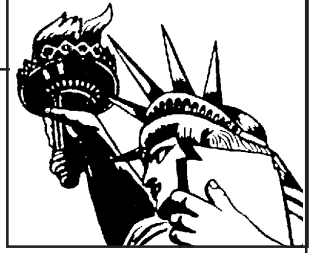


LIBERTARIAN LIFELINE



Steve Kubby Campaign Comes to the Bay Area

The Libertarian candidate for Governor of California, Steve Kubby, will be visiting the Bay Area this month to promote his campaign and the Party of Principle which he represents. Kubby, an author, entrepreneur and publisher from the Lake Tahoe area announced his candidacy last year and received the Party's endorsement at its annual convention in February 1998.

The East Bay Region will be hosting an evening with Steve Kubby on Friday, May 15, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the Holiday Bowl, 29827 Mission Boulevard, Hayward, California. Tickets to the event will be \$10, and will include a full dinner. Please call the East Bay Region at (510) 531-0760 to RSVP for this very special night.

On Saturday, May 16, the Marin County LP will host a luncheon with Kubby in San Rafael at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for this event will be \$20. Please call the Marin LP at (415) 339-7887 for information on this event. Later that night, Kubby will be the Guest of Honor at Free Exchange, the monthly gathering sponsored by the San Francisco Libertarian Party at 553 41st Avenue at Geary Boulevard. This event begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the speakers at 8:00 p.m. For more information on Free Exchange, call (415) 387-2543.

Steve Kubby has been an activist for freedom all of his life. Having earned a bachelors degree from California State University at Northridge in 1968, he continued his post-graduate studies and received a teaching credential in 1973. From there, he founded a camp for children called Earth Camp One (ECO), an innovative approach to child development which was subsequently featured by such nationally distributed magazines as *Newsweek*, *National Geographic* and other prominent publications.

After surviving a devastating battle with adrenal cancer, Steve was forced to sell ECO, but took the



opportunity to strike off in a new direction. He founded a small property management firm in Lake Tahoe and over a period of years built it into a solid, profitable enterprise. He then took the initiative to launch another more ambitious venture, *Ski West Magazine*, which eventually became one of the major ski magazines in the world and is still being published, now under the title *Adventure Journal*.

Steve's personal experience with cancer galvanized his activism on behalf of the Medical Marijuana campaign, and he became a major leader of the effort to pass Proposition 215. It was Steve Kubby who in 1995 encouraged other California entrepreneurs such as George Zimmer, founder of the Men's Wearhouse, to help pass the measure which legalized a medicine that relieves the suffering of thousands of Californians. Zimmer had seen how marijuana helped his mother cope with the pain of cancer, and Kubby urged him to use his resources to save the campaign when Attorney General Dan Lungren was employing all the powers of the state police apparatus to defeat the measure. Since Proposition 215 passed by a comfortable margin in 1996, Lungren has continued to abuse his authority as Attorney General (and now the likely Republican candidate for Governor) to thwart the will of the voters.

Kubby is the author of such books as *The Politics of Consciousness* and *Why Marijuana Should Be Legal*. He still lives in the Lake Tahoe area with his wife Michele, and their daughter Brooke. His 22 year old son Sky also lives in the area and is an entrepreneur in his own right. For more information on the Kubby campaign, call (530) 581-4757 or go to his website at <http://www.alpworld.com/kubby98> □

From the Chair

by Jeffrey Sommer

In a recent on-line exchange with other Libertarian activists, Brian Cross of the Orange County LP remarked that the statists have long dreamed of a time in which they would create a large enough dependency class that could virtually dictate a new set of rules to the minority productive class, and that this potential might suggest a return to imposing some additional qualifications on voters, as we now do for political candidates.

When our country was first founded, only white, male landowners were allowed to vote, blacks and women could not vote, and only recently were 18 year olds given the right to vote. As more and more barriers to voting have been removed, though, it seems that fewer voters are giving much thought to the consequences of what they are doing when they cast their ballots.

"How about continuing education requirements?" Mr. Cross suggested. "Demonstration of familiarity with political theory, history, and current events? Being able to vote should be accessible to all, but require initiative on the part of the individual wishing to participate. Too much trouble you say? If that's too much trouble, I'd just as soon you weren't voting. Government is too precious and dangerous a thing to mass market."

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I had to disagree, although with great regret. I wish it were possible to establish some criteria by which we could keep the people from voting for nothing but bread and circuses: unfortunately, it isn't. When I hear a Socialist sneer at me that the only freedom the people care about is the freedom from starvation (as if there were not widespread starvation in Socialist countries!), I fear that we may have indeed reached a point where folks' appreciation of Liberty has grown so blunted that as long as someone keeps them fed and entertained, they will happily suffer a tyrant. This does not merely apply to the lower and middle classes, either!

One of the favorite leftist jabs at us is that Libertarians are all a bunch of selfish rich bastards. Well, first, I can attest that we aren't all that rich; but those who are--and who will permit a tyrant to reign as long as they get to keep their precious wealth--are no Libertarians either, and are every bit as dangerous as the Jerry Springer fan club in the trailer park. We cannot be blind to the idea that our right to do our own will is a thousand times more valuable to us than any merely material gain.

There are those, even in our own Party, who seem to not understand that Freedom is a lot more than just the right to not be taxed. Tyrants know lots of people will sell their freedom, usually at rock-bottom prices.

The only way to fight off this trend is through aggressive education. Write books and screenplays that will sell! Robert Heinlein did, and I know my concepts of Individual Liberty owe a lot to ol' Admiral Bob! Go and do likewise.

If you are part of a society that votes, then do so. There may be no candidates and no measures you want to vote *for* . . . but there are certain to be ones you want to vote *against*. In case of doubt, vote against. By this rule, you will rarely go wrong.

If this is too blind for your taste, consult some well-meaning fool (there is always one around) and ask his advice. Then vote the other way. This enables you to be a good citizen (if such is your wish) without spending the enormous amount of time on it that a truly intelligent exercise of franchise requires.

— Robert A. Heinlein, *Time Enough for Love*

Who Cares?

By Thomas L. Testerman

When I was young, all of our greatest heroes fought for "Truth, Justice, and the American Way." As I have grown older, I have watched the sacrifice of Truth at the altar of Political Expediency and Justice at the hands of Political Pandering. With the demise of these values that nourish and sustain it, so too dies the American Way and our heroes weep.

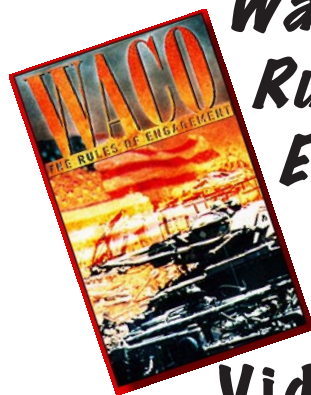
Without truth, "Government of the people, by the people and for the people" cannot exist; yet the American People continue to elect, sustain, and re-elect the very butchers wielding the sacrificial knife. As our representatives in Congress change their votes according to personal or professional whim, rather than representative responsibility, the voters merely sigh and accept it. As candidates proclaim to national audiences "Read My Lips," spewing forth promises doomed to be broken, the voters allow the lies and elect the liar. Values proclaimed inviolate by incumbent and challenger alike retain their sacred status only under the glare of the campaign spotlight, and in the gloom of post-election passivity, the American public blithely ignores the fraud perpetrated in the name of politics. To acknowledge the fraud and lies would require the voters to again demand that politicians keep their campaign promises and truly represent their constituencies. It would also require the public to acknowledge that it had allowed itself to be lied to; indeed, just like Pontius Pilate, it is easier for us to wash our hands and place the weapon of destruction for our way of life in the hands of others than to wield it in defense of that same way of life. ***Easier to allow the lie than to demand the truth!***

As the public more readily accepts being misled by our representatives in government, we also more readily accept that the voters no longer lead at all. Rather than governing the lawmakers, we are governed by them. If we truly intended to don the mantle of authority and wield the scepter of democratic power, would we—could we—allow those elected to choose which of the laws passed by the voters they will endorse and which they will ignore? Are those people in Washington and Sacramento our representatives or our masters? If the former, then it

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is up to us to say, "Enough is enough," to demand truth and allegiance from those who serve and represent us; if the latter, then the status quo is all we require. Our founding fathers placed the power to determine the future of ourselves, our country, and our posterity in the hands of every citizen of this great land. To believe that they intended that anyone person's vote would not or could not count makes a lie of more than two hundred years of sacrifice. To reject the rights and freedoms presented to us through refusal or failure to exercise them validates current political practice and performance. And our heroes weep!

This nation was founded by men whose belief in the right of each individual to rule his or her own destiny was so strong as to require each to place his life on the line for that belief. From that willingness to make the absolute sacrifice came our absolute freedoms. How can we absolve ourselves of what we have done to their memories, much less our freedoms? How much longer will we accept being sheep herded by benevolent shepherds, rather than eagles soaring free upon the winds of liberty? How much longer will we make our heroes weep? Who cares? □



Waco: The Rules of Engagement

**Videotapes
still available**

If you missed the Libertarian Party's special screening of *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* at the Grand Lake Theater on April 2, the LP has fewer than ten copies of the videotape left for sale. To purchase a copy, please send your check for \$25 to the Libertarian Party, 20993 Foothill Boulevard, #318, Hayward, CA 94541-1511.

The Marxist Experiment in China -- Part 2

By Katherine McKay

An interview with Thomas J. Klitgaard, Esq., in December 1997. Tom has been an observer of China for 19 years. He speaks and writes Mandarin; he has extensive business and legal contacts in China; and he helped found, 16 years ago, the Shanghai Business School, which teaches Chinese managers Western methods of business. This school is co-sponsored by American companies and by the City Government of Shanghai. Former mayor Jiang Zemin, now president of China, was one of the first Chinese Government sponsors.

In Part 1, Tom spoke about China's history, the achievements of the Communist government in its early days, the Cultural Revolution, and China's religions.

Q: Where do you think Marxism in China is headed now?

A: I think there is going to be another great social experiment. In history, there are great tides. One tide was replaced by another when feudalism around the world began to be replaced by capitalism and the industrial and commercial revolution. That was a huge social change; for the first time, common people acquired some power.

Then the next great tide was Communism as an alternative to the abuses of capitalism. I think the next social movement will be a blend of Communism and capitalism, a combination of social responsibility and mercantilism, and this may start in Hong Kong. But the model for China will be Shanghai, not Hong Kong, because Shanghai used to be the financial, industrial and commercial center of China. Beijing was the center of government, but the economic power was in Shanghai. Hong Kong as a pure laissez-faire type of capitalism can't survive in the same form.

What's the future of China? I think it's a future no one can predict. The Chinese people

are a disciplined, hard-working people who have been oppressed but now have a measure of economic and social freedom. As the government loosens the reins and as people become more affluent, it's going to be a very interesting and challenging time.

The government, on the one hand, wants to encourage people to prosper in order to develop the country; on the other hand, it is concerned about an increase in wealth leading to undisciplined power and more social inequality. The leaders worry about maintaining the progress China has made; they're afraid of unleashing forces over which no one has any control. They remember the periods of anarchy in China, during the Cultural Revolution and also earlier, during the time of the warlords, who had power which the central government could do nothing to restrict.

They cannot allow a reversion to anarchy, as was threatened by the Tienanmen Square demonstrations, nor do they want the country fragmented into fiefdoms. If this happens, they fear that neighboring countries will then attempt to take over portions of China. People like Jiang Zemin and Zhu Rongji are very solid, good people; they are smart and experienced. I think by and large China now has a good and responsive system, in spite of the previous aberrations.

Q: Do you think China will be like the Soviet Union, which practically abandoned Marxism, or do you think it will develop differently?

A: I don't think Marxism will be abandoned in China. If you look ahead fifty or a hundred years, you're going to see a blending of Marxism into Chinese culture, one strain among many, like the various religions, such as Taoism, because it filled a profound need. The Chinese religions are pliable, inward-looking and contemplative, and in them you find your salvation in yourself. It's quite a different approach from Western religions. The Russians have never had an inward-looking religion; even though they have monasteries, their religions are of the iron hand, of control, power and hierarchy.

Remember, Marxism is a religion: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." And that strikes a responsive chord in people. The Chinese people accepted the tenets of Marxism as Mao interpreted them, and the im-

provements made by the Communist regime have allowed the people to make the transition to where they are now. The Marxist tenets of state-owned means of production will be loosened and more private ownership of the means of production will be allowed, but Marxism has been in China for nearly 50 years, and it will remain as a part of Chinese culture in some form.

Q: The Russians had Marxism for 70 years, and their system completely broke down.

A: Russian Marxism broke down because there was no ethical system involved. They became overmilitarized, and their economy simply couldn't support it. That's what brought them down, they couldn't keep up the race anymore. In China there wasn't as much of an arms race as in Russia, and after the Revolution the Chinese continued to be a family-oriented society with a strong ethical component. The Chinese tradition is that the family comes first, not the government, even under the emperor.

Also, the Chinese have experimented with their economy, which the Russians never did. The Chinese had many failures, but kept tinkering - they are a pragmatic people, and if one thing doesn't work, they try something else.

Another factor is that, before the Communist Revolution, the Chinese were traders and businessmen, unlike the Russians. The Russians had no such experience as entrepreneurs, either under the Czars or under Communist rule. Until 1949 China was a capitalist and entrepreneurial society, and knowledge of business practices was passed down within the family even after the Communist Revolution.

Marxism in China is also different than in the West: much more pragmatic, much more attuned to the needs of the people, much more responsive to change. That's why you can have change without the whole system collapsing. For this reason Marxism will survive as one of a number of strains.

Q: Tom, thank you very much for taking the time to talk about Chinese Marxism. □

Tom Klitgaard is a partner with Dillingham & Murphy in San Francisco, specializing in Asian and high-technology legal matters.

Politicians' Pay Raise Under Scrutiny

by Lou Filipovich

Now comes Richard Gann, President of the Paul Gann Citizens' Committee, and again doing so on behalf of taxpayers, in response to the proposed 30% pay increase recommended by the State Compensation Commission for the "benefit" of elected state officials.

Richard Gann has filed a new initiative entitled "The Politicians Compensation Reform Act." On April 2, 1998, the measure was submitted to the Attorney General's Office for Title and Summary. The AG's office has advised that within 45 days, the initiative could be approved and available for petition signatures.

The Politician's Compensation Reform Act will place fair limits on the pay increases for the governor, members of the legislature, and all other state elected officers. The new initiative will:

- Roll back the salaries and benefits for all state officers to that amount existing on December 31, 1997.
- The State Compensation Commission may recommend an adjustment in the salaries and benefits of our state officers; however, any proposal to increase salaries cannot exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3%, whichever is lower.
- Any recommendation by the Commission to raise salaries and benefits must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.
- Legislators cannot claim travel and expense per diem for more than 100 days per year. This restriction creates a self-imposing incentive to conduct state business in a timely and productive manner, including the passage of annual budgets.

Gann also stated, "The salaries of politicians should not be established by an unelected commission made up of persons appointed by politicians. Truly, [politicians] should be held accountable for the establishment of their own salary and should be required to publicly vote on any proposed increase in pay. In order to prevent abuse, the [taxpayers] should set a limit on such proposed compensation."

Richard Gann needs supporting help from voters/citizens/taxpayers for his new initiative throughout the state. Call 1-800-366-5373 toll free for information or to request a petition to sign! □

Lou Filipovich authored a ten-part series on Redevelopment Agencies that appeared in the Lifeline in 1997. He is now a candidate for Mayor of San Leandro.

Why I want to be Attorney General

by Joseph S. Farina

It has often been said that anyone who decides to run for public office these days should have his head examined. Threats of scandal, past indiscretions revealed to the public, relentless media scrutiny, the need to raise thousands of dollars just to be competitive and the inevitable mudslinging that accompanies every serious candidacy. Why would any sane person put themselves through such misery? And of course, for every Libertarian candidate, there is the inevitable question: "Why would you want to go through this grueling process as a third party candidate? Surely you must realize that your chances of winning an elective office are slim at best. And you must know that the media will ignore you. Why are you wasting your energy? Surely you must have better things to do with your time."

Well, ever since I was a child, I remember I didn't like being told I couldn't do something. And I've often said that life is a never-ending series of challenges and possibilities waiting to be explored. So here I am.

While I enjoy the sport of politics, I do not trust politicians or their hired henchmen. Most of them enjoy their work way too much, which usually involves spending someone else's money, feeding at the public trough and butting into other people's lives. It is time for someone to stand up to the politicians and bureaucrats and say, "Enough is Enough." The power to regulate, tax and spend is an enormous power which, when exercised by those whose only desire is to accumulate raw power and pass out favors to their constituents, can be easily abused.

I'm in this race because it's time to give the voters of California a real choice. People across this state are fed up with the government's never-ending interference in their personal lives. None of the announced candidates for Attorney General have pledged to do anything to protect the rights of people who have been abused by intrusive government laws and regulations. Instead, the Democrat and Republican candidates pledge to make government more intrusive and more hostile to the average working citizen. The Attorney General's office should elimi-

nate its involvement in the regulation of matters involving victimless crimes and private matters. Instead, the Attorney General should encourage the prosecution of violent criminals and repeat offenders who prey upon the citizens of this state. As Attorney General, one of my first priorities will be

to encourage local law enforcement officials to issue concealed weapons permits to everyone who is eligible, which will allow the common citizen to defend himself and his family. I would urge the repeal of restrictive gun laws which prohibit the ownership of certain classes of guns based on such vague terms as "assault weapons."

I would immediately eliminate governmental interference with Proposition 215 and permit patients to obtain marijuana for life-threatening illnesses and other medical conditions in any manner they choose.

I would continue the strict enforcement of Proposition 209 where it applies to state hiring and employment practices and college admissions. It is my belief that affirmative action, quotas, set-asides and other forms of discrimination based on skin color, race, gender, or ethnicity have no place in California in the 21st century.

I would encourage and uphold the right of Native American Indian tribes in California to have any form of gaming they wish on their reservations to support their tribal members. Permitting American Indian tribes the autonomy to choose their own economic destiny is the least we can do to make amends.

If you like what you've read and would like to contribute to my campaign, I'm actively seeking campaign contributions. As of April 15, 1998, I'm halfway to my initial goal of \$2,500, and could really use your support. For more information on my campaign or to make a contribution, please contact me or write a check to "Committee to Elect Joseph S. Farina," 8193 Bantry Court, Sacramento, California 95829. My campaign telephone number is (916) 685-1382 and my fax number is (916) 685-6882. My email address is johnhenr@cwo.com and my web site is <http://www.jps.net/sactolp/jfarina>.



Marin LP News

Howdy Folks! In April, our Petaluma Flea Market events were rained out. But April Showers bring May flowers, so they say.

Steve Kubby, the Libertarian gubernatorial candidate, who recently had an article in the *Coastal Post*, made an appearance at the Free Sonoma Forum in Petaluma last April, and was seen perusing for votes at the 420 Hemp Fest in San Francisco. Even he would consider signing our Industrial Hemp Petition. When you think of Steve Kubby, remember that if he is elected, your generous donation will be the ticket to political favors. ;-)

Senator to-be Ted Brown is interested in squaring off with Senator Boxer this summer. Mr. Brown does not support the death penalty and would take some air out of the prison industry given a chance.

"Repeal the Ban" posters are up and running in a Bar near you. These posters promote the old-fashioned notion of allowing bar owners to decide if smoking should be permitted in their establishments. Support your local Libertarian Friendly Bar: Peri's in

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Fairfax, The Silver Peso in Larkspur and Milani's in San Rafael

Looking for volunteers! If you are interested in spending an afternoon discussing Libertarian issues with local folks, come join us at one of our upcoming events or call for some one-on-one conversations.

Next Month: Reports from the State Executive Committee Meeting and Northern Regional Chairs Meetings.

Upcoming Events:

May 9th @ 1:00 p.m. Northern California Region Meeting; Masonic Lodge Building, 19 Corte Madera Avenue in Mill Valley.

May 23rd 9am to 3pm Petaluma Flea Market

May 30th @ 9am to 3pm Gristel Park Fund Raiser 106 Bay View St San Rafael

June 7th @ 1pm General Meeting San Rafael
Joes 931 4th st San Rafael

Donations of clothing and household goods are being accepted for the fundraising events.

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Saturday, May 9, 1998, 1:00 p.m. Northern California LP Regional Meeting. Join officers and leaders of regional LP organizations throughout Northern California at the Masonic Lodge, 19 Corte Madera Avenue in Mill Valley to discuss strategies for the June Primary Election. For more information, contact Tammy Austin at (415) 339-7887.

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Tuesday, May 19, 1998, 7:30 p.m. East Bay Region General Meeting at the Hayward Fishery Restaurant, 7400 San Ramon Road in Dublin (near Amador Valley Boulevard). From interstate 580, take the San Ramon Road exit North to Amador Valley Blvd. For more information, call the East Bay Region LP at (510) 531-0760 or the Hayward Fishery at (925) 828-8882.

Saturday, May 23, 1998. Fundraiser for the Marin LP at the Petaluma Fleamarket, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call the Marin LP at (415) 339-7887.

Saturday, May 30, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Gristel Park Fundraiser for the Marin LP. 106 Bay View Street in San Rafael. For details, call (415) 339-7887.

Tuesday, May 26, 1998, 7:00 p.m. Oakland/Berkeley Libertarians in the 16th Congressional District will meet to discuss regional issues at the headquarters of the Cannabis Action Network, 1605 Ashby Avenue in Berkeley (near the corner of Ashby and California). For more information, contact Jeffrey Sommer at (510) 537-3212.

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. UC Berkeley Libertarians meet in Room 206 of Dwinelle Hall on the campus of the University of California in Berkeley. For more information on the student libertarian group, contact George Lee at (510) 664-2237 or check their website at <http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~callib>.

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