

# LIBERTY PLEDGE

## NEWSLETTER

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## Quiz Across America off to a strong start; helping candidates

*By Wes Benedict  
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Strong demand quickly depleted our first printing of 200,000 Quiz Across America door hangers.

At the time of writing, we just received another shipment of 500,000 and we're starting to send them to candidates and volunteers throughout the U.S. The door hangers feature the World's Smallest Political Quiz and information on the Libertarian Party.

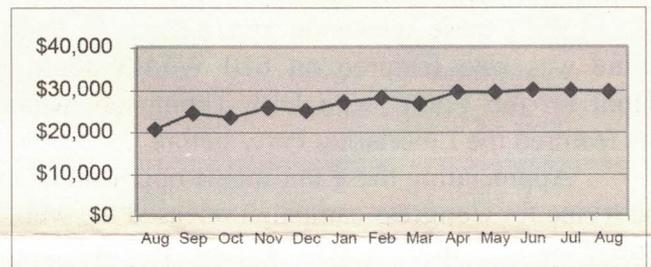
Thanks to a generous \$20,000 donation to kick-start the project, we started offering 200 door hangers for free to every candidate, and we will be expanding that to current and former members via a direct mail piece.

While raising funds is always a priority, strong support from major donors and monthly pledgers has helped put materials in the hands of some of the willing volunteers who aren't able to donate right now.

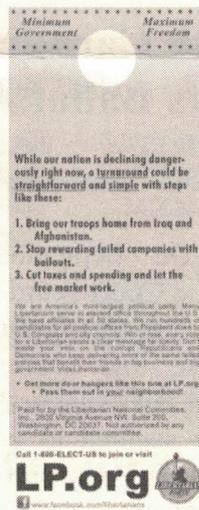
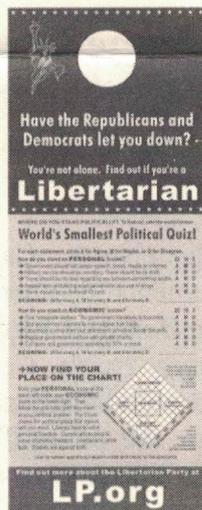
We're grateful for our donors and volunteers, and of course many Libertarians are both.

Door hangers are available to order at LP.org or by calling us at 202-333-0008.

Our monthly pledge program is holding steady and surpassed \$29,000 again in August. Here's a graph of the pledge total since last August (2009):



## Quiz Across America Libertarian Door Hangers



4.25" x 11" full-color two-sided

We have a strong slate of over 800 Libertarian candidates nationwide working to win elections when possible, and also to affect public policy by raising awareness of libertarian issues, plus raising awareness of Republican hypocrisy on economic issues and Democratic hypocrisy on civil liberties and foreign wars.

Win or lose, every vote for a Libertarian sends a clear message for liberty.

And thanks to your support, I feel like our party is well-prepared to put our volunteers to work for the upcoming elections.

# Libertarian Party: On the Trail

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## Irvine for Congress campaign gets press

*from The Irvine for Congress campaign*

Columbus, OH – August 30, 2010 – On the heels of being excluded from an editorial board meeting with the staff of The Columbus Dispatch last week, which included both the Republican and Democrat candidates in Ohio's 12th Congressional District race, Libertarian candidate **Travis Irvine** was featured on both NBC 4 and WOSU's Sunday morning political shows, and on 610 WTVN Radio's "Hunt for the Truth" with Dirk Thompson during this Labor Day weekend.

NBC 4's "The Spectrum" featured Irvine in an interview with Colleen Marshall about the difficulties of running as a third party, and political philosophies of Libertarians, while WOSU's "Columbus On the Record" featured Irvine's web video "The Kiss of Debt" in a segment about third party viability. Both shows cover Ohio politics and air during Sunday mornings....

With these television appearances in hand, Irvine was also featured on 610 WTVN Radio's "Hunt for the Truth" with Dirk Thompson, which has featured the Libertarian Party before....

Appreciating these fair media opportunities, the Irvine for Congress campaign released the web video "Giving Third Parties a Voice," which praises the efforts of these Central Ohio media efforts while making the case for why third party candidates must be included in media coverage.

## Chuck Donovan completes TV commercial

*from the Donovan for Senate campaign*

ATLANTA, GA – September 7, 2010 – The Donovan For Senate campaign announces the completion of its first TV commercial. The ad, which has been well received among test subjects,

is planned to air on stations throughout Georgia over the next several weeks.

The ad introduces **Chuck Donovan** to a wider audience, touching on issues critical to Georgia voters such as the national deficit and the stimulus packages. Donovan's tone is hopeful, however, as he reminds voters that with the right leadership our best days are ahead.

To maximize the ad's exposure between now and Election Day, an additional fund raising drive has been initiated. Since the campaign is staffed by an all-volunteer, grassroots group of Georgians, all funds received during the drive will go directly to the cost of radio and television ads.

Chuck Donovan has reached out to disenchanting voters across the political spectrum with a message promoting fiscal responsibility, a smarter war on terrorism and renewed commitment to individual rights – ideals he believes the two major parties only pay lip service to. His ads will now be in front of Georgia's voters before the Democratic contender's ads.

"We're going to show Georgians that there is a choice beyond the two main parties," says Donovan. "Republicans and Democrats have long track records of selling their constituents short. I used to be one of those constituents. Now I'm standing up for us."

## North Carolina Supreme Court Hears Ballot Access Case

*from Ballot Access News*

On September 9, the North Carolina Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Libertarian Party of North Carolina v State Board of Elections*, the case that challenges many North Carolina election laws that are hostile to minor parties. The hearing seemed to go well for the plaintiffs, the Libertarian Party and the Green Party. Five of the seven justices asked questions. The questions showed that the judges are very familiar with the details of the case.

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One Justice asked the attorney for the state whether ballot access is a fundamental right. The attorney for the state replied that voting is a fundamental right. The justice responded, saying that wasn't his question, and he wanted the attorney for the state to respond to whether ballot access is a fundamental right. The attorney for the state then agreed that it is a fundamental right.

## Libertarians in Texas poll

In a September 13 *Texas Tribune* poll, Libertarian candidates for statewide offices made a strong showing:

**Kathie Glass**, running for Governor: 5%

**Scott Jameson**, running for Lt. Governor: 5%

**Jon Roland**, running for Attorney General: 5%

**James Holdar**, running for Land Commissioner: 7%

**Rick Donaldson**, running for Agriculture Commissioner: 8%

**Roger Gary**, running for Railroad Commissioner: 6%

## New and renewing Liberty Pledgers

Donald Norton Anderson	M. Ann Leech
Chris Batchelor	Claudia H. Livingston
Justin C. Beavers	Kevin Martin
Ronda R. Birr	Marvin Eldon Matney
R. David Boyd	David M. McGrew
Char-Lez B. Braden	Daniel C. Milito
William A. Buzzell	Stephen C. Molnar
Jodi Carroll	David Moore
Scott Coe	Alexander Muller
Jill E. Cohen	Hal Grant Nauslar
Michael C. Colley	Jason Ostendorf
Trent M. Cooksley	Becky R. Palki
Aaron DeCarlo	William Pharis
Zechariah L. Dice	David M. Rinderknecht
Joe Dyleski	John H. Ring
Jason Farkas	Andre J. Roques
Brian D. Feldt	George Saad
Tony Galvan	Ross V. Scalise
Byron Garcia	Donovan Schafer
C. Robert Gladstone	Monty Shaw
Darren M. Greway	Wilma Sinclair
Giovanni Guillemette	Steven W. Steiner
Avery Barrett Haines	Roger Stelma
Raymond Hall	Michael Sutton
Joseph Allen Haynes	Kevin N. Tucker
Tara Herbel	Marcel Vocino
Matthew Hinton	Sarah M. White
Wayne Horton	Sheila Sue Wiezbiski
Amie Jeanette	Ronald Willetts
Darrell Johnson	Cameron M. Williams
Piper Keairnes	Gregory Williams
Dennis A. Kelsey	Justin D. Williams
William M. Kendall	Daniel Woodson

I would like to make a one-time donation to the LP:

- \$5,000     \$100  
 \$1,000     \$50  
 \$500         \$25  
 \$250  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

I would like to increase my monthly pledge to this level:

- \$2,500     \$100  
 \$1,000     \$50  
 \$500         \$30  
 \$250  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
 (minimum \$10)

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(Please make checks payable to **Libertarian Party**.)

Please bill my  Visa  MasterCard  AmEx  Discover

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Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are not tax deductible.

## Libertarian Party in the News

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### Libertarian candidate announces education plan

*McPherson Sentinel*, August 20, 2010

The state's Libertarian candidate for governor, **Andrew Gray**, may not be a big name in Kansas, but he has big plans for the state....

Gray's plan focuses on education- a hot-button topic in the state for the past year- aiming to return many of the decisions in the education system back to parents and local governing bodies while easing the state's education funding burden.

Using scholarships, funded by private contributions to not-for-profit scholarship granting organizations, people, companies and organizations can help fund a child's education while receiving a tax credit of \$1 for every dollar contributed.

"We believe that when individuals, businesses and communities have the option to contribute to the education of the children of Kansas, we build both parental and community involvement and our children thrive," Gray said.

### Libertarian Party of Louisiana preparing for first federal primary

*Houma Courier*, August 23, 2010

BATON ROUGE — The Libertarian Party of Louisiana has two contenders in Saturday's U.S. Senate primary.

**Anthony Gentile** of Mandeville, known as "Tony G" to friends and family, is returning to the ballot after an unsuccessful run at governor.

**Randall Hayes** of Atlanta, a small community in Winn Parish, most recently ran for Congress in Baton Rouge's district....

Both Gentile and Hayes say their goal is to offer voters a choice, participate in an exchange of ideals and promote the party.

### Three Libertarians earn spots on Nov. 2 ballot

*Wyoming Tribune-Eagle*, August 28, 2010

CHEYENNE -- A Libertarian congressional candidate and two Libertarian candidates for statewide offices are leading campaigns to give voters a third option at the polls....

"There's hardly any difference between the Democrats and the Republicans," said state party Chairman **Don Wills**. "We offer an alternative."...

Wills added that the party supports abolishing the state sales tax, as well as shrinking government expenses to 2004 spending levels, which would cut more than \$2 billion from the budget.

### Sink-Burris urges voters to think small

*Indianapolis Star*, September 6, 2010

...In November, [**Rebecca**] **Sink-Burris**, 58, will square off against Republican political veteran Dan Coats and Democratic U.S. Rep. Brad Ellsworth, two major party heavyweights who Sink-Burris says represent more of the same -- and a major problem -- in politics.

"(Voters) would really like to have some new faces and have some anti-incumbent feeling, but what did they get for the Senate race?" she said. "Two strong members of the system who have voted for the same kind of policies that people are unhappy with."...

Sink-Burris, a former elementary arts teacher whose passion is gardening and landscaping her and her husband's 100-acre Outcrop Farm, which skirts the Morgan-Monroe State Forest near Bloomington, offers campaign experience and an eloquent voice.