

# HUMAN RIGHTS NOW!



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## **“How To Use ‘New’ Civil Rights Laws after 9-11”: MCLI’s new book**

Activists, lawyers, and teachers are reacting to the stream of Executive Orders, Atty. General's decisions under the PATRIOT Act, declarations of "war" against terrorism, FBI surveillance, and now the Homeland Security Department Act.

MCLI staff and volunteer interns went to work, overtime, to prepare a 324-page book with answers to some of the attacks on the people and the law, and sample complaints to slow down or stop other assaults.

The new MCLI book describes **68 "unknown" cases in which people won their rights** against deportation, arbitrary arrest and detention, child abuse, torture, and other wrongs by **using "new" laws**, i.e., the U.S. Constitution, UN Charter Articles, Nuremberg Principles, the Convention Against Torture, and two other ratified reporting treaties, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, apparently unknown to this White House.

*"Ann Fagan Ginger has done it again! While others are reeling from the Bush/Ashcroft assaults, she has written a great book with dozens of counter measures."*

*-- Prof. Michael Tigar,  
Washington Law School,  
American University*

Librarians, the media, city councils, judges, and legislators can find some quick answers in the descriptions of successful resistance to outrageous actions under the rubric of post-9-11.

This book contains excerpts from useful court opinions, ordinances, and complaints, and the complete texts of all relevant constitutions, charters, treaties, and agreements, with a useful index.

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## **California Bar and Patriot Act**

*by Doris Brin Walker*

The Conference of Delegates of the California Bar Association, at its October 2002 meeting in Monterey, adopted a resolution calling for post 9-11 protection of constitutional rights. After efforts to keep the resolution from reaching the floor, it was adopted by an overwhelming majority of representatives of California bar associations:

"RESOLVED that the Conference of Delegates recommends that the California Congressional delegation to the House of Representatives and California's Senators support legislation amending the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act or otherwise addressing the concerns expressed below, in light of the fundamental precept that in times of crisis, it is imperative that the government respect constitutional rights and procedural due process, even as it protects life, property and national security."

The National Lawyers Guild delegates prepared and distributed a memorandum of law with case citations emphasizing those provisions of the U.S. Constitution that John Ashcroft and other members of the Bush Administration have already violated.

Bar associations from Santa Clara, Beverly Hills, and San Francisco Bay Area National Lawyers Guild worked together on the resolution.

For the resolution and supporting statement of reasons: [www.cdca.org](http://www.cdca.org). For the supporting memo: NLG, 558 Capp St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

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## The Right to Health

In international law the Right to Health is a basic human right. The International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights puts it as follows:

The State Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. (Article 12)

In three previous issues we reported on steps that can be taken toward ending the cancer epidemic in the United States. The present Federal government is unlikely to deal with the problem. We need, therefore, to be prepared in case any of us are among the hundreds of thousands who will be affected.

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### Medical Self-Defense

Recently I learned that two persons I had known had died from cancer. Neither one had taken advantage of adjunct or alternative therapies. Yet there is good evidence that any of the conventional treatments (surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy) can be more effective, better tolerated, and less destructive when coupled with adjunctive therapies. There is also good evidence that some alternative therapies are better than the conventional ones.

Why, then, don't people take advantage of the adjunct and alternative therapies? One reason is that most of us know very little about any of the treatments for cancer, conventional or non-conventional. The second is that most oncologists do not inform their patients about adjunctive and alternative therapies because they are uninformed themselves or do not want to risk problems with their professional associations, their hospitals, or the government by stepping outside the institutionalized treatment protocols. Third, there is the matter of cost, as most insurance companies will not pay for non-standard therapy.

And lastly, there seems to be - as compared with European countries - a peculiarly American fear of disapproval or social rejection, which may be illustrated by an incident reported by Dr. Hulda Clark, a path-breaking alternative practitioner. Having cured a child of what had been diagnosed as Autism, she was implored by the parents not to inform the group they belonged to - a group for parents of Autistic children! (The thought had not even crossed her mind.) Whatever the reason or reasons for this fear of social disapproval or rejection we need to overcome it post haste. We are losing the "war on cancer", as the cancer rate continues to climb. One out of every two men can now expect to have cancer in his lifetime, and one out of every three women. It is difficult to imagine the effect this is having on families, and its long-term social consequences.

In this situation we need to inform ourselves about both conventional treatments and alternatives. And we need to do this while still healthy, since it is hard to learn anything in the state of panic, fear and anger that usually comes with a diagnosis of cancer. We need to inform family and friends as well, not only for their own sake, but also because you don't want to be faced with a stonewall of incomprehension and disapproval if you choose an alternative non-conventional treatment.

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There are several things it is vital to know about conventional treatments. One is that they are very unlikely to cure cancer. Surgeons never know if they have completely excised a tumor, so a follow-up with radiation or chemotherapy is usually required. But to completely eliminate a cancer with a radiation or chemotherapy treatment would generally eliminate the patient as well. Second, both radiation and chemotherapy leave behind them a host of damaged cells and this includes a damaged immune system, so the body is less able to deal with the cancer that remains.

And lastly, both radiation and chemotherapy are carcinogenic, so one faces the possibility of another cancer as a result of the treatment.

What are the alternatives? There are a surprising number of alternative therapies with a record as good as, or better than, the conventional ones, and without the assault on the body or the dangerous sequelae. Below are some informative Web sites and books on adjunct and alternative therapies, but I first want to mention two very different views about the origin of cancer.

I had once accepted the prevalent idea that cancer is the result of damaged cells that had gone out of control and become a virtually autonomous and alien life-form in the body. It is true that cancer develops from a damaged cell, but there is always an enormous number of cells being damaged, and they are either repaired, kill themselves, or are killed by the immune system.<sup>1</sup> Why do some develop into cancers? One view is that damaged cells are usually genetically unstable; if they can reproduce, their progeny will have a higher mutation rate, increasing the likelihood they can develop immune system defenses, establish their own blood supply, and whatever else is needed to establish a colony.

Many successful alternative therapies, however, are based on the view that cells are not so independent of the biological system they are a part of, so the cellular environment is a necessary factor in whether an unreparable or misrepaired cell can establish a successful aberrant colony. There is either something essential missing from the cellular environment, or something in that environment that is interfering with normal processes, or both. This is not an unreasonable view given the nutritionally inferior food provided by industrially raised and produced fast foods and frozen foods, and the fact that we are besieged by pollutants of all kinds in our air, water, and food.

As to which view about the genesis of cancer is correct, it may not be resolvable. In his book *Reflections on a Theory of Organisms*, Walter M. Elsasser (a physicist with a lifelong interest in biology) said "... a point that I wish to emphasize ... is the idea that with biological science something new appears which can best be described as the idea of irreducible and unfathomable complexity as the chief characteristic of organisms." (1987, p. 129). If we take this seriously we cannot expect a fully and impeccably dressed scientific explanation for cancer. But we do not require one. What we need to know is what works best, whatever its explanation.

1. Dr. Ralph Moss, author of *Cancer Therapy, Questioning Chemotherapy*, and *The Cancer Industry*, and member of the Alternative Medicine Program Advisory Council at the National Institute of Health, has a wealth of information on his Web site [www.cancerdecisions.com](http://www.cancerdecisions.com). He has a free weekly online newsletter, with his own view on the best and most effective alternative cancer clinics in the US and abroad, and if you know the specific kind of cancer, can provide a detailed report on the best conventional and alternative treatments available. His book, *The Cancer Industry*, is - to say the least - eye opening.

2. The Cancer Cure Foundation, [www.cancercure.org](http://www.cancercure.org), is a nonprofit institution that attempts to provide information on all alternative and adjunct therapies. Responsible and informative.

3. The Burzynski Clinic in Houston, Texas. Dr. Stanislaus Burzynski developed a very successful treatment for cancer based on the body's information system. He is currently carrying out a

trial for the FDA. [www.cancermed.com](http://www.cancermed.com). There is also a Web site operated by his patients: [www.burzynskipatientgroup.org](http://www.burzynskipatientgroup.org).

4. Hulda Regehr Clark, Ph.D., N.D., has been developing - for many years - a new and very powerful method of diagnosis and successful treatment for cancer and many other diseases. Her discoveries have been recorded in a remarkable series of books, starting with *The Cure of All Diseases*, 1995, and most recently *The Cure of Advanced Cancer*, 1999. [www.drclark.net](http://www.drclark.net)

5. Insulin Potentiation Therapy (IPT). The use of a small dose of insulin has been discovered to make chemotherapeutic agents much more effective, so that much smaller doses are possible, avoiding the nausea, hair loss, and other side effects of the treatment. This site lists doctors by geographic area who are trained in IPT. [www.iptq.org](http://www.iptq.org).

A very useful book is *Cancer Diagnosis: What To Do Next* by W.J.Diamond M.D., W. Lee Cowden, M.D., and B. Goldberg, published by Alternative Medicine.com, 2000. Seven different categories of alternative therapies are discussed; but again, it is best to become acquainted with them before being faced with the immediate need to make decisions for oneself or one's child. Includes a list of alternative practitioners and clinics.

Lastly, Samuel Epstein's *The Politics of Cancer Revisited*, East Ridge Press, 1998. A classic in the field, updated. Includes a wealth of information about preventing cancer.

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<sup>1</sup> One estimate is that "...approximately 10,000 measurable DNA modification events occur per hour in each mammalian cell due to intrinsic causes." Quoted in J.W. Gofman, *Radiation from Medical Procedures in the Pathogenesis of Cancer and Ischemic Heart Disease*, San Francisco, 1999, p. 530.

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## **Book Review: *THE COLD WAR AGAINST LABOR***

Ann Fagan Ginger and David Christiano, editors. *Studies in Law and Social Change*, No. 3. (MCLI, 1987, reissued 2001, 2 vols., 915 pp., \$10.)

Arthur Romero, executive director of the ACLU, recently argued that following the September 11, 2001 attacks, American civil liberties have been in more jeopardy than at any time since the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. If Romero had read *The Cold War Against Labor*, he might have moved that judgment up to the period from the late 1940s-1950s.

These two volumes make abundantly clear that in those years there was a concerted, unremitting and often unconstitutional series of government and business assaults on progressive unions and individual civil liberties that crippled the U.S. labor movement while doing immense personal harm to an entire generation of social justice activists. All of this, of course, was done in the guise of patriotic anti-communism.

Although many of the era's attacks on civil liberties were eventually declared unconstitutional, conservative-sponsored

changes in federal labor law from 1947 on weakened the labor movement for the rest of the Twentieth Century.

*The Cold War Against Labor* explores these key issues in great depth in a wide-ranging anthology that covers much of the history of U.S. labor and civil liberties after World War II. The volumes contain choice pieces by Len DeCaux, Anne Braden, W.E.B. Du Bois, Henry and Philip Foner, Fred Hirsch, Meridel LeSueur, Vivian McGuckin Raineri, Helen Sobel, Henry Kraus, Paul Robeson, many more.

Here you will find historical assessments, contemporary essays, case studies, memoirs, poems, and period photos and cartoons from places as diverse as Hawaii, Hollywood, Mississippi and Harvard University. The 100 pieces make the labor battles, legal confrontations, and personal struggles come to life.

*Harvey Schwartz, curator, International Longshore & Warehouse Union Oral History Collection; oral historian, Labor Archives & Research Center, San Francisco State University.*

## ELECTION DAY PLUS: Laws the Bush Admin. is Violating

Several candidates running for office in California mentioned, in their campaign speeches, the human rights MCLI constantly proclaims. As each step of the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld-Ashcroft plan is revealed, more people are turning to the Bill of Rights and the UN Charter and the treaties the U.S. government has ratified promising not to go to war against the people of the United States, or of other nations.

For a quick hand-out for a meeting, get copies of MCLI's 2-page quotations from the U.S. Constitution and UN Charter that must not be violated by the so-called Patriot Act, the new Homeland Security Department, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, new directives to the FBI, or any Executive Orders.

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*Robert Minor, The Masses, July 1916*

**Army Medical Examiner: "At last a perfect soldier!"**

# HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS & PERIODICALS DIRECTORY

## WHAT'S THE EMAIL OF THAT NEW HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION?

Hundreds of new organizations are spring-ing up across the United States working against assaults on civil rights and liberties.

And many organizations are moving, getting web pages or email addresses.

It's not hard to keep up. It's virtually impossible!

That's where MCLI comes in. The eleventh edition of "Human Rights Organizations & Periodicals Directory" will hit the stands in February 2003. It will describe over 1,200 organizations and periodicals that work in the U.S. (and abroad) on issues in the U.S. (and abroad).

After alphabetical descriptions of each organization and periodical, the Subject Index lists each organization under three categories, from Academic Freedom and Affirmative Action to WTO work and Youth, rights of.

The Student Internship list includes every organization providing internships, and each organization is requested to give the name of the specific person to contact for an internship.

The separate listing of periodicals is helpful for organizations with newsletters with distinctive names. For a list of organizations in your area, look in the Geographical Index.

Monica Alanis is editor-in-chief of this MCLI classic. She was ably assisted by Gordon Haig and Brooke Kirkland.

## MCLI IN ACTION

### WCAR workshop at NLG Convention leads to Durban Plus 5 resolution

MCLI's delegation of 12 to the UN World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) in Durban in 2001 presented a workshop at the National Lawyers Guild Convention on Oct. 18 in Pasadena. This led the Convention to pass a resolution to start working now toward Durban Plus Five, the report-back by each nation in 2006 on their work to carry out the Durban Platform. Ann Ginger and David Gespass, who went to Durban, emphasized the increasing importance of facing, and fighting against, the racism that will surround any so-called war on terrorism in the Middle East.

They also discussed the best ways to support Cong. John Conyers' bill for reparations for the victims of the slave system in the U.S.

MCLI's Committee on WCAR, chaired by Emma Dawley, is continuing to work on a booklet describing the lessons learned by MCLI delegates to Durban, and the joys of experiencing another countryside, and other cultures, in South Africa.

### MCLI to present at Youth Coalition

SOUL, Mandela Arts, Youth Force Coalition and Underground Railroad will present a program on Immigration & the Patriot Act & Political Rights sponsored by the Youth Empowerment Center in Oakland on Dec. 12, 6 p.m., 1357 5th St. Ann Fagan Ginger has been invited to speak on "How To Use 'New' Civil Rights Laws after 9-11."

*Good friends of MCLI:*

#### **JIM HERNDON**

African American Historical &  
Cultural Society,  
Paul Robeson Society  
*Presenté*

#### **EDITH TIGER**

Emergency Civil Liberties  
Committee  
*Presenté*

### What MCLI Board Members are doing

Nov. 20. - Nancy Hormachea left for Israel to join with other members of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers to discuss many current legal issues with lawyers from Israel and Palestine.

Attorney Hormachea will present a Memorandum of Law for the IADL to the Israeli Military Court in Beit El in the case of a 15-year-old Palestinian girl, Zeinab al-Shouly, who has been held for eight months in an adult prison, denied permission to see or even correspond with her parents. In her first court appearance, she was brought in shackled and handcuffed.

On Nov. 24, the Court will be asked in this case to hold the Israeli government to the terms of the UN treaty, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which Israel has signed and ratified. Israeli soldiers testified at her trial Aug. 10 that she was a member of the Intafada who had thrown rocks and bottles at them and in 2002 threw a molotov cocktail at a tank.

The Convention commits signatory nations to treat every child "with humanity and respect for the inherent dignity." It specifies that children "shall have the right to maintain contact with his or her family" and shall not be detained with adults. While Israeli law sets limits on detention and punishment of minors according to age and nationality, the Military Court has no limit on the sentencing of Palestinian children 14 to 16 years old.

The Memo points out that Israel has made a strong commitment to the terms of the Convention by having an Israeli act as Rapporteur for the CRC Committee that enforces the treaty.

For a copy of the 8-page Memo, write it onto the Order Form on p. 11.

### **INTERNSHIPS FOR 2003**

MCLI needs college and law students to work on human rights and peace law projects, including struggling for rights under the U.S. Constitution and UN Charter.

Call or write for application form on page 11.

## Law became a ‘calling’ for MCLI Pres. Steven Birnbaum

**C**LI Board President Steven M. Birnbaum, Esq., says going to law school years ago wasn’t an obvious choice at first. But looking back, the 54-year-old New Jersey native can see that he was prime for it. “I was a fashioned rebel in my family – I stretched the norms more than they wanted me to. I saw authority as something to be questioned.”

The son of “second-generation American, Post World War II” parents who made the American dream a reality, Birnbaum said his “Kennedy Democrat” family was apathetic politically. Not Birnbaum; he took part as much as possible in the ’60s revolution, and in the fight for peace, justice and equality. In the midst of the Vietnam War and race riots, the New York University philosophy major often alternated his schoolwork with organizing co-ops, doing community service work, and joining a commune in Maryland.

“I was more interested in being a social activist than going to college,” Birnbaum said while seated recently in his San Francisco law office. (He has a second office in Hawaii.) Anti-war, he narrowly missed the draft by two numbers. Otherwise, he planned to apply for Conscientious Objector status, or to escape to Canada.

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One of his most eye-opening experiences came when he participated in Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA), a domestic peace corps program, in his junior year in college. Stationed in Carrolotton, GA, he saw firsthand “the realities of the South.” Just five years after the voting rights bill, separate entrances and water fountains for “white” and “colored” still existed. “We (VISTA) had a lot of failures ... not because we didn’t try. The South wasn’t ready,” he said.

Two incidences in particular that influenced Birnbaum in Carrolotton were: when his dog was poisoned (which he believes was because the predominantly white community disapproved of him inviting black people into his home), and when a white barber threatened him while holding a straight-edge razor to his throat while shaving him.

“I grew up a lot. I understood that life was not the same where I grew up in New Jersey,” Birnbaum said. “It also gave me a solid and tangible reason to do good things and good work.”

Soon after moving to the San Francisco Bay Area, Birnbaum enrolled in New College, then a new public interest law school – and found his career calling. He credited the school’s student requirement to complete 1,500 hours of legal work in the community as arming him with invaluable experience. But it was Ann Fagan Ginger – MCLI’s Exec. Dir. and then Birnbaum’s Constitutional Law teacher – whom Birnbaum credited for convincing him to stay in law school when things got rough his

second year. “I didn’t see the point of going on. She told me some personal history about her past struggles; it kept me going,” the Marin County resident said. At graduation, Birnbaum thanked Ginger publicly in his outgoing speech.

Birnbaum’s persistence paid off. He passed the Bar in 1978, and he became a staff attorney at Legal Assistance to the Elderly in San Francisco. He said he was fired four years later after he began organizing a union. This event inspired him to strike out on his own, eventually settling into a practice focused on workers’ compensation cases. Birnbaum is one of a few attorneys in the Western U.S. and Hawaii specializing in the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Act.

This father of two grown children enjoys his busy field of law because “Justice is on my side. I see cases every day, where workers who are legitimately injured are treated like they are illegitimate ... and international corporations profit. It feels good when I can turn that around.”

Involved in various civic organizations, Birnbaum considers MCLI a treasure trove for human rights advocates. Its focus on the use of international treaties ratified by the U.S. at the local, state, and national levels, in particular, make MCLI a cutting-edge resource for law schools, and students, lawyers, activists, media, etc.

“I don’t think people understand that it has as much practical application as it does,” he said. “Some people think it’s a ‘pie in the sky’ legal model ... but it’s not.”

-- *Monica Alanis*



## DIRECTOR'S DIARY

Sept. 8 \* Wrote "20 Questions" for **San Francisco State** paper; it was well received. Sample question: "When you went to a recent rally, did some stranger take your picture?"

Last line: "Remember: **Germany in 1932 was a cultured, highly educated country that was not at war but was suffering from an economic depression and a wave of anti-foreigner feeling. The plan Adolph Hitler had drawn up in the early 1920s was put in place a decade later.**"

Sept. 14 \* Participated in 3d **Redwood Sequoia Congress: Democracy or Empire: Which side are you choosing?** with **Cong. Dennis Kucinich, Country Joe McDonald,** and **Sherry Glaser** at UC-B Wheeler Auditorium.

Sept. 15 \* Spoke for Marin Interfaith Task Force on Central America on Democracy v. Empire: What laws can we use? A deeply moving experience, sharing history, and current concerns, and what to do next with veterans of struggles to save the lives and democracy of many Central American countries.

Sept. 27 \* Participated in **Disarmament Committee of American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia**, sharing experiences since 9-11 with peace activists from Montana Indian reservation to Boston commons.

Then attended an intimate evening with **Friends of MCLI in Philadelphia**, arranged by Harlan Girard.

Oct. 5 \* Presentation to National Lawyers Guild's **Alternative Law Day** at Hastings: "Follow your interests, and your conscience. If we all stick together, we will help some clients, and causes, and won't starve to death." Many more attended than in previous years!

Oct. 12 \* Acted as expert witness for mock meeting of U.S. Senate committees run by **Berkeley High School students** on U.S. policies re Iraq and PATRIOT Act in class on Politics and Power.

Oct. 13 \* Made merry with women active in left law and social change in 1970 (thanks to **Barbara Rhine** and **Susan Jordan**). Heard about cases, kids and causes, many unexpected 30 years ago.

Oct. 18 \* Shared stories of women lawyers (Carol King, Pearl Hart, Yetta Land) in the '30s when **the Left helped push Pres. Roosevelt into a New Deal**, at the Anti-Sexism Comm. panel at the Nat'l Lawyers Guild Convention. For "Guild Women Looking Back-ward and Forward", use Order Form, p. 11.

Oct. 22 \* Appeared on **KALW** (San Francisco School District station) with **MCLI Board member Colleen Rohan** and **Eva Patterson** discussing new threats to the civil liberties guaranteed in U.S., and UN, laws.

Nov. 13 \* Presentation to seminar on **Strategy and Tactics of Political Activism for Social Change Overseas** at SF State.

Nov. 16 \* Offered Political Exercises for warm, active **Gray Panthers** in **San Rafael**.

Nov. 19 \* Panelist in lively session at UC **Boalt Hall School of Law** by Berkeley Community **Wake Up About the War** on Bush ignoring separation of powers between President and Congress, and the law in the Bill of Rights, UN Charter, and human rights treaties.

Nov. 21 \* On **Prime Time, KUSP**, Santa Cruz on the new so-called Homeland Security Department Act.

Dec. 2 \* Presentation for **NOW East Bay and Oakland** at Mama Bear's bookstore.

Dec. 10 \* Speaker at Rally for **Human Rights Day** at Federal Building, Oakland for the **Gray Panthers Social Action Committee**.

Jan. 19, '03, 2 pm \* Presentation for **United Nations Association** annual meeting at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, on The Future of the UN.

*Everybody Helping Everybody  
Here & there  
in these Challenging Times*

## MCLI HELPS IN ALBUQUERQUE

Lawyers holding a training session in Albuquerque on how to practice civil liberties law today are distributing copies of two MCLI classics: **First Amendment Defense - Federal and First Amendment Defense - State**, and MCLI's new **How To Use 'New' Civil Rights Laws after 9-11**.

### *What a Chance for Fun!*

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### Who's Next?

The Board welcomes the next host/hostess of an MCLI house party after great galas in 2002 in Santa Monica, Berkeley, Philadelphia, and Pasadena. Anyone in Boston? Chicago? New York or Seattle? Make a suggestion. We'll help from here with names, ideas.

## Making Friends in Southern California

The MCLI table was a popular place for lawyers, law students, and legal workers to talk about the new MCLI book at the National Lawyers Guild convention in Pasadena, Oct. 17-20.

**Dean Royer** and **Erich Keefe**, MCLI summer interns, joined **Monica Alanis**, MCLI Project Director, at the table, with the very first copies of "HOW TO USE 'NEW' CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AFTER 9-11" and other MCLI books.

All the bright orange **Intern forms** for summer '03 were taken by the many law students present. Others took order forms and newsletters. Many people congratulated MCLI on its work over the years, and several participants new to MCLI wanted to know more about MCLI's history and mission.

### What a Party!

**David Fertig** and **Louisa Simpson**, with **Jan Goodman**, were the gracious hosts of a fund-raiser for MCLI in **Pasadena** during the National Lawyers Guild convention.

Old and new friends of MCLI talked about the political, economic and racial issues facing Southern California and the urgent need for continuing, and expanding, broad news coverage on Pacifica radio.

Ann Fagan Ginger was happy to report that more than 80 people made donations to KPFK to get copies of MCLI's new book, "How To Use 'New' Civil Rights Laws after 9-11" for their premium gifts.

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## Gordon Haig Helps Improve MCLI's Computer Network

**Gordon Haig came to MCLI to do some routine computer maintenance. He says he discovered he had "an opportunity to make a real contribution. By choosing strategically when solving particular problems, we could build a better computer setup."** Since July MCLI has:

\* connected computers so that they share the Internet connection, thus freeing the fax line, speeding Internet work, and saving on phone charges.

\*installed a new computer so the Project Director can work without frequent crashes, and use Quark desktop publishing software to improve MCLI publications.

\*instituted an automated backup system using the CD writer; updated virus software.

\*regularized ownership of the name "mcli.org" and **new e-mail address mcli@mcli.org**, and transferred MCLI's Web site to a new hosting service.

Having solved the major reliability problems in the network, MCLI is now putting the computers to work on the 11th edition of the **Human Rights Organizations and Periodicals Directory**.

*Gordon Haig, who came to MCLI through CompuMentor, is an independent computer consultant. GordHaig@hotmail.com; (510) 847-5371.*

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MEIKLEJOHN CIVIL LIBERTIES INSTITUTE  
or to the U.S. government?**

We will have a column in upcoming newsletters to let you know some of the planned giving options you may not have heard about. Depending on your situation, these can be a real win-win, both for you and for keeping MCLI speaking out for human rights whenever they are under attack.

**Life Insurance**

Over one's life, the need for life insurance may change. If that is true in your situation and you have purchased life insurance that no longer is essential to meeting those previous needs, making MCLI the beneficiary can be beneficial to you as well as MCLI in the following ways:

\* Your estate taxes will be reduced by the amount of the life insurance because the proceeds are removed from your estate.

\* When you name MCLI beneficiary of your life insurance and assign us ownership, this will count as a charitable deduction for you.

You can also name MCLI beneficiary but keep the ownership of the life insurance, which allows you flexibility. Or you can still provide for the security of your family by naming MCLI as a contingent beneficiary to your life insurance.

Please let us know if you would like to talk to a tax/estate attorney about this or any other planned giving possibilities.

**For a great deal for You and for MCLI,  
see Page 9 for a winter week at Squaw Valley,  
or some other hide-away from here to Timbuctu!**

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