Delegates Nominate Barr to Head ‘08 Ticket

By Andrew Davis

The Libertarian Party saw many firsts at its 2008 national convention, which was held over Memorial Day weekend in Denver, CO. Not only did the Libertarian Party have for the first time two former members of Congress running for the Presidential nominee, but the Party went through an unprecedented six rounds of voting to determine its nominee. In the end, former Georgia Congressman Bob Barr walked away with the nomination in-hand and set out to change the future of the United States.

“I’m sure we will emerge here with the strongest ticket in the history of the Libertarian Party,” Barr stated in his victory speech shortly after being selected as the Party’s nominee, and recent polls indicate exactly that.

With his Vice Presidential candidate Wayne Root, who sealed the nomination in the second round of voting, Barr has already been polling in double digits in some states. Nationally, a recent Zogby poll has him at 6 percent—more than 5 times as well Ed Clark finished in 1980, which became the benchmark the Libertarian Party has always strived to match again.

Success in the early polls is largely due to the success Barr has had in the media, with frequent appearances on major outlets on television, radio and print. It may also have a lot to do with his savvy campaign manager, Russ Verney, who was the mastermind behind one of the most successful third-party candidates in American history, Ross Perot.

Regardless of the factors, Barr’s campaign is revving up for what is sure to be the Libertarian Party’s best year since it was founded in 1971.

Lawsuits Pending in Ballot Access Challenges

By Sean Haugh

We’re getting down to the wire for Ballot Access season 2008, and the Libertarian Party is still on track to be on the ballot in at least 48 states. Now that we have a strong nominee for President in Bob Barr, we may even be able to aim higher.

Since the convention, we have been able to complete the two largest petitioning efforts before us, Illinois and Pennsylvania. The Illinois party turned in 49,564 signatures on June 23—almost double the 25,000 required. We were all biting our fingernails for the next week, as this was the period of time anyone in Illinois had to challenge our petitions. The week came and went without a challenge, which means we are securely on the ballot now in 31 states. The Illinois Ballot Access team, which included more than a dozen very active volunteers led by Crystal Jurczynski, did a superb job and set an example for how any state party can gather tens of thousands of signatures in 90 days.

In Pennsylvania, we have collected almost 50,000 signatures as well. In this state, the Party is simply waiting for the deadline at the end of July to turn them in. Pennsylvania is also a challenge state, which gives us incentive to wait until the last minute to hand over our signatures. We are confident that the strategy we employed
Candidate's Corner

A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats

By Bob Barr

Though used by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 in regards to a dam project Congress had just approved, this famous aphorism soon became the rallying cry of those who felt economic prosperity impacted all Americans positively. Leading into the 2008 elections, I can’t help but think this phrase will once again take on new meaning for the Libertarian Party.

Just as a rising tide lifts all boats, so will the post-nomination campaign for the hundreds of Libertarian candidates across the nation.

Shortly after I was given the honor of representing the Libertarian Party 2008 as its presidential nominee, I stated that we would be leaving the convention with one of the strongest tickets in the history of our small, but growing party. The fervor of the convention, fueled by the excitement of the impact the Libertarian Party could have in the upcoming presidential race, has laid a strong foundation upon which my campaign will build.

Recent polling has already shown my campaign to have a double-digit presence in some states across the nation, with 6 percent polling numbers nationwide. While this is just the beginning, it sets a strong baseline for the Barr/Root campaign.

We have just set up a new office in Atlanta where my campaign will be headquartered. The facilities are excellent for managing a dedicated campaign staff that will be essential to running a national campaign to compete with the Republicans and Democrats. In the next few weeks, we will be adding more staff to assist with the day-to-day operations of my presidential campaign.

As we transition from pre-nomination to post-nomination phases of my campaign, the enthusiasm for liberty has grown and grown with each passing day.

Opportunities in the mainstream media continue to grow, exposing more of the American public to the ideas of liberty and freedom absent from the campaigns of the political establishment.

This year is sure to be a banner year for the Libertarian Party not just at the very top of the ticket, but for all of the other down-ticket candidates too.

When voters go to the polls in November to cast a vote for Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, they will be more inclined to vote for other Libertarian candidates for local and statewide races. The explosion in membership following the national convention is a great indication of what is to come in the next few months.

As more Americans are exposed to the Libertarian Party through my campaign, and realize that there is a viable choice aside from the two candidates of the political establishment, election totals from across the nation will rise.

This is why it is so important that all Libertarians come together to support Libertarian candidates. With your help, we can make this the most prosperous and exciting year the Libertarian Party has ever seen.

In 1980, Ed Clark set the standard that we have struggled to meet again. In the subsequent years, we have only once broken even half the number of votes Ed Clark received in his presidential bid. In 2008, the question is not if we will come close to breaking the mark, but by how much will we break it.

“We’re not just in this to make a statement, or to “see what we can do.” We have said from the start that our goal is the White House, and we intend to play the role of a spoiler no more than John McCain or Barack Obama will spoil our chances. We intend to compete as any major party candidate because we believe there are only two choices in 2008: The Libertarian Party and the Establishment.

Because of our focus, and the fact that the libertarian philosophy attracts voters from all walks of life, we don’t intend to simply target one voting block, such as liberals or conservatives. Our message of liberty will resonate with liberals who are fed up with the incompetence of the Democratic Party in standing up to Republicans on issues of civil liberties and war, and we will attract conservatives who are tired of the fiscal irresponsibility and social intolerance of the Republican Party.

Do we need to pick a fight with the social conservatives? With this approach, we are not limiting ourselves to a single demographic. Just as the Libertarian Party is composed of many different varieties of libertarians, our message will be one that appeals to any American who wants less government, less taxes and less intervention in their lives.

This is the strength of our Party, and it will be the strength of our campaign. A dynamic message with mass appeal that is based on reason and emphasizes individual freedom and personal responsibility.

I look forward to your help and your support. For more information, or to find out ways you can get involved, please visit my Web site at www.BobBarr2008.com. Also, please remember to support all other fine candidates running for state and local races across the country.

We hope you’re just as excited as us about the prospect of the Libertarian Party in 2008. With our success, you will see the success of other Libertarians running for office. This year will be the year of the Libertarian. It will be the year that the Constitution once again becomes a cornerstone of American politics.

A rising tide of liberty lifts all Libertarians.

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Bob Barr is the 2008 presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party.
Guest Commentary: Democracy in America?
By Ken Prazak

The United States prides itself on its democratic principles and in fact promotes them around the world. Former President Jimmy Carter is called to various “third” world nations to monitor elections to make sure they are run fairly. We are even at war now with Iraq trying to force democracy on the Iraqi people.

Unfortunately, we need to look no further than our own backyard to see that America doesn’t come close to living up to its democratic standards.

The effect of this is to make it nearly impossible for third parties or independents to make the ballot, or if they do, will have spent so many resources on getting on the ballot that there is little left on which to wage a campaign. The net result is that we have a very undemocratic state here in Illinois.

In comparison, in Iraq, where our men and women are fighting and dying trying to establish democracy, a recent election had 111 different political parties on the ballot. According to Richard Winger, editor of “Ballot Access News” and the recognized expert on ballot access law, the United States has the most restrictive and unequal ballot access laws in the world. Congressional candidate Dan Druck has vowed that he will fight all the way to the US Supreme Court, if need be, to obtain fairness in ballot access laws in Illinois, and to secure his right to be on the ballot for Congress in the 14th District.

Supporters of Dan obtained 7,153 signatures to get Dan on the ballot, almost 10 times the required amount for the Republicans or Democrats. If you are outraged at this totally unfair ballot access requirement, please help us fight the unfairness and support our lawsuit to give Dan his right to compete against Oberweis and Foster this coming November election. Check Dan’s campaign out www.timefordan.com.

And come to think of it, where’s Jimmy Carter when you need him?

Ken Prazak is a member of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Confessions of a Former Neocon
By Andrew Davis

I used to have a “W” sticker on the back of my car. I once argued vehemently about the necessity of the war with Iraq. I used to call it my political evolution, or simply a maturation of my political philosophy. But whatever title that may be most appropriate, it does change the journey I took from a budding Democrat into a seething Republican, and finally at peace within the libertarian movement that I had joined.

Oberweis, needed to get 793 petition signatures to get on the ballot, the Democrat candidate Bill Foster needed to get 863 petition signatures. Those “third” party and independent candidates who are not in the power club need to get 9,995 petition signatures to get on the ballot, or 12.5 times as many signatures. This is true for all Congressional districts and in all races, “third” parties and independents have to get huge multiples of signatures than the Republicans and Democrats do, who make the rules.

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Speaking Out is Patriotic!
As Libertarians, speaking out is nearly second-nature. This is why we have “The Mailbox” in LP News. Feel free to write in to editor@lp.org to express your opinion on any issue, and you just may find it in the next edition of the paper.
Wayne Root for doing a fan
tastic job of updating us about his campaign, and we admire his ability to speak about basic libertarian principles in a way to which the average American voter can understand and relate.

Illinois
Ballot access drive comes to a close

On June 23, the Libertarian Party of Illinois filed 3,484 petitions with the Illinois State Board of Elections to get our candidates for U.S. President, Vice President and Senate on the ballot. Those petitions contained 49,562 signatures, on target with our goal of 50,000 signatures.

Our filing was so strong that the enemies of liberty did not even attempt to challenge our signatures, meaning that the Libertarian Party is officially on the ballot in Illinois!

The LPI wishes to thank all who contributed to the success of our petition drive including our recruiters, donors, coordinators, mentors and committee members. We also very much appreciate the support we received from the Libertarian National Committee, who supplied both human resources and financial backing critical to our success.

If you did not contribute to the petition drive, it’s not too late. We continue to collect donations to pay for the 55 contractors who collected signatures for us. Please show your appreciation for all the hard work they and all our volunteers put into our drive by giving generously through our Web site, LPIllinois.org, or by sending a check to: Libertarian Party of Illinois, P.O. Box 1605, Chicago, IL 60690-1605.

More information and pictures of the filing can be found on the petition drive page of our Web site, and don’t forget to donate while you’re there!

A Barr/Root fundraiser scheduled for mid to late August is in the initial planning stages. This event will occur in the Chicago area. For information, please contact Kent McMillen via email at kenton1961@sbcglobal.net, or by phone at (708) 865-9170.

Kentucky
Landham launches libertarian campaign

Sunny Landham has announced his run for United States Senate against incumbent Mitch McConnell, and Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford. Landham has dubbed McConnell “Boss Hogg,” after the corrupt character from the 1980’s “Dukes of Hazzard” TV show, stating that McConnell does not care about the people of Kentucky. Landham believes Lunsford to be an elitist business man with ethical issues. He has pressed both of his challengers to release their personal financial information, and has already done so himself. Landham plans to continue to release portions of his platform and plans for Kentucky and America throughout the campaign. The Landham Campaign Web site is http://www.tonylandham.com.

Ed Martin has announced his candidacy for United States Congress in Kentucky Congressional District 3 (KY-3) against Republican Anne Northup and Democrat John Yarmuth. Martin and Yarmuth clashed before in 2006, where Yarmuth narrowly won. The district KY-3 encompasses the majority of Jefferson County. Martin’s campaign has just re-launched, and he has dubbed himself a “Goldwater Libertarian.” The Martin Campaign Web site is http://www.martin4liberty.com.

Recently elected LPKY Vice Chair Josh Koch was on a recent KYT television newscast in Lexington, speaking against the recent government bailout of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, and the ill effects of “liquidity injections” on everyone. Josh was promoted from District 3 Representative to LPKY Vice Chair.

LPKY Chair Ken Moellman has recently spoken with media in Northern Kentucky about the proposed three-county (Boone, Campbell, Kenton) smoking ban. In addition to rallying support from local Ron Paul Campaign for Liberty groups, as well as bar and restaurant owners, a Web site has been set up to fight the ban. More information can be found at http://www.nkychoice.com.

The LPKY also welcomes our new LPKY District 6 Representative, Daniel Defoe, to the LPKY Executive Committee. Daniel has already been a great asset to the Party prior to his election to this new position; the most visible of which was serving as the chair of the LPKY 2008 State Convention Committee. We welcome Daniel to the Executive Committee, where he fills the vacancy left by Koch. And yes, he is related to the famous author.

We are looking to form new Meetup.com meeting groups to compliment our existing groups in Lexington, Louisville and northern Kentucky. Please contact chair Karen Moellman through the Web site if you’d like to be a part of future meetings, or if you’d like to help organize such meetings.

The LPKY will be unveiling a new Web site in the very near future. This new Web site will allow users to create a login and communicate with other libertarians across the state. Please stay tuned and watch for this new site at http://www.lpky.org.

Maine
Picnic planned for next month

Maine is planning a family picnic for Sunday, August 17 from noon until we all go home. Event is rain or shine. This is a chance for all Maine area LP folks to come together for some fun at Jim and Sue Poulin’s home on Sebago Lake. Libertarian National Committee member Jim Lark is tentatively scheduled as our special guest. Please feel free to email LPME Chairman Clark Phinney at clark.phinney@lpme.org for more information, or to assist with the host committee sponsorships.

New York
Local party says dues to be paid in silver

The Libertarian Party of New York kicked off its petition drive on July 8. In addition to the Barr/Root campaign, there are four Congressional seats and three State Assembly seats being sought. Each campaign expects a rigorous schedule after Labor Day, when their ballot status is known or assured.

The Barr campaign opened an office on July 18 in Manhattan. LPNY member Dodge Landesman, son of Broadway producer Rocco Landesman, donated the office space to the campaign. The Greater Rochester LP passed a bylaws amendment in March (to be effective December 31) to set their dues at 0.5 oz of silver (payable in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, and recalculated annually).

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Ohio

Drive to put Barr on the ballot begins

Ten members of the Ohio LP attended the Denver LP convention in May. We were proud to participate and be part of the decision-making process. For many, it was a first-time experience they won’t forget.

The petitioning process has begun to place the Barr/Root ticket on the Ohio ballot this Fall. In Ohio, we need 5,000 valid signatures in order to place the names on the ballot as an independent (no party name). The deadline to turn in the names to the Ohio Secretary of State is mid-August. We will use a combination of volunteers and paid petitioners.

We can always use contributions to help in our ballot access. I urge you to go to the front page of our Web site www.LP.Org and click on the contribute button.

Oregon

Nominating conventions planned

The Libertarian Party of Oregon will be having one or more nominating conventions in the month of August to add more candidates to the November ballot. Exact dates and times are to be determined and should be posted on the state Web site http://www.lporegon.org.

Texas

State convention attracts large crowd

The Libertarian Party of Texas had a very successful state convention the weekend of June 13-15 in Fort Worth. Approximately 175 attended, which is more than have attended the past 4 conventions. By all accounts, all in attendance enjoyed it.

The new state platform was adopted and is posted to www.LP Texas.org. There were some updates to the party’s bylaws and these will be posted to the state Web site shortly.

All uncontested candidates for statewide office were formally nominated to represent the Libertarian Party this November.

A three-county nominated contest, Yvonne Schick (http://yvonneschick.com) was nominated as our candidate for US Senate.


Some videos from the convention can be found at http://secure.lp.org/1038783 and http://youtube.com/user/clermontflorida. We want to thank Sean Anderson for these recordings, and he will be placing more videos from the convention as they become available.

For the second year, the LPT participated in outreach at the Van’s Warped tour (www.warpedtour.com). Patrick Barton covered the outreach booths at events in San Antonio on July 5 and Houston on July 6.

Barton reported a very good response in both locations. About 150 people took the “World’s Smallest Political Quiz” and 100 were added to the contact list. It was a popular booth at both locations. In Houston, the Obama campaign booth was adjacent and they commented on how impressed they were with the turnout.

At the Libertarian Party booth.

The LPT announced a money bomb for March 15 with a goal of $50,000. The result was over $28,000 donated. The date was extended to June 15 at the conclusion of the state convention. At this point the amount pledged or received is approximately $35,000.

These funds are needed to meet our annual budget and keep our staff working. With a record number of candidates, increased media attention and Ron Paul supporters looking for a home, we need your support.

Please consider helping us by joining at one our membership levels prior to the state convention. We would like to give you a 6 month membership indicating your membership level (silver, gold, platinum, etc.).

Donations and memberships can be made securely online at http://lp.texas.org/membership.shtml.

Thank you to those who support our Party. We truly appreciate you!

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in Illinois of turning in twice the number of signatures required, and making sure they are good signatures, can also withstand any challenge or deter it entirely.

That will make 32 states once we are certified there. Ohio is very close to being state number 33 on the list.

We have already collected more than 6,000 signatures and should be at our final goal of 8,000 by the time you read this. Also, on July 14, our lawsuit demanding full poll ballot status in Ohio was heard. If you know your history then you probably already are thinking that having a hearing on Bastille Day is a fine omen. With the results of either the petitioning effort or a positive result in the lawsuit in hand, we’ll have the Barr/Root ticket on the ballot in the crucial swing state of Ohio.

In Massachusetts, LPMA Political Facilitator Carol McMahon is currently engaged in the laborious process of turning in about 20,000 of our signatures to the 351 various town clerks for verification. Once we complete the substitution process in Massachusetts, which unfortunately requires a lawsuit, it will make Massachusetts state number 34.

Quite a few of our deadlines for ballot access occur in late July and early August. Our state parties are well on their way to finish in advance of these deadlines in Virginia, New Jersey, Tennessee, Washington, and Iowa. We are working on these states to make sure they can finish their requirements on their own, but for the most part, they are doing well.

Our Ballot Access Coordinator Scott Kohlhass, who has been indispensable throughout this long ballot access season, will be in Seattle the weekend of July 19 to assist with the drive there. Once completed, those efforts will bring our count up to 39 states with Libertarian ballot access.

Kentucky, Alabama and New Hampshire all have significant enough hurdles that we have to send in professional petitioners. On July 29 we filed our petition with the Alabama Secretary of State in a seat that is available for election. We are working closely with our professionals to find good local locations in a state that attracts visitors from all over. (Maybe it’s because people enjoy visiting and shopping in a state where freedom still means something.)

All of those projects are going according to plan, which should result in states 40 through 42.

Maine and South Dakota are like these previous three states in that we have to get between 5,000-10,000 by early August. But unlike those states, both Maine and South Dakota require that all our petitioners be in-state residents.

This means we have to spend more money to hire companies and professional crews to work those areas. However they are hard at work in both places and should be able to bring in states number 43 and 44.

The largest ballot drive left is New York, which requires 15,000 valid signatures in a six-week window that ends August 19. We are off to a good start in the Empire State toward our goal of about 22,500 total signatures. Although it is a significant hurdle to jump, the professionals and the state party volunteers there have a lot of experience with previous petitioning efforts, giving us confidence that New York will become the 45th state in our column.

Rhode Island and Minnesota both are ready to start with smaller signature requirements and the two latest deadlines, both in September. Once we are done in the rest of the states, it will be a simple matter to bring our count to 47.

This brings us to the states where the challenges are greatest—the kinds of situations that I wouldn’t wish this ballot access headache on anyone, not even the Democrats and Republicans who wrote these insane state laws.

In Connecticut we have had to redraw our petition due to that state’s amazing bureaucracy regarding substitution for our stand-in candidates on the original petition.

Thanks to LPTC Treasurer Andy Rule, we are expediting this process and should be able to start again there very soon. However that only leaves us until August 1 to get about 12,000 signatures against a requirement of 7,500 valid ones. Complicating that matter is that Connecticut is another state that requires petitioners to be in-state residents.

The nature of the Libertarian Party Ballot Access is that we just don’t give up, so we have the plan in place to blitz Connecticut in the last half of July and make sure it is state number 48 in our tally. It will be all worth it because if Bob Barr gets just 1 percent of the vote in Connecticut at this point in November the Illinois LP will have worked closely with our professionals to find good local locations in a state that attracts visitors from all over. (Maybe it’s because people enjoy visiting and shopping in a state where freedom still means something.)

Every signature collected by a volunteer means we don’t have to spend $2 or more to buy it from a paid petitioner. So 100 signatures is even better than a $200 contribution because it also saves us time and allows you to talk to 100 more people about the Libertarian Party.

If you can help with any signatures at all, even just your own, please contact either Sean Haugh (sean@lptexas.org) or our Volunteer Coordinator Austin Petersen at austin.petersen@lp.org.
What does a strong Barr/Root ticket do for the LP?

A strong presidential campaign doesn’t just mean success at the top. With each percentage point that a Barr/Root ticket scores this November, ballot access in 2012 gets that much easier.

**1% retains**
- Connecticut
- Georgia
- Kansas
- Maryland
- Wisconsin

**2% retains**
- California
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Missouri
- North Carolina

**3% retains**
- Alaska
- Arkansas
- Massachusetts
- South Dakota (2.5%)

**4% retains**
- New Hampshire

Even a 2 percent result could save the Libertarian Party several months and $250,000 in petitioning costs.

Profile of the President

Bob Barr
Candidate for President

Bob Barr is the 2008 Libertarian nominee for President of the United States. Previously, he represented the 7th District of Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003, serving as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, as Vice-Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, and as a member of the Committee on Financial Services. He now practices law with the Law Offices of Edwin Marger, and runs a consulting firm, Liberty Strategies LLC, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia and with offices in the Washington, D.C. area. Barr works tirelessly to help preserve our fundamental right to privacy and our other civil liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

From 2003 to 2008, he occupied the 21st Century Liberties Chair for Freedom and Privacy at the American Conservative Union. Since 1997 he has served as a Board Member of the National Rifle Association. Bob is also a member of The Constitution Project’s Initiative on Liberty and Security, and he served from 2003 to 2005 as a member of a project at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University addressing matters of privacy and security. In fact, recognizing Bob Barr’s leadership in privacy matters, New York Times columnist William Safire has called him “Mr. Privacy.” Barr serves as a board member for Privacy International, an international watchdog group headquartered in London. Bob has appeared on virtually every major cable and network television program dealing with public policy matters, and has served as a contributor for CNN. He has written a regular column for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, hosted a nationally-syndicated weekly radio show, and served as Contributing Editor for The American Spectator. Bob’s writings appear in numerous academic, local, regional, national and international publications. He is the author of “The Meaning of Is, The Squandered Impeachment and Wasted Legacy of William Jefferson Clinton,” published by Stroud & Hall. He is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Bob Barr

Bob has served as an adjunct professor at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA, and serves as a national officer for Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Wayne Root
Candidate for Vice President

Wayne Root is the 2008 Libertarian Vice Presidential nominee. Founder and Chairman of a successful small business, Wayne is a self-made businessman as well as an author and television producer.

Wayne’s professional life has focused in the realm of business, though he maintains a deep interest in the political sphere in addition to his commercial pursuits. This dynamic has created a political perspective similar to that of the average American, and the air of a true “citizen-politician.”

Wayne graduated from Columbia University in 1983, with a degree in political science. He initiated his television career as an anchorman for the Financial News Network (now CNBC) and has experienced significant success in this sector. Since then, Wayne has developed and produced numerous television shows, many of which he himself hosted. In addition to his own shows, Wayne has been a guest on several network television talk shows, including stations like CNBC, Fox News Channel, and MSNBC.

Wayne has also authored six books and appeared on numerous, highly recognized radio shows. Due to his success as an entrepreneur and businessman, Wayne has been featured and profiled in various newspaper and magazine articles; those on the list include The Wall Street Journal, CNN Money, and Fortune.

Though constantly kept busy with business and politics, Wayne has still made time to homeschool his four children - a choice he and his wife opted over government-sponsored public schools.

Wayne is a lifetime member of the Libertarian Party, and proudly dedicated to the cause of liberty.

to serve as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia (1986-90), and served as President of Southeastern Legal Foundation (1990-91). He was an official with the CIA from 1971-78.

Barr is a speaker with the All American Speakers Bureau (www.allamerican-speakers.com). He has traveled widely and spoken to audiences across America and internationally, and has served as an official member of the U.S. delegation at several major United Nations conferences.

Other LP Stars:

**Detroit, Michigan - Scotty Boman**

Office: U.S. Senate Site: Boman08.org

Quote: “It is positively immoral to make a family pay to support the government-school system when they choose to homeschool or pay for costly private education.”

**Dublin, California - John Zukoski**

Office: City Council Site: electjohnzukoski.com

Star Status: John’s Web site should serve as a model for all other candidates. It’s design and local appeal makes John an LP Super Star for the 2008 election.

**Lago Vista, Texas - Pat Dixon**

Office: City Council Site: PatDixon.org

LP History: Pat is the ultimate LP activist. Chair of the Texas LP and an LNC board member, Pat is constantly in the trenches recruiting candidates and raising donations.
Despite these hurdles, Munger is intentionally dragging its feet, in writing in a recent e-mail. “The state won’t change the forms?” Munger wrote. “How can we register people as Libertarian when they’re on the voter list. “How can we register people as Libertarian when they’re on the voter list.”

In addition to Munger’s troubles with the establishment candidates, the Libertarian Party of North Carolina also faces a battle with the state over party recognition. When the state officially derecognized the party in 2005, the LPNC lost its party status in May, but because the state dragged its feet on posting the new forms recently regained its party status in May, but because the state dragged its feet on posting the new forms recently regained its party status in May, but because the state dragged its feet on posting the new forms recently regained its party status.

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Early last month, Munger was polling at 4 percent—a number that looks to increase as Libertarian Party presidential candidate Bob Barr gains momentum in the state. With a solid foundation already set, Munger could very well shake up the political establishment in North Carolina.

For more information on Munger and his campaign, please visit http://munger4ncgov.com. Also, please check out Munger’s keynote address at the 2008 Libertarian National Convention at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MiVYd88kVr.

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Libertarian Munger Challenges North Carolina Political Elite

been shut out of five media-sponsored debates. “The candidates from the two state-sponsored parties are the culprit,” Munger explains. “The media sponsors of the debates would be happy to include me, if the Democrat and Republican candidates would allow it.”

In addition to Munger’s troubles with the establishment candidates, the Libertarian Party of North Carolina also faces a battle with the state over party recognition. When the state officially derecognized the party in 2005, the LPNC lost nearly 13,000 members. The Party recently regained its party status in May, but because the state dragged its feet on posting the new forms recently regained its party status in May, but because the state dragged its feet on posting the new forms recently regained its party status in May, but because the state dragged its feet on posting the new forms recently regained its party status in May, but because the state dragged its feet on posting the new forms recently regained its party status.

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A CANDIDATE WITH PROVEN RESULTS

"Matt Finkel... got the highest percentage of any [Libertarian] candidate in the U.S..." - Wes Benedict Executive Director Libertarian Party of Texas

In 2006, Matt Finkel received 35% of the vote—totaling 19,932 votes—when he ran for Justice of the Peace in Travis County, Texas. Review the JP Election Day Map to the left. It tells a story; where he campaigned, he did more than compete—He won!

A two-time National Delegate, Matt Finkel worked as the Marketing Director for the Libertarian Party of Texas. He also served as the Fundraising Director for Michael Badnark’s 2006 Congressional campaign in Texas District 10. Matt represents Travis County on the Texas State Libertarian Executive Committee, and has lived in the Congressional district for 11 years.

Texas District 10 is adjacent to Ron Paul’s current district, and comprises one-third of his former district.

Matt Finkel will run an aggressive, targeted, efficient and effective campaign, but he needs your help!

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**WANT TO KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON IN YOUR STATE?**

Here is a comprehensive listing of upcoming events for which we have received notification. In the future, if there is an event we should be listing, please let us know by contacting our volunteer coordinator and provide what you can for details.

The volunteer coordinator can be reached at our headquarters office by calling 202-333-0008.

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**Event** | **Date** | **Location** | **Contact**
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COBB COUNTY LP’s (GA) MONTHLY BREAKFAST | AUGUST 16 8:30 AM | 536 COBB PKWY S (PICCADILLY CAFETERIA) MARIETTA, GA | www.cobblp.org
LPMO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING | AUGUST 17 TELECONFERENCE | | exec@lpmo.org
JAFFREY LIVE FREE OR DIE CELEBRATION | AUGUST 23 | 10 GOODNOW STREET JAFFREY, NH 03452 | HARDY MACIA (603) 783-5011
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**Libertarian National Committee Seeking New Executive Director**

The Libertarian National Committee is currently seeking a new Executive Director. Applicant must be seasoned professional with background in non-profit management, who has experience in fundraising. An understanding of Libertarian principles is preferred.

**Job Description:** Chief Operating Officer of the LP; directs, coordinates and administers the activities of staff at LNC headquarters in DC, which includes major donors solicitation, fundraising and donor development; represents the Party in the DC community; reports to the Chair.

Please submit resume to LNC Search Committee at: EDSearch@LP.org or fax 703-935-8015.

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**Libertarian National Committee**

Now Seeking Applicants for 2010 Bylaws Committee

The National Committee will be selecting the 2010 Bylaws Committee at its September meeting. Anyone interested in serving should email LNC Secretary Bob Sullentrup by mid-August at rwsully@att.net. Demonstrable expertise, such as membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians, is desirable but not required. Members should expect to travel to at least one face-to-face meeting prior to the 2010 convention.
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