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CHP SETTLES! Landmark Reforms Won in Profiling Suit

By ELIZABETH HAN
ACLU INTERN

In a first of its kind settlement, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has agreed to adopt sweeping reforms—including a ban on consent searches and restrictions on drug-related pretext stops—that will help curb the practice of racial profiling on California's highways. "There has been no other racial profiling lawsuit in any other state that has resulted in these kinds of reforms," said Jon Streeter, partner at the San Francisco law firm of Kecker & Van Nest and the lead counsel for the ACLU in the case.

"Today's settlement marks a turning point in the fight against racial profiling in California," said Curtis Rodriguez, a plaintiff in the case, *Rodriguez et al. v. CHP*. "It is important because it will make our highways safer for everyone; Latino and African American motorists will no longer have to live in fear of being stopped and searched simply because of the color of their skin."

The lawsuit was part of an extensive ACLU campaign involving legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, public education and litigation that seeks to stamp out the phenomenon of "Driving While Black or Brown (DWB)."

The settlement extends by three years a

moratorium on consent searches instituted in 2001 by the CHP as a result of the suit. It also bans drug-related pretext stops—the practice of pulling over motorists for a minor traffic violation as a pretext for searching the vehicle for drugs. Latinos are approximately three times more likely

relies on racial stereotypes, according to the ACLU. The "difference between the stereotype and the actual fact is at the heart of the problem: very little contraband is found in those consent searches," said Streeter. "The state's leading law enforcement agency would not adopt this ban if

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— Mark Scholsberg

to be searched by CHP officers than whites in the Central and Coastal Divisions, and African Americans are approximately twice as likely to be searched in those divisions, according to data obtained during the suit.

With the ban on consent searches, "the settlement addressed law enforcement tactics most likely to be infused with bias," according to Mark Scholsberg, police practices policy director of the ACLU of Northern California (ACLU-NC). Consent searches, which give great discretion to officers, can easily become an opportunity for latent racism to be manifested, Scholsberg said.

Racial profiling is not merely discriminatory; it is an ineffective practice that

consent searches were really needed," noted ACLU-NC legal director Alan Schlosser. "Racial profiling is not necessary for effective law enforcement."

The settlement also includes: comprehensive data collection on traffic stops, including the reason for the stop, whether a search was conducted, the legal basis for the search, and the result of the stop and search; and the creation of an Auditor position to monitor the data, who will report directly to the Commissioner.

The ACLU praised the CHP and

WAR AND LIBERTY

During this time of war, the ACLU will work vigorously to protect civil liberties at home. In particular, we have set our sights on defending the rights of demonstrators and of people of Iraqi descent who are targeted for questioning by government agents. To download information about the rights of demonstrators and the rights of school students to protest, visit www.aclunc.org/publications.

If you, or someone you know in the Iraqi community has been targeted for questioning, or if you are a protester who needs advice, please call the National Lawyers Guild's 24-hour free legal advice line at 415-285-1055.

Commissioner Spike Helmick for becoming the first agency in the nation to institute such reforms. "The reforms agreed to by the CHP should serve as a model policy for local police departments throughout the state," said Schlosser. ■

Resolution Campaign Gains Force

By SANJEEV BERY
ACLU ADVOCATE/ ORGANIZER

In city halls across the U.S., a movement is growing to reclaim our rights. As a new Bush administration proposal dubbed "Patriot Act II" looms on the horizon, local officials around the nation are mounting vocal opposition to its predecessor, the USA Patriot Act of 2001.

Already, over 75 cities and counties nationwide representing more than 5.4 million Americans have passed resolutions opposing the USA Patriot Act and other federal actions that erode civil liberties. These measures are powerful statements in opposition to troubling new government powers, including giving the FBI expanded authority to spy on political meetings and houses of worship, monitor Internet and email use, and subpoena libraries for information about what patrons are reading.

Here in Northern California, 17 communities—San Francisco, Oakland, Yolo County, Davis, Arcata, Point Arena,



The ACLU-NC's Sanjeev Bery (l) speaks at a San Francisco City Hall announcing the City's anti-USA Patriot Act resolution as Supervisor Jake McGoldrick (r) looks on.

Sonoma, Sebastopol, Cotati, Fairfax, San Anselmo, Richmond, Berkeley, Union City, Santa Cruz, Watsonville and El Cerrito—have passed resolutions. The senate of the Associated Students of the University of U.C. Berkeley also passed a resolution on March 5.

San Francisco's resolution, passed 9-1 on January 22, "affirms that any efforts to end terrorism not be waged at the expense of the fundamental civil rights and liberties of the people of San Francisco."

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ACLU Challenges Student Roundup

By STELLA RICHARDSON
MEDIA RELATIONS DIRECTOR

On January 30, the ACLU of Northern California (ACLU-NC) filed a class action lawsuit challenging the unlawful roundup of approximately 60 students at James Logan High School in Union City. On February 22, 2002 the students were illegally rounded up, detained for up to two hours, searched, interrogated, and photographed by Union City police officers and school officials. The information gathered from the students apparently was entered into a "gang database" maintained by the Union City Police Department.

"These high school students, most of them Latino or Asian, were subjected to the most humiliating kind of treatment: they were rounded up, patted down, forced to let officials search their backpacks and purses, and then interrogated and photographed by the police so that they could be added to a gang database—all without any justification," says Ann Brick, staff attorney with the ACLU-NC "This kind of mass roundup is a blatant violation of the students' Fourth Amendment rights."

One of the plaintiffs, Brian Benitez, was walking through the corridors with two friends during lunch period when he was stopped by a Union City police officer and a school principal who ordered the students to follow them. "I was just going to get lunch when I was stopped and told that I had to follow the police officer. I protested that I had not done anything wrong, but I was warned that if I didn't follow them they would force me. I was afraid, so I went." Now Benitez and the other students

are worried about having their photographs in a police "gang database." "Does this mean that I will be stopped again?" asks Benitez.

"I think it is very disturbing when our kids are treated like this," said Ron Prentice, a parent of one of the plaintiffs. "These kids are going to school to learn, but the school is teaching them the wrong lesson when it rounds kids up who are simply going to class or eating lunch." Benitez, Prentice, and a third student, Victor Munoz, are suing on behalf of all students

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Resolutions...

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"I have introduced this resolution to send a message to the Bush Administration that individual citizens will not tolerate these widespread violations of their civil liberties in the name of fighting terrorism," said Supervisor Jake McGoldrick. "The USA Patriot Act encourages the use of racial profiling and creates an atmosphere of hate against immigrants who have done nothing wrong. This is something we in San Francisco will not tolerate." Supervisors Gerardo Sandoval, Aaron Peskin, Matt Gonzalez, Chris Daly and Tom Ammiano co-sponsored the resolution.

Residents of another 25 cities across Northern California have launched their own campaigns. Nationally, communities that have passed resolutions range from Carrboro, North Carolina, to Fairbanks, Alaska and include large cities like Denver and Detroit.

In each jurisdiction, concerned residents from a wide range of backgrounds — from former Mayors to high school students — came together and launched local campaigns. Activists held public forums, recruited local organizations, and lobbied their city councils and county boards. They formed diverse coalitions of people from all religious backgrounds, ethnicities, political persuasions, and walks of life.

These local efforts are important because they send a message to Washington DC that support for civil liberties remains strong. Many of the resolutions also have a practical impact locally. They instruct local officials to refrain,

when legally possible, from participating in federal actions that may violate residents' civil liberties.

As more resolutions pass, more city and county governments will take steps to protect their residents from such intrusive federal efforts. Simultaneously, grassroots opposition to the federal actions themselves will continue to build.

No doubt in part as a result of these local efforts, more and more members of Congress are now quietly backing away from their previous votes in support of the Patriot Act. This is a crucial development

Students Unite to Fight Patriot Act

The newly formed College Activist Committee held a student conference, *College Activism in the Wake of 9/11*, on Saturday February 8 at Stanford University. Approximately 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all over the Bay Area attended the conference, which focused on passing resolutions opposing the USA Patriot Act. The conference was sponsored by the Stanford Civil Liberties Union, Berkeley Student Caucus, The Howard A. Friedman Education Project of the ACLU-NC, UC Hastings ACLU, and the Coalition for Registrants' Rights. For more information on the College Activist Committee, contact Lindsay Wagberman at 415-621-2493 ext 355.

—Lindsay Wagberman

New Chair for Affiliate Board

BY GIGI PANDIAN
PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Long-time ACLU supporter and board member Quinn Delaney was enthusiastically welcomed by the ACLU-NC as the new chair of the affiliate board in February. Delaney takes over the helm from Margaret Russell, who chaired the board from January 2000.

An Associate Professor of Law at Santa Clara University, Russell has been a member of the board for over 15 years. "Chairing the ACLU-NC board has been one of the highest honors and most meaningful experiences of my professional life," Russell said.

"As a professor of constitutional law, Margaret combines being a brilliant legal scholar with her substantive leadership qualities at the ACLU," ACLU-NC executive director Dorothy Ehrlich said of Russell. "She led us through two important organizational changes during her tenure as chair; an important strategic planning process that is making the organization function more



New ACLU-NC board chair Quinn Delaney.

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Retiring board chair Margaret Russell

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effectively, as well as leading us through the complex process of restructuring the field program. We thank Margaret for her exemplary dedication and leadership."

Delaney takes the chair after serving for four years as vice chair of the board and chair of the development committee. Under her stewardship, the ACLU-NC reached and exceeded its fundraising goals and concluded its multiyear campaign for a \$5 million Trust for the Bill of Rights. "Quinn is an elegant leader who pushed board members to increase their sites, and with amazing results," said Ehrlich. "She is an accomplished leader and will be a great chair."

Delaney, who is director of the Akonadi Foundation, which gives grants to nonprofit organizations working towards eliminating racism, says she is well aware that she assumes leadership of the board during a period of serious challenges. "I look forward to working with the dedicated staff, energized board, and a very active group of supporters as we work to secure civil liberties and rights for everyone," she said. ■

Board Elections

The ACLU-NC is proud to welcome new board members Peter Kwan, Matt Murray, Harmeet Dhillon, Helal Omeira, and Phillip Mehas. Congratulations to re-elected board mem-

bers Luz Buitrago, Scott Burrell, Milton Estes, Angel Garganta, and Nancy Pemberton.

The new members of the Executive Committee are Steve Fabian, Paul Gilbert, and Jon Streeter (Legal Committee Chair).

We thank outgoing board members Dennis McNally, Aundré Herron, Millicent Rutherford, and Zona Sage.

as the Bush administration prepares to introduce "Patriot Act II."

This time, however, community activists will be ready. Thanks to the wave of opposition spreading nationwide, there is a chance that we can defeat this legislation before it is even formally introduced.

To learn more about how to support

these efforts or pass a resolution in your community, visit <http://www.aclunc.org/911/resolutions.html>. ■


Sanjeev Bery is working to help communities across the region organize the passage of resolutions. Contact him at sbery@aclunc.org.

Take Action! Say "No" to Patriot Act II

The Bush administration has secretly drafted sweeping new legislation dubbed "Patriot Act II." The "Domestic Security Enhancement Act" contains a multitude of new and sweeping law enforcement and intelligence-gathering powers, many of which are not related to terrorism and would severely undermine basic constitutional rights and checks and balances. **Take Action!** Write to your Member of Congress now! Demand that Congress reject new legislation that threatens our civil liberties and rights, and that the Bush administration explain how the new powers given under the first USA Patriot Act have been used.

Tell them:

- ▶ **The new legislation would allow the government to spy on First Amendment protest activities.** By applying an overbroad definition of terrorism, organizations using protest tactics could become victims of criminal wiretapping and other electronic surveillance. In addition, the proposal would terminate court-approved limits on police spying.
- ▶ **Patriot II would radically diminish personal privacy by removing checks on government power.** It would permit, without any connection to anti-terrorism efforts, sensitive personal information about U.S. citizens to be shared with local and state law enforcement. In addition, the government could gain secret access to credit reports without consent or judicial process.
- ▶ **Patriot II would increase government secrecy while diminishing public accountability.** It would authorize secret arrests in immigration and other cases where the detained person is not criminally charged. It would allow for the sampling and cataloging of innocent Americans' genetic information without court order and without consent. And, the act would shelter federal agents engaged in illegal surveillance without a court order from criminal prosecution if they are following orders of high Executive branch officials.

Visit www.aclunc.org to take action at the click of a mouse. 

Read more about Patriot II at

<http://www.aclunc.org/opinion/030317-underattack.htm>.

BAEZ AND RENO PACK THE HOUSE AT ACLU BENEFIT

On February 7, the legendary Joan Baez and comedian extraordinaire Reno brought down the house at the Castro Theatre. Marc Huestis and Outsider Enterprises produced this memorable event, with partial proceeds benefiting the ACLU Foundation. The show started with Reno's new film, "Reno: Rebel Without a Pause," which focuses on life near Ground Zero, post-September 11. Reno exhorted the crowd to support the ACLU and introduced Dorothy Ehrlich, who gave a stirring presentation on our work before Baez shook the theater with her tremendous voice. Together, Reno and Baez combined humor, song, and seriousness in a riveting performance.

—Denise Mock



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The Budget Deficit that Ate Godzilla

BY VALERIE SMALL NAVARRO
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The budget deficit debate in Sacramento is raging. Does the deficit in fact exceed \$34 billion? Through what combination of cuts and tax increases will the state address this gaping hole?

Although Governor Davis did not propose any significant cuts to the sprawling corrections budget, the ACLU supports a variety of options that could reduce the non-violent prison population. For example, Senator John Vasconcellos-D has introduced legislation (SB 519) to allow people who would have qualified for drug treatment under Proposition 36 but who were convicted before its passage to qualify for treatment instead of incarceration. The Legislature is looking at other options, including early release of certain non-violent offenders and elimination of some felony penalties for petty theft.

The fiscal crisis casts a shadow across legislation that includes any implementation costs. In addition to the numerous bills that we will support and oppose based

on their impact on civil liberties and civil rights, the ACLU will be taking a leading role on the following bills:

SB 71 (Kuehl-D), Reforms sex education laws. With 11 separate laws scattered throughout the Education Code, confusion reigns over California's sex education laws. Although schools that teach sex education are required to take a comprehensive approach, teaching about contraception as well as abstinence, many schools rely on curricula that are inaccurate or incomplete. Sponsored by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, the California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act (SB 71) aims to plug these holes by replacing these laws with one new section that ensures that students are provided with comprehensive, age-appropriate, bias-free information, while allowing parents to opt their children out of the instruction. The bill ensures that sex education programs provide students with the necessary information to help them prevent sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancy, and to foster healthy attitudes about sexuality.

SB 3 (Burton-D), Prohibits the execution of the mentally retarded. Sponsored by the ACLU and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, SB 3 implements the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Atkins* by establishing a pretrial proceeding to determine whether a capital defendant is mentally retarded. A pretrial determination ensures that the jury is not prejudiced by hearing the facts of the case before being asked to determine whether the defendant is mentally retarded. It may also save the state the costs of an unnecessary capital trial.

SB 1 (Speier-D) Protects financial privacy. Even after thousands of letters poured into the Capitol and the major newspapers took strong editorial positions in favor of last year's financial privacy bill, tireless industry lobbying led to its defeat on the Assembly Floor. This year, Senate President John Burton has agreed to co-author SB 1 and supporters are looking at the fallback option of bringing the issue to the March 2004 ballot.

This measure protects Californians' privacy rights in their information held by financial institutions by requiring that banks and insurance companies get consumers' permission before they share personal information with outside institutions ("opt-in"). When financial institutions want to share personal information with affiliated companies or with companies with which they have joint marketing agreements, they would have to notify customers that they will do so unless the consumer says "no" ("opt-out").

AB 205 (Goldberg-D), Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003. This bill expands the rights and responsibilities provided to registered domestic partners and their families to include nearly all the legal rights, benefits, responsibilities, duties, and obligations under state law currently available only to

married couples. This will include such protections as community property, financial support obligations, mutual responsibility for debts, assumption of parenting responsibility, and decision-making authority for funeral arrangements.

AB 1012 (Steinberg-D) Parental involvement when students are questioned at school. Sponsored by the ACLU, this bill requires that before police question an elementary school child at school, a parent should be asked permission. Where police seek to interrogate secondary school students, the student should be advised that he or she has the right to have a parent or member of the school staff present.

Our Constitution protects the rights of Americans, young and old, to refuse to answer questions of the police. However, children are being subjected to police questioning at school without knowing that they have the right to refuse to talk to the police. If the situation is serious enough that the police are involved, parents must have an opportunity to decide what is best for their elementary school children. In addition, AB 1012 makes it clear that students may have a parent or trusted adult present during questioning by police.

SB 60 (Cedillo-D) Immigrants' Driver's Licenses. By allowing immigrants who are in the process of applying for legal status to obtain driver's licenses, SB60 will improve the safety of our roads. Furthermore, undocumented immigrants will be more likely to report accidents – and ensure that unsafe drivers are identified – when they don't fear repercussions. Last year, this bill was bogged down by onerous amendments requested by Governor Davis that violate immigrants' rights. This year, labor unions and immigrants' rights organizations have joined forces to ensure that the bill improves public safety and does not discriminate. ■

OBITUARY

Joe Lewbin

BY ELAINE ELINSON

The ACLU-NC lost a tireless advocate and a dedicated volunteer with the death of Joe Lewbin on January 21.

Joe came to the ACLU-NC office to volunteer in the mid-eighties, after he retired from teaching social studies and history in San Francisco junior high and high schools. He was irate about the Reagan administration's turning the clock back on civil rights, the illegal funding of the contras in Nicaragua, and the repressive immigration bills pending in Congress. He wanted to fight all that – and he figured the ACLU was the place to come.

Joe became a mainstay in the Public Information Department, monitoring the daily newspapers for civil liberties issues and helping us maintain an up-to-date research library that was used by staff attorneys, interns, researchers and reporters. Joe would

come into the office every Tuesday and clip stories from the *NY Times*, the *Chronicle*, the *Oakland Tribune*, and the *LA Times* – creating a valuable clipping library for the ACLU, long before the Internet.

Joe loved this work, he said, because he got to read all the papers, and he clipped just as much for himself as for our files. "The U.S. is still meddling in Central America," he would mutter, scissors in hand, or "Have you read this book review of Daniel Goldhagen's *Hitler's Willing Executioners*? Do you think that Americans would be as complacent as the ordinary Germans?" Or "Look at what Ashcroft has done now, I'm saving this one." Likely as not, Joe would write an eloquent, persuasive letter to the editor or convince someone else to.

Joe had so many friends at the ACLU – he was loved by all the Complaint Desk volunteers and by the staff. He fostered spe-

cial relationships with us all: he loved to talk about long-distance cycling, backpacking, Yiddish music (he was a member of the Jewish Folk Chorus for 32 years), his children and retirement, and, most of all, politics. He loved to engage one of us in the lounge to tell us whether or not he agreed with the latest ACLU policy (you could never be sure with Joe!).

That is why we all miss him so much. His optimism, his righteous anger, his total commitment to the ACLU, his opinions, the

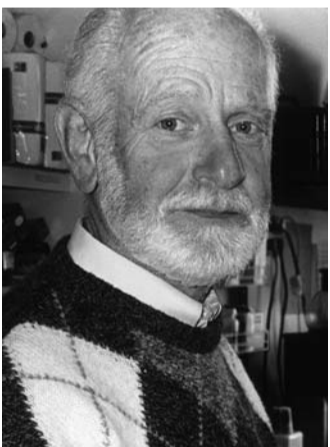
tales of his amazing bike treks, his Yiddishkeit, his ink-stained fingers.

Joe's wife Joyce, his three children, family and friends held a celebration of his life at his home in San Rafael on February 15, the same day that millions of people around the world marched against war from Barcelona to Capetown, from Tokyo to London. It was a perfect day to celebrate his peace-loving spirit: he would have loved this worldwide

protest. Joe would have loved being in the crowd of people of all colors and all ages ("Look for me – I'm the one with the white beard," he would have told us all in the office as he rallied for us to be there... or else!) and he would have loved coming into the ACLU the next Tuesday to ask us all what we thought of this speaker, of that contingent, of the police estimates, and the media coverage.

The newspapers are piling up, and the ACLU-NC office seems very empty without Joe. So will the next peace march, the next death penalty vigil and our next Bill of Rights Day Celebration. But Joe always pushed us to be activists, to read and think, to fight against repression. On this arduous journey for justice and peace, he will always be by our side. ■

Elaine Elinson is the former public information director of the ACLU-NC.



Joe Lewbin monitored the press for the ACLU-NC for 15 years.

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ACLU-NC Privacy Policy

To our members...

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Sometimes, as part of our member recruitment program, we exchange or rent our list of members' names to like-minded organizations and publications.

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IN BRIEF: AROUND THE REGION

Groups Call for Police Reform in Sacramento

At a City Council hearing in Sacramento on February 14, the Sacramento NAACP, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), and the ACLU of Northern California called for major policy changes following the release of the second Sacramento Police Department (SPD) report on racial profiling. The data this year, like last year's, shows dramatic disparities in how African American and Latino motorists are treated when compared with white motorists as well as significant underreporting of stops and searches by SPD officers.

The groups called for reforms including the adoption of a clear definition of racial profiling, clear audit mechanisms, expansion of the department's data collection program, and a decision from SPD not

to accept a flawed the conclusions of USC Professor Howard Greenwald, who has sought to explain away dramatic disparities in how African Americans and Latinos are treated.

Justice for Sonoma High Protesters

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Sonoma Chapter and all the members who wrote and called the School Board, the suspensions of 50 Petaluma High School Students who walked out of school to attend an anti-war demonstration have been expunged. The ACLU of Sonoma County wrote the school board, pointing out that suspensions should not be meted out for a first offense, and that the students may not be punished for exercising their First Amendment rights. ■

Protesting 'Special Registration'

As men from a list of mainly Middle Eastern countries were ordered to register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service or face arrest, detention, or deportation, human rights and community groups including the ACLU mounted vocal protests. On February 21, at one of a series of demonstrations outside the San Francisco INS office, ACLU-NC police practices policy director Mark Schlosberg spoke out against the discriminatory "special registration" program. As well as urging Minority House Leader Nancy Pelosi to call for Congressional oversight of the program, the ACLU coordinated a letter-writing campaign from outraged northern Californians to their Congressional representatives. For more information on the program visit www.aclunc.org/911/021219-alert.html

— Gigi Pandian



For more information about deadlines for registration, go to www.aclunc.org/911/021219-alert.html.

Roe v. Wade Turns 30



GIGI PANDIAN

On January 22, 2003, the 30th anniversary of the historic Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion across the United States, the ACLU-NC threw *Roe v. Wade* a birthday celebration. Along with 25 other organizations, we sent an open letter to California's Congressional delegation urging them to safeguard the crucial protections guaranteed by *Roe*. "With your help," we told our elected officials, "our granddaughters may mature in a nation that respects their freedom, not one that offers only the stunted choices and unconscionable risks of earlier generations."

The ACLU-NC and Planned Parenthood Golden Gate (PPGG) held a press conference to release the letter, celebrate the court decision and warn of looming threats to *Roe*. Pictured here (l-r): **Dr Alan Margolis**, former professor of medicine at UCSF; **Dian Harrison**, executive director, PPGG; ACLU-NC staff attorney **Margaret Crosby**; and **Dr Phil Darney**, professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences at UCSF.

The day before the press conference a host of reproductive rights supporters met with policymakers in Sacramento at the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom's annual Lobby Day. Margaret Crosby was also honored by the medical community for her outstanding contributions to reproductive freedom. To read more about the anniversary, visit www.aclunc.org/opinion/030127-roe.html. To act to now protect reproductive freedom, visit www.aclu.org and hit "Take Action."

Student Roundup...

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at Logan High School who were included in the roundup, as well as on behalf of students who might be subjected to similar treatment in the future. The lawsuit is seeking a permanent injunction that will

prevent school officials and the police from engaging in the kind of conduct that occurred on February 22, and asks the court to issue an order requiring school officials and the Union City police to expunge any files created as a result of the roundup and return the photographs they took that day. ■

Moratorium Day - May 1

The 2nd Annual Moratorium Day March and Rally

Join us in Sacramento and demand a temporary halt to executions in California! Free buses available. Contact Maria Archuleta at 415/621-2493 x356 or marchuleta@aclunc.org.

FIELD PROGRAM MEETINGS

Chapter Meetings

(Chapter meetings are open to all interested members. Contact the Chapter activist listed for your area.)

B-A-R-K (Berkeley-Albany-Richmond-Kensington) Chapter Meeting: Meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at a location to be announced. For more information, contact Jim Hausken: (510) 558-0377.

Marin County Chapter Meeting: Meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Currently meeting at the West End Café, 1131 Fourth Street in San Rafael. Contact Coleman Persily for more information: (415) 479-1731. Or call the Marin Chapter complaint hotline at (415) 456-0137.

Mid-Peninsula Chapter Meeting: Meet at 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Contact Harry Anisgard for more information: (650) 856-9186.

Monterey County Chapter Meeting: Usually meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the Monterey Public Library. Contact Matt Friday to confirm

time and location: (831) 899-2263. Or to report a civil liberties concern, call Monterey's complaint line: (831) 622-9894.

North Peninsula (San Mateo area) Chapter Meeting: Meetings usually held at 7:30 on the third Monday of each month, at the downstairs conference room at 700 Laurel Street (off Fifth Avenue). Contact Linda Martorana: (650) 697-5685.

Paul Robeson (Oakland) Chapter Meeting: Usually meet the fourth Monday of each month at the Rockridge library (on the corner of Manila Ave. and College Ave. in Oakland, three blocks from the Rockridge BART). Contact Louise Rothman-Riemer: (510) 596-2580.

Redwood (Humboldt County) Chapter Meeting: Meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Redwood Peace and Justice Center in Arcata. Please contact Roger Zoss: rzossmymailstation.com or (707) 786-4942. The chapter is currently seeking new board members.

San Francisco Chapter Meeting: Meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. at the ACLU-NC

office (1663 Mission Street, Suite 460). Call the Chapter hotline: (415) 979-6699.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter Meeting: Meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1051 Morse Street (at Newhall) in San Jose. For more information and news on events, contact acluscv@hotmail.com or visit www.acluscv.org.

Santa Cruz County Chapter Meeting: Meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 260 High Street. Contact Marge Frantz for more information: (831) 471-0810.

Sonoma County Chapter Meeting: Usually meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. at the Peace and Justice Center, located at 467 Sebastopol Avenue, Santa Rosa (one block west of Santa Rosa Avenue). Call the Sonoma hotline at (707) 765-5005 or visit www.aclusonoma.org for more information.

Chapters Reorganizing

Contra Costa/Mt. Diablo: Meeting on Monday March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Rainbow Community Center, 2118

Willow Pass Road, Suite 500, in Concord. Contact Lee Lawrence at (925) 376-9000 or leehelenalawrenceya-hoo.com. All ACLU members in central and eastern Contra Costa County are invited to participate in this chapter.

Livermore/Dublin/Pleasanton: Contact Bob Cuddy at (925) 443-1980 or bccuddy@aol.com.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Chapter: Contact Roy Bateman at (415) 621-7995 for information about rejuvenating this chapter.

Mendocino: Contact Jessie Jesulaitis at (707) 964-8099 for information about regular monthly meetings beginning in April.

Napa: Meet the first Thursday of the month; meeting on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Lee Lounge, located upstairs in the Lincoln Theater Building of the California Veterans Home in Yountville. Contact Ken Croft at (707) 592-3459 or Mary Wallis at (707) 226-6756.

Solano: Contact Bill Hatcher at (707) 449-0726.

Yolo County: Contact Natalie Wormeli: (530) 756-1900.