PRE-CONVENTION SPECIAL FEATURE: 
LP Presidential Candidates in Their Own Words

By Alicia Mattson

National convention delegates have a lot of work to do on the convention floor in Denver. Our party platform needs a significant amount of rebuild work.

It’s an election year. What will voters find when they look at the two major parties and ask, “Isn’t there a better option?”

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

That’s because our current platform wasn’t a planned document.

Like government, our platform grew over the years and became bloated with uninspiring negativity, long lists of everyone’s pet issues, extremism that many Libertarians found to be unrealistic, promises that presented credibility problems and the kitchen sink.

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

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

Wayne Allyn Root: Republicans and Democrats use great marketing to sell America a lousy product. We Libertarians are trying to sell America a great product, but with lousy marketing.

No doubt, we Libertarians have had some wonderful presidential candidates over the years. Many were deep thinkers, scholarly types who provided thoughtful, intelligent answers to serious questions about the role of freedom and individual rights in society.

And few voters listened. So, if we select a nominee similar to ones we selected in the past, we should not be surprised if few will listen again in 2008.

We may long for the days when folks would ponder and seriously debate the issues in the public square, but this is not the America we live in today. Today’s American is influenced by media coverage. And the reason why the media does not cover our candidates is simple: because we don’t provide the media with media coverage. And the reason why the media does not cover our candidates is simple: because we don’t provide the media with media coverage.

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Already, pre-nomination, I’ve attracted extensive media as a Libertarian Party candidate: Fox News (multiple times), Fox Business (multiple times), MSNBC, CNBC, Bloomberg TV, WGN, Glenn Beck (3 to 4 million listeners), Michael Medved (3 to 4 million listeners), the nationally-syndicated Mancow Show, BBC, the biggest radio shows in Canada and UK, and hundreds of local stations from coast to coast. I am bringing the Libertarian message of smaller government, less spending, lower entitlements, lower taxes and more freedom.

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**Guest Commentary: The Party of No Compromise**

By Shep H. Greenberg

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

**The Manhattan Chapter of the Libertarian Party of which I am a member, occasionally throws a phrase into its publications with which I heartily disagree: “New York City’s No Compromise, Pro-Freedom Political Party.” New York City? Yes! Pro-Freedom? Yes! Political Party? Yes! No Compromise? Well, I think not!

To the mindless, on the surface, this sounds like a terrific phrase. No Compromise! Be true to this self! Keep our philosophy, our principles, intact. THEY compromise; WE refuse to do so! OK. Now let’s look below the surface.

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

Now, where are we? Libertarians as a group lean towards the “A” side on many/most issues. We are not, however, anarchists; as we understand the important role that government plays in our lives. The most obvious example is the military, where we support the need for what we consider to be a just war of self-defense or freedom. The military is part of our government; we support it and expect her/him to respect our rights as a “free” person. If someone goes beyond the line, we opt towards, “government, stay out.” Only when each of us, on a given issue, feels that there is value to government involvement, do we stop moving “A”-wise.

Now, here’s the crux of the matter. Each of us respects the fact that another Libertarian may be at another point on this scale on any given issue: Respects! ALL COMPROMISES! We may wish that others were at the same point that we are, but we allow them their decision as long as they’ve tried to move in the “no-Government” direction.

A few examples:

- Abortion. I, personally, believe in the right of a woman to maintain control over her body, i.e., pro-choice, even through the third trimester. Someone else may, for religious or moral reasons, consider abortion to be murder.
- I will feel profound sadness for the Libertarian who believes our society is committing murder in her/his name and who wishes the government would ban abortions. At some time, I will not change my pro-life-view and will continue to opt/fit for pro-choice. The point is: I respect that person’s right to be where he/she stands on this spectrum on this issue and expect her/him to respect mine.
- Drugs. My point-of-view: All recreational drugs should be made illegal.

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**Bylaws Committee Update**

By M Carling

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

Several recommendations regarding our platform or the Platform Committee are jointly recommended by both the Bylaws and Platform committees. These proposals will be submitted by both committees jointly to the delegates.

One of the joint proposals includes a modification to our Statement of Principles. Contrary to apparent intent, the original drafters of our bylaws left a backdoor circumventing the requirement of a 7/8 vote to amend our Statement of Principles by means of a series of three consecutive 2/3 votes. In speaking with various Party leaders, we found that many are unwilling to close the backdoor until the most controversial clauses have been deleted, while other Party leaders are unwilling to consider any changes unless the backdoor is closed and padlocked. Therefore the Bylaws and Platform committees jointly propose to suspend the Rules to wrap it all up in a single vote without any possibility of the proposal being highjacked to make other changes to our Statement of Principles. The first vote, to suspend the transition from debating society to political party bylaws and convention rules (http://www.lp.org/archives/LP_Bylaws_and_Convention_Rules_20060702.pdf), is closed and padlocked. Therefore the Bylaws and Platform committees jointly propose to suspend the Rules to wrap it all up in a single vote without any possibility of the proposal being highjacked to make other changes to our Statement of Principles. The first vote, to suspend the Bylaws and Platform rules (http://www.lp.org/archives/LP_Bylaws_and_Convention_Rules_20060702.pdf), is closed and padlocked.

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More Speakers for LP NatCon

By BetterRose Ryan

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National Public Radio, who has had a tendency in the past of ignoring our conventions, has called not once but several times. In fact, the local station interviewed the convention volunteers while they were working on setting up the stage for the convention. The interest in the story comes from the expense of the democratic convention (hundreds of millions) and the much lesser cost of the libertarian convention (tens of thousands) and exactly where the money comes from - the public, in some form, versus the delegates themselves. The interviewer collected over three hours of material just covering the volunteer work session. He also interviewed Mr. Shane Cory, the LP's National Executive Director.

The special events offered this year have proven to be so successful that the early nights at the hotel are all sold out. There are still plenty of rooms over the convention nights, May 22 to May 26, although they are going fast. If you are coming early and plan to do some of the special events, don't forget to sign up for the Mint Tour or the White Water Rafting at lpcon2008@aol.com. This is especially important for the White Water Rafting since the transportation to the site is being arranged in advance.

The Congressional Aide package, the package which gives the non-delegate a chance to hear breakout sessions speakers instead of receiving delegate materials, has proven to be a big hit with many convention attendees. This package is more in demand than the Vice Presidential package and almost as popular as the Junior Congressman package. One of the things which makes this package so inviting is that now, even people who are not chosen to be delegates, can benefit from all the fun of the convention without buying things they don't need.

One of the greatest benefits of coming to the convention has always been the great speakers. This year we have a great line-up of speakers which include old friends and new. David Nolan, Neal Boortz and Michael Cloud are familiar faces. Reggie Rivers, David Harsanyi, Desiree Hickson and Earl Allen are new faces to most convention attendees. The speaker list continues to grow as the convention draws near. Here are some new and old faces:

LPStuff.com Offers Wide Variety of Quality Libertarian Merchandise

By Webb Garlinghouse

Liberarians are entering this election cycle with some wonderful advantages not enjoyed in prior years. More voters than ever are acquainted with the Libertarian Party; more people realize they share Libertarian values and we have a wonderful slate of candidates for president.

Many Libertarians believe it is important to show our friends and associates we are serious about our Libertarian positions. After all, other party members subtly - and sometimes not so subtly announce their convictions every day. At LPStuff.com, the store dedicated to Libertarians, there is a wonderful assortment of quality merchandise to tell the world we are proudly Libertarian. Beyond being a fantastic revenue source for high-quality Libertarian apparel, purchasing products from LPStuff.com fills another need of the Libertarian Party - it insures we share a unified look so others will begin to recognize Libertarians in their many manifestations. Recognition is absolutely imperative to Libertarians right now. With a unified collection of brochures and educational materials, we can drive the message home that we are a coordinated, serious, professional group ready to put this country back on the right track. In short; we mean business.

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

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

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

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

Continued from page 3 the Rules, requires a 2/3 vote. If it passes, there would be 15 minutes of debate without amendments, followed by a vote to make the proposed changes including amending our Bylaws to close and padlock the backdoor.

Of particular interest is a proposal that would change the meaning of Libertarian Party membership. Now, anyone who signs the pledge/certification is a member, whether or not we have any current contact information. Statistically, thousands of our members are deceased, but we don’t know about it. A small subset of our members are donors to the Party. Delegates to our national conventions are often neither members nor donors. Our proposal would define members as those who donate to the Party and restrict voting membership i.e. eligibility to be a delegate or hold party office to those who have both signed the pledge/certification and donated to the party. Looking at it another way, we now require signing the pledge/certification to carry a membership card but not to serve as a national convention delegate or as a member of the Platform Committee. We propose to reverse that, so that one would need to sign the pledge/certification to be a national convention delegate or serve on the Platform Committee, but not to carry a membership card. We expect this change to help protect our principles and to result in a modest increase in donations.

Bylaws Committee members are: M Carling (NY), Seth Cohn (NH), Dan Karlan (NJ), Rob Latham (UT), Frank Manske (CA), Rob Oates (ID), Heather Scott (TN), Aaron Starr (CA), Blay Tarnoff (NY) and Alfredo Torrejon (OR).

The Bylaws Committee will meet again in Denver on Thursday, May 22, at 9:00 PM in advance of the national convention. If you find any errors or unintended consequences, please let us know as soon before we meet as possible by leaving a comment to the appropriate proposal at http://lpbylaws.blogspot.com with your name and state. We appreciate any help toward improving our bylaws and convention rules.

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**A Brief Chat With Travis Nicks, Chair of the LPCO**

By Andrew Davis

The following is an interview conducted with Travis Nicks, the state chairman of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

**How is the Colorado LP doing?**

We have been pretty busy preparing for our own convention (held March 8) and for the National Convention. We have also elected a new Legislative Director and Media Director, and those handoffs went beautifully. We have some outstanding candidates such as Jim Frye, District 42, and Matin Buchanan, Congressional District 1. The various counties, such as Delta (fighting corrupt county commissioners), Boulder (running three commissioner candidates), Jefferson (repealing a grocery tax), Larimer (hosted our State Convention), and Arapahoe (supporting Jim Frye and Ken Wyble for State House), have all been doing great things on the local level.

**How are you preparing for the National Convention?**

Well, we have been filling our delegation (and then some) and trying to help with volunteers. Also, we are still trying to get a billboard for downtown to get some extra publicity. We are also running a media blitz of all our contacts to raise attention about the event. There is a small buzz right now but I feel it will get much stronger as we get closer. Especially if our presidential candidates keep getting attention. Press. Also, Colorado is going to propose a resolution regarding the Statement of Principles and we have finalized that and sent it out so please take a look and give us feedback.

**What do you recommend that convention-goers check out while in Denver?**

The convention is being held downtown so the 16th street mall (an outdoor walking mall the length of downtown) is an absolute must. There is a taxpayer funded “free” shuttle if you don’t wish to walk. There are many restaurants to choose from as well. The mountains offer some of the most stunning views in the world (in my opinion). There are loads of trails and sights at Rocky Mountain National Park and Pikes Peak. Each is about an hour from Denver. We have some world class golfing, but that can get expensive. And let us not forget the Colorado Rockies (too bad the Broncos aren’t playing).

**Any other things you’d like to add?**

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

Bill Redpath

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

Thanks, and see you in Denver! - Bill

Libertarian National Convention 2008

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- Breakfast with Speaker $55
- Luncheon with Speaker $55
- Floor Speakers $35
- Presidential Banquet $125

A La Carte items sold with Package purchase only.

AN ACTION PACKED WEEKEND NOT TO BE MISSED
The Libertarian Party of Alabama (LPA) conducted a two-day convention over the weekend at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex in Birmingham. Saturday was primarily geared towards people outside of the party. Our first speaker was Republican State Rep. Cam Ward, who has introduced a House Resolution regarding REAL-ID for the LPA, as well as a ballot access bill that reduces the signature requirement from 3 percent to 1 percent. The ballot access bill passed the House and Senate, though how that compromise and an unanimous vote last week. The REAL-ID Resolution was copied directly from the resolution passed by the Libertarian Party of Alabama’s Executive Committee in Oct. 2007. The event was promoted on the LPA Web site, through e-mail to LPA members, through direct mail pieces to Ron Paul supporters, e-mail to their supporters, a press release from the LPA and from the Bob Barr 2008 Presidential Exploratory Committee. State Chair Stephen Gordon spent an hour in-studio on the dominant drive-home Birmingham talk radio program the day prior to the event. Barr was also a guest on the same program.

Other speakers were LPA Vice Chair, Dan Roberts, who spoke about the popular Free The Hops legislation in Alabama. Successful Alabama political blogger Andrew Kluck, who hadn’t been involved in politics prior to the Ron Paul campaign, now serves as the Tuscaloosa District Representative. There were no motions pertaining to bylaws issues introduced or other business discussed.

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

“While not yet back to the level of participation we had during the years the Libertarian Party of Alabama had ballot access, I’m pleased at the increased level of participation at this convention,” said Gordon. “The amount of new faces, notably those from the Ron Paul movement, was especially encouraging. That some of these people are now identifying with and working with the Libertarian Party is indeed a good sign.”

Participation varied throughout the event, with generally around 25 people on hand at any given time. A few convention attendees only showed to listen to certain speakers and weren’t present throughout the entire convention. Additional chairs had to be set up along the wall towards the end of Day-One activities. Roughly one-third of the attendees had never attended a Libertarian Party convention before.

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

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

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

Maryland
State Runs Large State

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

Massachusetts
Petitioning Begins

PMass, the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, has started its petitioning to put US Senate candidate Robert J. Underwood and our slate of Presidential Electors on the ballot. The stand-ins for the Presidential slate, to be replaced by the actual nominees when they are chosen, are George Phillips and Chris Bennett. The Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association meets the second Wednesday of each month, weather permitting, at 6:30 PM at the Hu Ke Lau restaurant in Chicopee. RSVP to Carolyn McMahon at jncmahon@verizon.net. Lowell Area Liberty Association and Worcester County Libertarian Association Meetings for May are canceled as they conflict with National Convention.

Montana
Candidates Recruited

The Montana LP had several candidates file for office last month, including Stan Jones for Governor, Michael Baker for Lt Governor, Donald Eisen-

merger for the Superintendant of Public Instruction, Mike Fellows for U.S. House, Paul O’Leary House District 25 in Great Falls and Roman Vandezonder in House District 84.

Members of the Missoula Libertarians handed out one million dollars bills on Tax Day. Everybody agreed that we spend way too much of OUR money said in State Chair Mike Fellows, but still people will vote the incumbents back into office.

In a superintendent forum April 3 in Helena, Libertarian candidate Donald Eisenmenger of Helena said the “No Child Left Behind” law has not demonstrated it is achieving its goals of improving education in Montana or national-

ly. “I would encourage all Montana [congressional representatives not to renew No Child Left Behind,” he said. “It is seriously flawed. If it is renewed, I would encourage Montana to drop out. There could be some financial consequences.”

Bitterroot Libertarians have been helping with a fight against county-wide zoning. In Darby Montana, members of the local planning board voted against implement-
ing zoning and those members are fighting to keep their posi-
tions as if planning boards don’t have the opportunity to say no to more government regulations and stream setback regulations. Property rights are the main issue in the Bitterroot Valley.

New York
LPNY State Convention

The LPNY is holding its 2008 State Convention in Queens at a site near LaGuardia Airport to accommodate the list of candidates seeking the LP nod in Denver this May. Mary Ruwart’s husband, Ray Carr, is representing her campaign. De-
clared candidates Mike Jingozian, Mike Gravel, Alden Link and John Finan are scheduled to address the convention body seeking commit-
ment from NY delegates to the May LP National Convention and detailing their positions. Addition-
ally, former Congressman Bob Barr, who at press time had not officially declared, is scheduled to speak after lunch.

During the business session election of officers, by-laws changes, and other business will be con-
ducted. Vendor tables manned by the candidates and the chance to discuss LP issues with them as-
ures an exciting convention.

Ohio
LPO State Convention

The Libertarian Party of Ohio has officially selected one of its most successful state conventions in years. Fund-
raising set records and attend-
ance was 30 percent higher than the previous year: 75 attended. The LPOapproximately served a new set of bylaws and constitu-
tion, based on Ohio Revised Code laws and guidelines. Also, LPO officers were elected, which included: Chair Kevin Knedler; Vice Chair Jeremiah Arn; Trea-
surer Michael Johnstone; and Sec-
retary Ann Leech.

Eight LP Presidential candi-
dates attended the Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning for-
um. They helped greatly with the fundraising and the forum was very informative. Dr. Mary Ruwart won the straw poll, while Mike Gravel and Wayne Allyn Root finished in 2nd and 3rd.

Our next big initiative is to get our LP Presidential candidate on the ballot in Ohio. The state of Ohio requires 5,000 valid sig-
natures, or the party name will not be listed. This is due by mid-
August of 2008. We are also in discussion with the state of Ohio concerning a challenge that will allow for us to use a nominating convention to run candidates, in-
stead of a required primary—Ohio is one of five states that requires primaries for all parties. We are also working with the state of Ohio to get a new law created that will allow for easier ballot access for alternative political parties.

Oregon
Straw Poll Finds Discontent

For the selection of Libertarian Party candidates, the Libertarian Party of Oregon will be having its statewide nominating convention in Salem, Oregon at the Rotary (Centen-
nial) Pavilion, at Riverfront Park, on May 12th.

Additionally, in a straw poll held over the weekend, attendees at the Collectors West Gun Show in Portland, Oregon resoundingly voted for “None of the Above” and would not allow the Republican or Demo-
cratic presidential choices.

The poll, conducted by the LPO, was open to all who attended. By the end of the event, with 685 responses “None of the Above” placed first with 333 votes, fol-
lowed by Republican John Mc-
Cain (262 votes), Democrat Barak Obama (69 votes) and Democrat Hillary Clinton (21). Many vot-
ers expressed deep frustration and dissatisfaction with the lack of choice in this election. Conservatives and liberals both commented that the two major parties were no longer represent-
vative of the voting public.

Respondents who voted “None of the Above” were asked “Who would you vote for, if you could choose your own candidate?” The responses from this ques-
tion, also recorded over the course of the poll, included Repub-
licans and Democrats (Ron Paul, Dennis Kucinich), inde-
pendents (Ross Perot), historical (Presidents Reagan, Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt), and whims-
ical (Alfred E. Neuman, Mickey Mouse, and A.L.F.).

Disappointment with the choic-
es offered by the Democratic and Republican parties was not limited to those in the “None of the Above” group. Several who responded by selecting one of the national candidates spoke only in terms of keeping one of the other choices out of office.

“Talking to people today, it is really clear that they want some-
thing more than just ‘Change,’” said LPO Vice Chair Joseph Cornell. “They want different choices, candidates that actually represent them.”

Texas
Convention, Candidates and Media From the LPTX

It’s been two years since we met in Houston, and it won’t be long before we are in Fort Worth! The Libertarian Party of Texas state convention will be held June 13-15 at the Radisson Fort Worth Fossil Creek (http://www.radisson.com/ftwortht_ north). You can contact the hotel and make your reservations now.

The speaker lineup is being put together and will be sure to catch your interest. We will invite the Libertarian Party’s nominee for president and vice president to give you an opportunity to meet them.

We also have a three-way-con-
tested race for the nomination of our US Senate candidate. Your vote will determine the outcome. Thus far, the only announced candidate for an officer in the party is Pat Dixon, who is running for re-election as state chair. Elections for officers are asked of state senate district representatives on the state committee will occur at the convention.

Please keep checking www.LP-
Texas.org for more information.

 Did you know Libertarians are running for office in the May 10 election? Kevin Anderson is running uncontested for re-
lection to city council in Anna, Texas. He was elected to place 2 in 2006. Kevin Tunstall is run-
ning for election to city council in Missouri City, Texas. In his last try for this office he lost by less than 100 votes. His Web site is elect.kdtunstall.com. Steve Kirby is running for city council in Abilene, place 4. Pat Dixon is running for election on the Lago Vista city council, place 4. His Web site is www.PatDixon.org.

Pat Dixon’s interview of candi-
date Mary Ruwart is now online at video.google.com/ videoplay’d ocid=7528664493651280305. President candidate Wayne Allyn Root (roofarramerica.com) was in Austin on Saturday, May 3, from 12 noon to 2 PM at the County Line “On the Hill” BBQ. This location is 6500 Bee Caves (not the 2222 location). The entrance fee was $25 and included a BBQ lunch.

The Libertarian Party National Convention, www.lpconvention.org will be held from May 22-26 in Denver. That comes before the Libertarian Party of Texas state convention, which by state law has to be held on the second Saturday in June (June 14, 2008).

Normally the delegates from Texas to the national convention would be selected at the state convention. But since the na-
tional convention comes first, the party’s by-laws require that the delegates shall be chosen by an open meeting of the State Execu-
tive Committee (SLECT). SLECT met on Saturday, Feb. 2, to approve a list of over 40 delegates. Others that wish to be delegates may contact the state party at Director@LP.Texas.org or 512-442-4910. SLECT may have a follow up vote to add dele-

gates prior to the Denver con-
vention.

As many items of interesting and important business occur at these conventions, most in atten-
dance desire to be credentialed as delegates so that they can par-
ticipate and cast votes. Texas typically has a large allotment of seats for delegates and has not

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Viguerie has raised billions for limited-government organizations throughout the years by pioneering and refining targeted mail advertisements. Because of his work and ingenuity in this field, he has been dubbed the “Father of Fund-raising.”

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

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

‘08 Platform Up for Debate at National Convention

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mental changes in the direction of more liberty.

Our 2006 national convention delegates decided that change was needed. At average convention pace it could take 15-20 years to work each of the 62 large planks in the 2004 platform. So instead the delegates mass-deleted most of the platform, and our current platform is just the random leftover sections.

Unique situations call for unique approaches. In early preference polling among Platform Committee members, there was significant support for taking a different approach to the platform this year.

But large-scale change to the platform can only happen if the convention delegates are determined to make it happen. It only takes a majority vote to delete platform planks, but it takes a 2/3rds vote to adopt new plank recommendations.

In January, many of you responded to a questionnaire I sent out asking your opinion about what should be done with the platform. The results (published in Feb. LP News and available at www.lp.org/platformresults.pdf) indicated a strong preference for something different - deleting the remaining content of the current platform and replacing it with something that is more positive, more relevant to voters, is shorter, includes fewer implementation details, and unites libertarians by speaking about topics that reflect internal agreement.

Given the 2/3rds vote requirement for plank adoption, and considering how much language the delegates would need to debate and approve to build a replacement platform, many of you who responded to the questionnaire I sent out asked what you thought of the platform changes that past conventions had already vetted.

In Feb., the Committee met and adopted recommendations that the convention delegates: 1) delete the current platform planks and section introduction text, leaving only the Preamble and the Statement of Principles, and; 2) adopt a series of shorter replacement planks constructed with the best “recycled” language we could copy directly from previous planks.

Many of you then responded to a second questionnaire I sent out asking what you thought of the platform changes recommended by the Committee.

The results (available at www.lp.org/platformrecommendations.pdf) indicated that the committee had succeeded in creating a product that, though not perfect, could achieve the broad support levels needed at convention to rebuild our platform.

Though it is language that has been approved by past conventions, it would be a style change from our current platform. The planks are more succinct, and content is generally limited to stating broad principles without excessive commentary or implementation detail.

Adoption of the Committee recommendations would fill critical topic coverage gaps, would make it easier for our candidates to set the tone for their own campaigns, and would welcome more libertarians to the party.

The Committee has recommended a platform in the style and length chosen by our party founders. The original Libertarian Party platform in 1972 contained 27 planks with a length of around 2,500 words. The Committee’s recommendations would result in a platform with (coincidentally) 27 planks and around 2,300 words. By comparison, the 2004 platform had 62 planks and 14,000 words.

To see the platform recommended by the Platform Committee, visit www.lpconvention.org/downloads/platform_committee_recommendations.pdf. I particularly encourage those of you who are national convention delegates to become familiar with the Committee recommendations before you are asked to vote on them on the convention floor.

Thanks to the thousands of you who have contributed to this process, and I look forward to seeing you all in Denver!
A new dawn for Liberty

Ernest Hancock

For National Chairman of the Libertarian Party of the United States

“IT’S TIME TO PLAY OFFENSE... AND I MEAN PLAY. IF YOU HAVEN’T BEEN HAVING FUN ADVOCATING LIBERTARIANISM... THEN YOU HAVE BEEN DOING IT WRONG.”

www.ErnestHancock.org

By Sean Haugh

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

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

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

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

We have to submit a batch of signatures that is so strong that we can discourage our opponents from challenging them, and survive the challenge if it comes.

Our strategy is to flood Illinois with all the professional petitioners we can hire now. Once we are well on our way to meeting our goals there, then we can start sending in these petitioners to other states. One advantage we have in Illinois is that anyone from anywhere can circulate a petition. Unfortunately many other states have laws which place greater restrictions on the process, most commonly by insisting that all petition circulators must be residents of that state.

This is the case in two states where we can be petitioning now, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. The situation in Pennsylvania is very similar to Illinois. There our target is to collect 40,000 total signatures to blow away the required number of 24,666 verifiable signatures, to deter anyone from challenging us there. Several local volunteers were blessed with a break in the spring rains on the day of the Pennsylvania primary, and the reports of their success in collecting signatures from voters at the polls are still coming in. We are also fortunate that some of our top professionals already live in Pennsylvania so we can use them there.

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Libertarians Nominate Duke Professor for N.C. Gubernatorial Race

By Brian Irving

Duke University political science, economics, and public policy department.

Libertarian candidates for the General Assembly are: Sean Haugh, House 30; Lawrence Holler, House 96; Susan Hoga

Libertarians amended their platform, adding a plank calling on the state to “refuse to implement any national identification

Libertarian candidates for the General Assembly included delegates to the Libertarian National Convention in Denver, May 22 to 26, and selected Presidential Electors.

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

If you live in one of these states listed above, we also need your help to volunteer to gather as many signatures as you can. Every signature you can gather saves us as much as $2, which we can then use towards our ballot access efforts. You do not have to cover the cost of getting signatures. You can even contribute because we’ll all together.

We have found that our volunteers and supporters care about seeing a Libertarian alternative on their own ballot in Nov.

If you can help, please feel free to email me at sean.haugh@lp.org or call me at 202-288-9853. I’ll be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about this challenge in 2008 just as we have in previous elections.
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to mainstream media and tens of millions of mainstream voters. And I’m doing it in a way that is colorful, and entertaining.

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

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

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

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

We also have a viable plan to raise $15-30 million. We have an incredible cadre of fundraisers on our team and plan to target Independents, the Armenian population (of which I’m quite popular), the Mason community (of which I’m one), the entertainment community (I’ve personally won two at the Grammy Awards) and small business owners (we have the contact information from 1.5 million small business owners with email addresses and phone numbers.)

In addition, we have 20 unique marketing programs being completed, including engaging and entertaining YouTube videos, demonstrations (we’ve already been invited to a march on the National Mall in July), TV appearances, celebrity endorsements and a national college bus tour. We will publish this list at the national convention.

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

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

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

As for what I would like to accomplish as the LP’s presidential nominee, I would like to coherently explain to the public how the Libertarian Party can offer practical solutions to the complex problems we face today. For example, we can work to end our reliance on foreign oil and improve the quality of our environment. Getting the government out of the business of subsidizing, taxing and regulating some energy resources at the expense of others. In a competitive environment, nuclear power plants with passive safety features could be built in 3-6 years by entrepreneurs in the private sector. In another area, I would explain to the public how the war on drugs is counterproductive and erodes our civil liberties, why the Patriot Act must be repealed for the same reason and how the government cases fear and the war effort to increase its power and control over the lives of ordinary citizens. We must defend ourselves against direct threats to our liberty whether those threats come from abroad or from our own government.

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

Space Exploration Day, celebrated on July 20th of every year, commemo rates Neil Armstrong’s setting foot on the moon in 1969. Very little progress has been made since then beyond the National A.S.A.’s vision of colonizing the space industry and the government’s regulation of independent entrepreneurial efforts that would have flourished in a freer market atmosphere.

Gays, bisexuals, and transgendered individuals are entitled to full equality under the law regardless of their sexual orientations or perceived gender identity or presentation. The military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy must be ended so gay and lesbian service men and women can serve their country openly and proudly. All state governments and localities should get out of the business of granting marriage licenses in order to allow people to enter into contractual relationships to order their lives as they see fit. As long as the government continues to grant marriage licenses to heterosexual couples, gay couples are entitled to the “equal protection” of the laws and should be allowed to obtain legally issued marriage licenses as well. All religious institutions should retain the right to perform marriage ceremonies in accordance with their church doctrine without governmental interference.

Stonewall Libertarians played a large part in helping me to understand G.L.B.T. issues and helped me write my gay rights plank. I urge you to support their efforts by visiting their website at http://www.stonewalllibertarians.org

George Phillies: I’m going to use my Presidential campaign to build a stronger Libertarian political movement. That’s the one thing our Presidential campaign can do. I’m going to do it as well as I can. We must have a viable campaign. We have incredible opportunities this year, we invest to take advantage of them. Will we? That’s your choice.

Let’s be realistic. America has a two party system and the majority of people, if they vote—most will not vote for a Libertarian candidate. The thrill of stamping out a face that win local elections won’t work in Presidential politics. When we’re shut out by the mainstream media, the way Mike Badnarik was, Americans won’t hear our candidate’s voice.

There is only one path to an effective Presidential campaign. That’s a campaign that does the things winners do to win elections. Volunteer mobilization. Electronic outreach. Cost-effective advertising. Fundraising. We can’t compete with the Obama campaign on the same scale as the Obama campaign, but we do make them happen.

A strong campaign doesn’t happen overnight. It doesn’t happen with a sudden burst of activity. I have a strong core staff, state coordinators for half the states, press releases going close to daily to 16,000+ targeted press outlets, electronic outreach for electronic social groups, and Google Adwords/Facebook and radio campaign that are up and running. If I am given a chance, I have to do this right. I can’t do it all myself but I can improve. I’m ready to go. I have $100,000, in the bank, to launch my general election campaign. If I am our nominee, all I have to do is to tell my campaign staff to step on the accelerator.

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

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

Mary Ruwart: We run a Liber-
tarian Presidential Campaign to support our state and local candi-
dates and expose Americans to the libertarian philosophy. A candidate that excels in doing so could very well go far beyond the million vote barrier.

One of my prime recruitment tar-
gets will be Ron Paul supporters. I have supported LP candidates ei-
ther as a donor or activist in his congressional races since 1988 and his recent presidential cam-
paign. In turn, he has supported me, both with an endorsement for Healing Our World and a letter to President Bush recommending me for the position as FDA Commissioner, so that I could do a de facto privatization of that agency.

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

Because most of the thousand

Question 2: During your cam-
paign for the nomination, do you feel you have helped the party with its recent growth? If so, how?

WAR: I like to think that all the media interviews I’ve done have contributed to the LP’s growth. If a story about the LP shows up in the local paper, I’ll go on a determined quest to cajole the reporter into doing an interview with me. Even if we can’t do a full interview, I’ll try to bring the reporter to a Libertarian event, or show them some Libertarian candidates around the country. I will be a dy-

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Description

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

WAR: Of course I will help any-
one that asks me. I will speak whenever, wherever possible not only for LP Presidential candi-
dates, but for local LP candidates across the country. I will be a dy-

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tinue to support the Libertarian nominee, and not my own campaign, as my highest honor, true to my word and full of energy. When I commit to win there is no pause. I charge hard, take no excuses, work fast and diligently. I hope to earn the nomination of the LP and Bob Barr as my vice president.

MJ: As an active Libertarian, I will continue to support all Libertarian candidates whom I believe will represent our party with honor and integrity. The Jingozian Campaign provides support to Libertarian candidates in these critical areas:

1) Fundraising Assistance (we held a break-out session at the LP-State Chairs Conference in Las Vegas) 2) Marketing and Website Development (including messaging, design and political cartoons) 3) Press Releases (we can publish a press release to over 100,000 media outlets in minutes) 4) Ballot Access (we produced an Internet document about the unthetical changes in ballot access laws and will customize the end of the movie for state parties to collect signatures and/or fundraising.)

MG: I will travel the nation lecturing on the National Initiative and promoting my books (which will pay the cost of my travel) Citizen Power, The King Makers, and Why You Should Never Trust a ASP. The publishers have hired PR firms to promote the books which will obviously create a great deal of media visibility. In the course of my travels which will not be a financial burden on the party or the candidates, I will make myself available to and back all Libertarian candidates who wish to capitalize on our presence in their communities.

However, I would be less than candid if I did not point out that my value and visibility for the Libertarian party is considerably greater if I am the Libertarian party’s standard bearer.

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

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

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

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

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

In years past, I led forming a libertarian Federal PAC, a Libertarian State PAC, and a libertarian 527 organization. Those organizations all supported Libertarian Party candidates, not Republicans or Democrats. In Massachusetts, I organized the libertarian activist group Liberty for Massachusetts. I’m Chair of the Massachusetts LP. I wrote two books on our political tactics: they’re both available free at http://cmotor.org. Until recently, I edited newsletters Let Freedom Ring and Libertarian Strategy Newsletter.

If not nominated, I’ll do things to lure libertarians into Libertarian activity. My newsletter Let Freedom Ring will again be published. The Libertarian Candidate Support disk will be updated. My PACs, whose activity was legally revolved, will have the same activity. Some people talk about planning to lure Ron Paul supporters into our movement. I’ve collected names of well over a hundred thousand Paul supporters, and will pursue their allegiance for our campaign.

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

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

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

WAR: I’m a competitor. My personal philosophy is to shoot for the stars. I aim to win- and I’ve never settled. That could be why I’ve accomplished so many things the so-called “experts” and critics never thought possible. I became one of the youngest anchorpersons on American TV- with no prior experience in the field. I’ve been on CNN and Fox News, on Wall Street- against all odds. I’ve written 6 books- including a national best-seller. I’ve sold over 100,000 media outlets in minutes) 4) Ballot Access (we published an Internet document about the unthetical changes in ballot access laws and will customize the end of the movie for state parties to collect signatures and/or fundraising.)

Question 5: With the exception of one presidential cycle, the Libertarian Party has enjoyed significant growth during presidential election years. Are you confident that you can continue this trend if chosen as the presidential nominee? Do you believe it is reasonable goal?
for the LP to reach its all-time membership record as a result of your campaign efforts?

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

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

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

MJ: I am proud to be a Libertarian. I run my business with Libertarian values. (It’s probably why my business is so successful and why I look so young!) However, I’m very disappointed with our track record. In recent polls, 70-80% of voters are disenchantment.

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

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

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

Libertarians have many lib-ertarian activities, membership clubs, and political groups they can join. If you want people to support you, you need to sell people that your group offers real benefits worth your price. That’s how I sell my campaign, my state party, and my local groups. I’ll be using my campaign to bring libertarian volunteers and donors out of the woodwork. I’ll be campaigning with our other campaign, and with the help of my business contacts and supporters, I’ll be able to bring them earned media, media they can use for their own recruiting. I hope that Liber-tarian groups across America take advantage of them to build a stronger Libertarian political movement.

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

CS: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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


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

SK: A certain minimal level of coverage tends to come with the nomination. The question is whether or not I can parlay that into more and better coverage. I believe that I can. I’ve suc-cessfully done so in the past as an activist and as a gubernato-rial candidate. I’m not going to lie to you -- my pre-nomination campaign hasn’t exactly set the media universe on fire. The seed money just wasn’t there to cre-ate a media wave out of nothing. Nonetheless, I did a reasonable amount of talk radio, a lot of Inter-net radio, some web and news-
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Mary Ruwart***
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Christine Smith**
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Most Individual Contributions Raised: Root
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