Libertarian Party Closes 2007 with Big Gains

For political junkies, it was hard to find anything to be cheery about in 2007. Republicans continued their war against civil liberties and fiscal responsibility, and Democrats in Congress didn’t do much of anything at all. The year was marred by historic lows for both Congress and the president, and wrought with scandals of power and corruption. From Ted Stevens to Larry Craig, good news was few and far between.

However, just as the year was closing, the Libertarian Party announced something to give those looking for a political alternative a little New Year’s joy. Marking an end to a long streak of yearly membership losses, the Libertarian Party is reporting an increase of 28 percent in membership for Dec. 2006 to Dec. 2007 time period. The jump in Libertarian Party members comes while Democrats and Republicans are struggling to stave off members abandoning the parties in pursuit of political alternatives. So while the two major parties were begging members to stay, the Libertarian Party was raking them in.

The tremendous increase in membership has gotten significant play in the media, from local newspapers excited about the impact a stronger third party could have in local races, to well-known Internet sites like TownHall.com. Reporters all want to know what has caused this surge in Libertarian ranks, as if the answer isn’t obvious. “The numbers show what everybody has been saying—people are not happy with the two-party system and are ready for a change,” says Libertarian Party Executive Director Shane Cory.

This past year: overwhelming disapproval with the two major parties. When voters grow disillusioned with their respective parties, they turn to the LP as a viable alternative to the two-party system. Resurgence in Libertarian membership is a welcomed return to the growth of the Party after it peaked in 1999. Beginning in 1993 with an aggressive buildup starting two years later, the Libertarian Party’s membership soared to more than 33,000 active, dues-paying members. In the subsequent six years, the numbers tanked to a low of just more than 11,000.

“At the time, membership numbers were the least of our worries,” said Robert Kraus, operations manager of the Libertarian Party, earlier this year. “We were fighting each day to keep the doors open.”

LNC Secretary Bob Sullentrup Honored in New York

LNC Secretary Bob Sullentrup was honored in New York City on December 18 for his work with Rock-The-Debates, Inc., an organization that he founded. Rock-The-Debates, Inc. seeks to get third party and independent candidates into the 2008 presidential debates that are on the ballot in enough states to have a mathematical chance of winning the presidency. The Commission on Presidential Debates, an organization comprised of Republicans and Democrats, controls the debates and excludes third parties and independents. Although Sullentrup has been the Libertarian Party national secretary since 2004, Rock-The-Debates, Inc. is not affiliated with any political party and includes Greens, Independents, Libertarians and others.

The Independence Party of New York awarded Sullentrup and Rock-The-Debates cohort Larry Reinsch of Iowa, chair of the Iowa Citizens Debate Commission, their annual Anti-Corruption Award at a gala event across from City Hall in Manhattan.

“We have Americans dying in Iraq to promote democracy in that part of the world”, Sullentrup noted, “while in this country we can’t manage to have free, open and inclusive presidential debates. There’s something fundamentally wrong with that.”

The approach of Rock-The-Debates is to ‘bird-dog’ candidates when they appear in voter-accessible places like

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open. It was a very tough time.” With financial woes and membership declines, the Libertarian Party fought vigorously to overcome nearly 21 months of back-to-back membership losses.

Initial efforts in member reacquisition saw tremen
donous success and brought back more than 1,000 members to the Party. A substan
tial prospecting campaign began in June, which is planned to reach more than 230,000 people registered as a Libertarian but who have never joined with the party. The result of these efforts, combined with the record levels of dissatisfaction with Republicans and Democrats, finally put the Libertarian Party back on track.

Currently, there are approximately a quarter-million registered Libertarians in the United States, and the Libertarian Party boasts more than 105,000 members.

One interesting figure to arise out of the new membership numbers are those new members who report the U.S. military as their em
eral. When the numbers

7 percent of new members claimed the Armed Forces as their employer. In fact, at that time, the LP was attracting more than 14 times the national average of active duty service members.

“We are honored to have such support from US military personnel,” says Libertarian Party Executive Di
tector Shane Cory. “But it should come as no surprise. Our non-interventionist mes
gage resonates with our ser
dence men and women. They will do their job in Iraq for as long as they are told to do it, but they want to come home, and they see the Libertarian Party as the party most dedic
ted to bringing them back when the war is over.”

Libertarian Party members in the armed forces range from junior enlisted personnel to Vice Admiral Michael Colley, USN, [Ret.], who serves on the Libertarian National Committee.

The great gains the Lib
tarian Party has made in the past year is sure to fur
ther the notion that third par
ties will play a pivotal role in the 2008 elections. With more and more people be
ing exposed to the libertar
ian philosophy through Lib
tarian candidates elected to office, Libertarian volunteers and activists in the community, and even a little unintentional
al promotion through Ron
Paul’s presidential campaign in the GOP, LP membership is sure to grow.

“We’re attracting mem
bers from both the Repub
lican and Democratic Par
ties,” says National Media Coordinator Andrew Davis. “Americans are ready for an alternative to the two-party monopoly on politics. They want a change, and the Liber
tarian Party is that change.”

A growing Libertarian Party is vital for the health of the democratic process. As the Libertarian Party expands and gain prominence throughout the country, its influence in mainstream poli
tics will be greatly enhanced. As the “libertarian reawak
en” spreads further across the nation, more and more Americans will join ranks with the Libertarian Party to help restore the liberty lost under the rule of the Repub
licans and Democrats.

Libertarian Party Head
quarters plans on 2008 as an
other strong year of growth,
which is all the more re
markable considering that in Texas people who want to vote for Ron Paul in their upcoming primary in his home state have to be registered as Republicans, making them ineligible to be Libertarian candidates under state law. Texas will probably exceed their re
cord once candidates for lo
cal nonpartisan offices be
come known.

The next big filing
deadline comes in late Feb
ruary in California, where master candidate recruiter
Ted Brown has already mo
bilized 68 candidates for U.S. Congress and State
Assembly. California also is a hotbed of local Liber
tarian officeholders, includ
ing Norm “Firecracker” Westwell, who will be run
ning for reelection to the Ocean View School Board.

With such a great start to the campaign season, there will be plenty of strong Lib
ertarian candidates to help
elect in 2008.

Such gaudy numbers should not deter smaller or less organized states from recruiting their own record
slates. In 2006, Kansas, South Dakota, and Louisiana in particular used what for those states were record
slates to build their affiliate up to the next levels of ac
tivity. This year, Libertar
ians in Maine are already planning campaigns around
which they can reinvigorate their state party.

There are a number of great reasons why Libertar
ians would run for office, even in races where the odds of victory are long. Every candidate receives invitations for media ex
posure and opportunities to spread the Libertarian message that we otherwise would have to struggle to get. As a candidate for public office, you also have an easy way to walk up to anyone and start a positive conversation about liberty. Libertarian candidates have the ability to raise issues not currently being discussed and make them part of the local or statewide political agenda. Any campaign vol
unteers recruited can easily be turned into more active Party members after the election.

For many, the main re
ason to run for office is that it’s fun! It feels great to be constantly asked for your opinion on the issues that mean the most to you, and to be invited to meet new people to spread the good


Ferguson Reelected to City Committee

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level of government like this.

This is where you get to put principles into practical ap
lication and where your de
cisions directly affect people, even if it’s on a small scale.”

The Transportation Com
mittee isn’t the only office in
which Ferguson serves. Ear
lier this year, Ferguson was ele
c
lected to the Board of Direc
tors of the local water district, winning over 72 percent of the vote in a two-way race. In 2003, he was appointed by the then-Secretary of State to serve on the Missouri State

Plan Committee which devel
oped the state’s election re
form plan required by the fed
eral Help America Vote Act.

Mike Ferguson will be
 among the speakers at the 2008 Libertarian National Convention in Denver, Colo
rado this May.

Campaign 2008 kicks off in a big way

The Libertarian Party of Texas started the 2008 election season with a record 210 can
didates for partisan offices on January 2nd.

According to their Web
site, “For the first time, Libertarian candidates filed for every statewide race. Libertarian candidates for the 32 U.S. House seats, 12 of the 15 Texas Senate seats (80 percent, a record percentage), 102 of the 150 Texas House seats (68 per
cent, a record percentage), the State Board of Education seats (71 per
cent, a record percentage).” Their slate also includes 37 candidates who filed for county-level offices.

According to LP Texas’ Executive Director, Wes Benedict, this mark is just short of the all-time record of 218 candidates in Texas,
Gubernatorial Candidate Michael Munger
Breaking “The Matrix” in North Carolina

By Sean Haugh

“Sometimes I feel like we are all living in one of the ‘Matrix’ movies,” says Mike Munger, Libertarian candidate for Governor of North Carolina. It’s an apt analogy. So many people are locked into the two-party system that they often don’t even see the alternatives right in front of them. But Munger has found some success breaking people’s minds out of the American political “matrix.”

“One of the most heartening things I have been hearing,” says Munger, “is from voters who never thought they would look outside the state-sponsored parties. They say, ‘I never thought I could vote Libertarian. But the more I look at the issues, the more I look at the issues, and the parties...well, I might vote for you!’ We have to make people imagine that the world could be different, that their lives could be better or free.”

As the Chair of the Political Science Department at Duke University and a regular columnist for the Raleigh News and Observer, Munger already has a lot of experience opening people’s minds to new ideas. Munger is taking a sabbatical from his academic post to concentrate full time on his campaign. However, the News and Observer has continued to run his column, and media outlets across the states regularly include Munger when mentioning the candidates who have already announced their intent to run for Governor.

Munger has also been included in early polls for the race, coming in at 2 to 4 percent. The 2 percent threshold is important for North Carolina ballot access due to a recent change in state law. In previous elections, the barrier for retaining full party ballot access was 10 percent of the vote for Governor or President. But with this reform, now it is well within our grasp to win permanent ballot access in North Carolina.

Until then, however, North Carolina is still working to meet some of the most stringent ballot access requirements in the country. The ballot drive costs over $100,000 every four years, leaving the LPNC coffers dry before the race even begins. But that does not take the seemingly permanent smile from Munger’s face. Munger is the prototypical “happy warrior;” always conveying the feeling of pure joy that naturally accompanies the message of freedom. He has even turned this burden into another weapon in his arsenal. “Ballot access is a winning issue for us,” says Munger. “I have been surprised at the universal agreement I get from people when I make speeches or talk to them one-on-one. In fact, lots of times they stop me and say, ‘Why isn’t anyone upset about this? Why isn’t someone doing something?’ I stare at them, and say, ‘I’m running for Governor, and my party is trying to change the law. Now, sir, what are YOU doing?’”

When asked why he is running as Libertarian, Munger replies, “One problem we have is that most Libertarians are not interested in the party because they love politics. They are Libertarians because they love liberty. Having to organize politically just to protect your own rights and the free way of life is frustrating. But we have to do it. We have to think about the political system as something that we can use to defend liberty. Our message is something that a lot of Americans are ready to hear, that they want to hear. We just have to get that message out, and get Libertarians elected to public offices, at all levels, all over the country.”

Munger’s Web site, http://munger4ncgov.com, focuses this reasoning outside the party. “I want to run for Governor of North Carolina as a Libertarian,” according to Munger, “[because] I want to restore good government to our great state. My themes, a moratorium on capital punishment, control of municipal aggression against property, a broad-based education voucher system and ending corporate welfare, are all echoes of this one central theme. I am a liberal, in the way that Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were liberals. I believe in the human spirit more than I believe in government direction and control of human activity. As Governor, I will lead North Carolina towards a rebirth of liberty, tempered by the requirements, and the ethics, of personal responsibility.”

Although Munger will most likely never lose the smile, he has shorn the golden locks that until recently defined his appearance. His new haircut is a practical reflection of this Libertarian brand of personal responsibility. Munger’s wife Donna is a cancer survivor, so he grew out his hair to donate it to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hairpieces for children whose own locks have been lost to disease or its treatment. The big haircut took place on December 28, 2007, and is documented on his blog, http://munger4ncgov.com/campaignblog.php. “Let’s try to find a cure for cancer in our own lifetimes,” says Munger in both word and deed, “before those lifetimes are cut short.”

Munger resides near the top of the LP’s Candidate Tracker because he has been actively campaigning for almost two years already. He has a goal to visit all 100 of North Carolina’s counties, and had already made appearances in 16 of them by September 2007. As the North Carolina ballot drive nears completion and the media turns its attention to November’s contests, Munger has put himself in a great position to put on a campaign the likes of which NC has never seen.
Libertarian Party Receives Bequest from Tennessee Libertarian

By Andrew Davis

Many Libertarians say they will fight for liberty in America until they day they die, and hold true to that promise. Raymond G. Burrelling was one of those people, except for one major difference. Even after his passing, Mr. Burrelling still was dedicated to the cause of liberty.

Mr. Burrelling, of Knox County, Tennessee, passed away in March 2007. A lifelong advocate of individual freedom in the U.S., Mr. Burrelling knew the fight for liberty would last long after he was unable to continue it. Knowing this, Mr. Burrelling listed the Libertarian Party in his will as a residuary legatee, meaning they would receive a portion of his estate upon death. “Bequeathing parts of estates to the Libertarian Party is not all that uncommon,” says Bill Hall, Libertarian Party general counsel and Michigan state chairman. “It is not hard to provide as part of your estate planning for a gift to further the cause of freedom following your death.”

Hall says that state affiliates are contacted several times a year in regards to estate planning gifts, and while many of these gifts are not as large as Mr. Burrelling’s, any amount goes towards furthering the Libertarian Party’s efforts for liberty. “For a bequest in a will, it is as simple as writing: ‘I hereby give and bequeath [cash amount, percentage amount of estate, or property you are giving] to the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (i.e., the national committee of the Libertarian Party in the United States of America), Washington, DC, for its general purposes,’” says Hall.

Along with the Cato Institute, the National Rifle Association and a personal friend, Mr. Burrelling bequeathed 25 percent of his estate to the Libertarian Party. In its final sum, the total gift to the LP is expected to be possibly up to $200,000.

Because of campaign finance laws, the Libertarian Party will receive an initial gift of $28,500, the maximum an individual is allowed to donate to a political party, with the remaining amount left in escrow to be donated yearly at the maximum amount allowed.

However, Hall says maximum campaign contribution limits are easy to work with. “If you have a contribution limit problem,” says Hall, “then typically you address it in the will and/or estate planning trust by providing for the amount of the bequest exceeding the contribution limit to be held in a trust or escrow and paid out over a period of years, paying the maximum permitted amount each year.”

Hall volunteered to provide a sample of the necessary language upon request.

Estate planning gifts are a great way to show your lasting support to the Libertarian Party. The fight for liberty is one that often requires lots of fighting, and then some. Any size gifts are appreciated and will be used for the core functions of the Libertarian Party, including ballot access, media outreach and candidate recruitment.

If your are interested in making a gift to the Libertarian Party during your estate planning, please don’t hesitate to contact us by calling Louise Calise at 202-333-0008 ext. 235 who can arrange assistance from the Libertarian Party’s general counsel, Bill Hall.

2008 Convention Update

By BetteRose Ryan

The Denver LPCon has added more to the convention packages. Each registration level from Congressional and above has new events included:

Prior to the start of the convention, on Thursday, May 22, there will be a tour of the U.S. Mint. While this tour has been added for no charge, the attendee must sign up in advance so the Denver LPCon can make the necessary arrangements. Tour groups are not large, and arrangements must be made for both the time and the number of tour groups. The groups will go through the U.S. Mint around noon on Thursday.

It’s a masquerade party! That’s right. Attendees coming to the convention a day or two early are invited to a party. The theme of this party is “Favorite Politican or Issue” and will be a great time for all. Attendees are not required to dress for the masquerade but there will be prizes for best costume, great lowest budget costume, best representation of an issue costume and others. The party will be held Wednesday evening, May 21.

This event is free to all those who have registered for the convention at the Congressional level and above.

There is another special event taking place during the time of the convention as well. Dr. Richard Hoagland, heard on Coast to Coast radio, will be addressing many of his listeners at the Adam’s Mark Hotel on May 22. This event is open to the public. Attendees to our convention who are registered at the Congressional level and above will be admitted to this event for free. Anyone else wishing to attend must purchase a ticket for $25 from the event handler, which will be announced.

Attendees can look forward to round table discussions and coffee klatches held before, during and after the convention. There will also be training sessions for those serious minded candidates and activists. The training sessions will be held during the convention, though if interest is high, there may be some hands on training on Thursday, May 22, and on Monday, May 26.

White Water Rafting is a great Colorado adventure. Denver LPCon is making arrangements for trips on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Denver LPCon is working on more ways to make this convention more than a convention but an adventure. If any attendee has any suggestions, please send the information to BetteRose Ryan brettrose@aol.com.
Stand for Something or Nothing at All

In 1968, I became 21 and eligible to vote. In 1967, I made a personal commitment to my fallen brothers in Vietnam that I would vote at every election and vote for the best interests of the nation that they gave their lives to protect. I have kept that commitment. I have always voted my conscience and not my party.

In 1968, when I registered to vote, I was told that in order for my vote to count, I needed to register Democrat. I said no way, show me Republican, that company area is a Republican bastion. After the past few years my Republican government has gone wild. I think it is time for a real change. Time for me to do the third party thing. The Libertarian party seems to be my best bet.

If you don’t stand for something, you will stand for nothing. I will soon change my party affiliation for the good of my country.

— Gary Chandler Pensacola, Florida

Yoopers to Blame?

As a LP’er, I need to point out a blatant error on the front page of Nov/Dec 2007 Newpaper. The state of Michigan is split in two on the map of the United States. However, when colored to indicate the states which had LP candidates win elections, the state of Michigan ONLY shows the eastern portion highlighted. Is it possible the “Yoopers” didn’t agree with the election?

— Teri Luebeck Michigan

Why Bother Voting for Prez?

I don’t understand why folks are so twisted up about presidential elections. Anyone who understands the U.S. Constitution understands that the election of any president, past, present, or future does not allow for the vote of the common citizen (popular vote).

Article 2, Section 1, Paragraph 2 clearly states that the State Legislatures appoint electors in number that are equal to the number of U.S. Representatives and Senators to vote for the U.S. President (Electoral College). By today’s count that’s 535 people (435 U.S. Reps and 100 Senators) in the entire United States that vote for and elect the President out of 300+ million citizens.

Editor’s note: Teri, our apologies. The staffer responsible for the graphic is a Texan, so please forgive his lack of knowledge on Yooper territory. We’ve ordered him the book, Growing Up Yooper: Childhood Memories of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, as a fair way to make amends with our Michigan readers.

Labeling Laws

I have wondered why no political party has not realized the importance of consumer-concerned issues. This would be a valuable check on corporate influence in politics and save lives at the same time. It is an issue that affects all regardless of differences.

An example would be in strict labeling laws. Like tobacco, listing country of manufacture, ingredients, recommended use, and any possible drug interactions. How many cigarettes would tobacco companies recommend an individual smoke a day if they were held liable for health issues related to smoking? Alcohol would be another product that strict labeling would distribute responsibility if listed recommended amount to consume with in a time period for a certain body weight, placing responsibility on the individual consumer for abuse and failure to follow listed advice. Now place illegal substances under the same legislation allowing a consumer means to address harm caused by a substance not properly labeled. This would not eliminate drug use but it would be incentive to create safer recreational drugs. Placing the manufacturer and distributor under potential liability as opposed to incarcerating non-criminal users.

— Anthony Frank

Libertarians Need to Get Real!

I am again, as I have for the last five elections, running as a Libertarian for the First Congressional District of Alabama. I served in the US Air Force for 22 years. I pay attention because I am a news junky. I am 72 years old. All of which gives me a degree of “cred”.

I am very angry with the Libertarian Party position on Foreign Affairs.

The platform speaks in glitzy generalities about non-intervention and ignores the fact that we are at war. It ignores the fact that we, and our interests have been assailed repeatedly by Iran captured and occupied our embassy in Teheran in 1979. It ignores the fact that the US must live in a global society even with all of it’s warts. And it has the unmitigated gall to include our “open borders” dream scheme as the major statement under Foreign Affairs.

And under “Issues”, the only non-platform entry is the piece by Michael Tanner that manages to ignore the fact that we have been illegally invaded by upwards of 10 million criminals.

Not only am I angry, but our apparent ignorance of the realities of the world in which we live makes me sick. I am aware that we are against the initiation of aggression but we are also duty bound to protect our property and our interests. We seem to ignore this latter point.

If we are EVER to be taken seriously as a viable political party in this country, the people who run this party better get a realistic grip on foreign affairs, rather than fill their bellies with “pie-in-the-sky”.

— Dick Coffie Mobile, AL

More on Ron Paul

You might want to add Ron Paul to the “Liberty Decides ‘08” list; I sent a whopping generous 20 bucks in his name, and I imagine some other LP members’ll want to do likewise. I’m not sure how he’ll stand with the LP bylaws, but I imagine he’ll be filled with the FEC, and we’ll see if his name raises $5000 for the LP.

If Ron Paul wins the GOP nomination (even for Veep), the LP might concentrate on lower offices. If he lets the LP nominate him, even if he doesn’t campaign his name would do the party good.

— Andrew Lohr Chattanooga, TN

P page one of the November/December issue has an article entitled “LP Values Highlighted at Leadership Conference.” The article is quite informative, but I object to a picture of Mitt Romney front and center in a Libertarian Party publication just as the Republican caucuses begin.

Romney is a superstatistician who forced Massachusetts residents to buy health insurance, snubbed medical marijuana patients, and wants to double the size of the Guantanamo military prison. The only way his picture should be shown is inside a red circle with a slash through it.

— Ted Brown San Gabriel, CA
Outreach Successful in Minnesota

Bob Odden knows about taking the ideas of liberty to the public. He’s Chair of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. A few weeks ago, Bob led an Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) outreach booth at a weekend gun show in St. Paul, Minnesota.

OPH, of course, is the Advocates’ famous “event in a kit,” which uses the World’s Smallest Political Quiz and other tools to transform an ordinary dull outreach booth into a crowd-drawing, fun event. “Sometimes there were so many people in front of the booth, they were blocking the aisle,” he said.

Echoing the experience of many other OPHers, Odden recounted, “Some people even hung around the table kind of like groupies. The guy in the booth next to me got so excited about the Quiz, he manned the booth when I needed a break. He had such high energy, that he even donated money.

“He plans to be at our pot luck this Saturday at the Liberty Center in St. Paul. Until he took the Quiz, he thought he was on the Left.

“We need him and others like him -- people who think positively and who sell people on the benefits of Liberty.”

All in all, about 200 people stopped at the OPH booth. And some were so enthusiastic they showed their appreciation -- with cash.

“We collected about $200 in donations,” Bob reports.

Bob was also impressed by the large number of people who scored in the Libertarian portion of the Quiz chart. His results broke down this way:

Statist 3%
Right 10%
Left 7%
Center (mostly Libertarian leaning) 27%
Libertarian 53%

“I can feel a change coming,” Bob says. “People at the booth told me that they are unhappy with where the Democrats/Republicans are taking us. Citizens want real change. They want liberty. They also want big government to return to what is constitutionally allowed.

“Ron Paul is the only candidate for President that citizens know of that talks about liberty. Ron Paul is making citizens aware that they are losing liberty. Citizens know that if they want liberty, they need to take action. Now is the best time in generations to spread the word about liberty.

“Now think of all the thousands of bills every year that are passed by big government that violate one group or another groups rights. It is impossible to fight each and every bill that is passed that attacks liberty. Therefore, it is important to educate citizens on what liberty is, how they are losing liberty, and how Liberty benefits them directly.

“Contact your state party to volunteer and make donations. Set up affiliates at university, colleges, coffee shops, and where ever people are. Once February is over, it might be too late to take advantage of this pivotal point in time.”

Success with Soundbites and Short Answers

By Sharon Harris

“Go ahead -- make my day!”

Even if you never saw the movie Dirty Harry, you’ve certainly heard Clint Eastwood’s classic line. Over 35 years later, it remains instantly recognizable -- and constantly quoted.

“Given the government’s record with the War on Poverty and the War on Drugs, we can assume that a War on Abortion would lead within five years to men having abortions.” -- Libertarian Party presidential candidate Harry Browne.

These are examples of great soundbites. Originally a “soundbite” referred to a few words or phrases clipped from a speech or interview, used by broadcast media during a story. The soundbite didn’t have to be particularly memorable, just relevant to the story.

Today, however, “sound-biting” is a vital art for anyone trying to win the attention of the public. Politicians, marketers and others work hard to create memorable, powerful soundbites -- verbal bumper stickers that catch attention and open minds.

Marketing expert Susan Harrow explains: “Soundbites consist of fascinating phrases. They can be facts, anecdotes, stories, one-liners, or clever quiqs. They are sentences memorably packed with meaning.”

Harrow notes the advantage soundbites offer.

“The irony of talking concisely is that people will listen to you longer. Colleagues, employees, bosses and audiences will wait for your next pithy phrase. Radio and TV talk show hosts will give you more air time. Journalists will quote you.”

And isn’t that exactly what we libertarians want?

Be Prepared!

Take a lesson from some of the world’s best communicators: don’t leave soundbites to chance.

Don’t rely on inspiration. Avoid the frustration of answering poorly, and then kicking yourself a day or two later when the perfect answer suddenly pops into your head.

Instead, prepare your answers in advance.

You probably already know the questions you are most likely to be asked about libertarianism. (The most common: “What is libertarianism, anyway?”)

For each of these questions, create one or more short answers. They should be, maximum, 30 seconds long -- less is better. Make them detailed enough to answer the question, short enough to leave listeners asking for more.

Write them down. Refine them. Commit them to memory. Practice until they come quickly and easily, and

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sound natural and fresh.
Former Libertarian Party presidential candidates Ed Clark, David Bergland, and Harry Browne each did this. Their seemingly off-the-cuff eloquence was actually the result of preparing and practicing soundbites and short answers.

Harry Browne wrote down the soundbites that worked best in his interviews, debates, and speeches. Eventually he had hundreds of carefully-polished jewels of compressed libertarian wisdom at his fingertips.

The result: Browne quickly became famous as one of the most persuasive, effective and quotable libertarian communicators ever.
Every libertarian who wants to be a successful communicator should follow Browne’s example.

If that sounds daunting, don’t despair! The good news: Other libertarians have already done a lot of the work for you.

The Van Cliburn Insight

As Advocates Founder Marshall Fritz has pointed out, great concert pianists don’t write the music they perform. They choose from the world’s finest music compositions – and then practice until they can deliver them with perfection.

You don’t have to create wonderful, witty, memorable libertarian soundbites and short answers from scratch. Just use the best of what other libertarians have already created.

Here are a few resources available from the Advocates that can help you do this.

* The Advocates collected the best of Harry Browne’s campaign soundbites – the actual ones he used in his campaigns – into a book: Liberty A to Z. 872 Libertarian Soundbites You Can Use Right Now. (Yes, that’s right – 872 soundbites!)

* Libertarian Party activist Mary Ruwart is another soundbite expert. Ruwart writes a column, “Ask Dr. Ruwart,” in every issue of our free e-mail newsletter, the Liberator Online. In it she gives short, to-the-point answers to questions libertarians are commonly asked. These answers are archived at the Advocates Web site, www.TheAdvocates.org.

* Mary Ruwart’s book Short Answers to the Tough Questions is a treasure of soundbites, also available from the Advocates.

* Libertarianism.com, a Web site created by the Advocates, has many short soundbite-sized answers to common questions.

Of course, there are many other sources. In your reading, when you come across a great, persuasive, soundbite-like phrase, don’t let it get away! Write it down. Add it to your repertoire.

Soundbites and prepared short answers will make you a far more comfortable and polished spokesperson for liberty.

And you’ll enjoy your casual conversations about libertarianism a lot more when you have great answers at your fingertips!

Sharon Harris is president of the Advocates for Self-Government, which provides tools and training for successful libertarian outreach, including Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) and the world-famous World's Smallest Political Quiz. Find out more at www.TheAdvocates.org.
Alabama
Ballot Access Assistance Needed

The state of Alabama has some of the most restrictive ballot access laws in the country, making it very hard for the Libertarian Party to place candidates on the ballot. Unlike the two dominant political parties, we have to collect thousands of signatures on a petition requesting that we have the vote for a Libertarian candidate. A local group of Alaskans called Alaskans Against Real ID has formed recently.

California
2008 LPC Annual Convention of Delegates

The Libertarian Party of California meets annually to consider changes to the Party platform, bylaws and to elect leadership for the upcoming year.

The 2008 Convention will also include a Presidential Straw Poll as well as the selection of Delegates to the Libertarian National Convention in Denver, Memorial Day weekend (May 22-26) to choose our Presidential nominee.

The Executive Committee has scheduled the 2008 Convention on February 22-24, 2008 at the Marina Village Conference Center in San Diego.

For more information visit ca.lp.org.

Florida
Convention Scheduled

The annual business meeting for the Libertarian Party of Florida will be held on March 29, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select located at 5750 T.G. Lee Blvd in Orlando, Florida.

The public is welcome to attend, however, only those that are registered Libertarian 60 days prior to the convention and are members of the Libertarian Party may vote on party business.

Details of the convention are forthcoming and posted at www.lpf.org.

In the meantime, should you have questions, please notify our convention coordinator, Vicki Kirkland at vickm@bellsouth.net

Georgia
Libertarians say “NO” to the REAL ID Act - again!

The REAL ID Act has raised its head again. Passed by an undated (Republican) congress in 2005, the law mandates all states switch to secure drivers licenses that contain some biometric identifier, and that all personal information on the license be checked against government databases to verify social security and immigration status. Libertarians led the charge against the REAL ID Act, as we did against the Patriot Act. Representative Ron Paul (R-Tx) forced legislation to prevent funding for the law in several annual appropriation bills, but eventually Congress funded the law.

In response to passage of the REAL ID Act, Georgia led 16 other states in repealing the law by removing the biometric identifier, the fingerprint.

In a classic example of the evils of the bureaucratic state, the Department of Homeland Security on January 11, 2008 issued new regulations that have the force of law -- even though our elected political leaders will never debate or vote on the provisions.

The regulations mandate that, beginning in 2011, all Americans born after December 1, 1964 will be required to possess a drivers license containing a biometric identifier as well as several physical tamper-proof qualities. By the year 2014, no one born after that date will be allowed to board an airplane, open a bank account, or deal with any Federal agency unless they can show a REAL ID Act-compliant drivers license or government ID card. By 2017 the law will apply to all Americans regardless of age.

The American Civil Liberties Union responded in 2005 by saying the act is “the first-ever national identity card system,” which “would irreparably damage the fabric of American life.”

Libertarians concur with the ACLU on this issue. The REAL ID Act is anti-American by creating a national ID card. The manner in which the law is being implemented is unconstitutional because the rules are being set by unelected bureaucrats rather than an elected and accountable congress. And the underlying philosophy of the act is anti-freedom, because it implies that the ability to travel is a government-bestowed privilege rather than an inherent right.

Libertarians call on the Georgia delegation and all US legislators to repudiate this totalitarian law.

Illinois
LP Illinois Convention a Resounding Success

A spirited presidential debate, gifted Libertarian speakers and enthusiastic attendees accounted for a terrific weekend in Rockford on October 12-14th. Presidential candidates Alden Link, Michael Jingozian, Christine Smith and George Phillies scored points in their bid to become the LP nominee in a candidates’ forum and debate.

Keynote speakers Michael Cloud (the power of possibility), Jacob “Bumper” Hornberger (advantages of Libertarian thought) and Tony Ryan (the idiocy of the War on Drugs) delivered presentations that were both informative and persuasive.

The Illinois Convention also included activist workshops, including one by former presidential candidate Michael Badnarik, who was an invaluable help at the convention, and a round of Libertarian Jeopardy. The success of the convention builds momentum for the national convention and Election 2008. More details and photos are available on LPIllinois.org.

Ballot Access

Illinois election law requires 25,000 valid signatures to get Libertarian candidates for U.S. President, Vice President, and Senate on the ballot in Illinois. To survive a tough petition challenge, the Vote Libertarian Illinois committee is planning for the collection of approximately 50,000 raw signatures during the March 25 - June 23 petition drive. The committee is working with LP National, State, and Chapter organizations to gain their support, but the plan also requires individual pledges of either signatures or dollars to make it happen. For more information, visit our newly-redesigned LP Illinois Web site, LPIllinois.org or call (800) 735-1776.
Missouri
Libertarian Presidential Candidates to Debate

The top candidates of America’s most prominent third party will face off in Kansas City during the first major debate in the race for the Libertarian Presidential nomination.

The debate will be part of the Heartland Libertarian Conference which will take place in Kansas City, MO on April 5th, 2008. As of press time, those confirmed to be in the debate are Nevada entrepreneur and frequent FOX News Channel guest Wayne Allyn Root and Dr. George Phillies, a Physics Professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. The final debate lineup will consist of the top four or five candidates for the party’s nomination.

The event is being held at the Intrigue Park Place Hotel and Convention Center. The conference, which is sponsored by ATLAS PAC, is a joint effort of the Missouri Libertarian Party, Kansas Libertarian Party and Cass County (MO) Libertarian Party.

The event’s keynote speaker is former Congressman Bob Barr of Georgia. Rep. Barr is best known for leading the impeachment efforts against President Bill Clinton. Barr is now a member of the Libertarian National Committee.

In addition to the debate and speeches from Barr and the National Libertarian Party Executive Director Shane Cory, attendees will learn how to become better candidates and how to build effective political organizations from a panel discussion of elected Libertarian Party members and a workshop presented by Missouri LP Chair Glenn Neilsen.

The event’s complete lineup of confirmed speakers and the conference agenda can be found at http://www.lpmo.org/heartland2008. The link to register online can be found at that Web site as well.

One of the event’s coordinators, Mike Ferguson, says this conference has something to offer anyone who is interested in being active in politics and in holding government at all levels - accountable to those it serves. “There is something for pretty much everyone at this conference. In addition to great networking and speakers, we’re offering practical learning opportunities on how to get better at real-world politics.”

Ferguson adds that Libertarians and independents, like those currently supporting Rep. Ron Paul’s Presidential campaign, from around the Midwest are expected to attend this event.

Missouri Libertarian Party and the Kansas Libertarian Party will hold their state committee meetings during the conference. Those from other states, or those from Missouri and Kansas who choose not to participate in the state meetings, have the opportunity to attend a special seminar.

Michael Badnarik, the LP’s nominee for President in 2004, will give his special presentation on the Bill of Rights at no additional cost to the attendees.

The event is unusually affordable with registration only $60.00 through January 31st ($25.00 for high school and college students). The registration fee includes all sessions of the conference. On February 1st, the regular registration rate of $70.00 ($30.00 for students) goes in effect.

To learn more about the Heartland Libertarian Conference or to register to attend the event, go to http://www.lpmo.org/heartland2008.

Pennsylvania
Upcoming Convention Excitement

The Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania is looking forward to its 2008 convention the weekend of March 15, 2008 near Philadelphia. Additional information will be posted at www.lppa.org as it becomes available. We will enjoy having this event in conjunction with our colleagues in New Jersey and Delaware. Please plan to stop by and visit us.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly is considering legislation rejecting compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

We are working to encourage support for this legislation. We will also be continuing our efforts to reform the ballot access and election laws in Pennsylvania this year. We hope everyone is successful in the pursuit of Liberty in 2008!

Wisconsin
April Convention

PWY’s 2008 annual convention will be held, Saturday, April 12, in Madison at the Coliseum Bar and Banquet Center.

The convention will include a forum and a debate amongst LP Presidential nominees. For more information contact Julie Fox at 847-528-1126 or at jfox1214@sbcglobal.net.
The Libertarian National Committee welcomes our newest members*

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