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LPC Dusti Taylor (the pretty one) is one of the hosts of an annual telethon to raise money from private donors for the Chaffey College Foundation; an organization that helps disadvantaged students attend Chaffey College, the oldest community college in California. The 3 day broadcast on Charter Cable was a huge success and beat it's goal of raising \$120,000. "Community work is my passion, especially such a worth while cause like higher education for those who can't afford it. It's a win-win situation for all" says the multi talented red head. Taylor can also be seen sharing host duties on The Libertarian Alternative, a public access show seen up and down the west coast and other states produced and hosted by California Southern Vice Chair Mark Selzer. Shown left to right: Cid Pinedo Executive director of the foundation, Dusti Taylor, John Mannerino, the president of the Chaffey College Foundation, Bob Balzer Publisher of Daily Bulletin past president and major undrwriter of the telethon.

*Dave Hollist sent in this picture of Philip Heath in the booth they manned together at the California State University, Los Angeles Political Awareness Expo October 17th. The University began their series with Secretary of State, Bill Jones, on October 2nd and ended with our program with a lot of registering in between. Philip handed out many party brochures while I saturated the passerbys with my prospectus. Only one flyer was picked up from the walkway—one measure of success. Adding good weather and a good lunch with the important task of defending our freedom made for a most enjoyable day.*



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**20 More Winners!**

**Aaron Starr on Direction,**

**Here We Grow Again,**

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**Lew Rockwell on guns,**

**and more...**

***"A newspaper is not just for reporting the news,  
it's to get people mad enough to do something about it."***

**Mark Twain**

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends upon the **unreasonable man.**"  
**George Bernard Shaw**  
(1903)

"We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box."  
**Helmut Sass**

For the want of a nail the shoe was lost. For the want of the shoe the horse was lost. For the want of the horse the battle was lost. For the want of the battle the war was lost. For the want of the war the kingdom was lost. All for the want of a nail!  
**Or a Delagate!**



# 20 More Winners!

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Libertarian Law Unmakers and Deregulators. They are:

Eden Township Hospital District

**Marshall Schwartz**  
[marshallsc@aol.com](mailto:marshallsc@aol.com)

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

**Parke Boneysteele**  
[parke2@ix.netcom.com](mailto:parke2@ix.netcom.com)

Southwest Healthcare District (Hospital) Short Term

**Lance Rosmaier**  
[lance@bigvalley.net](mailto:lance@bigvalley.net)

Mendocino County District Attorney

SPRING ELECTION  
**Norman Vroman**

Ophir Hill Fire District  
**Lois Engel**

Ready Springs Union School District  
**Ron Gabbart**

Moreno Valley City Council

**Bonnie Flickinger**  
[bonnie@moval.org](mailto:bonnie@moval.org)

Rubidoux Community Services District  
**Francis Trowbridge**

San Geronio Memorial Healthcare District

**Jim Gardner**  
<[jimdgardner@hotmail.com](mailto:jimdgardner@hotmail.com)>

Cordova Recreation and Park District

**Eric Lund**  
[ericlund@aol.com](mailto:ericlund@aol.com)

Orangevale Recreation and Park District

Melissa Manfre

Independence Ranch Community Services District

**Jerry A. Mercier**

Oceano Community Services District  
**Vern Dahl**

Shandon Joint Unified School District  
**William J. Alley**

Sequoia Health Care District  
**Jack Hickey**  
[jackhick@cwnet.com](mailto:jackhick@cwnet.com)

Los Alamos Community Services District  
**Larry A. Torres**

Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District  
**Carle Hylkema**  
[carle.hylkema@sun.com](mailto:carle.hylkema@sun.com)

Oxnard Harbor District  
**Michael Wharton**

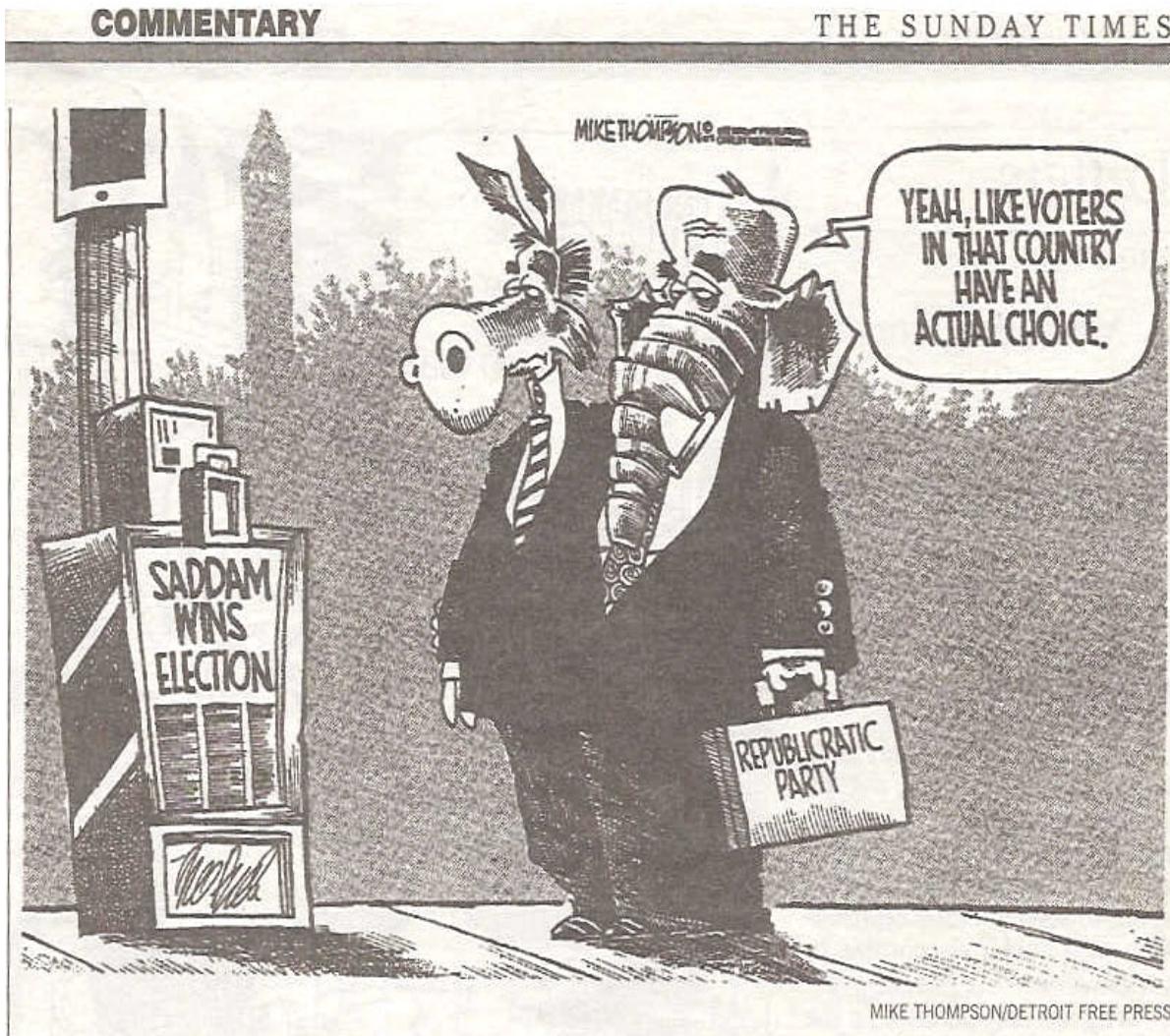
San Dieguito Planning Group  
**Tom Hohman**  
<[44lesstaxes@cox.net](mailto:44lesstaxes@cox.net)>

West Side Community Health Care Dist.  
**William Bunker**

These newly elected candidates add to the over 50 Libertarian Office holders in California.

Each and every victory is a story that I wish I could tell you, but they are only the tip of the Iceberg. I can't tell you how many Bond Measures, Propositions, and Initiatives were defeated (or passed) because of the Libertarian influence.

I can't tell you because I don't know. As surprising as it may sound in 2002, there is not a Comprehensive Official Website that lists ALL of



Sonia Harden

the races and their outcomes.

While we had 20 Candidates get elected, we probably influenced the outcome of 40 more campaigns.

Given that the Republicrat Party's Gerrymandered redistricting returned almost every incumbent, our victories are stun-

ning. Here are just a few stories.

### 2 way races

The highest percentage of votes in a Congressional race went to Sonia Harden CD10 with 24.7%. Running an under employed and under-funded (weren't they all?) Race in a Democratically Gerrymandered District covering 4 counties, Sonia fought a good fight that included Radio ads and free TV time.

Karl Dietrich CD49 came in second (again) with 22.1%

### Main Steam media Endorsements

For US Representative Dist 12: Maad Abu-Ghazalah

[maad@maad4congress.org](mailto:maad@maad4congress.org) is a TRUE American, of Mid-Eastern decent. He writes: "In 1979 I came here for college (University of Notre Dame). I was drawn here after growing up in Saudi Arabia and reading the Declaration of Independen-



Maad Abu-Ghazalah

# From the Chair



Aaron Starr

At least twenty California Libertarians won electoral victories in 2002! We had 101 candidates run for partisan races and candidates contesting at least 230 non-partisan offices.

That's how many we know of for certain as I write this. It seems like every day we're adding more to the list. We may not have a final count of how many victories and non-partisan candidates we had until the elections are certified near the end of November. For the most up to date list of California candidates and winners, go to <http://www.ca.lp.org/e2002/local.html>. For results across the nation, go to <http://www.lp.org/campaigns/results/>.

We've smashed through our previous record, electing as many people this year as we have in the last two years combined.

Our focus on non-partisan campaigns has paid off big time.

I'm grateful to those who joined me in risking \$43,000 to fund Operation Breakthrough, our candidate recruitment effort, knowing that there was the possibility that it wouldn't work and they wouldn't see their money back.

I'm thankful for all the members who made pledges to pay back these people based on the number of victories we would have this year. You should be receiving an invoice any day now for the amount due.

To all the folks who stepped up to the plate to recruit candidates and support their efforts, we need a lot more people like you. Your efforts are not forgotten.

And I'm especially thankful to all of our candidates — partisan and non-partisan — who saw it as their duty to serve our party and our movement with distinction, with honor and in a professional manner. Running for office can be a real transformation process for those who take it seriously. I've seen people who were shy and not up on the issues, become persuasive and knowledgeable.

You are all heroes and our party is indebted to you.

You made this happen.

Thank you.

And even though we've elected more Libertarians to office this year than we ever had in our

party's history, I know we could have elected a few more. The problem is that we lack an adequate foundation. Our resources were stretched to the limit and we overreached.

The experience has helped me realize that being successful in politics will not bring us new members. It's actually the reverse: Bringing in new members will make us successful in politics.

So we need to change our focus to growing our membership. With more members we'll have the resources we need to take us to the next stage.

Someone once compared the libertarian movement to the early Christians. I'm sure if there were an election back then, the Romans would have won hands down.

At this stage we need to win over hearts and minds one person at a time.

We need to focus on getting more people to join. That means asking people to join ... more than once.

When someone asks you about the Libertarian Party, do you just answer their questions ... or do you also ask them to join?

Even our partisan candidates especially should focus on getting people to join.

Think about this: in gerrymandered partisan races across the country, incumbents win 99% of the time. Given these odds, I'd rather a candidate focus on getting 100 new members rather than 1,000 extra votes.

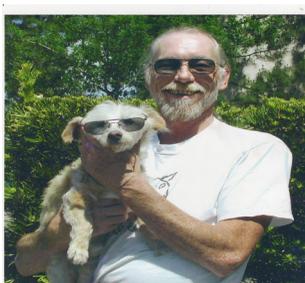
You can never be sure who voted for our candidate, or why. In many cases, a vote for our candidate is really a vote against the other candidates. There is no way to continue the relationship after the election is over.

But with new members and prospects we can leverage those relationships to meet more people and continue to win people over one at a time.

That's what it's going to take. We need to be missionaries for Liberty.

Aaron Starr, CPA  
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# From the Editor



Uncle Sam & Scott Wilson

Here we grow again! I would like to introduce two additions to the LPC Monthly (LPCM) staff. (Actually, they both helped last month, too, but didn't get credit.) Constance Ericson is my favorite California Calendar Girl. Constance and her husband, John Ericson, started coming to the EBLP's Pizza Liberty Parties about a year and a half ago. They enjoyed socializing with people of like mind and decided to become more active. John was elected EBLP Secretary last January and Constance started writing articles for the Libertarian Lifeline. I asked if she would give me a hand on the Calendar, for me the hardest part. (My week consists of: Moanday, Twosday, Humpday, Foursday, Payday and The Weekend!)

IMHO, she's awesome. I never knew a calendar could be such a "Good Read," even if you can't go to all the events. In addition to listing all major state LP events, starting next month she will focus on one Region

a month and list all of its activities. This way we can all share new ideas and copy the ones that work. She will also point us to other organizations' events that would be of interest to Libertarians, including NRA, CATO, Independent Institute, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers events and more. Finally, as space permits, she'll list a few significant events in history for the month. Please send suggestions of events you would like covered to [<Calendar@LPC.org>](mailto:Calendar@LPC.org) There is a ONE MONTH LEAD TIME between the time LPCM goes to press and the time you get it! SEND IN EVENTS EARLY!

Frank Manske will be taking on the task of Production Editor. He's done that job before, for the *Bulldog Weekly* at the University of Redlands, where he used Pagemaker (a much older version) and knows how to do layout. Look for a redesigned LPCM that it will have a more professional and standardized appearance. Frank's no slouch when it comes to Lady Liberty. He is a former EBLP Chair and their current LPC ExCom. Rep. He ran for Assembly in District 11 for the second time and was recently elected Chairman of the Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers. He is Production Editor for the EBLP's Libertarian Lifeline which is

printed in-house (literally) on their high speed laserjet printer. He also is a full-time geek for The Phone Company.

When do you sleep Frank? That made me tired just writing it. I am also privileged to call him my Best Human Friend.

I want to thank the dozens of people who submitted ideas and articles for this month's edition and apologize to those that I couldn't fit in. This month's contributors are: Aaron Starr, Doug Scribner, Lew Rockwell, Bill Holmes, Mike Thompson, Guy Smith, Louise Marquis, Dave Hollist, George Amberg, Richard Rider, Joe Dehn, Christopher Schmidt, and others. I knew this job was going to be fun.

**Q-D**

But as always, I want to thank the LPC Members. For without you, I wouldn't have an audience, or anything to write about.

**"If you don't like the News, go out and make some of your own!"**

Scoop Niscar Radio commentator.

PS: Please send me lots of

**PICTURES!**

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dence. When I read that, in American, all men are to be treated equally, I knew I had to come here. In a nutshell, I wanted to breathe as a free human being."

Recognizing that "Freedom is NOT Free," he became involved in the LP and ran a serious race, taking several months off of work to campaign. He writes:

"Hey guys. I just got the

endorsement of the San Mateo Daily News! They wrote a long article saying how it was time to finally get rid of Lantos and vote for an anti-war candidate. I think Lantos' pro-war stance is really going to hurt him on the 5th. I think a lot of Libertarians could have taken advantage of hawkish incumbents if they were willing to stump on an anti-war platform.

**Candidate receives \$147,000 Campaign contribution**

Dave Eaton doesn't think of himself as a journalist but I can't improve on his explanation. He wrote:

"I ran the usual paper candidacy. I made all the debates I was invited to except one, due to distance. After the one at CSU Stanislaus an economics professor asked me to speak to his students next spring. He said I had a good grasp of the result of govt. intervention. Pretty good for a guy who was asked, by the

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# Letters to the Editor

The MOST cost effective form of advertising the Libertarian Message is Letters to the Editor of your local newspaper. LTEs have the simultaneous benefit of influencing the Newspapers readers AND THE EDITORIAL STAFF! Some of us write yard-long diatribes that have little chance of publication and others stare frustrates at a computer screen unable to articulate our outrage. A few have learned to distill their yard-long beer into 200 word White Lightning. Bill Holmes is one such guy who is using technology to help the too-wordy and the wordless Libertarians promote their beliefs. He will write them and send them to you. (He

sent me 8 last month.) All you have to do is sign them and send them to your local Newspaper. If every LPC Member had just 2 LTEs published every month that would be 30,000 column inches or about 278 full sheets of FREE ADVERTIZING! His WebPage <http://libertarian-resources.com/promotion/liblet/> begins:

“Welcome to the LIBertarian LETters-to-the-editor email/fax distribution network (LIBLET). My name is Bill Holmes. I have been an active Letters-To-the-Editor (LTE) writer and distributor since 1987. I know how much time is invested in writing a good LTE, press release (PR) or

article (ART). I’ve always tried to automate and leverage the work with the widest affordable distribution. Now, with the widespread availability of FAX modems and email, libertarians can hierarchy distribute every libertarian LTE, PR and ART to every media outlet with an email address or FAX machine at no material or communication cost. LIBLET is intended to maximize the distribution of libertarian LTE, ART and PRs.”

Here is one of Bill’s LTEs and three from other frequent writers. Please send me ONLY letters that have been previously published in the main-stream press. *We don’t need to preach to the choir but to the masses!*

## Gerrymandering

Given that all but the Governor’s race between twiddle dee and twiddle dumber was decided during the primaries thanks to Gerrymandering, feel free to vote your conscience rather than vote to keep someone out of office. Vote for Libertarian or lessor party candidates to demonstrate your real feelings and positions to the Republocrat Party and media. That’s what the Republocrat Party wants you to think is a wasted vote, when in fact it is the true expression of you. Don’t worry, there are plenty of voters who will vote for incumbents to insure the success of Gerrymandering.

While you are at it, vote NO on all propositions but 47 and 52. The rest are just another government fix of tax dollars to fix problems caused by government when it *perverted The Law*

**Bill Holmes**

## Waste of resources.

I have just finished reviewing the annual FBI crime statistics for 2001, and I am depressed.

No, I’m not depressed over the rate of crime: for practical purposes it is holding steady, and given its long decline during the 1990s, this is a Good Thing™. Nor am I de pressed by the large number of arrests for crimes: indeed, I’d rather the authorities make 627,000 arrests for violent crimes than let 627,000 thugs roam the streets.

What is depressing is how much of our police resources – almost 15% – are wasted on victimless crime. Only “Property crime”, and the ubiquitous “Other” categories lead the “Drug abuse violations” category on the arrest priority list of law enforcement. When you add up drugs, prostitution, gambling, other vice ‘crimes’, almost 15% of all

arrests in the U.S.A. are for activities in which the only victim is the person arrested.

In 2001, 2,297,536 citizens and residents were arrested for the crime of enjoying life as they saw fit while not harming anyone else’s life in the process. And arrests are just the beginning of the waste of your tax dollars. Cops (unfortunately) are cheap compared to jails, courts, clerks, judges, prisons, guards and the three-squares a day we feed those who have been simultaneously prosecuted and persecuted.

It is difficult to set priorities in politics, but victimless crime seems to be a pressing concern given that it affects every taxpayer. Tyranny may begin in the streets, but it ends in the wallet.

**Guy Smith**

## AB 1421: Now What?

Dear LPC Monthly:

Our State Government has passed AB 1421, making it legal, as of Jan., to force psychiatric treatment on anyone, based on any one person’s opinion. (You know, like “my ex threatened me”, “my co-worker acts irrational”, “my competitor is definitely nuts!”). This threatens the civil rights, not only of those who are disturbed but not dangerous, but also of anyone who has an unpopular opinion or lifestyle, a disgruntled ex or competitor, PMS or a bad hair day — and at enormous public expense!

Now it is up to each county to make huge appropriations for it so it can be enforced. That means we have to convince the Supervisors of each County NOT to make appropriations for it! We need lots of people in each county to contact their Boards Supervisors and make it clear that the taxpayers don’t want to support this.

Sincerely,  
**Louise Marquis**  
*San Bernardino, CA*

## Does this have a familiar ring?

”A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasure. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world’s great civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back to bondage.” (Lord Alexander Tytler on the fall of the Athenian republic)

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## Libertarian Members

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# Calendar of Events

## Come to "The Party!"

**December 7:** Sweet Honey in the Rock is a Grammy Award-winning African American female a cappella ensemble with deep musical roots in the sacred music of the black church – spirituals, hymns, gospel – as well as jazz and blues. In a benefit concert for the Liberty Hill Foundation, Sweet Honey returns to Los Angeles, bringing an unmistakable and powerful voice for freedom, justice and peace in the world. The Washington Post says, "...the mix is so fierce as to make one truly believe that music can change the world." The event will take place at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre, 4401 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$35, \$65, \$125 and \$250. For more information: Teresa Dayrit at (310) 453-3611 or tdayrit@libertyhill.org.

**December 10:** Cosponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations, Pacific Council on International Policy & Stacey's Independent Bookstore, this Meet the Author program features Michael Mandelbaum. It will be held at the World Affairs Council, 312 Sutter Street, San Francisco at 6:00 pm (registration at 5:30 pm). Free to members; nonmembers pay \$12.00 and student nonmembers pay \$5.00. Mr. Mandelbaum is Christian A. Herter Professor of American Foreign Policy at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. In his latest book, **The Ideas That Conquered the World: Peace, Democracy and Free Markets in the Twenty-first Century**,

Mandelbaum describes the uneven spread over the past two centuries of peace, democracy and free markets from the wealthy countries of the world's core to the weaker and poorer countries in its periphery. Drawing on history and politics, Mandelbaum assesses the prospects for these ideas to flourish in years to come, giving attention to the US, which bears greatest responsibility for protecting and promoting them, and to Russia, China, and the Middle East, where their fate will affect the rest of the world. He states, "... [T]he central purpose of the United States in the twenty-first century and the principal use for American power [is] to defend, maintain, and expand peace, democracy, and free markets." He also questions whether U.S. power, although good at achieving many things, is suited to defending, maintaining and expanding these goals around the world. For more information: (415) 293.4600 or [www.itsyourworld.org](http://www.itsyourworld.org).

**December 12: The Pacific Research Institute's** 10<sup>th</sup> annual Gala Dinner, featuring speakers Lou Dobbs and Milton Friedman, will be held at the Westin St. Francis Hotel, 335 Powell Street, San Francisco. The topic will be "The American Dream at a Crossroads: Responding to the New Political and Economic Realities." The reception begins at 6 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. The keynote speaker, **Lou Dobbs**, anchor of CNN's "Lou Dobbs Moneyline," will explore how Americans can respond to the challenges of governance

scandals, the war on terrorism and the growing forces of globalization; what the impact of shifting geopolitical alliances is; how we can promote economic growth amidst increasing global pressures and ongoing instability; and how we can encourage corporate renewal and growth. Following the speech, Nobel laureate **Milton Friedman** will join Mr. Dobbs in a discussion and Q&A with the audience. Dancing to the music of the Alex Donner Orchestra follows at 9:30 pm.

Lou Dobbs is the anchor and managing editor of CNN's "Lou Dobbs Moneyline." In the years since he graduated from Harvard University with a degree in economics, Mr. Dobbs has won nearly every major award for television journalism and sits on the board of many prestigious organizations, such as the Society of Professional Journalists Foundation, the Horatio Alger Association and the National Space Foundation. Milton Friedman, recipient of the 1976 Nobel Memorial Prize for economic science, has been a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution since 1977. He is also the Paul Snowden Russell Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Chicago, where he taught from 1946 to 1976, and was a member of the research staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research from 1937 to 1981. Friedman was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1988 and received the National Medal of Science the same year.

For more information: Susan Martin at (415) 955-6120 or e-mail [smartin@pacificresearch.org](mailto:smartin@pacificresearch.org).

**December 14:** Tammy Bruce will address the Wednesday Morning Club and sign copies of her new book *The New Thought Police* @ 12:00 pm (registration and book signing) and 12:30 pm (luncheon) at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Sunset Boulevard in Beverly Hills. Members: free;

nonmembers and guests: \$65.00. Tammy Bruce is an openly gay, pro-choice, gun owning, pro-death penalty, voted-for-President Reagan progressive feminist. Since her tenure as president of NOW-Los Angeles (1990-1996), an organization she now decries as a foot soldier in the war against free speech, Tammy Bruce has been outspoken about the Left's efforts to abridge freedom of expression. *The New Thought Police* is an insider's guide to how successful the Left has been – and just how far they are prepared to go. An analysis of freedom of expression and the culture wars, it explores the importance of freedom of expression and personal liberty and how that liberty is under attack by the dangerous rise of left-wing McCarthyism. Ms. Bruce is currently writing "The Death of Right and Wrong: How the Left's Moral Vacuum Corrupts Our Culture and Threatens Our Liberty," to be published in April 2003. For more information: Valorie Friedrick at (310) 843-3699 x 205 or [Valorie@cspc.org](mailto:Valorie@cspc.org).

**December 15:** Bill of Rights Day: Annual December 15<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Ratification of the U.S. Bill of Rights. On December 15, 1791, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified. These amendments, now known as the Bill of Rights, placed explicit limits on the power of the U.S. government.

On this anniversary, we celebrate this legacy provided to us by our nation's founders, while at the same time reminding ourselves that these limitations on government power are under constant attack by those who want to use government to serve their special interests.

### Other Decembers

**December 1, 1955:** Rosa Parks, an African American, was arrested for disobeying an Alabama law requiring black passengers to relinquish seats to white passengers when the bus was full. Blacks were also required to sit at the back of the bus. Rosa Parks had been chapter secretary of the Montgomery Chapter of the NAACP and was active in the Voters League preparing blacks to register. Although her arrest was not "planned," Parks' action was consis-

tent with the NAACP's desire to challenge segregated public transport in the courts. A bus boycott coinciding with Parks' December 5 court date resulted in overwhelming African American support and lasted for 381 days. In December 1956 the Supreme Court banned segregation on public transportation and the boycott ended over a year after it had begun. In addition to the Rosa Parks Peace Prize (Stockholm, 1994) and the U.S. Medal of Freedom (1996), Rosa Parks has been awarded two dozen honorary doctorates from universities around the world.

**December 5, 1933:** Prohibition was repealed after more than 13 years.

**December 11, 1971:** Libertarian Party founded in the Colorado home of David Nolan.

**December 15, 1791:** The Bill of Rights' ten amendments became part of the US Constitution

**December 16, 1773:** The Boston Tea Party, a protest against British taxation, took place off Griffin's Wharf in Boston harbor.

**December 18, 1865:** Slavery was officially abolished with the ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

**December 26, 1620:** The Pilgrim Fathers landed at New Plymouth, Massachusetts, to found Plymouth Colony, with John Carver as Governor

**December 31, 1891:** New York's new Immigration Depot was opened at Ellis Island, to provide improved facilities for the massive numbers of arrivals.

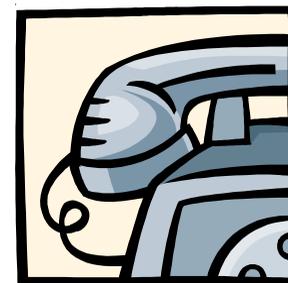
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teacher, to drop a high school economics class in 1979.

I answered all the questionnaires when I thought I had at least half a chance of impressing anyone. I got an A from one of the gun groups (please don't tell my neighbors but I've never owned a gun). I drove to Modesto to have the Modest Bee take my picture and interview me. I had a friend build my website - <loveliberty.com>

I spent about \$600 total.

Tuesday October 3, I received a phone call and two E-mails complaining about recorded calls people were getting. I hadn't purchased any advertising.

Wednesday evening I had three more complaints,

and messages from three reporters. The Modesto Bee reporter Jim Miller finally shed some light on the mystery. The prison guard union (CCPOA) and the Native Americans & Peace Officers Independent Expenditure Committee spent \$147,000 to promote my **Libertarian** run for State Senate.

They had endorsed my opponent, Democrat Rusty Areias. They were obviously trying to split the Republican vote. It was a little less obvious that this was a payback to Grey Davis for their recent, 25%, pay raise. I felt used and slimy.

I asked for help and after many great suggestions and information I decided that the best thing I could do was ... nothing."

**Dave Eaton**

**These are the FACTS:**

1) Dave Eaton was running



Dave Eaton

for an open seat in a Democratically Gerrymandered District. without incumbent advantage.

2) The prison guard union (CCPOA) and the Native Americans & Peace Officers Independent Expenditure Committee spent \$147,000 to promote a **Libertarian** run for State Senate.

3) The Prison Guards and Cops had endorsed another

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# Did you know that...

British songwriter John Stafford Smith had the perverse honor of having two of his melodies stolen by the enemy – the Americans – for use as patriotic melodies.. One was “God Save the Queen,” which became “America (My Country ‘Tis of Thee)”. The other was “To Anacreon in Heav’n,” which became our National Anthem.

*RANDOM ACTS OF FACTNESS* Erin Barret and Jack Mingo

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On October 9, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded George Mason University libertarian economist **Vernon L. Smith the Nobel Prize in economics.**

The 75-year-old Smith is known as the founding father of “experimental economics,” and he received the award — among the world’s greatest honors — “for having established laboratory experiments as a tool in empirical economic analysis, especially in the study of alternative market mechanisms.” Earlier in his life Smith was a socialist, but he rejected statism and socialism in favor of liberty and libertarianism. In an interview with Reason magazine, Smith explained the thinking behind his conversion:

“For me, libertarianism is tied to a certain set of recognitions: that all organizations have the problem of decentralized information, that decentralized mechanisms are the best way to organize that information to produce good outcomes, and that the best results come when the individual is free to make his or her own tradeoffs while aggregating information.

That’s true whether we’re talking about politics or economics or even social interaction. The best systems maximize the freedom of the individual, subject to the constraint of others in the system.”

Other Nobel-prize-winning libertarian economists: Milton Friedman, Friedrich A. Hayek, and James Buchanan.

*Advocates for Self-Gov.*

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It’s darn near impossible to fire a federal employee. In his article “Now It’s Time for Government Reform,” Chris Edwards of the Cato Institute notes: “As imperfect as private sector management is, everyone from CEOs to mail room clerks face firing for bad performance. By contrast, data from the federal Office of Personnel Management shows that the federal firing rate is stunningly low at just 1 in 4,000 per year. Comparable private sector firing rates are difficult to come by, but the overall average may be as high as 1 in 25 per year.

“It is hard to believe, for example, that only 6 employees during the past 18 years deserved to be fired at the State Department. This 28,000-person agency is notorious for mishandling secret documents, allowing unauthorized people to wander its hallways, and letting Russian spies bug a meeting room down the hall from the former secretary’s office.

“American voters, like shareholders of corporations, must demand better performance than that.”

Even better, we think: abolish most (at least) federal jobs and let the workers find private sector employment.

<http://www.cato.org/dailys/08-12-02.html>

# Bellesiles: the Larger Context

by [Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.](#)

Reading new left-liberal books is like listening to an oldies station on the radio. You remember the theme, you can predict the next chorus, it recalls times and events in your life, and the main point is nostalgia. And there are only a few themes at work, repeated ad nauseum: the crisis of capitalism is about to arrive, some minority group is being oppressed, big government can be made to work with the following reform plan, justice equals redistribution.

No matter which discipline you focus on, whether economics, history, or philosophy, the theme is the same. There are very few new arguments, very little new research, and it is all deadly dull. The books get published because the market of tax-funded university libraries and

classrooms is dependable, and publishers and their review committees don’t like taking too many risks.

That is why Michael Bellesiles’s book *Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture* seemed so notable. The thesis, now completely debunked and the author’s having resigned in disgrace from Emory University, was that gun ownership was not widespread before Lincoln’s war. Individual gun ownership is really a modern obsession; indeed it is an invention. He attempted to show this by original research into probate records and diaries.

The thesis seemed counterintuitive, but what scholars call the apparatus was there: immense footnotes and citations suggesting massive research.

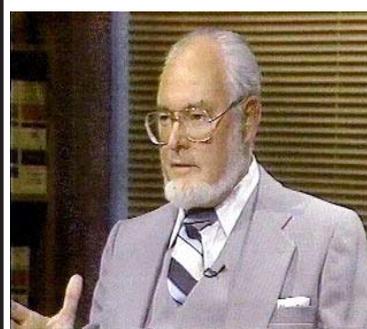
What really mattered was the subtext. It implied that the gun control advocates had history of their side, that personal ownership of firearms is no more necessary now than in frontier times, that conservative scholars were all wet, that the state should monopolize the use of force.

That alone would have been enough for the book to garner praise, including the prestigious Bancroft Award and highly enthusiastic reviews from leading critics. And yet there is a more important reason that goes beyond the thesis and the argument. It is a sociological point. In a sea of mundane left-liberal books written by aging academics who haven’t made a new argument in thirty years, the Bellesiles book stood out as unique.

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candidate and, in my opinion, were obviously trying to MANIPULATE THE ELECTION PROCESS. 4) Pre-recorded phone banks are damned expensive per vote and piss off a lot of people. 5) They used to laugh at us, now they are **trying** to use us. 6) At Press time, Libertarian Dave Eaton won 4.5% of the vote, but the Republican was 1.5% ahead of the Democrat, for the Win. Use those facts, just not all at the same time!

## Persistence Pays



Jack Hickey

As culled from his local newspaper:

“Not even Jack Hickey can tell you how many times he has run for office in the last 20 years. “Somewhere in the teens,” he said. But it’s now possible to count how many offices he has won — one.

On Tuesday, Hickey was elected to the Sequoia Healthcare District board of directors in the Redwood City area, ending a two-decade streak of losing races for every office imaginable.

Since he first ran in the U.S. Senate Republican primary in 1982, Hickey has run for U.S. Congress, state Assembly and Senate, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County Board of Education, San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees and regional open space district director. He has also authored dozens of ballot pamphlet argu-

ments, always opposing any measure that would increase spending or expand government programs. “I don’t think government should be dispensing charity at any level. I’m totally opposed to that,” he said.

Over the years, Hickey, 68, a Redwood City resident, has been a fixture on the local political scene, with his Lincoln-esque beard, his propensity for wearing dark socks with walking shorts and a ballot designation of retired research scientist.” JACK HICKEY received 13,787 votes for a winning 14.26%. Congratulations Jack. You were due!

## San Francisco is going to grow pot!

Thanks to our brothers and sisters in San Francisco, the voters have authorized “That Cold Gray City by the Bay” to grow Medical Marijuana for distribution to those with a Doctors prescription under Prop 215. Stick that in your pipe and smoke it Mr. Ashcroft. December 2002

Michael Bellesiles was a young professor, not an aging socialist. His research and research methods were original. The scholarship was daring and enticing. Here in one package was something new in the genre, at long last! The very existence of the book seemed to indicate that left-liberalism still had some scholarly life in it, that it could survive another generation and perhaps even gain some intellectually respectable converts!

This aspect of the book, more than its thesis or argument, had an immense impact. It lifted the spirits of a dying generation of intellectuals. Perhaps their religion can last after all! Perhaps it has a future! Maybe their lives haven't been a total waste! It was these sentiments, which did so much to lift this book to immense fame, that also caused a generation of

academics to fly into panic when its thesis came into question.

Everyone knows the upshot of the second guessing. Once the original sources were checked out, it turned out that at all crucial junctures, the book was a hoax. His research, it would appear, didn't check out. His quotations of first-hand accounts were altered. He trimmed and cut the evidence to match his thesis. Then, to make matters worse, his explanations seemed increasingly implausible. Finally a review committee was established that concluded in questioning the author's "scholarly integrity."

But just as the significance of his book went far beyond its academic claims, so too does the significance of his disgrace. It turns out that the first new thing in left-liberal academics in decades was nothing more than fraud. Imagine yourself as a left-

liberal professor whose hopes were so lifted by the existence of this treatise. Imagine how you might feel now that Bellesiles is out of a job?

Who was responsible for unearthing the truth? Not the prestigious review committee. They only certified what had been discovered by people like [Clayton Cramer](#) and [Joseph Stromberg](#), and others from gun-rights organizations. These were not exactly establishment sources, and they were going up against all leading literary reviews and even the National Endowment of the Humanities, which had thrown its weight behind the Emory historian. This was a case of David and Goliath.

But the disgrace of Bellesiles takes us back to square one. Instead of being a model and ideal of left-liberal scholarship in a new generation, it is now

the most famous modern case of lying research, bad eggs at prestigious institutions, and the shoddiness of the academic class generally. The political paradigm that has limitless faith in the power of government, and no confidence in the ability of individuals to manage their own affairs, has been robbed of its biggest break in many years.

People ask if there is any reason for libertarians to be confident. If you understand the sociology of ideas, it is easy to see that the statist project is running out of intellectual steam. It survives mainly due to the momentum it gathered during and after World War II. But it has no new source of strength other than its domination of existing structures of power, and without intellectual life and vibrancy, it is profoundly vulnerable.

Saying that statism has lost intellectual energy is not to claim assurance of the final



Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.

victory of its opposite, of course. But we must not rule out the possibility. After all, as Mises says, "The outstanding fact about history is that it is a succession of events that nobody anticipated before they occurred."

October 29, 2002

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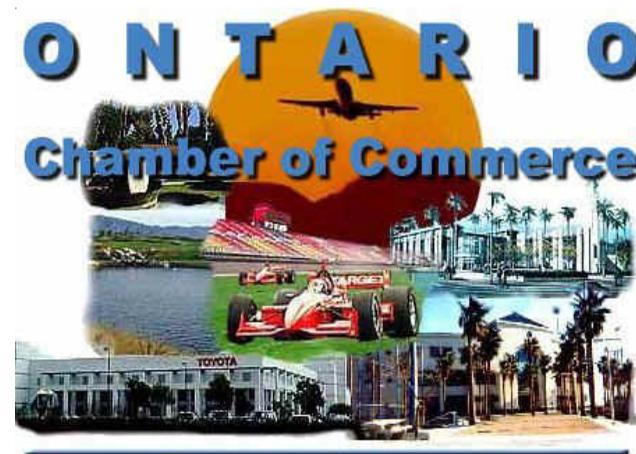
Ed Moss on *Team Building*

BJ Wagener, public TV Producer explains how to *Get Going in Public Access TV*

Gail Lightfoot, Libertarian for US Senate, 2004 on *Building a Campaign*

Jon Coupal, the **President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA)** will be the guest speaker for the Sam Adams Award luncheon. (You know what he'll be talking about.)

**Important!** Officer Elections will be held at this convention!



For those of you who have never attended an LP Convention, you don't know what you are missing! I know of no better feeling for a Libertarian than to walk into a room filled with several hundred people WHO AGREE WITH YOU ON ALMOST EVERYTHING. (well maybe one other feeling is better.) Seriously, this is *The Party* of the Year!

Dispite all of the fun, we do get some work done. All Libertarian Party Members in good standing are elegable to be Delegates. While many of the larger Regions select their Delegates prior to the convention, there are usually unfilled seats or you may be an alturnate. Members from smaller Regions are almost sure to be seated. Come to