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It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees.
— Emiliano Zapata

PETERSEN RUNS FOR STATE SENATE

Jon Petersen, Santa Clara County LP Chair, is running for State Senate District 11. "Our goal is to force a runoff," says Jon, "and then make sure the older parties know we are there."

We have plans. We have an organization. We have some volunteers. We are raising money. And we can use all the help we can get!

This is a special election for an open seat, run under special rules. In particular,

- 1) The campaign will be short. There will not be time to build up large scale name recognition.
- 2) The November 2nd election is an open primary. Any voter can vote for any candidate, regardless of registration.
- 3) If no one gets over half the vote there will be a runoff December 28th with only the top vote-getter from each party included. Whoever gets the most votes in that election wins.

Here is the starting lineup:

- Libertarian - Jon Petersen
- Independent - Nancy Jewell Cross
- Democratic - Hal Plotkin, Amal B. Winter, Phil Stokes
- Republican - Tom Campbell, John J. "Jack" Hickey, Virgil McVicker

When it goes to a runoff, Jon will still be there along with the other three party winners. We then plan to get double digit vote percentages and keep the winner under 50%.

To achieve this, we will

- 1) Attend public forums (at least two will be televised).
- 2) Cooperate with like-minded campaigns.
- 3) Target selected precincts for mailing and walking.
- 4) Target absentee voters (they are highly likely to vote).
- 5) Target seniors (they vote more than most).
- 6) Run strong Get-Out-The-Vote campaigns.

The first two are fairly easy. The others take people and money. The more we have, the better we can do. It's that simple.

Join us in achieving these goals. Become involved. Volunteer time, money, or both. You will be informed of all events and you can be as active or inactive as you like.

Contact the "Committee to Elect Jon Petersen" at 408-229-1726 or 141 Hayes Avenue, San Jose, CA 95123 to help.

State Propositions		
168	Low Rent Housing	No
169	Budget Implementation	No
170	School Property Taxes	No
171	Property Tax Transfer	Yes
172	Sales Tax Extension	No
173	Bonds for Home Buyers	No
174	Education Vouchers	Yes
Local Measures		
Santa Clara County		
A	Sales Tax if 172 Fails	No
B	New Transit Board	No
C	Prevent State Tax Shift	Yes
D	Appoint Board Clerk	Yes
Palo Alto		
E	Closed Sessions (City)	No
F	Closed Sessions (Petition)	Yes
Los Altos		
G	Affordable Housing	Yes
Mountain View		
H	Library Bonds	No
I	Election Date, Terms	Yes
J	Penalty for Violation	No
K	Appoint City Manager	Yes
L	Claims Against City	Yes
Sunnyvale		
M	Personnel Board	No
N	Mobile Home Rents	No
Gilroy		
O	Open Space Authority	No

Editors' Response

We recently received a comment addressing the masthead of our October newsletter. That masthead contained a picture of the Minuteman Statue, and the accompanying quote of a

"Seek justice from tyrannical governments not with your hat in your hands but with a rifle in your fist."
— Emiliano Zapata

statement made by Emiliano Zapata. The comment expressed concern that the content of the masthead might lead to government retaliation.

The Minutemen of American history are a noble tradition. The statement by Emiliano Zapata is entirely consistent with the attitudes of the men who fought to free the Colonies from tyranny. If today we must be concerned that the symbols and ideals of our patriotic heritage will place us in jeopardy, then indeed the wheel has come full circle and the U.S. of A has become the very thing it was allegedly created to oppose.



MINUTEMEN, in American history, the patriotic civilians of Massachusetts and several other New England colonies who in the period immediately preceding the American Revolution pledged themselves to take the field against the British at a minute's notice. In Massachusetts the minutemen were enrolled as an organized militia in pursuance of an act of the provincial congress passed November 23, 1774. The number of these patriots in Boston alone totaled 16,000. The minutemen figured prominently in many engagements of the American Revolution, notably in the opening battle of Lexington and Concord fought on April 19, 1775.
—Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia

Bonfarce (pl. of Bonfar)

by Sam Aurelius Milam III

Texas A&M University is planning its 1993 Bonfire. Since I'm a graduate of A&M, I received a letter soliciting help for this "great Tradition", which is described as "a multifaceted operation with large expenses including equipment, fuel and maintenance, insurance for the vehicles and students, and safety equipment." Here's a copy of the "Need List" that was enclosed with the letter.

1993 BONFIRE NEED LIST

Needed:	Quantity:	Needed:	Quantity:
Generators	5	Radios	16
Axe Handle Wedges:		Water Buffaloes	3
wood	400	Rope	100 ft.
metal	1000	Cable, 1/2" Steel	600 ft.
Axe Handles:		Gas	500 gals.
single bladed	300	Diesel	1000 gals.
double bladed	500	Oil (For Diesel Tractors)	200 qts.
Large Rasps	8	Lubricating Grease	500 tubes
Hacksaws	10	Grease Gun	10
Hacksaw Blades	25	Motor Oil (30 SAE)	200 qts.
Drills	8	Bailing Wire	10,000 ft.
Drill Bits	15	Flat Fixer	50
Files	15	Water Coolers	20
Hammers: 16 oz.	12	Hydraulic Fluid	500 gals.
24 oz.	12	Electrical Tape	100 rolls
Wood Chisels	7	Railroad Ties	1000
Gas Cans	16	Electrical Conduit	2000 ft
Trailers (U-Hall)	3	Light Bulbs, 700 Watt	20
Extension Cords	500 ft.	Forklift	3
Padlocks	20	Cherry Picker	2
Chain, 3/8" with Hooks	1000 ft.	Penny Nails	1000
Boomers	20	Electrical Wire	2000 ft.
Tractors	15	Bulldozers	4
Trailers, Flatbed	15	Work Benches	5
1 Ton Trucks	5	Vises	8

When I was young, I learned to start a fire with one match and some sticks. I learned that simplicity is a great virtue. Institutional boondoggles like the Texas A&M bonfire will help students learn that bigger is better, consumption is commendable, and waste is wonderful fun. After graduation, these leaders of tomorrow will begin careers leading to decision making positions in government or industry.

A slow look around will show you that the result is already pervasive. From the exploitation of depletable resources to the destruction of irreplaceable habitats to the production of disposable goods and packaging to the accumulation of discarded debris and poisons, the entire U.S. economy is contaminated with the attitudes of big consumption and big waste. The result is the ruin of a beautiful planet.

Oh. I almost forgot. Would anyone care to guess why these guys need three water buffaloes, and 20 members of my Boomer generation?

The chief cause of problems is solutions. Severeid's Law

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Buck Hunter Shoots off His Mouth

Dear Buck
 What do you think of the candidates in this election?
 — Puzzled Voter

Dear Puzzled Voter
 I wouldn't vote fer most of 'em even if they was runnin' fer tha border.

Dear Mr. Hunter
 How can I tell if a candidate is lying about his campaign promises?
 — Worried

Dear Worried
 His lips will move. Except, of course, for Mr Petersen.

Formation: National Coalition Against Prohibition (NCAP)

by Eric Harlow

It happened in Salt Lake City at the National convention. Forty Libertarians at the Strategies for Ending the War on Drugs workshop, Saturday, September 3, 1993, with 16 others at the "Legalize Hemp Rally" outside the Salt Lake Federal Building, have decided to build a National Coalition Against Prohibition (NCAP).

A significant part of our future strength and credibility as a National Party depends on our ability to focus the pent up frustrations caused by a failed drug war into the formation of NCAP, to end the war against our liberties, called the drug war.

The purpose of this coalition is to promote the "chaining" of the "Resolution for Peace", locally, at colleges, and nationally to provide the courage required of the President and Congress to call the commission to study the drug laws and make recommendations to reduce the violence the present policy generates.

It starts with Libertarians who then expand to non-libertarian individuals and groups whom you invite to work together in building this national coalition and make it the driving force on the road to the end of the war on drugs.

The Resolution for Peace was the only resolution adopted by the L.P. USA in Salt Lake City. The resolution, now 8 months old, is not moving our politicians. The problem lies in the lack of courage in Washington D.C. There is little or no desire to examine the war on drugs by our legislators. This is our job: create courage by having thousands of these resolutions arrive daily in D.C. The numbers are on our side. One tenth of Clinton's mail is 50,000, or 1000 per state per month, or 34 per state per day. They will notice us even before we reach one tenth.

The logistics are that each of us encourage others to join in the sending of copies once a month of this

Resolution for Peace to the President, your two senators, and Representative

Our objective of one tenth of the Presidential mail is a doable project. We can do this easy. The resolution's courage building power will increase to the commission threshold level.

The "call the commission" pressure began at the L.P. of California's convention this February, where in convention they passed and resolved that ending the war on drugs (Americans & liberties) was the top priority of the party.

More good news from California: A bill to establish a state task force similar to the one called in the Resolution for Peace was passed September 10, 1993, in Sacramento. It is AB 1072, and now awaits the Governor's signature.

California's AB 1072 is the perfect vehicle to convince reluctant national legislators that there is broad voter support behind the desire to call a commission.

Each of you should request a copy of AB 1072 to be presented to your state legislators from the author: John Vasconcellos, Room 6026, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-4253

It is our time to take up the banner for peace, freedom, and liberty, and carry it into all corners of America. I envision a repeat of the movement for peace that sprang up on college and university campuses in 1968, when America's children were dying in another war.

This is where you and I enter the picture. This time Libertarians will lead the way, and begin the future building of our Libertarian Party.

For those wanting to organize or participate in a local NCAP chapter, where you live or go to school, please contact Eric Harlow, Save Our Liberties, 187 Acalanes Drive, #14, Sunnyvale, California 94086, or call (415) 964-3655.

Membership Application

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I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals.

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Newsletter subscription only, \$15 for one year (Oath signature not required)

Calendar of Events

Free and Clear

KKUP, 91.5 FM, November 3 & 17, 6-8 AM

Hosted by Don Cormier, Jon Steele, and Chuck Olson

Discussion Group

San Jose—November 4, 7 PM (first Thursday)

Topic: Community Development

Hosted by Terry Savage, 3021 Via Montez.

For more information call 408 920-2193 or 408 945-7633

Discussion Group

Sunnyvale—November 10, 7:00-9:30 PM (Second Wednesday)

Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway.

Save Our Liberties Meeting

Mountain View—November 11, 7:30-9:30 PM (2nd Thursday)

Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

For More information, call S.O.L. at 415 964-3655

Libertarian Hike

East Bay—November 13 (second Saturday)

For details, contact Bob Russell at 510 937-8380

LPSC Officer's Meeting (open to the public)

San Jose—November 15, 7:00-10:00 PM

Libertarian Party Office, 3249 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 207. For more information call Jon Petersen, 408 229-1726

State Executive Committee Meeting (open to the public)

San Jose—November 20, starts at 10:00 AM

Libertarian Party Office, 3249 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 207. For more information call Jon Petersen, 408 229-1726

Libertarian Party Party (BYOB)

San Jose—November 20, 7 PM (third Saturday)

Hosted by Terry Savage, 3021 Via Montez.

For more information call 408 920-2193 or 408 945-7633

LPSC Business Meeting

Sunnyvale—November 22

Dinner—7:00 PM; Meeting—8-10 PM.

Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway.

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Why you received this newsletter

If you're a dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County, you'll receive this newsletter every month. We also mail it to people who we'd like to join the party.

If your mailing label says *Valued Prospective Member*, you asked for information about Libertarianism, and this newsletter is part of our reply; you have a 3-month complimentary subscription. We hope you'll register to vote Libertarian and become a dues-paying member.

If your mailing label says *Valued Former Member*, you were previously a dues-paying member, and we want you back! The newsletter is a reminder of what you're missing.

If you've registered to vote Libertarian but are not a member, you'll also receive the newsletter. In this case your mailing label is in all capital letters. You've taken the first steps, and we encourage you to become more fully involved in helping us spread libertarian principles.

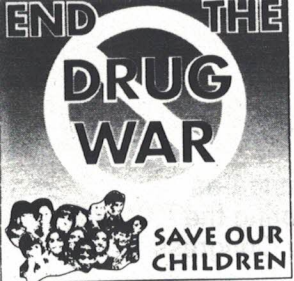
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unalienable Rights, that among these are
Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
That to secure these rights, Governments
are instituted among Men, deriving their
just powers from the consent of the
governed. That whenever any Form of
Government becomes destructive of these
ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or
to abolish it, and to institute
Government, laying its foundation on
such principles and organizing its powers
in such form, as to them shall seem most
likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*



RESOLUTION "FOR PEACE"
by THE
COALITION for NATIONAL DRUG POLICY CHANGE
(Signed at the Hoover Institute)

WHEREAS, the overall situation regarding the use of drugs in our society and the crime and misery that accompanies it has continued to deteriorate for several decades; and

WHEREAS, our society continues to attempt, at enormous financial cost and loss of civil liberties, to resolve drug problems through the criminal justice system, with the accompanying increases of prisons and numbers of inmates; and

WHEREAS, the huge untaxed revenues generated by the illicit drug trade are undermining legitimate governments world-wide; and

WHEREAS, the present system has spawned a cycle of hostility by the incarceration of disproportionate numbers of African-Americans, Hispanics, and other minority groups; and

WHEREAS, the number of people who have contracted AIDS, hepatitis, and other diseases from contaminated hypodermic needles is epidemic under our present system; and

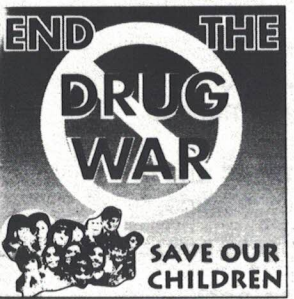
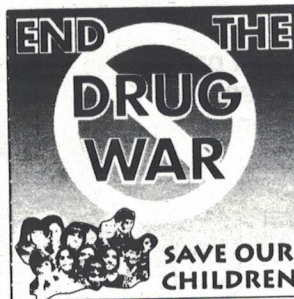
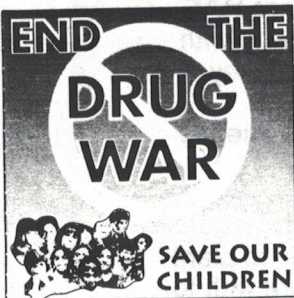
WHEREAS, in our society's zeal to pursue our criminal approach, legitimate medical uses for the relief of pain and suffering of patients have been suppressed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that our society must recognize drug use and abuse as the medical and social problems that they are and that they must be treated with medical and social solutions; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that an objective commission be immediately empowered by the President and by Congress to recommend revisions of the drug laws of these United States in order to reduce the harm our present policies are causing.

Signature

Title



END THE DRUG WAR THIS YEAR ??? YES - IF YOU HELP!

The resolution for peace by the Coalition for National Drug Policy Change as signed at the Hoover Institute is on the reverse of this page. It is our way to bring the drug war to an end. Libertarians have a significant part to play in pressuring Congress and the President into calling the requested Commission.

The Outreach potential for Libertarians is enormous as public sentiment **HAS** shifted support away from the war on drugs. There are significant parallels here with the end of alcohol prohibition in this effort. That is where Libertarians can play key roles in shaping future drug policies.

This is accomplished at two levels, nationally as a party and locally as 'friends of the people' in outreach.

The chance here is to sprinkle Libertarians "dust" on Democrats and Republicans alike in their desire to see our national nightmare end, and end tomorrow. The objective here is not so much as to make new converts as it is to plant seeds of Libertarian thoughts, for future harvest, in the minds of those we work with to end the drug war.

This resolution is our vehicle of outreach for 1993-4 as we "pooff" our dust on America. After all, if Eastern Europeans can get it that the centralized governments be they of American or Russian varieties do not serve the needs of the people, then Americans as well can get it that government is the problem not the solution.

Beyond the immediate rub off to the Libertarian Party our **FIRST** concern **MUST** be to end the drug war because it is bankrupting America. The 'Hoover' resolution is the way to do just that.

The first reality is that the local and national politicians, to a person, are cowards and will not respond to a call for a drug war commission unless they know there are large numbers of votes connected. An excellent way, and one which was used to call for a similar commission to study alcohol prohibition in 1930-31, is a "chain resolution" in which courage is imparted one resolution at a time to our Washington leaders(?).

The objective is to have friends, neighbors, relatives and their friends, neighbors and relatives to sign and send the resolution **once** a month to the President, two Senators and one Congressperson. This will create wave after wave of resolutions flowing into the Capitol and give the needed courage to call the requested commission. These resolutions will create doses of courage, give them enough.

To aid our efforts we have created our "END THE DRUG WAR" SAVE OUR CHILDREN stamps after the successful Alcohol Repeal Stamps of the 1930's. We want these stamps to be used under your return address and on the back as a seal. They will soften public attitudes towards the war on drugs by making the connection between ending the drug war and the saving of our children.

If just 1/20 (5%) Libertarians were to 'work at this' resolution, we would end this drug war against Americans. What we need to do is to be part of the building of this Coalition as individuals and groups circulating the chain resolution.

To the "purist", this is working with the 'enemy'. I agree. However, when the ship is sinking, as ours is, such distinctions are meaningless in the face of survival. These 'aversions' must be set aside and a commonality, working for peace in America, found.

Order your stamps today. Each day delayed means more lost lives, hopes and resources. Start a "Chain Resolution For Peace" on your block, in your home or office, today. For a sheet of 30 stamps send \$5 (3 sheets/\$10) and T-shirts for \$18. Remit to:

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