

# Delve Deeper into "Larry v. Lockney"

A film by Mark Birnbaum and Jim Schermbeck

**This multi-media resource list, compiled by Lynn Whitehouse of the San Diego Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "Larry v. Lockney" that premieres on July 1st at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings)**

Meet Larry Tannahill. Out of 2000 residents in the West Texas town of Lockney, he's the only one against the school board's new mandatory drug testing policy. Larry, a third-generation farmer, believes the testing is a violation of his son's 4th Amendment right against unreasonable searches. He sues, prompting an alliance with the American Civil Liberties Union – an organization he had never heard of before. In the battle over rights, Larry makes headlines around the country, loses his job and his family receives threats. Larry v. Lockney dramatically reveals the price of democracy in a small Texas town, when one man stands against the majority.

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## ADULT FICTION

These titles resonate with the theme of Civil Rights and rural Democracy.

Karp, David. *All Honorable Men*. New York: Knopf, 1956.

Miller, Merle. *The Sure Thing*. New York: W. Sloane Associates, 1949.

Troutt, David Dante. *The Monkey Suit and Other Short Fiction on African Americans and Justice*. New York: New Press: Distributed by W.W. Norton, 1998.

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## ADULT NONFICTION

### Civil Rights:

Many of these accounts give an overview of Fourth Amendment protections.

Cottrell, Robert C. *Roger Nash Baldwin and the American Civil Liberties Union*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000.

Deegan, Paul J. *The Constitution and You: Search and Seizure*. Minneapolis, MN: Abdo & Daughters, 1987.

Donohue, William A. *The Politics of the American Civil Liberties Union*. New Brunswick: Transaction Books, 1985.

Garey, Diane. *Defending Everybody: A History of the American Civil Liberties Union*. New York: TV Books, 1998.

Greenhalgh, William W. *The Fourth Amendment Handbook: A Chronological Survey of Supreme Court Decisions*. Chicago, IL: Criminal Justice Section, American Bar Association, 1995.

McWhirter, Darien A. *Search, Seizure, and Privacy*. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx, 1994.

### Search and Seizure:

The following discuss the major privacy and search and seizure issues addressed by the Supreme Court, such as protecting property and privacy, searching homes and businesses, search and seizure of people, and the exclusionary rule. They include case examples, a glossary, the Constitution, and a list of Justices.

National Association of State Personnel Executives. *Drug Testing: Protection for Society or a Violation of Civil Rights?* Lexington, KY.: The Council, 1987.

Neier, Aryeh. *Taking Liberties: Four Decades in the Struggle for Rights*. New York: Public Affairs, 2003.

Pendergast, Tom. *Constitutional Amendments from Freedom of Speech to Flag Burning*. Detroit, MI: UXL, 2001.

Levine, Alan H. *The Rights of Students: The Basic ACLU Guide to*

*a Student's Rights*. New York: R. Baron Book, 1973.  
Rossow, Lawrence. *Search and Seizure in the Public Schools*. Dayton, OH: Education Law Assn., 1996.

### Community Issues:

Adair, Douglass G. and Yellin, Mark E. ed. *The Intellectual Origins of Jeffersonian Democracy: Republicanism, The Class Struggle and The Virtuous Farmer*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2000.

Hughes, Teresa P. ed. *Community Strategies to Promote Safety in Schools*. Collingdale, PA: Diane Publishing Co., 1999.

Humon, David M. *Community Ideology and Identity in American Culture*. New York: State University of New York Press, 1990.

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## BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

Gollomb, Joseph. *Up at City High*. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1945.

Irons, Peter ed. *May It Please The Court: Courts, Kids, and the Constitution*. New York: The New Press, 2000.

Jacobs, Thomas A. *Teens on Trial: Young People Who Challenged the Law and Changed Your Life*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Pub., 2000.

Klass, David. *Wrestling With Honor*. New York: E.P. Dutton, 1989.

Persico, Deborah A. *Vernonia School District v. Acton: Drug Testing in Schools*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 1999.

Ramen, Fred. *The Right to Freedom from Searches*. New York: Rosen Pub. Group, 2001.

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## VIDEOS

These documentaries help one to experience the choice faced by any

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group when confronted by mass injustice -- whether to comply or to resist. They help to remind us not to take free speech, equal protection or due process for granted.

"Conscience and the Constitution." A Film by Frank Abe. Hohokus, NJ: Transit Media, 2000. (57 min).

"The ACLU: A History." A Film by Lawrence R. Hott and Diane Garey. Florentine Films/Hott Productions and Lark International, 1998.

"Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story." A Film by Eric Paul Fournier. Pushtan Productions, 2000.

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## PERIODICAL ARTICLES

This is a fairly new topic and periodicals are a good place to begin a literature search.

"Judge: School Drug Test Unconstitutional." Los Angeles Times. 3 March 2001, A-14.

"Some Schools Drop Athlete Testing: A Few Public Districts Conclude Urinalysis is Too Costly and Ignores the Real Substance Abuse Problem - Alcohol. They Quietly Opt Out Even as More Private Campuses Opt In." Los Angeles Times. 17 December 2000, B-1.

"Mater Dei Principal Says Drug Testing is Evenhanded: Of More than 4,000 Students Evaluated Since 1997, Fewer Than 35 Had Positive Results. None Has Been Expelled." Los Angeles Times. 14 December 2000, B-1.

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## WEBSITES

Organizations that work with drug testing policy.

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

Students for Sensible Drug Policy - SSDP is committed to educating people on the harm caused by the War on Drugs, involving youth in the political process, and encouraging an open discussion of alternative solutions to our nation's drug problems.

<http://www.drugpolicy.org/homepage.cfm>

Drug Policy Alliance - Their mission is to advance policies and attitudes that reduce the harms of both drug misuse and drug prohibition, and to promote the power of individuals over themselves.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/>

Office of National Drug Control Policy - Their mission is to reduce illicit drug use, manufacturing, trafficking, drug-related crime and violence, and drug-related health consequences.

<http://www.pride.org/index.htm>

Parent Resources and Information on Drug Education - Their mission is to assist parents, educators and the public with information on drug prevention.

<http://www.dfaf.org/home.html>

Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. - Their mission is to develop, promote and sustain global strategies, policies and laws that will reduce illegal drug use, drug addiction, drug-related injury and death.

<http://www.nationalfamilies.org/prevention/nfia.html>

National Families in Action - Their mission is to help families and communities prevent drug use among children by promoting policies based on science.