

# Libertarian Lifeline



## Special points of interest:

- Hornberger withdraws!
- Petition drive first Fast Start winner
- Come camping with us!
- Victim Disarmament Bill dies in House!
- Library Tax takes from the poor and gives to the rich.

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## LIGHTS OF LIBERTY

**S**haron Harris, the President of the Advocates for Self-Government announced the 'Lights of Liberty' winners for 1998. The Bay Area made a good showing with at least 6 winners, three in the East Bay alone. Daniel Burton Berkeley, Seth David Schoen Berkeley, and myself, Scott Wilson Q:-> Concord. Daniel Burton

received a special mention in the Press Release for working in 15 'Operation Politically Homeless' booths during the

year. That's dedication!

Other Bay Area winners included; Kelly Russell Simpson SF, Steve Marsland Pacifica, and Mike Moloney San Mateo.



Supporting grassroots libertarian volunteers has always been a major focus of the Advocates for Self-Government. They've developed tools, techniques, and resources to help libertarians become ever more effective in communicating the

ideas of freedom. "Lights of Liberty" will give awards and special gifts to libertarians who

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## NEWS FLASH

We were hoping to run an interview with Jacob Hornberger, this month, after his decision, last month, to seek the Presidential nomination. Sadly, I received this by E-Mail,,,,, last week.

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Scott--

Thank you for your letter of June 6 and your offer to help. By now, I'm

sure you've received the press release, but just in case, here's a copy. I do want you to know that I am very appreciative for your early vote of confidence and offer to help. Best regards.

Jacob G. Hornberger

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# Notes from the Chair

*I should change this to the good news column. We just have too much fun in this Party and have too many friends around the state to ever worry about having much bad news to report.*

**First the good news.** We will be camping out on Devil's Mountain on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. "Mt. Diablo" Park campsites are on a first come, first serve basis. Some of our members are volunteering to go early Friday to reserve sites. If you want to camp you must notify the Contra Costa Vice-Chair/Newsletter Editor, Scott Wilson, that you will be joining us. He may need your license plate number to pre-register you in one of our sites.

*Wayne and I will be making breakfast Saturday morning. I can't help but brag that we make great camp breakfasts. See you there.*

*Stay over on Mt. Diablo through Saturday and you can join local astronomers for a star-gazing party. Imagine being able to look out over the whole Bay Area as the sun sets, watch the lights appear throughout the valley and then with almost no moon, star gaze from the top of the highest peak in the East Bay. This added treat will make a great camping weekend for friends and family.*

**Second, the good news.** We already have one winner in the "Repeal Prop. 10" signature gathering contest. The prize goes to Heith Hermans in Kensington for returning the petition, properly filled out, and most promptly. The postmark on Heith's envelope was June 8<sup>th</sup>. He will receive one of the several Walking Liberty Silver dollars donated for our contest. Honorable Mention goes to Evelyn in Newark, with the second fastest return. Her postmark was June 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch the August newsletter for the other prizes awarded for our Fast Start portion of the contest.

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***"It's a good thing we don't get all the government we pay for." Will Rogers***

## LIBERTARIAN LIFELINE

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achieve \*any one\* of the following three outreach activities in 1999:

1. **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.** Have three letters that use the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism" published in magazines or newspapers. Letters to the editor are a GREAT way to greatly increase the public's positive encounters with the words "libertarian" and "libertarianism" and with our ideas.

2. **OPERATION POLITICALLY HOMELESS (OPH).** Work at three OPH booths during 1999 and you qualify for the "Lights of Liberty" award. OPH is a fantastic way to discover dozens or even hundreds of libertarian-leaning folks in your community. We hope to encourage many more OPH's and thus rapidly increase the size of the movement.

3. **PUBLIC SPEAKING.** Deliver three speeches to non-libertarian groups such as service clubs, high

schools, colleges, political rallies, Toastmasters, and so on. Your speech, to qualify, should be on a libertarian-related topic and must use the words "libertarian" or "libertarianism" in a positive way. (You don't even have to write a speech, incidentally. If you prefer, you can use one of their audience-tested speech kits. See their online catalog --

<http://www.reliablehost.com/self-gov/tapesets.html>

Five individuals even won what became the "Libertarian Triathlon"- winning awards in all three categories. They are; Aaron Anderson Hawaii, Robert Black Florida, Tom Ender Wisconsin, Paul Frankel Alabama, and Lloyd Russell Georgia.

"We hope that every libertarian who won this year will do so again," Harris says. "And we hope that many more people will be inspired by their example to become winners themselves. This is activism that can really make a difference in America. And it's fun, too!"

**"Ask not what you can do for your country; ask what your government is doing to you." Joseph Sobran**

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## **Press Release**

June 16, 1999

### **Hornberger Cancels Presidential Exploratory Committee**

Jacob G. Hornberger has announced the termination of his presidential exploratory committee and has canceled plans to seek the Libertarian Party presidential nomination.

"Since the formation of my presidential exploratory committee two months ago, it has become increasingly clear that it is impossible for me to operate simultaneously The Future of Freedom Foundation and a presidential exploratory committee.

Hornberger concluded that his only solution was either to take a full leave of absence from The Future of Freedom Foundation or terminate his presidential exploratory committee. "There's no point in doing both endeavors ineffectively," Hornberger said. "In the last two months, it has become clear to me that I must make a choice now, rather than later, between The Future of Freedom Foundation and the race."

Hornberger said, "This decision has been one of the most difficult ones I have ever made, but my foremost responsibility and loyalty is to The Future of Freedom Foundation,

which I founded ten years ago, and to the subscribers and donors who have supported the Foundation over the years. Therefore, while I have been very enthusiastic about the possibility of a Libertarian Party presidential bid, I have concluded that since a choice must be made, it is best for me to remain as president of The Future of Freedom Foundation rather than make the presidential race."

Hornberger said that all donations to his presidential exploratory committee are being returned 100% and that he personally will cover the administrative expenses for the two months that the committee has been operational. "This is my responsibility and no one else's," he said.

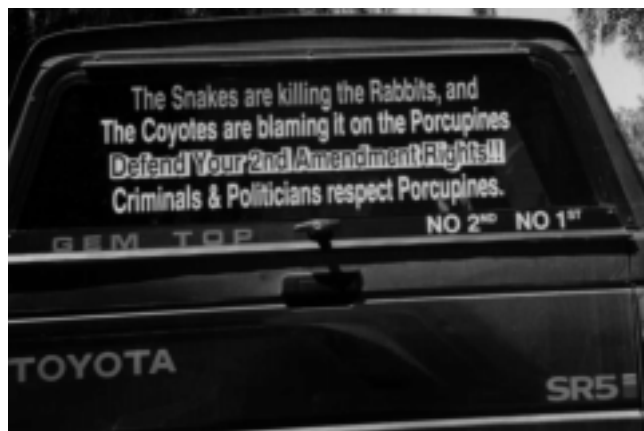
Hornberger expressed his gratitude to everyone who has expressed positive feedback on his prospective presidential bid. "I want to especially thank the members of the exploratory committee who have devoted so much time and effort to this endeavor."

Hornberger said that while he would remain neutral in the race for the Libertarian Party presidential nomination, he will support the party's eventual presidential nominee.

Editor's Q:-> note: While I wear my "Harry Browne 2000" exploratory committee pin proudly, I think Jacob would have added a sparkle of idealism and appeal to ethnicity to the next convention. HB and JH would have

## Now here is a real “Gem” (top)!

If you see Jim Wolfe driving around Concord or Oakland in his blue pick-up, give him a toot.



(This is a little off subject but I've got to ask. I know that rabbits make love very efficiently. Is it true that porcupines make love,,,

## Sound bite of the month.

On June 22, news anchor Dan Rather was a guest on “Leno”. This is slightly out of contexts but I swear he really said it and a lot more like it!

“There’s no dumb bass,  
like a Texas dumb bass....  
Texas born and Texas bred,  
and when I die, I’ll be Texas dead.”

This guy can’t talk without a script. Q:-)>

## **DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

things aren't going well for the Christian Coalition. Last month founder Pat Robinson was forced to sever ties with two Scottish firms after saying; "Scotland is a dark country that is allowing homosexuals to take over the government." This month the IRS has decided that Pat isn't a preacher either but is a politician. They have revoked tax exempt status for the Christian Coalition.

Ahhh, breaks my heart! Q:-)>  
(Liberty & ABCNEWS)

on Jeopardy, June 11th, a \$1000 Video Daily Double answered "This is a new USPS stamp honoring this novelist." The contestant properly asked, "Who is Ayn Rand?"

Q:-)>

on June 19th, Rosa Parks received the Congressional Medal of Honor. If a Poor Black Woman in the Deep South can sit down for her principles and change the world, isn't it time that you stand up for yours?

*Come to The Party!*

Q:-)>

**"George W. Bush's 'Conservative Compassion' and Al Gore's 'Pragmatic Idealism' are the Daily Double of oxymoron's." Will Dirst comedian**

## **INERTIA**

“That which is in motion tends to remain in motion. That which is at rest tends to remain at rest.”  
Physics? What has this got to do with politics? Everything!

Our government was on a roll. Every year they passed at least 3,000 new laws and regulations. Ignorance of the law is no defense. Hell, God only has ten rules to get you into heaven. Why do we need sooooo many for a civil society. Could it be that passing new laws (like dedicating new roads) makes for a good photo opportunity, unlike enforcing the ones we already have (filling potholes)?

The shooters at Columbine High School violated 20 laws, already on the books, in their rampage. Our

## Editors' Appeal Q:-)>

Our Treasurer, John Taylor, gave a disturbing report at our last Regional meeting. Libertarian Lifeline is costing us more than we get from National for publishing it. We are losing money every month. Not a lot,,, but we are definitely going in the wrong direction.

In my inaugural issue five months ago, I told you "I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY!" I still don't.

John does! Q:-D> I still want your time. Time is money too!

Some county newsletters sell advertising space, usually a business card sometimes a half-page. We can't because of USPS regulations regarding our non-profit mailing rate. Besides, I almost always have more information at the end of the month than column space to put it in. I don't want to waste the space. I want to be able to give you more information.

I donate my time and my computer to edit this publication because I think fighting for Lady Liberty is important. Do you think I'm doing a good job?

If I am, please give me your time by gathering signatures on the petition and/or attending the next meeting or send John your money at: LP East Bay Region 20993 Foothill Blvd., #318 Hayward, CA 94541-1511

Both is OK, too!

Q:-D>

## Co. Co. LIBRARY TAX

**O**pposition to the proposed Sales tax increase for the libraries is growing. Three new developments are worth mentioning.

1) Our new member from Moraga, Tom Smith, has just formed the Moraga Taxpayer's Association. He spoke before the town council, as they were reconsidering Moraga's NO vote on the new library tax. Tom joined *The Party* last month but is already making a difference. Way to go Tom!!!

2) Concord Mayor Michael Pastrick wrote a beautiful Guest editorial in the Co. Co. Times on June 12th blasting The State for shifting property taxes 6 years ago (that previously funded local government) to the state. He writes; " The impact on local services is severe. The State has taken over \$2.5 million annually from the city of Concord with \$2 million of that in property taxes. Contra Costa County reports property tax losses of \$85 million per year. All jurisdictions in Contra Costa lose over \$100 million per year.... This is the year the state needs to face up to the fact that their surplus exists, for the most part, because local government is the only group that has not been made whole for the state takeaways of 1992-93."

3) Walt Lautenberger from Lafayette Taxpayers Association brought to our attention that those communities that have the highest library usage are also the richest and best educated. Following are statistics on annual circulation per capita for various Contra Costa County Library branches (as provided by the Reference Librarian in Lafayette [more poetic justice]).

CITY	Circulation Per Capita
Clayton	16.73
Moraga	13.03
Kensington	10.83
Lafayette	10/82
Ygnacio Valley	10.08
Orinda	9.12

On the other hand:

Bay Point	0.49
Oakley	0.76
Rodeo	1.04
San Pablo	1.25
Pittsburg	1.79
Crockett	1.83

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*Thank you to Evelyn and Heith for their thoughtfulness. It is a good start to a great campaign. Please take a moment and sign the petition you received with last month's Lifeline. Return it to our address in Hayward. I will personally be counting each of your returns and tracking them for our contest. Remember, activists throughout California will be gathering signatures for the repeal (and the contest.)*

*This petition drive is off to a fast start in Humboldt County. East Bay, you will have to work hard to compete with the 100 signatures that Humboldt's member, Frederick Mangels has already turned in. Humboldt County does not have a Cigarettes Cheaper! Store. Frederick is at our mercy, I mean, depends on us to send him petitions. If you live near a Cigarettes Cheaper! Store, just go in and say you are Libertarian helping to gather signatures. The manager will give you a handful of petitions. Thank you for your effort. Every signature counts. Don't forget to send in yours. A completely filled out petition would be wonderful to see, but even just your signature counts. Don't hesitate to sign and send.*

*More good news. Our regional meeting in Lafayette every other month is getting popular. Several new faces and a few known but rarely seen ones joined the Executive Committee to watch Libertarian Comedian Tim Shagle's video *A Wake*. This was filmed in 1993 at the beginning of Clinton's reign and continues to be relevant 6 years later as we wait out his second term. Libertarian comedy is rare and Tim more than tickled all our funny bones. The next meeting in Lafayette will be in August. Hint: Frances brought cookies to go with the coffee. Spontaneous order does occur in Libertarian circles. We will be watching Tim's new tape, "A Nation of Criminals." Tim says it is funnier than "A Wake." See you there.*  
Marion

## **"NOTHING IS SO PERMANENT AS A TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT PROGRAM." <sup>11</sup> Milton Friedman**

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leaders tried to pass new legislation to ensure that it could never happen again. (Yea, right!) It should have been a slam-dunk but in a rare apparition the latest 'Victim Disarmament' measure failed in the House. Not because, as libertarians believe, it was fundamentally wrong but because the Republicans thought it was too strong and the Democrats thought it too weak.









Beware they will be back but their inertia faltered.

Francis Grotefend and myself stepped out of our 'comfort zone' and made several dozen phone calls to party members inviting them to the last Regional meeting. We hate telephone solicitors as

much as the next guy but found overwhelmingly positive responses to our calls. Because of that, our last Regional Meeting, in Lafayette, brought 6 new Libertarians to their first meeting. They stopped resting and started motion. They traded "3rd Rock from the Sun", "Home improvement" and "Spin City" to share an evening with fellow Libertarians discussing current projects and watching a comedy routine by Tim Schlagle. They left with their batteries charged and will do something else this month for Liberty. (i.e. Get signatures on the petition, write a letter to the editor, tell their friends about us.) We all had a great time. But more important we broke the inertia of rest. Liberty is not a place, it's a movement. Get on

# July 1999


"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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"I remind you that those who do NOT vote make just as much difference in the selection of our leaders as those who do." (Molly Ivins Syndicated columnist)

Over 50% of the people that elected Jessie Ventura had never voted before.

## Schedule of events


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


 **Happy Independence Day!** Q:->  
"Fast Start" petition drive competition ends today. Winners in next months edition. Keep getting signatures for the grand prizes in September.

 20 July at 7:30 EBLP Regional Meeting at Ricky's Sports Lounge and Restaurant, 15028 Hesperian Blvd, San Leandro *Info* (510) 889-9216

Oak/  
Berk LP

 26 July at 7:30 the Oakland/Berkeley LP meet at The Albatross Pub 1822 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley *Info* (510) 655-9019

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

 The Independent Institute is a favorite, local "Think Tank" and forum for many of the EBLP Executive Staff. We apologize for any inconvenience by our posting the wrong date for the Tiannanmen Square Remembered Program last month. Unfortunately their only program for July is on the same day as our Regional Meeting. Their speaker will be an Economics Professor recommended by Rush Limbaugh, Phil Gramm, Dick Armev, and Paul Harvey. Truthfully, we would rather see you at our meeting and "that is the rest of the story. Good day!" Q:->

## COMING UP IN AUGUST

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 if attending.

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 x228

14 August "Smoke on the Water" @ 1:15PM The Blue and Gold Fleet at the Tiburon Ferry Pier Ride

the only smoker friendly ferry in Marin. Cruise around the Bay discussing Smoker's Rights with the American Smoker's Alliance spokespersons. *Info* Matthew Demattei 415-339-7887 <pagangas@sirius.com>

14 August "Smoke on the Water" @ 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

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