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Libertarians all over California demonstrated on Monday, April 16. For an in-depth write-up on the rowdy, raucous San Francisco Libertarians – see page 9.



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(Top-left to bottom-right): Photos 1, 2, 3, 4 taken by Paul Marsden, Orange County Libertarians at Santa Ana Post Office. Photos 5, 6, taken by Max Newbury, San Diego Libertarians at the Midway Post Office. Photo 7: Sonoma County activists outside Santa Rosa post office; Clair Mancuso, Samantha Thompson, Nolan Weinholt, Aaron Smith (Regional Chair), Sarah Herbst (Vice-Chair), Dedra High (with sons, Ronin and Royce).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAXING ISSUE

I don't agree with the people who are refusing to pay taxes because they think there is a technicality in the law that excuses them. Okay, so maybe that person is getting away without paying taxes, but that doesn't do anything to change the situation in this country; in fact, I think it makes it worse. Fewer people are contributing to the financial costs of running our government, and burdens are added when the government spends time and money chasing after the non-filers.

I wish these people would assert themselves and work for change in the law to eliminate unconstitutional spending programs instead of defending excuses for not paying any taxes.

People can't be freeloaders and expect to live in a free country at the same time.

Karen Collins



**MASS/MESS TRANSIT
— AN IDEAL LIBERTARIAN ISSUE**

For Libertarians, a super issue to take the lead on is mass transit, and **particularly** rail transit. While I relish our local San Diego battles against using taxpayer funds for pro sports subsidies, the less dramatic transit subsidies **dwarf** the sports outlays.

Republican leaders as well as Democrats **love** such foolish outlays, perhaps because they make for great photo opportunities, and pad the political resumes. The local politicians also love the federal matching funds — a drug more dangerous than heroin.

Some wag called this fetish the "edifice complex", the politicians' pathological desire to leave something permanent behind (at taxpayer expense) — a "legacy" (preferably with their name on it!).

I receive an excellent anti-trolley e-mail newsletter from Randal O'Toole of the Thoreau Institute, a libertarian think tank. He is a guru on this topic, and brings TONS of facts (often from government sources) to the debate to refute opponents. (Randal O'Toole, The Thoreau Institute, e-Mail: rot@ti.org, <http://www.ti.org>)

Let me conclude by giving you my **two iron laws of public transit** (which can indeed be expanded to just about **ANY** such government project).

1. The government will **always overestimate** the patronage of the project. **Always!**
2. The government will **always underestimate** the cost of the project. **Always!**

Richard Rider

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MASS/MESS TRANSIT II

I am convinced that the politicians who promote light rail services as a solution to highway gridlock and transportation for the downtrodden proletariat played with model trains when they were children and simply developed a pathological fetish for the choo-choo. (*Editorial note: In San Diego, the driving force behind rail transit was now-retired State Senator Jim Mills, an avid model train buff.*)

Ken Hamilton, kenweiser@hotmail.com

ELVIS LIVES!

I'm so jazzed ... on a whim I wrote two e-mails to Fox News Live. They showed both of them on the show, one right after another.

Social misery increases in direct proportion to the size and power of the federal government. Tax cuts are half the solution, but the spending orgies must stop if we are to save America.

California's energy crisis was caused by the phony deregulation, while states like PA have successfully deregulated their energy markets. California should start back at square one and really deregulate the energy market.

Joshua Castro, blackelvis1@home.com

GUNS DETER CRIME

A nationwide study found that violent crime fell after states made it legal to carry concealed handguns:

- Murder, down 8.5 %
- Rape, down 5 %
- Aggravated assaults, down 7 %.

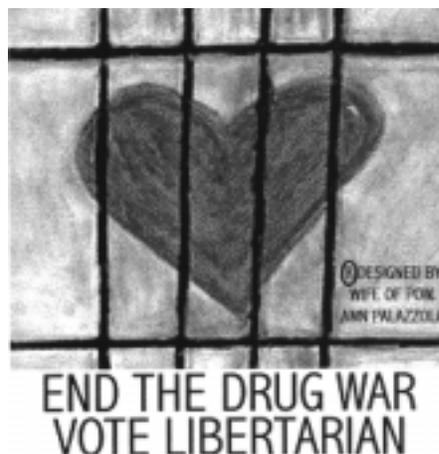
Since 1986, the number of states making it legal to carry concealed weapons has grown from nine to 31.

Bill Holmes, wtholmes@compuserve.com

LOVE THE EARTH AND HER PEOPLE

This heart-felt sign was used as an outreach piece at Earthday on April 22 in Balboa Park in San Diego. Bottom of poster included local contact information.

Rich McCormack, macknet@pacbell.net



LIBERTARIAN PARTY UPDATES

FROM THE CHAIR:



What's happening in San Francisco? Their membership is bursting with activism. Four events in one month and a successful tax protest that must be the envy of the entire state party. Heck, they even got the Ben & Jerry Ice Cream Company to help sponsor the event. How is that for capitalism? Perhaps we can learn a thing or two from their chair, David Molony. Good job, folks. Keep up the good work.

Do you want your local party to be stronger? Here are a few tips:

1 Put together a program of speakers. In Ventura County, where I live, we have more speakers available than we can possibly schedule for this year. You can find more speakers than you'll ever need by looking at a web site that lists all the various governmental agencies —there are way too many to choose from — that have a presence in your county. Call the various heads of these agencies and ask them to speak at a supper club event. They'll be flattered that you want to hear what they have to say. You can also find people by reading the profiles published in your newspaper. Remember, you don't have to be in agreement with a speaker in order to have an interesting event (in fact, it's probably better if you don't agree). If you're polite to them (please don't argue with them, try to understand them instead), they'll leave with a good feeling about Libertarians, which is probably the first step for them to become one themselves.

2 Call your members and remind them that you're active. Ask them to give time and to give money. Remember this: The number one reason why people give time or money is because they were asked. Members don't leave the movement because they are asked too often. Members leave because they aren't asked enough. Give people a sense of accomplishment and they'll want to do even more.

3 Have someone at your meetings who is a designated greeter. Make new people feel welcome and don't require that they know 100% of everything there is to know about Libertarianism. Most people adopt points of view over a long time. Get them to like you first and their ideas will follow. Send thank you cards to guests. Invite them back. Let them know that they're appreciated.

Talk to you next month. Aaron Starr, starrepa@pacbell.net



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As a member of the Libertarian Party, your support today ensures vigilance today. There is also a way for you to remain eternally vigilant, even after your passing, by remembering the Libertarian Party of California in your estate plans.

To discuss this option privately, please contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400, or e-mail: director@ca.lp.org.

INTERNS/VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Help the Libertarian Party of California

If you live in the Los Angeles area, you are invited to volunteer or intern with the LPC! Contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400, E-mail: director@ca.lp.org.

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Mignon McLaughlin, author

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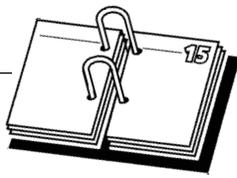
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CALENDAR



YEAR 2001

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Santa Cruz Industrial Hemp Expo, at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Assemblymember Virginia Strom-Martin (D-Duncans Mills) will be keynote speaker. Strom-Martin introduced Assembly Bill 448 to legalize the commercial production of industrial hemp in CA. Contact: Bob Lamonica, bob@cruzexpo.com. (831) 466-0500.

SUNDAY, MAY 13 (MOTHER'S DAY)

The Second Amendment Sisters will hold three counter-rallies (against the "Million" Mom March to disarm America, being held at the State Capitol in Sacramento). Counter-rallies to be held in Sacramento, San Diego, and Los Angeles. (LA demonstration, from 10 AM to 2 PM, in front of the Federal Building, on Wilshire Boulevard off the 405 Freeway in West LA). Volunteers and donations needed. Check website for additional info: <http://www.sas-aim-ca.org>

MONDAY, MAY 14

Tibor Machan will be speaking at the Freethinkers of Ventura County meeting, Orchard Bldg., 816 Camarillo Springs Rd. Camarillo, CA. 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Special Election in the 49th Assembly District. Kim Goldsworthy is running.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Direct Action Forum sponsored by the LP of San Francisco, meets at Thai House Restaurant, 2200 Market at Sanchez. Topic: Civil Rights and the Police. Contact: sfdreamer@earthlink.net.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Monterey County LP BBQ & Potluck, 4:30 PM. Featuring Aaron Starr, at 26765 Paseo Robles in Carmel Valley. E-Mail: lpmc@go.to.

MAY 19-20

Grassroots Activist School, San Diego, CA. The cost is \$149 for 2 days of expert instruction. Sponsored by the Leadership Institute (a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to training conservative leaders.) To register, call Matt Lewis at (800) 827-LEAD or check out www.LeadershipInstitute.org.

MAY 25-27

Libertarian Futurist Society National Conference, in Columbus, Ohio. For information, visit <http://www.LFS.org>.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Tri-County Meeting (Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito), 6 PM. Featuring Vince Miller "Libertarian Political Movement in 80 Countries." Golden Rickshaw Restaurant, 1115 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville. E-Mail: lpmc@go.to.

JULY 1-5

The 20th annual world conference of the **International Society for Individual Liberty**, to be held in France. Info/registration at <http://www.bastiat.net> and <http://www.libertarian.to>.

AUGUST 4-10

Cato University Summer Seminar. At the Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, CA. Sponsored by the Cato Institute. For information: phone (202) 789-5229.

AUGUST 25-26

Regional Conference. Third Annual Conference of the Regional Parties, in Fresno. Contact Rodney Austin.

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LPC Updates



JUAN ROS

A DAY IN THE LIFE ...

This month's Executive Director's Report is going to be a little different than usual.

I am often asked, and I often hear others ask, what it is that I do as Executive Director of the LPC. So I thought I would devote this month's column to explaining my job responsibilities and duties, my daily routine, and how it is that I serve the members of the LPC.

The LPC is structured like any non-profit organization (although the LPC is not a true non-profit as defined under IRS rules). The LPC has a board of directors, the Executive Committee, headed by LPC Chair Aaron Starr. As other non-profits do, the Executive Committee has hired staff to carry out policies and procedures and to handle the day-to-day operations of the party — things that volunteers are either unwilling or unable to do on a daily basis.

As Executive Director, I function as the COO of the party, while the Chair serves as the CEO. I am an executive-level paid staff person. I do not have a vote on the Executive Committee, but I advise the committee and the Chair. I serve at the behest of the Executive Committee, and I report daily to the LPC Chair.

My job responsibilities cover a wide range of areas, including:

- **Media Outreach:** writing and distributing press releases, op-ed articles, booking TV and talk radio interviews, and tracking LPC press coverage
- **Fundraising:** supervising the LPC's monthly pledge program, direct mail, telephone fundraising campaigns, major donor cultivation, planned giving, and special events
- **Sacramento Legislature:** Tracking bills for the LPC to support or oppose, maintaining contacts within the State Capitol, lobbying on ballot access bills, attending committee hearings when appropriate, coordinating action on critical legislation
- **Regional Development:** Assisting the Northern and Southern Vice Chair in the development of inactive local LP organizations, supporting active LP regions, officers, and activists, serving as the liaison between the state and local organizations
- **Campaigns & Elections:** Assisting LPC partisan and non-partisan candidates and campaigns where possible, recruiting candidates through projects such as Operation Breakthrough, coordinating LPC activity with ballot initiative campaigns
- **Special Projects:** Coordinating and managing ad hoc projects such as the upcoming Project Questionnaire, Operation Breakthrough, and more
- **Administration:** Supervising administrative staff and office volunteers, managing LPC headquarters, coordinating LPC accounting records under authority granted by LPC Treasurer, paying bills, processing membership requests, serving as "customer service" for LPC members

I don't have a daily "routine," as my schedule is always changing but it usually consists of answering about 100 e-mail messages daily and a dozen phone calls before attending to my "To Do" list. Right now I have about 80 tasks scheduled for completion over the next few months, including:

Continued in next column



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A deeply-felt thanks to the following donors who gave \$250 or more to the Libertarian Party of California in recent weeks towards the party's Annual Fund:

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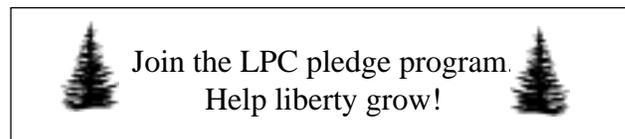
MONTHLY PLEDGE WATCH

Thank you to the following new state Monthly Pledgers, or current Pledgers who increased their monthly contribution to the Libertarian Party of California:

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Ros continued

- Assisting local Regions in developing a media outreach program
- Compiling data for the next round of Operation Breakthrough candidate recruitment
- Drafting a market survey on the design of Project Questionnaire for interested members to comment
- Traveling to Sacramento to comment on AB 1515, the Instant Runoff Voting bill before the Assembly Elections Committee
- Helping design the program for the LPC's 2002 state convention next February

As you can see, my plate is always full! But I am here to serve you. I welcome your comments and suggestions: how can the LPC serve you better? What can we do to be more successful? More efficient? Feel free to e-mail me at director@ca.lp.org.

Your opinion is valuable. I may not respond right away, but I read all my e-mail.

It has been my privilege to serve as your Executive Director for three years now. I am extremely grateful for your support.

CALIFORNIA UPDATES

"TAX FREEDOM DAY" IS A DAY LATER – AGAIN!

"Tax Freedom Day" is a calculation of how many days we work for government before we start to work for ourselves. The calculation assumes that we pay our taxes **first** each year, and then keep what is left. Things have gotten worse — again.

According to the Tax Foundation, we have hit a **new record high** — the latest day **ever** for Tax Freedom Day. The national Tax Freedom Day is now 3 May, up one day from last year and up dramatically from 18 April in 1992.

"The bottom line is Americans will work longer into the year to pay their tax bill than they will work to pay for food, clothing, and shelter combined," said Tax Foundation executive director Scott Hodge.

The Tax Foundation report is in Adobe Acrobat ("pdf") format. It can be read on site, or downloaded and printed with free Adobe Acrobat "read only" software. It is 12 pages long, and is **filled** with good information: <http://www.taxfoundation.org>

PINK PISTOLS ORGANIZING IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Did you know there are newly forming San Francisco and Sacramento chapters of the Pink Pistols? If the local activists are anything like the "national" group, these folks are strong RKBA supporters ("Armed Gays Don't Get Bashed," also "Pick On Someone Your Own Caliber"). With their presence at San Francisco gun control public hearings, etc., it should be harder to marginalize the firearm rights community, as is usually stereotypically done.

Check out www.pinkpistols.org for the local chapter's contact info.

Johann Opitz, johannp@earthlink.net

KUBBY UPDATE: TARGETING GENERALS

Did you see where Attorney General Bill Lockyer commented to the Marin Independent Journal, that "recalls of District Attorneys are an abuse of the system"?

That sounds a lot like what the British said when American patriots stopped firing at foot soldiers and started targeting Generals. The British were outraged at the Americans for abusing the rules of war and shooting at, God forbid, Generals.

For the Attorney General of California to directly comment on one local county recall election shows that our strategy is working. We are bringing the drug war back home to the Generals who are running this war. In nearly every case, those Generals are District Attorneys or former District Attorneys who have gone on to higher office.

Our message to the Generals is getting through loud and clear: You want a Drug War? We'll give you a Drug War!
Let freedom grow, *Steve Kubby*



NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

by Joe Dehn, Regional Representative

At its meeting in April, the **Libertarian National Committee** elected Deryl Martin of Tennessee as the new National Treasurer, adopted goals for 2001, reaffirmed its policy concerning conflicts of interest, discussed possible changes in the Unified Membership Program, and gave conditional approval to joining in a suit against the federal campaign finance laws. For more information, see the meeting summary available at:

<http://www.dehnbase.org/lpus/library/meetings.html>

The LNC's **Strategic Planning Team** has held three meetings so far — February in Indianapolis, March in Chicago, and April in Washington. The SPT has been working through more than 700 suggested goals, strategies, tactics, and other ideas submitted by LNC members, state chairs, and other activists. The SPT expects to meet at least three more times before reporting its recommendations to the LNC in August. For information on the status of this planning effort, including the complete list of ideas, see:

<http://www.dehnbase.org/lpus/library/spt/>

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P.J. O'Rourke

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CAR TAX REBATE VICTORY!

Gov. Gray Davis and the Legislature spun a U-turn and scrapped a costly program that requires motorists to first pay their car tax and then get a rebate in the mail.



Starting July 1, the state Department of Motor Vehicles will send owners of approximately 26 million vehicles registration renewal bills already reduced by the amount of the vehicle license fee rebates. On a unanimous roll call, the Senate voted final approval and sent to Davis an "urgency" bill, SB 22, [by Republican Senator Tom McClintock] that repealed the rebate program, which the governor had previously fought for and defended.

John E. Stoos, Chief Consultant for Senator Tom McClintock

STATEWIDE REGISTRATION COUNT

As normally happens after a big election, the Libertarian registration count has decreased slightly. But so did the total.

October 2000	94,900 out of 15,707,307	0.60%
February 2001	93,360 out of 15,577,686	0.60%

We are still about 7000 above the current party qualification number.

Joe Dehn, jwd3@dehnbase.org

ATTRACTIVE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE MAGNET SIGNS ALMOST FREE

The donation for a pair of signs is \$15. Also, I will send signs to those who promise to put them on their car, even if they cannot afford them.

For the sign-phobic, he or she can donate to help offset the cost of those who cannot afford the donation, just say "no signs but here is some help." We all win when we promote Liberty.

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YOM HASHOAH PROJECT SUPPORTED BY THE LPC

April 19 event cancelled.

The ExCom voted to formally support the Yom HaShoah project and authorize the spending of money that was donated solely for this purpose. Unfortunately, the North Valley Jewish Community Center was not available.

Yom HaShoah is the day of the Holocaust Remembrance. Libertarians understand that gun control made this genocide (and many others) possible during the last century. Bruce Dovner was creating artwork, an ad, a flyer, and an event specific brochure for Yom HaShoah. He said "I'll save what I've done and continue on for next year. We've learned a few lessons. We'll do a quality, successful event next year."

MEN ARRESTED FOR GROWING POT PLANTS ACQUITTED

Two men arrested for growing 899 pot plants were acquitted Wednesday on charges of cultivating and possessing marijuana. A Sonoma County jury found Kenneth E. Hayes and Michael S. Foley innocent after a day of deliberations.

The two men had claimed they were growing the plants for the 1,200-members of a San Francisco medical marijuana club called CHAMP (Cannabis Helping Alleviate Medical Problems). Hayes ran the club. Prosecutors said Hayes and Foley grew the marijuana for profit and were not the patients' primary caregivers. That definition was at issue because state law, approved by voters as Proposition 215, allows marijuana possession with a physician's approval for medical patients and their caregivers.

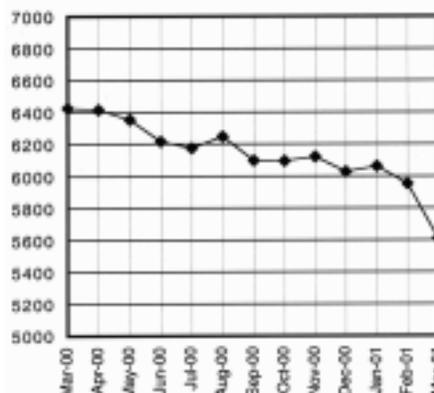
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AROUND THE WORLD

POLITICS AS USUAL

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

The increase in cigarette tax has fueled a massive increase in fraud. As a result, state officials fear a big drop in tariff revenue. Counterfeit tobacco tax stamps are used to dodge California's steep tariff on cigarettes and other tobacco products. The phony stamps are flourishing since California more than doubled its tobacco tax in 1998. *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, April 16, 2001.

AMTRAK GETS INTO LUCRATIVE SPY BUSINESS

The local Amtrak office provides federal agents with details on passengers in exchange for 10 percent of any cash seized from suspected drug couriers, the *Albuquerque Journal* reported. A computer linked to Amtrak's ticketing terminal sits on a desk at the local branch of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Through it, federal agents can learn passenger names, points of origin, destinations and where, when and how the tickets were bought.

The information helps determine which passengers will be questioned – and whose luggage will be checked by a drug-sniffing dog – aboard trains stopping in Albuquerque.

<http://www.newsday.com/ap/text/national/ap232.htm>, April 11, 2001

TAXING TIME!

The average taxpayer will spend more than 27 hours this tax season preparing and filing the 1040 form and its common schedules. All told, Americans will toil for over 6,000 million hours on tax forms and recordkeeping.

National Taxpayers Union press release, April 21, 2001

<http://www.ntu.org/issues/taxes/ntupp105pr.html>

BRITAIN TO EXPAND THE DNA CRIME BANK

Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged new funding to expand Britain's DNA data bank to include samples from more than three million criminals. Critics claim some 50,000 samples are already being held illegally despite rules that require police to destroy the samples if charges are not brought or if the suspect is acquitted.

Union Jack, October 2000.

THE GOV IS WATCHING!

Britain's 60 million people are tracked by an estimated 1.5 million closed-circuit TV cameras. Going to the bank or the supermarket, walking down the street, using a payphone, waiting for a train, slipping out for a pint at the pub, means you are likely to be on-camera. The latest innovation is a roving surveillance "supervan" purchased by the Westminster City Council, which oversees London's entertainment districts of Soho and the West End. The \$185,000 vehicle sports a retractable mast and nine TV cameras and will prowl the streets looking for trouble. *Union Jack*, October 2000.

CRAZY EXPORT LAWS

1. The U.S. government limits the export of the disposable underwater Kodak Max Sport camera to all embargoed nations, lest it be used to photograph submarine-surveillance devices or aid in the mining of harbors. But for either application, the Max Sport would appear sunk. It can leak at depths beyond 14 feet and requires bright lighting conditions like those in a pool.

2. Export is prohibited for air bags and fake-blood cartridges that are used in gunfight scenes in movies. Reason: they contain tiny amounts of explosives.

New York Times Magazine, October 22, 2000

NOTEWORTHY WEB SITES!

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<http://www.cato.org>

GUNS

The Armed Citizen: a monthly listing of defensive gun use.

<http://www.nrahq.org/administration/publications/ac/>

HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

<http://www.HJTA.org>

INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING

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<http://www.bastiat.net>

<http://www.libertarian.to>

KUBBY TRIAL AND INFO

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<http://www.LeadershipInstitute.org>

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<http://www.LFS.org>

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<http://www.sas-aim-ca.org>

THE TAX FOUNDATION INFORMATION

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SAN FRANCISCO TAX DAY PROTEST

INCREDIBLE! HUGE SAN FRANCISCO SUCCESS!

Holy smokes! Zooks! Sacré bleu! We tore the place up (philosophically speaking). A tremendous thank you to all who participated. Thank you a million times over. Your dedication is the key to San Francisco Libertarian Party's tremendous growth rate. With your avid focus and self-discipline, the LPSF is catapulting into a true power in the City and County of San Francisco.

The stage: Monday, April 16, 6 PM – last minute filers drove to the SF Main Post Office and filed their taxes. As the only SF Post Office open until midnight, tens of thousands of cars came by the above location. Slaves (oops, taxpayers) drove by – and without getting out of their cars – handed their money to post office workers who were out in the streets. A small percentage of taxpayers went into the Post Office to send their taxes (though this was still a significant number of walk-ins)

The Protest: the Protest was a blast. We had 24 shoutin' hollerin' ruckus-raisin' Libertarian maniacs at San Francisco's Main Post Office. Not only were we internally rewarded by satisfaction of a job well done, we were also rewarded with lots of food and drink. The LPSF brought sandwiches for all, and Tim and Jenn Myles brought cokes and bottled water for everyone (Thank you Tim and Jenn!). Additionally, the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Company heard about what we were doing and dropped off a big ole ice cream stand especially for us. LPSF participants gorged on ALL the FREE ICE CREAM we could eat (I especially enjoyed Vanilla Caramel and Strawberry). Good citizens that we are, we shared the ice cream with everyone else there (a few people told me Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream set the stand up for ALL the taxpayers that were there.) Red Bull Sports Drinks were also there to help the LPSF cool off our torrid fast-paced protest.

Sign (Sighin') of the times. All those tens of thousands of car drivers read our LPSF signs. Popular signs included: **Replace Taxes with Charity and User Fees, If You Voted Libertarian You Wouldn't be Here Right Now**, and **Let Us Keep Our \$** (most of the signs had our LPSF name or web site on them as well) When we started at 5 PM, people read the signs and gave us the thumbs-up and smiles. Lots of agreement and humorous laughs were exchanged. And then, at about 6:30, geniuses that we are, we thought up the creative slogan **HONK IF YOU HATE TAXES!** Explosion! The moment this sign was hoisted, the blaring of horns was instantaneous and deafening. People hate taxes, I guess. I think the two police officers in the patrol car assigned to "protect" us probably had to change their shorts later that night, with all the horns going off at the same time. We even had San Francisco government-paid Muni bus drivers honking their horns and giving us the thumbs up. Go Libertarians!

The LPSF Refund. We decided if the Fed won't refund money, the LPSF will. We refunded \$1.5 Billion to harried taxpayers on Monday night. That's right – we bad. We distributed about 1,500 Libertarian Non-Negotiable Million Dollar Bills to San Francisco taxpayers. 1,500 is a new San Francisco record. (Each bill represents the amount of money the Federal Government spends every 5 seconds). Naturally, we print our Libertarian message on the reverse of these non-negotiable million dollar bills.

Of special note: LPSF Contributions Chair Chris Maden must have passed out 1,499 of the 1,500 bills we distributed. He was a whirlwind of energy - slipping here, jumping there – no taxpayer on foot escaped his falcon-like eyesight. Woe be to the fellow Libertarian who got in between him and a taxpayer!

The Future. Last year we had 3 protesters. This year we had 24 protesters (800% increase!). Next year we go for the whole enchilada. 100 participants. At least that many. Nah. Too wimpy. Let's go 150 participants. With lots of media in attendance. For those of you who have been following San Francisco Libertarianism, you know I am not kidding. I hope everyone will participate. You have a year in advance to prepare and take time off. Let your boss know you want time off next year. If you work for yourself, what's your excuse?

Next year we will coordinate a citywide tax protest. Not only will the 150 Libertarians be at the Main Post Office, two or three Libertarians will cover every single San Francisco Post Office. When the branch Post Offices close at 7 or 8 PM, everyone will converge at the Main Post Office, if possible.

I will be calling the San Francisco Police FOB (Field Operations Bureau) tomorrow to let them know that the Libertarian Party of San Francisco will be involved in an APRIL 2002 CITYWIDE TAX PROTEST with 100 to 150 participants.

Finally, we will continue to focus on increasing membership/activists. It is much easier to get 150 people to a protest in April 2002 if we have 400 active Libertarians in January 2002. Remember, the LPSF's sole goal is: increase membership/participation. If we increase membership to 300, or 400, or 1500 - any activities we choose will be an automatic success. And that is what we want, isn't it – success?

Put Tax Protest 2002 in your calendars right now, Libertarians. If this year is any indication, next year will be a howling, excellent, successful event.

*Yours in tax freedom, David Molony, chair@lpsf.org
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A few of the myriad of San Francisco protesters: Kelly Simpson, Jenn Myles, Tim Myles, Leilani Wright, and Chris Maden. David Molony snapped the photo.

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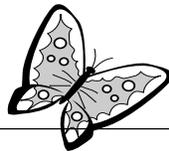
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