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### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT STATE CONVENTION IN FEBRUARY

- Aaron Starr, State Chair
- Rodney Austin, Northern Vice Chair
- Mark Selzer, Southern Vice Chair
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# LIBERTARIANS CONCLUDE SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION!

Libertarians gathered in San Jose during Presidents' Day weekend in February for the California state convention. Instant run-off voting (IRV) was used to elect officers. Plus the LPC platform and bylaws were revised and several resolutions were supported. About 200 attendees had the opportunity to listen to an impressive array of presenters including:

- Dr. Adam Chacksfield • Dr. Michael Edelstein • Mark Hilgenberg • John Hospers  
Gordon LaBedz • Jim Lark • Rob Latham • Tibor Machan • Vince Miller  
• Gary Reams • Irv Rubin • Mary Ruwart • Doug Scribner • Mark Selzer  
Aaron Starr • Mark Tuniewicz • Jim Turney • Stuart Williams  
Margaret Kerry-Wilcox • Richard Winger • Jarret Wollstein.  
All of this was coordinated by Cullene Lang, convention organizer.



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1) Incoming chair Aaron Starr accepts gavel from outgoing chair Mark Hinkle. 2) Standing room only at the back of the room during a business meeting. 3) Side-of-building-size "Had enough – Vote Libertarian" sign decorated the hall. 4) Orange County activist Linda Grau and San Diego County philosopher RobRob working together.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### HELP NEEDED: LIBRARY OF LIBERTY PAPERS

I've created a new website for libertarians ... and I need the help of libertarians in California. Please go to [www.libertypapers.com](http://www.libertypapers.com), where you should see the new website. I'm proposing to collect articles written by libertarians all over the world that have been published in one form or another, such as letters to the editor, op-ed, general interest, etc. My problem is that I currently lack material.

It doesn't matter whether it was published in *Newsweek*, your local weekly newspaper, or online on a website somewhere. So long as the author still retains the rights to resubmit it for publication, I want it. I want to turn this into a formidable resource for libertarian thought, for the benefit of the entire movement.

If you have an article, letter-to-the-editor, or anything else that has been published somewhere in the last five years or so, please submit it through the website. Multiple submissions are welcome. All will be reviewed for inclusion in the database.

*Walt Thiessen, Simsbury, CT*

### GOVERNMENT STEALS HOME

*"(L)ast year, the city of Poway forced us out of our neighborhood so they could tear down our houses and build very low-income apartments. Go figure that one."*

*John D.*

The power of eminent domain, originally intended to make way for very limited government "needs" such as roads, has been massively abused under "redevelopment." It is being used to destroy homes or small businesses for car dealers, casinos, Costco's, Walmart's, parking lots, ballparks, condo builders, office parks and other favored entities.

No one thinks much about it until THEIR home or business is confiscated and destroyed. The "selling" price is pretty much set by government, based on PRESENT use, ignoring the potential of the land to be used by the CURRENT owner for his own "redevelopment."

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### GUN REFRESHER COURSE

The purpose of this course is to awaken your knowledge of the rights you possess. The Founding Fathers of this great nation fought for these rights and generations since have defended them. Never take your rights for granted.

- A) An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
- B) A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
- C) Smith & Wesson: the original point and click interface.
- D) Gun control is not about guns; it is about control!
- E) If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
- F) If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
- G) If you do not know your rights, ... you don't have any.
- H) Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
- I) Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
- J) The United States Constitution (c) 1791. All Rights Reserved.
- K) What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
- L) The Second Amendment is in place in case they ignore the others.
- M) 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
- N) Guns only have two enemies: rust and politicians.
- O) Know guns, know peace and safety. No guns, no peace nor safety.
- P) You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
- Q) 911: The government sponsored Dial-A-Prayer.
- R) Assault is a behavior, not a device.
- S) Criminals love gun control - It makes their job much safer.
- T) If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
- U) A government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them.
- V) You only have the rights that you are willing to fight for.
- W) Enforce the "gun control laws" in place, do not make more.
- X) When you remove people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
- Y) The American Revolution would never have happened with Gun Control.
- Z) "...a government by the people, for the people."

*Submitted by Eduard Burgener, source unknown.*

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY UPDATES

## FROM THE CHAIR:



It's only been a few days since I've been elected chair. It's an honor and a privilege to serve the largest (and I believe best) state affiliate in the nation. My first assignment: write a column for LPC Monthly in time for the deadline ... and keep it short.

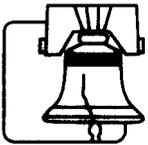
We've come a long way these last four years under Mark Hinkle's leadership. He deserves our heart-felt thanks. In some ways, this party will continue along the path he set us on. We will continue to professionalize our operations and enjoy continued unity among the members of the Executive Committee.

But this is also a time for reflection. And I'm going to need your advice and support to bring our party forward.

To do this, we are about to engage in what may be the largest initiative in recent party history. As soon as we have raised the money to underwrite this, we will be sending out a questionnaire to you and every member of our party. I hope to learn from you what your opinions are about where the party should go and what activities you are willing to support. Based on what we learn from you, your state party will be making important decisions on what we need to do to earn more of your support. And we'll be sure to share your thoughts with the chair of your local region, perhaps online.

I know that our party is full of untapped talent. We have people from every type of trade, with every type of skill imaginable. It is my hope to tap your talents for projects that you truly care about. If we can increase participation in this way, I believe we will grow faster and be more effective. And if we are more effective, we will be that much closer to a freer society.

*Stay tuned! Aaron Starr, aaron@starliteoriginals.com*



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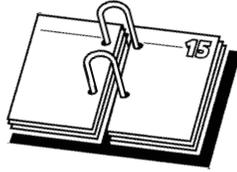
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# CALENDAR

YEAR 2001



## FRIDAY, MARCH 2

**Kubby sentencing** hearing in Auburn, CA.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 6

**Special Election in San Gabriel Valley**, 24th State Senate District. Libertarian **Marty Swinney** is running against two Democrats and a Republican. Probable run-off election on May 1st.

## MARCH 15-18

**Reason Weekend 2001**. Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Florida. Sponsored by the Reason Foundation. Contact: Amber Trudgeon (310) 391-2245, [ambert@reason.org](mailto:ambert@reason.org).

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10

**Sacramento City Election**. Libertarian **Steve Watanabe** is running for City Council.

## TUESDAY, MAY 1

**Run-off election** in San Gabriel Valley, 24th State Senate District. See March 6.

## MAY 25-27

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

## JULY 1-5

The 20th annual world conference of the **International Society for Individual Liberty**, to be held in France. Information and 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.

# YEAR 2002

## FEBRUARY 15-18

**LPC Convention**.

## JULY 4-7

**LP National Convention**. Indianapolis Convention Center.

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JUAN ROS

**LPC DIRECTOR PROMOTES LPC CONVENTION & INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING**

The 2001 LPC Convention and endorsement by the LPC of the voting reform known as Instant Runoff Voting gave LPC's Executive Director Juan Ros numerous opportunities to promote the party in the media.

"January was good for media coverage of the LPC, but February exploded!" Ros noted. "It helps that we had a state convention in a major media market, of course. Plus the continuing electricity crisis and the timeliness of voter reform also helped — not to mention the tireless efforts of all our local activists who assist in promoting the party and generating exposure for Libertarian solutions to problems!"

Ros continued his media blitz on California's energy problems, including attacks on Governor Gray Davis's heavy-handed proposal to purchase the private utilities' transmission lines and his dictator-like emergency order forcing businesses to lower electricity consumption by threatening to send out "power police" to enforce his edict.

When the state convention rolled around, Ros promoted the event to statewide and local Bay Area media. At the convention, delegates voted to use IRV during the election of LPC officers. The LPC also endorsed IRV for public elections. Ros immediately issued a news release announcing the endorsement, resulting in numerous media stories including:

- A phone interview on KFI-AM talk radio in Los Angeles
- An interview on KNX-AM news radio in Los Angeles
- A mention in the weekly political column in the *Los Angeles Daily News*

"I was delighted to see the intense interest among media outlets in voting reform and in particular IRV, which would help Libertarian candidates greatly and would be a giant step towards eliminating the 'wasted vote' problem that all third party candidates face," Ros pointed out.

The day after Ros issued his IRV news release, Speaker of the Assembly Robert Hertzberg introduced a bill, AB 1515, which would implement IRV in special elections for State Assembly, State Senate, and U.S. Congress.

"The IRV momentum is just beginning," Ros said. "I will be testifying in favor of Hertzberg's bill in Sacramento and will be working with other third parties to generate as much support as possible!"

Ros's upcoming plans at press time include attending the Steve Kubby sentencing in Auburn on March 2 and an IRV seminar in Stanford on March 3. He will continue to promote Libertarian solutions to the energy crisis and will monitor legislation in Sacramento. "There is so much to do — I have eight potential news release topics just today!" Ros concluded.

"I can't do it all, which is why I'm grateful to the local Chairs and activists on whom I will be relying to help with all our LPC projects and efforts!" ■



*Your support is greatly appreciated!*

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Congratulations to the following donors who were recently inducted into the Golden State Torch Club, a special benefit for major donors who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Libertarian Party of California per year:

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Benefits of membership in the Golden State Torch Club include increased communication from the Libertarian Party of California, regular contact by LPC staff, and preferred seating at special LPC events.

If you would like to know more about the Golden State Torch Club, please contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 782-8400.

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**MONTHLY PLEDGE WATCH**

February Pledges: \$6,462.22

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The Libertarian Party of California  
**CONVENTION 2001: THE FREEDOM TRAIN**  
 February 16-19, 2001

**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED**

Delegates to the LPC's annual convention elected the state officers that will lead the party for the next two years.

**Aaron Starr** of Simi Valley won a three-way race for State Chair in an election that represented the Libertarian Party of California's first use of an innovative voting system known as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) in the party's internal elections.

**Rodney Austin** of Fresno was reelected to a second term as Northern Vice Chair by acclamation in an unopposed race.

**Mark Selzer** of Los Angeles was elected Southern Vice Chair with 95% of the vote. "None of the Above" received 5%.

**Sandi Webb** of Simi Valley was reelected to a second term as Secretary by acclamation in an unopposed race.

**Lori Adasiewicz** of Sacramento was elected Treasurer with 82%. "None of the Above" received 14%, with the remaining 4% going to write-ins.

Five at-large representatives to the state's Executive Committee (the body in charge of state party affairs) were elected to one-year terms:

- Elizabeth Brierly** of San Jose
- Ted Brown** of San Gabriel
- Doug Scribner** of Costa Mesa
- Starchild** of San Francisco
- Daniel Wiener** of Simi Valley.

Two at-large alternates to the state Executive Committee were elected for one-year terms:

- Al Carlan** of Rancho Palos Verdes
- Bruce Dovner** of Torrance.

The Judicial Committee members elected are:

- Gail Lightfoot**
- John Scott Ballard**
- Bob Weber**
- Mark Dierolf**
- Bill White**

About 200 delegates and interested Libertarians attended this year's convention. Summaries of convention business, complete reports of the platform and bylaws committees, and selected video clips of the debates are available at <http://www.ca.lp.org/conv/2001/>



"I must study politics and war, that my sons may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, and naval architecture, navigation, commerce, and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry and porcelain."

*John Adams, submitted by Doug Scribner*

**CONVENTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Amendments to the bylaws and convention rules were adopted. Updated bylaws are online at <http://www.ca.lp.org/bylaws/>
- Revisions were made to the Party Platform. Updated platform is online at <http://www.ca.lp.org/platform/>
- Marty Swinney was endorsed for 24th State Senate District.
- Steve Watanabe was endorsed for Sacramento City Council.
- The Amnesty International Resolution on Political Prisoners was passed (see page 7).
- David Nolan received the Sons of Liberty Award at the Samuel Adams Luncheon.
- Aaron Starr received the Karl Bray Memorial Award for Activism at the Samuel Adams Luncheon.

**INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING IS SUCCESSFUL  
 AT LIBERTARIAN CONVENTION**

Under IRV, voters rank the candidates in their order of preference. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes cast, the candidate with the lowest vote total is eliminated and that candidate's second-choice votes are transferred to the remaining candidates in the race — in effect, holding a runoff without the need for additional balloting. The process repeats until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

In the first round, Starr received 41% of the vote, while Brian Lee Cross of Orange received 36% and Jeffrey Sommer of Hayward received 23%. In the second round, Sommer's votes were redistributed, giving Starr 49%, just shy of a majority. Cross received 45% while "None of the Above," an option required on every ballot by party voting procedures, received 5%. When Cross was eliminated and his ballots redistributed, Starr ended up the clear winner with 77%. "None of the Above" received 22%, with write-ins splitting the remaining 1%.

**CONVENTION OPENING SPEAKER**

John Hospers, the first Libertarian candidate for US President in 1972 said,

I consider the media as big a danger to liberty as the government.

Get the educational system out of the slimy hands of government.

I support a totally privatized, decentralized system of education.



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**BREAKING NEWS! KUBBYS FREE!**

March 2, Auburn CA -- In a decisive victory for medical marijuana patients, the judge in the trial of Steve and Michele Kubby reduced the two convictions against Steve from felonies to misdemeanors, and ruled that Steve could continue to use medical marijuana as allowed under California law. Immediately following that ruling, the Deputy District Attorney filed a motion to dismiss all remaining charges against Steve and Michele, thereby avoiding a costly retrial and finally ending the Kubbys' ordeal!

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**MICHELE & STEVE KUBBY WERE POLITICAL PRISONERS**



The Libertarian Party of California passed a resolution in support of political prisoners during its convention of February 2001. The resolution condemns the government specifically for prosecuting medical marijuana patients and providers in defiance of the law. And the resolution more generally condemns the government for routinely conducting blatantly unconstitutional actions and incarcerating people on the basis of their politics.

The use of the term "political prisoners" is meant to be serious in every way. California's Proposition 215, passed by the majority of the state's voters, legalized medical marijuana. Steve Kubby was fully within his rights in growing marijuana plants. And the Kubby case goes beyond medical marijuana. The government's attack on him is an attempt to not only negate the voters' support for legal medical marijuana, but also to suppress third party candidates by using politically motivated trumped-up charges.

The resolution on political prisoners reflects a growing realization in the libertarian movement that "politics as usual" simply are not working in the face of illegal government actions. Libertarians can not sit back while the government attacks the Party's political and intellectual leaders, as has been the case with Steve Kubby and Peter McWilliams. Libertarians can not expect the electorate to take the Party seriously if we do not take ourselves seriously. Unless we are willing to back up our own people, then we can not expect the voters to do the same. Every struggle for freedom in this country was won by people taking action, from the American Revolution itself to the civil rights movement. By pushing cases such as Steve Kubby's as examples of human rights abuses in the US, the Libertarian Party can throw the government on the defensive.

The Libertarian Party of California is not alone in recognizing the problems created by the government via its "wars" on crime, drugs and terrorism – all of which have become an excuse for increased repression. Amnesty International, the prestigious human rights organization, has recently issued reports describing abuses of human rights by US law enforcement agencies.

Working in coalitions is vital to winning. There are many groups which today are fighting against police brutality, human rights abuses, and the prison-industrial complex. We can make common

*Continued in next column*

This resolution was passed by the California Libertarian State Convention on February 19th 2001.

**A RESOLUTION ON POLITICAL PRISONERS**

**Given that:**

- Federal, state and local governments are prosecuting medical marijuana patients and providers in direct violation of the will of the people as expressed in Proposition 215.
- The government is responsible for negligent homicide in the case of Peter McWilliams.
- The government conducts blatantly unconstitutional law enforcement actions, to include censorship, gun control, profile searches, asset forfeiture, and the denial of life and liberty by paramilitary police assaults.
- Government agencies and law enforcement conduct pre-emptive arrests and malicious prosecutions of political activists, use excessive force against protesters, and apply the death penalty for political cases.
- Amnesty International has declared the United States to be a human rights abuser in the course of its "war on crime" [ <http://www.amnesty-usa.org/> ].

**It is resolved that:**

- The Libertarian Party of California states its support for political prisoners both in the United States and abroad, and to furthermore demand freedom for all such political prisoners.
- The Libertarian Party of California declare as political prisoners medical marijuana patients and providers who have been prosecuted under local state and federal law.
- The Libertarian Party of California declare as political prisoners any persons prosecuted by the state for his/her political activities, or in violation of the Bill of Rights.
- The Libertarian Party of California issue a declaration of solidarity for all other groups fighting for the rights of political prisoners.
- The Libertarian Party of California create a support committee for political prisoners.

cause with these groups. Libertarian contingents have marched alongside many of them in demonstrations such as the protests at the Democratic National Convention in August 2000.

In the future, I plan to bring cases like Steve Kubby's to the attention of Amnesty International and other human rights organizations as political prisoner cases. Libertarians who are interested in getting involved should go to the web sites I have established at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/polpriz.html>  
(for political prisoners) and

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jamiranda/libertydemo.html>  
(for libertarian protest events)

*Joseph Miranda*

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## AROUND THE WORLD

### POLITICS AS USUAL

#### STRANGE MARRIAGE LAWS PREVAIL IN NC

North Carolina's marriage laws soon may be revised to bring them more in line with 21st-century life. For example, as the law is now written, neither Muslims nor American Indians who are married in their faith's traditional wedding ceremonies are considered legally married under state law. The law is even fuzzy about the legality of marriages conducted by Roman Catholic priests and rabbis. On the license itself, the law says applicants must list their race as "white," "Indian," or "colored."

*The San Diego Union-Tribune*, February 2, 2001

#### NO SNACKING BY STATE MANDATE

Muslims in northern Malaysia who are caught eating during the fasting hours in the holy month of Ramadan will be exposed by the state. Their names will be broadcast on local radio said the State Religious Affairs Committee Chairman.

*Reuters*, December 11, 2000

#### NOTABLE QUOTABLE

"Currently, there are some twenty-one thousand drug offenders locked up in New York (state). Almost all of them are black or Hispanic, and the vast majority have never been convicted of a violent crime. According to the Correctional Association of New York, housing these inmates costs state taxpayers more than seven hundred million dollars a year."

*The New Yorker*, February 12, 2001

#### TROUBLE ON THE MISSISSIPPI - YOU DO THE MATH!

The Upper Mississippi has been dammed to near death. Now the Army Corps of Engineers wants to expand locks – a move even its own people call "a waste of taxpayers' money." The expansion would allow 1,100-foot tows of 15 barges to go through the locks without uncoupling, saving about an hour per lock. The cost of the project would be about \$1 billion, the benefits about \$750 million.

*Audubon Magazine*, July-August 2000

#### SEX THRIVES IN THE NETHERLANDS

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands has signed into law legislation that finally lifts an 88-year-old ban on sex establishments. While prostitution itself was already legal, brothels were considered illegal but tolerated. Now, however, practitioners of the world's oldest profession will enjoy employment benefits, a pension, and much to the gratification of politicians, prostitutes and brothel owners alike will be obliged to pay taxes. The Dutch sex industry, along with coffee shops that sell small quantities of marijuana, generate billions of dollars each year.

listmanager@shagmail.com, October 4, 2000

#### LOUIE, LOUIE!

On February 17, 1964, the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Tampa Florida began an investigation into the recording of "Louie Louie" by the Kingsmen, to determine whether the lyrics were obscene. After many months of examination, they dropped the case.

*San Diego Reader*, November 16, 2000



### NOTEWORTHY WEB SITES!

The sites listed will vary from month-to-month, except for the Libertarian sites which remain on the list. Special thanks to Johann Opitz (johannp@earthlink.net) who supplied many of the e-addresses.

#### ADVOCATES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT

<http://www.self-gov.org/>

Special page devoted to power problems

<http://www.theadvocates.org/issues/electereg.html>

#### CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT INFO

Register to vote: <http://www.ss.ca.gov>

#### DRUG WAR

<http://www.drugsense.org/wodclock.htm>

<http://www.nationalreview.com/kopel/kopel022101.shtml>

<http://www.nationalreview.com/goldberg/goldberg022001.shtml>

<http://www.DrugSense.org>

<http://www.StopTheWar.com/>

#### HANDGUNS

Current list of handguns approved by CA Dept. of Justice:

<http://caag.state.ca.us/firearms/certlist.htm>

Gun Owners Home Page

<http://www.KeepAndBearArms.com>

#### KUBBY TRIAL AND INFO

<http://www.kubby.com>

#### STATELINE.ORG: STATE-FOCUSED NEWS COVERAGE

An impressive amount of information on health care, welfare, taxes, education, and land use.

<http://www.stateline.org/>

<http://www.stateline.org/stateindex.cfm>

<http://www.stateline.org/issueindex.cfm>

#### OUTREACH

<http://www.libertarianrock.com>

<http://www.GrowTheLp.org>

#### RECOVERY ALTERNATIVES TO 12-STEP PROGRAMS

<http://www.smartrecovery.org>

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Convention 2001 Reports: <http://www.ca.lp.org/conv/2001/>

Secretary's Corner (Executive Committee Agendas/Minutes):

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# CALIFORNIA UPDATES

## FIRST PETS ... THEN THE PEOPLE

Senate Bill 236 has been introduced in the California state legislature requiring all dogs and cats over four months of age to be microchipped. In addition, the owner's information must be entered into a national registry approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

The American Kennel Club has posted a statement on their website expressing their opposition to California SB 236 requiring all dogs and cats to be microchipped. AKC provides the Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program, which is a national registry for permanently identified animals. CAR has enrolled over 150,000 microchipped or tattooed cats to date. They believe in the value of microchipping, but are against mandatory microchipping.

*Information from several sources*

## GET FEDS OUT OF CA!

In an astonishing development, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer has filled a 22 page brief OPPOSING a federal case against medical marijuana users. The brief apparently puts great emphasis on the often-neglected 9th and 10th Amendments of the Bill of Rights, which, if followed, would dramatically limit the role of the federal government in EVERY area of our lives.

Lockyer defends Prop 215, clearly stating that federalism gives states the control over this issue, trumping the federal laws.

Full text at <http://americanmarijuana.org>

## OUTREACH NEWSLETTER READY

Copies of the Spring 2001 Edition of the *Libertarian Alternative* are available for 25 cents each. Large discounts for quantity purchases. As little as 10 cents each when ordering 1,000 copies. E-mail: [gkltft@aol.com](mailto:gkltft@aol.com)



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## AAA CANDIDATES ARE A-OK!

If you are an AAA member in California, do not throw out your March/April *Westways Magazine*! Tear out the middle insert, which has a proxy ballot form for the Board of Directors, and vote for the Libertarian slate.

There are four candidates nominated by petition which deserve your vote. Some (maybe even all) are Libertarians and they are all running on the same platform as unified opposition to the current incumbents. This is the first contested Auto Club of California election since 1971. They want the Club to stand up for its members and demand an end to the vehicle tax and double taxation of gasoline and diesel. Vote for Peter Ford, Carl Olson, Mark Seidenberg and Robin C. Westmiller. All four state that they will work to abolish the vehicle tax and abolish the double taxation on gas (sales tax on top of excise tax).



The process is simple and free. Check off box #2 and write in the name of one of the above slate members as your proxy. Also check box #3b, which directs your proxy to vote for all 4 candidates nominated by petition. Sign it, date it and mail it. **All ballots must be received by April 2, 2001.** Note: ballot must be signed by AAA member whose name is at the top of the form.

Tell friends and family to do the same. Please post this message on to California e-lists (I have sent it to LA Libertarians e-list).

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## YES, GEORGE WASHINGTON THERE IS A VIRGINIA!

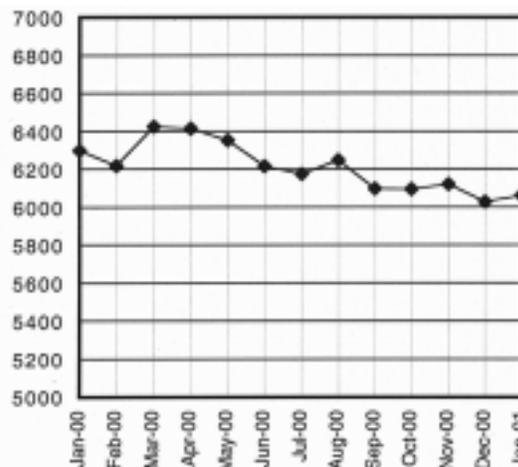
In an attempt to re-establish California as an agricultural leader, Assembly-member Virginia Strom-Martin (D) introduced Assembly Bill 448 on February 20 that would legalize the production of industrial hemp. The production of industrial hemp is currently legal in more than 25 countries including Canada, France, Germany, and China and more than twelve states have passed or are in the process of passing legislation to legalize industrial hemp.

"Industrial hemp could be of immense benefit to both the economy and the environment of the North Coast and rural California in general", Strom-Martin said. "We simply have to deal rationally rather than hysterically with a crop whose promise is great and time has come."

Industrial hemp is a versatile crop that has a number of uses and requires very little maintenance. Virtually all parts of the plant can be used to produce a number of products like paper, textiles, food, building materials, and a variety of other industrial and technical products including fuel. In addition to its uses, industrial hemp also boasts an agricultural benefit because it is a significant rotation crop with an ability to reduce pests and weed growth and to boost the yields of the primary crop. California's climate would allow for three harvestable crops a year.

More information is available on Industrial Hemp at <http://www.CAIR.net>

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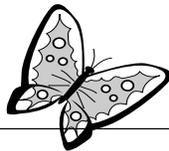
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