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Libertarian Party Unveils 3-Point "Prosperity Plan"

The Libertarian Party seeks to abolish the income tax, enact a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution and eradicate corporate welfare under an ambitious three-point legislative plan unveiled by America's third largest party Tuesday.

"Tens of millions of Americans are angry, fed up and demand real reform," said William Redpath, Libertarian National

Committee Chair.

The "Libertarian Prosperity Plan" seeks to repeal the income tax and abolish the IRS, enact a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget without tax increases and repeal all corporate welfare programs and bailouts.

"The 'Libertarian Prosperity Plan' is rooted in the Libertarian Party platform and bedrock libertarian principles. Un-

like the other parties, we don't promise tax cuts to just grab enough votes to win and then do nothing. Elected Libertarians enact tax and spending cuts because it is what we believe in," said Redpath.

The Libertarian Prosperity Plan can be read and downloaded at <http://www.lp.org>.

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Bob Barr: Secession Talk Far From Extreme

by Bob Barr



Although he later played his remark, Texas Gov. Rick Perry's use of the "S" word — secession — during one of the April 15 tea parties

has focused attention on the growing gulf between the dramatic, unprecedented growth in the federal government's power and spending, and efforts by individual states to maintain independent authority.

Any reference, however vague, to the notion that one of the 50 states might actually consider cutting the ties between it and Washington evokes howls of derision from the political establishment.

But the growing grass-roots sentiment that dramatic action is necessary to restore a semblance of balanced federalism in the country makes it likely such discussion will increase.

The fact that Perry also noted that some military veterans in the crowd at Austin might be "right-wing extremists" also reflected the growing chasm between government and citizens opposed to runaway federal spending and power.

The governor's reference, echoed in other tea parties last week, was based on the fact that federal and state government law enforcement Web sites and publications characterize grass-roots or-

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ganizations concerned about gun control, nationalization, unemployment, loss of civil liberties and excessive government spending, as "right-wing extremists" and "militants."

That people would be viewed by our government as a possible threat because they express concern for the loss of freedom and our growing economic problems is itself so bizarre that references to secession are unsurprising.

Placing Perry's remarks in the context of his position the previous day in support of a Texas state House resolution reaffirming support for the 10th Amendment strengthens the reasonableness of his position. On April 14, Perry expressed his "unwavering support for efforts all across our country to reaffirm the states' rights affirmed by the 10th Amendment."

He also noted that he and "millions of Texans are tired of Washington, D.C., trying to come down here and tell us how to run Texas." Are such views "extreme"? Do they not, rather, reflect mainstream and historically accurate sentiments? After all, is not the resolution Perry supported simply a reaffirmation of the very words of and the philosophy underlying the 10th Amendment?

Much of the media, in addition to characterizing Perry's comments as "reckless" (the words of one Texas newspaper), also have attempted to paint such views as economically irresponsible. This view is premised on the "loss" of

federal funds that would befall Texas or any other state that might sever ties to Washington. In fact, many of the 50 states send more in tax dollars to Washington than the states and its citizens receive from the feds — making secession actually not that bad a business deal (Texas about breaks even).

In fact, the sky likely would not fall if some serious moves were made to break the stranglehold the federal government now maintains on virtually every aspect of state and local governments. There are, in fact, some examples starting to surface. The RealID program, with its mandate of a national identification card, has been brought largely to a standstill because of state opposition.

And at least a few states — Texas and South Carolina among them — are refusing President Barack Obama's "stimulus monies" because of the strings attached.

Who knows? If Texas were to secede, the state might enjoy a significant inward migration of independent-minded citizens from other states, and precipitate a real boom in its economy.

Regardless, simply musing about such things, as did the Texas governor, is neither subversive nor pointless.

Bob Barr, an Atlanta attorney, is a former member of Congress and the 2008 Libertarian presidential candidate.

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LETTERS To The Editor

Resist the Census

The Tea Parties were wonderfully successful and are a good jump-off point for a real pro-freedom movement. Another first-class opportunity is about to fall into our lap: the 2010 Census.

Resisting the Census (or at least providing only the number of individuals in the household) will drive the point home that we are serious about cutting down the size and scope of government.

Census questions are intrusive, and not mandated by the Constitution. What is mandated is a count. The questions only make it easier to enlarge and strengthen government, in a variety of ways.

Most Libertarians are already Census resisters. I think that a spread of this idea on our part to others who participated in (at least in spirit) the Tea Parties can make a real impact.

Alice Lillie
Las Vegas, NV

How to Reach the Masses

I would to share my thoughts with you as an African American Libertarian from Detroit. In my community, I am a lone libertarian among liberals. I used to believe in universal healthcare, universal education universal etc, because on the surface it sounded good. That's the perspective of most people I know. It's clear that I was naive and did not have a good understanding of how people behave, and how free markets truly work, why competition is wonderful and can empower us all. The government has been in the bailout business for decades whether it was social security in the 1930s or TARP today and I know that my community in particular is the worse for it.

As an African American living in Detroit, I witness full well the damaging effect of people's expectation that the government should provide for them. I think this unique moment in history is a prime moment for education and conveying to people why privatization of government services is better for all of us. Why the government should just be left to providing for national defense, and enforcing contracts. It is a matter of deep personal importance because I have seen my fellow peers stymied by the lack of open, free markets and the lack of opportunity.

I hope that eventually one day we will be able to roll back all the ridiculous federal programs and laws restricting human behavior and that we all get to realize our full potential.

Ronald Reagan reached beyond the Republican base because he was respectful and positive. He did not come across as condescending. He was confident enough to appeal on the strength of his ideas. His example is a good lesson for today. I sincerely hope that your take the opportunity now to reach beyond your base of the converted, or certain political think tanks, to reach a broader of people who are in desperate need of such information.

People are under the impression that capitalism is the enemy of poor people or opportunity. [They believe] capitalism does not provide for good education or expanded healthcare coverage... property laws cannot fend off pollution...[or that] capitalism will

not help the most vulnerable in our society.

The opposite—the very opposite—is true. In fact, full-fledged capitalism has not been allowed to flourish in America for several decades now, which is why so many are skeptical of free markets. My liberal friends in my community, who are well meaning, are woefully misguided about the inefficiency of government and the impediment it poses on our lives.

But they will never latch on to new ideas if the messenger is a shrill pundit patronizing them, dismissing their concerns or engaging in slash and burn politics. This is a real opportunity to convince the public for the need to cut back on government dramatically.

The Republicans claim to be the party of individual liberty and small government but their party platform and actions in power demonstrate otherwise. I really hope the Libertarian Party can break through and I hope you all don't squander the opportunity to demonstrate yourselves to the positive party of principle.

Lisa Habmed
Detroit, Michigan

Is It Time to Legalize Drugs?

Would heroin and other hard drugs have their strength controlled by private businesses that sell them? Yes, businesses have incentive to make their product as safe as possible so that more customers buy their product. This makes drugs safer and allows us to control how strong they are, as opposed to street dealers who haven't the foggiest clue.

If it were legal and regulated, couldn't scientists and doctors take the drug to the next level and remove some, many or all of its harmful products? Yes, if it were legal to be experimented on, scientists could begin developing ways to make it more harmless, less addictive or at least safer than the dirty bath tub-meth that's being cooked today.

If heroin were legal, couldn't we give addicts and users free needles so they'd stop using their dirty needles and spreading HIV/AIDS? Yes, studies in the Netherlands show lowered STD transmission rates with needle exchange programs in effect. We could either let them keep sharing dirty needles, or encourage them to trade them in for clean needles. This would also save many lives of users.

If hard drugs were legal, couldn't we establish specified locations for drug use where users got together in a safe, controlled and monitored area and did their respective drugs? Yes, Needle Park was such a place in the Netherlands. Users gathered here from all over to do drugs in a carefree, safe and childless environment. Death rates rose, which is an obvious effect of allowing the drug use, so the park was closed and the users went back to doing it on the streets, in alleys and around children.

Many people have lost family members or friends to harder drugs. I ask you to identify who's really to blame? If drugs were legal, we could make them so they were far less dangerous, but the government's prohibition makes them relatively deadly substances.

People have to look beyond the black and white and see the gray. If we tell people not to do drugs and they still want to do

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The Parliamentarian

With LP Parliamentarian M Carling

Point of Privilege

In the LP, questions of privilege are misused and abused more than any other motion.

Questions of privilege are of two types: questions of personal privilege and questions of the privilege of the assembly. In both cases, the purpose is to briefly resolve an issue of immediate urgency that is usually not directly related to the business of the assembly.

When a question of privilege is raised by a member, the Chair must make two rulings. First, the Chair must rule on whether or not the question raised is actually a question of privilege. If the question is one of privilege, the Chair must then rule on whether or not it is both sufficiently important and sufficiently urgent to interrupt the proceedings of the body. The Chair may state his ruling on both questions together.

Examples of legitimate questions of privilege include: "Mr. Chair, the construction noise outside makes it difficult to hear. Could someone please close the windows?" "Madam Chair, it uncomfortably warm in this room. Could someone please ask the hotel staff to adjust the air conditioning?" "Mr. Chair, my name is pronounced Sutton, as in button; not as in suit-on."

After being recognized by the Chair, the member says something like: "Mr. Chair, I rise to a question of privilege." The Chair asks, "What is the question?" The member states the question in one or two sentences. Then the Chair either takes action on the motion (such as directing that a window be opened), or rules the question out of order.

In no event does a question of privilege ever, under any circumstances, entitle a member to make a speech or engage in debate when debate is otherwise out of order. To do so requires a motion approved by the assembly.

For more details on questions of privilege, please see RONR (10th ed.), pp. 216-222.

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Monds to Seek Libertarian Nomination For GA Governor

Broke 1 Million Vote Record in '08 Election

John Monds announced his intention to seek the Libertarian Party of Georgia's nomination for Governor with a press conference at the Capitol in Atlanta with family, close friends and supporters by his side.

During his campaign for Public Service Commission (District 1) in 2008, Monds became the first Libertarian to break one million votes in the United States.

Monds and the Libertarian Party believe Georgians are ready for something new and different. "It's difficult to tell the difference between Republicans and Democrats; both want to raise your taxes, waste your money and increase the size and scope of state government," said Monds.

"We must be competitive in the 21st Century," Monds continued. "We must have meaningful tax reform that allows businesses and individuals to thrive, a transportation system that eases congestion without raising taxes, an education system that gives more choices and returns control to the local level, and we need to stop wasting the taxpayers' money with mandated long term incarceration of individuals for non-violent victimless infractions of



the law."

John Monds, 43, is a graduate of Morehouse College with a degree in Banking and Finance, President of the Grady County NAACP and currently serves on the Grady County Planning Commission.

He resides in Cairo with his wife, Dr. Kathaleena Edward Monds, and four children, Akin-tunde, Cazembe, Halima and Malik.

You can read more about John Monds at <http://www.VoteMonds.com>.

The Libertarian Party is Georgia's third largest political party, and the only party in Georgia promoting fewer taxes, less government and personal liberty for all Georgians.

West Virginia Passes Major Ballot Access Reform

With less than an hour to its midnight deadline, the West Virginia General Assembly passed legislation April 11 reducing the number of valid signatures needed on a candidate's ballot access petition by half. The bill now awaits the signature of Gov. Joe Manchin.

"Libertarians thank Del. Fleischauer and everyone who supported this bill for making elections much fairer to West Virginia," said William Redpath, Libertarian National Committee Chair. Redpath, West Virginia Libertarian Party Chair Matt Harris and other Libertarian Party members made several trips to the State Capitol to meet with legislators to lobby for passage.

HB 2981, sponsored by Del. Barbara Evans Fleischauer (D-Monongalia), reduces the number of

valid signatures a third party candidate must collect on a ballot access petition from two percent of the total vote for that office in the previous election to just one percent.

The "one percent" rule was West Virginia law from 1932 to 1999, when it was doubled. Since the "two percent rule" was adopted in 1999, only one third party succeeded in getting its gubernatorial candidate on the ballot through the petitioning process.

According to *Ballot Access News* Editor Richard Winger, once the bill is signed into law, the only states with third party ballot access petition signature requirements above two percent of last vote cast in a midterm year will be North Carolina and Oklahoma.

Indianapolis Libertarians Blast GOP Tax Hikes, Bailouts

Indiana Senator Luke Kenley (R) and Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard (R) presented the State's plan to bail-out the Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board (CIB). Instead of asking the users of CIB properties in Indianapolis to step up and pay their fair share first, lawmakers will be considering a statewide increase of alcohol taxes, ticket taxes, food and beverage taxes, and the Inn-keepers tax.

Timothy Maguire, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Marion County, criticized the move to attach this bailout to the state budget, saying "there is no excuse to force those who don't directly use the stadiums to pay for the short-



City-Council At-Large Member Ed Coleman

sponsored increases will give us the highest hospitality taxes in the nation, which will only serve to drive off the convention business the City leadership claims to protect. Hurting a \$3 billion industry with unwise taxes will only put more Hoosiers out of work."

"It was an increase in taxes that outraged the voters of 2007 that swept the Republicans into office," commented Ed Coleman, Indianapolis City-County Councilor At-Large. "It is a shame that the Mayor and other City Leadership, after only a year and a half, have forgotten the will of the voters. If the Statehouse and the

sightedness of the CIB first."

"The appropriate step should be a direct tax on the immediate users of the CIB facilities," said Maguire. "These Republican-

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Libertarians Call on Texas House to Defend Privacy by Defeating REAL ID

Representative Tommy Merritt (R-Longview) introduced the latest version of the federal REAL ID Act to the Texas House Public Safety Committee. House Bill 4036 would require the state of Texas to share personal information with a national database and adopt federal standards for Texas driver's licenses and state identification cards including citizenship and immigration status.

Libertarians reject the presumption of federal authority in requiring universal identification. Given the opportunity, Libertarians would reject the federal "Real ID Act" and join the growing list of states that are safeguarding their citizen's privacy.

Thirty-eight states rejected the federal REAL ID Act when it was proposed in 2007, according to the Christian Science Monitor.

"We share the privacy concerns of those like Congress-



man Ron Paul and the ACLU," declared Texas Libertarian Chair Patrick Dixon. "Using the excuse of terrorist threats to further intrude on our liberty and create a huge national database of personal information at enormous expense is an affront to those who gave their lives for our principles."

"Identity theft and the loss of personal privacy is a real concern," adds LPT Executive Director Robert Butler. "The federal government has shown that it is both unable and unwilling to keep personal information private, and law-abiding citizens have no reason to be included in state or federal databases of any kind. My ability to drive a car should have nothing to do with giving information to a federal database."

In January 2007, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced it had lost a computer hard drive containing the personal information of 1.8 million veterans and their doctors. In June of that same year, an Ohio intern reported that a device containing personal information for all of Ohio's state employees had been stolen from his vehicle.

"Beyond our individual privacy concerns, it is also very troubling that Texas would assist our federal government to monitor the private lives of its citizens," said Dixon.

Libertarians Applaud Steps Toward Marriage Equality

The Libertarian Party praised officials in Iowa, Vermont and the District of Columbia for taking recent steps toward marriage equality, and urged legislators in all states to scrap government licensing, taxation and regulation of marriage.

"The government's power to define marriage has historically been used as a tool to retaliate against minority groups, and the right to marry is the newest frontier of civil rights. Libertarians everywhere applaud this advancement of civil rights, but warn the only way to guarantee true marriage equality is to get government out of the question entirely," said Catherine Sumner, LGBT policy advisor for the Libertarian National Committee.

"Removing government from the equation entirely allows gay and lesbian couples to enter into the same legal agreements and arrangement as heterosexual couples, and it would allow individuals and businesses to decide for themselves who to grant the benefits of marriage to," said

Sumner. "No individual, straight, gay or lesbian, should be forced to accept someone else's definition of marriage."

Early last month, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled the state's "one man, one woman" definition of marriage violates the state constitution's equal protection clause. On April 7, Vermont's state legislature overrode Gov. Jim Douglas' veto of a marriage equality bill, nine years after the state was the first to allow civil unions. The next day the District of Columbia City Council, which allows domestic partnerships, voted to recognize gay marriages performed elsewhere, with an expected final vote coming early may.

"The power to define is the power to discriminate. There's a reason why the government doesn't decide who can be baptized, who can be ordained, who can receive Communion or who can celebrate a Bar Mitzvah. Libertarians think the same should apply to marriage, and seek to end all government intervention, licensing and taxation of marriage," said Sumner.

Barr Hails LP-Inspired "Tea Parties"

Bob Barr, the 2008 Libertarian presidential nominee and former Republican congressman, urged Americans gathered at "tax day tea parties" on April 15 to continue their fight against government growth and to join Libertarian Party, the Party of Principle.

"If the protests are simply a one day event it will have no impact on Washington," said Barr in a press conference held at the Libertarian National Committee's Watergate offices in Washington, D.C. "It is incumbent on the people who are out there today to stay involved. There has to be a sustained effort. Otherwise the tide of government will wash right over us as if nothing happened."

"There are a lot of Libertarians not only involved with the 'tea party' movement, but of course it was Libertarians who started the whole notion of organizing ourselves as freedom-loving men and women for an April 15 event," said Barr.

Barr applauded anti-tax activists for successfully using the Internet and social networking Web sites to organize thousands



2008 Libertarian Party Vice Presidential Candidate Wayne Root speaks at a Tea Party event in Las Vegas, NV

of nationwide events, just as the Obama presidential campaign did in 2008.

"The Internet is being used much as the gazettes and flyers were being used in the pre-Revolutionary War period to spread the word of freedom and organize the citizens," said Barr. "That is, to educate the citizenry as to what is going on in the government, as a medium to organize the citizenry to become involved, to have a common purpose."

"Whenever the citizenry makes their voice heard in opposition to oppressive government programs and excessive government spending which is hurting the populace in this country, it's a good thing,"

said Barr.

Barr concluded: "It's important for people to realize just what government is doing to them. The national debt right now, and it grows by millions of dollars every single day, is approaching \$11.5 trillion dollars. Every man, woman and child in this country, not just taxpayers, but every man women and child, owes, because of that debt, approximately \$40,000. That's money coming out their pocket, it comes out of their businesses, it is dramatically limiting the freedom people have in this country to do what they want to do with their lives. And that's power the government is taking from them."



Libertarian Party of Ohio Columbus Tea Party - Several LPO volunteers attended the event displaying the LPO banner, and two poster board signs that read "Don't Drink the Koolaid" and "Drink Libertarian Lemonade." They also offered cups full of lemonade while handing out 150 brochures that included the World's Smallest Political Quiz, the LP Web site's write-up on taxes and contact information for local LPO leaders. (Report by: Curtis P. Hannah, Chief Liaison; Libertarian Party of Ohio)

LP Plan Scraps IRS, Balances the Budget, Curbs Tax Hikes, Prohibits Bailouts

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The Plan would:

- 1) Repeal the income tax: Adopt legislation repealing the income tax and abolishing the Internal Revenue Service. Until the income tax is repealed, adopt legislation preserving the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and enacting across-the-board income tax cuts.
- 2) Adopt the Balanced Budget Amendment: Adopt a constitutional amendment requiring the federal budget be balanced, and balanced exclusively by cutting expenditures, not by raising taxes.
- 3) Abolish corporate welfare and bailouts: Adopt federal legislation prohibiting any federal spending program that provides payments or unique benefits and advantages to specific companies or industries, terminating programs that provide direct grants to businesses, eliminating programs that provide research and other services for industries and ending programs that provide subsidized loans or insurance to businesses.

"The Libertarian Party is the only party that agrees with those tens of millions of Americans that government should stay out of both their pocketbook and their personal decisions," says Redpath.

AFFILIATE News And Events

Missouri

New Officers Elected

The Missouri Libertarian party elected new officers at the state committee meeting held April 18th during the state convention.

Glenn Nielsen, of Columbia, was elected Chair. On his election to a second term, Nielsen stated, "There is growing dissatisfaction with where the Democrats and Republicans have led this country. Bailouts, unprecedented government spending and political profiling in the recent Missouri Information Analysis Center report."

"Now, more than ever, Missourians need to hear the libertarian message of individual liberty, free markets and peace," Nielsen continued.

Dr. Cisse Spragins, of Kansas City, was re-elected Vice Chair. Spragins is the founder, owner and CEO of a small manufacturing business in Kansas City. "It is a pleasure to continue to serve the Party truly committed to liberty," Spragins said after being reelected. "Now more than ever, voters need a choice and it is our responsibility to work to get worthwhile candidates on the ballot."

Barry Albin, of Kansas City, was elected Secretary, replacing outgoing Secretary John Schultz, of Columbia. Albin stated that he hoped "to bring the same degree of professionalism to this office" demonstrated in his 36-year career as an attorney. "I see this position as one of servant to the State Committee and the Party and will work to improve the internal strength of the Party throughout my tenure," Albin said.

Outgoing Secretary John Schultz was the 2008 winner of the Karl Wetzel Award, the Missouri Libertarian Party's highest

award. "John did a great job as Secretary and I am pleased to see he will continue as a member of the Executive Committee and as Boone County Libertarian Party Chair," Neilson said as he thanked Shultz for his past service.

"It has been a pleasure to work with such a high caliber of people as those in the Missouri Libertarian Party," Paula Benski, of Chesterfield, said after she was re-elected Treasurer. "I look forward to continuing to work with everyone in the Party to advance the cause of liberty in our state. We have proven that we can broker positive change."

Libertarians have been very active in local and statewide issues over the last two years. Libertarians have been organizing opposition to smoking bans and defeated a zoning ordinance in Johnson County. We have been building relationships with single-issue organizations fighting eminent domain, trying to stop the national animal identification system (NAIS) and protecting Second Amendment rights in Missouri.

This spring, the Missouri Libertarian Party had a great deal of success pushing back against the political profiling found in the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) Militia Movement Report. Missouri LP spokesperson Mike Ferguson, of Grandview, led the public relations campaign. Nielsen praised Ferguson's work stating, "Mike led a great media campaign. Not only raising awareness of the reports political profiling in Missouri but receiving national coverage."

All of this hard work is starting to pay off at the ballot box.

Missouri Libertarians won two of five local elections in April. Robert Stephens was elected to the Springfield City Council, and Ferguson was elected to the Grandview City Council.

They join Mike Bozarth, who

was elected to the St. Joseph City Council in 2006;

Doug Burlison, who was elected to the Springfield City Council in 2007; and Joel Stoner, who was elected Mayor of Macks Creek in 2007.

New Hampshire

LPNH Lobbies for Marriage Equality Bill

The NH House has the opportunity to concur with their colleagues in the Senate and agree to their amendment to HB436. The Libertarian Party of NH asks them to say "yes" and move the bill on to the Governor's desk.

The bill is arguably an improvement over the version that passed the House, and so we would expect it to have a majority support. The bill provides protection for religious freedom and would not force any clergy to perform a marriage rite outside the teachings of their faith. So, everyone's rights are protected.

While the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire would prefer that the government have no part in any marriage, but until we come to that enlightened day, the government should not deny people a right based on their gender, nor deny them a contract based on the gender of the other party.

We've come a very long way in the past 233 years toward that dream of a nation where everyone, regardless of class, color, gender, popularity, is treated equally before the law.

HB436 removes more discrimination and treats all our citizens equally in another area of the law.

Libertarians across New Hampshire look forward to hearing news of the final passage of HB436, and eagerly await word of Governor Lynch's support.

NEW MEXICO

Ken Cavanaugh Elected as State Chairman

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico recently elected new leadership, as required by the party's Constitution.

Ken Cavanaugh, a veteran from southeastern Pennsylvania, is now the new State Chair. Cavanaugh ran in 1999 for County Commissioner in Montgomery County, PA, but did not make the ballot. He then ran for U.S House 13th District in 2000. This time, Cavanaugh made the ballot and received great reviews from the Philadelphia Inquirer—a major Pennsylvania newspaper—declaring him to be the winner of most of the candidate debates.

Now living in New Mexico, Cavanaugh won the State Chairman position, vowing to support and develop the local organizations in order to win at the larger elections. He says we need to have support from many of the local districts, and is encouraging the county affiliates to help move forward with his efforts to rebuild a state affiliate that has many political challenges.

Cavanaugh has the proper perspective to approach libertarianism from the right direction in order to avoid pitfalls by candidates who try to expound upon the full Libertarian planks. From his experience, he has committed to assist any candidate, at any level, to address the issues as they arise.

Ohio

2009 State Conference

On May 1 through 3, the Libertarian Party of Ohio held its 2009 State Conference with the theme of "Grow Into Liberty." 2008 LP Vice Presidential candidate Wayne Root headlined the weekend of

candidate and campaign volunteer training.

Conference Chair and LPO Treasurer Mike Johnston presided over a weekend of basic campaign training. In a series of six seminars, a number of topics were covered to train Ohio candidates and their volunteers on the basics of running for office.

Those topics included: campaign finance law, volunteer identification, voter identification, opposition research, marketing and outreach, fundraising and budgeting. In our final seminar, those in attendance broke into groups to use their new skills and build campaign plans for three Libertarian candidates: Alexander Haas (<http://www.AlexanderHaas.org>), Angela Williams (<http://www.WinWithWilliams.com>), and Casey Borders (<http://CaseyBorders.com>).

These exciting races are just the tip of the iceberg in Ohio now that we've achieved ballot access for the '09 – '10 election season. Several other candidates or interested potentials were in attendance from around the state. With more than 50 individuals in attendance throughout the seminars and for the evening banquet, the event exemplifies the recent growth and interest in the Libertarian Party here in Ohio and nationally.

We are building on our past successes and are looking forward to further increasing our number of elected officials around the state this fall.

Pennsylvania

New Leaders Elected

The following people were elected to the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania at the convention on May 2, 2009: Chair, Michael J. "Mik" Robertson; Eastern Vice-Chair, Ed Clifford; Western Vice-Chair, Berlie Etzel; Treasurer, Chuck Boust; and Secretary, Alan Yotter.

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LP: Obama Health Care Rationing Plan Makes America Sick

Government Control of Health Care Leads to Higher Death Rates, Research Finds

The Libertarian Party blasted comments by White House chief economic advisor Lawrence Summers that Americans are getting too much health care and the government should begin rationing access to medical procedures.

"Decisions on medical care should be made by patient and his or her doctor, not by a government employee with a calculator figuring out whether treating your illness is in Washington's fiscal interest," said Donny Ferguson, Libertarian National Committee Communications Director.

"Whether it's tonsillectomies or hysterectomies...procedures are done three times as frequently [in some parts of the country than others] and there's no benefit in terms of the right kind of cost-effectiveness, by making the right kind of investments and protection, some experts...estimate that we could take as much as \$700 billion a year out of our health care system," said Summers on "Meet the Press" Sunday, quoted in The Washington Times.

"Summers' statement that Americans have too much health care, and it's up to Barack Obama to cut off their access is chilling," said Ferguson. "Even more

disturbing is the White House's view that private decisions on your medical care should be viewed as a government-

run 'investment.'"

"The same people who gave us Agent Orange, the IRS and the Hurricane Katrina response have no business making my doctor's decisions for him."

Despite assurances from the White House that rationing health care leads to better treatment, information from rationed health care systems tells a different story.

Among women diagnosed with breast cancer, only one fifth die in the United States, compared to one third in France and Germany, and almost half in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, Cato Institute scholar John Goodman finds, citing statistics

half in the United Kingdom.

The culprit is often the kind of waiting lists the White House proposed Sunday. In 2000, the British medical journal Clinical Oncology, studying lung cancer patients waiting for government permission to get medical treatment found that about 20 percent "of potentially curable patients became incurable on the waiting list."

Another 2003 British study found that after major surgery, 2.5 percent of American patients died in hospital, compared to 10 percent of similar Britons.

Seriously ill patients in U.S. hospitals die at only one-seventh the rate of those in the British system, where government controls, prices and rations health care, according to Atlas Economic Research Foundation senior fellow Deroy Murdock.

"The proper way to reform health care is to get government out of the way, drive down prices by opening up a health insurance market closed off to competition by politicians doing the bidding of insurance lobbyists and remove FDA roadblocks that keep medication off the market and drive up the costs to develop lifesaving drugs," said Ferguson.



AP Poll Shows Independents Not Sold on Obama

America's third largest party points to polling released April 22 by the Associated Press showing only 17 percent of self-described political independents think America is "heading in the right direction" under Barack Obama as a sign the president's agenda of higher taxes, higher spending, higher debt and nationalizing industry isn't winning over sensible voters.

"The percentage of Americans who believe Elvis is or might still be alive is higher than that of political independents who think Obama has America heading in the right direction," said Libertarian National Committee Communications Director Donny Ferguson.

Nineteen percent of respondents to an Aug. 2002 FOX News/Opinion Dynamics poll said they believed ei-

ther Elvis Presley was still alive, or weren't sure.

"The fact someone is more likely to believe Elvis could still be alive than a political independent is to believe Obama has us heading in the right direction should be astonishing," said Ferguson. "Until you realize both require you to believe an out-of-control appetite has no negative consequences whatsoever, whether it's for fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches or prosperity-crushing national debt."

Overall, 48 percent of Americans tell the Associated Press they believe America is "heading in the right direction" under Obama, while 44 percent say America is heading in the "wrong direction."

"If you want the truth, you have to get away from the partisan Republicans and Democrats and look at people who decide elections – the independent American," said Ferguson. "Only 17 percent of independents – the people who decide elections – say they believe things are looking better under Obama. That should be a stark warning for the President and any other politician who hopes to change America into the very kind of European

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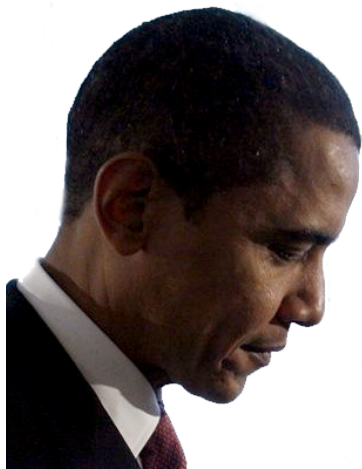
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drugs, then they'll do them; everyone else should realize this and do their best to regulate and control it, as opposed to banning it and creating a whole jungle of new problems.

The DEA and other law enforcement agencies wastes countless hours on drug ordeals and many more countless billions of dollars on keeping drugs off our streets, but they continue to be there and run rampant; now more dangerous than ever. (Crack cocaine is being cut more and more with drugs besides cocaine and is increasing in the risk factor exponentially.)

In conclusion, would you rather buy some cocaine from a safer, more reliable business with rules and regulations or a dealer off the street who will cut it with any form of white powder to spring a profit? Note also that businesses can't sell to minors, as opposed to the dealer who can.



My Internship at LPHQ



by Irena Schneider

It's hard to imagine that after three months, my time at the Libertarian Party is coming to a close. As all kinds of final moments necessitate some time for reflection, I can think of the many tasks I've taken on and wonder what kind of palpable impact I may have had in the political arena. What was my stake in this wonderfully freedom-loving, persevering party?

I have sent countless craigslist ads to prospective libertarian volunteers throughout the country. I have personally called over half of the counties in Missouri gathering records of libertarian candidates. I've gone on missions to reach out to people at CPAC and the DC tax day tea party. I have watched a sort of magic happen on the screen in front of my eyes as I typed into a database the hundreds of names of prospective candidates for local, state, and national office screaming from office excel: "We are tired! We want to take America back! What can I do? What can I do, what can I do!"

I realized in the midst of this venture that I was wielding perhaps the most important tool of our democracy. In the U.S., decision-making rests not in our leaders, but in our people. If we the people lose touch with Capitol Hill, what hope will we have in checking the bureaucrats and congressmen encapsulated by their own inevitable strain for power? Power is most comfortably exercised when you can hear the voice of a constituent – and boy did I gain a sense of it. The best part of it was that every sec-

ond in this office was geared to giving the power back to the people, in protecting the country that we know and love with honor, rationality, wit, and creativity.

In all endeavors where the vision behind our tasks seems far removed in the distance, I can't seem to point to one moment and dictate its effect on me as a person. I came in as a leader of a student liberty organization, but I can't say I understood what that really meant until I passed through the Libertarian Party. Austin Petersen told me he'd teach me how to effectively work with people. And after days of sitting back in the office with the small team watching liberty videos and documentaries, joking around, cutting in the back and forth of live discussion and tempering with the philosophy of liberty, something clicked. I took to reading – I researched issues from eminent domain and zoning to baskets of currency and pollution. Some of my work went to the hands of local politicians as a blueprint for future policy.

Every day I was held accountable for my work; I understood very quickly that being here was a greater learning experience than I had imagined. I reexamined the barriers I faced at own student club at American University and asked myself what Austin had always asked me: "So what have you done to work around this?"

A vision is pressing – whether you are running a third party or your own organization. I began to feel the urgency of my own ambitions, and I learned how to walk in greater strides – make the extra phone calls, compile the extra

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School's (Almost) Out for Summer: Prepare Now for Outreach to Students Next Fall

by Dr. Jim Lark

As the end of the school year approaches for most high schools and colleges, most LP members involved in outreach to students (including student activists themselves) scale back their activities. However, successful outreach is a year-round effort. We can do many things both prior to the end of spring classes and during the summer to improve our opportunities during the next school year.

If you are a high school or college activist, your "to do" list prior to end of the spring term includes:

- * Ensuring your student group will be officially recognized during the upcoming school year, and that someone will serve in a leadership capacity for the group. You should also ensure your group will be included your school's list of student organizations, and that your group can participate in whatever student organization fair/outreach efforts take place at the beginning of the fall term.

- * Providing your state LP and the national campus coordinator (c'est moi) with a list of officers/contact people and their contact information. (Amazingly, in my experience student activists rarely perform this simple task even after being asked to do so.) You

should also provide information about the resources you want to receive during the upcoming school year.

- * Providing your state LP and the national campus coordinator with information about student media organizations (e.g., names and contact info for college newspaper editors, campus radio station managers), as well as media people who are willing to consider and discuss Libertarian ideas, candidates, etc.

- * Establishing a webpage for your group and a presence on Facebook, MySpace, and other social networks so that other students can more easily learn about your group before fall classes begin.

- * Planning your activities (outreach, social, improving activism skills) for the upcoming year, and raising funds (if needed) for those activities.

Those interested in outreach to high school students can do several things now to prepare for the fall term:

- * If there are elections during the fall in your state, many high schools will sponsor candidate forums as those elections approach. You can determine the ap-

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Bylaws Announcement

The Bylaws and Rules Committee is charged with the mission of recommending changes to the LP Bylaws and Convention Special Rules of Order, to be considered at each convention. Prior to 2008, the Bylaws Committee routinely met once per convention--the day before the convention. The results were hit and miss, and often the next convention had to fix the misses.

Going into the 2008 Convention, the Bylaws Committee met one additional time, several months before the Convention -- long enough to post the proposals on the Web and ask members to take the survey. The results revealed some glitches that--this time--we were able to fix before they got adopted. We also were shown a more useful way to rank the proposals -- by member interest and support. That way, less Convention time was taken up with proposals that had little support outside the Bylaws Committee.

Following the Denver convention, at the inaugural LNC meeting, I announced that I wanted to populate the Bylaws Committee at the VERY NEXT meeting--fully a year and a half ahead of schedule. That was done, and this time through, the Bylaws Committee has already met once, and will likely meet two more times. Furthermore, this long lead time makes a much more comprehensive survey possible: We will not meet again until early 2010, so we will have considerable time to improve our proposals according to your feedback and suggestions. We also are likely to develop several more proposals as a result of discovering issues we overlooked so far.

Your input is valuable. Please take a few minutes to work through the survey and let us know what you think. You can find the survey at <http://www.lp.org/bylawssurvey>.

Dan Karlan
Bylaws Committee Chair

Voters Get Less Choices as New York LP Vice Chairman Removed from Ballot on Technicality

The New York State Board of Elections voted to remove Libertarian congressional candidate Eric Sundwall from the ballot in the March 31 special election to fill the vacant 20th Congressional District seat, citing a technicality that voided many of Sundwall's ballot access petition signatures.

The Sundwall campaign did not pursue legal efforts to remain on the ballot.

"Instead of campaigning, we have been forced to have Eric Sundwall spend time and money in court," said Sundwall campaign manager Richard Cooper. "We will not continue legal efforts to remain on the ballot. We are dismayed that the people of the 20th Congressional District will not have the opportunity to vote for Eric

Sundwall due to a technicality that hinges on what town or city the voter or witness lives in, as opposed to their community of residence."



Libertarian Eric Sundwall

According to the Albany Times Union, the petitions were not technically correct because many voters listed their mailing address instead of their town.

Sundwall needed 3,500 valid signatures to gain a spot on the ballot. The Times Union reports he collected 6,730, but the ruling left him short by 556.

Douglas Kellner, co-chairman of the Board of Elections, told the Poughkeepsie Journal the issue was purely a legal matter. "I think some of us actually agree with you that it's not fair ... when legitimate voters are knocked out because of legal technicalities," he said.

Board member Evelyn Aquila said it is time to change the laws.

"I've always felt if you receive mail at the address (used on the petition) it should be good enough for us," Aquila told the Times Union. "I will vote the way I'm supposed to, but it is time to correct this."

Military personnel registered to vote in the district have already received ballots with Sundwall's name. Their votes for Sundwall will be voided and they will not be allowed to vote again.

Winning Elections, One Voter at a Time



by Donny Ferguson

An Accurate Voter List

I often tell candidates the most important thing they need to know about campaign is that it's like digging a ditch. It's a surprisingly simple activity, but requires tremendous work.

Door-to-door campaigning, the single most important thing a campaign should be doing, is a perfect example of that. Simply put, it's a campaign putting together a list of voters who will likely be showing up to vote in the election, and either should be or would be open to voting for the candidate. The candidate and his or her volunteers then literally knock on the voter's front door, introduce themselves, give the voter some information on the candidates and then ask them for their vote.

Their response is recorded. If the voter says he or she will vote for the candidate, the campaign makes absolutely sure that voter gets their ballot cast. If the voter is undecided, the campaign will continue to mail, call and visit the voter until they reach a decision. If the voter does not wish for vote for the candidate, they are marked off the list and no longer contacted. It requires great dedication of time and effort, a tightly focused message and accurate record keeping.

But it happens to be the most rewarding, both in terms of votes won and the people you meet. A successful door-to-door campaign requires two things: 1) an accurate voter list; 2) a good pair of shoes.

Under no circumstances should a campaign waste its time appealing to inactive voters, or people who aren't even registered to vote. While such an undertaking could dig up some votes, the time and effort it would take to convince a non-voter to vote Libertarian could produce many, many more votes from people who actually care enough to show up.

The first task is to find out how many votes it takes to win the election. That can be done by taking a look at past turnout and applying it to current registration numbers. In a two-way race, you need a minimum of 50% of that total vote, plus one vote. As you add more candidates, it gets trickier. Generally speaking, you need at least 37% of the vote to win a three-way race, since one of the older-party candidates will be stronger than the other.

The next task is to figure out just where you are going to get enough votes to surpass that minimum number. I generally rank my voter lists as follows:

- Knock out people who are registered to vote, but have not voted in any of the last three elections (make sure not to cut out people who just registered since the last election, since we don't know yet if they are non-voters.)

- Knock out people who regularly vote, but are registered with or vote in the primary of your older party opponents. That isn't exactly a hard-and-fast rule. If you have only one opponent, the

N.C. Appeals Panel Hears Libertarians

A State Court of Appeals panel heard oral arguments in the Libertarian Party of North Carolina's legal challenge to the state's election laws. The panel included Chief Judge John C. Martin and Judges Sanford L. Steelman and Ann Maria Calabria.

Ken Soo, representing the Libertarian Party, argued that the state's ballot access laws violate guarantees of free association and free speech in the state constitution; guarantees that surpass those expressed in the U.S. Con-



stitution.

Alexander Peters, a deputy attorney general, argued that the state's laws were reasonable and asserted that the Appeals Court must uphold the ruling of the Superior Court on procedural

grounds. Peters said that a larger ballot presented greater potential for complications, and allowing third parties on the ballot would proliferate and complicate the administration of elections.

Judge Steelman asked if these were sufficient grounds for making it harder for third parties to get on the ballot while adding: "We could solve all of it just having one party."

Peters replied that "probably at least two parties" would always get on the ballot.

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Libertarians Across America Participate in 'Tea Parties'



Recipe for Success: A Good Voter List and A Good Pair of Shoes

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first people you visit should be the partisan voters of the opposing party. For example, in my 2005 race for Virginia House of Delegates against a Democrat, I visited Republican primary voters before anyone else. You know they vote, you know people ask them who to vote for and you know there's no way they'll vote for your opponent. Visiting these voters first is an easy way to score a lot of votes.

- While I tend to leave out apartments (voters tend to move frequently and without notifying the election board, and many are "motor voters" who are just automatically registered) you should make a point to visit retirement homes. Call ahead and find out the rules for speaking with tenants. Bring absentee voter forms with you.

- That should leave you with people who routinely vote in November, but are not registered with one of the older parties or active in their primary.

A Good Pair of Shoes

I say that because you and your volunteers will be doing A LOT of walking. I drive my candidates hard, expecting them to spend every single weeknight, and all day Saturday, going door to door and I expect them to start in the summer. If you somehow manage to knock on every door before the election, go back and start again.

Make sure your voter list is organized by address so you can simply work your way down the page as you go down the street. I make sure the name of every voter in the household is on the sheet, along with their voter history. Leave room to make notes and DO NOT prepare a long speech. My typical pitch goes:

"Hello, my name is _____ and I/my friend (name of candidate) am/is running for (name of office) because he (INSERT ISSUE: is a long-time taxpayer advocate/father who is concerned

about our schools, etc.). He/she is the only candidate running who has put his word in writing to do this. Can I/he/she count on your vote (date of election.)

The good news is most voters, even those who disagree are very friendly. Be kind, be polite, smile, NEVER WEAR SUNGLASSES OR CHEW GUM and honestly answer all questions. Do not waste time trying to change a voter's mind about an issue (you could be picking up a lot of votes from more agreeable voters in that time) or talking to a voter who has said he will not vote for you. Just politely thank them and move on to the next door.

Be sure to take notes of everything they say. (I also write down any political bumper stickers in the driveway or signs in the lawn.) If you are not the candidate, make sure to have a phone number handy for the voter to call so they can speak to the candidate himself or the campaign. Do not try and answer difficult questions for the candidate. Just let the voter know you are a volunteer, and the candidate would be more than happy to speak with them.

Be sure to bring voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications with you. They may have an unregistered wife or husband, or children who just turned 18. Some may plan to be out of town, so make sure you let them know they can vote ahead of time...and that they should vote for your candidate. Make sure to give those people a follow-up call so they don't forget your candidate's name before they cast their absentee ballot.

And make sure to have your candidate sign lots of brochures or palm cards with "Sorry I missed you, (NAME OF CANDIDATE). It's a nice personal touch you should leave if no one comes to the door. Make sure the literature sticks to relevant issues and is not too preachy or wordy. Include lots of photos of the candidate interacting naturally with people.

Be careful about what time you

go out. I prefer to start at 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and work until dark. You'll unfortunately interrupt some people during dinner, but there's no way to avoid. On Saturdays I prefer to work from noon until dark, 2:00 p.m. until dark on Sundays. Football season can be tricky. When running races in Denver, I was sure not to knock on doors when the Broncos were playing.

Always work in pairs. It protects the candidate from operatives of the other party making false claims about his behavior, and it also protects volunteers, many of whom are working in unfamiliar neighborhoods. I prefer to have walkers either pick one side of the street, or knock on alternating doors. I also try to never send female volunteers out without a male. Make sure your volunteers have cell phones in case of an emergency.

Be sure to take great care of your volunteers. Work around their schedule, don't dictate yours to them. These people are taking time out of their day to wander around strange neighborhoods and talk to total strangers for you, often in bad weather. Be sure to buy them meals, buy them water or soda and continually let them know how much you appreciate them.

Door to door campaigning is an absolute must for any candidate who wants to win. A door to door campaign working off an accurate list that has volunteers visiting only active, persuadable voters, delivering a disciplined, winning message, and doing so politely, efficiently and taking lots of notes can knock off incumbent politicians and deliver surprising vote totals.

For a party that doesn't have the means to buy lots of voter mail, or have unions do their canvassing for them, honing effective door-to-door campaigns is the "smart bomb" that can take out many older party candidates. Many elections have been won simply because "he took the time to come to my house and speak

to me" and I have had candidates lose only because they didn't want to go door to door. Don't make that mistake. Your job as a Libertarian candidate is to beat your opponents and stop the growth of government. A door-to-door campaign puts you on the path to doing that, and it gives the Libertarian Party a personal, caring touch we often lack.

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Independents Not Sold On Pres. Obama

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socialism that continent is trying to get away from."

Seventy-nine percent of all respondents say the record-shattering debt being run up by Obama will hurt future generations. Republicans fare poorly as well, with only 29 percent of Americans stating they approve of the way the party, which began the current bailout mentality with then-President Bush's TARP plan to prop up failed banks, is handling economic issues.

"After 14 years of a Republican Congress and White House that exploded spending, bailed out banks and regulated virtually more and more facets of American life, and now a Democrat administration building on that foundation at a record pace, it's clear the Libertarian Party - with its message of fiscal and personal responsibility - is America's only mainstream political party," said Ferguson.

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CORRECTION: In the February 2009 issue of *LP News*, the vote total chart in the "Annual Report" (page 8) incorrectly stated the figures included adjustment for states without ballot access. We apologize for this error.

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Oregon

Oil Demonstration

Libertarian Party of Oregon Vice Chair Marc Delphine and fellow State Committee and former LNC member Richard P. Burke recently took active roles in a demonstration held at the University of California-San Francisco sponsored by Americans for Prosperity.

The demonstration took place at a field hearing held by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. The hearing dealt with the prospect of opening areas off the pacific coast for expanded oil drilling. Also on the panel were Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski and California Senator Barbara Boxer.

As elected officials, Burke and Delphine were invited to a private reception with Kulongoski, Salazar and Boxer. Though in the clear minority, Burke and Delphine advocated for less government interference while acknowledging the long-term benefits of developing new sources of energy.

Later in the day, Burke was interviewed by a number of San Francisco newspapers and one local television station.

Tips for Campus Outreach

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appropriate contacts at the school concerning those forums and request that your local LP candidates be invited.

* Many high school teachers of government/political science/civics classes want LP candidate material (e.g., pamphlets, position papers, bumper stickers, campaign signs) prior to Election Day to use in their classes. You can arrange to provide that material. In some cases, those teachers want representatives of political parties to address their classes; you can arrange for LP representatives to do so.

* Many high schools have "mock elections" in October; you can arrange for LP candidates at all levels to be included in those elections.

* Several high schools require their students to perform "community service" as a condition for graduation. If your local LP organization chooses to allow such "community servants" to help, you should inform the school of this before the fall term begins. (Note: I do not want to benefit from the labor of those whose only reason for helping me is that they are forced to do so. Thus, before accepting such help I would try to ascertain the true degree of interest in my campaign/organization on the part of such "volunteers." I believe it is acceptable for a local LP organization to allow students to satisfy their service requirement by assisting that organization, if the students want to do so.)

At the risk of belaboring the obvious, now is the time for you and your group to plan for the upcoming school year; your work during the spring and summer will lay the foundation for success during the fall. In particular, establish goals for your group and determine how you can accomplish those goals. A little investment in preparation now will likely pay big dividends when classes resume.

Dr. Lark, a professor in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Virginia, serves as the national student organization coordinator for the LP. He is the Region 5S Representative on the Libertarian National Committee, and served as the LP national chairman during the 2000-2002 term.

My Internship Experience at the Libertarian National Committee

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lists of support, follow back with the extra emails, send the extra thank you notes. I have now met and networked with top leaders in politics and academics – and I have come to shed the insecurities in talking to them. It's all people work, after all. I learned how to distinguish myself as someone who will, at the end of the day, get it done.

The people at the Libertarian Party have been the greatest, wackiest, and kindest professional family to me. Never once have I felt insignificant or disre-

spected.

Instead, they have made me understand how important I am to the future of liberty. I can now count on them as my backup in all my future ventures. Once they get you thinking and working, you can only go higher. Wherever liberty takes me, I will always remember the welcoming stepping stone the Libertarian Party placed in my path.

Irena Schneider is the President of American University's Students for Liberty.

GOP Tax Plans Rile Libertarians

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Mayor look to raise taxes on the hard working owners of hotels, bars, restaurants and our City's guests first, then they truly do not understand the forgotten man in all of this."

Coleman is asking everyone to contact their state legislators immediately to voice their opposition to high taxes. "The voters of Indianapolis need to remind their officials of their outrage from 2007, and that they won't forget a move like this come election time. Ask them to put the average taxpayer first, and the owners of the Colts and Pacers second."

Book Review:

"The Conscience of a Libertarian"

Written by Wayne Allyn Root

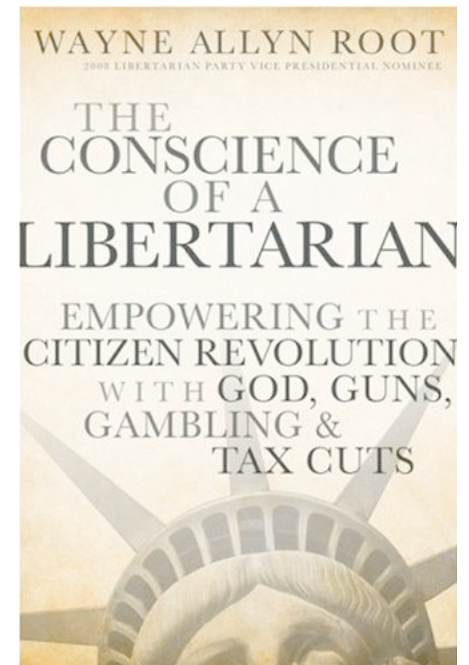
by Austin Petersen

In "The Conscience of a Libertarian," Wayne Allyn Root, the great sports prognosticator (and S.O.B.) spies a citizen revolution brewing in his crystal ball.. It's hard to tell whether he'll be proved right as the book is not so much a prediction of the future as it is a shield beating, torch bearing, meat cleaver swinging call to revolution for what he calls the "battered voters" of the United States.

W.A.R. dons on his fathers bloody apron and ties the string tight as he hacks away mercilessly at the left wing socialist administration currently occupying the White House. He doesn't mince words for either side of the Republican and Democrat divide (no surprise there isn't one).

Root is a small businessman who was heavily affected by the legislation that banned online poker. He rails against the moral authoritarians while offering the libertarian compromise as an alternative to faith based policy. He sees federal intervention in Jeffersonian terms as intervention by a foreign government.

Quoting heavily from Goldwater, his intellectual hero, W.A.R. obliterates government intrusion into gay marriage/civil union issues. I read for the first time Senator Goldwater's quote, "I don't care if a soldier is straight, as long as he shoots straight." A rare insight into a man I am looking forward to learning more about thanks to Wayne's Book.



Root is obviously earnest in his desire to work for a libertarian future. I think there are valid criticisms that he is too overbearing in appearances, which is also reflected in how his book reads. You feel as if you are being yelled at all the time. In reading "The Conscience..." the reader wants to tell him to calm down and explain slowly so we can get the message. Also the Francophobia is a bit much.

Regardless of the criticisms (that only drive him on harder), the libertarian movement in general needs all the help it can get from this man. He's genuinely interesting even if you are extremely radical, or the most prudish pragmatist in the party.

If you're the type to read a book because you want to get fired up, learn some facts you might not have known, and get to know more about an LP celeb, then definitely get the book.

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.



Event	Date	Location	Contact
LPMI State Convention	May 23	Jackson, MI	trustynathan08@yahoo.com
LP Grand Western Conference	May 24	Missoula, MT	birvin@allidaho.com
LPCT State Convention	May 30	Bridgeport, CT	www.LPCT.org
Small Government Summit	June 5	Newton, MA	centerforsmallgovernment.com
LPNC EXCOM Meeting	June 6	Greensboro, NC	lp.org/event
LPDE State Board Meeting	June 6	Wilmington, DE	bradct@delanet.com
LPFL EXCOM Meeting	June 13	Teleconference	lp.org/event
LPNH Executive Council Meeting	June 13	Concord, NH	lp.org/event
LPID Philosophical Brunch	June 13	Nampa, ID	roboates@yahoo.com
LPMN State Convention	June 13	TBD	lp.org/event
LPMO EXCOM Meeting	June 21		exec@lpmo.org
LPAR Nominating Convention	August 9	Little Rock, AR	lp.org/event
LPOH EXCOM Meeting	August 15	Columbus, OH	Kevin.knedler@lpo.org
LPAR Second District Meeting	September 20	Little Rock, AR	lp.org/event
LPIL State Convention	October 23	Collinsville, IL	lp.org/event
LPAR Third District Meeting	November 9	Fayetteville, AR	(479) 414-2825

Each issue, we'll ask you a question, and the answer will be provided in the next issue of *LP News*. Discussion on the question is welcome in "Letters to the Editor," space permitting.

What is the most votes a Libertarian Party candidate has ever received?

LAST ISSUE'S LP QUESTION:
Which state affiliate is the largest, in terms of membership?

ANSWER:
According to the 2008 Annual Report (found in the last issue of *LP News*), California is the largest state affiliate with 2,010 members. Florida (982 members), is the second largest, followed by Texas (953).

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Outreach and Affiliate Coordinator Austin Petersen with LP activist Kat Sumner at an Equality Forum in Washington, D.C. "In the pouring rain, we found shelter under a bus stop," said Petersen. "No one to convert to the LP because of the weather, but we did meet a few friendly faces and libertarians there that were open to the idea. Next time will be better," Petersen promised.

What have you missed recently on www.LP.org?

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Question of the Day