

Torch Club Breakfast at Convention to Honor Patrick Henry

By Andrew Davis

This year's Torch Club Breakfast at the National Convention is set to honor Patrick Henry, an instrumental figure of the American Revolution. The "Patrick Henry Breakfast" for Torch Club members will feature Gary Aldrich, president and founder of the Patrick Henry Center for Individual Liberty. Aldrich will deliver an address explaining how this founding father was actually a libertarian. The Torch Club Breakfast will be held on Monday, May 26, and all Libertarian members who have donated at least \$1000 in the past year are eligible to attend.

Aldrich founded the Patrick Henry Center in 1998 as a non-profit that supports citizens with participation in ethical dissent, as well as promoting the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Aldrich, moved by Henry's commitment to free speech and call to arms, founded the Fairfax, VA center in order to assist citizens who endure high amounts of risk in speaking out against political corruption.

The Patrick Henry Center was brought to life from funds coming from Aldrich's best-selling book *Unlimited Access- An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House*. Prior to Aldrich's work at the Patrick Henry Center, Aldrich served 26 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During his career, Aldrich took a position at the White House

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Ballot Access Status Increasing for Libertarian Party

By Sean Haugh

On Jan. 30, Wake County Superior Judge Leon Stanback shocked both sides of the lawsuit filed by the Libertarian Party of North Carolina regarding ballot access law in the state. The ruling denied mutual motions for summary judgment and scheduling the case for trial. Although both the LPNC and the state's attorneys agreed the facts of the case are not in dispute, the judge said he wants to hear more about the Constitutional issues surrounding the case.

"We're elated by this development," said Sean Haugh, lead plaintiff in the case. Haugh was the LPNC's Executive Director at the time the suit was filed and has since become the political director for the Libertarian Party. "Judge



LPNC member Bob Ritchie counts petitions for ballot access in North Carolina.

Stanback admitted openly that a signature requirement of 5,000 or 10,000 signatures seemed more than fair. All he needs from us is a solid legal foundation to justify ruling in our favor."

Currently, the state of North Carolina requires signatures equaling 2 percent of the vote in the last contest for Governor, which translates into almost 70,000 valid signatures for ballot access this election

cycle. The LPNC is joined in this lawsuit by the NC Green Party, as well as several Libertarian candidates who were denied a spot on the ballot in the 2005 elections. The trial will probably take place in March, after which, either side may appeal to the NC Court of Appeals and eventually the NC Supreme Court.

Richard Winger of Ballot Access News commented, "It is encouraging that the judge wants a trial, because it indicates he is the type of judge who will be influenced by actual evidence." According to Winger, North Carolina's high signature requirements make it among the top three most difficult states in the country to get on the ballot.

Meanwhile, the North Caro-

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LP Voter Freedom Act Petition Delivered to Ron Paul



LP National Media Coordinator Andrew Davis stands with Paul staffer Rachael Mills.

By Andrew Davis

Earlier this month, the Libertarian Party delivered more than 2,500 petitions from Libertarian Party members to

Texas Congressman Ron Paul, offering support for Paul's bill, H.R. 3600. Also known as the Voter Freedom Act of 2007, the bill was introduced in Sept. of last year by Paul, aiming to standardize ballot

access requirements across the nation. Should the bill pass, it would make the democratic system in the U.S. much more fair and equal to all candidates and voters.

"Ballot access is critical for fair and free elections," says the petition. "Now, therefore, I sent to you my full support of H.R. 3600, the Voter Freedom Act of 2007, which sets a reasonable national standard for Congressional candidates to be on ballots in all 50 states."

Currently, the Voter Freedom Act of 2007 is in the House Committee on House Administration, where it has been since its introduction. The bill must first pass the committee before it is presented on the floor of the House for a vote. Unfortunately, many times, bills do not make it out of com-

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Bill Redpath

Come on; admit it: We've all been there. Ninth—maybe 10th grade. The teacher walks into English Composition class and says, "Over the next 40 minutes, you are to write an essay, which must be at least 200 words in length." "Two-hundred words!," everyone, at least mentally, exclaims! There are always a few kids who bellow their agony; I think one might have passed out, once.

Well, it's déjà vu all over again for me, when that ol' teleo-phone rings periodically and Shane Cory is on the other end of the line asking for yet another Chairman's column. "How long does it have to be," I inquire. "About 700 words," replies Shane. "Seven-hundred words!," I respond, followed closely on its heels by a Dave Chappelle "WW-WWHAAAAT!" Surely, Shane, you aren't suggesting that I have thoughts that will take 700 words to elaborate! What a flatterer!

Yup, I just haven't got it me this time, I'm afraid. Yet, do you remember the old Larry King columns in *USA Today* consisting of several dozen short paragraphs that appear to be nothing more than a series of random thoughts that he strung together to fill out a column? Maybe, if I channel that, I can successfully stagger to 700 words. Wish me luck.

First, I want to give a "shout out" to the Estonian Reform Party (ERP), the classical liberal, or libertarian, party of Estonia. I was scratching my policy-wonk itch the other day by reading the latest edition of Hall & Rabushka's book on the Flat Tax when I encountered a list of eastern European countries that have adopted the Flat Tax over the last decade or two—much to their economic benefit, I might add. Among them was the nation of Estonia, which was part of the former Soviet Union.

In the Estonia parliament's last election on March 4, 2007, the ERP finished first with 27.8 percent of the votes cast, and came away with 31 of 101 seats in the national legislature. They were able to do this in no small measure because of the system of proportional representation that is used there, as opposed to the single member plurality (SMP) elections that are used in the United States.

The ERP has helped Estonia achieve the #1 ranking among 159 nations in the State of World Liberty Index, according to the State of World Liberty Project. It appears to me that no other libertarian party has achieved the electoral success

that the ERP has, and they should be heartily congratulated for it.

Second, I would like to publicly respond to some of the emails that I receive that can be consolidated into the following message: "So-and-so is damaging the Libertarian Party or the libertarian movement because they are insufficiently libertarian." Not everyone is going to like everyone else's cup of tea, and vice versa. I will just about assure everyone that, even though we are all libertarians, no one reading this column agrees with anyone else reading this column on 100 percent of the issues. If you want to politically associate yourself with only people who totally agree with you, you're going to be home, sitting alone. Let's make sure that everyone in the Libertarian quadrant of the Nolan Chart knows they are welcome in the Libertarian Party, and that this party is their political home.

Thirdly, the Libertarian Party is only what its members and supporters make it, in terms of activism and financial support. We have at least a nation to peacefully conquer. It's a tall job, believe it or not. Please look inside yourself and ask what one can do—what you can do—to make 2008 a boffo year for the LP.

Can you run for office? You can be a definite credit to the LP if you can at least agree to be interviewed (and return their calls) when reporters call you, answer the questionnaires you receive from newspapers and other organizations, and attend public forums when you are invited. If not, you can support someone else's campaign by being a campaign manager or assisting in some way. Additionally, you can volunteer for petitioning to help get that candidate on the ballot. And, of course, monetary donations are needed for political campaigns, as well. Anything and everything will help.

Given that, as of the time I pen this, it appears that John McCain will be the Republican Party nominee for president, there is a distinct possibility that our Presidential ticket will make a splash in 2008. The less we spend on ballot access (and we are still shooting for ballot access in 48 states for the LP presidential ticket), the more we will have to put into that and other LP campaigns this fall. Nothing replaces pen on paper. If you don't currently have ballot status in your state, please let your state Chairman or Executive Director know that you want to help in the petitioning process.

Well, there, that wasn't so painful. I guess, at the end of the column, if not the day, all of this wasn't as disjointed as the old Larry King columns in *USA Today*.

New Updates to the National Convention

By BetteRose Ryan

New events, speakers and sponsors are being added to the national convention every week. "There isn't a week that goes by where we don't get at least eight or nine new ideas sent to us. At least three of those are worth serious consideration, either because we had not yet thought of them, or we had not thought about a new way of doing them," says a spokesman for Denver LP-Con 2008.

Indeed, one doesn't have to look very far to see some of the 'new' ideas.

There is a pass to the convention designed just for the non-delegate. This allows the non-delegate to sample all the non-meal or special events speakers without having to pay for the delegate paraphernalia that a delegate uses to conduct his business. This gives a new person a chance to learn about the libertarian philosophy. It gives a campaign worker or candidate a chance to get training. It gives friends and family of a delegate something very interesting to do. The Congressional Aide pass does all of this while saving money.

A masquerade party is being planned for those who come to Denver early. On Wednesday night, before the start of the convention, a party is being held in one of the Presidential suites. There are prizes being given for a variety of things including: best costume, least expensive costume and most thought-provoking.

This party will be open to all attendees who have purchased a Congressional or above level pass to the convention. The theme of this masquerade party is "Come as your favorite political person or issue."

The Colorado Rockies are in town and Denver LPCon 2008 is working to create a trip to



the ballpark. Bob Sullentrop, the LNC secretary, has already scored a ticket for Wednesday afternoon, May 21, 2008. "Get enough people interested in coming to the ballpark that day and they will put our group on the board for all to see," wrote the activist who suggested this event, "and they will seat us in the same area. We could make lots of noise!" If there is enough interest, Denver LPCon will make arrangements to get reduced price tickets.

At this convention, there will be more breakout sessions than have ever been offered in the past several conventions. "Because we are trying to appeal to the non-delegate as well as the delegate, we have worked hard to find good breakout sessions," said BetteRose Ryan, an organizer for the National Convention. "It is important to have a wide variety of good seminars. We expect to have more than 30 different seminars offered; about half on issue-related topics and half on process related topics, including training."

Dr. Richard Hoagland, heard on Coast to Coast Radio, will be holding a special event. His focus will be on the changes needed to NASA. All convention registrants who have a Congressional level pass and above are invited to attend for free. For others, there will be a \$25 charge.

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THE MAILBOX

Won't Sacrifice Message for Votes

I have been patiently enduring the "War Party's" lies for six tough years, and the way these lies continue to infiltrate the Libertarian Party is truly distressing me. Now, I pick up the Jan. 2008 [edition] of LP News, and there is a letter from a Dick Coffee, allegedly the "libertarian" candidate for the 1st Congressional District of Alabama. He is a gentleman who obviously thinks that by running for office or being a (Fox) news "junky," he is imbued with a godly wisdom to which the rest of us should grovel-just like that miserable sock-puppet Maliki grovels to his overlord, Emperor W, while pretending to be the leader of a "sovereign" country.

Mr. Coffee castigates other Libertarians because they have not hewn tightly to a neocon worldview. He speaks as if the Libertarian Party's foreign policy was something conjured up in the last few

weeks. Well, I am here to remind Mr. Coffee that this foreign policy, as he attempts to describe it, was pretty much what it was when I first found this noble party back in 1982. That is quite a while ago; so long ago that our brave "War President" was a just a drunken cokehead getting bailed out of the DUI tank by his rich daddy.

The reason that policy was there then and still [is] now is that the basic principles still apply. That is, an aggressive, interventionist, warlike foreign policy is an inherent danger to a free republic. This policy must necessarily cause a constant state of war or war-preparation, and that a constant state of war is the germ of EVERY statist evil imaginable; from rampant deficit-spending, deracination of the legislature, racialist hysteria, arbitrary arrest, surveillance, censorship and torture. In other words, everything we have seen with the current Bush regime (or will see, if it lasts much longer).

...After much nonsense about "realities" and "bel-

lies" and "pies," Mr. Coffee suggests "we" should "get real" and change our policy to get more votes. I say to hell with more votes. I do not vote Libertarian because they are going to win; I vote Libertarian because they are RIGHT. I would rather be RIGHT than WIN. THAT is the way I vote, and THAT is also my "foreign policy!"

Mr. Coffee may actually have a formula to get more votes for our party, who knows? But I will be damned if I vote for war criminals or anyone who supports war crimes. If I lived in the 1st Congressional District of Alabama, I would vote Socialist before I would vote for Mr. Coffee. If Mr. Coffee has a problem with that, or with this party's long-established foreign policy, then I suggest that he can find the door. And PLEASE take that racist savage, Neal Boortz, with you!

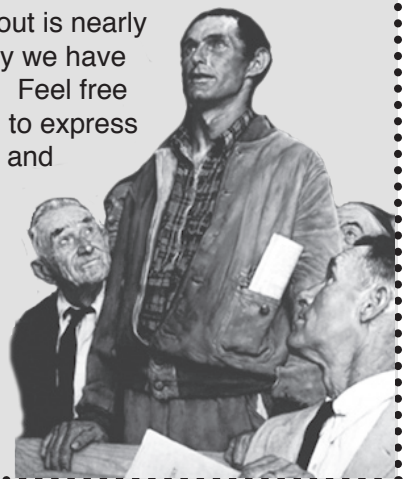
Steve Olivier
Sugar Hill, GA

Where are the women in the Libertarian Party?

Speaking Out is Patriotic!

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May I turn tables on you and ask: How well do *you* know your party? From the LP News for Jan. 2008, I gathered the following (not exact, but pretty close):

Renewed Members (11/21-12/03)
Sustaining members only
Male = 700
Female = 89
Undetermined = 58

New Members (11/21-12/31)
Sustaining members only
Male = 306
Female = 57

Undetermined = 30

Notice something? Where are the women? One might think the LP is a "good ole' boys" party. And difficult as it may be, what are the demographics of membership? "What's in a name?" Ethnicity, perhaps. I would like to see the LP become more of a "party of the people," not just WMM (white, middle-aged males), as I suspect it currently is. Something to strive for.

Anthony Eisele
Orlando, FL

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INSIDE LOOK

Speaker Lineup Grows for LP National Convention

By BetteRose Ryan

The lineup of great speakers at the convention continues to grow as more are added all the time. While many of the top spots are filled, seminar speakers are just now being added to the speaker lineup. The variety will be stunning, according to Denver LPCon 2008, the contractors for the National Convention.

The main speakers include such well known persons as Reggie Rivers, former NFL player, talk radio host, author and television personality; Craig Shirley, founder and president of Shirley & Banister Public Affairs, and author; Anthony Gregory, writer and speaker; Michael Cloud, fund raiser, author, activist and co-founder of Center for Small Government; and David Harsanyi, writer, columnist and author of "The Nanny State".

Lesser known, but equally great, in the lineup of speakers are Desiree Hacket Hickson, business owner, former candidate for Lt. Governor and Colorado Board member; former police officer Lt. Tony Ryan; and W. Earl Allen, activist and pilot with considerable experience in China. "This is just a taste of what we have lined up for the National Convention," said Michele Poague of Denver LPCon 2008. Former Congressman Bob Barr was chosen by the LNC to be the Keynote speaker at this convention. Elected libertarians speaking include the likes of Mike Ferguson, Susan Bell, Joe Johnson and Doug Anderson.

The seminars are just now being fleshed out. Still, there are commitments from several people to be a speaker, trainer, or panelist at one or more of the seminars. Mark Rutherford, board member of Atlas!Liberty, has offered to lead two or more classes under the political training track of the breakout sessions. Dr. Gary Michael will have a class on "How to get in Bed with Your Audience and Satisfy Them Every Time," an interactive training session on presenting yourself and your material. Within the issues track of the breakout sessions, Dr. Steven Frye will present his thoughts on the "Lost War," Dr. Noah McKay offers his insight concerning alternative medicines, and Jim Remmert will speak of our oil and gas dependence.

Other seminars will include issues such as how protectionist laws are used to keep the poor, well, poor; why capitalism is the most agile of economic systems; victimless crimes other than the big three; Hong Kong, the richest little city in the world – true free market at its best; and how divided we fall – how division into protected groups actually hurts those in need and society as a whole. Other training classes will include things such as how to get elected, how to find your base of support, filing with the FEC and running solid campaigns.

Remember, if you are not a delegate, or if you are a delegate, but want something for your spouse or friend to do, the Congressional Aide package includes the speakers in the business hall and all the breakout sessions. With more than 30 sessions being offered throughout the convention, it is a good choice for those who are not coming to the convention as delegates.

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Libertarians Attend "Free State Project" Forum



Some of the Libertarian Party's presidential candidates debate at the Liberty Forum

By Rich Tomasso

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire and the national Libertarian Party were very well represented at the Free State Project's Liberty Forum in Jan. The LPNH had an exhibitor booth and hosted a hospitality suite for two nights. Members James Maynard and Gardner Goldsmith spoke at the opening reception about their books.

At the opening ceremonies, Sharon Harris of the Advocates highlighted how Libertarianism is a "sticky" idea, ready for widespread adoption. She used an analogy of repeatedly folding paper to explain exponential growth and pointed out that is the phase we are in right now. Harris reminded attendees that Libertarians will be attacked more as they become a more viable threat to the status quo, and people will reject their ideas because they do not understand them; therefore, Libertarians must be ready for it with answers and with numbers.

To become a sticky idea, Libertarianism needs to have: simplicity, but profundity; unexpectedness; credibility; concreteness; emotional appeal; and stories. We do very well on the first three, but need more work on the rest. Because libertarians think differently than most people who tend to respond more to emotional appeals, personal stories and concrete examples are more effective than abstract arguments.

The story of human progress is the story of liberat-

ing humanity. Ending the divine right of kings, separating church and state, ending prohibition and even opening up the package delivery system. "Libertarianism is the new anti-slavery movement," Harris said in her speech at the Liberty Forum. "Be it civil liberties, huge tax burdens, undeclared wars--the world needs these ideas and there is a market for them. Be a missionary for Libertarianism. The future of western civilization depends on you."

The LPNH also had a panel, "Working with the LP," which featured Brendan Kelly, Morey Straus and Rich Tomasso. Members and visitors asked about the state of liberty in NH, how Libertarians viewed the current platform debate, working with other groups and running candidates.

Former LP National Chairman Jim Lark gave a great presentation on "avoiding knee-jerk libertarianism." Lark said Libertarians could be better advocates for liberty by improving their rhetoric and reducing confusion and misunderstanding. This is the first battle that must be won. Larked also added that Libertarians must always put the burden of proof on the statist by asking them why people must go counter to the natural order of liberty?

During his presentation, Lark reminded attendees that one can never know whom he is influenc-

ing; for instance, one may be the person who explains Libertarianism to someone in a way he finally understands it. Libertarians are the ones showing respect for their neighbors because Libertarians want them to live their lives and respect their rights. The large welfare state spends a lot of money, but very little of it goes to poor people; therefore, Libertarians must ask where it is being spent.

Libertarianism has come to mean "tolerant," and the philosophy is becoming more like that which most Americans believe. It should be stressed that people need to come to Libertarianism on their own. The Libertarians role is to simply get people to think rationally, and they will come to liberty. Unlike Libertarians, statist try to put blinders on people.

A major highlight of the weekend was the forum's LP presidential debate, which featured five candidates: Daniel Imperato, Alden Link, Michael Jingoian, George Phillies and Wayne Allyn Root. Questions from the moderators and audience covered many issues including Iraq, infrastructure problems, the income tax, energy policy, the environment, the war on terror and several other topics. Candidates also asked each other questions.

An informal survey of debate filled out by attendees revealed some favorites and some disappointments. According to the results, it appears it is still a wide open race for the nomination. The LPNH will be posting a video of the two-hour debate on our Web site, as well as more photos from the forum's events. An early summary report is available on ThirdPartyWatch.com.

Also during the forum, Free State Project President Irena Goddard interviewed Jingoian, Link and Phillies. The videos of these interviews are expected to be hosted on the Free State Project's Web site.



Candidates Jingoian, Phillies, Link, Imperato and Root pose for a photo at the Free State Project's "Liberty Forum"

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AFFILIATE NEWS AND EVENTS

Alabama

Taking Care of Business

While most Alabama Libertarians are spending a significant amount of time in support of the Ron Paul campaign, they've also been busy taking care of LP related activities.

On the judicial front, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear *Swanson v Chapman*, the ballot access case filed in 2002. Libertarian members have been involved in this case since its inception. Chairman Emeritus Mark Bodenhause testified in the original proceedings and traveled to Atlanta to provide support in the appeal, and Vice Chair Mike Rster developed an amicus brief should the Supreme Court hear the case. The lawsuit challenged the 3 percent petition for new and previously unqualified parties, and for non-presidential independents.

While this battle appears to have been lost, ballot access expert Richard Winger is working with state party officials on another Alabama case. This case hopes to strike down the law for independent candidates for US House on the grounds that the US Supreme Court decided in 1979 that states cannot require more signatures for a statewide office than for a district office. Since the independent presidential level is 5,000 (43,000 for the Libertarian Party) and the independent US House requirement in one state district is 6,650 or so, this can't

be easily defended in court.

By the time of this printing, Independent Alabama (a coalition of third party and independent activists founded mostly by key state Libertarians) will have outlined their legislative agenda for 2008. The two bills to be pushed by

Independent Alabama in 2008 will likely be for proportional representation of presidential electors and more reasonable ballot access requirements.

A legislative sponsor, Rep. Cam Ward, has offered to introduce a bill which op-

poses the expenditure of state funds or other resources to support the Real ID Act or any form of nationally mandated identification cards. The legislation is currently being crafted and will be introduced

in early February. Alabama Libertarians have been notified that the wording of the bill is being taken directly from a resolution the Libertarian Party of Alabama passed last October.

Legislation will also be re-introduced, probably in February, to legalize the medicinal use of marijuana in Alabama. Former Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Loretta Nall, current State Chair Stephen Gordon and State Secretary Sarah Wires were very involved in the original introduction of the bill, which didn't make it through all of the necessary committee assignments last year.

The Drug Policy Alliance is working with Alabama

Libertarians and others who support the passage of this important legislation. LPA Chairman Steve Gordon has purchased the Web site ThirdPartyWatch.com. While the site has been in existence since 2005, Mr. Gordon has already doubled the traffic level to the site in the two months since he took over as publisher. With a staff of nine writers, the site covers a variety of issues interesting to the third party community, ranging from internal party issues to campaigns and elections.

LPA Vice Chairman Mike Rster has started a new Web site to support the new organization he founded to combat the implementation of the Real ID Act. To catch the latest news and activity in opposition to Real ID, visit No2RealID.org.

Florida

State Chairman Serves as Guest Speaker

In Jan., the chairman of the Libertarian Party of Florida, Karl Dickey was one of the speakers at the Defending the American Dream Summit in Orlando. The event had notable speakers such as Mike Huckabee, Marco Rubio and Grover Norquist.

Florida LP continues to in-

crease its influence with state legislators and expects to assist in a meaningful way in this year's legislative process.

Our state convention is March 29, 2008 in Orlando, FL., and more information can be found by visiting www.lpf.org/lpconvention.

htm.

We are not having a presidential debate of LP candidates on the following day.

Michigan

Voters' Rights Forum

On January 13, The Capital Area affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Michigan hosted a "Voters Bill of Rights" forum at their Lansing office that resulted in a nice story and photo in the *Lansing City Pulse*. "The Other Sides" was the title of the piece, and the photo accompanying the article shows "the Libertarians...clearly had the classiest banner."

Held in conjunction with the Michigan Third Party Coalition (MTPC), the event was designed to garner support for the coalition's 15-plank platform to reform the election process. The Voters Bill of Rights draft can be accessed at the Capital Area Web site, calparty.org, or by joining the MTPC yahoo discussion group (mthirdparties).

The event was a successful "open forum and debate," and generated good public interest. The publicity and direct mail effort resulted in five new members in the following week.

New Hampshire

Petitioning Successes

The call went out to petition during the presidential primary and some of you turned out. We had a good day in various cities and towns across the first district -- where we needed it the most.

The star performance once again came from Brendan Kelly, who with Bob Kingsbury, collected 650

petitions in Seabrook. This puts Bob's campaign for Congress, and Dan Belforti's effort for Executive Council, in good shape. It also means that Brendan is definitely on the ballot for state rep. In Manchester, five members collected more than 400 petitions, with state rep. candidate Morey Straus leading the pack with 220.

Town Election Day is March 11. With your help, we will cross the threshold and have enough to put our full slate on the ballot with as many state rep. candidates as possible. We especially want to concentrate on the towns in the 3rd and 4th Executive Council districts to ensure Dan Belforti and Jeff Adcock are on the ballot.

To volunteer please send an email to info@lphn.org or call 800-559-5764.

Social Benefits Troops

The LPNH winter social has been set for Sat., Feb. 23 at 38 Hawthorn Dr. in Bedford (Heritage on the Merrimack), starting at 6:30pm. The theme is "Helping the Troops." It's great to be free and able to travel about our state to meet with friends. Not all of our neighbors are so lucky, though. Some of them are serving in Iraq -- away from family and friends -- forced into involuntary additional tours of service. They have to be there, but we're fortunate that we don't. So, some of us will be putting together a "care" package for members of the NH National Guard.

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The best items are dry goods, games, toiletries, CDs, DVDs, books and magazines. Given the long trip the packages take, please avoid liquids or produce, and anything made of glass. It's unclear how much searching of care packages is done, but please do not include books or magazines with suggestive pictures on the cover, as

they will be confiscated.

RSVP to Philip Hodson at PhilipHods@aol.com.

New York

New Libertarian Cable Show

The LPNY State Convention is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2008, at The Reception House on Northern Blvd. in Flushing, Queens, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to the public access TV show, Hardfire, produced by Gary Popkin of Brooklyn, with outlets all over the NYC metropolitan area, the Capital District LP is also airing its own show, Capital Outsider, produced

by Eric Sundwall. Two recent episodes featured John Finan and George Phillies, both of whom are seeking the LP presidential line. The weekly show airs on Thursdays at 6 PM in Albany, Rensselaer, Troy, Saratoga Springs and Glens Falls, as well as in Schenectady on Saturday at 10 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m. More cities are to be added soon.

The Manhattan LP Convention featured Dr. Murray Sabrin, a Ramapo College professor of finance and 1997 New Jersey LP gubernatorial candidate. Also featured was Jim Miller, a former LP candidate and prominent figure in the fight for medicinal marijuana legalization. Suffolk County Libertarians heard from Ray Keating, an economist and columnist for Newsday, as well as Bruce Martin, known as BAM on his radio show at WUSB.

Ohio

Members Awarded for Activism

Some recent Ohio success stories include the Sam Adams Society awards for the Hamilton County group that fought a tax increase. The Libertarian Party of Ohio recipients include members Josh Weitzman and Scott Nazzarine. In mid-January, the Atlas Liberty Pac announced the 12 winners of their scholarship program to a campaign seminar in June in Washington DC. Out of the 12, the LPO had three winning members: Jeremiah Arn, Mike Smitley and Jessica Mears.

The National Libertarian Party has announced that Ohio is the 5th largest state affiliate in the nation and had the largest national membership growth in 2007. We have nearly 600 national LP members now. In the month of November and December, the Ohio LPO passed four other states and more than 100 citizens joined or renewed with the national LP. Ohio can have up to 40 delegates at the May national LP convention.

Last year was a challenge as we had turnover in

all four executive positions that were voted upon in the April convention. In fact, only the chairman remains from that group. While many groups might have crumbled because of such staffing blows, the LPO held its ground because of structure and organization, which allowed for the new officers to hit the ground running.

Some key openings in the LPO include: Political Director; a newsletter editor; a Web site editor; various LPO Region liaisons, a Deputy Treasurer, and a Deputy Secretary. We also need to beef-up some committees with more members. They include the committees of Ballot Access Petition Drive; RIP Income Tax committee; and the Candidates and Campaigns. We will also be electing a new state chair, vice-chair, and treasurer at the April state LPO Convention. For details on our organization, go to www.LPO.org and click on button called "About LPO".

We really need a Political Director. This volunteer position, working with the LPO Chair and Executive officers, will be setting the strategic vision and direction for the LPO. They would be in a lead role for our future nominating conventions for political candidates. Reporting to the Political Director would be the chairs and committees for Campaigns and Candidates, Ballot Access Law, and Ballot Access Petition Drive. Please put out the word—we need YOUR help.

Ohio will have a nominating convention on February 23. This is YOUR chance to run for office as a Libertarian in the state of Ohio. It will be held at our Tiller Road location and start at 12:30 pm.

Ohio's annual state LPO convention is April 4- 6 at the DoubleTree Hotel in North Columbus. Come share the libertarian vision with fellow libertarians from all over the country. Enjoy the speakers, participate in the officer elections and rules changes, and meet four of the Libertarian Presidential candidates.

Go to www.LPO.org and click on the convention link for more information.

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POLITICS 2008

Norm "Firecracker" Westwell Explodes into CA Politics

By Sean Haugh

Norm "Firecracker" Westwell is a loving example of the core political truth that politics goes to those who show up. Westwell has been showing up to public meetings in his hometown of Huntington Beach, CA since 2000. Not only has he set the record for public comments at city council meetings according to then-Mayor Dave Garofolo, his frequent appearances have set up Westwell for reelection to the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees.

His colorful nickname came from his first major foray into local politics when he advocated for a repeal of the restrictive local ordinance prohibiting fireworks. His children inspired him to start speaking out by asking him why they couldn't have the same fireworks he got to use when he was a child. Westwell spoke out so much on this issue that people in town started calling him "Firecracker." The name stuck to the point that it is now included in his listing on the ballot.

Westwell says he was originally terrified about public speaking and that it took him about a year to get over that. When asked how he got over his fear, he replies that he just kept on speaking publicly until he finally became at ease with it. He wrote out his remarks in advance and practiced them in advance. "I just spoke on everything-- sometimes three or four times a night--and I always tried to work in the word 'Libertarian' as many times as possible," says Westwell.

Since he has a background in broadcast television, Westwell already knew a few tricks-of-the-trade to take advantage of the televised meetings. He made a point to look directly into the camera instead of at the council members.

Westwell first ran for city council in 2000 on the strength of his initial public appearances. He ran for several seats every election since then. California law allows people to run for more than one office; therefore, he ran for both City Council and School Board in 2002, 2004 and 2006. In 2004, he also ran for State Assembly.

In 2006, Westwell realized his contest for School Board was winnable, so he concentrated on that race full time. He won despite only spending \$60 by using in-



Candidate Norm "Firecracker" Westwell

novative strategies such as writing his campaign signs in chalk on the city's numerous walls. His name recognition from showing up at meetings, as well as his prolific letters to the editor in local newspapers, was enough to help put him over the top.

"You have to be active; you have to be involved; you have to be seen," is Westwell's advice to any potential candidate. "You have to dress like a leader," adds Westwell, to gain the respect of those who are watching you.

You can see Westwell put these principles in action on his YouTube channel, at <http://youtube.com/user/firecrackerhb>. His presentation defending his chalk campaign signs from selective enforcement of public nuisance laws by the city is there and shows all of his public speaking principles in action. His presentation is professional, humorous and hard hitting while still fair to all the people he addresses.

Westwell rates his chances of reelection as excellent, noting that this time he may even receive support for the city employee's union. As with many Libertarian election winners, those within the establishment were terrified of him at first, but once they had a chance to work with him, they learned that he can be a friend and ally. "They've been through two labor negotiations since then, with pay raises," says Westwell. "Maybe not the raises they wanted, but they got them. Now they are open to hearing new ideas."

One of those ideas is changing the terminology used in local public policy. "Every time I see the term 'public education' in our policies," says Westwell, "I try to change it to 'government education.' When we are talking about programs, I try to change 'free' to 'taxpayer funded.' Little by little,

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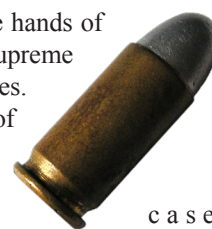
Friend-of-the-Court Brief Filed in Gun Case

By Andrew Davis

The Libertarian Party has filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the ongoing Supreme Court case that will undertake the definition of the Second Amendment for only the second time this century. The case, originating from the District of Columbia, which has one of the most restrictive gun-bans in the nation, puts the future of gun

rights in the hands of the nine Supreme Court justices.

Because of the noteworthiness of the case, the Libertarian Party has filed an amicus brief in behalf of the man suing D.C. over the gun ban, Dick Heller. The brief, submitted by attorney and Libertar-



ian National Committee member Bob Barr, connects past Supreme Court decisions regarding elections and ballot access to the Second Amendment.

The Libertarian Party "is an established political party dedicated to a strict adherence to the Constitution and the protection of rights both natural and enumerated,"

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Libertarian Party Discovers Desperate Voters at CPAC

By Andrew Davis

One of the biggest political events of the year is the annual Conservative Political Action Conference hosted in Washington D.C. The conference, put on by David Keene's American Conservative Union, attracts exhibitors and attendees from across the nation. With usually more than 5,000 in attendance, CPAC offers exhibitors an amazing opportunity to do outreach to a very energized crowd of mainly college and high school students.

Speakers at this year's conference included President Bush, Dick Cheney, George Will, Robert Novak and all of the current GOP contenders for the presidency. Mitt Romney used CPAC to make his announcement about suspending his campaign. Additionally, Libertarian National Committee member Bob Barr gave the introduction for former Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ron Paul.

The Libertarian Party helped co-sponsor this year's CPAC and ran an exhibit booth in the main hall where it provided information to conference attendees about the party. Distributed at the booth was LP stickers, literature, buttons and a copy of the World's Smallest Political Quiz. After people stopping by the booth finished taking the WSPQ, they were plotted on a large-scale version of the quiz that sat in front of the booth.

The WSPQ drew large numbers to the booth, and more than 330 people took the quiz. Expecting to see a more conservative bias in the results, it came as a surprise to see that roughly 70 percent of the

responses fell into the Libertarian quadrant of the Nolan Chart. After taking the quiz and finding them inline with the Libertarian philosophy, many people asked for more information on the party and were interested in possibly joining the party.

"It was an all-around great experience at CPAC this year," said Andrew Davis, media coordinator for the Libertarian Party who was at the event all three days. "The environment this year was much more pro-libertarian since the rise of John McCain in the GOP presidential race, which really brought attention to the shortcomings of the Republican Party in regards to limited-government policy and their disastrous foreign policy. We frequently heard from people who stopped by our table that the Libertarian Party was the only reasonable choice for 2008."

In fact, many people stated to LP staff working the booth that 2008 would be the first time they ever voted Libertarian, and said they wanted more information on the party. The most common conversation at the booth revolved around the GOP's abandonment of limited-government ideals. "People were constantly coming up to us voicing their displeasure with John McCain," says Davis. "They reacted very positively to the LP's positions on economics, government regulation and even the war in Iraq."

Overall, the Libertarian Party presence at CPAC was a great experience. With the impact libertarians are supposed to make in the 2008 elections, it should be even a better year for the Libertarian Party at CPAC in 2009 as it looks to expand its exposure into the mainstream political crowd.



Two people fill out the World's Smallest Political Quiz at the Libertarian Party's booth during this year's CPAC convention.

COMMUNICATING LIBERTY

Re-Dressing Your Message

By Sharon Harris

Both liberals and conservatives agree with libertarians on many issues. It's not difficult to convince your liberal friends that we should relegalize marijuana. And you won't get an argument from your conservative buddy when you proclaim the right to bear arms. But if we're going to bring large numbers of people into our movement, we must reach both liberals and conservatives on *all* the issues. Happily, there is a wonderful communication tool to help us do just that.

It's called "Political Cross Dressing." (And no, guys, you needn't buy a feather boa!)

Tailoring Your Message

"Political cross-dressing" was named and developed by renowned libertarian persuasion coach and author Michael Cloud. Used effectively, this technique dramatically increases your chances of opening -- and changing -- your listener's mind. The idea is to tailor your message to your audience. Think about the specific concerns -- the hopes, fears, wants and needs -- of the person to whom you're talking. Speak to him in his language and address his concerns.

Learn the key words and phrases used by both liberals and conservatives. Learn the beliefs, emotions, evidence and arguments they use to support their positions. Then, such as when discussing civil liberties with conservatives, address conservative concerns using conservative words; or, when discussing economic issues with liberals, address liberal concerns using liberal words.

Political Cross-Dressing in Practice

Here are a few examples:

Drugs: To the conservative, talk about the tremendous expense of the War on Drugs. Point out how, just like alcohol prohibition, the War on Drugs actually causes more crime, corruption and violence. It diverts law enforcement resources away from fighting violent crime. Studies show prohibition actually makes drugs more available to children. The War on Drugs is just another expensive govern-

ment program that doesn't work. Relegalization is a market solution to a government-created problem.

Minimum wage: Liberals are unlikely to be persuaded by a defense of a business owner's right to do as he wishes with his own business. However, there is abundant evidence showing that minimum wage laws destroy jobs, especially desperately needed, entry-level jobs. It especially harms minorities and young people. The effects are to perpetuate poverty, increase unemployment, and harm the poorest and least skilled. This was the argument that, for decades, convinced even the liberal *New York Times* to call for ending minimum wage laws (a few years ago, they reversed this position; hopefully they'll come back to their senses soon).

Guns: Point out to liberals that guns can -- and often do -- protect the weakest among us. Talk about guns being "equalizers" for women. Share statistics showing that gun ownership leads to fewer crimes against women. Give examples of totalitarian governments disarming citizens, and the tragedies that follow. Tell how widespread gun ownership saved black lives during the early days of the civil rights movement.

Cross-Dressing with Celebrity Endorsements

Another aspect of political cross-dressing is the effective use of celebrity endorsements. It doesn't do much good to tell a conservative that the ACLU favors relegalization of marijuana. But if you can point out that conservative icon William F. Buckley and the entire editorial staff of *National Review*, America's leading conservative magazine, called for ending the Drug War way back in February 1996 -- well, that will impress him.

Similarly, your liberal friend won't be surprised or impressed that the NRA favors the right to keep and bear arms. But learning that leading liberal constitutional scholars like Lawrence Tribe, Sam Levinson and Akhil Reed Amar are leading the fight to defend the Second Amendment as supporting an individual right to own guns may very well

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LP Ballot Access Growing

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lina LP nears the end of its quest to obtain the necessary signatures to get on the ballot for 2008. They have gathered over 62,000 of the valid signatures they need and expect to be done well in advance of their June 1st deadline.

In other ballot access news, on Jan. 27, the Executive Committee of the Libertarian National Committee met and approved fundraising to begin petitioning efforts in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Pennsylvania's drive began on Feb. 12 and is one of the largest efforts we will have to mount this year--requiring about 24,000 signatures of the state's registered voters. In Massachusetts, we need 10,000 valid signatures to place our presidential nominee before those voters. Connecticut needs 7,500 signatures.

Petitioning efforts are winding down in Nebraska and Utah. Both drives should be successful, although Utah's is coming down to the wire. LP Utah state Chair Rob Latham has collected about 1,600 signatures on his own as part of

this effort.

Efforts also continue in South Dakota although the harsh winter weather and restrictive new laws on who may circulate petitions in that state are hampering our progress. South Dakota is one state that recently mandated that only in-state residents may petition. If you live in South Dakota and can help with a few signatures, we need to hear from you now!

Later this year, the Libertarian Party will begin major efforts in Illinois and New York to gain ballot access there. Several other states have lower requirements, but cannot start petitioning until after we have named our Presidential nominee at our national convention over Memorial Day weekend. Currently the Libertarian Party is on the ballot in 27 states, with a goal of being on at least 48 state ballots by Nov.

You can help us finish these tasks and get started on running candidates for office in these states by visiting <http://www.lp.org/members/contribute.shtml>. If you are available to petition, either on a volunteer or paid basis, please contact Haugh at sean.haugh@lp.org or 202-288-9853.

Dressing Appropriately

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open his eyes.

Practice, Practice, Practice

The concept is easy once you get the hang of it, but it's important to practice it. Familiarize yourself with the technique and do your research. Understand the concerns and language of the left and the right (and other demographics and social groups you wish to convince). Know your arguments and have your examples handy.

Remember, we are not trying to trick anyone into agreeing with us -- far from it. We are communicating honestly and sincerely by creating rapport and by showing how liberty answers each individual's major concerns.

Finally, there's one more great advantage to cross-dressing your argument. Even if you ultimately fail to win your listener over completely, you will have established common ground. You will have shown that you understand their concerns and that you share

many of their values. They will think higher of your ideas, and of you. So even if you lose in a particular incidence, liberty wins.



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.

H.R. 3600 Gives Choice

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mittee.

"Unlike most so-called 'campaign reform' proposals, the Voter [Freedom] Act enhances fundamental liberties and expands the exchange of political ideas," Paul remarked when presenting the bill. "The Voter [Freedom] Act accomplishes this goal by lowering and standardizing the requirements for, and the time required to get, signatures to qualify a Federal candidate for the ballot. Many states have unfair rules and regulations that make it virtually impossible for minor party and independent candidates to get on the ballot."

The bill establishes "Ballot Access Rights," which include a 1,000-signature requirement for Congressional candidates that can be circulated 345 days to 75 days ahead of the election date. For special elections, or elections not set 345 days in advance, Congressional candidates would be allowed to circulate the petition up until 13 days before the election.

"Paul once ran as a third party candidate, so he knows first-hand how difficult it is for minor parties to get on the ballot," says Libertarian Party Executive Director Shane Cory. "This bill would be a tremendous step towards making American elections more democratic, and more competitive."

"The Voter [Freedom] Act is a constitutional way to reform campaign laws to increase voter participation by making the election process fairer and open to new candidates and ideas," Paul said. "I hope all my colleagues will join me in supporting this true cam-

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during the George H. W. Bush administration performing background checks for staff hires and appointees. After the Bush administration, Aldrich was kept on by the Clinton administration to conduct the same type of investigations.

Aldrich eventually penned his bestselling book which exposed prevelant corruption during the Clinton administration.

For more information on the Torch Club Breakfast or how one becomes a member of the Torch Club, please email info@lp.org.

Gun Ban

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reads the brief. Included in those rights is "the right of an individual to keep and bear arms in the defense of life, liberty and property. As America's third largest political party, [the Libertarian Party] has considerable experience with litigation involving parties gaining ballot access, which is the subject of the precedent invoked by the Solicitor General in proposing a standard of review."

"It was crucial that the Libertarian Party goes on the record in this case standing up for Second Amendment rights," says Libertarian Party Executive Director Shane Cory. "We would be remiss if we let this opportunity to stand up for one of the most cherished rights of our country pass. The brief we submitted was perfect for an organization like the Libertarian Party because we were able to connect both our mission to elect liberty-minded candidates to office, and our dedication to Constitutional rights."

A copy of the Libertarian Party's brief can be obtained by visiting http://www.scotusblog.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2008/02/07-290_amicus_lnc.pdf.

Have you ever thought about running for public office?

Running for public office is easier than you think. It is always a great way to serve your community while promoting the Libertarian Party. To obtain information about local races, or for more information about how to launch your campaign, contact your state chairman, or email Libertarian Party Political Director Sean Haugh at Sean.haugh@lp.org.



The "Firecracker" Lights Up California Politics

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we're slowly able to get these changes made."

Once in office, Westwell knew he had to actively build bridges and let people see the human face of Libertarianism. "You can't go in and make big changes with a machete," he states. "I'm trying to set it up so that the next guy who follows me will have an easier time of it."

As with many elected Libertarians, Westwell plans to use his current position as a stepping-stone to higher office. He muses: "I kind of like the sound of 'Senator Westwell.'" He has discovered another benefit of having run for office so many times. "I've already run against all these people and established relationships with all of them," he says. "They all take my call now."

However, Westwell is not only thinking of his own political advancement. "My hope," he says, "is to drag some Libertarians up with me." He recruited four Libertarians to run with him for City

Council in 2004, and continues to actively seek local Libertarians to groom for winning elections. He also takes some pride in his successful efforts to build-up name recognition for the Libertarian Party in Huntington Beach.

Westwell is still speaking out at every public meeting and still changing public policy in a Libertarian direction. In early Feb. 2008, he took the lead against a proposed ordinance to force pet owners to put microchips in their animals. He formed a coalition of Libertarians and Democrats, convincing the local affiliates of both parties to pass the same resolution of opposition to the plan. This led the local paper, the Coastal News, to write: "This illustrates the broad based opposition of both conservatives and liberals organizing against this proposed liberty-robbing ordinance."

The reelection campaign is already in full swing although the election is not until Nov. You can follow the progress of his campaign at <http://www.reelectfirecracker.com/>.

Stalwarts of Liberty

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Recent Updates From the Platform and Bylaws Committees

By Alicia Mattson

The 2008 Libertarian Party Platform Committee faces a difficult challenge. As you probably well know, our party platform has undergone quite a bit of change in the past four years. Almost no one seems to be satisfied with our current platform, but there are many differing opinions about how to fix it. That said, our party Bylaws require a two-thirds vote of support from the National Convention delegates to adopt new platform planks or

to amend existing ones.

At my request, over 5,000 libertarians recently completed a questionnaire about what we should do with the platform. I wanted to find out what recommendations the Platform Committee could offer the national convention delegates that would have the best chance of winning the two-thirds vote required for adoption.

The questionnaire was mailed to the 982 individuals who attended the LP national conventions in Atlanta (2004) or Portland (2006) as delegates. It was also emailed out

to approximately 80,000 individuals on the national party's e-mail list.

I didn't really know what to expect from the questionnaire results and was very curious to see the responses, as some of you also were. See the table for a summary of the questions, answers and response statistics summarized in two ways: percent of all respondents, and percent of respondents who indicated they are likely to be delegates to the 2008 convention in Denver.

By M Carling

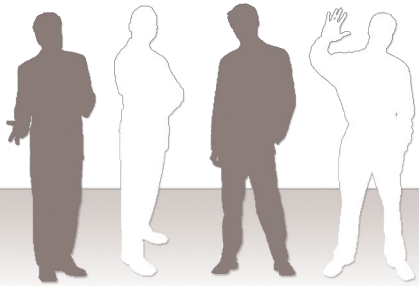
The Bylaws Committee met in Las Vegas to adopt our report. It was similar, but certainly not the same, as what you saw on the Web site (<http://lpbylaws.blogspot.com/>). The newly adopted report will be posted on the Web site as soon as possible. If further review is necessary, we will meet in Denver to amend our report should anyone discover any errors or unintended consequences. For more questions on the Blyaws Committee report, please visit the Web site for contact information.

2008 Libertarian Party Platform Questionnaire Results

by Alicia Mattson - Chair, 2008 LP Platform Committee

Questions / Answers	% All Respondents	% Likely Delegates
Platform's scope: both internal and external purposes. Which of the following more closely represents your opinion about what should be the principal purpose of our party platform?		
a) Our platform should be more of an externally-focused document to market our party to voters.	81	72
b) Our platform should be more of an internally-focused document to guide our candidates.	19	28
Our platform will be read by those who are familiar with our ideas and those who are not. Who do you believe should be our principal target?		
a) We should target individuals unfamiliar with (or even opposed to) our ideas so we can educate them on the merits of Libertarianism.	78	79
b) We should target individuals already sympathetic with our ideas to convince them to vote for our candidates.	22	30
Shorter documents are more likely to be read, while longer documents are more likely to be comprehensive. If you had to select only one, which one of the following more closely represents your opinion about the optimal length of our platform?		
a) A short platform covering fewer issues	73	71
b) A long platform covering more issues	27	29
Our platform uses a combination of negative and positive phrasing, i.e. what we oppose and what we champion. Which of the following more closely represents your opinion as to the language phrasing that should be used mostly in our platform?		
a) We should emphasize what we oppose in government and the harm it causes.	17	13
b) We should emphasize what we favor in a free society and the benefits this brings.	83	87
We know that Libertarianism is both morally right and improves the lives of the greatest number of people. Which of the following more closely represents your opinion as to the language phrasing that should be used mostly in our platform?		
a) We should emphasize the moral justification for our views.	29	32
b) We should emphasize the utilitarian benefits of our positions in the real world.	71	68
Some people believe our existing platform language can be repaired through a series of minor tweaks. Others believe that we need to delete the old language and start anew. Which of the following more closely represents your opinion about how to better fix our platform?		
a) We should amend the existing language.	39	41
b) We should delete the old planks and start from a clean slate.	61	59
Which of the following more closely represents your opinion about how we should address controversial issues where there is not the 75% support required 2/3 support among our delegates to state one position or another in our platform?		
a) The platform should be silent on such issues, only emphasizing areas of internal party agreement.	37	51
b) To generate 2/3 support and avoid being silent on such issues, compromise language for the platform should be crafted that acknowledges there is more than one acceptable position.	63	49
Which of the following more closely represents your opinion about how much implementation detail should be included in our platform plan(s)?		
a) We should include very little to no implementation detail. State only the general principles and leave it to our candidates to address how to implement them.	68	77
b) We should provide comprehensive details on how to implement each plank.	32	23
Some topics are included in a platform because they satisfy an internal party constituency. Some topics are included in a platform because they will appeal to voters. Which of the following more closely represents your opinion about the types of topics that should be emphasized in the platform?		
a) We should emphasize topics that are appealing to voters.	87	83
b) We should emphasize topics that appeal to internal party constituencies.	13	17
Which of the following more closely represents your opinion as to how far-reaching plank language should be?		
a) We should be exceedingly critical, describing how our next society is ultimately superior.	34	38
b) We should be objectively critical, emphasizing what Libertarian objections can reasonably achieve over the next few years.	66	62
Which of the following more closely represents your opinion as to how we should handle subjects far which mainstream Libertarian thought is at odds with what most voters want?		
a) We should be silent on these issues.	18	24
b) We should state our position on these issues.	82	76


Liberty '08 DECIDES



Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates - QUALIFIED for LD '08 (ranked in order by funds raised)










Wayne Allyn Root  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Henderson, NV• LD '08: QUALIFIED• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: Yes• LD '08 Total: \$14,629• More Info: www.rootforamerica.com	Michael Jingozian  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Sherwood, OR• LD '08: QUALIFIED• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: Yes• LD '08 Total: \$8,415• More Info: www.resetamerica.com	Bob Jackson  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Coloma, MI• LD '08: QUALIFIED• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: Yes• LD '08 Total: \$6,825• More Info: www.bobjackson.org
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Liberty Decides '08 is a new program to promote our pre-nomination presidential candidates as they engage in a competitive process. To participate in the program, candidates must cross three thresholds: meet the LP bylaws requirements; file with the FEC; and raise at least \$5,000 for the LP or LP state parties for ballot access.

Daniel Imperato


- Hometown: Palm Beach, FL
- LD '08: **QUALIFIED**
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$5,999
- More Info: www.imperato2008.com

Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates - Not Yet Qualified for LD '08 (ranked in order by funds raised)

Christine Smith  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Arvada, CO• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: Yes• LD '08 Total: \$2,200• More Info: www.christinesmithforpresident.com	Steve Kubby  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Ft. Bragg, CA• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: Yes• LD '08 Total: \$1,277• More Info: www.kubby2008.com	Alden Link  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Newburgh, NY• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: Yes• LD '08 Total: \$1,035• More Info: www.link-for-pres.org
David Hollist  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Alta Loma, CA• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: No• LD '08 Total: \$435• More Info: www.i.am/trading	Barry Hess  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Glendale, AZ• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: No• LD '08 Total: \$240• More Info: No web site available.	Jim Burns  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Las Vegas, NV• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: No• LD '08 Total: \$145• More Info: jimburnsforpresident.com
Robert Milnes  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Camden, NJ• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: No• LD '08 Total: \$135• More Info: www.robertmilnes.net	John Finan  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Litchfield, CT• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: No• LD '08 Total: \$125• More Info: www.johnmfinan.com	Daniel Williams  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hometown: Bonita Springs, FL• LD '08: <u>Not Yet Qualified</u>• Constitutionally: Yes• FEC Filed: Yes• LD '08 Total: \$25• More Info: www.thenewlibertarian.org

NOTE: The options of both "Future/Unannounced Candidate" and "None of the Above" have been offered to visitors of LP.org and have been listed on a Liberty Decides '08 direct mail piece. The totals are current as of 2/14/08.

The option of "Future/Unannounced Candidate" has raised \$2,086.
The option of "None of the Above" has raised \$4,227.

Any candidate not listed on this page is either unannounced or they declined to participate in the Liberty Decides '08 program. For an alphabetical list of candidates go to, www.lp.org/libertydecides/alpha.html.

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New Awards Will Recognize Outstanding Libertarians

By Andrew Davis

New awards proposed at the most recent Libertarian National Committee meeting will recognize outstanding Libertarians who have contributed to the cause of liberty. The awards will be presented to the winners at the Awards Luncheon at the 2008 Libertarian Party National Convention.

The Samuel Adams award will be presented to the LP member who has been a key activist in the fight

for liberty by building Party membership, organizing community outreach, running for office or serving as a campaign manager. Adams was a very influential colonist who voiced effective and continuous opposition to the crown through town meetings and protests.

The Libertarian Party member who has been an exceptional communicator of Libertarian ideas will receive the Thomas Paine Award, named in honor of the famed writer whose works sparked the intellectual revolution

that set the American Revolution in motion. Superb written, published or spoken communication will be taken into account for this award.

The Party's highest honor, the Thomas Jefferson Award, will be presented to the Libertarian whose achievements merit recognition of outstanding leadership, high character and dedication to the principles and goals of the Libertarian Party.

Nominations for the awards must include the name of the nominee, the award for which the person is

being nominated, state of residence, years as a Party member and a general paragraph noting the nominee's stature in the Party. The nominee's specific and detailed accomplishments should be listed. Also, please suggest a presenter for the award.

Submit nominations to members of the Convention Oversight Committee, which include Bob Sullen-trop (rwsully@charter.net), Julie Fox (jfox1214@sbcglobal.net) and Michael Colley (narwhal3@gulftel.com).

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LPGA STATE CONVENTION	MARCH 1	HILTON ATLANTA NE HOTEL NORCROSS, GA	OPERATIONS.DIRECTOR@LPGEORGIA.COM
LPKY 2008 CONVENTION	MARCH 1	FRANKFORT, KY	WWW.LPKY.ORG/CONV_MAIN.PHP
MDLP ANNUAL CONVENTION	MARCH 1	DUNDALK, MD	CHAIR@MD.LP.ORG
LP MICHIGAN 2008 CAMPAIGN CONFERENCE	MARCH 8	TBA	WWW.MI.LP.ORG
DAUPHIN COUNTY LIBERTARIANS MEETING	MARCH 20	HARRISBURG, PA	WWW.LPPA.ORG
LP FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION	MARCH 29	HOLIDAY INN SELECT ORLANDO, FL	VICKI KIRKLAND VIKIMM@BELLSOUTH.NET
LPVA STATE CONVENTION	MARCH 29	RICHMOND, VA	WWW.LPVA.COM
HEARTLAND LIBERTARIAN CONFERENCE	APRIL 4-5	KANSAS CITY, MO	WWW.LPMO.ORG/HEARTLAND2008/
2008 MISSOURI LP CONVENTION	APRIL 4-5	KANSAS CITY, MO	WWW.LPMO.ORG/EVENTS/CONVENTION/
LPO STATE CONVENTION	APRIL 4-6	COLUMBUS, OH	WWW.LPO.ORG
LP UTAH STATE CONVENTION	APRIL 5	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	WWW.LPUTAH.ORG
2008 LP NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION	APRIL 11-13	LAQUINTA INN BURLINGTON, NC	WWW.LPNC.ORG
2008 LP NATIONAL CONVENTION	MAY 22-26	ADAM'S MARK HOTEL DENVER, CO	WWW.LPCONVENTION.ORG
LP MICHIGAN 2008 CONVENTION	JUNE 7	TBA	WWW.MI.LP.ORG

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARTY?

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.

Currently, how many candidates are vying for the Libertarian Party's nomination for president?

LAST ISSUE'S LP QUESTION:
What business will be addressed at the 2008 Libertarian National Convention?

ANSWER: The Libertarian Party's presidential candidate for the 2008 election will be chosen by the delegates at the National Convention. Also, there will be a vote on changes to the Libertarian Party's bylaws and platform. Libertarian National Committee officers will be elected, as well as at-large representatives.

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A picture of the funeral wreath the Libertarian Party delivered to Republican Headquarters following John McCain's Super Tuesday win. The card expressed the LP's condolences to the Republican Party for the death of their limited government principles.

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