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Editorial

Welcome to Liberty for America!

A magazine. A web site. Perhaps soon an organization.

The Magazine:

You have before you **Liberty for America**, the magazine, a magazine of Libertarian News and Opinion. Expect to read our researched articles on libertarian events and features. Expect to see the return of my highly popular column *Where Your Money Went*, detailing how PACs and party organizations have spent the money you the Libertarian donor gave them.

The Web Site:

The **Liberty for America** front page speaks for itself.

Liberty for America

Liberty for America is not currently a political party.

Liberty for America does not currently run or endorse candidates for Federal or non-Federal office.

Liberty for America exists to build an effective winning pro-liberty movement in America, a movement separated from the flat-earther bigot cesspit that is modern American conservatism, a movement separated from the *Après moi, le déluge* philosophy of the Congressional duopoly party, a movement that stands against good-old-boy scratch-my-back incompetence and corruption.

Liberty for America is preparing to offer
positive political alternatives
not available elsewhere.

The Organization:

Libertarianism is not conservatism. Libertarianism is not anarchism. Libertarianism stands for small government, low taxes, and the whole Bill of Rights. Libertarianism rejects race hatred, homophobic bigotry, religious persecution, and anti-intellectualism, not to mention the tyranny of the powerful unchecked by obedience to just law.

America needs an effective Libertarian political movement. The home of that movement remains to be decided. In the past half-decade, in Massachusetts that home moved from the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts to Liberty for Massachusetts and back again.

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News Notes

Munger Polls 4% in North Carolina

Dr. Mike Munger, the Libertarian nominee for Governor of North Carolina, drew 4 percent in a recent survey by Public Policy Poll, including 15 percent among independents, an LPNC press release reports.



Continuing a long historical record that we stand midway between left and right, Munger drew more votes from registered Democrats than from registered Republicans, but did best among registered unaffiliated voters.

Ballot access in North Carolina was recently attained via an onerous petitioning process that required collecting 108,000 signatures at a cost of \$134,000. Ballot access will be maintained if Munger or the Libertarian Presidential candidate draws more than 2% of the November vote.

Dr. Munger is chair of the political science department at Duke University. His campaign platform calls for ending forced annexation and eminent domain, improving choice and funding in our education system, and to placing a moratorium on the death penalty. Munger's academic expertise includes political campaigns and third parties. He has testified before the U.S. Senate on campaign finance, and written several books on elections.

LP Texas Sets Candidate Record

The Libertarian Party of Texas reports setting a new record for candidates for Federal, state, and local office, with 174 candidates expected to be on the ballot, including a full range of statewide offices, most Congressional seats, and many state legislative seats being pursued by Libertarian Party candidates.

Libertarian Party Chooses National Candidates

After six rounds of balloting, the Libertarian Party of the United States chose Bob Barr of Georgia as its Presidential nominee. Barr narrowly defeated Mary Ruwart of Texas, with a dozen other candidates being eliminated at earlier stages. Six rounds of balloting is a record number for any modern American Party, major or minor. Third-place finisher Wayne Allyn Root then ran for the Vice Presidential nomination, beating former Presidential candidate Steve Kubby on the second ballot.

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Boston Tea Party Nominations Contested

The Boston Tea Party, an offshoot of the Libertarian Party, is having contested elections for its nominations for President and Vice President. Candidates for the Presidential nomination are Charles Jay and Robert Milnes. Candidates for its Vice Presidential nomination are Todd Andrew Barnett, Chris Bennett, and Thomas Knapp. Bennett earlier dropped out of the Libertarian Party Vice Presidential race. Knapp is also a candidate for U.S. Congress on the libertarian Party line.

Massachusetts Ballot Access Confused

Massachusetts Ballot Access petitioning had been proceeding under the understanding that Massachusetts permits substitution of the candidate chosen in convention, when that candidate is named. A letter from the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office to LPMass chair George Phillies confirmed that position. The Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth has now inverted his stand, and says that substitution for a Presidential candidate is not permitted in Massachusetts. LPMass has contacted the ACLU about potential litigation. The LNC has decided to continue with petitioning on the current petitions—the candidates are Chris Bennett for Vice President and George Phillies for President—with the pious hope that litigation by LPMass, the National Party, or the Barr campaign will fix things.

Biographical Notes

Richard Viguerie

Richard Viguerie has recently become prominent in the Libertarian Party, including a keynote speech at the 2008 national convention, not to mention a financial involvement in the events of the 2008 Libertarian Party Presidential nominating campaign.

Viguerie has a record as a conservative fundraiser, including according to the New York Observer raising money for George Wallace, approaching Jerry Falwell about organizing the 'Moral Majority', not to mention mass mailings for the Oliver North Senate campaign and for the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Wallace's 1968 campaign based its success on attacks on the Civil Rights movement. Mother Jones estimates that Viguerie raised nearly 7 million dollars for the Wallace campaign.

In 1976, some American conservatives felt Gerald Ford was not enough of a conservative for them. Richard Viguerie and other conservative leaders sought control of

the George-Wallace-founded American Independent Party, running Robert Morris for the AIP Presidential nomination against Lester Maddox, and running Richard Viguerie as would-be Vice Presidential candidate. Maddox won.

In 1979, Viguerie, Howard Philips, and Paul Weyrich led a drive to create 'Moral Majority' a political group that strove to unite Christian conservatives. Moral Majority took orthodox 1979 conservative stands, being supportive of the free enterprise system, conservative ideas on the family, and its interpretation of the Christian Bible. It was anticommunist, militarist, and supportive of prayer in the public schools. It opposed sex education, pornography, equal rights for gays, and abortion. While some of these issues will appear to have aged, most are still alive as political questions. Thus, in 2007 the Kentucky Republican gubernatorial primary was fought in part over the school prayer issue, with former Republican Congressman Bob Barr appearing via telephone to campaign against one candidate: She was inadequately in favor of school prayer.

In 1981, *Time* magazine noted that Viguerie was raising money for Reverend Daniel Wildmon's Federation for Decency, a group crusading against television networks, which were claimed by Wildmon to be teaching that "sexual immorality, violence, profanity, vulgarity, etc. were values worthy of imitation and emulation." More recently, Wildmon led the American Family Association, which lobbied NBC to cancel its programs on the Book of Daniel.

In 1994, Viguerie was part of a team of fundraisers who generated donations for the Oliver North U.S. Senate campaign. North reportedly raised more than 16 million dollars in direct mail contributions on the basis of 13 million pieces mailed and a cost to his campaign of 11 million dollars, meaning that almost 70% of money raised was spent on raising that money.

Now we come forward to the present, and once again American Conservatives are displeased with the Republican elephant. On March 1, 2007, an article in the *Boston Globe* by Susan Milligan reported on American conservative discontent with the Republican Party, as heard at the Conservative Political Action Conference. Richard Viguerie was quoted as saying "I feel very angry and betrayed" by the GOP. Viguerie cited Republican support for abortion rights and tax increases, and according to the article urged conservatives: "We should withhold support from all major Republican [presidential] candidates today. Not one of them deserves our support today." *Houston*

Chronicle reporter Julie Mason, writing of the same event, quoted Phyllis Schlafly as saying "We don't want to be the Republican Party, we want to be the conservative movement."

Political Cortex reports that the prepared text of Viguerie's talk at the conference, a text no longer visible at the ConservativesBetrayed web site, included talking points

*Let's re-launch the conservative movement.

*Let's act independently of the Republican Party and their failed big government leadership.

*Let's focus on the conservative movement, not the GOP.

While the publicity materials for Viguerie's new book *Conservatives Betrayed* [Bonus Books, ISBN 1566252857] have him writing "And think and act as a third force (not third party) independent of the Republican Party", one must ask whether perhaps Viguerie changed his mind. Presented with an opportunity to take control of a third party that had strong ballot access, and cooperative responses by that party's leadership, it seems possible that Viguerie felt that an opportunity had been handed to him.

Indeed, in the days leading up to the 2008 National Convention, Viguerie purchased from Steve Gordon the *ThirdPartyWatch* web site, which had been the leading source of third party news on the net. An article reportedly in preparation by Tom Knapp, critical of Bob Barr, did not appear. Editorial control of Third Party Watch was assigned to Shane Cory, who until recently had been Executive Director of LNC, Inc., and who newly was hired by Viguerie's American Target organization.

Cory had left LNC, Inc. after publishing a press release that many felt was critical of Libertarian Presidential candidate Mary Ruwart. In his acceptance speech, Bob Barr publicly thanked Cory for his services to the party 'before and during the convention'.

We could go on, but the point is clear. Richard Viguerie has an extremely long record as a political activist and fundraiser. He supported the conservative racist George Wallace campaign, tried to get the VP nomination of Wallace's party, and raised money for a range of other Christian right groups and people whose positions are the opposite of Libertarian.

Mind you, if you ever get a chance to hear Viguerie discuss political fundraising, take it. I did, and found it very useful. Viguerie is a grand master of his craft. However,

that has nothing at all to do with his political opinions, and I would write the same things about his contribution to direct mail techniques if he were the equally-successful and influential lead fundraiser for the Revolutionary Vegetarian movement.

However, having said that, we are left with a question. What was a man with Viguerie's past doing as a keynote speaker at a Libertarian Party National convention? His presence as keynote speaker was criticized by several of the leading Presidential candidates, who asked LP National Chair Bill Redpath to replace him. Redpath refused. Viguerie's presence as keynote speaker was clearly a de facto endorsement by our National Chair of Viguerie's political positions. Was there truly no one better fit to be a keynote speaker than one of Donald Wildmon's former fundraisers?

A few web references: <http://www.observer.com/2000/observer-exclusive-richard-viguerie-right-wing-activist-aids-giuliani-campaign> thepinkflamingo.blogharbor.com/blog/_archives/2008/5/21/3705068.html findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m2519/is_n6_v16/ai_17195256/pg_2 Oliver North

A Libertarian Speech

George Phillis' Concession Speech in Denver

— What I Said, What I Was Thinking

Having lost the race for our party's nomination for President, I gave a concession speech. You may have seen it on television. Various people who listened heard what they wanted to hear. Here is the speech, and following is the same speech with my thoughts to myself interpolated, in italics.

Fellow libertarians!

Thank you very much for the last two years. It's been a wonderful time.

I've already given you my advice.

I'm disappointed to note that not one person has asked me to endorse someone they wanted to lose.

Well, that's true.

I will not speak ill of a fellow Libertarian.

I will thank and acknowledge Senator Mike Gravel who, when he was a Democrat, gave our *party* the courtesy of debating a Libertarian. I will thank Wayne Allyn Root for entering and giving you time to take his measure and see if he was good or bad.

I will express — I think it's the gratitude of many of us — very good things to Mary Ruwart and to Bob Barr for entering the race to do what they thought was best for the party.

Now, I have two things to say, one as State Chair, and one to the audience as much as to anyone else.

And the thing I must say as State Chair, because I would be remiss not to say it, is that a voting majority of my state committee is neopagan. I have to make that point. Those of you who know why, know why I have to do it.

Now I want to make the important point:

The enemy is not here. The enemy is out there.

The enemy is not our fellow Libertarians.

The enemy is the far left Democratic Party of Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and — let's get it right for once — Lyndon LaRouche.

The enemy is not our fellow Libertarians.

The enemy is the conservative death policy of George Bush, George Wallace, John Sununu, and Lester Maddox, the conservative bigotry philosophy that is against our country.

We are the Libertarians. We are the party of the future.

Here is the same speech again, with my asides in italics.

Fellow libertarians!

Thank you very much for the last two years. It's been a wonderful time.

I've already given you my advice. (*Which you did not take.*)

I'm disappointed to note that not one person has asked me to endorse someone they wanted to lose. (*After all, we just established that Libertarians listen to my advice and do something else. No one tried to profit from this pat-*

tern.)

Well, that's true.

I will not speak ill of a fellow Libertarian. (*That was a statement about the next few paragraphs of the speech, no more, no less. I say something nice about each of my four surviving opponents. Contrast was meant with the prior concession speech of Christine Smith, who was pointedly critical of one of her opponents. Note also that I did say something nice about each of my opponents, contrary to claims, in a certain historically anti-Libertarian news source, that I ignored two of them.*)

I will thank and acknowledge Senator Mike Gravel who, when he was a Democrat, gave our **party** the courtesy of debating a Libertarian. (*That Libertarian was I. I won the exchange, though the audience was hardly balanced.*) I will thank Wayne Allyn Root for entering and giving you time to take his measure and see if he was good or bad. (*Namely, he started running a year in advance, so that people had time to find out his good and bad points. And if you noted that my other two opponents jumped in at the last moment, so their issues were just surfacing as the vote approached, that was observant of you.*)

I will express — I think it's the gratitude of many of us — very good things to Mary Ruwart and to Bob Barr for entering the race to do what they thought was best for the party. (*Now I have in fact said something about equally nice about each opponent.*)

Now, I have two things to say, one as State Chair, and one to the audience as much as to anyone else. (*'The audience' is the television audience.*)

And the thing I must say as State Chair, because I would be remiss not to say it, is that a voting majority of my state committee is neopagan. I have to make that point. Those of you who know why, know why I have to do it. (*Note that I said State Committee, not State Delegation. And at this point I did remind delegates that if they nominated a candidate who ten years ago tried to organize an Army pogrom against the Wiccans, they will face consequences.*)

Now I want to make the important point:

The enemy is not here. The enemy is out there.

The enemy is not our fellow libertarians. (*I should have said 'my fellow libertarians', because I am speaking to the video audience, but I did not.*)

The enemy is the far left Democratic Party of Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and — let's get it right for once — Lyndon LaRouche. (*Taking a shot at the 'LaRouche is a Libertarian' false rumor.*)

The enemy is not our fellow libertarians.

(And now as a closer the core message of my speech, because the last words are the most remembered)

The enemy is the conservative death policy of George Bush, George Wallace, John Sununu, and Lester Maddox, the conservative bigotry philosophy that is against our country. (*Because American conservatives on the whole support bad people for political office, and should be called on their faults.*)

We are the Libertarians.

We are the party of the future. (*Wave good-bye on the way out.*)

The Anomalous D.C. Delegation

Our National Convention had a delegation from the District of Columbia, one of whose members was seen on National television as he made the nominating speech for Bob Barr. The difficulty with the delegation is that delegations are supposed to be appointed by state parties, and there is no functioning state party in DC to have appointed a delegation. Instead, the delegates appointed themselves and asked to be seated.

This appears improper, so I filed a challenge with the credentials committee, a challenge that was rejected. My challenge read:

Honorable fellow Libertarians of the Credentials Committee.

We face a potentially rancorous convention, from which we would like to emerge in a unified state. It is therefore highly important that we adhere carefully to our Party Bylaws, so that we make it less likely that people will claim that their side was defeated through an impropriety.

I call your attention to the nominal District of Columbia delegation:

Kampia Robert Washington DC
LeBeaume John Washington DC
Piper Bill Washington DC

They are all fine Libertarians, so far as I know, and should not be blamed for the issue I raise.

Acceptance of the proposed D.C. delegates, who from people who know them are all fine Libertarians, would be in violation of our By-laws.

I therefore urge that the Credentials Committee decline to seat the proposed D.C. delegates.

In more detail:

Our Party By-Laws clearly specify (Article 6, Section 3), "There shall be no more than one affiliate party in any one state, and the affiliate party shall determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions." not to mention (Article 11, Section 5) "A list of the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates chosen by each affiliate party shall be sent to the Credentials Committee no later than one month prior to start of the first general session of the Regular Convention."

Here "State" is a term of art that includes D.C.

In point of fact, there is no functional D.C. affiliate to have appointed delegates. Nor did anyone claim to be the D.C. affiliate. That's specified in the email from Shane Cory, following this text. I also asked Sean Haugh whether there was a D.C. affiliate that could be contacted, as general information any candidate might ask, and he indicated that to his knowledge there was not.

Because there is no functional D.C. affiliate, no delegates can have been appointed by them.

Now, the By-laws do provide "RULE 4: POLLING PROCEDURE

1. The State Chair shall serve as chair of his or her delegation, unless that delegation selects another of its members to serve as its chair and so notifies the Secretary. "

However, in order to be chosen as delegation chair by the delegation, there first has to be a delegation. A self-appointed delegation chair cannot appoint a delegation.

In addition, if it were to be claimed that Mr. Kampia were a new state affiliate, separate from the currently ineffective D. C. affiliate, LNC, Inc, and all of its committees would be barred from recognizing him, because (i) only one affiliate per state is allowed, and (ii) he former affiliate was affiliated at the last date at which the LNC might

have voted to disaffiliate them.

Finally, from the Bylaws on our National Convention:

" 2. Any federal or state law to the contrary notwithstanding, delegates to a Regular Convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party; provided however, that only members of the Party as defined in these Bylaws, or members of the affiliate party as defined in the constitution or bylaws of such affiliate party, shall be eligible to vote for the selection of delegates to a Regular Convention."

and the method selected by the affiliate party, their Constitution Article V is

"V. The Business Meeting shall call an annual convention in the month of March each year and shall notify each member residing within the District of the time, date and place of the convention at least three weeks prior to the convention. A quorum shall consist of six members. Ward organizations may hold local conventions or conduct Ward business at the District convention. All conventions and meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order when they are not inconsistent with these articles. Delegates to the national convention are elected by the LPDC convention. "

Based on contact with LPDC members, I do not believe there is a credible claim that such a convention took place or elected delegates. A "D.C. Meetup" does not appear to be a state convention.

Acceptance of the proposed D.C. delegates, who from people who know them are all fine Libertarians, would be in violation of our By-laws.

I therefore urge that the Credentials Committee decline to seat the proposed D.C. delegates.

The following is the Shane Cory email as transmitted to me by Emily Salvette, the relevant sections of our by-laws, and the D.C. Constitution as sent me by Carol Moore.

[GP: For brevity I here include only the functional parts of the DC Party Constitution, but I sent the Credentials Committee the whole thing.]

Shane Cory <shane.cory@lp.org> wrote:

Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 17:54:07 -0400
Subject: Delegate Deadline

From: Shane Cory <shane.cory@lp.org>
To: "salvette@umich.edu" <salvette@umich.edu>

Emily,

What's the latest that delegate names can be submitted to you?

Also, Rob Kampia in D.C. has stepped up to the plate to be delegation chair. I spoke with Bob Sullentrup about this. Since there is no D.C. party, he said someone can step up to be the delegation chair (not party chair) to fill in vacancies.

Rob will be submitting names to you after a D.C. Meetup.

Thanks for everything!

Best,

Shane

ARTICLE 6: AFFILIATE PARTIES

2. The National Committee shall charter affiliate parties from any qualifying organization requesting such status in each state, territory and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and file a copy of their Constitution and/or Bylaws with the Party Secretary.

3. There shall be no more than one affiliate party in any one state, and the affiliate party shall determine who shall be its delegates to all Regular Conventions.

5. The autonomy of the affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party, except as provided by these Bylaws.

Constitution of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia

III. A member shall be any person who has signed the membership certification, pays the combined state/national dues and resides in Washington, D.C. All members whose documentation proves have been members for at least thirty days are entitled to participate in and vote at

all Business meetings and conventions.

IV. The affairs of the LPDC shall be managed by the Executive Committee as directed or approved by the Business Meeting. The Executive Committee shall consist of the State Chair, the State Vice Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, and the chairs of the District's wards.

A. The frequency, place and time of Business Meetings may be determined by act of the Meeting, call of the chair or call of any five LPDC members - but meetings shall be called not less than every other month. All Business meetings shall be open to all LPDC members and announced to members in writing postmarked at least ten days prior to the meeting. A quorum shall consist of at least four members. Decisions shall be reached by majority vote.

B. Between Business Meetings the Executive Committee may conduct business by Executive Committee meeting, telephone or by written correspondence. No meeting shall be called without written notice distributed to all Executive Committee members at least 5 days prior to the meeting. A quorum shall consist of three Executive Committee members. All Executive Committee decisions and actions shall be reported in writing to the Business Meeting.

C. In order to be elected as an officer one must be a member of the LPDC and a member of no other major D.C. party. Officers shall be elected in spring conventions each year for a term of one year

V. The Business Meeting shall call an annual convention in the month of March each year and shall notify each member residing within the District of the time, date and place of the convention at least three weeks prior to the convention. A quorum shall consist of six members. Ward organizations may hold local conventions or conduct Ward business at the District convention. All conventions and meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order when they are not inconsistent with these articles. Delegates to the national convention are elected by the LPDC convention.

The Credentials Committee responded:

The Credentials Committee received a written challenge to seating the delegation from the District of Columbia Libertarian Party (LPDC) from Dr. George Phillies on May 9, 2008.

After conducting an inquiry, and upon e-mail vote on

May 14, the Credentials Committee has decided to seat the District of Columbia Delegation at the upcoming National Convention. The reasoning that we used is given below.

The LPDC has not had its charter suspended by the National Libertarian Party; therefore, there is a DC affiliate contrary to Dr. Phillies' assertion. The situation is better described as a dormant party without functioning leadership. We do not believe LP members in an affiliate area should lose their right of participation just because past volunteer leaders have left their posts.

While the LP bylaws specify that affiliates must follow their own procedures in selecting delegates, they do not dictate what those procedures should be except for the requirement that members of the national or affiliate LP be the ones selecting delegates. The LP bylaws also do not specify who should submit a delegate list to the Credentials Committee. The LP bylaws prohibit any committee of the National Libertarian Party, including the Credentials Committee, from abridging the autonomy of a state affiliate, except as provided in the bylaws. Further scrutinizing DC's delegate selection process would constitute such an abridgement.

An LP member in good standing who lives in DC, Mr. Rob Kampia, made a good-faith effort to establish an open, publicized process for DC-area LP members to become delegates to the national convention. He submitted to the Credentials Committee a list of eligible party members by the required deadline that, upon standard scrutiny, satisfied all requirements of the LP bylaws. Moreover, no LPDC members are challenging the validity or fairness of the delegate selection process, or proposing that we seat an alternate slate of DC delegates.

The presumption of the Credentials Committee is to allow participation rather than block it. Given the facts above, we passed the following motion by majority vote: Shall the Credentials Committee approve including the delegation from DC sent to the Credentials Chairman on April 23, 2008 in the official roll of voters for the 2008 Libertarian Party Presidential nominating Convention in Denver, CO

Respectfully, the members of the 2008 Credentials Committee:

Emily Salvette, Interim Chair, Jeff Dimit, Andrew Hall, Christiana Mayer, Kate O'Brien, Cory Nott, Gary Johnson, J.J. McCurry, Willie Harmon, Michael Johnston

Where Your Money Went

Libertarian National Committee, Inc The April Cash Flow

| | This Period | Year to date |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cash 1/1/08 | | 113159. |
| Cash 4/1/08 | 182910 | |
| Total receipts | 120685 | 489311 |
| Disbursements | 156467 | 455343 |
| Cash 4/30/08 | 147127 | 147127 |
| Debts | 9128 | |

So for the first third of the year, LNC, Inc. brought in nearly a half-million dollars, and spent most of its income, leaving it with nearly \$150,000 cash on hand. BY contrast, in 2004 at this stage there had been \$595,375 in income and \$160,000 in visible debt. And how was that \$156,467 spent? Aggregating numbers:

Politics: Petitioning payments went out for nearly \$28,500. \$1000 was spent for Billboard Advertising. A press release service cost \$195. Advanced Mailing Services for Non Candidate Mailing was paid over \$16,000. Printing costs exceeded \$11,000. Editing and Graphics came to \$975, not to mention \$499 on a copier lease.

Electronics: Web and Email Hosting cost more than \$5000 from multiple vendors. Terra Eclipse, Inc. was paid \$2500 for Website Migration and Development. Hardware, software, and computer support cost nearly \$750. Data and phone charges exceeded \$2,000.

Office: The Watergate office for the month cost \$9,717, not counting parking and metro tickets for staff, which cost hundreds of dollars more. Office supplies exceeded \$3,500. Insurance payments approached \$3,400.

People: Employees include Louise Calise, Shane Cory, Susan Dickson, Tomislav Fijacko, Sean Haugh, Robert Kraus, Alexa Lamoureux, Casey Lustberg, Austin Petersen, and Erin Taylor; some of these people were paid very modest amounts. Employee net pay came close to \$55,000. Federal and State Withholding and Social Security payments cost a painfully large number above \$7500. Staff travel and meals came to around \$5300.

\$13,445 was paid to American Express. Legal Services cost \$2,625. FEC Filing cost \$1,000.

The above is by no means a complete list of expenditures.

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How Much Did They Raise?

Going into the National Convention, the Libertarian Party National Headquarters issued a report on how much money candidates had raised, either for the national party via Liberty Decides or for themselves as reported on their FEC filings. The LNC numbers did not match the FEC filings well. For example, the LNC claimed that Mike Jingoizian had raised \$13,000 from others and nothing from himself, when his actual fundraising total was \$228,525. The discrepancy arose because the LNC failed to include money from the candidate, when that money was recorded as a nominal loan. To make life more interesting, the LNC reported financial totals for the end of the quarter for most candidates except Bob Barr, for whom they reported his current early-May number. Unsurprisingly, this process inflated the Barr Campaign's apparent income.

A few examples:

Wayne Allyn Root was credited with Individual donations of \$29,988.00, and \$4,421.90 of his own money. He had actually raised in total from his last report \$59,410, of which \$34,409 was from others, meaning that he had actually invested not \$4,421 but \$25,000 of his own money in his campaign.

The LNC Press release asserted that Michael Jingoizian had received \$13,090.79 from others, and not invested a dime of his own money in his campaign. In fact, his campaign had received \$228,525 in total, because Jingoizian actually invested more than \$215,000 of his own money in his campaign, not the 0.00 alleged by the LNC.

The LNC Press release asserted that George Phillies had received \$16,727.75 from others, and had invested \$81,527.01 of my own money in my campaign. In fact, my campaign had received \$198,254 according to the latest FEC reports, because I had actually invested not \$81,527.01 but closer to \$182,000 in my campaign.

Bob Barr was said to have raised \$53,163.64 to date in his campaign, which was true as of the date of his press release, but the dollar number that was legitimately comparable with the numbers reported for the other candidates was actually \$0—Barr had not yet started FEC filing.

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