

Libertarian Lifeline



THIS JUST IN:

Steve and Michele Kubby's trial assignment will take place in Auburn on Monday, July 26. Judge Larry D. Gaddas denied a continuance until Sept. Although in full compliance with Proposition 215, the Kubbys face a combined 19 counts of felony drug charges. Please sign the online petition and for more info: <WWW.215NOW.Com>

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Talk of tax gets personal

That was a front page headline on Sunday 6/27/99 in the Co. Co. Times. The Times advocate journalist, Mary F. Pols, named the names of the opposition to the proposed sales tax increase and we were there. Coalition partners John Wolfe (Co. Co. Taxpayers Assoc.), Walt Lautenberger, Don Lively, Ken Hambrick (Lafayette Taxpayers Assoc.) and Greg Lyon (LP) were quoted and mentioned by name while I was only misquoted and described as "one of the Libertarians." (My disdain is not for "warm and fuzzy libraries" but for cold and prickly taxes).

Her description of us included many classic liberal strategies. The "old-geezer" description Greg and I take particular exception to. Q:-I)>

She went on to denigrate Walt and Don: "with nearly a century of business acumen" as egotistical when they offered "a free consulting job." Egotistical is the supervisors belief that they can spend your money better than you can. The attack that the rich opposed the tax fell flat with her own 6/98 vote statistics that showed; "Lamorinda

region was 68.2% (in favor). The measure fared much worse in East Contra Costa, where it carried only 59.6%."

The final insult came from Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier in describing



Each of us took our turn at the mike to address the regional library board meeting and John Wolfe's (CCTA) picture made page 10 Co. Co. Times 6/27/99

some of the opposition letters he has received; "it's like, 'You're a white guy who

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KPFA Yea or Nay?

The melee surrounding PBS Radio KPFA Berkeley deserves comment. Chair Marion McEwen says; "It's just a bunch of liberal nuts running around." Assistant Editor Frances Grotfend sees the issue as "Free Speech, if only from corporate censorship." Isabel Marchio, long time listener and new LP member, is aware of "a possible CIA/Janet Reno connection." Alameda Vice

Chair Jim Cantwell sees a "property rights issue. Who owns the station?" My answer to Jim is "the 200 volunteers and contributing listeners that provide 80% (thou it should be 100%) of the funding for operation. Would you go to jail for a radio station?" Q:-)> We all agree: "Government keep out!" Bottom line: You decide. Want more

Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the privilege to do so too.
Voltaire

Notes from the Chair

I make an effort to admit my mistakes. Last month I made a really, really stupid mistake. I have to apologize to all of you for being lazy. Instead of getting out of my chair and going downstairs to check on the spelling of Tim Slagle's last name, I just pretended to myself that I would check it later. For the life of me I could not bring myself to put an "l" after the "S." I hope you will forgive me. Tim may never forgive me even if I do buy his new tape and share it with all of you.

The plan for August is to view Tim's newest video, "A Nation of Criminals." In June, we all had a great time watching his 1993 video, "A Wake." It seems to get funnier every time I watch it. Maybe it just feels good to hear Libertarian humor which is a rare treat. Note Tim does not use foul language in his performances. If you would like to bring your preteens and teenagers to the August meeting in Lafayette you are welcome to do so. Popcorn anyone?

Every day seems to bring out concerns from the host of bureaucrats in the various jurisdictions in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Almost every city is reviewing or has recently reviewed their smoking ordinance to bring it up to snuff under the watchful eye of the latest anti-smoking group scratching for power. So many of these groups are funded with tax dollars. Is it any wonder that their information sounds overused and overblown?

I find it odd that only Libertarians understand that smoking symbolizes freedom of choice. The majority of voters and the general public are behind the medicinal use of Marijuana. Most people do not take a negative view of social drinking. Very few people (as yet) believe that eating red meat is a crime. Smoking, eating and drinking all in-

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"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts." Will Rogers

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Language, Freedom, and Responsibility

Thomas Szasz coined the term semanticide to designate the murder of language. He realized that the people who can define the limits of the conversation and the meaning of the words used would control the conversation and the people in it. I find this to be true as a psychotherapist and a student of political history. The purpose of this article is to show through example how words have been misused both for the purpose of gaining power and the abdication of responsibility i.e. losing power. They have been used to destroy the reasoning power of individuals' minds and thus their ability to live in accord with reality, which requires the constant and correct use of the mind. This misuse and abuse of language for the purpose of either abrogating one's responsibility or to fraudulently pursue people to a point of view that is not based on facts, is not new in human history.

One example is the U.S. government's undeclared but well-known war on drug users, the free market, and sovereign foreign states called The War on Drugs. (An over 80 year facade that is neither a war or against drugs.) Congress never made a declaration of war and the police are not breaking in doors looking for Prozac, Ritalin, and aspirin. This misuse of words has not just occurred on the political level. It can be found in one's everyday life.

The misuse of words can also be found in the propaganda of social organizations. A prime example is the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Personally, I do not have a problem with any organization trying to persuade teenagers not to be involved in any unexamined habitual behavior that can have

negative effects on their physical health or capacity to reason.

However, that is not the case with this organization. Alcohol and tobacco companies are primary contributors to PDFA. So, it is really not for a drug free America. They are against certain drugs but not against all drugs.

Another good example, whose consequences are the destruction of the volitional mind, is a situation I find quite often in my therapy practice. It goes something like this. Therapist: "Why did you do that?" Client: "I just went with the flow."

What the client actually meant by the use of the word flow, once I held her accountable, was that she gave up making any decisions for herself and simply did what her partner wanted. She abandoned volition, self-direction, and self-interest. By

using the word flow, she no longer had to think for herself and direct her own life. This allows her not to use her own mind to think clearly about life choices. These people convince themselves that the words they use are true representation of the world they live in and therefore the situation requires no more contemplation. They both deny reality and one's obligation to oneself.

Whether it's the State, one's partner or oneself using words incorrectly the end results are the same. It results in the loss of freedom. It lessens the power of the individual to use their mind to understand the world around them and make intelligent decisions about how to lead their life. The way to solve this problem and regain our freedom is to use words correctly and to continually call others to do the same..

Take back your liberty by taking back the language.

Take back your liberty by taking back the language!

**There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you damn well please.
And with it comes the only basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences.**

P. J. O'Rourke (1993)

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involve ingestion of a substance. How is it that only Libertarians see that connection and are concerned for the future of personal choice?

We choose freedom as a motive for many of the actions we take. We understand that money is a tool to help us achieve our goals, not a goal unto itself. We know that people

are selfish so that they may survive. We take responsibility for our own actions.

The seesaw of the smoking issue in our court system shows us how delicate the balance is between those who would take responsibility for their actions and those who whine. Smoking is a right, not a privilege. The manufacture and sale of a product is pro-

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tected under the right of contract. If this issue is ultimately decided in favor of the whiners, we could lose completely our right to a trial by a jury of our peers. The courts could decide that we are not responsible for any of our choices or actions. We could be forced to live by decree rather than choice.

We are alone facing the smoking issue and every other issue of choice. Other political parties may support choice in one area of society or business but they act only to get elected not as a matter of principle. Business and labor do not address freedom of choice. By habit these two groups opt for interference in the market. They will almost always choose to go along with regulation for two reasons. It cuts competition and it controls the size of the labor force. It is important for us to be a driving force in today's political climate. We are at risk of losing those freedoms which are the final barrier to tyrants.

Coming to a city near you: The San Leandro City Council plans to take the business owners association under their jurisdiction making the organization's dues a tax. Pay the tax and you get a business license. The cost of administering the new tax will just

be covered by the proposed fees. That will leave nothing for the association to use for projects that would have gone to improve downtown San Leandro and its business community. "The People's" business is expensive.

I hope to see you at one of our August get-togethers. Camping on Friday the 13th, the 3rd Tuesday of the month Meeting or Lifeline folding party on the last Sunday. Check the calendar on page 7 for times and places.

Toward liberty, Marion

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

LP founder, David Nolan, has been named one of the "2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century" by a British publishing company. (Liberty Pledge)

Santa Cruz citizens are petitioning for an initiative to declare their city a "Hate Free Zone." (ABCNEWS)

Francois Mitterrand described Margaret Thatcher as having: "The lips of Marilyn Monroe and the eyes of Caligula." (Jeopardy 7/5/99)

Louisiana passed a law to require grade school children to call teachers Sir or Ma'am. (ABCNEWS)

the UK adopted knife registration as of 7/8/99. All knife sales will be recorded to curb crime (London Daily Telegraph)

Walter Olson suggests that 'trial lawyers are the invisible fist that supports the invisible hand.' (Quoted by John Stossel on CATOAUDIO)

Come to The Party! Q:-)>

If only libertarians could be so concise.

A university creative writing class was asked to write a concise essay containing these four elements:

religion - royalty
sex - mystery

The prize-winning essay read:

"My God," said the Queen. "I'm pregnant. I wonder who did it?"

It Feels Good

I like to feel good. So it is with great expectations that I read the morning paper, hoping to catch a good article. And this morning it happened. Our President was uttering words, through those lips that never tell a lie, saying that he was supporting the Vice Presidents idea to require a photo ID license to own or use a gun. It's for our own good.

Now you know and I know that these gentleman do not waste their time on trivial matters. With weighty matters such as world peace, what politician has time to waste. Criminals can now be charged with not having a license when using a gun to commit murder, and such a negative incentive will surely protect us from being their victims To think about the implications of such an idea, it just makes me feel good.

Criminals would not endanger their self-esteem by being caught without a license. If getting a gun license is anything like getting a driver's license then each criminal will spend half a day in the process. That's four hours per criminal, times one million criminals, or four million hours per year that criminals cannot ply their trade. That makes me feel good.

And just think about the economic implications. Those criminals will surely have to pay a licensing fee (which we can increase every four years) which will help pay off the national debt. You could call these fees an investment in

crime prevention, or a tax on the poor, or an exercise of power not authorized by the constitution, but whatever you call it, it makes me feel good to know that criminals will be helping to reduce the national debt. And isn't that what it's all about; the children, giving them a safe and debt free America. You just want to run out and vote, it makes you feel so good.

Many of my friends have political beliefs that lead them to support Democrats (that are registered with the Socialist Party) to Republicans (who can't agree on which abortion clinic to close), but to a man they all felt good when I told them of the article. Some of the women felt good but not all. The more feminist of them said they would only feel good if male criminals were restricted to the same number of licenses as issued to female criminals. Still, almost all my friends feel good.

One American Indian did have some reservations on the idea of the government knowing where all the weapons are. There were also a few dissenters from the descendants of slaves, internees of American concentration camps during World War II, Ruby Ridge, Waco, etc. but hey, surely they will come around if it makes the rest of us feel good.

Who would have ever thought that a reading of the morning paper would actually end in making so many people feel so good. Good morning America, it's now a safer place for me, my family, and friends. I feel good.

Co. Co. LIBRARY TAX

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owns a business, why can't you be like us." where he plays the race card.

Age, ability, income, race. A little something for everybody to envy or hate. The headlines were right . She IS getting personal!

If Mary Pols can't beat us with facts, she attacks the personal motives. You do that when you're running scared. At least she spelled our names right. Libertarians, Democrats and Republicans have joined together to stop this increase. I salute each and every one who stood up to say **"NO MORE TAXES!"**

The same day, "The Perspective" section carried a Guest Editorial by Senator Richard Rainey that called for a return of the 'Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds' the State took from the counties seven years ago. Rainey said, "it's time to do the right thing and end the property tax shift so cities, counties and special districts can adequately finance our police, firefighters, libraries, public works, parks and public health services."

In a published 'Letter to the Times Editor' Walter Lautenberger brought this to light: "But what causes library

expenditures, citizens or circulation? Obviously it is circulation. You could have lots of people in a county, but if they did not take out any items there would be virtually no library expense. The proper measure of effectiveness is minimizing total cost per item circulated. A May 1998 report from the Legislative Analyst's Office addressed this point and provided data. The report said 'While most county costs are in the range of \$2.75 to \$3.25 per document (circulated)...' Contra Costa was at \$3.20." With our system in the top 10% of the range, improving efficiency seems more appropriate.

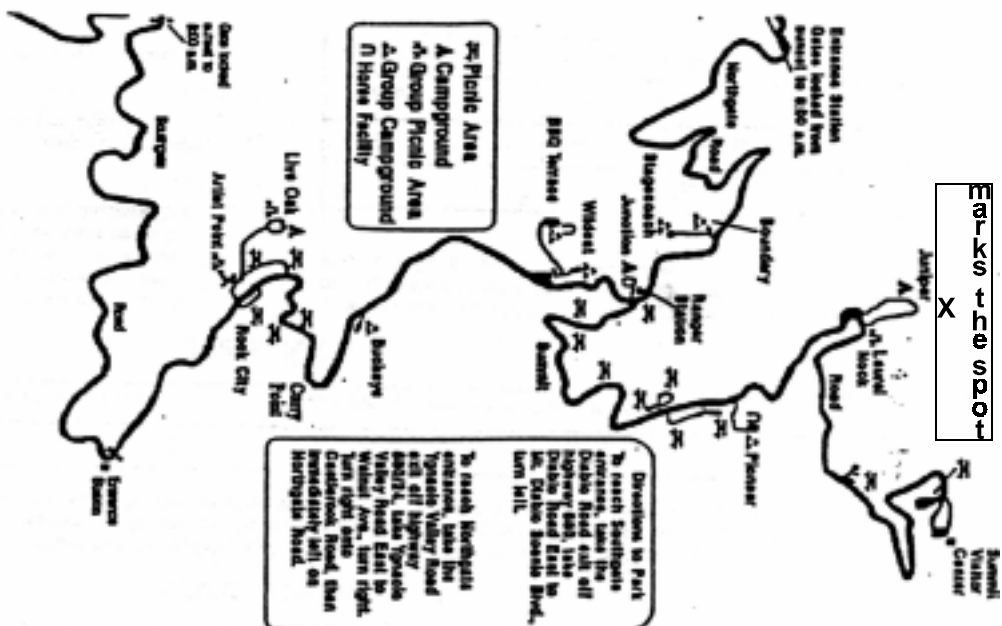
As previously reported, new LP member, Tom Smith did take the podium at the Moraga City Council meeting last month. The council voted **unanimously to continue to oppose the tax increase.** One person can make a difference!

While this battle is far from over, we are making waves



Supervisor DeSaulnier doesn't like what he's hearing. (Times photo)

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FIRE HAZARD	
LOW	Normal Operations
MODERATE	Charcoal, artificial logs and campfires only. No wood fires.
HIGH	Charcoal and camp stoves only. NO SMOKING.
VERY HIGH OR EXTREME	PARK CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC ACCESS.

FIRES- Must be in stove or BBQ provided. Ground fires and firewood gathering are prohibited. Always be careful with cigarettes, fires and camp stoves.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE, HONORABLE: The park may close at any time due to an emergency or hazardous conditions. We occasionally close during fire seasons due to extreme fire hazard and in the winter due to road conditions. We suggest you call the park at 510-837-2525 after 9:00 a.m. on the day of your event to find out if the park is open. If you relocate your event, please let us know so we can tell any instructors of your group that arrive. If we know in advance that the park will be closed on a day which you have reserved, we will contact you by telephone.

ALL FEATURES OF THE PARK ARE PROTECTED! Do not remove or disturb plants, shrub wood, pine cones, animals, or geological features.

VEHICLE WEIGHT CLASS SPEED LIMIT is 15-25 mph. on park roads, 15 mph. in campgrounds and picnic areas. OFF ROAD vehicle travel is prohibited. HICV135 are allowed only on paved roads, fire roads, and trails designated as open to bicycles. All of the rules of the road apply in the park, even when the park is closed. Traffic laws are enforced.

SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES, IN-LINE SKATES and other gravity or user propelled devices (other than bicycles) are prohibited.

DOGS MUST BE IN TENT or vehicle at night. **MUST BE ON LEASH** at all times when outside your car or tent. **MUST STAY IN DEVELOPED AREAS** and allowed on trails or fireroads. Dogs may not be left unsupervised. A fee of \$1 per dog will be charged.

CAMPING is allowed in designated areas only. Juvettiles must have written permission from parent. Quiet hours 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. No generators from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. Check-in time is 2:00 p.m.

Notice must not carry beyond your immediate site

FIREWORKS, FIREARMS, AIR GUNS, SLINGSHOTS, OTHER WEAPONS AND HUNTING
prohibited

The Visitor Center is at the Summit. It is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Feeding algae on rocks, park signs or signposts is prohibited. We suggest you give each person or family attending a copy of this information and map.

Please do not throw rice, bird seed, or anything else. It is better











Please do not feed the wildlife. They will lose their fear of humans and become a hazard.

Closure- The park closes at sunset. Day Use visitors must start out of the park by sunset. Campers must be back at their campsites by sunset and remain in the campsite, except for emergencies. Campers are locked in the park until 8:00 a.m. in case of EMERGENCY, PATROLING, or PAVILIONS are available at the Summit and at Junction Ranger Station. DIAL 9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES.

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED IN PARK! State laws regarding alcoholic beverages are STRICTLY ENFORCED.

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"The Democrats worst fear is that somebody's making money and the Republicans worst fear is that somebody's having fun. Maybe that is why they don't like us because we like to do both!" Q:-> Bumper Hornberger 1996

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Repeal Prop 10 Petition Drive ends next month!


Send them in soon.

The 1/4 lb. Liberty Proof is still up for grabs.

Bumper Snicker of the month.


**VOTE DEMOCRAT!
IT'S EASIER THAN THINK-
ING.**


Coming up in September


 14 Sept @ 5:30 The Independent Institute presents: *To Keep and Bear Arms* Joyce Malcolm, Professor of History, Bentley College Author, *To Keep and Bear Arms: The Origins of an Anglo-American Right* and Don B. Kates, Jr., civil rights attorney Author, *The Great American Gun Debate: Essays on Firearms & Violence* Info (510) 632-1366


Schedule of events

 Libertarian Alliance meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM in Café Strada (on Bancroft at College) for round table discussion Info www.OCF.Berkeley.EDU/~calib or DBurton@OCF.Berkeley.edu

 13-14 August "Smoke on the Mountain" EBLP Campout and ghost story telling. Friday the 13th on Devil Mountain (Mt. Diablo) Stay over Saturday night for the Astronomical Societies Star Party. Dozens of telescopes open for the public on top of the mountain. Info Scott Wilson Q:-> (925) 682-8708 or <FixitMgr@Flash.Net> RSVP


 14-15 August Libertarian National Committee Meeting at the Marriott Hotel, Anaheim, California Open to all party members. Info David Bergland <dpbergland@earthlink.net> or 202-333-0008

 14 August "Smoke on the Water" @ 1:15 PM The Blue and Gold Fleet at the Tiburon Ferry Pier Cruise around the Bay discussing Smoker's Rights with the American Smoker's Alliance spokespersons. \$15 a Plate dinner @ 4:30PM Mill Valley Masonic Lodge, 19 Corte Madera Avenue, Mill Valley Speakers from Forces, a local smoker's PAC and other smoker's groups opposing prop 10 the tobacco tax. Info Matthew Demattei 415-339-7887 or <pagangas@sirius.com>

 17 August @ 7:30 PM EBLP Regional Meeting 711 Saint Mary's Way Lafayette. See LP comedian Tim Slagle's new video "A Nation of Criminals." Info Scott Wilson Q:-> (925) 687-0460

Oak/
Berk LP

 23 August @ 7:30 PM the Oakland/Berkeley LP meet at The Albatross Pub 1822 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley Info (510) 655-901

 29 August @ 4:00 PM Folding Party & Regional Exec Com Meeting. McEwen/Nygren home is at 24828 Canyon View Court, Hayward Info (510) 889-9216

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(For those joining the LP as a voting member)

I hereby certify that I do not believe in nor advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals.

Signature: _____ Date _____
(Required)

Name: _____

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City, State & ZIP+4: _____

(Optional)

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

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Let's go camping

August Friday the 13th. Devil Mountain. Be there!

Come join *The Party* at Juniper Campground on top of Mount Diablo. Bring your best ghost story, camping equipment, FIRE EXTINGUISHER, and something for the

Bar-B-Q. If you don't have a tent, come anyway, we can still cover you.

Due to the possibility of a "HIGH Fire Hazard" we ask all campers (who believe in personal responsibility) to bring a FIRE EXTINGUISHER or lawn sprayer we can fill with water. We don't want anything to burn that shouldn't. In case of Park closure an alternate sight will be selected. Call Scott Wilson Q:-)> at (925) 687-0460 or E-Mail

<FixitMgr@Flash.Net> and RSVP to insure timely notification.

General Park Information is on Page 6.

Stay over Saturday night to enjoy the Astronomical Societies 'Star Party' where you can check out the cosmos from dozens of telescopes set up on top of the moun-