



"THAT GOVERNMENT IS BEST WHICH GOVERNS LEAST." --ATTRIBUTED TO T. JEFFERSON

Reforming health care!

By Dante De Amiche

Which is it going to be, "the Clinton Plan", the "Cooper Plan", or one of the Congressional clones of them? Make no mistake about it, health care is in a crisis, so we are going to get stuck with something. Too bad we cannot get major media attention for the "Libertarian Plan". (My own boiler-plate free version)

Unlike the centralized state shell games of who's going to pay for business as usual, the Libertarian Plan focuses on alternatives to the priest-like professional, public and private.

Alternative Providers of Present Care-It is assumed that medical doctors are the best source of what we get now. This is not necessarily so. The arduous process of becoming an MD, including the superfluous undergraduate degree, is designed more for exclusivity than excellence

The Office of Technology Assessment concluded that nurse practitioners make more accurate diagnoses than physicians. Physician assistants have to work under MDs even though they do the work. Usually pharmacists can write a better prescription than your doctor - and at one time they did. Instrument salesmen have surreptitiously rushed in and saved lives when surgeons bungled operations. You get the idea? It's the specific training and experience, not simply being anointed by the AMA, that results in quality, consumer driven medical care. It is patients who should evaluate someone's medical qualifications.

Alternatives to Established Methods and Orthodoxys At the time the allotropes were given monopoly authority by the state to exclude alternative healing philosophies, they were still practicing blood-letting. Yet they have been largely successful in brainwashing the public in believing all other schools of thought are "snake-oil". Sometimes MDs are allowed to branch out into some of these areas. A few of us aren't too sure it's all snake oil, especially those who remember that before 1980 the gatekeeper for cancer research, the American Cancer Society, believed diet played no significant role in cancer.

Homeopathy, Osteopathy, Acupuncture and many immune stimulating systems are not entirely promoted by quacks. They are however, competitive schools of thought that will stand or fall on their merits. Sometimes it is just a "miracle" substance that is kept from consideration by individuals. The theocracy of professionals has no interest in treating patients as customers.

The FSA, ANA, insurance companies, drug companies with lucrative patents to defend, privileged research institutes, pompous, greedy MDs, and the hospital "temples" that ties them all together make up a cabal which cannot be challenged piecemeal by individuals. There are economies of scale in researching alternatives, negotiating
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**Call a Congress person today
and let your voice be heard.**

THANKS FOR THE SIGNATURES

Most of us made it onto the ballot, some did not; but we all sincerely thank those who signed petitions to reduce/eliminate our filing fees. It really helps put us in the race, and is the one place where Libertarians get a real break over the entrenched parties (they have to get thousands of signatures to do what we do with 150 or less).

The values per signature for petitions circulated in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties were:

Bob Gough (13th Congressional)-- \$14.37
Cullene Lang(State Controller)-----\$12.00
Jon Petersen(State Treasurer)-- -----\$12.00
Terry Savage (20th Assembly)-----\$7.19
Kennita Watson (1st Board of Eq.)-- \$6.34
Richard Puckett (10th Senate)-----\$4.01

For petitions circulated only in Santa Clara County:

John Sanfilippo (16th Congressiional)\$12.04 (not running)
Glen Raphael (22nd Assembly)-----\$ 3.78 (not running)
John Sanfilippo (County Assessor)----\$.25

Registered Libertarians who signed as many of the above petitions as they could legally, effectively gave candidates at least \$30.00. Some in the 13th Congressional District provided over \$50.00 worth.

Signatures have value for candidates, and we all deeply appreciate your help. Thank you very much.

P.S. We appreciate the petition circulators even more. Special thanks to those intrepid folks willing to brave the elements, drive hither and yon and knock on doors. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

(submitted by Jon Peterson for the above listed petitioners)

Calendar of Events

Free and Clear KKUP, 91.5FM, Mar. 9, 23 6-8AM, hosted by Don Cormier, Jon Steele, and Chuck Olson.

LPSC Officer's Meeting (open to the public) San Jose, Mar. 14, 7-10 PM, Libertarian Party Office, 3249 Stevens Creek Blvd, Suite 207.

Discussion Group Sunnyvale, Mar. 9, 7-9:30 PM, Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway.

Election Campaign Meeting San Jose, Feb. Thursdays 7PM, Hosted by Terry Savage, 3021 Via Montez. For more info, call (408)920-2193 or (408)945-7633.

Save Our Liberties Meeting Mt. View, Mar. 10, 7:30-9:30 PM, Mt. View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.. For more info, call (415)964-3655.

LPSC Business Meeting Sunnyvale, Mar. 17, Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway. Dinner: 7:00 PM, Meeting, 8:10 PM.
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Libertarian Party(BYOB) San Jose, hosted by Terry Savage, 3021 Via Montez. For more info, call on date, (408)920-2193 or (408) 945-7633

From the trenches, the drug war from the bottom up.

5-Senators, 16-Representatives, sign "resolution for peace."

By Eric Harlow

Victories come in various sizes. This time we can celebrate one of our larger victories.

In mid February, '94 with the urging and support of Mayor Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore, five (5, count "em) U.S. Senators signed the "Resolution for Peace" (Hoover Resolution). This resolution calls for a commission of inquiry to study ways to reduce the harm our present national policies on drugs are creating. Support for HR 3100 by Don Edwards (D-CA) continues to grow. HR 3100 calls for our commission of inquiry.

You say you don't have your copy? You say it got lost, or some alien put it out with the trash? Then contact this author at: 187 Acalanes Drive, # 14, Sunnyvale, CA. 94086. (415)964-3655. We can even discuss your use of END THE DRUG WAR stamps as a continuing vehicle for changing public attitudes.

The five signed senator are: Danforth (R-MO), Mack (R-FL), Specter (R-PA), Pell (D-RI), and Kerry (D-MA). Stroke them all with a letter of support for their courage, and suggest that they bring other colleagues to the signing table. Address: C/O U.S. Senate, Washington, D. C. 20510 Please, keep it simple. Do it today!! Thanks!

State Senator Milton Marks (D-SF) will be introducing, in a few weeks, legislation to reclassify hemp-marijuana to Schedule II for medical uses of same. This column will keep you updated on it's progress. Governor Wilson will free it before election time.

It seems to me that all Libertarian candidates, country wide, would get maximum, mileage in their effort by putting the end of the War on Drugs as their first priority. What good is accomplished on other issues when the "War on Drugs" destroys the future we try to create? It must be our first emphasis to attract new voters to our party.

For those ready to shift towards us Libertarians, the issue of the FAILED war on drugs is the one that will snag the most new voters. That is what we want, right??

Appealing to rational thought becomes less and less productive, the further one gets from gut-level problems. The paying of fewer taxes is less motivating than stopping crime in the streets and homes of America, and stopping the seduction, for profit, of our children into the "drug business".

Two new books on the issue of prohibition

demand your attention. (1) Ain't Nobody's business if You Do by Peter McWilliams, and (2) America's Longest War by Steven Duke, professor, Yale University. These books give the complete overview of why and how we got locked into the area of consensual activities becoming consensual crimes. Their creation is a fatal cancer eating away at our "innards".

Without ending the War on Drugs, we can kiss our liberties and futures good-bye. On that cheery note, until next time, Peace, Love, and Work hard at circulating the "Resolution For Peace".

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cannot be challenged piecemeal by individuals. There are economies

of scale in researching alternatives, negotiating and contracting, along with actually providing the care for yourself.

Alternatives to Institutional Contexts -The solution to the above is to change from the hyper-individualistic model. The ideal situation would be for intentional communities to simply hire their doctors and nurses directly. Intentional communities could cooperate in building their own clinics. They could also make sure their caregivers have similar philosophies as to alternative methods. An association of communities could effectively lobby for changes

So there is my Libertarian Plan to replace the Clinton Plan. It is based on elimination of privileges and active cooperation as opposed to trusting in the omnipotence of government.

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New Burns Time
by Scott Lieberman

Gene Burns, the libertarian talk show host, is still on KSFO (560 on the AM dial, from San Francisco) but he is now heard from Noon to 4 pm on Sunday. He is still on from 5 am to 6 am Saturday. The person I spoke to at the station said there is a chance they might start carrying the show LIVE on weekday afternoons.

The Meaning of Life
by Lloyd Licher

(Editor's Note: This is an excerpt from a longer essay by Mr. Licher. Those interested in obtaining the complete essay may contact the author at P.O. Box 6022, San Rafael, CA 94903.)

Part of understanding human life and its meaning involves knowing human nature as well as we can and seeing how it operates in the societies that have developed. We have become a very interdependent people, with a division of labor that has essentially eliminated the self-sufficient person, one who produces all of his own food and makes his own clothes and shelter. As such we "need" each other in many life supporting ways, hence we act, out of self-interest, so as to enhance these relationships, and thus our lives. Practical moralities result, such as the Golden Rule: do not do to others what you would not have them do to you. Having total respect for the property (life and its derivatives) of others has the effect of minimizing conflict and maximizing the well-being of everyone. No faith in a mystical being or obedience to a set of rules because some authority figure commands it is needed. Instead there is reliance on the self as an autonomous, rational being with keen senses capable of perceiving reality, and a mind that can integrate that knowledge to understand how to act to best realize the happiness and well-being of that self.

As an interdependent species, man has developed what is termed the marketplace, the total of all daily economic transactions. In the marketplace each person voluntarily trades with others, to their mutual satisfaction, each benefiting from the transaction, whether it be time for money, money for things or service, or perhaps for some intangible psychic gain. Value is subjective and can be determined for each individual only by that individual. With the development of tools and machines and the division of labor people are able to produce more than they consume and use up, hence there is a constantly expanding total of wealth created, resulting in higher living standards for everyone. Another facet of human nature is involved here because the amount of effort people put into production is affected by the degree of control they have over what they produce. Unfortunately, a social institution known as political government has developed to the point where it taxes away 30% or more of what people produce. Although nearly all of individual's lives are governed by themselves very peacefully and productively through other, voluntary social institutions, such as the family, businesses and associations, coercive political governments were allowed to become entrenched until now they have arrogated to themselves virtual monopolies on certain functions of societal life. These functions include systems of so-called justice and protection, schools, roads, mail delivery, and fire fighting. Most people have been brainwashed in tax-supported public schools into believing that these are sacred cows, such that only political government can provide them. Thinking people can see, however, that all of them could be more efficiently provided by the marketplace on a voluntary, user-fee basis, as has been demonstrated for many of the functions. In recent decades agents of political government have gone far beyond providing "essential" functions to set up huge social "security" and welfare programs, redistribution of wealth schemes that train recipients to be perpetually indolent, killing their incentive to be self-reliant producers, and severely affecting the incentive of producers to exert themselves beyond that necessary for their own basic needs.

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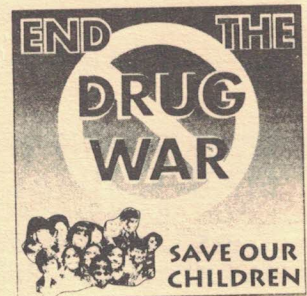
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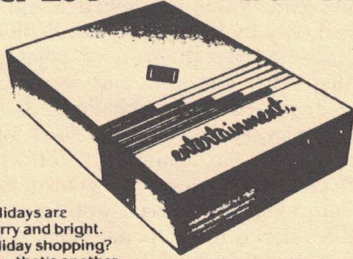
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