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From the Chair By Roger Taylor

The whole ball of wax happens Tuesday. Encourage people to vote Libertarian if they ask you. You don't have to give a big spiel, just say our candidates will improve their quality of life. Our Tuesday, November 5th monthly meeting on vote night will be a Victory Party at the East Side Grill at 1035 University Ave (Puck's Alley.) We will commandeer a couple of TV remotes and commence our hooraying at 7 pm. See you there.

Our candidates deserve a lot of praise for their efforts and willingness to spend personal time on such an endeavor as maintaining personal and economic freedom. They are: **Tracy Ryan** (Governor), **Ken Vaughan** (Lt. Gov), **Jeff Mallan** (US House 2nd Dist), **Jim Bracken** (US House 1st Dist), **Patrick Boswell** (State Senate Dist 2) and, **John Orendt** (State House Dist 30). We also thank **Lehr Duquesne**, **George Peabody**, and **Aaron Anderson** for appearing in the Primary.

As we look to the future I would like to set up an Executive Director [paid position] for either the Chair or Vice Chair. The package would be for 2 years. We would have to get pledges for \$30,000, broken down as follows:

Year 1 - \$10,000 salary + \$3,000 in the treasury. Year 2 - \$10,000 salary + \$7,000 in the treasury. The person would be voted into the position at our May convention. There would be details to work out, like where is the money coming from and what kind of controls on the position would there be. The way I see it happening is that 1 or 2 people will contribute the salary once they know who is in the running, then we would have to raise the treasury money by getting \$1000 pledges. Ambitious plan. Freedom deserves it.

Our next monthly meeting will be in January and will center around children's rights especially rights of

children subject to the Courts in divorce proceedings. Guy Monahan is involved in this and will be helping me coordinate the meeting. ☺

Victory Party

EastSide Grill 1035 University Ave.

Tuesday November 5th

7:00 PM

Campaign Update

By John Orendt

I want to thank my Campaign Manager and Treasurer and all the volunteers and contributors to my campaign for Hawaii State House of Representatives, District 30, Upper Kalihi. Thanks to those volunteers who helped me get signatures to get on the ballot. Thanks to those of you who gave me advice, took my picture, arranged an audience to hear me give a speech, published my speeches, rhetoric, and surveys, put my bumper sticker on their car, applauded when I gave a speech, gave advice for my Olelo speeches and debate, signed waved, helped me put up signs and banners near polling places and on high traffic locations, organized and attended my fundraiser, edited and dubbed videos of my speech and debate, provided a registered voter database, printed my campaign materials on their home printers, folded and stuffed over 3700 envelopes for a mailing to every household in my district containing at least one registered voter, and walked the neighborhood with me talking to my constituents, giving out campaign material and video tapes.

Out of respect for people's privacy, I'm not naming names here. My many supporters know who they are.

Now, I call on my fellow Libertarians to volunteer to sign wave at the perimeter of District 30 polling places on Tuesday, November 5th election day. If enough of us volunteer, we may actually have a chance at winning this two candidate election. Call John at 372-1570 ☺

With reference to “A Rebuttal to Rodger Virtue”

Thank you Mr. Taylor for printing Lloyd Jeff Mallan's Rebuttal. I have a few comments on some of Rodger Virtue's statements as mentioned in the rebuttal by Lloyd Jeff Mallan.

I understand Rodger Virtue's apprehensions in a time of terrorism (I have lived in England -- with constant IRA security threat-- also South East Asia, and the Middle East.) It is not a comfortable position acknowledging our potential vulnerability (Your Quote Mr. Virtue): "Being vaporized in an airplane threatens me, being exposed to terrorist spread biological agents threatens me, being blown up by a suicide bomber at Disneyland or a theater threatens me, being nuked if traveling in Los Angeles threatens me.

You are not alone Mr. Virtue -- we all live under a cloud of uncertainty with no guarantee of safety, however, a preemptive attack on a sovereign country that has not attacked the United States, nor declared war, will not rectify the terrorism that is prevalent today and has the potential to create more of the incidents you fear the most. Not to mention the stress it will put on the Kingdom's/Nation's within the Middle East and all Islamic fractions throughout the world.

Your reference to President Thomas Jefferson and the Barbary Pirates is out of context and has no parallel to today's situation. (Your Quote) "For many years before assuming his presidency, Thomas Jefferson opposed the extortion from the Barbary Pirates who demanded high tribute from American merchant shipping or face destruction. After The United States refused to pay the tax, a Pasha representing the pirates declared war on the U.S. The U.S. declared war against the Barbary pirates and committed the Marines to battle. The Barbary pirates were defeated at Tripoli. In short, declaring war does not necessarily need to be against nation state for the congress to allow military action." (By the way Mr. Virtue - President Jefferson was very unpopular in his political standpoint regarding the Barbary Pirates -- and I have the greatest of admiration for him.)

The Pasha of Tropolli was a physical entity who DECLARED WAR on the United States -- terrorism is a shadow. Your point I take it, was that we have historical basis not to be confined to declare war on a "country", but on an incident or fraction, to which I agree, within the scope of our Constitution.

Iraq has not declared war on the United States of America. In the early 1990's the Amir of Kuwait asked for help from the United States to regain their invaded sovereign country via talks with Saudi Arabia. This was an action supported by the UN.

To date in this current situation, we do not have the backing of the Kingdom of Jordan or Saudi Arabia and many other ME Kingdoms and Nations (who have historically supported the United States) for a preemptive attack -- not forgetting the UN who have not given their sanction for this Act of War and invasion..

Going it alone is nothing short of a police state action and not an achievement that would be recognized as "Libertarian" by the great statesmen who orchestrated our Liberty.

The power to declare war lies with Congress. Our Congressional Representatives have been historically weak and abrogated their Constitutional duty to the Commander-in-Chief (which eradicates the check and balance system for which it was originally designed.) Our seasoned State Senator's in Hawaii listened to their constituents and voted "NO" on the Iraq Resolution -- for which I am very grateful.

The ideology of our Nation is at our fingertips -- we need to keep informed and I shall be praying for World Peace and that you find peace through this troubled time of terrorism.

I respectfully submit this in the interest of Liberty and Freedom.

Jocelyn Morse

Maui, Kingdom of Hawaii

October 17th, 2002 ✍

Editors Note: I feel compassion for the 3000 innocent victims of 911. I still recall CNN showing Palestinians dancing in the streets directly after 911. Saddam has publicly offered money to the families of suicide bombers to kill even more innocent people. By any objective measure Saddam is evil.

How can attacking Iraq be called preemptive? We have been at war with Iraq since desert storm. Perhaps, the proper word is escalation. Do we need UN approval to escalate a war previously sanctioned by the UN?

Paralyzing America's Producers

**The Government's Crackdown on American Businessmen Is Devastating Our Economy
By Yaron Brook and Alex Epstein**

When it comes to what to do about our teetering economy, nearly everyone is out of ideas. Economic analysts and federal officials are mystified after repeatedly seeing their predictions of an economic recovery fall flat. Republicans ignore the economy and offer no solutions; Democrats bemoan its decline and offer "solutions" such as repealing Bush's tax cut or extending unemployment benefits—as if taking away more of our money or paying more people to produce nothing will somehow lead to a more productive economy.

To know how to fix our economy, we must first identify what is wrong with it. Here, analysts have it mostly right when they cite a decline in business investment as a major roadblock to recovery. But the

problem is actually broader than this. Not only are businesses investing less money in new technologies, new manufacturing plants, and research and development—all of which are crucial to long-term profitability and therefore economic growth—they are reluctant to enter mergers, to formulate new strategies, to take risks. Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina says her company and others are "less likely to undertake bold moves, even if you feel those are vital to the future of your company."

Announcements

Victory Party

EastSide Grill 1035 University Ave.

Tuesday November 5th 7:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting:

Sunday, November 17th, 6:30 PM

888 South King Street. Corner of King and Ward. Straub Clinic Presentation Room, ground floor behind the cafeteria. All members welcome

Liberty Bash

Saturday November 9, 2002 3 - 7 PM

Artie Agin's Beach House
84-581 Upena St., Makaha

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America's economy is stagnating because America's businesses are stagnating. The cause—and the factor that must be removed to revive the economy—is the government's ongoing regulatory crackdown on business.

When scandals like Enron and WorldCom broke, instead of focusing on prosecuting individual perpetrators, politicians smeared businessmen collectively as stricken by "infectious greed." Instead of taking an honest look at the regulations that foster corruption in business—like anti-hostile takeover laws that restrict the ability of the market to replace bad managers—our leaders immediately blamed "lax regulation" for the scandals, and heralded more regulation as the solution. In addition to passing Sarbanes-Oxley—an allegedly "anti-fraud" accounting law that leaves "fraud" undefined and thus open to

arbitrary interpretation—the Bush Administration gave carte blanche to its regulators to be "tough on business." From the SEC to the FCC, bloodthirsty bureaucrats are now gleefully enforcing previously unenforced regulations, broadly interpreting ambiguous new ones, harassing CEOs with threats of jail-time, and more aggressively preventing mergers and acquisitions.

Consider the FCC's recent rejection of the proposed merger between the two leading satellite content providers, EchoStar and DIRECTV. Earlier this year, the merger—which would enable the companies to combine their satellite bandwidth and offer many new and enhanced services to customers—seemed set for approval. However, thanks to what a Wall Street Journal story called "the regulatory climate" and FCC chairman Michael Powell's "newfound aggressiveness," the merger was blocked.

The essence of the new "regulatory climate" is that now, more than ever, businessmen cannot know what is legal or illegal until after the fact. They have no means of knowing in advance whether their accounting methods will get them thrown in jail, whether they will be bankrupted by a class-action lawsuit for "defrauding shareholders" if their new product does not sell as well as expected, or whether a strategic merger that takes years of planning will be thwarted by the "aggressiveness" of Michael Powell or his equivalent. In short, as a Businessweek reporter wrote recently of today's CEOs, "their jobs have become nightmares."

Businessmen burdened with a perpetual fear of arbitrary government reprisal will increasingly strive, not to create new products, but to appease bureaucrats—not to generate the best long-term strategies, but the ones that will attract the notice of the fewest regulators—not to appoint the best boards of directors, but directors that Washington deems sufficiently "independent" and "disinterested."

How can businessmen function in such a manner? How can they improve their companies when they can no longer act on their best ideas? How can Americans hope for a bounteous economy when we are paralyzing America's greatest producers?

America's businessmen are the productive dynamos that move our economy forward—they have brought us from horse and buggy to automobile, from slide rule to personal computer, from log cabin to skyscraper—but they can only function insofar as they are free. Businessmen (and all hardworking Americans) fare best in a market free of all regulations, in which they deal voluntarily and to mutual benefit with investors, employees, and customers—and in which all are governed by clear laws against force and fraud. If

Americans want an economic recovery, we must demand that our politicians end the unjust witch-hunt against businessmen, and start lifting—rather than imposing—regulations.

The Grand Illusion

By Robert Tracinski

Somewhere, there is a warlike American administration obsessed with smashing an Axis of Evil, an administration itching to blow away any regime tainted by terrorism and willing to lash out pre-emptively and unilaterally, invading and occupying any country that resists.

That administration is not, alas, the one in the White House. It is an administration that exists, perversely, in the minds of those who regard such bold and far-sighted policies as evil

The left condemns the Bush administration, in the words of a recent *Los Angeles Times* column, as a "barroom brawler who will take up fisticuffs over any provocation," as reckless unilateralists who show contempt for our allies and the United Nations, as bent on the conquest of Middle Eastern oil reserves and indifferent to the civilian casualties caused along the way.

But if any of this were true, the world would be quite different. If the administration really had contempt for the U.N., it could withdraw its support and let that organization complete its collapse into a Third World debating society. If Bush wanted to lash out at every threat in the world, America's near-\$400 billion defense budget could provide the soldiers, tanks, airplanes and missiles to wage several small wars at a time, from Libya to North Korea (and most places in between). If America were trying to seize the world's oil reserves, we could have swept aside the Saudi sheiks long ago. If we were indifferent to the casualties of enemy civilians — and the only alternative is to be indifferent to the deaths of our own soldiers and civilians — then anti-war academics would have to give up tallying those casualties one-by-one.

But none of this is happening, because President Bush is in fact doing just about everything his critics demand. Is this administration "unilateralist"? No, they constantly give in to the demands of our putative allies. War with Iraq was taken off the agenda last spring to placate the Arab states, who put a higher priority on saving Yasser Arafat's regime. Now we are twiddling our thumbs for weeks while we wait for France and

Russia (former world powers resentful of U.S. strength) and China (which views us as its No. 1 enemy) to endorse our threats against Iraq.

And consider the administration's response to the recent crisis over North Korea's nuclear weapons. Faced with a defiant admission that North Korea has developed weapons in violation of its 1994 agreement with the U.S., Bush has responded by declaring that we seek a "peaceful solution," that we will resume diplomatic discussions, and that we intend to follow the lead of our allies in the region — South Korean and Japanese leaders frightened into a policy of appeasement.

But doesn't the administration believe that Iraq, Iran and North Korea are linked in an Axis of Evil? Apparently, Bush has given in to the charge that this is a "simplistic" notion. The administration has now declared North Korea to be different from Iraq in some unspecified way; meanwhile, the Bush State Department has been busy making diplomatic overtures to Iran. Earlier this month, Bush declared Iraq to be "unique," and it is: it is the only member of the Axis of Evil that Bush seems willing to confront

That the left would condemn the administration as warmongering and imperialist even as its foreign policy softens into appeasement, is not remarkable. The left still follows the lesson it learned in the 1960s, when it focused its protests on university administrators: aim your fiercest attacks at the target most likely to cave in.

Yet the supposedly hawkish right also accepts the view of the administration as standing tall. The disastrous consequence is that an independent, self-assertive approach to foreign policy will end up bearing the blame for the failures of the Bush team's actual policy.

The only strong element of Bush's foreign policy is its rhetoric. The administration has put forward a few powerful ideas: the "Bush Doctrine" of making war on state sponsors of terrorism, and the doctrine of pre-emption to keep weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of dictators. But Bush's strong words are like the first snowflakes of winter: they melt on their first contact with solid reality.

The foreign policy in which an American administration is a self-confident actor, uninhibited by duplicitous allies and willing to take decisive action to eliminate any threat, is an illusion. But it is, at least, a grand illusion — and a vision that our leaders ought to transform into reality.

YOU ARE INVITED TO LIBERTY BASH VI

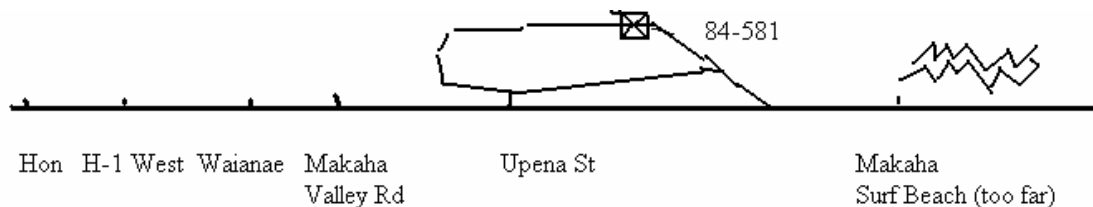
Bring a Potluck Dish to Share

3 – 7 PM
(Overnight Camping Ok)

Saturday November 9, 2002

Artie Agin's Beach House
84-581 Upena St

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This is the one time a year that we can invite friends to hang with us in a non-threatening environment. Bring your friends and a substantial potluck dish. Bar-B-Q grill available for your meats and seafood. Leave your cares and worries at home and come for the fun. Look for the sign and the balloons.

Bring: Swim suits, towels, beach chairs, snorkel/scuba gear, yard games.

Drinks Provided: Water, Sodas, Fruit Drinks, some beer, otherwise BYOB.

For those who stay over: Breakfast \$3. We will break camp after breakfast and disband.

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