

Libertarian Lifeline



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- LP kicks FDIC butt
- EBLP runs point on Repeal Prop 10
- TAX PROTEST APRIL 15

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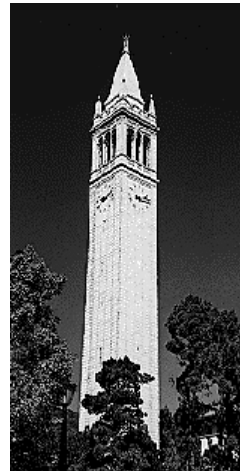
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Making history!

While Juan Ross is forming a beachhead in the Political "Belly of the Beast" in Sacramento, two freedom-fighter students are on the offensive in the Educational "Belly of the Beast" at Cal Berkeley. Sophomore Mark Goodman and Senior Daniel Burton are leading a platoon of bright men and women to set it "right" in this long-regarded leftist university.

Mark formed his first Libertarian Club in high school in Santa Clara. He is now President of the Cal Berkeley Libertarians. His right-hand man Daniel, an East Bay native, is a most prolific organizer handling no less than 7 E-mail lists for freedom-oriented student activists. Mark and Daniel sponsored a meeting between the on-campus Green Party and LP to discuss a mutual concern: The Wasted Vote.



In a round table format the group debated the benefits and drawbacks of; Proportional Representation (as practiced in Germany), instant run-off (as recently authorized by the voters in

Santa Clara when technology is available) and ranked preference (the election system used in Cambridge, MA). The bipartisan consensus felt ranked preference was superior to the others including our current winner-take-all system.

Ranked preference allows citizens to vote for all candidates on the ballot as their 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice, etc. If no candidate receives a clear majority on the first round of tabulation the lowest vote getter is dropped and the ballots are re-tabulated. If a voter's 1st choice is dropped his/her 2nd choice is counted. This allows citizens to really vote their conscience (Great for Third Parties)

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Alameda County Corner

"Ferries making comeback?"

According to several news sources, officials in Oakland and San Francisco are about to spend between \$600 million and \$1 billion on a huge upgrade of the existing ferry system. The new ferry system will be the "best in the world", and will be the magic bullet for the Bay Area's commuting needs. Is the demand for ferry service was so great that government needs to

step in and fork over taxpayer monies for a service that most taxpayers will never use? Do I smell another increase in the sales tax coming?

"Charter schools in Oakland?"

In one of the few signs that the world is getting saner, there is a big push to increase the number of local charter schools. Oakland has had one of the largest and most inept school

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Marion McEwen

There is nothing like a gathering of Libertarians and libertarians to lift my spirits and renew my faith that Liberty is right. The California Libertarian Party Convention in San Jose this past February was a wonderful event. It affirmed my conviction that this is the year of the Libertarian Party. We have the issues, the activists, and the principals. We have captured the imaginations of free market advocates and authors working to explain the power of choice and liberty.

In our past, the LP has been involved in many signature drives to place initiatives on the ballot. We jumped in and saved the drive to put term limits on the ballot. We gave Prop. 215 a boost when the advocates of medical marijuana could not muster the needed signatures. Many times we have helped put an issue before the voters and been on the winning side. To my knowledge we have never been the first Party approached on any issue. The term limits campaign went to the Republicans and Prop. 215 was the darling of the liberals and the left who dreamed that the Democrats were their friends, and that Bill Lockyer would save them from the evil conservatives. We know better and we know that the other major Party politicians are just out to milk as much from the working public as they possibly can. There are no advocates for freedom in the elected officials from either the Republican or Democratic Parties.

This election cycle we have been granted the honor of being the Party asked to endorse an initiative campaign. The LP Convention was the beginning of the political calendar for a very special contest. Ned Roscoe, President of Cigarettes Cheaper!, announced his intention to mount, fund and win a repeal of Prop. 10, the cigarette tax imposed on smokers in last November's election. Ned asked us to join his efforts to gather signatures for an initiative to repeal Prop. 10. He has

great confidence in us as signature gatherers and knows that we are the only Party to understand his principled position opposing taxation in general and this oppressive tax in particular.

The delegates to the Convention unanimously endorsed Ned's effort. The California LP's Executive Committee established an ad hoc committee to support and help Ned in his efforts. East Bay Region member and CLP Executive Committee Alternate, Wayne Nygren, volunteered to be the liaison and interim chair of the committee. As easy as it will be for Ned to gather signatures at his more than 200 stores in California, we will need to help him. I have an appointment with Ned on the 23rd and expect to have a packet of information and instructions for gathering signatures put together before the end of the month. This packet will go out to contacts in each County or LP Region in California.

The East Bay Region will be the center for Ned's and the LP's efforts to repeal Prop. 10. Unlike past campaigns we will not be in the dark and only on the periphery of the battle. We have been asked to be on the general's staff. We must meet the challenge of being first in a contest. We cannot be afraid to win and win big. Come to the April meeting and join in the fun with a winning Party.

If you missed the last meeting, you really missed a great "Party." Scott, our editor, brought fun and games in a bag of magic markers and poster board. We made up posters for our Tax Day protest. If you have never been part of a group of adults coloring, you have missed out on a terrific experience. Libertarians have wonderful imaginations. Don't miss out again.

See you at the April meeting.

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The Readers write and the Writer's right?

This section is going to be for Letters to the Editor that our readers have had published in major newspapers. This one I had published in the Contra Costa County Times on Sunday March 14. I sent it to the Examiner and Chronicle too. I'm glad it got published but I broke one of my cardinal rules on this one. Can you find the mistake? Q:->

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The oldest drug.

Everywhere you look today you find people taking opium. It has destroyed the inner cities by sapping the virtues of prudence and moderation and by pummeling the characteristics of self-reliance and honor. The pushers destroy families by withholding it from mothers if the father is still around. Even our military gets so high they will fight on foreign soil rather than defend the USA. Our teachers succumb and



instruct our children how to "work the system" rather than teach them how to read. The bureaucrats use so much that we expect lousy service and surly attitudes. Sometimes they crack and "go Postal!"

The Politicians are "The Pushers." They provide the quick-fix and artificial euphoria that enslaves our society. They can't even manufacture it for themselves but must steal it from hard-working citizens. Bill Clinton gave one billion dollars of it to hurricane ravaged Nicaragua and calls it compassion. They surely need help but is it really compassion to give OPM!

(Other Peoples Money)

Did you find the mistake? I didn't use the word libertarian in the body of the text. Opps. Next time!.

Still a good letter don't you think?

SEND ME YOUR PUBLISHED LETTERS! Q:->

Trust the computer industry to shorten 'year 2000' to 'Y2K.'
It was this kind of thinking that caused the problem in the first place."

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Cal Berkeley

without fear of "splitting the vote" and allowing the worst candidate to win. (Good for Republocrats) Not wishing to operate in theory only, the question kept coming up; "How do we make this happen?" They decided to act locally and try to get ranked preference enacted for the Berkeley City Council. One student was selected to write an Op/Ed piece. Several students planned to take turns "Tabling" on Sproul Plaza to get a petition signed to present to the City Council. Others agreed to approach other third parties for their support. About this time Berkeley City Councilman Chris Worthington (Dem.) walked into the room, thanks to Daniel's E-mail invitation. WOW! Councilman Worthington explained that a similar measure had been brought up before by Councilwoman Donna Spring (Green) but had been voted down 3-6. He went on to say that, while 4 of the Berkeley City Council

About this time Berkeley City Councilman Chris Worthington (D) walked into the room,

are definitely against ranked preference, 3 are in favor of it, leaving 2 swing votes. They are Councilwoman Maudelle Shirek (D labeled Radical Progressive) and Linda Maio (D labeled Liberal Progressive). This information energized the group and they decided to form an official student organization hereafter known as "The Fair Voting Coalition."

Knowing the concerns of the

2 swing-vote Councilwomen, the coalition formulated a strategy for getting each to back ranked preference. Plus, they will actively solicit additional support from a wide range of other organizations. These young people may actually change the political landscape of Berkeley. The one thing they all have in common is that they don't know the meaning of the word "can't."

As many in America watch what happens and more wonder what happens, Mark and Daniel are working to **MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN! Party on!**

Good deeds

A friend told me that on her way to work last week, the lady in front of her paid her toll ...

for no reason. She was so jacked about some stranger paying her toll, she was talking about it a week later!

A good deed. How simple. She's already paid somebody else's toll just to pass it on. She said, "That felt even better." Random acts of kindness. It's happened to me, once in twenty years of driving, but once. As a Boy Scout I was taught to do a good deed everyday. I think I'm a little behind. You?

The lady waved and slowly pulled away. My friend was reading the bumper stickers. -Pro-choice- -Commit random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty- -Yellow Smiley Face- At least she lived what she preached.

I said, "Wow, I gotta try that, maybe somebody will get a good feeling from my bumper stickers."

-I'm Pro-Choice on Everything! LP- -"Harry Browne in '96 LP (clean as the day I got it)- -KFOG- -Darwin Fish-

She screamed at me; "You cynical bastard, you turn everything into politics!"

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I said; "Well,,, yea,,, maybe,,, but,,, I'm still doing a good deed! What's wrong with that?" Q;-)>

The more that I thought about it, the better I liked it. Where else can you get all this for two bucks?

1) You smile because you're giving, not being taken from or begged from. 2) The LP gets a good image. The polls will smile. 3) You cover your Boy Scout obligation. God smiles??? Whatever. 4) The recipient smiles. 5) Two smiling people equal a little less Road Rage. Everybody smiles. 6) But this is the one the "cynical bastard" in me likes best. You get to flip-off the Republocrats

stinking Campaign contribution cap. The LP spends millions to get name recognition. What is it worth in advertising dollars to have one impression be talked about for weeks? Lady Liberty smiles! Buy more bumper stickers. Smile! Pass it on. Q:-)>

PS: If you are a Road Hog this could backfire. So if you think you have a God given right to drive slowly in the fast lane (under 75 mph), with a line of cars behind you and nobody in front of you, would you please do me a favor? Either buy Democratic bumper stickers or get the hell out of the way! I don't want to tailgate; I just want to get by. PLEASE!!! Q:-D>

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Charter schools

administrations in the state, and anything that will take control away from the Oakland Unified School District is manna to the citizenry. The surprising thing is that Jerry Brown, the new mayor of Oakland, is one of the strongest proponents of charter schools. While charter schools are not what Libertarians would most prefer for our education system, it is nonetheless a large step in the right direction (after decades of going in the wrong direction), and bodes well for the future most prefer.

"A chicken in every pot"

During the recent state assembly race in Oakland, the Democrats apparently tried to bribe voters with free chicken and potato salad. The Green Party is having a cow about the whole thing. They filed a complaint with the State Fair Political Practices Commission (who I'm sure will be sympathetic to a third party's complaints). Just how many votes were decided by the chicken giveaway is uncertain; but what is clear is that Libertarians could think of much better things to bribe voters with, if the need ever arises.

James Cantwell Vice-Chair Alameda

Who is Chair Marion McEwen?

Libertarian Lifeline: You have been active in the fight for freedom for a long time. How did you hear about the LP and what made you get active?

Marion: I have been outspoken and opinionated all my life. My parents were conservative and very concerned with property rights as well as civil rights. I learned to respect other peoples' property and ideas. In People Magazine I read an article about the Libertarian Party in 1976. I knew instantly that the LP was "the Party." I registered to vote as a Libertarian in 1979 and attended my first meeting in January of 1980.

LL: How will the EBLP utilize these new members from Project Archimedes?

Marion: The first step to activate new members is to get to know them. I want to encourage new people to come to meetings and join in our activities. More important than creating new members is the growth of registered Libertarians. Political power or influence is measured in great part by the votes a Party can bring to an issue or candidate. We could have tens of thousands of members and no one would notice unless they were also registered to vote as Libertarians.

LL: What are your goals as Chair for the coming year and how do you propose to achieve them?

Marion: A friend of mine says, "Do good, avoid evil and have lots of parties." That says most of it for me. I do want to see us win elections. I think we have a very good chance of success if we work hard. I would also like to see us work with other Regions in the Bay Area.

LL: How has Prop. 10 affected your employer, Brown & Williamson Tobacco?

Marion: California's tax on cigarettes increased from 37 cents to 87 cents per pack this past November. The manufac-

turers raised the price just prior to the election to cover their cost from the Federal Settlement and 45 cents per pack more in October of last year. The total increase for California smokers was \$9.50 per carton. Despite this I do not think smokers have changed their habit. Industry sales in general and California sales do not seem to have changed significantly.

LL: Ned Rosco, President of Cigarettes Cheaper, is leading an Initiative to overturn Prop. 10. Would you tell us about it and what the LP is doing to help?

Marion: As you might guess, Ned Roscoe is a client of my employer. Also, I like revolutionary ideas and campaigns, so I have a dual interest in his initiative. I think the tobacco industry is normally very conservative. Ned is a very different in that he is an entrepreneur in the strictest sense of the free market. Ned believes he has the right to make a profit selling his customers exactly what they want. Ned practices what he believes. The campaign to repeal is state of the art. Cigarettes Cheaper! customers will be able to register to vote, sign the petition and request an absentee ballot with just swipe of their driver's license. What a genius! He has asked us to be a sponsor.

LL: Education is a real hot button in California politics right now. You and Wayne have taken a rather unconventional approach to your daughter, Linnea's, education. Would you tell us about it?

Marion: Linnea is home schooled. She chooses what to study and when. We have set a few goals and help her work to reach them. She is a bright and outgoing 15-year-old so it is hard to imagine that she will do anything but succeed at what she puts her mind to.

(Editor's note: Linnea is the EBLP Secretary.)



The Ant & Grasshopper.

FAIRY TALE

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. The grasshopper has no food or shelter so he dies out in the cold.

MODERN AMERICAN TALE

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the shivering grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the ant should be warm and well fed while others are cold and starving. How can it be that, in a country of great wealth, such discrepancies are allowed to exist?

On Nightline, a representative of the NAGB (the National Association of Green Bugs) charges the ant with green bias,

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BUGS

claiming that the grasshopper is the victim of 30 million years of greenism.

Bill Clinton tells a concerned Dan Rather that those who benefited unfairly during the Reagan summers have denied the grasshopper the prosperity he deserves. Richard Gephardt exclaims in an interview with Peter Jennings that the ant has gotten rich off the back of the grasshopper, and calls for an immediate tax hike on the ant to make him pay his "fair share."

When they catch the ant secretly making "Royal Jelly," his home is forfeited and declared public housing. The grasshopper moves in. The ant disappears in the snow.

THE LIBERTARIAN TALE

Lady Liberty Bug to the rescue! She talks to both the grasshoppers and the ants. She tells them it's not about green or black, left or right, big or small, rich or poor, it's about FREEDOM or slavery, war or peace, life and death. We all live in this world together.

The grasshoppers found it took a lot of work to steal the ants food and those ants were dying off so fast that soon they wouldn't be making enough for anyone. The ants found that not all greenies are meanies. Many grasshoppers do work and trade with the ants; many ants like to play and trade with the grasshoppers. They both are generous with their friends. Some grasshoppers were lazy but so were some ants. The responsible ants and grasshoppers joined forces with Lady Liberty Bug. They took back their country by allowing lazy bugs whatever their color, to live fun if short lives, stingy bugs to live long lonely ones, and the vast majority to work and play in peace and mutual co-operation. Each bug chooses for himself. Each bears its own consequences. Out of the abundance we all are better off in both wealth and leisure.

Did you know that...

after spending 12 years on Illinois Death Row, Rolando Cruz, was found innocent and released. The three prosecutors and four cops that convicted him are now **under indictment for framing him**. If convicted they will spend less time in jail than Rolando did. Not bad for attempted murder. (Eyewitness News)

The politicians at the "State of the Union" speech applauded 101 times or about every 77 words. Clinton proposed 31 new spending proposals totaling \$327.6 billion or about \$42 million per word. (Liberty/ National taxpayers Union)

the IRS estimates the average time to complete your income tax paperwork is 22 hrs. According to "The TAX Foundation" the average Californian will work **one hundred and thirty days** to pay those taxes. Tax Freedom day is May 11th this year, 10 days later than in 1990. What Republican Revolution?

the Albuquerque, New Mexico DEA employed three time convicted pedophile, Michael Robinson, as an undercover Narc. The DEA Director, John Kelly, required Robinson "call in" every day and considered this intense supervision. **While working for the DEA Robinson raped two more!** The DEA made another "record" drug bust, two little boys paid the price, and Director Kelly said; "I'd do it again!" (20/20)

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.

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










☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

What's the buzz, tell me what's a happening!

"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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News Notes:

LP winning battle against "Know Your Customer" legislation

The FDIC proposed legislation that would require your bank to develop a "profile" on your banking habits and report unusual transactions to the Feds. The LP mounted an enormous lobbying campaign that helped generate over 100,000 negative comments effectively stopping the Bill. We are winning the battles but the war isn't over. The FDIC is now considering making it a policy rather than a law. Find out more and how to help at: www.DefendYourPrivacy.com

EBLP raise money for Kubby Defense

At the March Regional EBLP meeting we passed the hat for the Kubby Defense Fund. We raised \$100. Steve and Michele aren't out of the woods yet and still need our help. Send what you can to: Kubby Defense Fund c/o Dale Wood Attorney at Law 10833 Donner Pass Rd. Truckee, CA 96161

April 20th EBLP meeting in Lafayette!



- April 20 at 7:30 EBLP Regional Meeting. 711 Saint Mary's Way Exit Hwy 24 to Central Lafayette, turn Right on Mt. Diablo 1 block, turn Left on Moraga 1/2 mile, turn Left on St. Mary's Way, meeting 1 mile on Right (510) 889-9216



- Folding party / Regional Exec Com Meeting 2:00 The McEwen/Nygren household is at 24828 Canyon View Ct. Hayward (510) 889-9216

Oak/
Berk

- The Oakland/Berkeley LP meet at the Albatross Pub 1822 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley 7:30 info Jim Cantwell (510) 655-9019

TAX PROTEST Oakland

- April 15th 4:00 until ? Main Oakland Post Office 1675 7th St, near Peralta

Schedule of Events



- **Every Thursday**— 7:00 PM Cal LP, Cal SIL, and Cal Anarchists have formed the Liberty Alliance and will meet at Café Strada on Bancroft @ College for Round Table Discussions. www.OCF.Berkeley.EDU/~callib or liberty@ocf.berkeley.edu



- Students for Individual Liberty has a whole series of speakers lined up for April. (510) 549-0917

- April 4th, at 7:00 P.M. in 156 Dwinelle Hall. Ken Green Director of Environmental Studies, Reason Foundation, speaking on "Climate Change: What do we know, and what can we do?"
- April 13th, at 7:00 P.M. in 243 Dwinelle Hall. Robin Hanson, Research Faculty Member, School of Public Health, speaking on the Federal Drug Administration and health product bans.
- April 21st, at 7:00 P.M. in 156 Dwinelle Hall. Gun rights activist Tim Starr, speaking on "Armed Resistance: An International Perspective."



- The Independent Institute 100 Swan Way Oakland is sponsoring the following forums: (510) 632-1366

- April 6: FIXING AMERICA'S CITIES: Privatization and Community Empowerment Speaker: STEPHEN GOLDSMITH, Mayor, City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and author of the book, The Twenty-First Century City: Resurrecting Urban America
- April 13: WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH AMERICA'S SCHOOLS? Speakers: MYRON LIEBERMAN, Chairman, Education Policy Institute, and author of the books, The Teacher Unions and Teachers Evaluating Teachers; WILLIAMSON M. EVERS, Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and author of the new book, What's Gone Wrong in America's Classrooms; and ANDREW J COULSON, software writer and educator, and author of the new book, Market Education: The Unknown History
- April 28: THE NEW PATH FOR AFRICA: Establishing Free Market Societies Speaker: GEORGE B. N. AYITTEY, Professor of Economics, American University, Washington, D. C., and author of Africa in Chaos

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Tax Protest APRIL 15th

Main Oakland Post Office

The Indians are restless.

The Boston Tea Party happened because England wanted to enforce a 3% tax on tea and the colonists thought that **3% was too much!** What would they think today?

The Indians of the EBLP will be massing for a non-violent protest on April 15th at the main Oakland Post Office from 4 PM until ?. We will be handing out "million dollar bills", suckers and have about a dozen signs so far. The more the merrier, feel free to bring your own. You can dress like an Indian, a colonist, in your favorite LP TEA-shirt or wear a business suit just to help us look "normal." We hope to have a Styrofoam toilet so taxpayers can put their money where we know it's going. For a small donation we will also have some extension forms, envelopes and stamps since the Post Office often runs out. They are located at 1675 7th St, near Peralta. Come one come all, there is safety in numbers.

Regional meeting returns to Co. Co. County

Guest Speaker Jacob Hornberger

Our monthly Regional meeting and Tax Protest Victory Party will be held April 20th in Lafayette. It will start around 7:30 PM in a real meeting room, not a restaurant, at 711 Saint Mary's Way. We can make all the noise we want. Q;-)> Coffee and sodas will be free for all "Protestors" and a buck each for all others. All dessert donations will be welcome. To be honest, Jacob won't be there in person but at the 1996 National Convention, he gave the most powerful and inspirational LP speech that I have ever heard and I have it on tape. **Come to the Party!**