Ballot Access Battles Rage On

We can take it as a sign of our success that Democrats and Republicans alike are launching unprecedented attempts to knock Libertarians off the ballot. Obviously they are more worried about the Libertarian effect on our elections than ever before.

We are on the ballot in 45 states, but the last five have presented us with the strongest legal challenges in history.

In Louisiana, where the Libertarian Party supposedly is already ballot qualified, the Republican Secretary of State, Jay Dardenne, is trying his hardest to print ballots without the Bob Barr and Wayne Root ticket.

At issue is the filing of paperwork certifying our electors by a deadline that fell during a time when all state offices were closed and much of the state was under evacuation orders during Hurricane Gustav. Dardenne’s office insists on upholding that deadline although his office was officially closed that day and Governor Bobby Jindal had issued an executive order delaying all state deadlines and the September Congressional primary in advance of the hurricane.

Thanks to our attorney in this case, Mark Brown, we appealed this decision and won. However, without even holding a hearing, the 5th Circuit of the US Court of Appeals overturned our positive ruling, insisting that we should have shown up to Baton Rouge in the middle of a mandatory evacuation order anyway.

Currently our appeal rests with Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who has received briefs from both sides in this case. A ruling should be issued by press time. Although it is always tough

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**Candidate's Corner**

By Bob Barr

**A Financial Iceberg**

Congress passed the $700 billion Wall Street bailout, supported by both Senators John McCain and Barack Obama. The U.S. stock market promptly dropped. Over the following weekend, the financial crisis threatened European banks, and stock prices across Asia and Europe tanked.

So much for the argument that the bailout was necessary to calm the markets.

Yet, while politicians were putting the taxpayers ever more at risk, we have seen the possibilities of a market workout. For instance, Warren Buffet invested $8 billion in investment bank Goldman Sachs and manufacturer General Electric. He imposed tough terms, but he has solidified the financial futures of those two firms.

Both Goldman and Morgan Stanley won permission to become bank holding companies, allowing them to accept deposits along with increased regulatory oversight. Last month, Bank of America spent $50 billion to acquire Merrill Lynch, which had unloaded its bad mortgage backed securities in the summer, well before Congress stepped in.

Even more dramatically, a bidding war has broken out between Citigroup, which had been tapped by the Federal Reserve to save troubled Wachovia bank, and Wells Fargo, which jumped in with an unexpected $15 billion purchase offer. The two are now battling in court over the right to buy a bank seen as financial road kill only last week.

There is much more to be done to clean up the economic mess flowing from the housing market crash, but the ill-considered federal bailout is likely to slow the process.

Companies now will run to the Treasury Department before taking tough steps to clean up their own balance sheets. After the automakers joined insurer AIG and investment bank Bear Stearns in winning their own federal bailouts, what company will not expect a handout from the taxpayer? Who will bail out Uncle Sam when all of his bills--well over $100 trillion in unfunded liabilities--come due?

Far from bringing change to Washington, the election of either Sen. Obama or McCain would mean more of the same: More political interference in the economy; more special interests running government economic policy; more taxpayer bailouts; more politics as usual.

The bailout represents just the tip of the proverbial iceberg of fiscal irresponsibility in Washington. Indeed, the national debt already exceeds

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Libertarian Politics in the Classroom

Wes Benedict, Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Texas, visited Inness Mitchell’s Political Communications teacher at St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas.

“When presenting the Libertarian Party to students, I usually start out by giving everyone the World’s Smallest Political Quiz and displaying the results of the class on the board. That’s pretty much all it takes to get the conversation going. Then it’s just a matter of giving lots of short answers to questions,” said Benedict.

“I think the smiles in the photograph at the conclusion of a 75 minute presentation clearly show Libertarian politics can be presented in a way that interests young people,” said Wes Benedict. This was Benedict’s third time in four years presenting to Mr. Mitchell’s class.

Of course, showing a YouTube video of Mr. Benedict’s recent testimony before the Austin City Council using a $46 pair of underwear to point out the absurdity of a giving a $65 million subsidy to a luxury mall probably helped increase the intensity of the students’ smiles.

Wes Benedict is the Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Texas.

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a positive ruling by Scalia would have a profound impact on federal ballot access cases across country.

Republicans are also going all out to knock the Barr/Root ticket off the ballot in Pennsylvania. There, our party followed the well-established procedure of starting our petition before the convention using local stand-in candidates, who were later replaced by Barr and Root.

We won the lawsuit challenging our substitution procedure in Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, thanks to our attorneys Sam Stretton and Marc Arrigo. Cumberland County GOP Chair and an army of very well paid Republican lawyers have appealed to the state Supreme Court, alleging that we committed fraud by having different candidate names on the petition even though they have absolutely no evidence to support this claim. Briefs have also been filed in this case, and again we expect a ruling before press time. For now, the Barr/Root ticket remains on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

A similar attack is being waged against Edward Martin, the Libertarian candidate for U.S. House in Kentucky’s 3rd District. There our enemies claim that Martin is ineligible to run because he was not registered to vote as a Libertarian when he filed, in direct opposition to the relevant laws in that state, which allow us to nominate anyone regardless of registration status. We won that case in state court and now the Republicans have appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Lawsuits over substitution have also been filed in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We won our case in Massachusetts, after the Democratic Secretary of State there first said we could substitute Barr/Root after completing our petition, then arbitrarily changing their minds once it was time to do so. The judge in that case agreed the state had no justification for their reversal and now the Barr/Root ticket is on the ballot in Massachusetts. Thanks to the firm of Foley-Hoag in Boston, who was recruited and paid for by the Massachusetts ACLU, for winning this important legal victory.

The New Hampshire case is unique in that there are two Libertarian Presidential Candidates on the ballot, Barr and George Phillies of Massachusetts. The LPNH decided in 2007 to start a petition early using Phillies as a stand-in to ensure that we would be on the ballot there and to set up this lawsuit.

We completed a successful petition drive for the Barr/Root ticket and several local and state New Hampshire Libertarian candidates, and that ballot spot is not threatened by this case. What is at stake is winning the right of substitution for our New Hampshire party, so they can nominate candidates in the future in the manner which best suits them with the least possible number of petitions or petition signatures required. We should have our day in court in New Hampshire soon.

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Two other New England states where we have to sue our way onto the ballot are Maine and Connecticut. Gary Sinawski is our attorney in all three New England cases.

In Connecticut, at issue is the incredible incompetence of the town clerks and the Democratic Secretary of State. The state office has lost as many as 126 petition sheets (with room for 30 signatures per page) between the time we turned them in to the town clerks and when they counted the validated signatures. Their report also contained basic math errors concerning the number of valid signatures obtained. Meanwhile, the town clerks did a very inconsistent and often sloppy job of verifying the signatures.

We turned in almost 13,000 signatures in Connecticut, with 7,500 valid ones required. We have been able to find enough signatures that should have been easily verified but were rejected to put us over the required number. All of this evidence is now submitted to the court and we are hopeful of a positive ruling soon. Many thanks to Andy Rule with the LPCT, who continues to do all the heavy lifting for a ballot drive we all thought was done two months ago.

Although we collected more than enough signatures by the state’s deadline in Maine, their Democratic Secretary of State arbitrarily decided to enforce a prior deadline to have these signatures to the town clerks which had been routinely ignored up until now. Many town clerks in Maine asserted to us that they would have no problem validating our signatures in time for us to hand them over to the state. However the state blocked them from doing so.

We are fighting to have this case heard in time to place Barr/Root on the ballot. However, we drew a Republican Judge, John Woodcock, who had previously issued a totally nonsensical negative ruling in a similar case involving independent candidate

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ILLINOIS

LPI Make Progressive Changes in the Fight for Liberty

Val Vetter stepped down as Chair after serving two terms. Dave Brady was elected the new LPI State Chair. LPI’s treasurer remains Debra Aaron. Crystal Jurzynski, who headed Illinois’s ballot drive efforts this year, was elected Secretary. The LPI also elected a number of other chairs at this weekend’s convention, including Campaigns Chair, Jan Stover, our former ED and a very resourceful and hard-working activist. All new members of Illinois’s Executive Committee should be listed on the LPI website shortly.

Newly-elected State Chair, Dave Brady, moved to Illinois with his wife Francine (the LPI’s new webmaster) about two years ago from Pennsylvania. Dave is a former Vice Chair from the state. Dave and Francine won an award at last weekend’s convention for the excellent job they have done with the local LP party they recently formed in McHenry County.

OHIO

The LPO Assists in Bob Barr Visits

What a month of October it was - Bob Barr visited Ohio three times. The LPO worked hard to make his stops in Columbus, Cleveland, and Cincinnati a success. This also helped to inspire the base of members and bring in new members to the party. As we grow as a party in Ohio, we need more volunteers. Hats off to Barr state coordinator, Mr. John Stewart, for taking this lead role in Ohio.

Next, we would have already held our Central Committee elections (up to 36 seats) and the election of officers for the Executive Committee team (7 people). The serious business of getting candidates elected will be more of our focus in the future. We must also spend more time with fundraising and improve the communication aspects of our organization. All of this means that there will be additional workload for the Officers and Directors of the LPO. There will be more frequent Executive Committee meetings going forward. In fact, the LPO will be having strategic planning meetings in the near future as we chart our course for the next 2 to 5 years.

We also want to thank those down-ticket candidates that ran for office with the Libertarian Party label. For many Ohioans, it was a thrill to have an additional choice. With the momentum rolling our way, we expect to expand those choices in the next election cycle.

For more information on the Libertarian Party of Ohio, please go to www.LPO.org.

TEXAS

North Texas Libertarians Help Politically Homeless Find Their Way

The North TX Libertarians (Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant Counties) rented a booth at this year’s Plano Balloon Festival to get the word out about the Libertarian Party and our area Candidates.

We had an Operation Politically Homeless Kit from The Advocates on hand (working 2 Nolan Charts at a time), and did our best to entice folks visiting the festival to come over to our booth and take the World’s Smallest Political Quiz (WSPQ).

Once they found out where they were on the “new” political spectrum, we encouraged them to take some literature about Libertarianism (the Discover Liberty tabloid from The Advocates), our candidates, and/or to sign up for more information.

In total 443 individuals
took the WSPQ, and 66 folks signed up to get more information about the Libertarian Party. We had signs, literature, and promoted our 2008 candidates: Presidential Candidate: Bob Barr; Senatorial Candidate: Yvonne Schick; Congressional Candidate: Christopher J. Claytor (3rd District); Texas House of Representatives Candidate Jeffrey Joyner (District 67) and Candidate Ben Westfried (District 66); Texas State Board of Education, Place 14 Candidate: John Shuey; and our 2010 Gubernatorial Candidate: Jeff Daiell.

A special thanks to those that came out and helped staff the booth and administer the WPSQ to the festival visitors: Marshall Beerwinkle, Jeff Daiell (& Spouse), Kevin Fredrickson, Brad Herndon (& Fiancée), Jeffrey Joyner, Scott Kjar, Tim Lebsack, Daniel Rosenfield (& Brother), Yvonne Schick (& Brother), John Shuey, John Spivey, Ben Westfried.

Many thanks to everyone that took valuable time out of their weekend to staff the booth or just stop by and offer support. You made this a great success!

"Affiliate News and Events" are reports from our state affiliates about the activities and events occurring in their area in the last month. If you are a state chairman and would like to submit your news for the next issue, please email Libertarian Party Director of Communications, Andrew Davis, at Andrew.davis@lp.org.

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$9.5 trillion, and Congress recently raised the debt ceiling to $10.6 trillion (which the Bush administration is proposing to increase in the bailout to $11.3 trillion).

For instance, the 2009 federal budget will exceed $3 trillion. Next year’s deficit will run a half trillion dollars. Additionally, this assumes no more federal bailouts. We need a president willing to reconsider every spending program and challenge every special interest that comes in the door.

The U.S. already has spent about $600 billion on the war in Iraq. That’s almost as much as the Wall Street bailout package. But total costs for the war may exceed $2 trillion. There are many reasons to pull our forces out of Iraq, leaving Iraq for the Iraqis. Ending this enormous waste of taxpayer money is one of the most important reasons.

The defense budget next year will be at least $515 billion. Toss in outlays for Afghanistan and Iraq, and the total will run nearly $700 billion. Yet most of this money, the equivalent of the Wall Street bailout, is going to defend other countries—not America. Washington should stop protecting prosperous and populous allies, and attempting to rebuild failed societies. Then the U.S. could close bases, bring home troops and put defense back into the Pentagon’s mission all while saving a lot of money.

Social Security and Medicare are the government’s biggest domestic programs; their outlays next year will run $656 billion for social security alone—almost as much as the proposed Wall Street bailout, and $412 billion for Medicare. But this one-year cost of more than a trillion dollars is but a foretaste of future fiscal disaster. The total unfunded liability for these two programs—that is, the amount of promised benefits in excess of expected revenue—is $100 trillion. That is trillion with a ‘T,’ or about 140 Wall Street bailouts.

The U.S. is heading towards financial disaster, and the recently passed bailout only adds fuel to the fire. Washington has been living beyond its means for decades and the bill is finally coming due. Politics as usual will no longer suffice. The American people want and deserve change.

Only a vote for Bob Barr and the Libertarian Party will make a difference.
Every four years, generally from the end of May until the beginning of November, the Libertarian Party turns full-tilt into “presidential-campaign mode,” when the majority of our efforts are spent finishing up a grueling ballot access drive and gaining the most exposure from a presidential run. The earned media—that is, media we did not directly pay for—during a presidential year usually means national media that is, media we did not work for. Without actually knowing we’ve made in the 2008 presidential early, and a quick jump on the gains of membership since May, compared to 1,417 during the same time four years ago. This is a 10.6 percent growth, whereas in 2004, we grew during this time only 2.2 percent.

Likewise, fundraising has been better than normal. We’ve raised nearly $40,000 more than we did in 2004. This increase and membership and funding will serve the Libertarian Party well in the period between presidential elections.

But it’s not just about membership and fundraising (though these two things are awfully important). The amount of votes Barr gets in November will help us tremendously in retaining ballot access in many states.

In a previous issue of LP News, we told you that achieving even 2.5 percent of the vote will save us at least $250,000 in ballot access costs, and thousands of volunteer hours. Should he break 5 percent, the savings will be much, much more. Every Libertarian should be voting for Bob Barr because every vote goes towards helping out the Party in 2012, and the support of our candidate is great support for our party.

In the next few years, I’d like to see more attention to developing our state affiliates into potent political entities. There are already some great examples of strong, active and influential state parties. The Libertarian Parties of Texas, Georgia and Indiana are but three of many strong state parties that run many candidates and have a significant impact in their state’s politics. We must train and guide other state chairs who need help with things such as recruitment, lobbying, media and any of the other important functions our state affiliates can play. As our state affiliates grow in effectiveness, so will the Libertarian Party as a whole. We must also look to strengthen our grassroots effort at the state level. We can do this by increasing communication between the volunteer coordinator at the national office and our state affiliates. By always having some task that needs to be done, we can make our volunteers feel useful and needed at any time. Keeping this momentum up will only increase their participation in presidential elections.

The last thing we must do is work together to grow the party by getting Libertarians elected and pushing public policy in a Libertarian direction. We are, after all, a political party, and many of the internal disagreements have distracted us from this main focus. We don’t need consensus on every issue, nor do we need to agree about every nuance of every argument; however, we do need cooperation among all members on finding the best candidates in every state, and working to get them elected. By failing to function as a political party, which seeks to elected people to public office, we lose our meaning and our purpose. The libertarian movement relies on the Libertarian Party to see that candidates get elected, and public policy gets influenced. We’ve already seen the wonderful impact of Libertarians in places like Lee County, FL, where a group of Libertarians took over a Soil and Water Conservation Board and cut wasteful spending. We need to see this type of thing on a daily basis from Libertarians—as it is something that ALL Libertarians can stand behind.

In these next four years, we should aim to have the highest fundraising, membership and candidate goals in the history of our party. I predict the Barr/Root ticket will give us an excellent foundation on which to build, and it is up to us, the Libertarian Party workers, to build a mansion of liberty in which we will
Students for Liberty: Bringing Libertarian Ideas to Campus

During the summer of 2007, five students serving as Koch Foundation Summer Fellows in Washington, D.C., decided to build a student-run organization to promote libertarian ideas among students. Roughly a year later Students for Liberty (SFL) shows signs that it will be a major contributor to the growth of the libertarian movement.

SFL is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with the stated mission of providing a student-driven forum of support for students and student organizations dedicated to liberty. Alexander McCobin, a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania who is currently a Koch Associate at the Cato Institute, is a founder of the organization and serves as its executive director. The executive board is composed almost exclusively of students. Jim Lark, a Libertarian National Committee member and former LP national chairman, is a member of SFL’s Board of Advisors.

SFL held its first major event last February: a student conference at Columbia University in New York City. The conference was an outstanding success; it drew over 100 students from throughout the U.S., as well as several students from other countries. David Boaz of the Cato Institute gave a keynote address entitled “The Power of Libertarian Thought.” Dr. Lark gave an invited address on the “nuts and bolts” of building campus organizations, and provided information about the LP and its programs to the attendees. Other speakers included Tom Palmer of the Cato Institute, Nigel Ashford of the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), Professor Randy Barnett, and Professor Alan Kors.

The organization plans to develop various tools to help libertarian student activists at both the college and high school levels. A campus organizing guide was recently released and is available on the organization’s website (www.studentsforliberty.org).

SFL is working with organizations such as the Cato Institute, IHS, the International Society for Individual Liberty, and the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. The collaboration hopes to facilitate the outreach to students by those organizations and to help students become familiar with each organization’s programs.

SFL has scheduled five regional conferences to take place in late October through mid-November. These conferences will allow students to network with each other, learn how to build effective campus organizations, and improve their communication skills. The second national conference is currently being planned for next year; the details will be released soon.

“I am delighted by the tremendous progress that Students for Liberty has made since the conference at Columbia,” noted Dr. Lark. “Mr. McCobin and his colleagues are doing a great job. I believe SFL will be a great asset in the battle for liberty, and will be a tremendous resource for the LP in its work to build support among students. I hope students who are LP members will also become involved with SFL.”

Ballot Access Update (Continued)

Along with our win earlier in the year in Ohio, our loss in West Virginia, and our ongoing cases in North Carolina, Tennessee and Washington state, that makes at least 14 states where Libertarians have had to go to court just this year because Republic ands and Democrats are trying their hardest to keep Libertarians from enjoying the same access to the ballot they have preserved for themselves.

A number of the attorneys who have helped us are named in this article to point out that not all lawyers are bad. One of the blessings of this struggle is that there are a good number of excellent attorneys who passionately believe in electoral freedom and are willing to give us their best efforts for free or at a discount.

Even with their generosity and dedication, having to fight so many battles in court does cost a significant amount of money, time and other resources. If you agree with me that the Libertarian Party should never give up battle access restrictions without a fight, please go today to https://www.lp.org/
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Ten Things You Can Do to Help the LP On Election Day

By Austin Petersen

1. Get up early and canvass your street with literature, vote card reminders, door hangers, etc. Be respectful of private property.
2. Offer rides to the polls for people in your community.
3. If you work for a company, encourage the CEO or office manager to send out an email reminding people to vote. Encourage them to come to you if they have questions, and help them find their polling location if necessary.
5. Locate all polling locations in your area. Coordinate with other volunteers in your area to have someone stationed outside poll locations (at least 100 feet) with literature. Hand out literature and ask people if they are looking for real change. Avoid detailed discussion or arguments. Smile!
6. Make phone calls to everyone in your contact list reminding them to vote. Tell them there is another choice on their ballot if they are unhappy with the establishment candidates.
7. Call Talk Radio! Go to www.lp.org and click the talk radio button for listings. Flood the radio stations with calls and emails telling them who you voted for and why!
8. Send out an email early to your address book describing the major candidate stances on the major issues. For example: the Iraq War, the Bailout, etc.
9. Wear your candidate and party gear! Lots of people will surprise you by asking you about your paraphernalia.
10. The best thing you can do to help the Libertarian Party on Election Day is to vote for Libertarian candidates! There is bound to be one on your ballot.
UPCOMING

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR STATE?

HERE IS A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION. IN THE FUTURE, IF THERE IS AN EVENT WE SHOULD BE LISTING, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY CONTACTING OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AND PROVIDE WHAT YOU CAN FOR DETAILS.

THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR CAN BE REACHED AT OUR HEADQUARTERS OFFICE BY CALLING 202-333-0008.

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<td>OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 5</td>
<td>DOUBLETREE HOTEL OAK BROOK, IL</td>
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Each issue, we’ll ask you a question, and the answer will be provided in the next issue of LP News. Discussion on the question is welcome in “Letters to the Editor,” space permitting.

What is the birth place of the LP?

LAST ISSUE'S LP QUESTION:
Who was the first Libertarian Presidential Candidate?

ANSWER:
John Hospers was the first presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, running in the 1972 presidential election. He and his vice-president running mate, Theodora Nathan, received 3,674 votes.
What have you missed recently on www.LP.org?

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