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Libertarian Winners! J'Accuse: Arnold the Chickenator Who's afraid of the big, bad Olivier?

by Staff

with Angela Keaton

Results in the smaller, winnable races were starting to trickle in as we went to press. *California Freedom* had the pleasure of speaking with several of our winners this week as we tally results of *Operation Breakthrough 2006*.

Jonathan D. Hall – Board Member, Tehachapi Cummings County Water District

Jonathan Hall threw his hat into the race for a seat on the Tehachapi Cummings County Water District Board just to see how the campaign cycle worked. "If I campaigned hard enough, I hoped to win on the second run." Hall adds with some amusement, "I guess I campaigned hard enough."



• Jonathan Hall

Hall, an aerospace engineer, grew up in the San Fernando Valley. Now retired, he lives in Tehachapi of rural Kern County, where, like much of the west, land is not nearly as valuable as water. "Thirty thousand people use our water. The aquifer storage and the purification reservoir are not big enough."

The relationship between land, government and poverty has always troubled Hall, who like most libertarian office holders, began as both a philosopher and activist. "We are individuals who shape nature to our end." Hall studied Marxism in search of a complete solution to poverty. "Communist [analysis] is right in so many ways, so what is the problem? The difference is property rights," Hall asserts. That discovery led to a study of Mises, Rothbard and, ultimately, 19th century philosopher Henry George, who believed only a single tax can be morally justified, the property tax.

George held that no one did anything to create land. As

such the tax would limit both government and the harm that government causes.

Hall was drawn to the Libertarian Party because of the Pledge. "You can do harm or use force. You can be a party of theft or you can be a libertarian."

Hall plans to take these values to the water board. "We will be neutral toward policy; everyone who gains has to pay. Value received for value given."

Even as a libertarian, however, Hall realizes he must make alliances. His profound attachment to nature proved compelling for local Democrats where his "complete program for justice and liberty" found sympathy with grassroots aims.

Even with new allies, Hall brings it back to basics: "My guiding principle is 'no handouts.' I will not turn into a Congressman bringing home the money."

Norm Westwell – Board Member, Ocean View School District

In the summer of 1999, Huntington Beach residents Alexis Westwell, 5, and her brother Matt, 11, wondered why they couldn't have fireworks for their 4th of July celebration. The ordinary childhood complaint

lead to an extraordinary quest on behalf of their father, sportswear manufacturer Norm

Westwell, who now holds a seat on the Ocean View School District.

Westwell, a Long Beach native, had been introduced to libertarianism through his high school civics class, but like many libertarians with objectivist leanings, political activism was the last thing on his mind. While investigating the legislation that criminalized fireworks, however, he found numerous problems in his local government.

"I went to the LP. I needed help to run for city council." The result, "I was very naïve," Westwell admits, "I had a lot to learn."

That education proved valuable. After two election bids and substantial local libertarian activism, Westwell found the perfect opportunity in the tumultuous Ocean View

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What I Learned as a Candidate

by Rich Friesen

Candidate for Congress, CD 6

I learned a lot from my first campaign. Mostly that I didn't need to convert people to libertarianism to get their vote.

I meet them, shake their hand, look them straight in the eye and ask if they are happy with Washington and having their lives run by the federal government. Then I move on to why there is hope for the coun-



try and how their creativity, entrepreneurship and ability to solve local problems was the hope for the country.

However, to get my vote total up, I would need to meet and greet a LOT of people. I didn't find an easy way to gather a crowd.

I appreciate everyone who tested, tried different approaches, spent money time and effort to make a difference. •



• Norm Westwell

J'Accuse: Arnold the Chickenator Who's afraid of the big, bad Olivier?

Many Libertarians might not be surprised to hear the Governor's re-election campaign team was quite certain they would beat Phil Angelides. What you might be surprised about is they were quite concerned about our Candidate, **Art Olivier**.

The Schwarzenegger team actively suppressed media coverage of Olivier

At first, we couldn't figure out why we were getting the cold shoulder from the media. Usually, an interesting and ar-

ticulate Libertarian will get some coverage. From a human interest and variety point alone, we were worth the ink.

Art Olivier is a mainstream candidate with real world elected legislative experience. He has everything media folks said we needed to have in a candidate before they would cover a Libertarian.

What went wrong? We can sum it up in a sentence: The Schwarzenegger team actively suppressed media coverage of Art. Arnold also suppressed support with money and pressure.

Arnold's team realized the only threat to his re-election came from the Libertarian Candidate. There was no way the Democrat or Green could take him out. Arnold's team decided to prevent us from getting any early momentum, or late

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City Council Candidate Appointed to Planning Commission

Libertarian **John Inks** has been appointed to a four-year term on the city of Mountain View Environmental Planning Commission, after finishing fourth out of eight in the election for City Council November 7. Dedicated LP precinct walking and sign volunteers were key to his competitive race.

Inks also has a long record of community service as a city mediator, habitat and trail restoration vol-



• John Inks

Starr Steps Up as LNC Treasurer

Geoff Neale resigned as Libertarian National Committee Treasurer.

Our state Party Chairman, **Aaron Starr**, was elected 15-0, to fill the vacancy until the next national convention.



–Submitted by M Carling

unteer, and as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

The City Council selected Inks as the top pick for one of three planning commission vacancies out of nine applicants. •

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Improving our Election Results



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

First, I'd like to thank all our candidates—especially those running for winnable offices. Without candidates running for winnable offices, there would be no point in having a political party. It is your efforts that provide purpose to the Libertarian Party.

It will be several weeks before we know how many Libertarians were elected in California this month. The local races that we win, particularly special districts, are counted and reported last.

We already know of several winners including **John Briscoe**, **Jonathan D. Hall**, **Jack Hickey**, and **Norm Westwell**.

The worst news is that many of our incumbents were defeated in their bids for reelection. We're not aware of any county party having contacted their

incumbent Libertarians with an offer of assistance. If we're to grow as a party, we will have to help our elected Libertarians to run for reelection.

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What can you do to help elect more Libertarians? First, compile a list of the elected Libertarians in your county. Then get in touch with them. Invite them to speak at your meetings. Make it clear that they can count on you when they run for reelection. Walk precincts with them. Write letters to the editor for them. Phone voters

on their behalf. This is the real world of politics. This is the future of the Party. It depends on you.

If you want to run for winnable office, now is the time to start thinking about it. Get involved in your local organizations: your chamber of commerce, your Rotary club, your civic organizations. Get to know the people already elected to local office in your area. Establish good relations with them.



People will help you if they like you, not because of your politics

People will help you if they like you, not because they agree with your politics.

I was reading the Butte County Libertarian Party's newsletter and noted a mention of **Tony Munroe**, one of our candidates for State Senator. It's reported that he has personally registered over 100 new Libertarians since his campaign began earlier this year.

And official records appear to support this. According to the Secretary of State, as of October 24, 2005, Butte County had 777 registered Libertarians; as of September 8, 2006 there were 853. Munroe earned 1,565 votes on November 7.

Butte County has almost 50% more Libertarians per capita than the rest of the state.

Using your campaign to register new Libertarians is a very worthy goal and one of the most effective ways to build a local party.

Good job, Tony!

— Aaron Starr
Chairman

Take-Aways from Campaign 2006



FROM THE EDITOR

Here are a few of my thoughts about the recent general election and the lessons we can take away from it.

I was optimistic about our candidate **Art Olivier**. I thought he had a real shot at it, and frankly, if he had a bigger and better team, and just a little bit more support from inside the LP, he might have done a lot better.

The Olivier Campaign was very rewarding in many ways, and certainly quite worthwhile. Almost everyone who ran in this past election did something very good for America, for the LP, and for themselves.

Regardless of where you stand on the War in Iraq, immigration policy or abortion, this was each LP candidate's personal public service good deed of the year.

No matter if you are a more practical, "shave the government back a piece at a time", or the more enthusiastic, "let's cut the whole darn thing back in a day" type, I thank you.

Here's one of the major points I've been trying to make

with my fellow Libertarians for some time now:

"Cohen's Rule of the Political Full Court Press"

There are many, many ways we can make America a better place as Libertarian Party Members. One of the best ways of doing so is running people for office.

It's not the only one.*

The different things we can and should do as Libertarian Party candidates and volunteers are not mutually exclusive. Nor do they have adverse effects on other efforts.

Candidacies are wonderful, and they support our other efforts.

Voter Registration is another important effort.

LPC Membership is important, as well. It has a lot of important value far beyond the money and status it brings the State and Counties.

Fundraising is essential, of course.

Community Outreach is also important.

All these things are valuable and complimentary. Ignore one, and the rest are lessened.



**Cohen's Corollary to the Full Court Press Rule"

Winning is not the only option!

All good political efforts are synergistically beneficial.

This is true both in the current political cycle, but in the future as well.

Having a full slate helps all Candidates.

Imagine how poorly we might do at a statewide level if we didn't run Candidates for all State level offices.

Imagine how much better we would do with both the press and the public if we had each and every California Senate and Assembly seat contested by a Libertarian.

Ed Teyssier's San Diego LP (SDLP) team put in a stellar performance with number of quality candidates they fielded.

Yes, Libertarians *are* everywhere. In large part because of Ed Teyssier's success in San Diego. The ripples he makes travel all across California, and even the USA.

Having a full slate gives State and County LP gravitas.

Having Libertarian candidates, even in "non-winnable"

campaigns, appear before the public as credible and likeable individuals is one reason why the SDLP is so successful.

In fact, they have the single highest county LP voter registration *and* Party membership in the country (outside of Costa Rica, in the world).

Being on the ballot is fantastic "Earned Media."

There is only one place where you can be sure every single voter is going to see the word "Libertarian"—on the ballot.

You can direct mail to likely voters. You can do TV and radio to certain demographic groups. You can micro-target until you are blue in the face. You can do absentee voter chase mailings. You can do live and recorded calls.

But, the one place every voter will see the word "Libertarian," 100% guaranteed, is on their ballot.

Why is this so important?

Name Recognition.

Name Recognition is the foundation of all Marketing and Branding efforts. All the hard work your elected Libertarian leaders do, especially M&B Chair **Mark Johnson**, is for naught,

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Welcome Aboard!

The LPC would like to give a big welcome to these new members who joined the Party during August, September and part of October. We hope to get better acquainted with all of you at your regional LP events, as well as our annual state party convention, coming up this year in April.

County	Name	City
Alameda	Lewis Woods.....	Oakland
Contra Costa	James Murphy	Pleasanton
Los Angeles	William Batterton	Torrance
	Laura Black	Long Beach
	Roman Bruno	Venice
	Jeff Calvin	Northridge
David Togawa	Monterey Park	
Napa County	Edwin Kempkey	Napa
Orange	Donna Andert.....	North Tustin
	Anglea Rohde	San Juan Capistrano
	Thomas Waters.....	Orange
San Bernardino	Pamela Jones.....	Redlands
Douglas Jones	Redlands	
San Francisco	Rodney Graham	San Francisco
	Timothy Kuklinsky	San Francisco
	Laurie Lavaroni.....	San Francisco
Santa Clara	David Downey.....	San Jose
	Jason Willard.....	

“Post-Game” Analysis



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We just exercised one of our most powerful muscles as Americans. We voted in free elections. It's a privilege I think we don't appreciate enough... as evidenced by the less-than-overwhelming turnout.

However, vote we did, and the results are in. Kudos and thanks to all our candidates. You have no idea what a tremendous amount of time they give to us as Libertarians. Though we didn't get elected to the “major” offices, those candidates showed themselves to be invaluable assets as they opened California's eyes even further to our fundamentals of Liberty.

What a forum when Art Olivier gets endorsement after endorsement and major media exposure; when Andy Favor gets 29.5% running for the

State Assembly. Dale Ogden for Insurance Commissioner and Maria Smithson for Treasurer received some of our best numbers yet.

This is also what the Madison Avenue folks call “Branding”. Not only are our candidates educating the public about our Libertarian Vision every time they speak in public, they also get “Libertarian” out there. Just in my 6 years as a Libertarian, I've seen a huge gain in the recognition of our name and what we stand for.

And, of course, Operation Breakthrough has been a huge success for us. Thanks to our tireless volunteers and generous donors, we were able to mount a massive mail and phone campaign to urge Libertarians to run for local, non-partisan offices (and NO, no one ran for dog catcher). We're still compiling the list, but I can say that more than 100 Libertarians ran for office. We won't know the of-



icial results until 28 days after the election, however 2006 is on track to be our best year ever for winning these races. Now we can watch as our “Farm Team” proves itself in office and moves up to higher and higher elected positions.

As Kate O'Brien showed, she won by the *slimmest* of margins in her first election—then, after proving that Libertarians are not “nuts”...in fact they have the right idea—she won her next election by the *largest* majority in county history.

A special thank you has to go to M Carling. Without his monumental volunteer effort, Operation Breakthrough would not have succeeded as much as it has.

— Dave Ruprecht
Executive Director

More Well-Run Races

Libertarian and tax fighter Randy Myrseth won over 10% of the vote in National City, San Diego County, in a race for City Council.

—Submitted by Edward Teysier

In Memoriam



Pam Sakuda

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of medical cannabis patient Pam Sakuda, after a long battle with cancer. We will all miss her greatly.

Along with her husband, Norbert Linzinger, Pam was a tireless and fearless advocate for all patients. She was one of the featured patients in the commercial ASA aired in the San Diego area (http://www.safeaccessnow.org/downloads/san_diego_small.mov), and she was also a named plaintiff in ASA's intervention in the lawsuit between the County of San Diego and the State of California over the implementation of the state's medical cannabis ID card program. That case will be heard tomorrow at 1:30 in San Diego Superior Court.

Our condolences go out to Pam's husband, Norbert, and all those whose lives she touched.

— Submitted by William Dolphin
Americans for Safe Access

Very honorable mention needs to go also to John Inks, in Santa Clara County. John ran for City Council in Mountain View, coming in 4th in a field of 8, in a three winner race. His 6,194 votes missed the cut by 297 votes. John qualified for 14% of the overall vote by having served on City Commissions and having a high profile as a community volunteer.

Thanks very much, John.
— Submitted by Allen Rice

Inks was subsequently appointed to the city's Environmental Planning Commission. See article on page 1.

What's in the spotlight lately in your county?

Send us your success stories! Tell us what other LP activists, candidates, and county officers can learn from your recent activities, and send in photos of your members and events.

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In Memoriam

Milton Friedman, We'll Miss You

The Libertarian Party of California marked the passing of libertarian Milton Friedman by forwarding the following statement by the head of his foundation to the press:

Los Angeles, California
Nov 16, 2006

Statement on Death of Nobel Laureate Dr. Milton Friedman

INDIANAPOLIS—Today, upon news of the death of Nobel Laureate economist Dr. Milton Friedman, Gordon St. Angelo, president and CEO of the Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation, offered the following statement:

America has lost a true visionary and advocate for human freedom. And I have lost a great friend.

Milton's passion for freedom and liberty has influenced more lives than he ever could possibly know. His writings and ideas

have transformed the minds of U.S. Presidents, world leaders, entrepreneurs and freshmen economic majors alike. The loss of his passion, incisive mind and dedication to freedom are all national treasures that we mourn for today.

Milton never chose to slow down; even at 94 he kept fighting to bring educational equality to all of America's children. And it's this vision, this drive for educational liberty that the Friedman Foundation will continue to bring to families throughout America.

His impact on my life over the last 33 years was significant. His impact on the world was momentous. Without a doubt, few people have done more to advance civil and economic liberties throughout the world during their lifetime than Dr. Milton Friedman.

Founded in 1996 by Milton and Rose D. Friedman and based in Indianapolis, the Foundation works around the country to educate the public on the benefits and needs for universal school choice. Dr. Friedman originally published the idea of school vouchers in 1955 in the book Economics and Public Interest. Since the Foundation began in 1996, the number of school choice programs in America has grown from 6 to 22.

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The Libertarian Party of California offers its condolences to Milton's wife Rose, and their family. ●





Leveraging Technology to Watch Local Politics

By Joe Crumpler

Webmaster and Infrastructure Chairman, LP of Orange County

As libertarians, we're often outsiders at a disadvantage in the political arena. Normally, our only recourse is to attend city council meetings, read the minutes, and follow local press. Over time, if diligent, we develop a body of knowledge that can be used during the next election. This takes time and organization. Communicating this hard-earned information to other like-minded libertarians is difficult at best. Fortunately, there is another, *better* way, by *leveraging technology*.

Online, social bookmarking tools like del.icio.us (<http://del.icio.us>) encourage the creation of detailed research libraries, easily shared among libertarians. By tagging a blog post, newspaper article, editorial, or local government publications, a rich network of



interconnected links develops. This provides material for writing, strategizing or confronting wayward politicians.

Many tools facilitate social bookmarking. Bloglines, digg, reddit, rojo, spurl, and Technorati are a few I recommend. Each has a slightly different take on the theme of shared bookmarks. Del.icio.us is my favorite tool for indexing articles, while I use Technorati for indexing blogs. Digg on the other hand, is a great tool for finding interesting news articles. In my case, all of these tools ultimately feed del.icio.us.

I set up <http://del.icio.us/lpoc> to demonstrate the advantages of using technology-based tools to further our libertarian cause. Articles posted to the LPOC del.icio.us account are focused on Orange County politics, city politics, politicians and local libertarian themed issues. Browser buttons, added

during account creation, assist in adding articles to the index. Simply pressing the "tag" button while viewing an article creates an entry.

Mainstream political candidates cannot hide; with a tool like del.icio.us, libertarians will never forget

When viewing <http://del.icio.us/lpoc>, one sees a list of linked articles on the left side of the screen, while on the right side, a list of tags are displayed. Tags categorize like items by user-friendly keywords. Selecting the tag "Buena Park" will cause articles to filter for Buena Park. Tagging is a dynamic tool. An article about Buena Park may

also be about redevelopment, taxation, spending, or players in the political arena. By fully indexing an article with tags indicating the city, issue, political players, or even more esoteric themes; the resulting database is a rich cross reference of information. This can be mined for future advantage.

Each article tagged in del.icio.us is linked to its original location. Pressing the article's hyperlink will result in the display of the original article. Being able to quickly find and access information, even from a year ago, is the benefit of using tools like del.icio.us. In effect, it replaces browser-based favorites with a tool that is portable across computers, making information sharable. What we do with the information is another story altogether.

Take Ed Royce. Ed is the Republican representing the 40th Congressional District in Orange County. As such, his activities should be of intense interest to local Libertarians. The URL <http://del.icio.us/LPOC/EdRoyce> represents a collection of articles about Royce that can be used during the next election cycle. We could use this as research material, or as material for publication on blogs, newsletters, and in "letters to the editor" efforts. Existing websites, blogs, or newsletters to link to the collection of Ed Royce-themed information can

One can quickly determine who is watching what issues and what they're saying.

use the URL. In the case of a newsreader, it can be used to keep other Libertarians current on his activities.

Other interested Libertarians can add content by tagging an article for review. For example, if members of the LP of San Diego see Royce working a border security issue there, they just tag the article attention of the LPOC. All that is required is the use of the "your network" feature in del.icio.us. See <http://del.icio.us/for/lpoc> for an example) Networks of

libertarian news watchers can add tremendous value by simply reading, indexing, and sharing the information they come across on a daily basis. Mainstream political candidates cannot hide, and with a collective memory tool like del.icio.us, libertarians will never forget.

Non-textual information, like youtube videos and photographs can also be tagged. It's even possible to develop an index of speeches or photographs collected from around the web. As media goes, you can never have too much information; because one never knows when you will need to show a politician saying one thing, then doing another.

Of course, del.icio.us itself can be mined for information. By typing "libertarian" in the search engine on the header, one can find thousands of entries about libertarians and libertarian issues.

One of the most intriguing features of del.icio.us is one can see who else has saved an article. By clicking on the 'saved by' link, a list of all people who have also saved the article is displayed along with their comments. One can quickly determine who is watching what issues and what they're saying. This is a great feature when one is producing blog posts or newsletter articles and needs additional viewpoints. It's also helpful when trying to build a coalition against a political issue or candidate.

Libertarians can exploit tools like del.icio.us to have a direct impact on local, state, or even federal elections. All it takes is a little hard work, dedication, and consistency. Imagine a time two years in the future when your local congressional candidate is running for office again, only this time, the collective intelligence of the libertarian community can be brought to bear on the task of influencing the election debate, or on removing a candidate from office.

Knowledge is power. We can choose to share our knowledge and make an impact. I recommend we do so. ●

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School District. His duties will include managing an 80 million dollar budget, hiring, firing and "watching out for the kids in a fiscally responsible way."

When *California Freedom* caught up with Westwell, he was attending a seminar for newly elected California school board officials in San Francisco. Even during a day of back to back conferences, Westwell found time to have lunch with Libertarian Party of San Francisco members along with fellow school board member John Briscoe. "I don't wait around for things to happen—I make things happen."

As for his initial inspiration, daughter Alexis, now 12, is following in her father's footsteps speaking out on local controversies such as senior center relocation Measure T.

Before Westwell headed back to his seminar, he reminded us what is at the heart of his community activism, "Grassroots [organization] is the only way to move forward. Get elected from the bottom up."

John Briscoe

Board Member, Ocean View School District

John Briscoe's long rich history in the libertarian movement will be rewarded on December 5th as he is sworn in as a board member of the Ocean

View School District. The real estate broker and small business owner will be one of two libertarians on the school board located in Republican leaning Orange County.

Briscoe ran on a detailed platform which included ending declining enrollment, ensuring school safety and tightening district budgets. His priorities may sound traditional but he is not a "good government," glad handing, traditional politician. Briscoe began his political journey in the 1960s as a member of Young Americans for Freedom. Both folk singer (now GOP congressman) Dana Rohrabacher and Freedom School founder Robert LeFevre guided Briscoe as he served as President of Students for Objectivism at California State University at Long Beach.

• John Briscoe

Briscoe's victory was hard won. Dominated by retired teachers beholden to unions, the Ocean View School District had not had a male office holder

had not had a male office holder

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if voters and citizens haven't heard of us.

Repetition is key.

It takes 10-15 TV ads to get someone to buy a product or to vote for someone. Our single best chance to get in front of people for the entire election season is by being on the ballot in partisan races.

All Libertarians should know these two more adages:

1. Libertarian success in one area improves our success in all others.

2. Volunteer hours and donor money are not fungible. (In other words, one cannot replace the other.)

Doing all things reasonably well, in politics, is usually far better than doing only one thing well.

Do it all, do it well, do it often.

Repeat as needed.

To paraphrase the Latin saying "*Non Carborundum Illegetemi*": "Don't Let the Negatarians Grind You Down!"

– Bruce Cohen
Editor

Start making plans for the LPC Convention in April 2007



The 2007 LPC Convention's main business sessions are scheduled for **Saturday & Sunday, April 21st and 22nd, with some committee meetings on Friday the 20th.** Keep those dates open!

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LP Standouts in Nov. 7 Election



by **Ted Brown**
Candidate Chairman, LPC

Thank you to all our California Libertarian Candidates for running in the 2006 election. The results are now in, and some of the results are interesting.

Unfortunately, voters approved a pile of bond measures. At least they also rejected three tax hike initiatives and public financing of campaigns.

The biggest disappointment was the defeat of Prop 90, the property rights initiative backed by out-of-state libertarians.

[Ed Note: The *Yes on 90* people didn't mount a campaign, turning their early lead into a loss. Lesson: If you don't run, you can't win. -BC]

The Libertarian Party easily retained ballot status, by virtue of receiving over 2% in 5 of the 7 statewide races.

Our champs are **Marian Smithson**, earning 4.0%



• **Marian Smithson** got over a quarter million votes



Photo: DaleOgden.org

• **Dale Ogden** got 3.7% of statewide votes

or 328,175 votes for State Treasurer, and **Dale Ogden**, earning 3.7% or 300,686 votes for Insurance Commissioner. There's no doubt that their listed occupations had a lot to do with these totals.

There were 6 races where there was a 2-way race between a Libertarian and a major party nominee. **Andy Favor** in AD73 scored 27.3%. [Ed Note: 30% in San Diego -BC]

Favor tied the record previously held by Joe Shea of San Diego and Maureen Keedy in San Bernardino in similar races a few years ago.

Brian Klea in SD38 (San Diego) got 25.5%, and **Pamela Brown** in SD20 (San Fernando Valley) got 25%.

In 3-way races, my wife,

Photo: Ted Brown



• **Laura Brown** got the largest % for a 3-way race.

Laura Brown (AD49) was the top scorer for the 2nd election in a row. She won 7.9%. **Steve Myers** (AD43) got 7.1% and **Jill Stone** (AD59) got 6.3%.

Libertarians Held the Congressional Balance of Power!

The highest 3-way congressional vote total was in CD4 in the Sierras, which was one of the hottest races in the country. Rep. John Doolittle (R) won with only 49%. Charlie Brown (D) had 46%, and our own **Dan Warren** (L) had 5%, and was the balance of power between the two. ●

Winners

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in 35 years. He is also aware of the tough road ahead as the Ocean View School Board has faced many difficulties including a molestation scandal and a murder twenty feet from campus. "I might be as right as rain, but I am only one fifth of a



• **Jack Hickey**

person on the board." Briscoe adds "We are not here for the teachers and the employees; we are here for the parents and children."

Jack Hickey

Director, Sequoia Health Care District San Mateo County

Libertarian Party of San Mateo County party chair Jack Hickey easily won reelection as Director of the Sequoia Health Care District. Hickey's platform is simple: He wants to dissolve the district.

During his first term, Hickey questioned the District's "philanthropy," demanded accountability on excessive expenditures and demanded that voters be given a choice on whether tax money should be used to fund local organizations.

The retired engineer and research scientist formed his political philosophy when he read Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead* in 1965. In addition to the his admiration of Barry Goldwater, he credits his Catholic upbringing in demanding individual responsibility and refusal to initiate force.

The health care district is a good fit for Hickey. He knows that individuals should have a right to ingest the medicine they choose. Hickey writes in an essay titled, *The Medical Marijuana Charade*, "Marijuana should be restored to its original status. Personal cultivation and use of marijuana should be of no concern to legislators. Whether it is regarded as dangerous by some or medically beneficial by others is irrelevant. If pharmaceutical companies wish to cultivate plants for sale by prescription, let them pay for the studies necessary to certify their product, and optimize the delivery system."

When asked what is at the core of his libertarian beliefs, Hickey replied, "Morality cannot be legislated."

Don Patterson

Appointment: Laguna Niguel Investment, Banking and Audit Committee

In election year 2000, Don Patterson had been a Republican for 40 years when he decided enough was enough.

"They spend like Democrats." Patterson, a former aerospace engineer, wasn't fond of the regulations either. He sighed, "I understand that seat belts are good but I don't think the city should have the authority to fine us. Taxes should not be paid to people to fine us. People should not be forced with the threat of jail time if they don't pay taxes for social programs for people who refuse to."

Today, Don Patterson sits on Laguna Niguel's Investment, Banking and Audit Committee, an appointment awarded after a series of grueling interviews by the full city council. The former project manager of the Space Shuttle program is no stranger to high finance. He formed a corporation in the late 1980s and is currently a real estate broker.

What does Patterson plan to do with a city that has 80 million dollars on hand? "Frankly, I don't think they should have 80 million dollars." Spoken like a true libertarian. ●



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• **Don Patterson**

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C.P.A.s Well Represented in November Elections

Andrew Favor, C.P.A.

with Bruce Cohen, Editor

The California State Senate lost small "l" libertarian Certified Public Accountant (CPA) John Campbell when he was elected to the US Congress last year.

But for those holding out hope for reform in Sacramento, don't despair. There is a new generation of CPAs who are responding to the need for reform and fiscal responsibility, who ran for office this November.

Amongst those who ran was CPA **Marian Smithson**, who ran for State Treasurer.



Andy Favor,

another CPA, got more than 1 in 4 votes cast for State Assembly. Favor is also a Libertarian and is a partner in the Newport Beach firm of Ritt and Favor, CPAs.

Another office seeker with a CPA, **Alana Garberoglio**, ran for State Senate, 6th District. Ms. Garberoglio ran as a Libertarian and is a staff accountant with the Sacramento accounting firm of James Marta and Company.

Despite the numbers of Libertarian CPA candidates, they did not receive support from

the California Society of CPAs. The society has a written policy of only supporting Republican and Democratic candidates.

Andy Favor stated, "because of our pro-business, limited government platform the Libertarian Party provides a natural political home for CPAs disgusted by the two major parties."

Libertarians are slowly changing endorsement policies with major advocacy groups. The NRA is slowly starting to endorse Libertarians, as are other RKBA groups.

Another notable Californian Libertarian CPA is State Party Chair **Aaron Starr**. ●

Olivier

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support. Only the Libertarian could pull off an upset victory and they weren't taking any chances.

There were other factors, but they all came back to the freeze Arnold's Campaign put on the Libertarian. Yes, there were other Campaign fundamentals we could have done better at, but the momentum to do well at Fundraising, Volunteer recruitment and grass roots campaigning was undercut by the ice water Arnold was secretly throwing on us.

The Olivier Campaign Manager had talks with Stan Statham, the President of the California Broadcasters Association. Statham was moderator of the only debate between Arnold and Phil. He agreed Art should be included in the debate to make it fair and interesting. A week later, he quit returning calls.

Other people to receive calls from Arnold's camp were:

Barbara Coe, head of CCIR to remove me from being the keynote speaker at their election forum.

Craig Huey, the coordinator and speaker for the conservative Election Forum. He had committed to endorsing Art. But after pressure from the Governor's camp, he reversed his endorsement to Arnold. This despite his private statement he was still voting for Art. When this reversal was announced, the audience booed in disgust.

Arnold promised **Ted Hayes**, a black political leader in Los Angeles the world, if he would not endorse Art Olivier. His fellow black leaders at the Dome Village in downtown LA were also contacted by a Schwarzenegger operative. The Governor's Team promised to do whatever it took. Ted endorsed Art after all!



Photo courtesy of Art Olivier

Despite the Governor's attempts to prevent it, Marvin Stewart, an elected Republican Party LA County Central Committee member, also endorsed Art.

There are many other examples across the state of people and organizations receiving pressure and offers of money and assistance to stay away from the Libertarian.

There are two lessons we have to learn from this. We must get bigger, better and stronger to be able to win. That's the tough

Election Results Reveal Nearly All Races Rigged

by **Richard Rider**
Chair, San Diego Tax Fighters

California's legislative district races, state AND national, are rigged from the get-go. Only a handful of the districts are not strongly gerrymandered.

As I understand it, in 2004, of the 153 California partisan legislative districts up for reelection, not ONE district changed from Democrat to GOP, or vice versa. Not ONE!

Surely a couple will change this time around—but, at most, ONLY a couple. Here are the election results of the three legislative bodies. The results,

part. The good news is we're considered a serious threat. ●

ART OLIVIER was the Libertarian Party's candidate for Governor of California in 2006. Olivier was an engineer at Boeing for 20 years, served as Mayor of Bellflower in 1998-1999, and was the Libertarian nominee for U.S. Vice-President in 2000.

while not final, are close enough for our work here.

1. Of the 53 Congressional districts, only TWO districts were won with less than 55% of the vote, which is a reasonable dividing line between competitive and gerrymandered victories. And these two races were not that close, with the winners each getting 53%.

2. Of the 20 races for state Senate, ONE race was/is very close and is still a toss-up. The next closest was won with 59% of the vote.

3. Only FOUR of the 80 state Assembly races were won by less than 55%. These "close" races were won by 54%, 52%, 52%, and 51%. In 62 of the 80 races, the winning votes exceeded 60% of the turnout.

Probably the only reason a handful of races were relatively close is that the gerrymandering has been somewhat offset by subsequent demographic changes in these now-competitive districts. It is important to note that the lopsided victory districts are the same districts,

election after election—at least until the next gerrymandering takes effect (once every 10 years).

Each gerrymandering deal is bipartisan. The Dems get their safe districts, and the GOP theirs as well. Few legislators from either party vote against this cozy arrangement.

It brings to mind the old bumpersticker adage—"Don't vote—it only encourages 'em." Or, at least in California, one can often essentially vote NOTA ("none of the above"), by voting for a third party candidate in the race (hopefully the Libertarian!) ●

RICHARD RIDER is Chairman of San Diego Tax Fighters, and last year ran for Mayor in San Diego's special election. A long-time Libertarian activist, Rider was the LPC's 1994 candidate for Governor, and in 1998 garnered 16% of the vote in his race for San Diego Tax Collector. He can be reached at RRider@san.rr.com.



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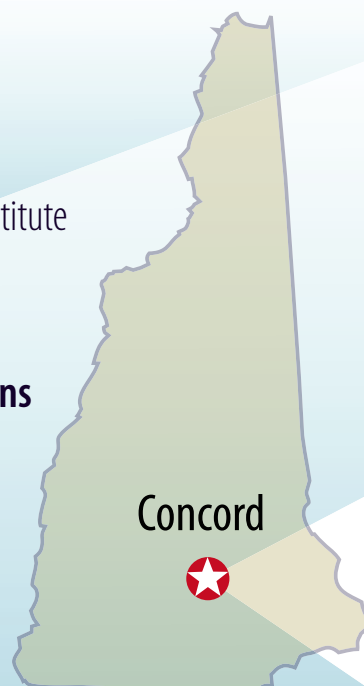
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Thank You, Libertarian Candidates!

The Libertarian Party of California, and California Freedom Magazine salutes each and every candidate who ran under our flag. Each and every one of them gave so much to support our effort to move California and American politics

in a Libertarian direction.

There were thirteen candidates of special note in the partisan races. These candidates,

through a combination of hard work and being in the right place at the right time, all had notably high vote totals:

Top LP Vote Getters (as a %, in partisan races)

US Congress:

Two-Way Races vs. Major Party

District 37 - Herb Peters 17.6%
District 32 - Leland Faegre 17.0%
District 7 - Camden McConnell 16.1%

Three-Way Races vs. Major Parties:

District 4 - Dan Warren 5.0%

California State Senate:

Two-Way Races vs. Major Party

District 38 - Brian Klea 25.6%
District 20 - Pamela Browne 25.1%
District 26 - Bud Raymond 10.9%

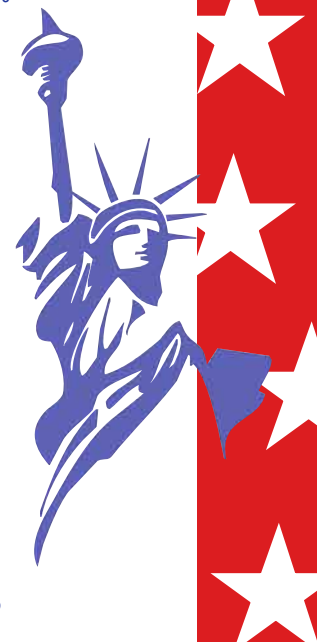
California State Assembly:

Two Way Races vs. Major Party

District 73 - Andrew Favor 26.6%

Three Way Races vs. Major Parties:

District 48 - Laura Brown 7.8%
District 43 - Steve Meyers 7.0%
District 59 - Jill Stone 6.4%
District 38 - Peggy Christianson 5.7%
District 42 - Colin Goldman 4.7%



Thank you to each and every candidate listed here.

You are all winners, no matter how many votes you received! ●

Bylaws Committee Proposals



M Carling, Zander Collier, Ray Strong, Bob Weber, and Dan Wiener have been elected to the LPC Bylaws Committee.

Please send any suggestions for Bylaws changes to M Carling at m@lnc.org

The committee will have just held a meeting on December 2, by press time for this issue.

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California Freedom

- Libertarian candidate Richard Friesen (left) during a debate with Republican Todd Hooper and Democratic Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, the incumbent representing California's 6th District.



Friesen waves 600 pages of the "No Child Left Behind Act" and says, "Both my opponents are arguing over who can pass more legislation." After reading an incomprehensible portion of the law, he continued, "Do we want Washington trying to tell our teachers how to teach our children? No."

The early October debate was organized by the Marin League of Women Voters and brought to Marin and Sonoma residents by Comcast and the *Marin Independent Journal*.

For more of Friesen's thoughts see page 1.

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