bruin*, too), and Neal Donner was invited to be on several radio talk shows. Neal was also interviewed for 30 minutes by KPFK, a local public radio station, and this will be incorporated into a documentary they're making. Most importantly, liason has now been established between the LPC and some major anti-Drug War activist groups.



The white roses, which were featured so prominently can be carried at other protests. Thanks go to Frances Planner, of Region 62, who learned that fresh white roses are not easy to

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We Need You

If you are among those receiving this newsletter who are not registered to vote in the Libertarian Party (it's estimated that as much as a quarter of the readership is not), PLEASE take a couple of minutes to fill out the enclosed registration form. It's pre-addressed and post-paid. Just fill it out and drop it in the mail. If you aren't sure whether you're registered, or if you've moved, be on the safe side and send it in.

If you are registered, use the form to sign up someone else. Ask your friends, relatives and business contacts to register. Tell them that third parties need to be on the ballot to offer the public a choice and a real presentation of issues. If you need more forms, call (707) 994-4817, or write Libertarian Voter Registration Project, P.O. Box 684, Lower Lake, 95457.

News and Events from the Regions

Town Council Race

Greta Bickford, Marin County co-chair, is relatively optimistic about her chances of winning a seat on the Corte Madera town council. She's garnered the endorsement of mayor Sandra Marker, the Board of Realtors' PAC, and the Builders Exchange, an association of homeowners concerned about property rights. Greta is promoting the idea of encouraging small to medium scale private transit rather than raising the sales tax, as a means of solving the town's transportation dilemma, and has made clear she will oppose any raise in the sales tax.



Celebrations

Thompson Campaign Kickoffs

Two Southern California fundraisers are scheduled for Dennis Thompson to kick-off his campaign in L.A. and Orange counties. Bring fellow Libertarians, friends and befuddled opponents for refreshments and convivial politicking. Now's the chance to meet Dennis, hear his ideas and learn the campaign plans.

The first is Oct. 28, (too late for this issue) in Los Angeles; the next is the following Saturday, November 4, at the LPC-Orange County office, from 3-6 p.m., 149 Broadway, in Costa Mesa.

Champion of Liberty Awards Banquet

It's the last chance to sign up for the Champion of Liberty Awards Dinner, which will be at the Beverly Garland Hotel near Universal Studios, on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 7-10 p.m. This awards/fundraising banquet is hosted by Region 61 and will honor Jim Lewis, LPC Field Coordinator and LP vice-presidential candidate in 1984. Proceeds from the dinner will go to participating regions and to Region 61. The cost is \$55/person, or \$100 for two. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a dressy, upbeat libertarian evening, and make a much needed contribution to the work of the LPC. To make a reservation mail your payment to: Champion of Liberty Dinner, P.O. Box 547, Reseda, 91335.

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It's a Girl!

Roy and Judy Shimp are proud parents of a lovely, lively baby girl, Taureanna Marina, born September 29, just past midnight. Birth weight: 9 lb, 10 oz. Everyone's doing fine. Congratulations to Roy and Judy, and hello to Taureanna.

State Office Closed

The LPC and the Santa Clara County, which shared an office on The Alameda in San Jose, have lost the lease. The question is very much up in the air as to where the state office should be located and how the staffing will be handled (matters to be discussed at the upcoming excom meeting), but Santa Clara County has relocated to a new address: 3249 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 207, San Jose, 95117. Their telephone is the same, (408) 243-2711; and the BBS will soon be installed with its present number (408) 243-1933.

For this issue, and perhaps the next, *CLNews* will use the old address in order to assure forwarding of copies.

Here and There

REGION 67 (East San Gabriel Valley): Volunteers are needed for the LPC booth at the Gun Show, Nov. 3-5, L.A. County Fairgrounds in Pomona. The focus of effort will be to register voters — Libertarian. Plans include handing out literature to all vendors and as many attendees as possible. This is a huge event: 7.5 miles of tables, 4,900 tables. For details about location of booth, parking, admission costs, etc., contact Gail Lightfoot, (714) 623-1117.

ORANGE COUNTY: Roger Bloxham is producing a monthly, half-hour issues-and-answers program for local public access television. Anyone interested in participating should call Roger, (714) 642-2002. Participants so far include David Bergland, David Nolan and Jack Dean.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY: local libertarians are fighting a proposed sales tax increase which will be voted on in November. The purpose of the increase is, ostensibly, to fix the roads, and it's being pushed by contractors and public works associations. Chair Bob Bakhaus has formed the opposition group STOPP (Sales Taxes Oppress Poor People), and he reports: "The measure stands a good chance of being defeated. We've been getting good press, and even the various liberal groups are against it, though for other reasons."

FRESNO COUNTY: chair John Graham is developing a new idea for newsletters in low-membership counties. Sometime soon he hopes to start putting out a four-page newsletter to contain general coverage for Mariposa, Fresno, Merced and Stanislaus counties. Each subscribing county can then put more specific local news on an insert page. "That way," says John, "counties without a large membership or registration base can have a newsletter without each one having to assume the entire cost of production." For more details, John can be reached at (209) 275-6220.

San Diego Libertarian in Governor's Race

The 1990 gubernatorial election is a year away, but San Diego's Dennis Thompson has already entered the race, with a swing through Northern California this summer. So far he is the only declared LPC candidate.

On August 7, he spoke at a city council meeting in Clearlake, having learned that the howling dogs of that Lake Co. city were demanding the resignation of Libertarian vice-mayor Bill Struthers. (See August *CLNews* for background, and this issue for update.)

While on the North Coast, he met with Libertarians in Marin and Mendocino counties, addressed the Northern California ACLU annual convention, and was interviewed on radio and TV and by the press.

"Libertarians run on principles," he told the *Ukiah Daily Journal*, "Other candidates run to acquire power." In that same interview Dennis stressed the importance of the right of ownership of property, especially as it applies to environmental issues, explaining that problems arise when land and resources are not privately owned, since no one

then has an incentive to preserve and use wisely. "The best stewards of property are the owners," he observed.

As for education, Dennis recalled how he took his son out of public school because the boy "learned to lie, cheat and steal there." Citizens, he said, should have a choice on where they send their children for education and on what they are taught in school.

On the drug issue, he pointed out, "The very laws themselves have created this economic incentive to push drugs. . . The government has no right to tell me what I can or cannot put into my body, whether it is a Big Mac, a bucket of hogwash, or marijuana."

Dennis (50) is a seasoned candidate, having run twice for the 44th Congressional District seat. He won the Sons of Liberty Award for outstanding presentation of libertarian ideas during the 1988 campaign.

Dennis holds a B.S. in electrical engineering and an M.S. in operations research. He is president of Epicom, Inc. in San Diego, a computer software development and time sharing service

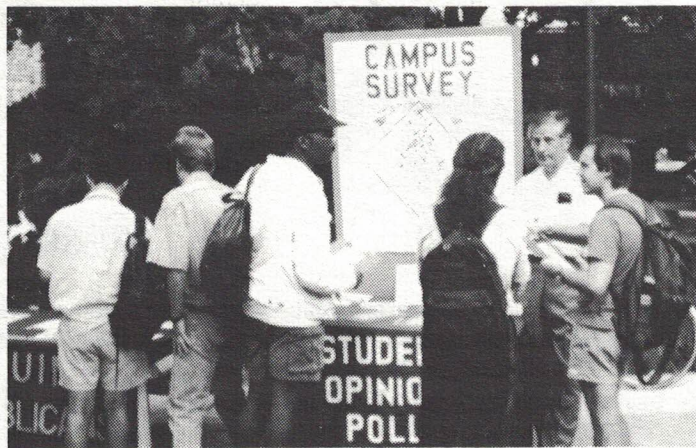


for accountants. Married, he and his wife Donna have two children.

For more information or to help, Dennis can be contacted at 3647 Fairmount Ave., San Diego, 92105; tele: (619) 283-6213. Checks should be made payable to Thompson for Governor Campaign.

Surveying the Campus Survey

John Vernon



Every once in a while, people discover something that works so well they have to ask themselves why nobody thought of it before. Such is the case with Jim Lewis' current activity on college campuses. Jim is conducting a campus survey, using the newly revised blue Diamond Chart, which has been adapted from the Nolan Chart, via Marshall Fritz and others.

When asked questions like, "Whose decision should it be — yours or the government's — whether or not you wear a seatbelt or a helmet, smoke dope, buy a pornographic book, play cards for money, own a gun or pay for sex?" over 58 percent of the hundreds of students surveyed thus far have scored in the libertarian quadrant.

At UC Santa Barbara, LPC county chair Robert Bakhaus,

who assisted Jim Lewis in surveying 138 students, had this to say about it:

"I think this is the most subtle, powerful and effective initiator of dialogue I've seen. You can have a display of Ayn Rand books, and the thickness of the books will turn people off. You can have a voter registration booth, and people will be turned-off because it is for active voters only; or those who are already registered won't come up because they think they don't need to. Or you can have a tax protest demonstration which turns off almost everybody except the anti-tax people. But nobody is turned off by the opportunity to effect a public opinion poll. Everybody wants to participate in one. Everybody wants to put in their two cents worth."

The amazing thing about this approach is that it does not require any aggressive solicitation on the part of volunteers. Students often line up to be first to take the survey, before Jim has even finished setting up the table. They approach spontaneously, one by one or in groups, and those who may never have heard the word before that day go away proudly identifying themselves as "libertarian." The great thing about the survey is that it eliminates the need to argue people into becoming libertarian. All we have to do is help them discover that they already are.

I have sent a letter to the regional and county chairs informing them that Jim Lewis will be calling them when he is in their area to do campus work. We need volunteers to work with him, both to learn how to give the survey and to take care of the follow-up activity of getting hot prospects on a mailing list and registering those who are ready to take that

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ExCom Meeting

The LPC Executive Committee will meet in Arroyo Grande (12 miles south of San Luis Obispo on U.S. 101) the weekend of November 12-13. Please check with Gail Lightfoot for information about hotel accommodations. P.O. Box 3207, San Dimas, 91773; (714) 623-1117. Also, Gail should be contacted if you have agenda item suggestions, such as resolutions, proposals, etc. These should be in writing for consideration by members well ahead of time, not sprung on them the day of the meeting.

National Committee Meeting: Coming up December 2-3 is the Nat-Com meeting in San Diego. The two-day meeting will include an evening Community Forum/Debate on Drug Re-Legalization. All events will be at the Clarion Hotel, 2223 El Cajon, San Diego, 92114; (619) 296-2101 for reservations. \$55/night, single or double.

Clearlake Politics Heat Up

Randall Grindle

A committee to disincorporate the city of Clearlake has been formed in which Libertarian vice-mayor Bill Struthers and myself are leaders. It's called One United Territory (OUT) and consists of over three dozen people. A consultant was hired to prepare the necessary public petition to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), the first step in the process.

The idea is to replace city government with a county service district strictly limited to road and police service. It's the peoples' response to redevelopment, and we have generated a dozen letters in the local papers on this issue. The Clearlake *Observer* is setting up a four-part "op-ed" debate between Struthers and city manager Obermeyer on redevelopment.

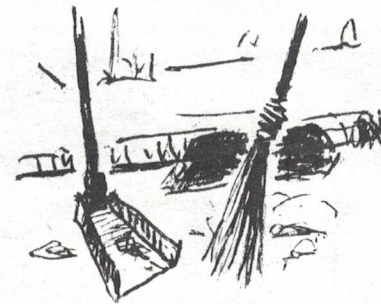
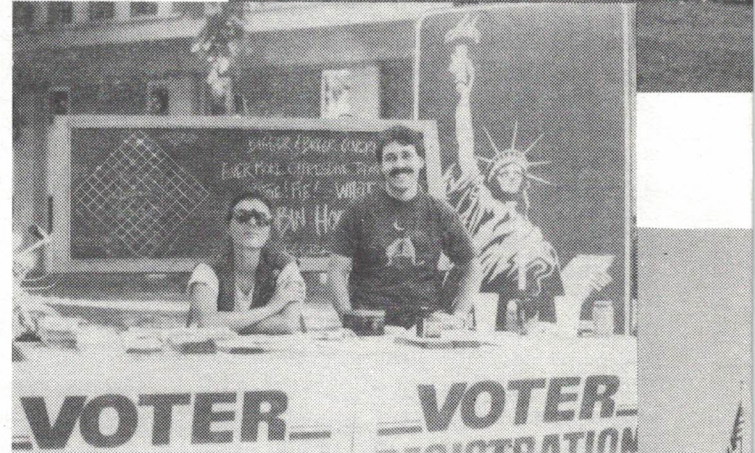
We are doing a fund-raising raffle and pot luck dinner, and have raised over \$800 for the committee so far. Other Libertarians interested in similar disincorporation efforts should contact me at (707) 994-4817 for copies of the petition form and information on the legal procedure required.

Editor's Update: Randy reports that the petitions have hit the streets, with over 300 signatures collected the first weekend — about one quarter the necessary number.

However, another petition is also being circulated, one to recall Bill Struthers. The Aug. 7 city council meeting, at which Dennis Thompson spoke, featured a demand that Bill resign since he "failed to foster respect for government." — honest, that was one of the actual charges. The audience jeered at this attempt to unseat him. Undaunted, Clearlake resident Edith Martin has launched a recall drive. An indefatigable letter writer, Ms. Martin is noted for her letters to the editor in which she vilifies Bill Struthers, champions the cause of redevelopment and urges opponents to get out of the way of progress.

Photo Captions

1. Watch the birdie — Libertarians line up for picture at Anti-Drug War Protest. *Photo by Neal Donner.*
2. Jessica Strock and Butte Co. activist Tim Cullen staff the booth at Robin Hood Days in Chico. *Photo by Mark Sweany.*
3. Chris Conrad (l) and Lynn Osburn, from the American Hemp Council, explain the many important pharmaceutical, environmental and commercial benefits of hemp. *Photo by Judy Osburn, archivist for the American Hemp Council.*
4. Jim Lewis at UC Santa Barbara campus. *Photo, John Vernon.*



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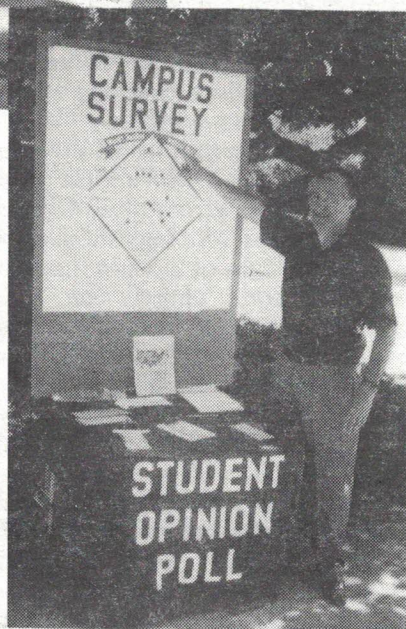


Fed up with professional politicians entrenched in Sacramento? Want to strike a mortal blow? Sweep them out with Operation New Broom.

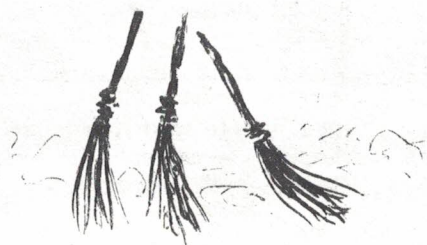
A coalition of some 20 taxpayer groups has submitted the Citizens Representation Act of 1990 initiative for the November 1990 ballot. It calls for a two-term limit on all state elective offices including the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, controller, insurance commissioner, and the entire board of equalization.

It also ends the pension system and sticks them with Social Security like the rest of us are.

Signature gatherers will begin collecting the needed signatures in early December, with the goal set for one-million. Foremost among the groups who have joined in Operation New Broom is Call To Action, the lobbying group headed by our own Bruce Daniel, state organizer for the Ron Paul campaign last year and long-time libertarian. It will be CTA's first all-out effort. Money is urgently needed now,



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along with your strong right arm later. Please send \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 or more along with your name and phone number to: Call To Action, PO Box 165, Loomis, 95650.

This drive should get a lot of attention. Politicians are already beginning to scream. The newspapers are sure to pontificate. And the public will bowl us over in eagerness to sign. This will be a very fun holiday season because we expect to gather a third of the required signatures during the holiday shopping rush. Won't you join us now.

Michael is one of the founding members of Call To Action and an LPC activist in Alameda County.

Background Note:

Call to Action made its debut at the LPC Convention in February, and set as one of its primary goals the limitation of terms of legislators and other elected officials. Networking efforts were initiated and these are paying off. The Coalition for Limited Terms, or Operation New Broom, is making its kick-off news media event in Sacramento on Oct. 26.

Notes on Voter Registration

Neal Donner reports a definite upswing in registration just in the past few months. In L.A. County, since February, we've gained about 252 registrants — from 12,334 to 12,586. That's an increase of two-percent: Neither P&F or AIP have gained that much, at least not in L.A. County. "The long trend of decrease in LPC registration seems over," says Neal, "Now it's on an upswing. We have turned it around."

Registration efforts continue elsewhere in the state, with Butte County reporting it is right on target with its original goal of doubling the number of registrants — perhaps the only county that is on target. How do they do it? Chair Jessica Strock and two or three other activists go out every weekend to a local swapmeet or other activity and sign people up. Recently, they worked a full weekend at a local festival, Robin Hood Days (photo this page).

In Ventura County activists tried a door-to-door approach with good results. Here is chair Aaron Starr's account he wrote for the newsletter, *Ventura County Libertarian*.

LP Outreach in Ventura County

Aaron Starr

Bob Chatenever, one of our many hardworking activists came up with an ambitious untried idea in late August. A large number or residents in an unincorporated area of North Ventura County near the city of Ventura were angry over a proposed homeless shelter in their neighborhood. Allegedly, the city of Ventura agreed to rezone a nearby area if the developer would build a homeless shelter. Though Libertarians do not object to private charities building homeless shelters, we do oppose the local government extorting a homeless shelter out of a local property owner.

Armed with this information, Bob Chatenever, Aaron Starr and Bob Jay went door-to-door to register voters in a small area near the proposed shelter. We talked about how we were opposed to what the city was trying to do to their neighborhood and how we wanted to help in their fight by speaking out a city council meeting. So what was the result of talking to 50 people in only a few hours? How does seven new registered Libertarians sound?!

Voter Registration in Namibia

Seven here, 10 there — it's adding up. Indeed, Libertarians and the LPC are doing very well. But as so often happens, a few are doing the bulk of the work. For those who say they have no time, this little item from the *L.A. Weekly*, is something to think about.

Namibia is the new country that was formerly a colony of South Africa. It is just getting started as a nation, and already activists of the Left are flying there to register voters — and you *know* they don't mean Libertarian. The *L.A. Weekly* applauds this "unprecedented step" by the Washington D.C. group, Project Vote! (founded 1982), which hires organizers to recruit volunteers, who then go to the inner cities to register voters. According to Doug Tanner, deputy director of the Namibia effort, the group has an *85-percent turn out rate* for those voters it registers who receive the standard follow-up phone calls (emphasis added). Only a cynic might wonder about what is said to a possibly indifferent registrant during those "standard" phone calls.

Earthquake — Government Slippage?

Michael McCarthy

Is there a libertarian lesson in the aftermath of the recent Bay Area earthquake? This is not a morbid, self-absorbed political question. After such a disaster it is natural and necessary to ask who or what is to blame, and what, if anything, could have been done to minimize the damage and avert tragedy. What actions could have been taken?

While the public and press immediately think of government action, I think of how the government's ownership of highways and bridges in fact ensures that in a disaster things will necessarily be worse than they would be if these arteries were privately owned.

Nobody who has ever driven the Cyprus extension of the Nimitz Freeway in Oakland is surprised that it collapsed as it did; it looked as if it would topple in a strong breeze. Why didn't "they" do something about that? Because the freeway is government-built and government-owned — which means decisions about managing it are both political and bureaucratic. A private entity would have to trade off concerns about liability (reinforced by their insurance company) against available long-term resources, not to mention the financial loss should the highway collapse and thereby cease bringing in revenue. The Caltrans bureaucracy has no direct liability concerns. After all, suits will be paid for by the taxpayers, and none of the bureaucrats will be charged with anything unless criminal acts like bribery and use of bad concrete are proved. They suffer no revenue loss with the highway down since there is no toll on it anyway; in fact, they will no doubt get more state and federal funding to repair the damage and, possibly, to reinforce other highways they identify as dangerous. They don't worry about loss of reputation as a business problem, the way a private concern would, because they can't go out of business.

Now, the public and the media will focus attention on the possibilities of corruption and incompetence; but I suggest you avoid such easy targets. Corruption is not the main problem with government bureaucracies. True, a government

bureaucracy suffers no threat of competition, no danger of going out of business, no lost profit opportunity, all of which are the long-term punishments for a business which allows corruption and incompetence too free a rein.

The real problem with government management of any resource like highways and bridges is the lack of effective feedback mechanisms: i.e., punishments that control and reduce the impact of the natural ineptness, clumsiness, stupidity, cupidity, corruption, incompetence, laziness, lapses of judgment, ill will, and lack of follow-through that are the earmarks of every business in every industry, and the rewards that encourage far-sightedness, planning, saving money, effort and lives, checking assumption, checking back to see if predictions are working out, efficiency, and all those other virtues that constitute effective management.

Even if filled with uncorruptible people interested in doing a good day's work, government bureaucracy is incapable, in the long run, of performing as well as private enterprise. It is one of the bad signs of modern times that the media and the public concentrate entirely on trying to ensure that bureaucrats are honest, well-funded, and possessed of sufficient authority to force the "public" will on the recalcitrant. Ignored is the public-choice analysis that analyzes the feedback loops and punishment/reward systems that are a far more important determiner of performance.

One of our jobs as supporters of the free market is to persuade people that a healthy private market in highways and bridges will be safer and more trustworthy than the system of government monopoly over transportation. That the kinds of massive problems associated with transportation in this state are unheard of in the private sector is not because highways are somehow unique, but because they are controlled by government. When highways collapse and bridges fall, it isn't nature that should be blamed. Nature didn't build them — man did. In this case, bureaucratic man.

Surveying the Survey

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step. Please contact your local chair and let him or her know that you would like to make yourself available for this activity.

Jim is adapting the survey for non-student audiences at swapmeets, fairs, gun shows and other locations where there is a great deal of foot traffic. Many of these events take place on weekends when it is easier for Libertarians who work during the week to staff a survey table. Most of the student work is done on weekdays when classes are in session.

The survey is already drawing interest from campus newspapers: the *UCLA Daily Bruin* ran an article on the survey the same day it covered the anti-drug-war protest in Westwood.

The campus survey is being used effectively to locate students with clear libertarian leanings on every campus where Jim can gain admittance. From these contacts he is identifying several per campus who are willing to help organize a campus student group to carry on the work of spreading the libertarian message among students. It is our goal to have the local regional party organization provide support and communication with the student groups in its area, so that when the students have finished their education, they will continue to be part of Libertarian Party activity.

Funding is still not complete for the Field Coordinator

Project. I invite you to send your pledges and contributions to: Dave Maxwell, Treasurer, LPC Field Coordinator Project, 1411 Donohue Dr., San Jose, 95131.

Drug War Protest

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find this time of year, so she donated a huge box of artificial ones — enough for everyone.

Now a word from the Drug Tsar himself: According to Reuters (June 19), when he appeared as a guest on CNN's *Larry King Live* call-in television show, William J. Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, told a nationwide audience he had no moral qualms about beheading convicted drug dealers. "Morally, I don't have any problem with that at all," he said, when asked if he would support execution by beheading as a deterrent. But, he admitted, although it is "morally plausible" it is legally difficult. Then he added, "I mean, ask most Americans: if they saw somebody out on the street selling drugs to their kid, what they would feel morally justified in doing — tear them limb from limb. *There's no moral problem there. I used to teach ethics — trust me.*"

Mr. Bennett, you gotta be kidding!

For Your Information

Changes

Liberty Forum's New Schedule

Liberty Forum, the Orange County-based supper club, is switching to a quarterly meeting schedule. Founded by Jack Dean in 1979, LFSC is one of the oldest, continuously operating supper clubs in the movement, with 10 meetings a year. The list of past speakers is a veritable Who's Who of libertarianism: David Bergland, Robert Poole, Ed Clark, Bob LeFevre, and on, and on.

The directors would like to begin bringing in speakers from outside the Southern California area, which takes money for travel, lodging, and perhaps small speaker fees. Also, they're planning more outreach for each event, and that means greater costs for mailing lists, printing, and postage. Hence the change to a quarterly format.

Dates will be the third Thursday in October, January, and April; plus a special event in July. Details as we learn them; but for information about dues, advance schedules, etc., contact Liberty Forum, P.O. Box 5705, Fullerton, 92635.

LI/SIL Merger Announced

Two of the most respected organizations in the freedom movement, Libertarian International and the Society for Individual Liberty, have merged to form a new organization: International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL). The formal announcement was made by Karl Hess at the SIL Banquet in Philadelphia on August 30.

The benefits of the merger include doubling the membership and financial support base and expanding the talent pool. The top new project for ISIL is the rebuilding of libertarian student organizations. Old SIL position papers are being revised and updated.

There's a new ISIL Executive Board: LI founder and president Vincent Miller, James Elwood, David Walter, Donald Ernsberger, Bruce Evoy (Canada) and Hubert Jongen (Holland). A Board of Freedom Consultants has also been formed: James Johnston, Leonard Liggio, Leon Louw, Robert Poole, and Ken Schoolland.

For membership information, plus a complimentary copy of the newsletter, Freedom Network News, contact ISIL,

9308 Farmington Dr., Richmond, Virginia 23229. Tele: (804) 740-6932.

Hearings on Eminent Domain

Three major hearings on eminent domain and redevelopment will be held in late November and early December by the Housing and Urban Development Committee of the Assembly, as follow-through to AB 160, which was introduced by Richard Mountjoy (R-Arcadia). Dates aren't firmed up, nor the exact locations, but the first will be in Los Angeles on Nov. 28, followed by one in San Diego and another in Sonoma County.

AB 160 (which has been endorsed by the LPC) is an attempt to curtail the powers of eminent domain by redevelopment agencies. There are those who are not too happy about this prospect, and at first it seemed the committee would insist on closed hearings. Mountjoy nixed that idea.

Expect the "bad guys" to have their expert witnesses and sympathizers there. Libertarians and other opponents must be out in force, too. We need expert witnesses (lawyers and professionals in urban planning), plus people willing to present personal testimony.

Please call Sarah Foster, (213) 259-9580, if you have any contacts, suggestions, eminent domain horror stories, etc.

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Butte	Fri., Nov. 3	Call County Chair for Program Information	Jessica Strock	916/893-3836
Calaveras			Tom Tryon	209/736-4845
Contra Costa	Tue., Nov. 14	Mary Gingell, Nat'l LP Vice-Chair: Campus Organizing	Mike Rother	415/932-4993
El Dorado			Richard Akin	916/622-4785
Fresno			John Graham*	209/275-6220
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Inyo/Mono Counties		Call County Chair for Information	William Baucum	619/878-2288
Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake/Mendocino/Napa Counties			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles County (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Sat., Nov. 4	Champion of Liberty Banquet	Phillip Myers	818/703-7056
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Nov. 16	Robert Glassco: Solving the World's Housing Crisis	Bob Weber	213/204-0612
-63, Foothills	Tue., Nov. 14	Ed Clark: The Future of the Libertarian Party	John Tuttle	818/242-5699
-64, Central L.A.		Call Chair for Program Information	Don Meyer	213/463-5362
-65, Downey	Tue., Nov. 7	Get-together and General Discussion	Clark Marley	213/695-1979
-66, South Bay	Nov. 12 & 16	Philosophy and Reading Circle, 11/12; Bus. Mting, 11/16	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
	Tue., Nov. 7	Butler Shaffer: Just Say No(!)vember (Albert J. Nock Forum)	G.J. Higgins*	213/285-8171
-67, E. San Gabriel Valley				
		Call Chair for Program Information	Gail Lightfoot	714/623-1117
Marin	Thu., Nov. 16	Victory Party for Greta (Tentative)	Bob Bickford	415/927-4814
Merced			Roy Shimp	209/723-1768
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	Tue., Nov. 14	Business Meeting	Richard Martin	213/426-3069
Placer			Bruce Daniel*	916/663-2568
Riverside			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento	Sun., Nov. 12	Joe Fuhrig: Education, Defense and the Monetary System	David Henderson*	916/922-9973
San Bernardino			Ed Moss*	714/986-6677
San Diego	Tue., Nov. 14	Bernard Siegan: The State of Freedom	Dick Rider	619/276-1776
San Francisco	Wed., Nov. 8	Video: Milton Friedman — <i>The Great Depression</i>	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
	Sat., Nov. 21	Richard Wong: Crisis in China (Free Exchange)	George O'Brien*	415/731-3031
San Luis Obispo			David Bersohn	805/466-3963
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara	Wed., Nov. 15	Prof. Jim Chesher: Philosophy — Who Needs It?	Bob Bakhaus*	805/965-2741
Santa Clara	Nov. 8 & 16	Discussion Group, 11/8; Bus. Mting and Dinner, 11/16	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
Santa Cruz			Tom Coughlin	408/458-2603
Solano			Mark Moberg*	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/894-2658
Tehema			Ross Crain*	916/529-0853
Tulare	Nov. 12 & 26	Study Group Meeting	Roy Kendall	209/732-3237
Ventura	Tue., Nov. 14	Ted Brown: The Race for Insurance Commissioner	Aaron Starr	805/583-3308
Yolo		See Sacramento County	Bryce Bigwood*	916/758-6219

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