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We are a free people in a republic, under a constitution which limits the powers of government to those necessary to secure the unalienable rights of each person to their life, liberty and property. Yet, when a legislature is in session, no one's life, liberty or property is safe. It's the curse of a democracy. That's why we have a republic instead. *Freedom Matters* dedicates itself to the fight to restore our republic. Most of the press and courts fail to do so. They've forgotten that freedom matters.

Retrospective: *Freedom Matters*, 2002 by Bob Bowman

Freedom Matters began publication with the issue of September 10, 2001. We then chose to start each new volume on January 1 of a new calendar year, which made Volume 1 a very abbreviated one. Volume 2, covering the year 2002 thereby represents our first full calendar year of publication. Being a volunteer organization made up of busy people, it has been at times a hectic effort.

The campaign for Governor of Wisconsin was a particularly hectic period. It featured a Libertarian candidate, Ed Thompson, who took on the two main political parties, which he lumped together in his campaign rhetoric as the "Republicrats." He thus said that there was no real difference in the political philosophy of the two main parties. Compared to the Libertarian position, he was correct.

Anyway, the Editor and Board of *Freedom Matters* (Michael Byrne, Bob Bowman, Bill Hitzemann and Vern Wendt), being politically active, were involved enough in the campaigning during the summer and fall of 2002 that it interfered with getting out our weekly e-mail newsletter. We got too far behind to catch up, so we decided not to publish any articles for the month of December, 2002.

We have two major goals for *Freedom Matters* in 2003. First, we are on track to catch up to date on our weekly publication schedule. Second, and more substantively, we plan to broaden our reporting. Property rights organizations have sprung up across the state, and we hope to highlight these various groups and the threats to property rights which they are facing. It is essential that all our groups network with each other, and build strength through numbers.

We especially need to get our message out to the public. Too long, the collectivists and anti-property interests have dominated the communication media. The truly endangered environment is freedom, and the truly endangered species is free people. Nature is far more resilient to insult by humans than is liberty to insult by the jack boots of the collective society. We must restore our freedoms as individuals, which means we must restore our property rights.

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