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## SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE

### How To Become A Delegate, and Why You Want To Be One

by Daniel Wiener  
LPC Secretary

Over the past several months I've received literally thousands of email messages (or maybe it was only three—I can't remember now) from Libertarian Party of California members asking how they could become a delegate to the 2007 state convention. I've received almost as many messages asking me *why* they should become a delegate.

You've got questions, I've got answers.

The "how" part is easy. All you have to do is get yourself elected to some public office in California, be it Governor or Congressman or City Council Member or Dogcatcher. Then, if you're also registered to vote as a Libertarian, you're automatically a delegate! See how simple that is?

But wait! For those Libertarians who chose not to run for office or lost their elec-

tions, there are other ways to become a delegate. You're a delegate if you are a member of the Libertarian Party of California's

**Each county is allocated a certain number of delegates which it can send to the convention.**

Executive Committee. You're a delegate if you are the Chair of your county's LP organization (the county central committee). If the county Chair can't attend, he or she might designate you as a stand-in delegate.

Still no luck? Each county is allocated a certain number of delegates which it can send to the convention. Those delegates are elected or appointed according to the procedures in each county central commit-

tee's Bylaws. As a practical matter, there are usually more delegate slots available than there are people to fill them. So if you want to be a delegate, you shouldn't have any problem having your county select you as a delegate.

Not sure who to talk to in your county? Look up contact information on-line at <http://ca.lp.org/counties.shtml>. If you can't find what you need there, or if your particular county isn't currently organized with its own officers and Bylaws, you can contact either the Northern or Southern Vice-Chair (see <http://ca.lp.org/excommembers.shtml>) or Executive Director Angela Keaton ([angela@liberatedspace.com](mailto:angela@liberatedspace.com), 877-884-1776). As a last resort, you can even contact me ([CA\\_Secretary@LibertarianParty.info](mailto:CA_Secretary@LibertarianParty.info), 805-526-0958).

But wait! There's still more! Even if your county has filled all its delegate slots, you can still come to the convention and be an alternate. Since it's very unlikely that all your



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county's delegates will show up, you'll effectively have the same voting privileges as a regular delegate. Furthermore, the convention body itself has the power to approve additional people as delegates by a three-quarters vote, which is usually a slam-dunk.

There are a few conditions I have to add to the above: Our

Bylaws require that you must currently be a member of the Libertarian Party of California, and you must have been a member of the Libertarian Party at least 90 days prior to the convention (which this year would have been January 22, 2007).

Becoming a member is sim-

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### Farewell, Thank You to Departing LPC Officers

As we move forward into the 2007, 2008 years for the Libertarian Party of California, we will be starting with a completely new slate of officers.

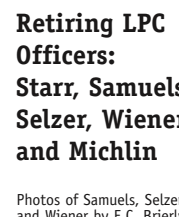
None of the people who worked so very hard to keep this ship on course will be running for office and, like a team with all seniors on Varsity, we will have a fresh crew with a fresh perspective.

Exciting things happen when new ideas and new people are tested in the real world marketplace of ideas, and we expect this to be no different.

To continue with the basketball analogy, we fully expect the new team to continue in the winning ways of the departing one.

Of course, the alumni will always be there in spirit and have all pledged to support whomever you elect at the upcoming election, however they can, when they can.

None of these five wonderful Libertarians came in as a



**Retiring LPC Officers:**  
Starr, Samuels  
Selzer, Wiener  
and Michlin

Photos of Samuels, Selzer, and Wiener by E.C. Brierty

'freshman', all having served as an officer before.

Thank you to **Aaron Starr**—Chairman, **Lawrence Samuels**—Northern Vice Chairman, **Mark Selzer**—Southern Vice Chair, **Daniel Wiener**—Secretary, and **Willard Michlin**—Treasurer.

Thanks to the Varsity Libertarian Team for another winning season! ●

### Panel: Successful Libertarian Local Party Organizations

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In most regards, the Libertarian Party of California is a reflection of its many county organizations.

On Sunday morning at 10:30, convention attendees will be able to learn from some of the most noteworthy county organizations in recent years.

The topics each panelist has been asked to address are Defining Success; Achieving Success, including priorities, resources needed, and lessons learned. There will be audience participation and Q&A after the panel discussion.

The panel will be moderated

by **Jim Eyer**, who is a local Party activist of the LP of Alameda County and Acting Director of the East Bay Libertarian Parties (EBLP).

Panelists with many successes under their belts include:

- **Lawrence Samuels**, outgoing LPC Northern Vice Chair and Vice Chair of the LP of Monterey County.
- **Casey Aplanalp**, Former Chair, LP Butte County. Currently Secretary of LP Butte County.
- TBD presenting on behalf of LP of San Diego County and **Edward Teyssier**. ●

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# Farewell from Freedom's Editor



## FROM THE EDITOR

Loyal readers,

Thank you for having me as your Editor this past year.

It's been a very rewarding effort, and I'm quite pleased with how your magazine has matured and progressed. I hope you have noticed and enjoyed the changes and improvements we have implemented.

In the odd numbered years, this year 2007 being one, the LPC officers are up for election and this year, the Chair will not be running for re-election. I was proud to serve under **Aaron Starr** and feel he will be sorely missed. Likewise, I will very much miss working with Secretary **Dan Wiener**, and Executive Director **Angela Keaton**.

However, the greatest thanks go to my Graphic Designer, **Muffet Brown**, really my co-editor as well.

She is the Jill-of-all-trades that held this operation together. Working all hours, and

giving service above and beyond, I could not possibly have done it without any of my staff, but especially not without her.

Usually, new Chairmen like to change their Volunteer staff, and I expect the incoming administration to be no different.

As Libertarians, we have come to expect and enjoy change, and this should be no different. I look forward to helping the incoming administration and my replacement.



— Bruce Cohen  
Editor

I expect to produce this special convention issue and one more for you. Thank you for your many letters and phone calls of support.

Please give your new Editor a warm welcome and the same support as I have enjoyed.

Again, I thank you so very much for this opportunity to serve this cause we all care so much about.



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**A**ngela Keaton's column is taking a vacation this issue while she turns her

attention to fund raising.

In that spirit of fund raising, Angela and Don Cowles came up with the following idea while meeting over coffee:

Consider setting aside the equivalent of a cup of coffee each day and giving it to your State Party.

## Movie Review

# Amazing Grace



By **Laura G. Brown**

Member, LPC & LP L.A. County;  
Candidate for Assembly 2006

**M**ichael Apted's historical movie "Amazing Grace," about Britain ending its slave trade, holds much appeal for Libertarians. One man faces a hostile governing body, convinced the rightness of his ideas will sway the majority. (sound familiar?)

Member of Parliament William Wilberforce holds fast to a single idea in 1791: Trading in humans is immoral and should be stopped. His idea is outside the political mainstream because so many profit from slave labor, but he pursues his goal relentlessly for more than 20 years.

The movie is less about the cruel treatment of Africans, as depicted in 1997's "Amistad,"\* and more about the political maneuverings and day-to-day workings of the British Parliament in the early 19th century. Unlike many libertarian activists, who should take note of a strategy that ultimately succeeds, Wilberforce doesn't rely on a few staunch supporters, but forges alliances with abolitionists and walks a fine line to maintain his friendship with the influential

William Pitt, who becomes Prime Minister and adopts a more moderate approach to the slave issue. Wilberforce's vocal, ragtag cadre of supporters includes John Newton, writer of the hymn Amazing Grace, and former captain and slave trader. Newton mentors the lawmaker, inspiring him with compelling stories of human suffering.

Wilberforce uses every trick at his disposal, and a few others offered by wily political insiders, to gather steam for his bill. It eventually succeeds on the floor of Parliament in 1807, with a vote of 283-16 in favor of



ending the slave trade. In the theater where I saw Amazing Grace, people clapped and cheered during this scene. This movie hasn't broken box office records, but Libertarians can still find it. It's available at your video store or through Netflix.

It just might inspire your optimism for causes which once were lost, but now are found, as the song goes. William Wilberforce's passion and dedication to his principles can't help but inspire political activists. ●

\*Longtime Libertarian activist and former Southern Vice Chair Neal Donner had a bit part in "Amistad." In the scene where two ships cross ocean paths, contrasting the experience of wealthy, privileged travelers with the misery of shackled Africans in the slave vessel, Neal is shown on deck playing a violin.

[Editor: LPOC Treasurer Andrew Favor also gives this movie rave reviews!]

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We especially need good photos from the 2007 LPC convention!



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**Opinion**

**Deregulate Health Insurance**

**By Benjamin Powell**  
Independent Institute

**T**wenty percent of Californians lack health insurance. This fact is not a failure of a free market in medical care. It's a product of government interventions that drive up the cost of care and leave many Californians without the incentive or the ability to purchase insurance. To fix the problem, fewer government regulations and interventions are needed—not more, as Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed.

The governor's proposal requires all Californians to have health insurance, and would

force employers with ten or more employees to provide it or pay the state a tax so that the government can provide the insurance. He also proposes taxing hospitals and doctors to expand Medi-Cal, requiring insurers to issue policies to everyone regardless of their health and forbidding charging different premiums based on health or age.

To assess the governor's plan, a fundamental question must first be asked:

Why are there 6.5 million uninsured Californians? This statistic causes many to envision poor people who are perpetually uninsured. However, since employers often provide

health insurance, many of the uninsured are between jobs and will soon be reinsured by a new employer. A 2003 Congressional Budget Office study found

**Reforms that equalize the tax treatment of individually purchased and employer-provided insurance would help**

that of the uninsured people nationwide at any one time, 45 percent of them get insured within four months. The California Medical Association found that 30 percent of uninsured Californians have family incomes over \$50,000. Many of these families could afford insurance but choose not to buy it.

More government involvement in health care is not necessary to extend insurance to many of the uninsured. Reforms that equalize the tax treatment of individually purchased insurance and employer-provided insurance would help alleviate the temporarily uninsured,

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**Libertarian Success: Treasurer's Parting Thoughts**

**by Willard Michlin**  
Treasurer, LPC



is unhappy and uninteresting.

**F**ifteen years ago I was State Treasurer and again these last two years.

As I sit in on board meetings and listen to debates about administrative issues, I'm reminded of what's really important in being a member of the Libertarian Party. We're gathered together for a common purpose.

What is most important is to keep our eye on this purpose.

For me, the purpose as a member of this group is to help others gain more freedom and control over their lives. This, rather than let some government bureaucrat tell us what we should think or do. This boils down to the freedom for and of the individual to make their own choices as to how to live their life.

As we move towards our libertarian purposes there are always distractions along the way. These can all pull our attention away from our eventual goal of success. These distractions are sometimes people who want to pull us in another directions.

There are sometimes problems that appear important, but aren't in the long term. What I have found is if you let life's distractions slow you down and get off your purpose, then life

Lets keep focused on what we need to do for the greater good of mankind and America and ignore petty issues in life pulling us off our purpose. ●



**Welcome Aboard!**

**T**he LPC would like to give a special welcome to these 12 members who joined the party during late January and February. We hope to get better acquainted with all of you at your regional LP events, as well as our annual state party convention in April.

County	Member Name	City
Butte	William Cross.....	Oroville
Marin	Charles Lavaroni .....	San Anselmo
Orange	Douglas Martin .....	La Habra
Sacramento	Ralph Juvinal .....	Elk Grove
San Luis Obispo	Robert Bates.....	Paso Robles
San Mateo	William Lautenberger .....	Pacifica
Santa Clara	Michael Bearden .....	Sunnyvale
Sonoma	James Oglesby .....	Santa Rosa
Other	Bryce Bigwood.....	
	Jamie Steck.....	Jefferson City, MO
Moving back to CA?	Charles Moulton, Jr. ....	Blue Bell, PA
	Robert (Rob) Power ....	Cambridge, MA

# Delegates

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ple: Just pay your dues, sign the 'pledge', and don't be registered to vote as a member of any other political party. If necessary you can do all of that when you arrive at the convention. As for the 90-day requirement, if you were ever a Libertarian Party member any time before January 22, 2007, you qualify. Even if you were an LP member in some other state, and even if you had let your membership lapse for the past 15 years, that still works.

Okay, I hope I've convinced you that you really can become a delegate if you want to. Now the question is, Why?

I could explain why the Libertarian Party is important. But if you're reading this, you understand political parties play an important role in selecting who makes, enforces and adjudicates laws in this country. We want the Libertarian Party to play a major role in that process.

To do that, we first need to effectively manage our own organization. We need to elect good officers, establish reasonable goals, define and propagate our political philosophy, and raise the money and organize the staff and volunteers to accomplish all of this. Our annual state convention is where these decisions are made.

This year we'll be electing five state Party officers to two-year terms: The Chair, the Northern and Southern Vice-Chairs, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. None of the current officers are running for re-election, so it will be critical to select competent, hard-working people to take on these very time-consuming tasks. As a delegate, your vote will make a difference.

We will also be electing five people as representatives on the Executive Committee for

two-year terms, and two more people to one-year terms to fill out the remaining time for two current members who are resigning. Being an Executive Committee representative entails a lot of work and a lot of expense. As a delegate, your vote will make a difference here too.

We'll also be electing five people to the LPC Judicial Committee. Not many issues come before the Judicial Committee in any given year, but those that do tend to be tough and controversial. We need experienced, level-headed people to deal with them. Again, as a delegate, your vote will make a difference.

We'll also be revising the Bylaws which govern our organization. Some major changes could be in store for the Libertarian Party of California, involving membership, dues, goals and the relationship between the state and local parties. These changes will affect our finances and could determine the long-run financial viability of the entire organization. Your vote will make a difference here as well.

We'll also be revising our Platform, and passing various resolutions. This goes to the heart of what our party believes in. It also speaks to how we want to present our ideas to the voting public. As a delegate, your vote will make a difference.

Finally, you'll hear interesting speakers, attend banquets and participate in other fun events. You'll have a chance to meet fellow libertarians and enjoy their company. You'll meet new people and gain valuable information. You'll help direct the Libertarian Party of California on the path towards achieving liberty for all of us.

All this is why you *do* want to be a delegate. Because you *will* make a difference. ●



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# Panel of Presidential Candidates Saturday at Lunchtime

California has many Libertarian votes, so most LP Presidential candidates try to attend our state convention. Those who can will participate in a forum during lunchtime, Saturday, April 21. Delegates may also have the opportunity to meet the candidates in person during breaks in business.

California Freedom Magazine asked all LP Presidential Candidates to make a short statement for our readers. It was limited to one or two sentences. Here's how they responded:

### Steve Kubby:

"I bring serious political assets to the LP Presidential Campaign: national name recognition, a large constituency of politically active drug policy reformers, and a proven track record of protecting our liberty."



### Wayne Root

"The 2-party system is failing, with both parties out-doing each other in taking our rights and freedoms, and the Constitution is an afterthought. It's time for a dynamic and charismatic Libertarian candidate that can speak to the people...who looks Presidential...who inspires voters...and whose background is something to be proud of. I hope you'll give me a chance to represent our Libertarian Party...and present our Libertarian ideals to the American people."



### George Phillies

"We need a Presidential candidate with:

- a long record of activism
- an entirely respectable record of accomplishment
- a strong campaign organization
- an effective, large volunteer network
- campaign issues that concern real Americans

I'm that candidate; accept no substitute."



### Barry Hess

"Never before in this incredible nation's history have the lines been more boldly or clearly drawn between 'them' and 'us', nor has there ever been a time when America faced a bleaker future for its promise of freedom for the individual. The 2004 Democrat ticket proclaimed, 'Hope is on the way'; our task is to unflinchingly share the great Libertarian promise that in 2008, *help*, not 'hope', is on the way".



The other Candidates did not respond to California Freedom. ●

**Remember—  
Last day to sign  
up for convention  
meal packages is  
April 10!**



• The airy dining room at the San Ramon Valley Conference Center is one of the center's many charms

# Platform Proposals Welcomed

by Ted Brown

Platform Committee Chairman

The Libertarian Party of California platform will be discussed at the upcoming state convention. The Platform Committee will hold their hearings Friday, April 20, at the convention facility, from 1 to 5 p.m. We welcome new platform planks and changes to existing planks. The committee will decide which proposals will be considered on the convention floor.

If you can't attend, you can send your proposals to me at [tedbrown1776@hotmail.com](mailto:tedbrown1776@hotmail.com) or fax them to (626) 286-6143. ●

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- Libertarian Party of Monterey County
- Sarah Foster
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- The Malaya Center ([www.malayacenter.com/](http://www.malayacenter.com/))

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# Successful Libertarians: Elected Officials Panel

For convention attendees not participating in the Candidate Workshop Sunday morning at the same time, there will be a panel discussion of Libertarians elected to local government offices around the state.

Running from 9:00–10:20 a.m. and moderated by **Allen Rice** of Santa Clara County, the panel includes:

**John Briscoe**, Ocean View School District Board of Trustees, Huntington Beach, Orange County. John has a long track record of political activity starting with Pine Tree Liberty Training under Dana Rohrabacher [(R) Huntington Beach] and Robert LeFevre. As a community activist John successfully sued the City of Huntington Beach for violation of the *U.S. Constitution* and California Law when the Mayor turned off his microphone during a speech before the City Council. In his first try for office, he was elected in November 2006.

**Mark Dierolf**, Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees, Salinas, Monterey County. He was first elected in November 1993; re-elected in 1997; re-elected in

2001, first of 2 candidates. Mark served as Board President twice and survived a recall attempt. Quote: "Never compromise your principles."

**Jonathan Hall**, Tehachapi Cummings County Water District Board Member, Tehachapi, Kern County. As a first time candidate, he was elected in November 2006, beating the incumbent by a 20% margin. He was asked to volunteer, both by local community leaders and as part of last year's *Operation Breakthrough*. Receiving strong support from local Democrats, he says he has a "can't miss strategy". Ask him what it was like, and how he won.

**Jack Hickey**, Sequoia Health Care District Director, San Mateo, San Mateo County. Jack was first elected in November 2002; re-elected Nov. 2006. The District provides no actual health care, and Jack is trying to shut it down.

**Frank Manske**, Mount Diablo Health Board District Board Member, Concord, Contra Costa County. Frank has a long history as a Libertarian candidate in Contra Costa County. In this, his first success, Frank was elected in November 2004. This is an-

# More Convention Speakers

## "How to Avoid Libertarian Feuding and Burnout"

Any group of passionate, intelligent, political activists know that feuding and burnout can be common problems within an organization, and especially in one as focused on personal liberty as the LP.

Saturday's Breakfast Speech by **Dr. Michael R. Edelstein**, is well-timed, right off the bat at 7 a.m., to give delegates constructive tools with which they can practice defusing the emotions and managing expectations during the intense convention weekend.

Dr. Edelstein, a licensed clinical psychologist with over 25 years experience, is in private practice in San Francisco.

other District that provides no actual health care; Frank is trying to shut it down.

**Kate O'Brien**, Rancho Simi Park District, Simi Valley, Ventura County. She was first elected in November 2000, by a thin margin of 3 votes. She was re-elected in November 2004 by a wide margin. What did she do to make this happen? ●

He's the author of *Three Minute Therapy: Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life*. He was awarded Author of the Year for the book. Dr. Edelstein lectures nationally and internationally, appears on radio and television, and is published in psychological journals. He writes the advice column, 'Ask Dr. Mike,' which appears in the San Francisco *Intelligencer* Newspaper.

Dr. Edelstein is a Training Supervisor and Fellow of the Albert Ellis Institute.

## Sunday Breakfast Speaker

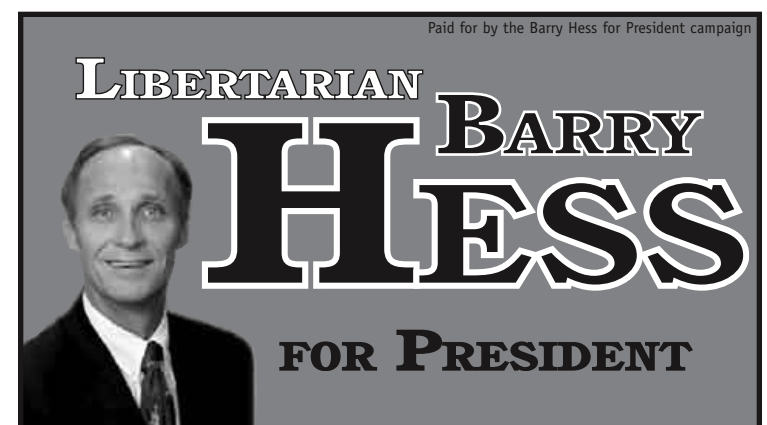
**Anthony Gregory** has a B.A. in history from the University of California Berkeley. He is a research analyst at the Independent Institute, a public policy group. He's also a policy advisor to the Future of Freedom

Foundation and columnist for several Liberty-oriented websites.

## Sunday Lunch Speaker

**Roderick T. Long** is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Auburn University. He is also Editor of the *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, President of the Molinari Institute, and Adjunct Scholar of the Ludwig von Mises Institute. He is also the author of *Reason and Value: Aristotle versus Rand* and the forthcoming book *Wittgenstein, Austrian Economics, and the Logic of Action*. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell, and blogs at *Praxeology.net* ●

Please see the convention program schedule links at [www.CA.LP.org](http://www.CA.LP.org) for more about speakers.



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# How to Have Fun if You're Not a Delegate

by **Muffet L. Brown**

Graphic Artist, *California Freedom*

For traveling companions who are not convention delegates, there is natural beauty and charming locales to enjoy within a short drive from the convention center. There are places for hikers, antiquers and shoppers, and historical treats for car or railroad buffs, or fans of playwright Eugene O'Neill.

See the convention links at [www.CA.LP.org](http://www.CA.LP.org) for more details.

### Blackhawk

The Blackhawk Museum has rare automobiles, science and art exhibitions, and a research library. 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, (925)736-2277, [museum@blackhawkmuseum.org](mailto:museum@blackhawkmuseum.org)

The Museum is located at the uphill end of one of the most beautiful shopping centers in the East Bay, the Shops at Blackhawk, an assortment

of boutiques, restaurants, and galleries. A stream and waterfalls run down from the fountain atop the Museum's plaza. Blackhawk is reached by driving NE along Crow Canyon Road from the conference center.

Special event at Blackhawk Museum, Sat. April 21, 10–2: 8th Annual Pinewood Derby, "The Blackhawk 500," organized by the local Cub Scouts. See the races and the innovative car designs, and participate in the numerous hands-on activities and very challenging Museum Treasure Hunt.

### Niles Canyon Railway

<http://www.ncry.org>

This historic railway offers a scenic Sunday train ride through the rural canyon between the tiny town of Sunol and the Niles District of Fremont. See railroad artifacts and interpretive educational exhibits at both depots. Sunol is just off I-680, about 20 miles south of San Ramon.

Spend some time in Niles to explore its historic district and antique shops; ride the train back to Sunol before 3:40 pm. Departures throughout the day from Sunol: 10:30, 12:01, 1:30, 3:00; return from Niles 11:10, 12:40, 2:10 or 3:40.

Sunday April 22—*Wildflowers and Wine*—Livermore Valley area vintners Steven Kent Winery and LaRochelle Winery will host wine tasting on board the afternoon trains.

### Danville

Charming downtown Danville is just North of San Ramon, on the West side of I-680 and has many boutiques, restaurants and coffee houses to explore. The Farmers' Market is Sat. 9–1 at the corner of Railroad and Prospect Avenues. [www.pcfma.com](http://www.pcfma.com) or [www.discoverdanvilleca.com/](http://www.discoverdanvilleca.com/)

### O'Neill National Historic Site

Tao House, near Danville, is where America's only Nobel

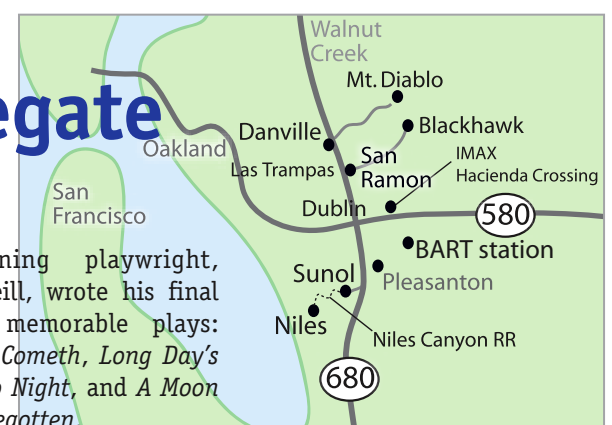
Prize winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill, wrote his final and most memorable plays: *The Iceman Cometh*, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.

Reservations are required to visit Tao House (925) 838-0249. Recommends 1-2 week advance reservation, but sometimes same day OK. Visitors are shuttled to the site from the Town of Danville. Visit slots at 10:00 and 12:30 (allow 2 1/2 hours).

The 13-acre grounds of the site are accessible from hiking and mountain biking trails in the Las Trampas Regional Wilderness. [www.nps.gov/euon](http://www.nps.gov/euon)

### Las Trampas Reg. Wilderness

18012 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. From I-680 in San Ramon, take Crow Canyon Road west to Bollinger Canyon Road, turn right (north) and follow it into the park.



### Mount Diablo State Park

The park offers hiking, biking, horseback riding and camping. Bike ride or hike to the mountain's 3,849 foot summit. Take I-680 North a few miles from San Ramon to Danville; take Diablo Road exit, then 3 miles east to Mount Diablo Scenic Blvd. [www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=517](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=517)

### IMAX Movie Theater

See a movie in IMAX at the Regal Hacienda Crossings 20 cinema multiplex, where there are also lots of places to eat. 5000 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, (925)560-9600. Take I-680 South to Dublin; go East. ●

## Insurance

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since more people would not have their insurance tied to their employer. At the national level, President Bush has proposed a move in this direction by including employer-provided insurance as income, but allowing everyone

**State regulations that mandate specific coverage of various treatments drive up the cost of health insurance by eliminating people's ability to purchase inexpensive, bare-bones coverage**

who gets health insurance, whether individually or through their employer, to deduct \$15,000 from their income when computing taxes.



To help more poor people afford health insurance, and to entice the uninsured who can afford it to buy insurance, Schwarzenegger should focus on making insurance less expensive. State regulations that mandate specific coverage of various treatments such as alcohol- and drug-abuse treatment, chiropractic treatment, and in vitro fertilization, drive up the cost of health insurance. These and many other requirements all drive up the cost of health care by eliminating people's ability to choose to purchase inexpensive bare-bones coverage that would insure only against major accidents and illnesses. In Connecticut, one of the least regulated states, a 35-year-old male can get coverage for as little as \$50 a month or \$600 per year.

The governor claims his proposal will not, on net, cost anything, because by eliminating the uninsured they will no longer deprive hospitals of revenue and drive up the costs of the insured. Yet the Council for Affordable Health Insurance estimates that the cost of care for the uninsured is just 2.5 percent of health expenditures nationwide. Even if the cost of the uninsured in California

is double the national average, Schwarzenegger proposes to use a chain saw to fix a problem that requires a scalpel.

Deregulation would fix some of California's health care problems without the draconian requirements Schwarzenegger proposes. Laws should be changed to allow health insurance entrepreneurs greater freedom to experiment more with the types of coverage they offer, such as offering coverages like bare bones, full, or any combination in between. Changing the tax treatment of individually purchased insurance policies could help limit the problem of the

temporarily uninsured. For the few who still couldn't afford

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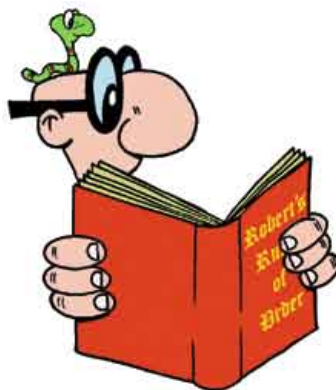
insurance, medical charities should be encouraged to step in and help.

The American health care industry suffers from government regulations that limit entry through occupational licensure, and interferes with

drug adoption and many other aspects of health care in addition to the health insurance market. Increasing reliance on markets in insurance will help to bring health care costs under control and within the reach of more Californians, but more comprehensive reforms should try to instill greater reliance on free markets in other aspects of health care as well. ●

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## Parliamentary Procedure for Beginners



By M Carling

Membership Chair, LPC

Editor's Note: Many Libertarians are unclear as to how Robert's Rules of Order work, and how to conduct business at meetings and Conventions. This article is meant to offer to demystify some of the terminology.

**L**PC Executive Committee Member and unofficial parliamentarian M Carling has kindly agreed to give a brief overview of how to get things done.

Remember, RONR is to expedite business, and to ensure everyone has a fair chance to be heard.

If you are unsure of how to get something done on the Convention floor, please don't be bashful! Do your best and someone will help.

Or, find a County Chair or LPCA Board Member. We'll all be happy to help you bring your ideas forward.

### Common Motions:

#### Amend

Used to amend a pending motion. Debate must be confined to the amendment, not the main motion. A primary and secondary motion to Amend may be pending at the same time, but a tertiary motion to Amend is never in order. The motion to Amend takes many forms, all of

which require a simple majority to pass, except in the case of the motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted. There is no such thing as a 'friendly amendment,' though the maker of the motion is free to amend it until the motion is stated by the Chair.

#### Point of Order

This is used to demand that the rules be followed. The Chair must make a ruling on whether or not the Point of Order is correct. No second required. No vote is taken.

#### Point of Personal Privilege

This is a much abused motion. A legitimate example of its use is to object to mispronunciation of one's name. A related motion, Point of Privilege of the Body is used to ask that a window be closed, the heat turned up, etc. It should never be used to engage in debate when debate is out of order. The Chair must first rule whether or not the question raised is in fact one of Privilege and then must rule on whether or not it is important enough to interrupt the business of the organization. No second required. No vote is taken.

#### Table

The motion to Table sets aside (Lays on the Table) the currently pending motion. The corresponding motion to Take From the Table makes it pending again. The motion to Table is only in order if something unexpected arises which requires immediate consideration.

A motion to Table should

never be used in place of the motion to Postpone.

#### Objection to Consideration

This is the thermonuclear weapon of parliamentary procedure. It is used when a pending motion is so objectionable that even debate might be harmful to the organization. It is in order only before debate begins and requires a 2/3 vote to pass.

#### Call the Previous Question

This motion is used to end debate and move immediately to a vote. It requires a 2/3 vote to pass and is not debatable. It can be used either for the immediately pending question or for all pending questions, which should be made clear when the motion is made.

#### Orders of the Day

This a demand to keep to the Agenda. No second is required. Upon a call for the Orders of the Day, the Chair must move to whatever business is appropriate at the time. No vote is taken.

#### Suspend the Rules

Rules of Order, including Convention Rules and Robert's Rules of Order may be suspended by a 2/3 vote. Bylaws can never be suspended, not even by a unanimous vote. ●

• M Carling has also served on the Libertarian National Committee



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# Marijuana Top Cash Crop in California, U.S.

New Study: California's Marijuana Crop Worth More Than National Production of Cotton, Wheat Combined

— Marijuana Policy Project

The study referenced above is more evidence that the current regime of criminalizing cannabis is not working.

If you want to read what the writers of the LPC's Libertarian Perspective series have to say about this subject, look on the web at the following URLs:

<http://ca.lp.org/lp20060124.shtml>

<http://ca.lp.org/lp20051108.shtml>

<http://ca.lp.org/lp20050809.shtml>

**The state seizes hundreds of thousands of plants every year yet has failed to make a dent in the multibillion-dollar Calif. marijuana industry.**

—Anthony Gregory

*The War on Pot Endangers Us All  
The Libertarian Perspective #12  
August 9, 2005*

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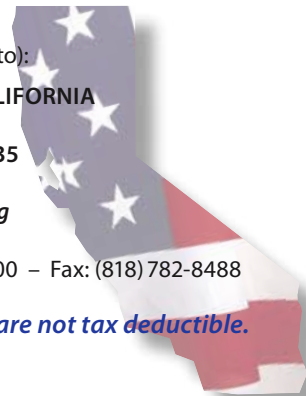
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## Forcing Grads to Register to Vote is a Bad Idea



Our very own **Fred Foldvary** was recently cited on the front page of both the print and web versions

of the *Ukiah Daily Journal*. "This requirement would be an abuse of the educational system," said Fred Foldvary, in a weekly column published by the Libertarian Party of California. "It is another example of the belief by many politicians that the end justifies the means and of the tendency toward ever more government mandates," Foldvary said, referring to Assembly Bill 183, initiated by Assemblyman Joe Coto.

The quotes were taken from *The Libertarian Perspective* #91 op-ed column written by Foldvary, 'An Abuse of High School Graduation' dated February 12, 2007.

Foldvary argues against AB 183, which would coerce graduating high school students who are U.S. citizens to register to vote in order to obtain their diploma.

You may read the entire column on the LPC web site at <http://ca.lp.org/lp20070213.shtml>

— Submitted by *Rich Newell*  
Editor, *The Libertarian Perspective*

**Registering to vote should be a personal decision...a truly free society leaves voter registration to individual choice.**

— Fred Foldvary

## LPOC Secretary Don Patterson Appointed!

The Laguna Niguel City Council has appointed **Don Patterson** to the city's three member Environmental Review Board.

The Board plays an important role in City Planning. Among other things, it monitors the new City Hall design and construction, the City Library, and the Gateway Project along the railroad between Los Angeles and San Diego.

In 2006 Patterson was appointed to Laguna Niguel's Investment, Banking and Audit

Committee, so now he sits on two boards.

**Mister Patterson** is a Realtor, married with children. He is active in local politics, supporting both Libertarian and non-partisan candidates. He was recently a campaign volunteer for, and endorser of **Pat Bates**, in her successful Election for Orange County Supervisor. ●



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Schedule highlights include:

Friday 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. — Welcome Reception (no host)

Saturday breakfast 7 a.m.— How to Avoid Libertarian Feuding and Burnout

Saturday 9 a.m. — Keynote Address – Tom Tryon

Saturday noon — LP Presidential Candidates' Forum

Saturday afternoon — Elections of LPC Officers and Executive Committee

Saturday 7 p.m. — Dinner, Silent Auction, Norm Westwell Speech

Sunday morning — Elected Libertarians Panel, then Successful County Organizations Panel,

—or— Candidate Workshop

Sunday afternoon— Lunch speaker, Endorsement of Candidates, Resolutions

Sunday 4:00pm - 6:00pm —Executive Committee meeting; First one for new ExComm members. All LPC members are welcome to attend.

All LPC offices are up for election this year!

This is also your big chance to meet several LP Presidential candidates before California's early 2008 primary!

For more information and to register, visit the website

<http://nclpc.org/convention>

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or			
<b>Standard Day Pass</b> (must purchase before April 10th <sup>2</sup> ) Day access plus the package of meals and snacks served by the San Ramon Valley Conference Center. Friday includes pm snacks and evening event. Sat. & Sun. includes 3 meals, a.m. & p.m. snacks.		<b>\$91.00</b>	<b>\$91.00</b>
or			
<b>Full Pass</b> (must purchase before April 10th <sup>2</sup> ) Includes on-site lodging and event admissions. Dinner and evening event the night of <i>stayover</i> ; day access plus breakfast, lunch, and a.m. & p.m. snacks the following day.	<b>\$193.50</b>	<b>\$193.50</b>	

There will be a 8.25% tax on food packages and accommodations, as well as a 7.25% room tax.

1 Note that the conference center charges for "day use," and this charge is almost entirely for those costs. Can be purchased up to and including the day of the event. See web site for registration times.

2 This is the hard deadline imposed by the SRVCC catering department for meal reservations.

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