



"FOR LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"

FROM THE TRENCHES

*The Drug War From the Bottom
Up*

By Eric Harlow, Activities
Chair

From Anchorage AK, "a sweep by state troopers, backed by a National Guard drug unit (a 5 ton truck), uncovered several marijuana growers on the upper Peninsula this month. Residents are protesting.

The protesters say police reliance on hunches, anonymous tips, and informal "knock-and-talk" searches invites abuse and invasion of privacy.

Troopers and police defend the statewide practice of making "informal house" calls, which they call knock-and-talks. They say it's an efficient and unthreatening way to deal with a backlog of tips without undertaking a long investigation to get a search warrant.

"We tell people if it is all bogus, nothing's here, then we're out of your hair," said Sgt. Wayne Bortz, head of the trooper drug unit.

Bortz is willing to take no for an answer. In fact, he said, three of the 12 people who were home when troopers visited this month wouldn't let them come in. Investigations at those homes is continuing, he said.

Does anyone smell a rat here? I do. It's like "We are looking for Jews, we have a tip some are living here, may we come in and look around?"

Thursday, April 7th, U.S. District Court Judge Wayne Andersen issued a preliminary injunction

against "gun sweeps" in Chicago's Housing Authority Complexes. Stating "The evil of warrantless searches far exceeds the evil they were attempting to fix," the judge ordered all warrantless searches halted. President Clinton invaded this process by publicly declaring he favored the searches without warrants. If you needed a reason to be against the policies of Clinton, you have it NOW. More on this later as the city's appeal moves forward.

It is hard to avoid an "us against them" mentality when we contemplate the above two actions perpetrated by government against it's citizens.

To effect some change, the National Coalition Against Prohibition is hosting a series of **FREEDOM RALLIES** for your choice. The U.S. may ban cigarettes, so protect from Prohibition your freedom to choose your substance: caffeine, herbs, Vit-C, fatty foods, alcohol, gun ownership.

The Rallies are at the Santa Clara Library, 2635 Homestead Road, 7-9 P.M. Wednesday, April 27th, May 11th, and May 25th. For info contact Eric at (415) 964-3655. These Rallies are to build support for the calling of a commission (Hoover Resolution For Peace) to study the drug laws and drug war. It's conclusions, against all forms of prohibition, will give sufficient legitimacy to courageous souls willing to run for office while being against the war on drugs.

For those unable to attend, a contribution to Save Our Liberties-- 187 Acalanes Dr. #14, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-5520--- will help!

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

Measure H requests more money, but would that improve the quality of education in this district? Or would it simply prolong the status quo?

Half of all state taxes and half your property taxes go to the public education system, yet we continually hear that the quality of public education is going down, while the costs keep going up.

Lack of choice and lack of competition in the public school system is directly responsible for lowered quality. Parents should be able to choose the schools their children attend. Just as competition forces private industry to better serve its customers, the quality of public education will improve once schools must compete for students instead of having guaranteed enrollments.

Less bureaucracy along with more choice and competition are essential to cutting costs and ensuring quality in our schools. In these days of talk about taxes, taxes, and more taxes, we owe it to ourselves and our families to scrutinize closely every funding request to see if we are really getting value for our money. If we vote in more funding with no guarantee of quality performance, nothing will change.

Don't write the district a blank check. Demand real improvements to the educational system before buying into another tax. You are the customer. Vote NO on measure H!

Libertarian in Print

(The following letter by Dr. Jonathan M. Kelley of Los Altos appeared in the San Jose Mercury News on March 12, 1994.)

Here is a suggestion to streamline America's restaurant industry with the help of our beneficent government.

The American restaurant industry is a ragtag hodgepodge of overpriced enterprises, owned by price-gouging restaurant profiteers, plagued with overlapping services and in desperate need of an overhaul. In my town there are three Italian restaurants, when only one is necessary. Furthermore, Americans overeat, we eat the wrong diet, and there is gross inequity in who is able to purchase restaurant services.

I propose that government solve the restaurant problem.

Every American has the right to eat in a restaurants, without concern for cost. It is the duty of government to ensure that every American has equal access to restaurants, that the social cost be affordable, and that service be equal for everybody. The government must ensure that waste is avoided, that illegal immigrants do not overburden the restaurant system, that restaurant foods be nutritious and that service be provided according to a nationally enforced standard of excellence.

A task force of selected experts (university economists, retired military officers, teachers and supermarket managers) has analyzed the problem and made the following recommendations:

Every American shall be issued a restaurant access card. The restaurant industry shall be overseen and regulated by a national board consisting of seven federal appointees, who shall

determine what food shall be offered, how much restaurants may charge and how services are to be provided.

Eating in restaurants shall be free for all Americans. The costs will be born by imposition of a mandatory investment contribution extracted from the nation's businesses and by a surtax on the wealthy. Every American will retain the right to choose any restaurant of his or her choice.

Any restaurateur who offers extra services not specifically delineated in the comprehensive procedure catalog of the national board, or who collects extra money from customers in the form of fees or gratuities, shall be liable for a 10-year prison sentence and a fine of \$10,000.

The plan will guarantee excellence in the restaurant industry at affordable cost.

Elected public officials will have access to a parallel, private system, in order not to overburden the public system.

Bon appetit!

--Dr. Jonathan M. Kelley

Growing Old?

What happened to ethics?

by Bud Matheny

I guess that I am really old, as things have changed over the past 50 years.

I can remember when everyone trusted the President of the United States of America, and when a man's word was as good as his bond. --when in polite company, in front of females, a real man would never use words like "hell" and "damn", much less some of the four letter words you hear nowadays from the mouths of those females we protected in the past.

For that matter, let's really date me and say that when I was growing up, we never locked our doors when we left the house to go to the store,

or to visit a friend who lived several miles away from where we lived. Kids could be heard after dark playing "kick the can" or "hide and go seek" under street lights without being afraid of being molested by some person lurking in the shadows or bushes.

Nowadays, you not only lock your doors when you leave your house, but you have to keep it locked up tight as a drum while you are in it. What has happened to the saying of "a mans' home is his castle"? It is more like a man's home is his prison.

I know what you must be thinking: Man, he must be from Jurassic Park, and lived in the stone age. Well, I will let you in on a secret. It wasn't too many years ago that we as a nation lived like humans, and not a bunch of animals or wild savages from the caves and jungles.

The question is, what ever happened to the respect that we had for ourselves and others that was the hallmark of the way we lived?

Bernie Ward said it the other night: "It is getting where we are willing to give up some of our freedoms just to feel secure in our homes." We are forgetting that all freedom is, is being responsible for one's self. And it is our responsibility to stand up and get this country back on the track of what is right and what is wrong with the way we deliver justice.

I believe that if Polly Klass' grandfather had not been a retired employee of KGO radio, the story would not have received the national attention that it did. When the story broke and KGO carried the story, all the other radio and television stations and newspapers picked it up so they would not be scooped. The wire services picked it up from the other media. This led to the founding of the Polly Klass Foundation, which later was adopted by the Three Strikes You're Out group-- even though the

original idea for Three Strikes You're out came from another murdered daughter, in another crime.

I am disgusted with the way some of our state politicians have used this issue as a ticket to get reelected to office after fighting changes in the laws for years.

Now that Governor Wilson has signed the Three Strikes You're Out, the problems have just started, and we are just a few days into it.

It is time that we Americans start to legislate through common sense, and not our emotions.

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Dear Readers:

If you would like faster response to your comments, you can call at (408) 254-2746, or send your letters to me, Donald Cormier
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Of course, you can also reach me through the Santa Clara Libertarian Office.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mid-County Discussion Group (Sunnyvale)

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00-9:30 P.M.

These "second Wednesday" meetings are for anyone who wants to learn about libertarianism or who is interested in libertarian ideas. They're held at Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway (at Lawrence Expressway, one block south of 101).

Save Our Liberties Meeting (Mountain View)

Location: Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue. For More information, call S.O.L. at 415 964-3655

LPSC Business Meeting (Sunnyvale)

Thursday, May 19,

Dinner—7:00 P.M.; Meeting—8-10 P.M.

These "third Thursday" meetings cover what's happening in the LP in the county, the state, and around the country. They're held at Coco's Restaurant, 1209 Oakmead Parkway (at Lawrence Expressway, one block south of 101). If you want to have dinner or a snack and participate in the pre-

meeting discussion, please arrive promptly at 7 P.M.

Terry Savage for Assembly

Campaign Meetings-- For dates, times, and places, call Terry Savage at(408)920-2183, or (408)945-7633. We're in need of savage activists, so get wildly involved!

Libertarian Party Party (BYOB)

Hosted by candidate Terry Savage-- for date, time, and place, contact Terry at the above listed numbers. (This is a completely "at your own risk" activity. There is no truth to the rumor that Howard Stern will attend.)

Freedom Rallies (Sponsored by Save Our Liberties)

Wednesday, April 27, May 11, 25, 7-9 P.M., at the Santa Clara Public Library, 2635 Homestead Road, Santa Clara.

L.P.C Officers Meetings are open to the public, and are held at the office, 3249 Stevens Creek Blvd., Ste 207, San Jose, CA, May 9, June 13, 7:30-9:00 P.M.

Donald Cormier and Jonathan Steele are co-hosts of *Free and Clear* from 6:00-8:00 AM on alternate Wednesdays on KKUP, 91.5 FM.(April 20, May 4, 18)

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