



A New Look!

The Libertarian Party of California's newspaper has a new look. We know that people **love** change, so we're sure you'll love the changes in our newspaper.

Why are we changing the newsletter? Two main reasons:

1) *Kindness* - Avalanche! Paper pours into our mailboxes. You will get one less separate piece of mail.

2) *Frequency* - With this more economical format, we will be able to bring you twice as many hard-copy issues - switching from a bi-monthly 'hard-copy' newspaper to a monthly publication.

For our first issue, we are printing four tabloid pages (equivalent to seven of our current newsletter pages). We will publish either 4 or 8 pages in December.

Our new paper will include syndicated columnists such as Larry Elder and political cartoonists like Asay. We are looking for writers, graphic artists and photographers for future editions. Please include 'interesting' photographs. Submissions must be sent by email only by the 10th of every month.

We hope you enjoy the new format! ■

Libertarians In Office

Mark Dierolf

Hartnell Community College Board of Trustees



Mark Dierolf

Mark Dierolf is a one man hurricane! We're not sure whether to list everything he is doing - we wouldn't want Libertarians to drop dead from exhaustion from just *reading* about this powerhouse. But with that risk in mind, we are going to tell you. Mark is the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Monterey County, Hartnell Community College Board Trustee (and running for that office this November), organizer of

the Salinas Utility Tax Relief Initiative of 2001 (*LPC Operation: Energy Tax Revolt!*), and works in the insurance industry.

Hartnell Community College Trustee

Mark Dierolf has been a trustee since 1993. Libertarians sometimes ask "*Why should Libertarians run for non-partisan offices?*" Here's the answer: Mark ensured no new taxes in his Hartnell Community College District for the last 8 years (it's extremely difficult to pass a tax if a trustee is against it). However, the college is expanding. How? Grants and donations. Students in construction classes on campus designed and built classroom buildings. How is that for being an effective Libertarian?

Operation: Energy Tax Revolt!

Mark's participation in the Salinas energy tax revolt made it a success. Salinas required 1200 signatures to put the tax on the ballot. Mark organized a force to gather signatures - they gathered over 4,500 signatures! His group marched to a Salinas City Hall media conference and presented the signatures to the city clerk. Great job, Mark!

What is the Energy Tax Revolt program? California cities (170+) tax electricity and natural gas - sometimes 10% or more! If you want to help reduce or eliminate this tax in a city year you, call us. ■



The Santa Maria Inn - Welcome to the 'Real' Hotel California

2002 LPC Convention

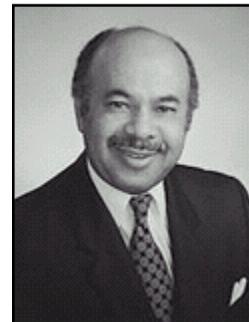
"Restoring American Liberty"

Are you ready to come together and defend our constitutional Freedoms and Liberties? Are you ready to party with the Party? Either way, now is the time to sign up for our LPC 2002 Convention. (*Please take the time to fill out and return your attendance form now. See back page.*)

The Libertarian Party of California, William Wagener, and the Libertarian Parties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo are organizing a great convention. We want to see YOU on President's Day Weekend - February 15-18, 2002.

It is essential that all Libertarians attend this convention.

Our times are precarious. We must ensure that our rights are defended - to the best of our abilities. The Libertarian Party is the only political party that takes a hard



Ward Connerly

stance on these rights. If you have ever wondered when is the best time to take your stand - well, now is the time.

While acknowledging we

are in serious times, it is also true that we are going to put on one heck of a convention this year. We have a first rate location lined up - the Santa Maria Inn, hotel of the stars - Demi Moore (filming *GI Jane*), Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau (filming *Odd Couple II*), Judy Garland, Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe and more.

Our line-up of speakers includes Ward Connerly (Sam Adams Luncheon) and Stephen Baskerville, PhD.

Other speakers include Bob Burg, author of *Endless Referrals*, and Nancy Bocskor of the Nancy Bocskor Company, a fundraising and political consulting firm.

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Libertarians Run!

Record Number of Candidates in 2001

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Candidates Filing Now For 2002

<http://www.ca.lp.org/e2002>



From the Chair *Wanted: bin Laden Dead or Alive*

Using the free market to combat terrorism

The most basic function of our government is to protect us from enemies from abroad.

But how do we achieve security without sacrificing liberty? And how do we Libertarians hope to be relevant while we deal with this foreign menace?

How about a bounty for the capture of bin Laden and other terrorists? It can be done. The Constitution gives Congress the power to issue letters of marque and reprisal when a precise declaration of war is impossible due to the vagueness of the enemy.

Using a bounty system for the capture of these terrorists reduces the likelihood that we will have a full-scale war throughout the Middle East. It will be less taxing than war and it will be a lot more effective than having Congress imposing some new restriction on our freedoms.

Put a \$50 million bounty on bin Laden's head, a few million dollars on each of his lieutenants, and watch capitalism take its course. Private investors could invest in newly formed public companies that will seek to profit off of bringing terrorists to justice. Insurance companies could form venture capital syndicates that will seek out these terrorists, which will be much cheaper than paying claims for more skyscrapers. Heck, even bin Laden's closest allies might turn him in for the money.

We've already got Congressman Ron Paul, our 1988 Presidential Nominee, introducing legislation to do just this. Watch your mail. In the next few weeks you will receive a letter with instructions on how we can lobby Congress for its passage. ■

— Aaron Starr, CPA
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Third Annual Conference of Libertarian Regional Parties



Rodney Austin

The third annual Conference of Libertarian Regional Parties of California was held in Fresno on August 25 and 26. Nineteen people from twelve regions attended the conference. In addition, Marshall Fritz, a Fresno resident, former LPC Executive Director, and president of the Alliance for the Separation of School and State, joined us for dinner.

On Saturday of the conference, the seminar series was convened. Richard Venable, editor of the LA Libertarian and the Libertarian Alternative, talked about producing newsletters and other publications for regional party communication.

LPC Chair Aaron Starr talked about Operation Breakthrough and Operation Energy Tax Revolt! He envisions as many as 400 nonpartisan candidates and 40 nonpartisan victories in 2002 as a result of OB 2.0.

Gail Lightfoot, San Luis Obispo LP Chair and a frequent candidate, talked about how regions can help partisan legislative candidates in their local regions. She also described her new political action committee, California Liberty PAC, as a long-term project to be a source of seed funding for fundraising and other projects in the initial stages of campaigns.

San Francisco LP Chair and former LPC Membership Chair David Molony emphasized the importance of membership in regional success. He also expressed his anticipation in working directly with regional chairs as the new LPC Executive Director.

LPC Southern Vice Chair Mark Selzer and LPC at-large Executive Committee member Mark Hilgenberg showed us video clips of network and cable television coverage of demonstrations in which they participated outside a Los Angeles courthouse before and after a hearing for actor Robert Downey Jr. on controlled substance offenses. They also

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A WARTIME "STIMULUS" PACKAGE — TAX MORE, OR SPEND LESS?

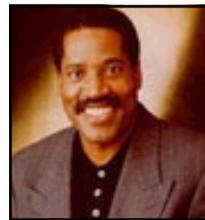
By Larry Elder

Question: When does an economic "stimulus" package, well, stimulate the economy?

In prosecuting this war against terrorism, the president and Congress now face a softening economy. Even before the airlines received their \$15 billion "emergency aid package," the nation's airlines already saw declining passenger loads and thinning profit margins. The stock market, even before Sept. 11, reached three-year lows in a market whose decline began 18 months earlier.

So what to do? Well, President George W. Bush urges \$60-75 billion in tax cuts to stimulate the economy. Hold the phone.

During former President Bill Clinton's first year in office, he, too, proposed an "economic stimulus package" designed to spark economic activity. But Clinton's proposal increased government spending rather than reduced taxes. Clinton's program consisted of \$16.3 billion in government programs, including money for summer jobs, the immunization of children, small business loans, expanded benefits for the long-term unemployed, additional money for meat inspections, funds for the upgrading of Amtrak, money for highway construction — all to create 500,000 jobs in the coming year (1994).



Larry Elder

Well, Congress stopped Clinton. He never passed his \$16.3 billion "stimulus" package. Despite the bill's failure, the economy under President Clinton still grew and produced 20 million jobs. So, despite Clinton's failure to pass his "economic stimulus package," and despite a government tax grab at the highest level since World War II, the economy nevertheless continued to grow without having been "stimulated." Indeed, at the time of the Clinton bill defeat, Senator Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said, "The Republicans think they won today, but what a hollow victory it is for them. We are in a jobs recession and we needed this bill to give employment a lift."

So, on the one hand, politicians label Clinton's proposed multibillion-dollar spending proposal a "stimulus package." On the other hand, a \$60-75 billion package of tax cuts gets the exact same label — a "stimulus package." Well, which is it? The answer comes down to this. Aside from defense and a few other government functions, who can better and more wisely spend money — a government bureaucrat or a taxpayer who produced the revenue in the first place?

Former President Jack Kennedy believed that a lower tax burden means greater productivity. "It is a paradoxical truth," said Kennedy, "that tax rates are too high today and tax revenues are too low — and the soundest way to raise revenues in the long run is to cut rates now. The experience of a number of European countries has borne this out. This country's own experience with tax reductions in 1954 has borne this out, and the reason is that only full employment can balance the budget — and tax reduction can pave the way to full employment. The purpose of cutting taxes now is not to incur a budgetary deficit, but to achieve the more-prosperous expanding economy which will bring a budgetary surplus."

But what about taxpayer money for the poor? Surely, compassion dictates that government support the "less fortunate." Unfortunately, guaranteed public charity for the able-bodied and able-minded creates a dynamic that depresses the incentive of both the giver and the given. Following his tour of America resulting in his 1835 masterpiece, "Democracy in America," Alexis de Tocqueville toured England. He wanted to know why England, then the most affluent nation in the world, experienced the highest number of paupers.

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Executive Director Report

All You Want To Know

By David Molony

The last few months have been a sad commentary on the state of the world. Over the last several weeks, I have heard comments from Libertarians spanning the spectrum - from sticking to a policy of non-intervention, to protection from external aggression.

My personal opinion of what we should do: let's continue with daily actions that help build an organization. Let's continue to get more people involved. Let's operate outreach booths, publish our state and local newsletters, run candidates for office.

Election 2002

Speaking of running candidates, as of publication time,

more candidates have come forward for the 2002 partisan races than we have ever had before.

Excellent job! Ted Brown, Ron Crickenberger, and Marc Brandl are to be commended for their excellent work in making this happen. Let's all help the candidates get on the ballot and run a great campaign.

Next up: we plan to run 300+ candidates for local non-partisan offices in 2002. LPC volunteer **Sarah Weiser** is compiling a list of all local offices available in California. As Libertarians, we understand TANSTAAFL (*There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch*). This means you - yea, YOU - must run for local office in 2002. We can't

do it without you. Contact me at 818-782-8400 / director@ca.lp.org

Operation: Energy Tax Revolt!

Cities across California (170+) gouge constituents 5-10% of every energy dollar. Local governments WANT energy prices to go up. Who do cities work for, energy companies or you?

We need to take action. The LPC has lawyers and petitions ready to go. All we need is you. If you want to repeal the energy tax in your city, contact us. You must live in a city that has a utility tax in order to file a petition, but you can collect signatures in any city. Call me to get involved in your own local energy tax revolt. ■

Third Annual Conference (continued from page 2)

strongly advocated a vision-centered outreach for the LP as an alternative to the traditional issue-centered outreach of the party.

On Sunday of the conference, we discussed various aspects of the LPC Convention and elections of 2002. I unveiled a mockup, designed by Madera/Mariposa LP Chair Dolores Comstock, of a generic campaign brochure that will be offered to California LP partisan candidates

next year. The inner half of the brochure will include prewritten text for a dozen or so issues that candidates can choose from. The outer half of the brochure will have a standardized design that can be individualized by each candidate with personal and/or family pictures, personal bio, and contact information.

We will be working out the logistics during the remainder

of this calendar year. We'll notify candidates near the end of 2001 or the beginning of 2002 when we are ready to take orders.

The fourth annual conference is scheduled for its traditional weekend prior to Labor Day weekend, August 24 and 25, 2002 in Fresno. Hope to see you here next year! ■

— Rodney Austin
Northern Vice Chair

A Wartime "Stimulus" Package (continued from page 2)

Tocqueville blamed the English welfare system.

In "Memoir on Pauperism," Tocqueville suggested public charity only for the non-abled. He even argued in favor of taxpayer-provided public education for the poor. For the able-bodied, however, Tocqueville said, "There are, however, two incentives to work: the need to live, and the desire to improve the conditions of life ... Well, a charitable institution indiscriminately open to all those in need, or a law that gives all the poor a right to public aid, whatever the origin of their

poverty, weakens or destroys the first stimulant and leaves only the second intact."

Tocqueville spoke about the negative effect of government-guaranteed charity. Kennedy spoke of the negative effect on taxpayers' initiative. Again, does government spending "stimulate" the economy, or does the economy function better, more efficiently and more humanely when citizens keep and spend as much of their own money as possible? Does the Jobs Training Partnership Act "work"? Wouldn't the Small Business Administration loan default rate

get a private sector bank CEO fired? Has local education improved under the federal Department of Education, which now spends approximately 7 percent of our total education budget?

Moral to the story: Why wait until a war to "stimulate" the economy? A government that spends as little as possible on non-defense-related matters says to taxpayers, "Work hard, keep your money, and we trust you to spend it."

Pretty stimulating, huh? ■

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2002 LPC Convention *(continued from front page)*

B.J. Wagener — Convention Organizer

Presidents Day Parade

Regions interested in participating in a four block Presidents Day Parade should decide on a Presidential or founding fathers quote (pre-1840). We plan to have a short parade from the City Center Mall to Santa Maria Inn. Marching bands will be invited to play patriotic music. A region's entry could be a decorated bus, truck or other vehicle that dramatizes a founding principle.

Some Highlights

We will have a new signing of the Constitution with room for delegates to sign with the founding fathers. There will be special welcoming events at Friday's informal reception. Ward Connerly will speak at the Sam Adams



Luncheon. Professor Stephen Baskerville will be the Sunday night presenter. You will receive a videotape with *YOU* on the tape; you will be part of the taped event! There will be more banquets, meals and extras than at any previous convention!

Celebrity Rooms Available

If you wish to stay in one of the refurbished Celebrity Rooms, please phone me to reserve a specific room. I have the room numbers for every

B. J. Wagener

star that stayed there, from Jack Benny, Judy Garland, Clark Gable and Carol Lombard, Bob Hope, Shirley Temple, Rudolph Valentino, Kim Novak and Marilyn Monroe. These rooms are discounted to the lowest rate for the LPC Convention. The price is \$78, if reserved through me. They will be posted on a LINK on the web page, and will go on first-come, first-serve basis. ■

Freedom is not free, Sign up NOW for the 2002 Convention and learn how to Restore American Liberties. I'll see you in February!

— B. J. Wagener

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And let us reflect that, having banished from our land that religious intolerance under which mankind so long bled and suffered, we have yet gained little if we countenance a political intolerance as despotic, as wicked, and capable of as bitter and bloody persecutions. During the throes and convulsions of the ancient world, during the agonizing spasms of infuriated man, seeking through blood and slaughter his long-lost liberty, it was not wonderful that the agitation of the billows should reach even this distant and peaceful shore; that this should be more felt and feared by some and less by others, and should divide opinions as to measures of safety. But every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle. We have called by different names brethren of the same principle.

— Thomas Jefferson
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