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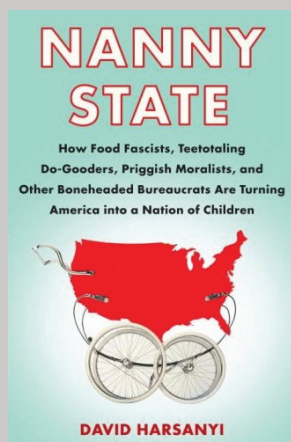
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Nanny State Author to Speak in Denver



By BetteRose Ryan*

Nanny State: How Food Fascists, Teetotaling Do-Gooders, Priggish Moralists, and other Boneheaded Bureaucrats are Turning America into a Nation of Children - By David Harsanyi

With a title like that one might expect this book to cover the big three: Prostitution, Gambling, and Drugs. However, this book passes on these issues. Others have written much about these things, according to the author. Instead Harsanyi focuses on the little intrusions that amount to too much of our loss of freedom in this country.

Focusing on individuals and agencies, he shows how, in the name of protecting us or our children or our property, these entities have taken much of our freedom. From low riding pants

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Two Former Members of Congress Make Waves in Race for the Party's Presidential Nomination

On March 25th, former U.S. Senator Mike Gravel joined the Libertarian Party after suspending his bid for the Democrat presidential nomination. Gravel, who served the state of Alaska as a U.S. Senator from 1969 to 1981, is best known for his reading of the Pentagon Papers into public record in 1971.

During his run for the DNC nomination, Sen. Gravel participated in several of the national debates including the widely watched CNN-YouTube debate in Charleston, South Carolina.

Beginning in October of 2007, debate sponsors and

the Democratic National Committee began to ex-

This treatment eventually led Sen. Gravel to be-



Former Sen. Gravel

Former Rep. Barr

clude Sen. Gravel from the debates, citing various reasons.

lieve that his views were no longer welcome within the Democrat Party.

Upon visiting Libertarian Party Headquarters to become a card-carrying Libertarian, Sen. Gravel stated, "I'm joining the Libertarian Party because it is a party that combines a commitment to freedom and peace that can't be found in the two major parties that control the government and politics of America."

"My libertarian views, as well as my strong stance against war, the military industrial complex and American imperialism, seem not to be tolerated by Democratic Party elites who are out of touch with the average

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Ballot Access in Full Swing for 2008 Political Season

By Sean Haugh

Spring is here in an election year. For the Libertarian Party, that means our ballot access efforts are in full swing. Libertarians all across the country are out in the streets right now working to ensure that you have Libertarian choices on your ballot on November.

Ballot access law is different in every state, often presenting several barriers designed to keep the two power parties safe from competition. If there's anything the Democrats and Republicans hate, it's opposition on the general election ballot. One of the most common barriers is that petition circulators must be a state resident, so we are looking for your help if you live in

one of the states listed below. Often, all candidates need to also collect their own petition signatures on top of the statewide effort to be listed on the ballot.

Currently the Libertarian Party is on the ballot in 28 states. By the time all these efforts are complete, we anticipate having our candidates on the ballot in at least 48 of the 50 states.

Our petitioning efforts are close to finished in North Carolina and Nebraska. Both of these drives have taken over two years and have required all the efforts of our members and supporters in those states. North Carolina has to collect over 100,000 signatures every four years to meet the requirements there. At the time when

this article as drafted, they are 1,140 signatures short of their goal, which all need to be collected by the end of April. In Nebraska, we only need about another 150 signatures in the 3rd Congressional District to complete statewide efforts there.

Several states with significant signature requirements have started petitioning in the last month. The biggest challenge is in Illinois, where Libertarians only have a 90 day window to collect about 42,000 valid signatures. The Illinois party has done an excellent job of planning and are off to a good start with almost 2,000 signatures turned in during the first week. You can find out all about how you can help the Illinois effort at www.illinoislib.org

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Presidential Race Heats Up as Memorial Day National Convention Approaches

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American; elites that reject the empowerment of American citizens I offered to the Democratic Party at the beginning of this presidential campaign with the National Initiative for Democracy.”

The former Senator’s switch to the Libertarian Party generated attention by *Fox News*, the *New York Times* and the *Baltimore Sun*. Sen. Gravel also appeared on CNN after the announcement.

Off of the heels of being excluded from debates with Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, Sen. Gravel quickly entered into the fray with Libertarian presidential candidates by participating in the debate at the Heartland Libertarian Conference in Kansas City on April 5th. Mike Gravel joined Mike Jingoian, Wayne Allyn Root, Mary Ruwart, Christine Smith and George Phil- lies on stage to debate issues in a debate moderated by elected Libertarian Mike Ferguson.

While the debate was noted as the most professional Libertarian debate of

the 2008 season by many in attendance, the news coming out of Kansas City was the announcement of a presidential exploratory committee by former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr.

Bob Barr, a member of the Libertarian Party since 2006, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003, representing Georgia’s 7th District. Since joining the Libertarian Party, Barr has served as a regional representative on the Libertarian National Committee, speaking at many Libertarian events across the nation.

As part of his announcement, Barr stated, “Libertarians by their nature are not content to just sit back and remain neutral. It’s just not a part of our hardwiring... maintaining our neutrality has never been and I hope never will be a part of the Libertarian Party or the libertarian agenda. Therefore, as a good Libertarian, I am refusing, along with you, to sit back and remain neutral, particularly this year as we face the great moral crises that is enveloping our coun-

try and indeed all of Western civilization. And therefore I am announcing here today, in America’s Heartland, which is the appropriate place to do it, the formation of an exploratory committee to seek the Presidency of the United States of America.”

The announcement was broadcast on CNN and generated significant print media along with an appearance on C-SPAN’s “Washington Journal” and Fox News’ “Hannity & Colmes.”

In an exploratory phase, candidates are permitted to “test the waters” of a presidential run with polling and fundraising activities but cannot advertise or “make statements referring to yourself as a candidate.”

Currently, there are 14 candidates seeking the Libertarian Party’s presidential nomination that will be decided over Memorial Day weekend in Denver, Colorado at the 2008 Libertarian National Convention.

For more information regarding the LP National Convention, visit the Web site www.LPConvention.org.

David Harsanyi to Speak at Convention

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to playing tag on the playground, Harsanyi covers the little irritations that many of us ignore. Perhaps some of us rant about them, but those little rules and laws are just not worth our time to do anything about them. This book shows how they all add up to big stuff.

Harsanyi shows the evolution of some of these agencies from simple helpful and useful organizations to completely intrusive entities. While many libertarians might disagree with the Center for Disease Control, most can agree in its original state, it wasn’t too terribly intrusive. Harsanyi notes that the Center for Disease Control has evolved from an agency concerned with infectious diseases to one concerned with overeat-

ing; MADD, an organization focusing on drunk driving has evolve to an entity fighting drinking (much to the dis-



DAVID HARSANYI

may of its founder).

The book is a quick and easy read. Clearly written and in the language of the masses, it would be a great gift for those on the edge of libertarianism. The only thing that is missing in this book is the why: why are

we allowing this to happen, why do people prefer to have someone else make their decisions for them, why do we treat everyone like they are a bunch of children. However, this book is a great introduction into how much of our lives are now controlled by laws instead of common sense and personal responsibility.

David Harsanyi, a member of the editorial board at the Denver Post, will be the Friday lunch speaker at the National Libertarian Convention, May 22-26, in Denver, Colorado.

**BetteRose Ryan heads DenverLPCon, which is responsible for the 2008 Libertarian National Convention.*

Friend of the LP Passes

By Andrew Davis

At the end of last month, the Libertarian Party lost a near and dear friend of the Party, Bernard Baltic, of Lakewood, OH. Bernard was a staunch advocate of liberty in the United States, donating to several different causes and candidates to further freedom in the United States. Recipients of his donations included Club for Growth, Ron Paul, Jeff Flake and the Libertarian Party. “Bernie was an inspiration, a friend and a genuine hero of freedom,” reads an Independent Institute blog entry by Gabriel Gasave. “He changed my life and the lives of many others. He helped to remove the chains of oppression from millions of people, even though they never knew

who was their benefactor.”

Bernard was a retired money manager and political connoisseur, and had a passion for libertarian-oriented organizations. He also was a frequent contributor to many magazines, often projecting a libertarian voice in print media across the nation. “The losers are the citizens of northeast Ohio,” Bernard once stated in a response to a *Business Week* article about taxpayer money being used to support the Cleveland Indians. “Their taxes are being used to make a professional sports owner richer--along with some very highly paid Tribe players.”

Bernard will be remembered as a steadfast hero for liberty, and will be deeply missed by all in the Libertarian Party.

Reviving the Political Poster

By Austin Petersen

In studying the Texas Libertarian’s Revolution in Ron Paul’s quest for the Presidency, one would find a collection of artistic work eerily reminiscent of war propaganda created to win the hearts and minds of earlier generations in their idealistic struggles. A simple Google search will bring up hundreds of images of very creative artwork designed to spread the message of HOPE that the congressman proliferated across the country.

Stirring images combined with evocative messages were used to great effect to galvanize supporters and bolster our spirits. The most excellent example being the use of the Boston Tea Party imagery, which created the most successful money bomb that destroyed fundraising records.

To that end, I have placed a call for Libertarian artists to collaborate with me to recreate this imagery. Observing the effect they had on the Revolution, I believe that a gallery of work that reflects the principles of the Libertarian Party could be useful in gathering volunteers to our

cause. Several artists have responded so far, and are working on a campaign I have titled, “The Libertarians have the Answers.”

Artists have been given suggested themes, but are encouraged to be spontaneous and to adapt the themes as necessary to maximize political impact. Suggestions I have offered are: “How are the wars going? The Libertarians have the answer. Dollar not buying much these days? The Libertarians have the answers. Subprime mortgage got you down? The Libertarians have the answers. Restore value to the dollar! Ask a Libertarian how! Pssst... the Chinese Economy is beating us. The Libertarians have the answers.”

On my door in my office, the sign reads, Libertarian Ministry of Propaganda, and Work Harder! Millions on welfare depend on you! I’m looking forward to hearing from our more creative Libertarians on their ideas of what we can design to inspire a future generation of activists.

Anyone interested in participating are encouraged to contact me directly by sending an email to austin.petersen

POLITICS 2008

Wisconsin Libertarian Wins Mayoral Race

By Dave Hendrickson*

Ed Thompson's two-to-one victory in the Tomah mayoral contest on Tuesday might make you think that the people of Tomah know something that the rest of Wisconsin doesn't know.

When Ed ran for mayor in 2000, he wasn't expected to win, at least not early on, but there were more Tomah voters who appreciated him and his abilities than those who didn't and he won that election with 58% of the vote.

The folks who voted for him in 2000 turned out to be right. Ed cut city expenses by 13% while improving services to the community. He settled a lawsuit with the EPA over chemical dumping by a former local industry for a million dollars-- instead of the possible 10 million that could have been sought by the EPA. He led in the creation of a senior citizen center that serves hundreds of meals every week, provides activities for seniors, and does so at almost zero

cost to the taxpayers.

When Ed ran for governor in the 2002 campaign, he made 3rd party history in Wisconsin by winning 10.5% of the vote with only about 2% of the total money spent on that election. Maybe the 185,000 or so citizens who voted for him knew something the rest of the state didn't know.

In that gubernatorial election, he got a greater percentage of votes in Tomah than he did in any other municipality. He got a greater percentage of votes in Monroe and Juneau Counties, where he lives and where he was born, than in any other Wisconsin counties.

What do these numbers say? They say that the people who know Ed Thompson not only trust him, but they like him as a person. These numbers say that the people who know him respect him for his honesty, his generosity and his common sense.

Above all, Ed's popularity among the people who know him says that Ed isn't your run-of-the-



Mayor-elect Ed Thompson

mill, what's-in-it-for-me, special-interest-pandering, to-heck-with-the-people politician.

Ed Thompson is a real down-to-earth, responsible leader.

As mayor, Ed will undoubtedly keep a close

watch on city expenditures and look for ways to improve services at the same time, just like he did before. He will undoubtedly fix the potholes in the streets. He wants to limit irresponsible government spending on large projects by using referendum as a tool to let the people say how they want their money spent.

With Ed as mayor of Tomah, we have the opportunity to show the rest of the state, and perhaps the nation, how effective common-sense, grassroots libertarian government can be.

Ironically, I'm not sure that the people of Tomah elected Ed Thompson to be their mayor because he is a Libertarian. I think they elected him because of the person he is. We might think about this as we reach out to others to join or support the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin.

It's tempting to try to win the argument; to show

someone else how wrong they are and how right we are, but what good can it do to demonstrate our own cleverness at the expense of losing a potential ally?

If we show others that Libertarians are good, honest, hard-working people just like they are, then we've gone a long way to further our cause. And while we're at it, we ought to make sure our zeal to win an argument in our own ranks doesn't drive others away from the party, either. This has happened in the past and I'd prefer to not see it happen again in the future.

For now, let's be happy that the people of Tomah had the good sense to elect Ed to office. And for the future, let's follow Ed's example and make friends with the people of Wisconsin, and help them see that at heart we're all libertarians.

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Pennsylvania is like Illinois: A state where we need to collect a large number of signatures to survive any potential challenge from the Democrats and Republicans who want to keep our republic to themselves. In Pennsylvania, our target is about 35,000 total signatures and we have until August 1st to collect them. To date we have a bit over 1,000 signatures in hand. We have sent five of our best petitioners to that state to help them, but they need to collect as many volunteer signatures as possible there so we can send those professionals to other states that need their help.

Connecticut and Massachusetts also have started their efforts. Libertarians need about 15,000 signatures in each state to get on the ballot statewide. Both states also are running several candidates for Congress and state or local office who need to file sepa-

rate petitions.

Virginia is another state where we need about 15,000 total signatures. The Virginia Libertarian Party has traditionally been able to gather all their signatures on their own, relying in large part on the volunteer efforts of members in that state. In all three of these states, the deadline arrives in late July or early August.

Petitioning is also beginning now in Kentucky, where Libertarians need about 7,500 total signatures for ballot access there.

One other big state on the horizon is New York. There we only have six weeks starting in mid-July to collect over 20,000 signatures for ballot access. The current challenge is to complete as many states as possible ahead of New York so when that short window opens we can devote as many resources as possible to that state.

In some states, the party is allowed to use stand-in can-

didates who can be replaced once we nominate our Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates at our national convention in May in Denver. However, this is not a legal option in most states, meaning we can't start in those until June. States where this is the case, or states where the signature requirements are low enough that we can wait to start until after the convention, include Alabama, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, South Dakota, Tennessee and Washington.

In New Hampshire, Libertarians are currently circulating a petition which includes all their candidates, including stand-ins for President and Vice President. Pending legal action there, we may also have to circulate a separate petition in New Hampshire after the convention. Ohio is in a similar situation. Libertarians there are awaiting a ruling from the Ohio Secretary of State, which will tell us if we are on the ballot there or if we have to start with a new petition for our Presidential slate.

Overall, we need to collect well over another 100,000 signatures to finish the job and gain ballot access in all these states. Just because most deadlines are still months away does not mean we can wait. The sooner we can knock out the states where we can petition now, the easier it will be to finish the big jobs we have ahead of us this summer.

There are several ways you can help. We need as many volunteers as possible in these states to pitch in and collect signatures. Every signature collected by a volunteer saves us up to \$2 which can be used for buying more signatures later.

Especially during the spring and summer, petitioning is a fun way to get out and tell people about the Libertarian Party. There are big events such as street festivals and county fairs almost every weekend. Public areas such as libraries, post offices, courthouses, college campuses and businesses which accept utility payments are all excellent places to find registered vot-

ers who can sign your petition. It's also a good idea to carry voter registration forms and LP brochures (available at lpstuff.com) with you. If you don't have time to get out, you can still circulate the petition at work, church, social events or even around the family dinner table. Even if all you can do is send in your own signature, that is a big help.

Whether or not you are able to collect signatures, we also need donations to cover the costs of hiring professional petitioners. It will take in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to cover all of our ballot access needs in 2008. Please take a moment to contact us and make your best possible donation today.

If you can help in any way, please contact our Political Director, Sean Haugh, by email at sean.haugh@lp.org or by phone at 202-288-9853. With your help, we'll make sure as many voters as possible will have Libertarian choices on their ballot in No-

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INSIDE LOOK

LP.org to Get Makeover

By Andrew Davis

Ron Paul's rollercoaster bid for the Republican presidential nomination caused a fair bit of excitement in an otherwise stale presidential campaign season. While Paul may not have made the political headway he intended to as a candidate, his campaign

certainly set many benchmarks other heavy-hitters like Romney, Giuliani, Obama and Clinton struggled to meet. From breaking the single-day record fundraising record to gaining the support of one of the biggest grassroots campaigns in modern political history, Ron Paul made his mark -- even if wasn't at the polls.

One of the most successful facets of Paul's campaign were not the man or the message, but more so how the man and the message were able to be spread to millions of homes cheaply and effectively. With the help of Web designer Martin Avila and his company Terra Eclipse, Paul was able to turn his campaign's Web site into a cutting-edge gateway for supporters, volunteers and donations.

Founded in 1999 in Santa Cruz, CA, Terra Eclipse

emerged as a Web design firm manned by five close friends who were all united by their libertarian-oriented views, which were quite a rarity in what Avila calls a very "liberal" city. "Santa Cruz is very much a government controlled place," says Avila. "We were taught this when we were young. We grew together closer because of our libertarian-minded values."

Right out of college, Avila and his friends-turned-business associates began doing Web work with nonprofits, specifically private property groups that were "liberty-oriented," says Avila.

It was during this time that Avila met Ron Paul, and in May of 2007, Terra Eclipse was hired by the Paul campaign to drastically update its Web site. "I saw their Web site, and saw it needed some work and that we could help them," Avila states. "We really tapped into the grassroots that was already really behind him, and we were just able to grow that campaign."

Indeed, with the improvements made by Terra Eclipse, Paul's Web site became a portal for donations and volunteers that projected the otherwise obscure campaign into the limelight. Donations soared, and Paul was able to remain at the forefront of the Republican race despite lagging in the polls. "What we did was make it fun, exciting and dynamic," says Avila of the Web site, and while mentioning Terra Eclipse certainly couldn't take credit for the money bombs that allowed Paul to out-fundraise many of his opponents, he says the Web site features certainly helped generate some of the excitement behind them.

But as Paul's campaign dwindles, Avila and Terra Eclipse have been hired by the Libertarian Party to give the LP's Web site a much needed makeover, with hopefully similar results as the Paul campaign. "We allow people to participate," says Avila. "We make the site as streamlined as possible," adding it allows for a large flow of Internet traffic without the high price tag of many other Web developers. Avila plans to have a brand new design for the Web site, with a new contribution system that allows donors to see their name publicly displayed (if they con-

sent), and easier ways to donate. Additionally, the site will also have tools to display live events, a new blogging system, and a redesigned Candidate Tracker display. Overall, the content will be displayed faster, and it will be better looking.

"We're definitely going to have something launched in the first couple of weeks of May," Avila plans. "The full site will be up in three months with all the functionality, and significant improvements to the launch site will occur over the course of those three months."

The goal of the Web site is simple: maximize the ability of LP members and guests to volunteer, donate and get connected to the Libertarian Party. The Web site will do this utilizing the same Web functions that made the Paul campaign masters of grassroots activism, which eventually evolved into the "Ron Paul Revolution."

Making use of what those in the industry call "Web 2.0," the LP hopes that giving Internet users more functionality and options with the Web site will encourage LP media and information to be spread across the Internet -- called, going "viral." The genius behind this idea is that information about the Party is disseminated to potentially millions of people, at no cost to the Party.

Avila says that a few other campaigns have approached Terra Eclipse, but nothing has progressed beyond talks. The Libertarian Party would be unique among all political parties in the United States for implementing these new tools for its Web site.

"It's where our heart is," says Avila of the growing libertarian movement. "We see potential for the Libertarian Party and the libertarian movement to become a stronger force in politics." Adding, "especially where Republicans and Democrats are showing their true colors."

While replicating the online success of the Paul campaign is a tall order, both Avila and the LP are excited about the prospects of improving the Party's Web site, especially as 2008 may become a banner year for Libertarians. One thing is for sure, the LP will have one of the best portals for online activism among every other political party in the U.S.

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THE MAILBOX

Broadening Sources to Narrow Views

I commend Dick Coffee of Alabama for representing many libertarian ideals during his six campaigns for Congress. The libertarian movement is a big tent, including everyone who scores in the upper quadrant of the Nolan chart.

Many libertarians, including activists like Dick, may hold some beliefs that are in the authoritarian direction, or answer a lot of the questions with “maybe.” On balance, we find more in common with our platform than they do with any other party’s platform.

Our platform, on the other hand, attempts to define the ideal libertarian, who would score a perfect 100/100. Most of us tend to gradually drift towards that upper corner of the chart over time, as we argue with others (as Dick was doing in his letter) about our differences.

Starting with my second national convention, I began

a personal campaign to “improve” the platform so that it would agree with my beliefs. I suggest that Dick do the same with his issues concerning foreign affairs. In order to be more persuasive, I suggest that he increase the variety of news sources that he is a junky to, adding everything from Mother Jones to The American Free Press, and the myriad of news sources on the Internet.

As it did for me, exposure to different sources of information caused my beliefs to change towards the platform more than it helped me to change the platform to resemble my beliefs.

For example Googling “war, the Constitution, and terrorism” might lead him to discover that we are not in fact, at war with any nation, organization, idea, or individual, because Congress has not declared war since 12/8/41.

Some additional reading might convince him that the United States has been repeatedly assaulting foreign nations since the days of the Barbary pirates, and

that many of the assaults he refers to were either justifiable blowback, or false flag attacks coordinated by our own government to justify their war upon our American values.

Many people in his warty global society are disgusted with our government’s blatant violations of international law as well as common decency.

— Ron Windeler
Anchorage, Alaska

Ballot Access Clarity on Ron Paul Petition

As a past Libertarian candidate from Georgia for the US Senate, I understand that ballot access is a good and necessary cause. On the surface, Ron Paul’s Bill H.R. 3600 addresses this need. However, Dr. Paul often reminds us that the US Constitution limits the power of the Federal Government. The 10th amendment of the Bill of Rights states: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are

reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

There is no provision for the Federal Government to legislate ballot access. The 10th Federalist Paper explains why. Essentially it says that by limiting the power of the federal government our Constitution limits the powers of factions or what we now call special interest groups. In other words, the US Constitution calls for a decentralized government. As most libertarians know our foes, the socialists, call for a strong centralized government.

In conclusion, Libertarians should fight the ballot access battle at the state level and abandon the notion of a centralized solution. After all, we usually only garner about five percent of the vote. As we know, the federal government is controlled by Republocrats. If they legislate for ballot access, I fear that Dr. Paul’s bill will be changed to our detriment. It would likely limit our ballot access at the national level and this would make our plight even worse.

— Bert Loftman
Jasper, GA

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COMMUNICATING LIBERTY

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By Sharon Harris*

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"At times, we had six, seven, or eight people lined up at our booth taking the Quiz. By the final day we had over 500 colored dots on the chart and dozens of names." -- E. M., Vermont

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**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.*

Some one who cares about the problems that are going on!
Chrystal

I saw Michael speak, I listened to his ideologies, and because of him I am now a National Delegate and a LP member.
Cody

This is exactly what our country needs.
Brian

I learned of the campaign while I was working for John Edwards in NH. I am a registered Democrat, but cannot and will not support either of the two remaining candidates, so I've been exploring my alternatives and think that the Jingoian campaign has a great platform and vision for the country.
Dave

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Scott

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Crystal

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Seth

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Tristan

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I joined the LP because of Mike.
Leslie

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Evan

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Jason

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Patrick

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Bob

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Mary

Thank you for being an actual Libertarian.
Margery

I'm a Ron Paul supporter. But if he drops out, then I'm voting for you.
Jeff

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Ted

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Sam

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Ian

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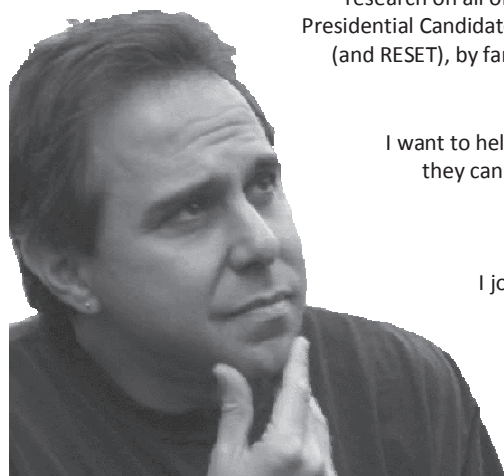
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Alaska

Real ID Legislation Heads to Governor

Senate Bill 202 passed the Alaska State House, with 39 out of 40 representatives voting for passage. Senate Bill 202 originated in the Senate, where it passed 14 in favor with four against. The bill now heads to Governor Sarah Palin.

Senate Bill 202 would block State funds from being spent to implement the Real ID Act in Alaska. The governments of at least 17 states have passed laws or resolutions rejecting the Real ID Act on its face.

The Real ID Act raises taxes and is a serious threat to the right to privacy.

More than 600 organizations oppose the Real ID Act. Among them are groups as diverse as Gun Owners of America and United Way.

Activists should write to Governor Palin and encourage her to sign S.B. 202 into law.

Governor Sarah Palin
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Colorado

State Convention Concluded, Candidates Selected

The Libertarian Party of Colorado's annual convention concluded late in the afternoon of Saturday, March 8th.

The convention was held in the Student Senate Chambers of Colorado State University, and was sponsored and organized by the Libertarian Party at Colorado State University, a student organization and LPCO Educational Institution Affiliate.

Along with the usual housekeeping of Constitution and Bylaws updates, Platform updates, and Board reports, the state delegates nominated candi-

dates for office, delegates to the Libertarian National Convention in May, new LPCO Board members, and the Colorado Libertarian Electoral College delegation.

Since this is also a Presidential Election year, there was a Presidential candidate luncheon. Libertarian Presidential candidates Michael P. Jingoian, George Phillies, and Wayne Allyn Root all travelled to Ft. Collins to speak to the convention and take questions from the attendees.

Illinois

Illinois Libertarians Are Back in the Race!

With the recent LNC approval for assistance in funding the IL ballot drive, the "green light" given by LPI members based upon a recent survey, a U.S. Senate candidate announced, and a candidate for the 14th Congressional District coming out of a local Ron Paul Meetup group, excitement is in the air in Illinois as LPI members and others move forward with their petition drive that began on March 25th.

The LPI's ballot access committee, Vote Libertarian Illinois (VLI), headed by Crystal Jurczynski, generated a ballot access plan last December that included most or all of the elements of a state ballot drive that the LNC looks for when considering funding – a well thought-out, feasible plan that includes a reasonable amount of volunteer work and fundraising done on the part of the state party. Political Director Sean Haugh had a great deal of praise for Illinois' plan.

LPI members provided very positive support based on responses from a recent feasibility survey. Over 85% of respondents indicated they thought the LPI should go through the effort to get on the ballot in 2008 and a majority pledged to

collect signatures, donate to the drive, or both. Local organizations also rang in, with seven Illinois Libertarian chapters pledging their support.

The petitioning period only lasts for 90 days, and ends on June 23. At that time the LPI needs to deliver 25,000 valid signatures to place the Libertarian Party candidates for President, Vice President, and U.S. Senate on Illinois ballots. Because many thousands of signatures may be ruled invalid in a petition challenge, our goal is to collect 42,000 raw signatures. Accomplishing this goal will take dedication and contributions from Libertarians across the country.

But the effort will definitely be worth it, for a variety of reasons. Larry Stafford of South Beloit is running as our U.S. Senate candidate. The LPI's Legislative Chair, Chris Bennett, is running as a candidate for the LP's Vice Presidential nomination. There's also a great deal of excitement over Dan Druck recently throwing his hat as the LP candidate into the highly contested race for the 14th Congressional dis-

trict seat, from which former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert recently retired. (There will be more to come about Dan Druck's race.)

The atmosphere in the 14th Congressional District mirrors what is going on throughout much of Illinois. As was true in 2006, voters in Illinois are disillusioned with Republicans who brought us the likes of former Governor George Ryan, now in Federal prison for corruption. The present Governor, Democrat Rod Blagojevich, has been named "Public Official A" by the judge in the Rezko corruption trial currently underway. (You may have heard of the Rezko trial due to the connections with Barack Obama).

Illinois voters need an alternative to corruption. They are disgusted with the choices on the ballot in Illinois, as was obvious during the special election held in the 14th Congressional District on March 8, where Republican Jim Oberweis, who ran a very aggressive campaign and was endorsed by Hastert, was defeated by a high-tax, extremely liberal Democrat in a highly

Republican-populated district. The 14th Congressional District race is one where Libertarians have a great chance of placing ourselves on the political map in November, given that voters do not like either of the choices offered by the major parties in this race.

The sentiment among Illinois voters is much the same this year as it was in 2006. In 2006, unfortunately, the LPI was not on the ballot. In that same year, however, the choices between the two major party candidates for Governor were so abysmal that voters looked elsewhere. Without a Libertarian candidate on the ballot, they chose the Green Party candidate. The Green Party received 10% of the vote in the gubernatorial race, and so achieved ballot status, which they have used to progress their party in a number of different ways since 2006. Ballot status could have been achieved by the LPI in 2006 but we weren't on the ballot to make that happen.

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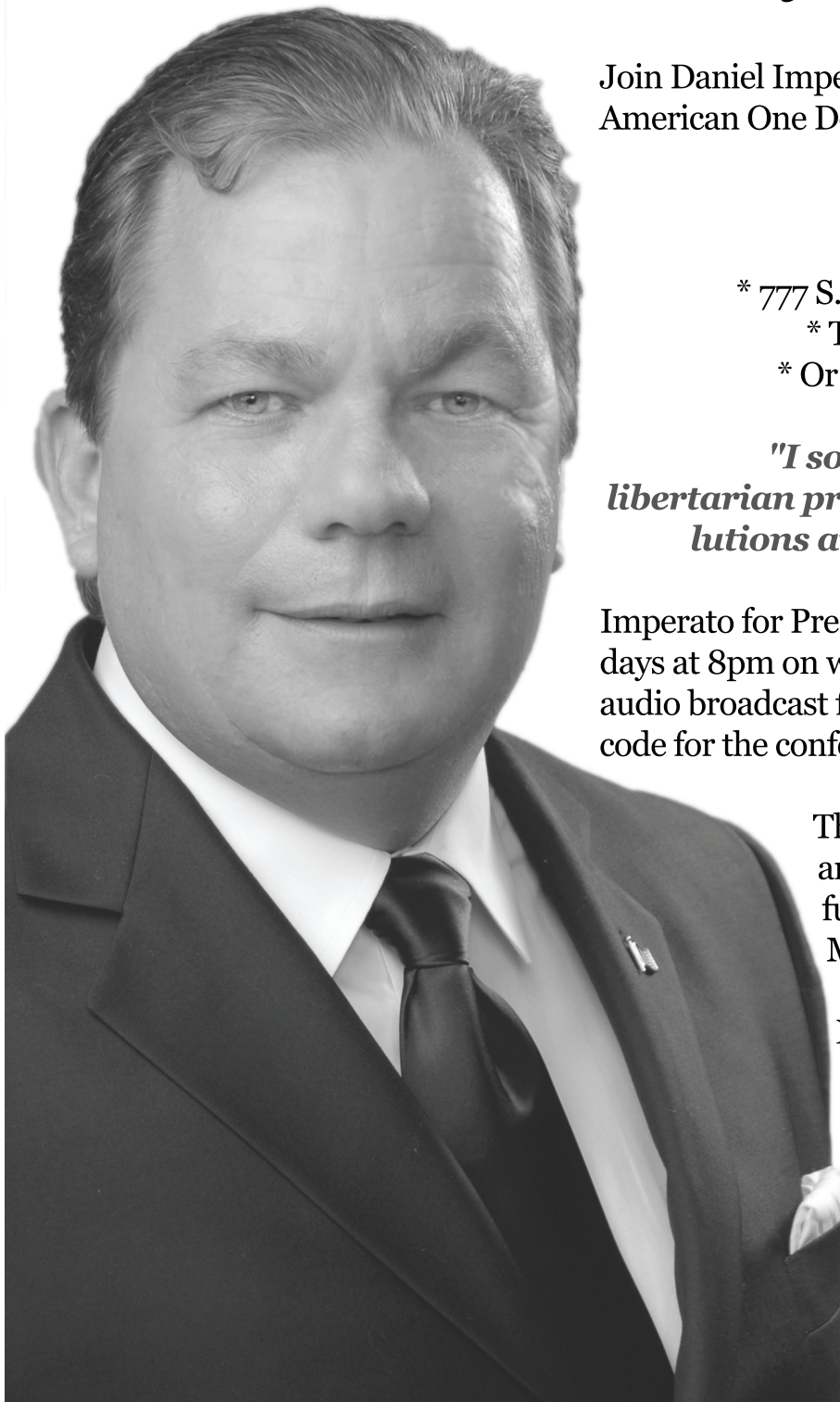


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2006 taught us is that as a party we have a huge potential for success. That potential is at least as great in 2008 as it was in 2006. Libertarians willing to collect signatures, donate to the drive, mentor new petitioners, and notarize petitions are needed right now. For more information, to donate or volunteer, visit LPillinois.org or contact the Vote Libertarian Illinois Chair, Crystal Jurczynski, at 630-876-1935 or VLI@LPillinois.org. If you live in a state next to Illinois, and your state has already achieved ballot access, please consider crossing the border to help out on one or more weekends during the petition drive period. Please help us put Libertarians back into the race in Illinois in 2008!

Getting Results from Ron Paul Coalitions

The political momentum is building in Illinois for Libertarians as our ballot drive kicks off and candidates start announcing their races. There's a great deal of excitement over Dan Druck recently throwing his hat as the LP candidate into the highly contested race in the 14th Congressional district, from which former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert recently retired.

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that voters do not like either of the choices offered by the major parties in this race.

While the Libertarian vote-getting potential in this race is exciting, what is also noteworthy about the 14th Congressional race is how candidate Dan Druck came to be the Libertarian Party candidate. Dan was an LP member in the '90s, but his membership had lapsed since the late '90s – until now, when not only is he renewing his membership but he is also running as our candidate in a very visible race. This all came about through the connections local Libertarians made in the 14th Congressional District through the local Fox Valley Ron Paul Meetup group. After the February 5 primary in Illinois, the Fox Valley Ron Paul Meetup group got together in our first sit-down meeting to discuss how we were going to move forward now that it was obvious Ron Paul was not going to receive the Republican nomination.

We decided to change our name to the "Fox Valley Freedom Coalition." Our first meeting, held on February 9, brought in 16 people or so. At our second meeting, held on March 8, the number increased to 22. The Coalition includes LP, Constitution Party, and Republican Party members, plus a lot of people (probably the majority) not affiliated with any political party. Since the first meeting in February, the Coalition has defined ways we want to work for change locally, including supporting candidates who run on limited government platforms, educating the public on libertarian issues such as the REAL ID act, and publicizing our existence in a variety of ways. Since that first meeting in February, the local Fox Valley Libertarian Party has seen an increase in attendance of about 50%, not to mention a much-needed candidate in our own Congressional

district, and offers to help with our ballot drive from other members of the Fox Valley Freedom Coalition.

In addition to the connections made locally, at the state level the Illinois LP also has reached out to Ron Paul supporters by providing a link specifically geared towards them on the state website, http://www.lpillinois.org/join/ron_paul.php. LPI webmaster Crystal Jurczynski is responsible for creating this web page. Other state and local LP parties should feel free to use this in creating their own sort of web outreach to Ron Paul supporters.

Forming coalitions is a great way to effect change locally, and also a great way to bring activists into the Libertarian Party. But don't think that it will happen overnight. The process of bringing people into the party through coalitions happens gradually and often indirectly. One young woman I met at the February Fox Valley Freedom Coalition meeting was very quick to make clear to me that she was not an LP member. I assured her that my intent in coming to the meeting was not to convert her.

By forming coalitions and working with other libertarians, it is certain that some of them will join our party, but it might take years for them to do so, and some never will. Don't underestimate the importance of those libertarians who work with us but do not have an interest in joining

the party. Through local coalitions those people will help bring others in who will join us.

Forming local coalitions on libertarian principles is a great way to make local communities more aware of how well limited government works. Working with other like-minded individuals works a lot better than fighting those battles ourselves. This coalescing power has already proven itself in Illinois by fighting tax increases and regulatory home rule, and electing libertarians to local office.

Ron Paul has ignited renewed interest in libertarian ideas. Coalescing with the Ron Paul supporters will keep the momentum going in our continued fight for liberty.

Missouri

Heartland Libertarian Conference Success

Six of the 17 candidates for the Libertarian Party Presidential nomination participated in a debate at the 2008 Heartland Libertarian Conference in Kansas City April 5th.

In his keynote address, former Republican Congressman Bob Barr, who switched to the Libertarian Party in 2006 and now serves on the Libertarian Party National Committee, announced the formation of an exploratory committee for a possible run for President as a Libertarian.

The Libertarian Party will select its candidate for President at the 2008 National Libertarian Party Convention to be held May 22-26, 2008 in Denver, CO. The Missouri Libertarian Party will be sending a full delegation of 22 Missourians to the National Convention.

Thanks to Mike Ferguson of Grandview, MO and Rob Hodgkinson, Kansas Libertarian Party State Chair for organizing a great event.

New Mexico

LPNM Website Woes

On 28 December 2007, the LPNM's ownership of the domain name "lpnm.org" expired and we have since discovered that the domain name is now owned by a British furniture store. The LPNM has established TWO new domain names for the LPNM – nmlp.org and lp-nm.org – both URLs redirect to libertarian-party-nm.org, or you can type that URL into your browser directly.

Harley Fundraiser

The LPNM is sponsoring a fundraising drive by raffling off a new, limited-edition Harley Davidson Softail Rocker motorcycle for \$100 per ticket, with a maximum of 399 tickets available. More information on the motorcycle raffle is available at tinyurl.com/2fu72e.

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




Wayne Allyn Root

- Hometown: Henderson, NV
- LD '08: **QUALIFIED**
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$15,714
- More Info: www.rootforamerica.com



Daniel Imperato


- Hometown: Palm Beach, FL
- LD '08: **QUALIFIED**
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$10,474
- More Info: www.imperato2008.com



Michael Jingoian


- Hometown: Sherwood, OR
- LD '08: **QUALIFIED**
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$8,465
- More Info: www.resetamerica.com

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




Christine Smith

- Hometown: Arvada, CO
- LD '08: Not Yet Qualified
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$2,310
- More Info: www.christinesmithforpresident.com




Steve Kubby

- Hometown: Ft. Bragg, CA
- LD '08: Not Yet Qualified
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$1,277
- More Info: www.kubby2008.com




Alden Link

- Hometown: Newburgh, NY
- LD '08: Not Yet Qualified
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$885
- More Info: www.link-for-pres.org



Mary Ruwart

- Hometown: Burnet, TX
- LD '08: Not Yet Qualified
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$800
- More Info: www.votemary2008.com/



Mike Gravel

- Hometown: Arlington, VA
- LD '08: Not Yet Qualified
- Constitutionally: Yes
- FEC Filed: Yes
- LD '08 Total: \$355
- More Info: www.gravel2008.us

Candidate Notices: Bob Jackson of Michigan terminated his campaign on April 7, endorsing Bob Barr. Also on April 7, Daniel Williams of Florida terminated his presidential campaign endorsing Bob Barr. Mr. Williams will be seeking the vice presidential nomination.

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 option of "Future/Unannounced Candidate" has raised \$2,096. The option of "None of the Above" has raised \$4,327. 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. Updated April 14, 2008.

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2008 LP NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION	APRIL 26	RECEPTION HOUSE FLUSHING, NY	JEFF RUSSEL JRUSSEL1776@AOL.COM
LPTX STATE CONVENTION	JUNE 13-15	RADISSON FORTH WORTH HOTEL FOSSIL CREEK	CHAIR@LPTEXAS.ORG
BOONE COUNTY LPMO MEETING	MAY 1	ANGELO'S 4107 S. PROVIDENCE RD. COLUMBIA	BOONE@LPMO.ORG
GREENE COUNTY LPMO MEETING	May 3	LIBRARY STATION N. KANSAS EXP. SPRINGFIELD, MO	GREENE@LPMO.ORG
LPLA LAFAYETTE METRO DISTRICT MEETING	May 6	PJ'S COFFEE HOUSE SLIDELL, LA	
LPNH EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING	EVERY 2ND SUNDAY	CARISBROOK 180 WOODBURY ST. MANCHESTER, NH	
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In response to a request by National Volunteer Coordinator Austin Petersen for member-submitted, political artwork, Daniel Schmid, of Chicago, submitted the above piece -- a chalkboard depiction of current problems facing the United States with the Libertarian Party as the only solution.



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