New Platform Ready for a Vote in Denver

By Alicia Mattson

National convention delegates have a lot of work to do on the convention floor in Denver. Our party platform needs a significant amount of rebuild work. It’s an election year. What will voters find when they look at the two major parties and ask, “Isn’t there a better option?”

If they read our current platform, they’ll see an unbalanced and even strange selection of 15 topics covered in great detail. But they won’t see coverage of current political topics on their mind; subjects that distinguish the Libertarian Party from the status quo such as: Social Security, education, health care, taxation, national defense, and international affairs.

That’s because our current platform wasn’t a planned document. Like government, our platform grew over the years and became bloated with uninspiring negativity, long lists of everyone’s pet issues, extremism that many Libertarians found to be unrealistic, promises that presented credibility problems and the kitchen sink.

Many of our Party’s candidates complained that our platform made it impossible to customize their campaigns by emphasizing a selected subset of increment.

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PRE-CONVENTION SPECIAL FEATURE:

LP Presidential Candidates in Their Own Words

All of the FEC-filed candidates for the Libertarian Party’s presidential nomination were posed a series of questions and given 1,500 words in which to respond. Their responses are printed verbatim, and have not been edited in any way except for formatting purposes.

Liberty Decides ’08 qualified candidates are listed first, followed by the other candidates’ responses, which are listed in alphabetical order.

Question 1: What would you hope to accomplish as the Libertarian presidential nominee? Could you break the million-vote barrier?

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Paul’s “Ballot Access” Bill Still Causing Discussion

The April LP News has a letter to the editor saying that the US Constitution does not permit Congress to pass a bill that outlaws restrictive ballot access laws for Congressional elections. However, the Constitution says in Article I, Section 4, “The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators.”

Ron Paul introduced HR 3600 to outlaw restrictive ballot access laws for US House elections. Ron Paul would not have introduced this bill if he didn’t believe it is constitutional.

Congress has used its Article I, Section 4 powers many times, including a federal law that tells the states to hold congressional elections in Nov. of even-numbered years; a federal law telling states with more than one member of the House to divide the state into congressional districts; and a federal law telling the states that in federal elections, they must permit postcard registration and must permit provisional voting.

Richard Winger
San Francisco, CA

Editor’s Note: Richard Winger is the editor-in-chief of Ballot Access News, a resource for ballot access updates and general ballot access information. Winger is regarded as one of top ballot access experts in the nation.

The Federal Government is Sometimes the Answer

Brent Lofman [April 2008] makes a good case for abandoning Ron Paul’s efforts to provide ballot access relief through the Congress. But his case is not airtight. A practical argument notes that Congress will almost certainly weaken what Dr. Paul has proposed. But the Constitution is at least partly on his side, in spite of the 10th Amendment.

Article IV, Section 4 begins: “The United States shall guaranty to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government...” (capitals in original). It can be argued that a republican form of government is for the ultimate benefit of the citizens in that state, and therefore this provision might reasonably be interpreted to require that if a state government does not comply with the precepts of a republican form of government -- one of which includes access to the ballot, and therefore to the electorate, of every qualified candidate for public office -- then the federal government is empowered by this provision to step in and force the state to improve its ballot access.

We should all be suspicious of centralized government. But when the only recourse to an oppressive state government is the federal power, I suggest it might be reasonable to consider avoiding ourselves of this relief. Of course, whether or not we actually choose this route can depend on other factors.

Dan Karlan
Waldwick, NJ

Get Creative and Get Attention

New Hampshire LP Chairperson Brendan Kelly’s letter-to-the-editor in your recent issue contained many good points. The Oregon LP, when I lead it with Tony Nathan, did so many creative and clever things that we became more than just a major party in this state. First, Henry David Thoreau, who was elected to Congress and considered himself a “libertarian,” was popular in our state, so we invited all the environmental groups that we could to have tables at our conventions and held our conventions at local colleges, where our student followers could help sponsor them.

Secondly, as an experiment, our state LP lowered the age to vote in its primaries to 16 years old. Thirdly, we sponsored a successful state initiative creating Liberty Bell Day, since the Liberty Bell Party, out of Atlanta, GA, was historically one of the first “libertarian” political efforts. LP recognition expanded statewide and we got the unions, civic, student and religious groups, etc. to support our project.

Bruce Perry
Marina, CA

Guest Commentary: The Party of No Compromise

By Shep H. Greenberg

Editor’s Note: The following guest commentary is an unsolicited submission and does not necessarily represent the viewpoints of the Libertarian National Committee, its staff, or the Libertarian Party as a whole.

The Manhattan Chapter of the Libertarian Party, of which I am a member, occasionally throws a phrase into its publications with which I heartily disagree: “New York City’s No Compromise, Pro-Freedom Political Party.”


To the mindless, on the surface, this sounds like a terrific phrase. No Compromise! Be true to this self? Keep our philosophy, our principles, intact. THEY compromise? WE refuse to do so!

OK. Now let’s look below the surface.

Involvement of the government in our lives constitutes a spectrum. It has endpoints. On one end is absolutely no government involvement whatsoever. There’s a name for this; it’s called Anarchy (“A”, for short). On the other end we have the Government involved in anything it chooses to do; it’s called Totalitarianism (“T”, for short); Communism; Fascism.

Now, where are the most common in-between points? I suppose a Moderate is somewhere close to the middle on most issues. The Liberal/Democrat, leans towards the “A” side on civil liberties, the “T” side on economic/capitalism issues. Conversely, the Conservative/Republican, leans towards the “F” side on civil liberties, the “A” side on economic/Capitalism issues.

Now, where are we? Libertarians as a group lean towards the “A” side on many/most issues. We are not, however, anarchists; as we understand the important role that government plays in our lives. The most obvious example is the military, where we support the necessity of a force that stands ready to defend our country in the case of an invasion. Coming close, although some Libertarians might argue the points, are interstate highways, the Postal Service and the diplomatic community.

This gets me close to my thesis: We are not the “Party of No Compromise.” We are the ultimate “Party of Compromise” in that there is no single issue in which Libertarians are unanimous. Every Libertarian has his own point-of-view on each issue, and every other Libertarian is forced to respect this differing viewpoint.

I would posit that there is only one point on which we Libertarians are agreed: Each of us leans as far towards the “A” end as we can, on any given issue. That is, if a point on the spectrum allows us to choose either direction, we opt towards, “government, stay out.” Only when each of us, on a given issue, feels that there is value to government involvement, do we stop moving “A”-wise.

Now, here’s the crux of the matter. Each of us respects the fact that another Libertarian may be at another point on this scale on any given issue: Respects! Allows! COMPROMISES!

We may wish that others were at the same point that we are, but we allow them their decision as long as they’ve tried to move in the “no-Government” direction.

A few examples:

Abortion: I, personally, believe in the right of a woman to maintain control over her body, i.e., pro-choice, even through the third trimester. Someone else may, for religious or moral reasons, consider abortion to be murder.

I will feel profound sadness for the Libertarian who believes our society is committing murder in her/his name and who wishes the government would ban abortions. At the same time, I will not change my point-of-view and will continue to opt/for pro-choice. The point is: I respect that person’s right to be where he/she stands on this spectrum on this issue and expect him/her to respect mine.

Drugs: My point-of-view: All recreational drugs should be made legal.

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By M Carling

The Bylaws Committee met in Las Vegas on Feb. 15 and adopted 34 recommendations (http://www.lpconvention.org/downloads/BylawsCommitteeReportV2.pdf) for our party bylaws and convention rules (http://www.lp.org/archives/LP_Bylaws_and_Convention_Rules_20060702.pdf). Many of these are clean-ups and technical corrections to fix errors introduced by hasty consideration at past conventions. Others are designed to protect against hostile takeover by those who disagree with our principles, help us in the transition from debating society to political party, or help ensure that delegates to future conventions have more time to read, consider, and debate proposals likely to come before them. If all of our recommendations were to be adopted, our bylaws would then look like what can be found at http://www.lp.org/archives/LP_Bylaws_and_Convention_Rules_20060702.pdf.

Several recommendations regarding

LPStuff.com Offers Wide Variety of Quality Libertarian Merchandise

By Webb Garlinghouse

Libertarians are entering this election cycle with some wonderful advantages not enjoyed in prior years. More voters than ever are acquainted with the Libertarian Party; more people realize they share Libertarian values and we have a wonderful slate of candidates for president. Many Libertarians believe it is important to show our friends and associates we are serious about our Libertarian positions. After all, other party members subtly - and sometimes not so subtly - announce their convictions every day. At LPStuff.com, the store dedicated to Libertarians, there is a wonderful assortment of quality merchandise to tell the world we are proud Libertarians. Beyond being a fantastic resource for high-quality Libertarian apparel, purchasing products from LPStuff.com fills another need of the Libertarian Party - it insures we share a unified look so others will begin to recognize Libertarians in their many manifestations. Recognition is absolutely imperative to Libertarians right now. With a unified collection of brochures and educational materials, we can drive the message home that we are a coordinated, serious, professional group ready to put this country back on the right track. In short; we mean business.

As we continue to build our party, there is another reason it is important to project a common image; it helps all of us when we want to approach someone about a topic of interest or when they just see us on the street. Having a professional, quality look helps eradicate some of those not-so-flattering preconceived notions outsiders have of Libertarians. A quality look helps us communicate our message without the prejudices.

Quality has another beneficial effect: When others see quality in the Libertarian clothing we wear; when they associate quality with the brochures we distribute; when they find quality in everything we do, they will be more receptive to find quality in the messages we articulate. Libertarians everywhere long for the quality of life associated with living in a Libertarian world. We need to use quality to help others realize there is a solid, reputable truth in our message.

As a service to Libertarians everywhere, LPStuff.com offers a way for each of us to post our past shopping experience. It helps those who are new to LPStuff.com to learn about the experiences other shoppers have had. If you have purchased anything, please leave some feed-back. Good or bad, it all helps other Libertarians when considering a purchase.

Webb Garlinghouse is the owner of LPStuff.com.
Bylaws Update

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the Rules, requires a 2/3 vote. If
it passes, there would be 15 min-
utes of debate without amend-
ments, followed by a vote to
make the proposed changes in-
cluding amending our Bylaws to
close and padlock the backdoor.

Of particular interest is a pro-
posal that would change the
meaning of Libertarian Party
membership. Now, anyone who
signs the pledge/certification is
a member, whether or not we
have any current contact infor-
mation. Statistically, thousands
of our members are deceased,
but we don’t know about it. A
small subset of our members are
donors to the Party. Delegates
to our national conventions are
often neither members nor do-
ors. Our proposal would define
members as those who donate
to the Party and restrict voting
membership i.e. eligibility to be
a delegate or hold party office to
those who have both signed the
pledge/certification and donated
to the party. Looking at it anoth-
er way, we now require signing
the pledge/certification to carry
a membership card but not to
serve as a national convention
delegate or as a member of the
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Root: Bold on Cutting Government and Taxes!

Root pledges to use the “Impoundment
Strategy” as the cornerstone of his cam-
paign to cut government back to Consti-
tutional levels.

Root proposes the “Impoundment” of all
funds appropriated by Congress for
un-Constitutional Agencies and projects.
Using a little known power of the Executive
Branch called “Impoundment” Root points
out that Congress cannot force the Presi-
dent to violate his oath of office and spend
for un-Constitutional purposes.

Root’s proposal is based on solid legal preced-
ents set by Jefferson and others.

Root proposes assessing states as Federal government’s sole source of
revenue.

Root’s “clean slate” strategy would eliminate all Federal taxes including the income
tax. Root would then assess the states on a per capita basis to provide the much
reduced revenue necessary to operate only the Constitutionally required func-
tions of the Federal Government. States would then determine their own meth-
ods of raising their share of the revenue.

Wayne Allyn Root has proven he can get Americans excited about the Libertarian
message. He has already garnered national media attention and endorsements
from leading LP activists, nationally top rated talk show host and others.

Wayne's campaign continues to gain momentum but he still needs your support.
Please go to Denver and cast your ballot for our next Libertarian Presidential Can-
didate, Wayne Allyn Root. If you plan to go to Denver as a delegate please contact
us and we'll send you more information about Root events in Denver.

Check out www.RootForAmerica.com for all of Wayne's positions, endorsements,
and media exposure.

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Any other things you’d like to
add?

Just that the Libertarian Party of Colorado is honored and ex-
cited to host the 2008 Libertarian Party National Convention in
Denver. We look forward to seeing
all of our out of state friends
and showing everyone why we
love Colorado.
Reelect LNC Chair

Bill Redpath

- Almost a quarter century member
- Almost a decade on the LNC
- Ballot Access Champion for twelve years and four presidential elections
- Four-time candidate for public office
- Renewed focus, with a Political Director back on the LNC staff, working on candidate recruitment and ballot access as a core party function
- Top fifteen all-time financial contributor to the LP
- Always a responsible spokesman for the LP

Thanks, and see you in Denver! - Bill

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AN ACTION PACKED WEEKEND NOT TO BE MISSED
Alabama

LPA State Convention

The Libertarian Party of Alabama (LPA) conducted a two-day convention over the weekend at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex in Birmingham. Saturday was primarily geared towards people outside of the party. Our first speaker was Republican State Rep. Cam Ward, who has introduced a House Resolution regarding REAL-ID for the LPA, as well as a ballot access bill that reduces the signature requirement from 3 percent to 1 percent. The ballot access bill passed through the committee and got an unanimous vote last week. The REAL-ID Resolution was copied directly from the resolution passed by the Libertarian Party of Alabama’s Executive Committee in Oct. 2007. The event was promoted on the LPA Web site, through e-mail to LPA members, through direct mail pieces to Ron Paul supporters, e-mail to Barr supporters, a press release from the LPA and one from the Bob Barr 2008 Presidential Exploratory Committee. State Chair Stephen Gordon spent an hour in-studio on the dominant drive-home Birmingham talk radio program the day prior to the event. Barr was also a guest on the same program.

Other speakers were LPA Vice Chair, Dan Roberts, a time to state and national efforts to kill REAL-ID, and Stuart Carter, who spoke about the popular Free The Hops legislation in Alabama. Successful Alabama political blogger Peter Milazzo spoke about utilizing the Internet for political purposes. Former Alabama Ron Paul Field Director and National Ron Paul Home Schooling Coordinator Shana Kluck spoke about a new national organization called United Liberty that she and others are in the process of getting off the ground. Madison City Councilman Tim Cowles spoke for a few minutes about how to be an effective elected Libertarian. He said that he was “deeply honored” to be speaking immediately before Bob Barr. Former Congressman Bob Barr was the final speaker. His talk was picked up by the Birmingham News, which is the dominant newspaper in the state. This is the first time in Gordon’s recollection that the LPA has considered any Libertarian presidential contender newsworthy in quite some time. Gordon served as the Master of Ceremonies during the Day One events and introduced each of the speakers. Day-Two was focused more in internal party issues. The day started with a panel discussion led by independent election reform activist Bobby Friedman and former LPA Chair Mark Boddenhausen. Surrogates spoke for presidential nomination hopefuls George Phillies and Christine Smith. Dan Allen Hankins, who owns the only microbrewery in Alabama, spoke about homebrewing laws and unique licensing requirements for microbreweries.

During the business meeting, a final delegate list to the national convention was adopted. The following incumbent party officers were re-elected: Gordon as Chair, Mike Rster as Vice Chair, Sarah Wires as Secretary and Gordon Maddox as Treasurer. Former State Chair Stephen Dow and Birmingham activist Jim Albee were elected to at-large positions. Kluck, who hadn’t been involved in politics prior to the Ron Paul campaign, now serves as the Tuscaloosa District Representative. There were no motions pertaining to bylaws issues introduced or other business discussed.

Videos submitted by the Steve Kubby and Wayne Allyn Root campaigns were shown using a large video screen and amplified sound system. Michael Jingozian, as well as the aforementioned candidates, provided campaign materials which were placed on a table near the event registration table. The materials only actually distributed directly to attendees were from Barr’s exploratory committee and the Death to the Taxman’s campaign to chair the LNC. There was no presidential straw poll conducted, as Gordon had obviously stacked the deck by inviting known Barr and Paul supporters to the event.

“While not yet back to the level of participation we had during the years the Libertarian Party of Alabama had ballot access, I’m pleased at the increased level of participation at this convention,” said Gordon. “The amount of new faces, notably those from the Ron Paul movement, was especially encouraging. That some of these people are now identifying with and working with the Libertarian Party is indeed a good sign.” Participation varied throughout the event, with generally around 25 people on hand at any given time. A few convention attendees only showed to listen to certain speakers and weren’t present throughout the entire convention. Additional chairs had to be set up along the wall towards the end of Day-One activities. Roughly one-third of the attendees had never attended a Libertarian Party convention before.

Arizona

Newspaper Created

The Arizona Libertarian Party has produced a newspaper for the current election cycle, and is in the process of mailing it to a large number of Arizona Libertarian households. The newspaper may be viewed online at http://azlp.org/pub. In order to facilitate candidate recruitment and ease the process of getting on the ballot, the Libertarian Party has published a detailed guide to running for office as a Libertarian in Arizona. Everything from listing partisan offices, critical dates, filing requirements, links to former candidates to completing them and much more is available at http://azlp.org/act.

Florida

Vice Chair on the Radio

Kevin Hawk, Vice Chairman of the LP of Lee County, Florida, was one of the guest speakers on the April 15 Tax Day rally presented by the southwest Florida radio station WGCU. Grover Norquist, of Americans For Tax Reform, was also a guest speaker. The audio is available at http://wgcu.com/gulf-coastal/.

Illinois

Petition Drive Starts Into High Gear

The race is on as Libertarians have only until June 23 to get our candidates for President, Vice President, and Senate on Illinois ballots. Volunteers have started gathering the 42,000 required signatures, but additional help is needed fast if we are to achieve ballot status in Illinois. Anyone who is at least 18, a U.S. Citizen and has not collected signatures for other parties in this election cycle can petition in Illinois. Petition forms and comprehensive instructions are available on the Illinois Web site, LPILLinois.org.

Those who cannot collect signatures are encouraged to donate to the drive, so contractors can be paid to fill up this goal. Donations can be sent to: Libertarian Party of Illinois, P.O. Box 1605, Chicago, IL 60690-1605 or made securely online.

Plentiful information about the petition drive, including the volunteer prize contest, is available on the Illinois Web site. Individuals can also call toll-free 800-735-1776 for more information. Together, Libertarians can achieve ballot status in Illinois and provide voters with a better alternative to the one-party system.

Iowa

LPIA State Convention

The Libertarian Party of Colorado knew and respected Michael as a powerful voice for freedom. He will be dearly missed. Donations may be made to the ‘Michael Corbin Memorial Account’ at any 1st Bank.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is conducting a membership drive and petitioning for LP Presidential/VP ballot access.

Kentucky

New Meetup Groups Started

We have a number of endorsed and supported candidates in Kentucky. For a list of candidates, please visit http://www.lpky.org/. We are currently still open to considering candidates for US Congress in KY-1, KY-2, KY-4, and KY-5, as these races are the only ones still available to enter and be on the ballot. We are looking for new candidates now for our candidates. We are looking for both financial and volunteer support for this process. Please contact LPKY State Chair Ken Moellman via the contact page on the aforementioned LPKY Web site.

Additionally, we have started two new Meetups in Kentucky. Greater Louisville has had a Meetup for some time, but we have started a Meetup in the central Kentucky area just across the river. But now we have created Meetup groups for Greater Lexington and Northern Kentucky as well. Meetups are places where libertarians can get some business completed, talk about current issues and generally socialize with like-minded individuals.

To join one of these Meetup groups, visit http://www meetup.com and find the Meetup named “Iowa Libertarians” in

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your zip code. We are also look- ing for volunteers to coordinate additional Meetup groups in other parts of the state. Please contact State Chair Ken Moellman to co- ordinate these potential Meetups through the LPKY.

Maryland

State Runs Large Slate

T he Maryland Libertarian Party nominated seven candidates for the eight available races for US House of Representatives at its Spring convention held on March 1. The candidates are (1st Congressional District) Dr. Richard Davis, (2nd) Lorenzo Guzurranga, (3rd) Sebast- ian Sassi, (4th) Thibaux Lince- curr, (5th) Darlene Nicholas, (7th) Ronald Owens-Bey and (8th) Ben Parker. This is believed to be the most candidates for federal office in a single election ever run by the MDLP. More information on our candidates is available at http:// www.md.lp.org/candidates.

Massachusetts

Petitioning Begins

L PMass, the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, has started its petitioning to put US Senate candidate Robert J. Underwood and our slate of Presidential Electors on the ballot. The stand-ins for the Presidential slate, to be replaced by the actual nominees when they are chosen, are George Phillips and Chris Ben- nett.

The Pioneer Valley Libertar- ian Association meets the second Wednesday of each month, weather permit- ting, at 6:30 PM at the Hu Ke Lau restaurant in Chicopee. RSVP to Carolyn McMahan at jmcmahan@verizon.net.

Lowell Area Liberty Association and Worcester County Libertarian Association Meetings for May are canceled as they conflict with Na- tional Convention.

Montana

Candidates Recruited

T he Montana LP had several candidates file for office last month, including Stan Jones for Governor, Michael Bak- er for Lt Governor, Donald Eisen-
More Speakers Added for Denver National Convention

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Paul Jacob is a Senior Advisor at the Sam Adams Alliance. An acclaimed multimedia commentator, Paul hosts an online radio, and print opinion program, "Common Sense," which reaches a growing list of over 15,000 e-mail subscribers and is aired daily by more than 150 stations in 48 states. His work has also been featured in USA Today, The New York Daily News, Roll Call, The Washington Times, and The Chicago Tribune. He has appeared on Fox News, CNN’s “Inside Politics,” NBC’s “Today Show” and ABC’s “Nightline.”

Tony Ryan is a board member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (www.leap.cc) and a 36-year veteran of the Denver Police Department. He has spent much of his free time speaking to civic groups about the evils of the Drug War. His commentary has appeared in papers in Denver and Sioux Falls (his home now) and many can be found at the LEAP website.

Guy Smith is the Author of Gun Facts – Debunking Gun Control Myths, he is also the CEO of Silicon Strategies Marketing (SiliconStrat.com). He led an LP “brand awareness” survey in the San Francisco area to guide local activists on how to increase libertarian election wins and policy victories. Guy is “writer, song-writer, and political provocateur” whose OP/EDs frequently appear in Bay Area newspapers (GuySmith.org). In Denver he writes about the LP brand as well as gun owner’s rights.

Adam Guillette has been featured in the New York Times, National Review magazine and the Alan Colmes show. He serves as the State Director for Americans for Prosperity, the nation’s premier grassroots organization.

The Leadership Institute will be offering great training for those who have chosen a breakout sessions package. Known throughout the country as one of the top campaign training schools, LI will be bringing five hours of some of their best training to Denver.

Michael Flynn is Director of Government Affairs for the Reason Foundation, a nonprofit think tank whose mission is to advance individual rights by developing, applying, and promoting libertarian principles, including individual liberty, free markets, and the rule of law.

Sharon Harris has been President of the Advocates for Self-Government since Oct. of 1995. The Advocates for Self-Government is a nonprofit libertarian educational organization founded in 1985. Sharon was one of the three finalists for the National LP’s “Thomas Paine Award for Outstanding Libertarian Communicator” – selected by members of the party and presented at the 2000 National Convention.

Dr. Walter Block is an author, editor, and co-editor of many books which include Defending the Un-defendable; Lexicon of Economic Thought, Economic Freedom of the World 1975-1995; Rent Control: Myths and Realities; Discrimination, Accommodation, and Equal Opportunity; Theology, Third Word Development and Economic Justice; Man, Economics, and Liberty: Essays in Honor of Murray N. Rothbard; Religion, Economics, and Social Thought; and Economic Freedom: Toward a Theory of Measurement.

These are just a few of the dozens of speakers convention goers will have a chance to hear. Others include Councilman Doug Anderson, Trustee Joe Johnson, Dr. Gary Michael, Jessica Peak-Corry, Judge Susan Bell, former Mayor Willy Star Marshal, Martha DeForest, Ruth Bennet, Dr. Steven Frye and others.

Bob Barr will no longer be the keynote speaker. He has opened an exploratory committee in his possible bid for the nomination of presidential candidate. Because this is considered a conflict, he has stepped aside. In his place, the LNC has chosen Richard Viguera to be the keynote speaker.

Viguera is no stranger to libertarian politics and LP events. He was received with much enthusiasm at the 2007 LSLA conference where he spoke to Libertarians from across the country. Additionally, Viguera has been active in support of Ron Paul, and created the Web site UltimateRonPaul.com to help spread Paul’s message and raise funds for his campaign.

Viguera has raised billions for libertarian causes throughout his career. Among other things, he has been dubbed the “Father of Fund-raising.”

In 2000, the magazine Campaigns and Elections (now, Politics) asked Viguera what his plans were for the future. Viguera responded: “To use the Internet to involve Americans in the political process, to help conservatives gain an advantage over the left. To fight against government’s use of power, to fight for individual rights and responsibilities, and to fight to extend the blessings of liberty throughout the world.”

Currently, Viguera is working on the American Freedom Agenda, which he helped found with Bob Barr, Bruce Fein and John Whitehead. The AFA is a coalition founded to fight against civil liberties violations and other power abuses by the executive branch of the U.S. government. LP presidential candidates Steve Kubby and George Phillies have both publicly endorsed or signed the AFA pledge.

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filled its delegation at previous conventions.

Virginia
LPVA State Convention and Outreach

The Libertarian Party of Virginia held its 2008 state convention in Richmond on March 29. The convention featured a forum for both presidential and U.S. Senate candidates. Presidential candidates Wayne Allyn Root and Mary Ruwart participated in the convention. In addition, Arin Sim, Don Tabor and Bill Wood described the "lessons learned" from their recent campaigns for public office.

Jeff Bowles of Fincastle was elected chairman; he served as vice chairman during the 2006-2008 term. Mr. Bowles, a former elected chairman, stated that "I want to make the party more visible on the issues that affect Virginians. We need to take public stands on issues in the media, so voters and the general public on this issue, Gobierno programs in the hope that state governments and the public won't take notice.

The LPWI has taken on NAIS as one of its primary issues. Given the large number of dairy farmers in the state, NAIS will prove to have a major impact in Wisconsin. If you would like to help educate farmers and the general public on this issue, please contact LPWI Chair Dave Hendrickson at chair@lpwi.org.

Washington
New Facilities Planned at Headquarters

The Washington State Libertarian party has much to report this year.

We are celebrating the second year in our Lake City Headquarters in Seattle. We now have three high-speed work stations and free Wi-Fi for activists to come and volunteer, or just hang out. We are also still working on turning part of the HQ into the "Liberty Lounge," though there will be more to come on that later. Since the national party stopped issuing funds to the state parties (ending central planning, go figure), we have started a monthly donor program and have funded all our operations out of this using the libertarian-owned 'Donor Town Square' service.

Pierce County, here in Washington, is one of the first states in America to be using Ranked-Choice Voting (IRV) for partisan races. Statewide we are dealing with a double edged sword called the "Top Two Primary". Which allows ANYONE to run as a member of a political party. The pro are that you simply have to sign up and pay the filing fee to run for office. The cons are that ANYONE can run and claim to be Libertarian and after the primary, the two candidates that get the most votes are the only ones that move on to the general election. So Seattle may very well have two Democrats on the ballot and Spokane may very well have two Republicans on the general election ticket.

Wisconsin
LPWI State Convention

T he LPWI held its annual convention in Madison on April 12. The agenda included a Presidential candidates forum, candidates running for public office in Wisc., and speakers on the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and the REAL ID act.

Ed Thompson, who won his race for Mayor of Tomah by a two to one margin, gave a rousing speech about how he won his election spending only $20 by simply listening and responding to the needs of the residents of Tomah. Although some of the Presidential candidates were at other state conventions held on the same weekend, representatives from campaigns, along with video presentations, provided information on six of the candidates, and gave attendees ample information which they can use as delegates at the upcoming National LP Convention.

Speaker Jeff Paluma, a dairy farmer who has refused to comply with Wisconsin's requirements under NAIS, gave a very informative account of how NAIS does nothing to protect against Mad Cow Disease--it's supposed reason for existence--and his own very difficult battle against Wisconsin's regulations requiring RFID tagging of livestock.

Jarett Sanchez educated attendees on the Federal government's push for the REAL ID act, and how the Feds are attempting to push the act through by making it a part of other government programs in the hope that state governments and the public won't take notice.

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“A new dawn for Liberty”

Ernest Hancock

For National Chairman of the Libertarian Party of the United States

“It's time to play offense... and I mean play. If you haven't been having fun advocating libertarianism... then you have been doing it wrong.”

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By Sean Haugh

Ballot access season for the Libertarian Party is moving into high gear. Our challenge is to get as much petitioning done before our national convention in Denver over Memorial Day weekend. Once we have a candidate, the green flag drops in several states which do not allow us to use a stand-in for President. We are working hard now in the states that do allow candidate substitution so we can hit the ground running in the next group of states.

We are still on track to be on at least 48 states in the 2008 election. The good news is that two of our most difficult challengers, North Carolina and Nebraska, will almost certainly be completed by the time you are reading this issue of LP News. That brings us up to 31 states where the Libertarian Party has secured ballot status for the 2008 elections.

Our paid petitioners and volunteers have gathered enough signatures in both states, collecting over 103,000 total signatures in North Carolina alone. All that is left is in North Carolina and Nebraska to finish the bureaucracy required to turn the completed petitions in to the state elections authorities. Both of these efforts have taken over two years to complete, and are only made possible by the long term commitment of the excellent volunteers in each state.

Mary Ruwart exemplifies the “heart and soul” of the Libertarian Party, with the brains and skills to convey the timely message of Liberty to America.

Illinois has gotten off to a strong start for their statewide petition, having collected over 8,000 signatures in the first month. Under Illinois law we only have 90 days from start to finish. Our goal is to submit at least 42,000 total signatures there. While 25,000 verified signatures are required to get our statewide slate there, Illinois is one state where other parties can challenge the validity of our petitions. They’ve done it to us before and we have to be prepared for another challenge this year. If there’s one thing you can count on in these ballot access struggles, it’s that the Republicans and Democrats will do anything they can to ensure they do not have competition on the ballot.

The Virginia LP has traditionally taken care of themselves and their requirement of 10,000 valid signatures, and are well on their way to doing so again. This time they’ve added an extra challenge to place our national Chair, Bill Redpath, on the ballot for US Senate, which requires a separate 10,000 signature petition.

When Mary speaks, people listen! Her quiet assertiveness and “velvet hammer” style of advocacy compel an audience to take note of no-compromise libertarian positions. She handles the tough questions with reason and an impressive arsenal of statistical ammunition.

We need a presidential candidate who will appeal to the Right and the Left, and offer understandable and convincing solutions to the “hot” issues of the day: Global Terrorism, the Economy, Healthcare and the Environment.

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Dr. Ruwart is uniquely qualified to represent the Libertarian Party.

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Libertarians Nominate Duke Professor for N.C. Gubernatorial Race

By Brian Irving

Dr. Michael Munger was nominated as the Libertarian candidate for North Carolina Governor at the party’s state convention in Burlington, NC. Dr. Munger is a professor and chair of the Duke University political science, economics, and public policy departments.

“We have planted the tree of liberty, now it’s time to pick the fruit,” Dr. Munger told the convention after the unanimous vote.

His campaign themes will be controlling municipal aggression against property, establishing a broad-based education vouchers system, ending corporate welfare, and imposing a moratorium on capital punishment.

“We’re not the third party in North Carolina,” Dr. Munger declared. “In many legislative districts we are the second party, since nearly half of the General Assembly seats are unopposed races.”

The Libertarian Party is on the verge of collecting the nearly 70,000 signatures required by law in order to be recognized as a political party by the State Board of Elections.

Libertarians also nominated candidates for state and local offices. Mark McManus of Fuguay-Varina was nominated for Insurance Commissioner. Thomas Hill of Concord was nominated for U.S. Congress District 8.

Libertarian candidates for the General Assembly are: Sean Haugh, House 39; Lawrence Hollar, House 96; Susan Hoga-rth, House 38; Barbara Howe, House 32; Brian Irving, Senate 17; Richard Evey, Senate 44, and; Stephanie Watson, Senate 16. Paul Elledge is the candidate for Guilford County Commissioner at-large.

Dr. Mary Ruwart of Texas, a candidate for the Libertarian presidential nomination, was the overwhelming choice of delegates in a non-binding straw poll. Several other presidential candidates attended the convention, including former Alaska Sen. Mike Gravel and former Georgia Rep. Bob Barr.

Libertarians amended their platform, adding a plank calling on the state to “refuse to implement any national identification program,” like the Real ID. Additional new planks include a call for the repeal of all local sign ordinances as an infringement on free speech, a repeal of state regulations that prohibit the reuse of privately owned water on private property, and a call to stop fluoridation of public water supplies.

The convention filled several vacancies on the state executive committee, chose delegates to the Libertarian National Convention in Denver, May 22 to 26, and selected Presidential Electors.

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working another full day. Besides just paying for signatures, we also have to cover the travel and lodging expenses for these pros, as well as the overhead of printing petition forms and meeting the administrative requirements found in the law of every state.

If you live in one of these states listed above, we also need your help to volunteer to gather as many signatures as you can. Every signature you can gather saves us as much as $2, which we can then use towards our ballot access needs in other states, or better yet, towards supporting our candidates and getting busy with the real work of electoral politics. If you can gather 100 signatures, that is even more valuable than a $200 contribution because we’ll already have the signatures in hand.

We have found that our volunteers give us the best quality signatures, which only makes sense considering how much our members and supporters care about seeing a Libertarian alternative on their own ballot in Nov.

If you can help, please feel free to email me at sean.haugh@lp.org or call me at 202-288-9853. I’ll be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about petitioning.

Thanks to your generous support, we will meet this challenge in 2008 just as we have in previous elections.
to mainstream media and tens of millions of mainstream voters. And I’m doing it in a way that is colorful, and entertaining.

My game plan is realistic. As your Presidential nominee in 2008, I will break all-time LP records with 2 to 4 million votes. In 2012 I would get between 8 to 12 million votes (Ross Perot territory). By 2016 and 2020, I will be a credible, viable, nationally recognized candidate with a realistic shot at the White House. Yes, I will certainly break the one million vote barrier, but why shoot so low? I want to get at least 2 to 5% of the vote in every state in 2008, so that the LP will automatically qualify for ballot access in 15 states or more. This is a worthy goal as it helps the LP and our local candidates in so many ways.

Daniel Imperato: I would accomplish the same results for the Libertarian Party as I have for 30 years in my business life. What most people don’t know about me is that I have 20 years in political experience having been awarded honors and as a humanitarian. It is these skills that will propel me to focus my efforts and energy and resources to win in 2008 and bring the Libertarian Party to the White House. I intend to personally fund the remaining ballot access drives because without them we cannot win. I expect to break 1 million vote mark as well as several other barriers that the political establishment has created against third parties. 2008 is the perfect time and I have lined up the people and power to make this the most successful third party run ever. While not an official member of your party until 2007, I come from Boston a town with a libertarian tradition. I was brought up to respect our civil liberties, and to fight to maintain them just as my Roman ancestors did to initiate a free republic over 2,000 years ago. I am unconditionally the most qualified candidate to do battle with the established parties and expect nothing less than an independent voter rebellion to select our ballot line in the November election.

Michael Jingozian: Our primary objective is to receive 5-7% of the popular vote and win the states of Oregon and Alaska. Over the past 3 years, the Jingozian for President Team has built a solid organization capable of achieving this goal.

The American people are eager for change. They are desperate to wish for legitimate candidates outside our corrupt two party system. Unfortunately, most voters are only familiar with the Democrats and Republicans and have no other alternative to our destructive status quo. Furthermore, many people are eager to serve government, but not “sell out” as a Democrat or Republican. By creating this crack in the dam, we will attract more legitimate Libertarian candidates for all positions in government.

We also have a viable plan to raise $15-30 million. We have 300,000 previously engaged fundraisers on our team and plan to target Independents, the Armenian population (of which I’m quite popular), the Mason community (of which I’m in one), the entertainment community (I’ve personally written two chapters at the Grammy Awards) and small business owners (we have the contact information from 1.5 million small business owners with email addresses and phone numbers). In addition, we have 20 unique marketing programs being completed, including engaging and entertaining YouTube videos, demonstrations (we’ve already been invited to a march on the National Mall in July), TV appearances, celebrity endorsements and a national college bus tour. We will publish this list at the national convention.

Finally, the Jingozian Campaign focuses on issues that ALL Independents have in common. This, combined with superior marketing and why we’re able to attract droves of Independents to our campaign. With so many people volunteering and requesting information, we have only now been able to respond to these requests.

Mike Gravel: Become president. There is an outside chance that I could become the first Libertarian President in the history of the nation. I have learned long ago that anything is possible in politics—particularly in this election year.

Obviously, with what I hope to accomplish as the Libertarian Presidential candidate, there would be no other alternative but to standard bearer. I would more than break the million vote barrier even if I were to fail in securing the presidency. Modest goals result in modest successes. When reaching a goal, if one may not always succeed, but if you don’t try, for sure, you won’t succeed. I have been conditioned, since, in my life, to always go for what could be reasonably expected, both in my career and with the causes I have championed. I have also failed. Both experiences have matured me.

Steve Kubby: As our party’s presidential nominee, I hope to offer the American people an attractive and convincing alternative to decades of Republican and Democratic misrule. The job of Libertarian presidential candidate is to persuasively advocate for FREEDOM as the central American political value, and to present the Libertarian Party as the only reliable guardian of that value.

Aiden Link: To break the million vote barrier, the Libertarian Party’s presidential nominee must have, or be able to raise, the money to run a 50-state campaign and must take positions on key issues to reach constituencies that feel alienated by the two main political parties. I am an aviator, entrepreneur, real estate developer, inventor and small business owner, who served in the United States Army and who would like to spread the message of liberty to as many people as possible during the upcoming campaign. As the Libertarian Party’s presidential nominee, I am prepared to commit considerable resources to this endeavor. If you like who I am and my positions on the issues, please use your token support to give me an opportunity to address the LP Convention. If you would like to help and plan to attend the LP National Convention in Denver, Colorado, contact Dr. Tom Stevens, my Campaign Manager, at 718-357-7075. Your support would be much appreciated.

As for what I would like to accomplish as the LP’s presidential nominee, I would like to coherently explain to the public how the Libertarian Party can offer practical solutions to the complex problems we face today. For example, we can work to end our reliance on foreign oil and improve the quality of our environment by getting the government out of the business of subsidizing, taxing and regulating some energy resources at the expense of others. In a competitive environment, nuclear power plants with passive safety features could be built in 3-6 years by entrepreneurs in the private sector. In another area, I would explain to the public how the war on drugs is counterproductive and erodes our civil liberties, why the P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act must be repealed for the same reason and how the government causes fear and the war effort to increase its power and control over the lives of ordinary citizens. We must defend ourselves against direct threats to our liberty whether those threats come from abroad or from our own government.

We must shrink the size of government by cutting back on the amount of taxes it collects and the amount of money it can borrow. All programs can now be eliminated so the government no longer has a permanent claim against the land and home you own. The death tax and capital gains tax represent double taxation and should be abolished. All illegal immigration into the United States must end. Worker Visas should be offered to all undocumented aliens who are currently employed. Out of compassion, automatic citizenship should be granted to all illegal aliens age 70 or older who have resided in this country for more than five years.

Space Exploration Day, celebrated on July 20th of every year, commemorates Neil Armstrong’s setting foot on the moon in 1969. Very little progress has been made since then of NASA’s vast ambitions in the space industry and the government’s regulation of independent entrepreneurial efforts that would have flourished in a freer market atmosphere.

Gay, bisexual, transgendered, and transgendered individuals are entitled to full equality under the law regardless of their sexual orientations or perceived gender identity or presentation. The military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy must be ended so our gay and lesbian service men and women can serve their country openly and proudly. All state governments and localities should get out of the business of granting marriage licenses in order to allow people to enter into contractual relationships to order to use the government’s financial power to do as it chooses. As long as the government continues to grant marriage licenses to het erosexual couples, gay couples are entitled to the “equal protection” of the laws and should be allowed to obtain legal, issued marriage licenses as well. All religious institutions should retain the right to perform marriage ceremonies in accordance with their church doctrine without government interference. Stonewall Libertarians played a large part in helping me to understand G.L.B.T. issues and helped me write my gay rights plank. I urge you to support their efforts by visiting their website at http://www.stonewalllibertarians.org

George Phillies: I’m going to use my Libertarian campaign to build a stronger Libertarian political movement. That’s the one thing our Presidential campaign can do. I’m going to do it as well as we can with the available resources. We have incredible opportunities this year, we can help our candidate’s voice. There is only one path to an effective Presidential campaign. That’s a campaign that does the things winners do to win elections. Volunteer mobilization. Electronic outreach. Cost-effective advertising. Fundraising. We can do all these things on the same scale as the Obama campaign, but we do make them happen. A strong campaign doesn’t happen overnight. It doesn’t happen with a 2008 Senator Obama raising 50 million dollars a month, and it for sure doesn’t happen overnight on a Libertarian budget. That’s why I launched my campaign two years ago.

To misquote the milk ad, I’ve Got Campaign! I have a strong core staff, state coordinators for half the states, press releases going close to daily to 16,000 targeted press outlets, electronic outreach for electronic social networks, and Google Adwords/Facebook and radio campaign that are up and running. If I am given this chance I can do better, I can improve. I’m ready to go. I have $100,000 in the bank, to launch my general election campaign. If I am your nominee, all I have to do is to tell my campaign staff to step on the accelerator.
Because most of the thousand will be more successful in registering to vote. If Congressman Paul fails to win the nomination, he will be on the ballot in November. If he wins, his supporters will vote for our state and local candidates, since his supporters are some of the most dedicated activists I know, and will make a real difference to the LP.

This election will offer a special recruiting opportunity for us in the largest single sector of all: the female vote. Women want to vote for women so badly that one libertarian woman has told me that she will hold her nose and vote for Hillary if we don’t run a woman at the top of the ticket. While I would not make such a choice, many women will. If Hillary gets the nomination, we can offer an attractive alternative. If Obama gets the nomination, we have a good chance of getting the votes of disappointed female voters who had planned on voting for a woman this election.

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Less visible, but just as important, my presidential campaign represents a late-chance opportunity to restore Libertarian donor confidence. I’ll do that by visibly spending my campaign’s money on real politics. Why can you trust me with your money? I’ve put my own money where my mouth is. I’m investing $100,000 of my own money in my nominating campaign, with a second $100,000 ready to go if I get the nomination.

Having said all this, I control what I do, not what you do as volunteers, donors, or voters. We ought to be in an incredibly good position this year. Huge numbers of voters can’t stand any of the D or R candidates. If we want to take advantage of our opportunities, we all need to – if you’ll forgive the Phillies reference – step up to the plate. There really is a chance to break a million votes, but only if you all commit vigorously to our Libertarian national campaign.

Mary Ruwart: We run a Libertarian Presidential Campaign to support our state and local candidates and expose Americans to the libertarian philosophy. A candidate that excels in doing so could very well go far beyond the million vote barrier. One of my prime recruitment targets will be Ron Paul supporters. I have supported LP Paul either as a donor or activist in his congressional races since 1988 and his recent presidential campaign. In turn, he has supported me, both with an endorsement for Healing Our World and a letter to President Bush recommending me for the position as FDA Commissioner, so that I could do a de facto privatization of that agency.

Dr. Paul’s indirect “seal of approval” will help me convince his supporters to vote for our state and local candidates, since so few “Ron Paul Republicans” will be on the ballot in November. If Congressman Paul fails to win the Republican nomination, I will appeal to his supporters to vote for me on the Libertarian ticket, instead of writing in their votes for Dr. Paul. I’ll point out to them that since write-in votes won’t be counted, this strategy will be more successful inregistering their protest, and will bring in hundreds, may thousands of new voters to the LP.

Because most of the thousand or so meet-up groups have at least one LP member, I have a great deal of name recognition in the meet-up groups. In Denver, you’ll be able to meet the young people who have joined the LP because of my campaign. They are attending the Convention to help out as campaign volunteers or committed delegates.

Ron Paul supporters are some of the most dedicated activists I know, and will make a real difference to the LP.

SK: It’s impossible to say exactly how successful I’ve been in using my campaign to grow the party, but I do know that I’ve made the attempt, and I’ve personally spoken to some new members who have joined the party at my urging. My campaign web site has had a prominent “support the LP” link on one of our pages for a while. so does my campaign literature. I’ve made a habit of asking people to support not just my campaign, but the party as well.

AL: I do believe I have helped the party with its recent growth. Many of my supporters have also joined the Libertarian Party because I was running for its presidential nomination. In addition, I have had many articles printed regarding my candidacy and positions on issues (http://www.link-for-pres.org). I have also promoted the Libertarian Party in all of my public appearances and have addressed many local and state Libertarian conventions. In each such appearance, I encouraged non-LP members to join the party.

GP: For example, my Google Adwords and Facebook campaignss have generated 27 million impressions with messages including For real change Vote Libertarian. Get Uncle Sam out of your bedroom and out of your wallet! Continue the Revolution Support a genuine Libertarian Party. We have had numerous people join the LP through our website. 5) Our website and online movies are very popular and promote the LP in a positive way. 6) And, when I speak in public, people unrelated to our campaign come to listen. In fact, I am now recognized at airports and shopping malls.

MR: Even though my campaign has been short, I have helped the Party grow already. Over and over, I hear comments such as “I’m returning to the LP after being inactive for years, simply because you want me to get the nomination”; “I’m going to Denver so I can vote for you”; “I had lost faith in the LP, but you’ve inspired me to keep at it”. Only you can unite the Party, so I’ll do anything I can to help you.”

My book, Healing Our World, has been instrumental in bringing women and liberals into the LP since its publication in 1992. I can’t go to a convention without someone coming up to me, usually a woman, to tell me that Healing convinced her to become a libertarian. Usually a spouse or relative pipes up, “I tried for years to help her see the light, but I couldn’t do it. Only your book could.” I feel that I can present our message in a way that is attractive to the largest niche market in the country—the female vote!

CS: Absolutely! My campaign has received more media coverage than any other candidate seeking the LP nomination; I have appeared on numerous AM-Radio talk shows nationwide throughout the US and Latin America (the shows were on 50,000-watt AM stations reached 20-38 states themselves each time). When I saw the increase in membership by end of last year, I knew it was a large part due to the many times I had shared the LP and the LP website on national and large-city radio shows throughout 2007. My campaign has also been in receipt of letters from lifelong Democrats and Republicans who let us know they changed party affiliation, now becoming a Libertarian, due to finding and being inspired by my campaign.

Question 3: In the event that you do not win the presidential nomination, will you assist the presidential nominee and other Libertarian candidates around the nation? If so, how?

WAR: Of course I will help anyone that asks me. I will speak whenever, wherever possible not only for LP Presidential candidates, but for local LP candidates across the country. I will be a dynamic voice for “America’s Third Party.” I will continue to represent the LP on national TV, just as I have for these past months. The goal is to elect LP candidates at every level of government from water commissioner, school board, and town council on up. And of course to gain ballot access nationally. Then I’ll be back in 2012!

DI: Without a doubt I will continue to support the LP and its candidates on a local and national level. I will continue to campaign for the LP as a third party. I believe the LP is the true voice of America’s People and I will continue to support the LP presidency and have made a habit of asking people to support not just my campaign, but the party as well.
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tinue to support the Libertarian nominee, no matter who the nominee is, if that person seeks my help. Otherwise, I will work in my home state of New York to promote Libertarian candidates running for state, local and national offices.

GP: To answer this question, look at our records. If you want to know what any of us will do in Fall 2008, ask what we did in Fall 2004. In 2004 I was Mike Badnarik’s national volunteer coordinator. Those of us who worked for the Libertarian political movement in the past will likely be working for the Libertarian political movement in the future.

Beyond the campaign, we each have our own individual objectives for advancing our movement. We’d each like to see how libertarians can help us. Of course, leading libertarians is a bit like herding butterflies. How do I herd butterflies? Why, I plant butterfly bushes (Buddleia, for fellow gardeners.)

So what have I done in years past? How will I lure the butterflies?

In years past, I led forming a libertarian Federal PAC, a libertarian State PAC, and a libertarian 527 organization. Those organizations all supported Libertarian Party candidates, not Republicans or Democrats. In Massachusetts, I organized the libertarian activist group Liberty Massachusetts. I am Chair of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts and I will continue this trend if chosen as our nominee.

SK: Of course! How? In any way I can. I’ll urge my own supporters to rally behind the party’s nominee. I’ll ask my campaign volunteers to assist the nominee’s campaign in any way possible. I’ll be happy to set up or host campaign events in my own area. I want the party to do well, whether I’m the nominee or not.

AL: If I fail to win the presidential nomination, I would be happy to assist and advise whoever the LP presidential nominee is, if that person seeks my help. Otherwise, I will work in my home state of New York to promote Libertarian candidates running for state, local and national offices.

Question 4: Given that the vice presidential nominee is selected independently, after the presidential nominee is named, do you intend to seek the vice presidential nomination in the event that you do not win your bid for the presidential nomination?

WAR: I’m a competitor. My personal philosophy is to shoot for the stars. I aim to win- and I’ve never settled. That could be why I’ve accomplished so many things the so-called “experts” and critics never thought possible. I became one of the youngest anchorperson/s on American TV with no prior experience in the field. I’ve been on NBC News, ABC News, CBS News, Fox News, CNN, CNBC, CNNFNN, CNN Headline News, MSNBC, CNNfn and CNNfnn, and I’ve been on Wall Street- against all odds. I’ve written 6 books- including a national best-seller. I’ve sold a TV series to Hollywood. And I haven’t achieved any of this success with a lack of talent. I credit all my success to my tenacity. I am relentless.

MR: I’ve assisted every presidential nominee since 1984 through donations, activism, and/or ghost writing. I will continue to lend my support in this election for any principled Libertarian candidate.

CS: I will always focus on doing activities which I feel best promote liberty in this nation. Taking a look at the other current LP presidential candidates, no, I’m not going to be involved in such a campaign. I believe I am the superior candidate to be the spokesperson for the Libertarian Party in 2008, if I did not believe this I would not be running. If there were someone running that I believed would do a more effective job than what I know I can accomplish then I’d already be supporting them. But there is no such person. Thus, if I do not receive the LP nomination, I will focus all my energies into my writing, public speaking, and humanitarian work as I always have. I devote myself to being part of helping achieve greater liberty in this nation, and will give all my efforts to promoting liberty not only through my writing, but by also joining with others (whom I’ve had the pleasure of meeting during this campaign) whom I believe are sincerely devoted to libertarian principle. Yes, I’m willing to assist other Libertarian candidates around the nation, but just “Libertarian, I will assist any candidate (regardless of political party affiliation) or political cause/issue which is consistent with and adheres to the genuine libertarian principles I believe in.

SK: No. I will not be the VP to any of the candidates currently seeking the LP presidential nomination. My goal is advancing liberty: I think I would be able to much more effectively work for liberty through my own campaign and joining with others who share the same goal) than sacrificing those months serving as a LP VP candidate. I am willing to serve as our LP Presidential candidate (which will provide the greatest platform to speak to Americans nationwide) and I will be highly effective, otherwise I feel my abilities will be more productive for liberty doing other political activism during those months.

Question 5: With the exception of one presidential cycle, the Libertarian Party has enjoyed significant growth during presidential election years. Are you confident that you can continue this trend if chosen as the presidential nominee? Do you believe it is reasonable goal?
LP Presidential Candidates Respond to Questions in Their Own Words

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for the LP to reach its all-time membership record as a result of your campaign efforts?

WAR: If we want people to buy our product, they have first to know we exist. A loud, booming, confident, dynamic, charismatic, colorful voice that attracts the attention of mainstream media and mainstream voters will get people to know that we are here. If you give me the honor of being our party’s nominee, I will drive more prospects to our party’s website than any previous campaign has accomplished. The resulting increased number of donors will build the financial foundation that allows us to run bigger and better campaigns in the future.

There’s the perfect storm out there and if we seize the moment we’ll get unprecedented results. This could and should be the best year in the LP’s history. We have the right message now we just need the right messenger.

DI: There is no reason to assume we cannot earn the loyalty of the nearly 30 million voters who call themselves independent. That would put us on pace to exceed the number of Republicans and cruel close the number of registered Democrats. This is a reasonable goal, and one the party should pursue at vigorous speed. My campaign gives us the perfect opportunity to cash in on the public’s wariness of the established parties. I have created the right plans to accomplished phenomenal growth.

MJ: I am proud to be a Libertarian. I run my business with Libertarian values. (It’s probably why my business is so successful and why I look so young!) However, I am very disappointed with our track record. In recent polls, 70-80% of voters are disenchant and with our two party system. However, we fail to attract even 1% of the vote. This is why I decided to follow in the footsteps of my mentor Harry Brown and run for President as a Libertarian.

We intend to broadcast our message through traditional sources. However, in order to build our base of support, we intend to utilize the Internet. Just in the past two years, AngelVision has received over 5 prestigious awards for Internet Marketing and Advertising:

2007: Five Telly Awards for Best Internet Online Commercials
2007: Five Blingy Awards for Excellence in Marketing
2007: Three Internet Advertising Awards
2007: Two Summit International Marketing Awards
2007: American Business Stevie Award for Best Interactive Media Company
2006: Two Telly Awards for Interactive Marketing
2006: InnoTech Innovation of the Year Award
2006: American Marketing Association, 1st Place for Excellence in Marketing

MG: Yes, and to far exceed it. Yes more than significant, because of the controversy I raised within the Democratic party during my Senate tenure with some unusual accomplishments during the Vietnam war era, with issues that I fought for over the opposition of the Republican and Democratic leadership—issues that are very relevant today.

My presence in the initial debates during the recent democratic primaries has reintroduced me to the American public after the absence of a generation from public life, as a political leader unafraid to take on the forces of Wall Street and the military industrial complex who control the American polity and that are destroying our democracy, our personal freedom and individual privacy.

As a result, now enjoy a reputation of speaking truth to power and I am frequently complemented with: “you’re a breath of fresh air.” My Classic Liberal libertarian beliefs are no different now than they were sixty years ago.

SK: I’m confident that I can make the Libertarian Party attractive to voters and that my campaign will result in lots of membership inquiries. How the party handles those inquiries and how well it does at turning them into real, lasting involvement with the party is a matter that goes beyond the scope of the presidential campaign. Remember, the last time the LP set membership records in 1994-2000, it did so with six years of high-volume direct mail recruitment and one gimmick called “the P transaction” in which anyone who donated money to the presidential campaign had a magic wand passed over them and was declared a “member.” And when those two things stopped, membership collapsed. My job as a candidate is to draw positive attention to the party. The party itself has to close the deal.

AL: I am confident the Libertarian Party would experience significant positive changes, so I look forward to an eventual presidential nominee and that it would reach its all-time membership record as a result of my campaign efforts. Fundraising and the political expertise of my Campaign Team would be the keys to my success. While I am in a position to personally finance a 50-state campaign, I intend to rely on my business contacts and supporters to raise the money needed to purchase radio and television ads in the major media markets. In addition, I believe that all the money in the world will not translate into success unless the candidates have a message. From my political advice, I intend to rely on Dr. Tom Stevens, my Campaign Manager, who has years of political experience working on national, state and local campaigns, and on Michael W. Reid, Jr., Treasurer of the Committee to Elect Alden Link President, who has shown an amazing grasp of Federal Election Law and F.E.C. regulations.

GP: I want libertarians to be become involved in the Libertarian political movement. I do that by motivating each of you to join a local party, help in a campaign, and run for office. My campaign gives practice in doing real politics. I’m giving all my volun-teers the Libertarian Candidate Campaign disk, and a message: The campaign will end. The Libertarian political movement endures. Stay with us until victory.

Libertarians have many libertarian activities, membership clubs, and political groups they can join. If you want people to support you, you need to sell people that your group offers real benefits worth your price. That’s how I sell my campaign, my state party, and my local groups. I’ll be using my campaign to bring libertarian volunteers and donors out of the woodwork. I’ll be campaigning with our other campaign recruitment and get gimmick called “the P transaction” in which anyone who donated money to the presidential campaign had a magic wand passed over them and was declared a “member.” And when those two

MR: I have every reason to believe that I can grow the LP, since I already have (see my answer above). In addition to my affiliation with the Ron Paul supporters, I specialize in talking to groups that are poorly represented in the Party, such as women, blacks, liberals, envi-ronmentalists, health-conscious individuals, Christians and other spiritually oriented groups. My libertarian primer, Healing Our Nation. appeals to these groups in particular (see my web site at www.voteMary2008.org for links to a free download).

CS: Yes.

Question 6: Do you feel that you would be able to attract significant media coverage as our nominee? What coverage has your campaign generated thus far?

WAR: As a first time LP Presidential candidate, I think that we’ve done exceptionally well in this regard. Specific proven accomplishments are far more credible than potential, promises or wishful thinking. I’m now a proven commodity. The quality of the reception given me by media is overwhelming positive. I’ve been asked by nearly every show I’ve appeared on—including some of the biggest national TV and radio shows. I’ve had host after host say, “You’re a Libertarian I could actually vote for. You are a breath of fresh air.” I’ve been endorsed by mainstream media— including Mancur Muller, whose syndicated show reached millions of Americans. I’m proving the LP message can appeal to mainstream media and voters.

DI: Yes I will attract media with money and with wisdom. I will host and sponsor some major television events. As the nominee I intend to stage a series of debates between us and the Constitution, Green, Socialist and Nader. We will hold these in DC and three other major media mar-kets and attract coverage from the mainstream media that usually ignores the third parties.

MJ: I admit, I may not be as flamboyant as another candidate, but when the media wants to talk to a Libertarian running for President, they come to me. Although we have not made ANY outbound calls to the media, as a legitimate candidate with a real track record and funding, we are regularly approached by the media and have been interviewed for film documentaries and have appeared on CNN, Aljazeera and several talk radio programs. My photo has appeared on the covers of several newspapers and I have been featured in many national magazines for my campaign. (See our website for copies and transcripts).

Most important, this is NOT a campaign for President. It is a vehicle to educate Americans about our unconscionable and deliberate loss of Freedoms by the establishment. Through clever Internet Ads, YouTube Videos, needed media appearances and commercials, we intend to educate the American People about these critical issues that threaten our liberties:


We believe this is the reason why the Jingozian Campaign has been so successful in gaining national attention and attracting voters from all political back-ground.

MG: It has been reported on all the major and minor media of the nation. I have not met a person across the country who knows of me who does not know that I have left the Democratic party for the Libertarian party. Only one democratic official in the mid-west was sorry to see the party loose my voice. All others that I have met or have written to me have congratulated me on my decision to finally become an official Libertarian party member.

MK: A certain minimal level of coverage tends to come with the nomination. The question is whether or not I can parlay that into more and better coverage. I believe that I can. I’ve successfully done so in the past as an activist and as a gubernator-rial candidate. I’m not going to lie to you -- my pre-nomination campaign hasn’t exactly set the media universe on fire. The seed money just wasn’t there to create a media wave out of nothing. Nonetheless, I did a reasonable amount of talk radio, a lot of Internet radio, some web and news...
Our message has been black-listed or even blackballed. We would have stayed in the news.

No matter who we choose for a candidate, he or she will get a certain amount of media and probably not much more--regardless of what’s in the grass roots. Our media target should be the new “free press,” the Internet. This is how Ron Paul supporters were activated and networked. We should put our focus, not on getting more establishment media, but on taking over the Internet, where we have the gleech “home advantage.”

CS: I think I will attract far more media coverage than any of the other LP presidential candidates because I’m passionate about my politics. I sincerely love communicating libertarian solutions clearly and boldly. My campaign has already generated greater media coverage than all of the other LP presidential candidates combined. Just visit www.LiberTarianForPresident.com and view the media and video pages.

Question 7: Five years from now, what role do you see yourself having in the Libertarian Party?

WAR: I hope I will have earned the respect and trust of the LP members and delegates to represent them again as their presidential candidate. I hope to have gained us permanent ballot access in at least 15 states. I hope to have elected LP candidates at the local level over those 5 years. I hope to have generated cord dollars for the LP. I’ve been the leading fundraiser at the LP’s “Liberty Decides” from the day it was created to now. I’ve encouraged my friends and supporters to give to the LP cause. I plan to continue to help us develop our party’s infrastructure and constituency base--not just for the next 5 years, but the next 16 years. By then I hope to be your first Libertarian President residing in the White House. We must capitalize on this breakout year by continuing the campaign at the grass roots level forever more. I am already ready to speak at any event and I am ready to run campaigns of the past. We need a powerful, all-encompassing movement that utilizes all forms of marketing and attracts the youth of the Ron Paul Revolution. We have no doubt that with the Libertarian nomination; we will, once and for all, thrust the Libertarian Party onto the national stage.


MG: If I am not the President, I will be writing and lecturing and promoting the National Initiative and the views of the Libertarian party for the rest of my life. I have no intention of ever retiring.

SK: I’ve spent most of my life fighting for freedom, and don’t expect that to change. For more than a decade now, I’ve done so as a Libertarian Party activist, and I don’t expect that to change either. I don’t worry much about what “role” I’ll have next week or next year—as there’s always plenty of work to be done, and I’m sure I’ll stay busy.

AL: As a candidate with experience running a national campaign, I would be eager to share my knowledge and help develop the next generation of leaders put forth by the Libertarian Party. I have no intention of seeking the presidential nomination in 2012 and would be content to participate in National and State Conventions of the Libertarian Party and to contribute to the success of the party in any way I can.

GP: I foresee a brilliant future for our Libertarian movement.

Regardless of the fine details of tactics, there is still that shining city on the sunlit hill, the city to which we Libertarians still hold the secret key. The key? “Ask not what your government can do for you. For if you do, you will very soon indeed be lamenting what they are doing to you. Ask instead what you voluntarily, freely, willingly, choose to do, for whoever you want.”

In five years, I will still be active in the Libertarian political movement. I will still be supporting our candidates and making it more likely that they win. In the century of the internet, the concept of a single national political membership group looks long in the tooth. I have faith in the political movement, and I hope each of you will decide how to invest your own time and money. No matter what each of you decide, I’ll be there working for our Libertarian future.

MR: The role I have five years from now will be determined by the delegates in Denver. We are at a crossroads. We can nominate a principled libertarian or we can opt for a “celebrity” candidate in return for the hope of a bit more publicity and a few more votes. All of our “celebrity” candidates are new to the Party and aren’t yet ready to embrace liberty completely. They will sell-off our message—to the extent that they portray it at all.

For example, replacing the Income Tax with the national sales tax, mis-named the “Fair Tax,” is a very different message than Harry Browne’s “Eliminate the Income Tax and replace it with nothing.” He will tell American people know that libertarians believe that taxation is theft if our recommendation is to simply change how taxes are collected? I fear that if we take that road, the Party will have lost its soul. The flagshipt of the liberty movement will be gone and the remaining vehicles will flounder.

My focus, should that happen, would be to my libertarian research, speaking, and writing, hoping against hope to return the Party to its core values.

CS: The real question is what role do I hope to have in the LP five years from now, but there will even be a Libertarian Party (as we know it) five years from now. We call ourselves “The Party of Principle,” and it is time to always devote myself to - the principles that excited me when I read our former platform and which motivated me to join the LP. There is no reason for any of us to dedicate our lives to advancing liberty to be involved in the LP if it ceases to be “The Party of Principle.” I’m sure the LP will likely always go on as a political social club, but if it abandons its core principles for the perceived sake of political expediency, it will cease to be worthy of participation by those who sincerely wish to advance liberty in America.

Such activists who sincerely devote themselves to advancing liberty aren’t content to be part of a mere social and debate club; true libertarians will use their talents and abilities in other ways in society to advance liberty. There will always be libertarians who work diligently in this nation, but unless something is done in Denver at the National LP Convention in May 2008, I’m not sure there will be many true libertarians supporting the LP for much longer (so many have left already). I’ve met many who tell me they feel the LP is leaving them...I say it’s time for all true libertarians who wish to see the LP remain “The Party of Principle” to make a stand for our political party now or else the LP will be no more.

So the key is to restore and save the LP right now, so that five years from now, together, we will be stronger in number, activism, and elected Libertarian representatives. I hope our candidates and movement of libertarian solutions in politics and society nationwide.
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**Michael Jingozian**  
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**Mike Gravel**  
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**Steve Kubby**  
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**Alden Link**  
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**George Phillies**  
LD ‘08 n/a  
Individual $16,727.75  
Candidate $81,527.01

**Mary Ruwart**  
LD ‘08 $1,060.00  
Individual n/a  
Candidate n/a

**Christine Smith**  
LD ‘08 $2,460.00  
Total $16,244.00

*Numbers reflect previous campaign for President in different political party  
*No electronic report available. Only total available is net contributions that do not separate individual contributions and candidate contributions  
***No FEC report available  
^Candidate had failed to file April Quarterly Report by deadline

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