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## A New "I"ibertarian Party

The Boston Tea Party, Founded by Tom Knapp

Disapproval of changes in the Libertarian Party National Platform has reached a high with the formation of a new libertarian-leaning political party, the Boston Tea Party. The Party was announced on July 5 by Tom Knapp. By August 21 it had 250 members and staged its first live-on-the-internet National Convention.

Elected as officers were Chair: Tom Blanton. Vice-Chair: Chris Moore. Secretary: Michelle Luetge. National Committee At-Large members are Todd Andrew Barnett, Thomas L. Knapp, Wendy Terry, Peter Borah, and James Landrith. The convention considered and rejected a motion to dissolve the party and reorganize as a Libertarian Party caucus. The Party Platform, which is unamendable under Party Bylaws, reads in full "The Boston Tea Party supports reducing the size,

[A New libertarian Party] (Continued on page 2)

## LP Approaches Ten Declared Presidential Candidates

Other Candidacies are Rumored

It is already 2006, and the campaign for the 2008 Libertarian Presidential nomination is already under way. Other than your editor, declared candidates include Steve Kubby, Christine Smith, Robert Milnes, David Hollist, Kent McManigal, Doug Stanhope, and Gene Chapman (who all have web sites from which I quote) and also Lance Brown and Jim Burns (whose web sites decline to speak to me). In addition, several attendees at the Portland convention were firmly convinced that Michael Badnarik had indicated that if he were not elected to Congress this year he will again seek the Libertarian Presidential nomination.

Steve Kubby

Steve Kubby announced his candidacy for the Libertarian Party nomination for President to more [Presidential Candidates (Continued on page 3)]

## Where Your Money Went

We continue here our most popular feature *Where Your Money Went* detailing spending by prominent Libertarian groups. This month we report July spending by the LNC, which raised more than \$136,000 and spent nearly \$140,000.

The \$140,000 included more than \$37,000 in national convention expenses, which can be compared against convention income. The underlying activities of the party then cost approximately \$100,000 for the month, leading to a yearly activity of 1.2 million dollars, which is substantially less than some years ago.

Month	Income	Net	Cash	Debt
November	76	-35	-17	66
December	81	3	-14	110
January	93	25	11	140
February	97	-3	8	138
March	150	-4	4	128
April	106	0	4	110
May	115	11	15	116
June	103	-7	7	120
July	136	-4	4	110

## Phillies Addresses Merrimac Valley Porcupines

August 5, 2006. Libertarian Presidential aspirant George Phillies addressed the Merrimac Valley Porcupines, a free state group in Manchester New Hampshire. More than 50 people were in attendance. An edited draft of his talk follows:

I would first like to thank the Merrimack Valley Porcupines for inviting me to this event. It is a great honor as a potential presidential nominee to be able to address such a large group of libertarians.

We have glorious prospects before us. The Democratic and Republican parties have demonstrated that they can shoot themselves in the foot. With hand grenades. All we need to do is to take advantage of the situation.

Our national debt increases a half a trillion dollars per year. Congress debates flag burning.

Income of nonsupervisory workers is stagnant. Congress debates gay marriage.

The trade deficit approaches eight hundred billion

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scope and power of government at all levels and on all issues, and opposes increasing the size, scope and power of government at any level, for any purpose."

The convention adopted a Five-Point political platform, namely

- #1: The Boston Tea Party calls for a complete and unconditional withdrawal of US troops from, and a cessation of US military operations against or within, Iraq.
- #2: The Boston Tea Party supports repeal of the USA PATRIOT Act.
- #3: The Boston Tea Party calls for an end to the federal prohibition of marijuana and hemp.
- #4: The Boston Tea Party calls for the immediate repeal of the REAL ID Act and any and all National ID plans.
- #5: The Boston Tea Party calls for legislation adopting an annual, regularized increase in the personal exemption to the federal income tax of \$1,000 or more, and the additional application of said personal exemption to all FICA/Social Security taxes paid by employees and employers.

### Boston Tea Party National Committee Acts

The new BTP National Committee promptly passed a series of motions:

For 2006, the Party will consider the endorsement of candidates who endorse the BTP platform. In the future, the Boston Tea Party will also run its own candidates, including candidates for President and Vice President.

The National Boston Tea Party will support via its web site and accept applications for state and local affiliates. The core requirement for affiliation is "That applications be accepted for evaluation by the national committee from any group of five or more Party members in a given state, or three or more Party members in a given locale (town, city, county or region) who, as a group, attest that they desire to organize as an affiliate, that they endorse the Party's platform, and (in the case of state affiliates) that they agree to run the Party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates on their ballot line should they achieve ballot access in their state."

In response to an inquiry from this newsletter, it was deter-

mined that the BTO National Committee had not contemplated organizing the mass defection of Libertarian Party state organizations.

A Ballot Access Committee was created to support BTP ballot access in various states.

### Boston Tea Party Organizing Statement

Tom Knapp's original discussion of the Boston Tea Party, as circulated on his Knappster blog site on July 5, read:

"What is the Boston Tea Party?

"In the heat of the moment, I define the [Boston Tea Party](#) thusly:

"The Boston Tea Party is a reaction to the Libertarian Party's decision, at its 2006 national convention, to abdicate its political responsibilities to the American people."

"As of this moment, the Libertarian Party [appears to have announced](#) that, in the 2006 election cycle, it takes no positions on several frontline issues facing the American electorate -- specifically, foreign and military policy and internal security. Believing this to be true, believing the damage to be irreparable in time for the Libertarian Party to exert a significant impact on the 2006 or 2008 election cycles, and believing that the libertarian movement requires and deserves a political party which stands behind its public policy goals, I've decided to run up a new flag.

"In the heat of the moment," however, does mean "in the heat of the moment." It may be that libertarians can find some way to save the Libertarian Party from itself, make it relevant and put its feet back on the path toward organizational success (and, as a result, America's feet back on the path toward human freedom).

I hope that that's what happens. Really. As a matter of fact, I have not resigned, nor do I intend at this time to resign, my membership in the LP. Since I am not a national officer, I have no obligation to belong to only one national political party; and since the Boston Tea Party has, as yet, no state affiliate in my state, I am free to support and serve my state LP until such time as that changes and/or until the LP and the Boston Tea Party nominate opposing presidential slates which I'd have to decide between. Perhaps the Libertarian Party will right itself in some unforeseen and unforeseeable way, and the Boston Tea Party will slide back into, or never emerge from, obscurity.

"Now that we're out of the heat of the moment:

"What the Boston Tea Party started out as was a cool name (and a lucky domain name snatch) in search of a purpose. Over time, the definition has evolved into something like this:

"The Boston Tea Party is an attempt to prove that libertarian 'purism' is compatible with organizational big-tentism and with an incremental political approach."

"One of my goals was putting an end to perpetual platform

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fighters, and that goal was easily realized: [The party's platform](#) is the "[World's Smallest Political Platform](#)," and the [interim bylaws](#) specify that neither it, nor the relevant bylaws article, can be amended.

"The platform is "purist" in that it plainly prohibits the party from supporting any increase in the size, scope or power of government, at any level, or for any purpose, and in that it proposes no "end state" for its advocacy of reductions in same. In other words, it accomodates all possible end states from "less government than we have now" to "anarchist or minarchist libertopia." The platform is, however, amenable to incrementalism insofar as it does not specify what particular reductions in the size, scope or power of government the Party will propose and agitate for at any given time. Those decisions are to be made biennially and entirely anew each time in the form of a short (maximum of five points) program. They may be incremental or "giant step" in character - the only condition is that they not contradict the platform.

"Finally, the platform is "big tent" in that it does not demand that Party members dedicate themselves, as a condition of Party membership, to a particular end state or to a particular reason or set of reasons for supporting the party's goals. When the "train" of party progress reaches the "station" at which a particular member can no longer support the direction in which the platform points, he or she may simply step off, having never been required to advocate, as a condition of party membership, going any further than he or she wishes to go.

"What the Boston Tea Party is not, is finished. It is, at this moment, nearly entirely my creation, and I am certain that aspects of that creation are defective. I have furnished the Party non-negotiably with a platform and one bylaws article, and negotiably with additional bylaws. I will shortly (assuming that there's enough interest to justify doing so, and in accordance with what amounts to a "by the bootstraps" process outlined in those bylaws) appoint interim officers to get things moving toward an organizational convention at which the negotiable portions of the bylaws can be modified, a program for the 2006 election cycle proposed and ratified, and a permanent National Committee selected.

"As a side note -- but a very intentional one -- I have tried to go out of my way to make the Boston Tea Party inclusive even to those who believe that it's a bad idea, or that I am a traitor to the Libertarian Party or the libertarian movement by virtue of having created it, or that it should not be permitted by its members to continue to exist. Membership requires only endorsement of the platform, not of the Party. The convention procedure specified in the interim bylaws takes place online, which means that all Party members, regardless of their views, may participate rather than being imperfectly represented by delegates. As such, it is entirely possible that the membership will choose to dissolve the Party. I don't regard this as a "risk" -- the site may belong to me, but the Party belongs to you. Do with it as you will."

Tom Knapp's message was widely read on the internet.

*(Continued from page 1)* [Libertarian Presidential Candidates] than 50,000 people attending the Seattle marijuana relegalization rally August 20, at the 15th annual Seattle Hempfest in Seattle, Washington.

Kubby's announcement of his Presidential candidacy was endorsed by cannabis activists Eddy Lepp (Eddy's Medicinal Gardens), Jack Herer ("The Emperor Wears No Clothes"), Ed Rosenthal ("Ask Ed"), Elvy Musikka (Federal Exemptee), Chris Conrad ("Hemp For Health"), NORML Director Allen St. Pierre and NORML Founder Keith Stroup.

"I'm running for President because I'm fed up with bad government, corrupt politicians, and arrogant officials. Like you, I'd like the government to support my liberty, protect and serve my family, respect my personal property and stop passing and enforcing laws that assume I have the intelligence of a child," Kubby proclaimed to the thunderous approval of the Hempfest crowd.

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### Christine Smith

Christine Smith circulated a letter announcing her intent to run:

Libertarians:

I would like to introduce myself at this time, since I am seeking the 2008 LP Presidential nomination. My political campaign website will soon be up; meanwhile I invite you to visit my personal website to learn more about me.

A little about myself: I am age 39, a resident of Colorado, and have had a successful career as a writer and author (with articles published in numerous national/international publications). I was recipient of The Outstanding American Award in 2002 and the Amigas Peace Prize in 2000. I was founder/president of a nationwide charity for 7 years, and have used my abilities as a public speaker and writer for issues I believe in. (I have much experience in public speaking, and have appeared as a guest on numerous radio talk shows heard nationally/internationally due to my writing.)

I am a natural leader and passionate about my LP politics. I am dedicated to growing the LP by reaching out to the American people with our platform; a platform which I think the majority of Americans will respond to if it is given to them by an articulate LP candidate. I have the abilities needed, and the willingness, devotion, dedication; I believe my ability to effectively communicate and articulate Libertarian solutions will generate greater national media coverage.

I am determined to build our party...educate the people...and make a positive difference through my service with the LP. I have given serious consideration to pursuing a major political office as a Libertarian since a position of leadership will permit me to work for the changes we seek in government; the more I have thought about it, after careful deliberation, I feel I could do the

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most for our party and our country by becoming our presidential candidate in 2008.

I am learning as much as possible through books and good conversations with Libertarians nationwide, and am planning my campaign now (radio/tv interviews, travel to LP conventions/conferences and other events nationwide, etc.).

Until my official campaign website is up, I invite you to visit my personal website to learn more about me: christinesmith.us My personal website receives approximately 25,000-30,000 hits per month from worldwide. I will soon have a separate website dedicated to my political campaign focusing upon my 3 key issues, platform, professional resume, and other relevant campaign material. Those who want to be notified when my political campaign website is up can email notification@christinesmithforpresident.com to be placed on the email notification list.

I look forward to speaking with and meeting many of you.  
Christine Smith

### Robert W. Milnes

Robert W. Milnes  
Libertarian Candidate for the Progressive Alliance for 2008  
"Candidate for President of U.S." in 2008

I believe the American voters would appreciate a viable third choice for President and Vice-President. By viable I mean one that has a reasonable chance of winning. Presently the American progressive vote is about 1/3, but is split by the Green and Libertarian parties. Further, voters, seeing that neither the Green nor Libertarian ticket has any reasonable chance of winning, then proceed to choose between the Democratic and Republican tickets. I, personally, identify more with the Greens. Therefore I seek a woman Libertarian candidate for Vice-President to form a "hybrid" ticket. This ticket should combine the Green and Libertarian votes into one "Progressive Alliance" vote. Further by becoming more viable, both the Green and Libertarian parties should become much more inclusive. I'm asking all Americans to support such a ticket as the best choice in 2008 for the future of the United States.

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### David Hollist

David Hollist <http://i.am/trading>

Thanks for listening to me:

I'll try not to waste your time. Instead of being a candidate, I prefer to vote for someone--in fact--my wife and I have a ten-year-old who likes to play baseball and I much prefer running around with them than running for office. But unfortunately, I disagree with those on the ballot. I think it is wrong to take

money from people.

There is a small group who thinks it's all right to rob people: Criminals. And this is the reason government was invented--to hunt these people down and put them in jail. Surprisingly, there is another group who feels this same way: Non-Libertarian candidates. Now these people believe they're special--if they do all the hard work to get elected, they feel they are entitled to do special things. And they even have a special name for what they do: Tax. Well, they're not that special and what they do is just as wrong even though it's been done for thousands of years. But we don't put these people in jail--we just vote for someone better. So, I thought the only alternative was to be on the ballot myself.

Admittedly we do have an obvious problem since taxation is wrong: What's right? The answer is *contract insurance*--an idea that I learned several years ago. Let me give you an example: Bill Gates is the wealthiest person in the world. He is an American businessman who signs billion-dollar contracts. And if anything goes wrong--if people don't follow through with what they had promised--his attorneys just present the contract to our government, and the courts adjudicate it. While most people respect these judgements, if necessary, the police are sent out and might have to shoot people if they become threatening in order to get what is due Mr. Gates.

This is a very valuable service that is provided by our government, but there is one thing that is wrong: It's free. I don't understand--how can something of such great value be free? Well, you guessed it. I propose that we charge people one percent of the value of their contracts to insure them against any breach. Now in this example, one percent would be ten million dollars that would be voluntarily paid into the United States Treasury, and this is just one man and this is just one of his contracts, so you can see that with all the contracts that are signed each day, this would raise hundreds of billions of dollars each year--more than enough money to effectively run our government.

Now it's insurance--no one has to buy it, but if something goes wrong with his contracts and he didn't have insurance, Mr. Gates would have a big problem. If he went out and forcibly tried to take what he felt he deserved, the police would stop him for attempting to take something he didn't legally own. If he went to the government, he would be told that he should have bought insurance, and he probably would the next time. You can see the great incentive.

I know it's painful to listen to insurance salesmen so I'll shut up, but essentially that is what I am--a contract insurance salesman, and I'm applying for a job. I'm asking you to hire me; if you vote for me, I will do my best to persuade the majority of voters to buy contract insurance. Thanks for your consideration.

These are the introductory remarks that I plan to make in the presidential debate at our national convention in 2004 and every four years after that or until I find someone who gets my

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vote. After making similar statements at our state convention debate, I was politely booed by some and I appreciate this opportunity to elaborate using this newer technology of the written word.

At our regional meeting, a fellow Libertarian said that I had frightened the delegates with all this talk about shooting people. This may seem harsh but people's lives depend on the money they invest in business deals and without this system of compliance, few if any of the modern conveniences that we enjoy could have been created. I'm not proposing to change the current system, just charge for its use.

Thanks to the growing number of Libertarian candidates and voters, we are assembling our 269-member team (218 in the House, 50 Senators and the President) to abolish taxes, which has great emotional appeal, and incorporate contract insurance, which has great intellectual appeal. Feeling you are right plus knowing you are right makes doing what is right a lot of fun. Let's go to Washington and have some fun.

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[Declaration of Liberation: I hereby withdraw any and all consent \(if, indeed, consent was ever given\) to be subject to the whims of the murderous, criminal collective known as "government".](#) My stand on the issues:

1. [Government](#) is BAD. Rights supercede any laws issued by any "authority". Any legitimacy a law has comes only from the Right which the law is enacted to protect. Any "law" which seeks to violate, infringe, regulate, license, limit or downplay any Right is abhorrent and must be most vigorously opposed. Or, even, just totally ignored. "America" is not the flag, nor the President, nor "The United States", but is only The Constitution (and The Bill of Rights). These are our country's highest laws, and if they no longer control "our leaders", then those "leaders" are not Americans, no matter where they were born, but are enemies more dangerous than any other terrorists could ever hope to be. Remember this: The Bill of Rights does not apply to anyone other than government. It is a strict limit on what government is allowed to do. Of course government will try to get around it through misunderstanding, repealing, lying, ignoring, and just generally, treasonously violating it in any way "they" can. This must be stopped. Beware of "laws" with names that sound PATRIOTic. These are often the most violently terroristic.

2. Vote or don't. It is up to you. [Principled non-voters](#) have my highest respect. If you feel that voting is the right thing to do, then vote for us instead of throwing away your vote on the socialist candidates running under the dishonest names of either "Republican" or "Democrat". Simple, isn't it?

3. I will not accept any monetary campaign donations. Ever. If

you buy advertising time for me, I will do the ad if need be. I will accept any and all publicity that anyone wishes to give to the effort. Please don't have me promising things that I won't do, but other than that, go wild! One big way to help, is to engage in "guerilla marketing" techniques. Write the address for this web page ( [kent2008.notlong.com](mailto:kent2008.notlong.com) ) on public property (on paper money, in chalk on sidewalks, on scraps of paper that you "accidentally" leave in public places, in the dirt on the backs of your cars, whatever.) Please respect private property, though. Do contact me to let me know what you are doing. I am trying to keep abreast of things.

4. Keep the night of January 20, 2009 free for the massive inauguration party/meetup I will host on the White House lawn. Bring sleeping bags and we'll crash on the floor when the beds are all full. We'll have a nice, informal target shoot, and bonfire (bring marshmallows, Social Security cards, IRS papers, licenses, permits, etc.). The next day, the White House will go to the highest bidder to begin paying for government debts and restitution. America will finally be free.

5. I will not be advocating any laws, only the repeal of the ones on the books. Any law regulating or prohibiting anything other than actual force or fraud is illegitimate and will be abolished with extreme prejudice. Anyone advocating or enforcing such a law will be treated like the criminal they are. Become a [fully-informed juror](#) in the meantime, and remember your 1000 year-old responsibility to judge not only the facts of the case, but the law's legitimacy (or lack thereof) as well, and if the law is not legitimate, refuse to convict.

6. I propose a new holiday: [Breechcloth Day](#). It should be in the summer. It will be a celebration of the end of tyranny, and will of course, be a government holiday, just like every other day of the year. Everyone can picnic and wear only breechcloths. OK, so this isn't a major policy issue, but fun is essential in life.

7. I am very [libertarian](#) in my political and personal views, as codified by the Zero-Aggression Principle ([ZAP](#)): "No human being has the right, under ANY circumstances, to initiate force against another human being, nor to advocate or delegate its initiation." Government, being the primary initiator of force, MUST be eliminated in ALL its forms. Forever. In the worst case scenario, anarchy might degenerate into a new government if thugs are allowed to live, but we wouldn't be any worse off than we are now, would we? Let's give it a try. Maybe we can prevent the spread of the cancer known as "government" this time.

8. "Anarchy" isn't a bad word and does not mean "chaos". It simply means "without rulers". This means YOU are responsible for ruling yourself. It is the only way. No other system ever has worked or ever will.

9. There is nothing that the government touches, that it does not damage. From the disastrous "[War on \(some\) Drugs](#)" (Government is not your doctor!) (even [cops](#) are starting to get a clue, but these guys don't really "get it" yet), to the "[Gay Marriage](#)" debate (keep government out of all marriages), to the "War on Americans" (Oops, I mean the "[War on Terror](#)"), and "[Gun control](#)" (more accurately "[victim disarmament](#)"), govern-

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ment has shown itself to be completely irrelevant and out of control.

10. Any government powerful enough to "promote" your religion today, is powerful enough to prohibit your religion tomorrow

11. Government has stolen the value of your money by replacing REAL precious metals with [fiat](#) money. Federal Reserve Notes are IOUs which are only worth anything because the government says they are. Prices don't go up, the value of your money goes down because it is only paper. Return to using [gold and silver](#) which are inflation-proof instead of FRNs which cause inflation.

### Doug Stanhope

About me: This is the official Myspace page for Doug Stanhope's run for the Libertarian Party nomination for president in 2008.

My Fellow Individuals Who Live in America,

After announcing my candidacy for the Libertarian Party nomination for president in 2008, I have consulted with a wide assortment of political eggheads and know-it-alls about the fundamentals and specifics on running a campaign.

The consensus was that I am an idiot for announcing it this early. That's okay, I've been an idiot more than once in this life. They say that it would have been far more prudent to allude to it - to say that I'm "putting together an exploratory team to look into the possibility of a presidential run" or some such nonsense, to stimulate interest while we avoid being subject to the labyrinth of Federal Election Commission law.

So I think you'll have no issue in understanding my intention when I tell you that - officially - I am "reconsidering my presidential run while my exploratory team looks into the viability of such an endeavor."

Any questions?

Didn't think so.

I have a pretty good feeling that my "team" will find it very feasible to wind up and kick the system in the front-hole in 2008. Regardless of the creative wording, any presidential run I would be "considering" would be focused on issues of self-government, individual rights, government waste as well as...

- Immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq.
- Ending the War on Drugs.
- Pardoning all non-violent drug offenders.
- Castrating the IRS and the FCC.
- Lowering the drinking age to 18.

I've re-printed a Q&A I did for the Libertarian blog HammerOfTruth.com in my blog that will give you more detail on the campaign I would run. You should also read up as much as possible about the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarian Party is basically a party for people who don't

want a party. People who believe in self-determination, personal responsibility and individual freedom without government interference. For more on the Libertarian Party, you need to check out [www.LP.org](http://www.LP.org) and be sure to read the platform - [http://www.lp.org/issues/platform\\_all.shtml](http://www.lp.org/issues/platform_all.shtml).

Then become a member - <http://www.lp.org/action/join.shtml>.

Remember, we are just planting the seeds of this campaign. We are planning a move to Austin, TX in early 2007 where we will have better resources (eggheads and know-it-alls) to put this show into high gear.

I can think of nothing more tedious and uninteresting as politics. Unfortunately, the political arena is responsible for taking all the fun out of our lives. I feel like I'm wading into deep sewage to find my lost baseball. But we're certainly going to stir up some shit while we're down there.

I am not taking contributions. You can contribute to the LP at their site and you can show your support for a Stanhope campaign by grabbing the Stanhope in '08 - Drunk with Power T-shirt at [www.dougstanhope.com/merch](http://www.dougstanhope.com/merch).

Cruel & Unusual Politics are about to get underway. Please subscribe to the blog for updates. You will be highly amused and hopefully greatly inspired between now and November, 2008. Let's make this country fun again. Stanhope

### Gene Chapman

<http://chapmanforpresident08.blogspot.com/>

Chapman is running for the nominations of the Southern, Constitution, and Libertarian parties. His (extremely long) platform opens

"A) Right to keep and bear arms to be as common as the right to breathe oxygen.

B) To protect 1st Amendment Religious Liberty, abolish all ten planks of "The Communist Manifesto" and associated communist activities.

Re: "But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion and all morality" (p.242, "The Communist Manifesto," Penguin Classics Edition).

Ten Planks of "The Communist Manifesto":

1. Property taxes and Eminent Domain Laws.
2. Income Taxes.
3. Inheritance Taxes.
4. Confiscation of Property from Emigrants and Those The Government Dislikes.
5. Federal Reserve Banking to Empower Deficit Spending.
6. FCC and Interstate Commerce Commission.
7. Farm Controls.
8. WPA, CCC and Peace Corps.
9. Population Control Laws.
10. Secular Public Schools.

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C) Right to life of the unborn child to be the same as any other human life in America.

D) Right to die with dignity at one's own choosing protected.

E) Abolish state sanctioned marriage, making state sanctioned gay/ straight marriage a moot issue, while putting marriage back into the hands of the individual, the church and God where it belongs.

F) Legalize smoking in one's own vehicle; shut down all open container laws, state camera and GPS chip monitoring of our people; highways, street corners, etc., as a matter of personal liberty.

G) Break down barriers between Libertarian, Constitution and Southern Parties for cross support of pro-constitution candidates and possible unification, while working to educate Socialist Communism out of the Democrats, Republicans and Green Party.

dollars a year. Congress renamed French fries. And just yesterday they renamed them again.

The cost of energy of all sorts is soaring. Congress stuck its nose into the medical decisions of the Schiavo family.

The War On Iraq drags on. Congress debates baseball steroids.

Republican-Democratic governance is irresponsible. It ignores our country's ongoing crises.

It's time for a change. The libertarian change. It's time to elect grown-ups to Federal office. I'm George Phillies. I'm here to ask you to make me our candidate for President.

Today I'm going to discuss two topics. First and most important, I'm going to discuss how you should go about choosing our presidential candidate. Second, and less important, I'll make a case as to why you should nominate me for our presidential nomination.

Every time you see the president of the United States on television, he is being followed at twenty yards distance by an Air Force officer carrying "the football". The football is not a sports implement. The football carries America's nuclear war codes. The football means that in the space of 30 minutes the president and his advisers can destroy Western civilization.

The American people understand that this is an extremely grave responsibility. They expect a serious political party to entrust its nomination to a serious, trustworthy person. When a political party fails to carry out its responsibility, the American people make a judgment. The judgement is negative. That judgment carries down from the presidential nominee all the way to library trustee.

When you look at a candidate you should ask yourself: Does this person have serious educational and professional credentials? Is he in touch with reality, or is he fond of every sort of conspiracy theory? Americans believe in reasoning from the concrete behavior of the candidate. Does he pay his taxes? Is he a person of sober temperament? Does he enjoy the trust and respect of people

who know him? Does he behave like a mature and sensible person?

You should also look at a person's record within our party. If one of you changed your party registration to Democratic, and asked for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, you would reduce serious politicians to giggles. The presidential nomination is for someone with a long record of loyal hard work and sensible achievement within the nominating party. That's why most presidential candidates have been state governors, United States Senators, or men of real achievement in other fields. General Eisenhower led our armies to victory in Europe. Ronald Reagan was president of a major labor union, and then Governor of California.

We do not have Libertarian Governors or Senators. That does not excuse us. We must do the best we can.

You should also look at a potential candidate's campaign organization. In 2008, any serious candidate will have been campaigning for a year or more. That's plenty of time to see what his electronic outreach looks like, what his campaign organization with volunteers and staff looks like, and most important to see how he has spent his money. Thanks to the Federal Election Commission, anyone in this room can look up how each candidate actually spent his money. If he spent it on doing politics, you should find encouragement. If he spent 70 or 90% of his money on his campaign staff and fancy hotels and meals, he will spend your future donations poorly.

Then you must choose our nominee.

I'm George Phillies. I'm here to ask you to support me as our next presidential candidate.

I am offering a campaign that will carry a strong libertarian message to the American people, that will give our party a strong effective campaign organization from coast to coast, and that will work to support local and regional candidates and local and regional organization so that, this time, our presidential campaign will leave our party stronger after my campaign has ended.

I'm a physicist. My degrees are all from MIT. I have an international reputation in my scientific field. I just signed a book contract with Cambridge University Press to publish the definitive work in my specialty.

I'm a college professor. I have been active in our faculty governance system. That's exactly like being active in small town politics. I have been elected by the people who know me well to a wide range of highly responsible positions.

I have been active in the Libertarian Party for more than a decade. In 1998 I was our candidate for Congress from my district.

Unlike our presidential candidates, I actually debated both of my opponents. We had eleven debates and joint appearances, one of which was rebroadcast twice coast to coast. Whenever the press discussed who won or lost, they said the same thing: Libertarian is surprise winner. You don't have to wonder if I can handle a three way debate on serious Federal issues: I've already done it.

Successfully.

My presidential campaign is already getting off the ground. You can see

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my web site at <http://www.phillies2008.com> . We're still shaking the last bugs out of the system, a task made far more complicated by consequences of the unpatriotic Patriotic Act, but thanks to the excellent hard work of webmaster Seth Cohn, who is in this room, you can see already see a libertarian web presence.

If you go to that site, you will soon find a set of libertarian radio commercials. They are there for any libertarian candidate to download and use, because an important part of the presidential campaign should be building our party town by town from coast to coast. For a further contribution of my campaign to the Libertarian Party, go to <http://www.LibertyForAmerica.NET> . That is an open electronic discussion site for all libertarians. It's not a blog site where an elect few write essays and the masses get to comment. It is open to everyone. My campaign bought the advertising to pay for the site. LibertyforAmerica.net is the libertarian response to the highly successful DailyKos site.

I have already started laying out the important issues on which I will run. Number one is the absurd Democratic-Republican war on Iraq. I call for an immediate end to this war and the withdrawal as fast as possible of American forces and supplies from Iraq back to the United States. The war had no rational justification, it has endangered our country, it has made it us widely hated around the world, and it should be ended before it kills any more Iraqis and Americans.

Any issue of local interest is education. I call for a five thousand dollar income tax credit available for educating any child in private schools or buy home schooling. Note I did not say *Your* Child. Under my plan, you can support any child. Many of us can make some contribution, but do not have children of school age. Under my plan, you can reach into Washington and rescue a ghetto child from the clutches of a school dis-

trict fundamentally run by Congress.

I have recently issued a statement on energy and the environment. For a Libertarian, the statement is very radical. My statement does not talk about civil liberties or shrinking government: It talks about how we should govern in an efficient way that protects our country. I reject the far right wing Republican claim that there is no global warming. I propose concrete steps that the Federal government can take to reduce your energy costs and protect our climate:

My proposal is radical. I propose that we do something rather than sitting around and talking. I propose: The Federal government should offer long-term, fixed price contracts for the purchase of energy from new, renewable sources, such as wind. Over a span of years, the Federal government will buy enough power that the Federal government ends its net dependence on fossil fuels. This is a national defense measure. It strengthens the security of our country.

There is overwhelming evidence that the Bush administration has systematically violated the laws of our country, our Constitution, and Bill of Rights in order to engage in illegal wiretapping of your telephone conversations, and many other illegal acts. I will enforce our laws. I will ask Congress to create a Corps of Special Prosecutors to ensure that the vast numbers of crimes that the Bush Administration has manifestly committed are all prosecuted, each accused being given the fair trial that the Bush administration denied Jose Padilla, with the miscreants being given the fates decreed by their judges and juries. As it says on the Supreme Court Building, let justice be done, though the heavens fall.

I'm George Phillies. I'm here to ask you to support me as our next presidential candidate.

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