



Gulf Coast Liberty

Defending liberty in southeast Texas in the Spirit of San Jacinto

October 2002

LP Active at UH

Libertarians at the University of Houston, led by College Libertarians President Monica Granger, have been bringing the message of liberty to college students in a big way.

Since the start of the semester the group has completed **four Operation Politically Homeless booths** and has another planned for the first of this month. The group started at the school's Activities Mart in late August and then in September scheduled weekly booths at different spots around campus during the lunch hours. At recent booths members have also been assisting individuals in registering to vote.

The group has also been working on providing venues for local LP candidates to reach young voters. On October 1, at their regular 5 to 7 p.m. meeting at the University Center, U.S. Rep. District 7 candidate Drew Parks will be speaking about privacy issues. On October 29 the group is host to Governor candidate Jeff Daiell. This event will be publicized including a half-page ad in the UH campus newspaper.

College Libertarians is also working to organize an on campus debate for the U.S. Rep. Dist. 25 race. LP candidate Guy McLendon and the Green Party candidate have agreed to the panel debate. The College Republican group has agreed to help try to get the Republican candidate involved. No word on the Democrat in this four-way race.

The UH groups is now working to get non-profit status to aid in their fundraising. They have also made significant improvements to their website now accessible at www.uhlibertarians.com.

Senate Majority is Possible

For the first time in Texas history the LP is fielding enough candidates to theoretically win majority status in the Texas State Senate. With 17 candidates in the 31 senatorial districts, the LP is making a point - Texans need to overhaul the makeup of the State Senate in order to rein in the unbridled growth in spending that has led to the massive \$7 billion projected deficit.

"This milestone was achieved as an organic consequence of our increased attention to candidate recruitment," said Political Director Rock Howard. "No special attention was made to recruit for the office of State Senate, but obviously enough of our candidates thought that targeting the Senate made sense in light of the massive budgetary problems that the ineffective entrenched parties have

spawned."

The Texas LP opposes the massive state government spending that has led to the latest fiscal headaches in Texas. We also oppose increasing taxes as a way to balance the books.

Libertarians are fielding at least 155 candidates on the November general election ballot and have run over 180 candidates this year. This is up significantly from the previous record of 115 candidates in the 2000 campaign which similarly shattered all previous records. This growth in candidacy is leading to success such as the City Council seat secured by Mark Wilson in St. Paul, a suburb of Dallas. Mr. Wilson was subsequently named Mayor Pro Tem of St. Paul making him the first Texas Libertarian to hold such office.

Incumbent knocks William

Libertarian candidate Clifford William was forced off the ballot for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by a legal move from his opponent in the race, incumbent Chief Justice Tom Phillips. Justice Phillips is a Republican.

After several failed attempts to remove William, Phillips finally on Aug. 30, secured a writ of mandamus from the Texas Third Court of Appeals ordering the LP State Chair to "immediatly declare" Clifford ineligible, because he is not an attorney licensed in Texas.

David Delamar, State Chair, declared William ineligible as directed on Aug. 31. An emergency meeting of the State Libertarian Executive Com-

mittee (SLEC) was called and on Sept. 4 Eugene Flynn, an immigration lawyer from Dallas, was selected to replace William on the ballot in an effort to make sure that we have statewide candidates in every race possible to increase our chance of maintaining ballot access.

On Sept. 30 Clifford filed a request for a temporary restraining order in federal court. The fight is still on to contest the legality of the State Bar and to reject "unconstitutional restriction on access to public office," says Ernie Whiteside, campaign manager for Clifford's campaign.

Despite the late start Eugene will be an active candidate-website at <http://lpcandidate.com/EugeneFlynn>.

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Active Campaigns:
Guy McLendon's supporters erected a 12 ft. by 6 ft. billboard for their candidate on the north-bound side of Chimney Rock just before Bellfort. Lawn signs will be out this month in district yards. Have a good place for a sign? Contact Guy @McLendon.net.

In the Mail

I've been thinking about Libertarianism.

Something that was said the other night at the meeting has stuck with me. Someone said something like, even when the candidates are not elected, some aspects of the philosophy are picked up by those who were elected. Sometimes the other parties wind up incorporating these ideas into their own.

Maybe Libertarianism is like the high fashion equivalent of politics. Those fashion designers don't really think that they'll be seeing their, sometimes outlandish, creations on the shelves at Wal-Mart next season. But aspects of these designs do make it into the general public. They are toned down, modified, but they are still recognizable. I think that's enough for now, to be heading in the right direction, because our present system is such a mess.

I'd like to have some hope that the people in this country can learn to stand on their own again and keep the freedoms they're in danger of losing, and regain those that have been lost.

Patty Tristan

Dear Ms. Coker-Garcia,

According to Dane Waters at the Initiative & Referendum Institute, this November voters in 38 states will get the opportunity to cast a vote on

199 statewide ballot measures - 52 from the people and 147 from the government.

The issues to be decided will be as mundane as taking out obsolete provisions of Colorado's constitution to controversial issues like legalizing marijuana in Nevada. Over half of the statewide measures will fall into a handful of categories; drug policy reform, animal protection, education reform, election reform, gaming and fiscal policy.

Arizona and New Mexico vie for the top honor of having the most prolific ballot this November - both with 14. The state with the most issues from the people (commonly referred to as initiatives) is Oregon with 7 - a 60% decrease from 2000. Three of the top five most prolific ballots are comprised of issues from lawmakers and not the people - New Mexico, Louisiana and Georgia.

If these numbers stay constant, it will represent a 30% decrease from the last election in the number of initiatives placed on the ballot and will also represent the fewest number since 1986 when 46 statewide initiatives were voted on.

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The Libertarian Party

The Party of Principle

Libertarians favor dramatically shrinking the size and cost of government, and eliminating laws that stifle the economy and control people's personal choices. The Libertarian platform calls for vigorous defense of the Bill of Rights, free enterprise, civil liberties, free trade, no meddling overseas, and private charity.

"Libertarians truly want to get government off the people's backs. Others, notably Republicans, may claim it, but Libertarians genuinely believe and are dedicated to achieving their belief that the best government is less government,"—Jane Ely, *The Houston Chronicle*, 2000.

The Libertarian Party was founded in 1971 and has since grown to become, by most objective standards, the most successful third-party in America. The Libertarian National Committee, Inc., is headquartered in Washington, DC. State affiliates are **active in all 50 states**, and there are hundreds of state, county, college and local Libertarian groups.

The Libertarian Party ran more than 1430 candidates in the 2000 elections, more than twice as many as all other third parties combined. We fielded candidates for 255 of the 435

seats in the U.S House as well as 25 of the 33 Senate seats up for election -- the first time in eighty years that any third party has contested a majority of the seats in Congress. Our slate of U.S. House candidates received 1.7 million votes, the first time any third party has received over a million votes for U.S. House.

We are building a new political party from the grassroots up, and the vast majority of our candidates are running for local office. Currently, **over 300 Libertarians hold elective office**, more than twice as many as all other third parties combined. **Another 200 Libertarians hold appointed political offices.**

Current officeholders in Texas include St. Paul Mayor Pro Tem Mark Wilson, Lubbock County Public Weigher Noah Davis, and Hutchinson County Public Weigher Charlie Lambert. Many Libertarians also have been elected to neighborhood or community positions including locals Gil Guillory serving on the Grogan's Mill Village Association (The Woodlands) and Anthony Garcia serving on the

Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee (Houston.)

In the past, Libertarians have won election to the La Porte City Council, Deer Park Independent School District, and Harris County Board of Education.

In the 2002 General Election November 5, 155 Libertarians will be seeking office in Texas—contesting all the statewide non-judicial races, and running a majority for the Texas Senate. Houstonian Jeff Daiell leads the ticket for Governor. A complete candidate list of those on Harris County ballots is online at our website at www.lptexas/harris.

For a free packet with more information on the Libertarian Party please call 1-800-Elect-Us. You can also visit the National Party online at www.LP.org.

Local Libertarians also host frequent informational meetings and supper clubs. If you are interested in meeting us to learn more about the Party please contact us at 713-271-1776 or liberty@neosoft.com for information on an event near you.

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Star Publisher: LP is OK

Attendees at the Meet the Candidates night in Sugar Land on Sept. 18 received a bonus: robust words of encouragement from Bev Carter, Publisher of the influential Fort Bend Star. "The Republican party chair told me, Bev you are a libertarian. Perhaps I am a libertarian at heart. A small party can make a difference," Ms. Carter said.

Ms Carter photographed candidates Jeff Daiell (Governor), Guy McLendon (U.S. Rep. District 25), and Stacy Bourland (State Rep.) for inclusion in an upcoming edition of the Star. Her feisty column, "Bev's Burner" has been keeping Ft. Bend politicians and bureaucrats of all stripes on their toes for many years.

Jeff outlined his goal to repeat the success of his 1990 campaign in influencing the tax-subsidized parties towards less taxes and less government, and retaining LP ballot status for two election cycles. Guy's speech concentrated on the benefits of strict adherence to the U.S. Constitution and opposition to the proposed war on Iraq.

News Notes

There has been so much media coverage of various Libertarian candidates in the past month that it would be impossible to list it all, but here is a brief round-up:

Jeff Daiell was covered by the Spanish language *Novedades*; he (and Senate candidate Scott Jameson) appeared before the Dallas Morning News editorial board; he was interviewed by Michael King of the Austin Chronicle; he was on the Don Crawford radio show (KLBJ) in Austin; and an article on his television commercials was featured on the front metro section of the Dallas Morning News.

A press release written by Kris Overstreet about LP candidates speaking at the Escapee's Club was printed almost verbatim in the Polk County Enterprise. Rock Howard was interviewed by the San Angelo Standard Times about the record number of LP candidate in Tom Green County. Anthony Garcia was interviewed by the Ft. Worth Star Telegram about LP candidates effect on close races.

Volunteer Opportunities

Wanted: Spanish Speaking Libertarian for small amount of translation work. English text to be translated is front page of our HCLP website. Send your results to Laura@LibertyWorks.org.

Needed: Computer printer that will work with a Mac with OS 7 to print hard copy of newsletter, party letters, etc. (Thanks, to Colin Nankervis for the Laserprinter, which has done the job for several years, but it has finally died.) Contact Laura@LibertyWorks.org if you can donate this much needed item!

Wanted: Host for Houston Westside or Innerloop Supper Club. Volunteer will schedule monthly supper clubs at the restaurant of their choice. The host should also be able to attend each month. Contact Laura@LibertyWorks.org or the HQ at 713-271-1776 to accept this position.

Wanted: Many Libertarians to spend an hour or two at an early voting location on Oct. 26-27 (Sat./Sun.) or at their local polling place on Tues., Nov. 5—Election Day.

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Libertarian Activities October 2002

Oct. 1 (Tues.) 1:30-4 p.m. Escapee RV Club's Candidate Forum in Livingston. Candidates Jeff Daiell, Nazirite Flores Perez and Michael Carter will speak. Meet the candidates from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Custom Shop, 220 E. Denham St. Livingston. Contact Kris Overstreet at 936-685-4992 or redneck@detnet.com.

Oct. 4-5 (Fri.-Sat.) LP Outreach at Texas Family Learning Conference at the Sheraton Brookhollow, 3000 North Loop West, Houston. Volunteers needed contact Laura at Laura@LibertyWorks.org or 281-997-8141.

Oct. 6 (Sun.) 2 p.m. Harris County Meeting at 9614 Oregano Circle (off Corporate Drive.) Contact John at elfsoft@mindspring or 713-271-1776.

Oct. 7 (Mon.) Last Day to Register to Vote in the November 2002 General Election.

Oct. 8 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Brazoria County Meeting at Golden Corral, Hwy 388 Business, Angleton. Contact George Harper at Gharper@computron.net or 979-964-3693.

Oct. 8 (Tues.) 5 to 7 p.m. UH College Libertarians Meeting at the University Center on the UH main campus, Houston. \$2 visitor parking is nearby. Contact Monica Granger at uhlibertarians@yahoo.com or 832-259-2830. Meetings repeat every Tuesday.

Oct. 10 (Thurs.) 7 p.m. Volunteers Meeting at Pappa's Bar-B-Q Restaurant, 7007 Hwy 59 South, Houston. Contact Laura at 281-997-8141 or Laura@LibertyWorks.org for information.

Oct. 15 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m. Jefferson County Meeting at the LivingtonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave., in Beaumont. Contact John

Gossage at che_prof@hotmail.com or 409-860-4499.

Oct. 17 (Thurs.) 7 p.m. San Jacinto Supper Club at Golden Corral at 4021 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Contact Bob Lockhart 713-475-0092.

Oct. 17 (Thurs.) 7 p.m. Montgomery County Meeting at the South County Community Center, 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands. Contact Ron Hard at ellyhard@email.msn.com or 281-363-9211.

Oct. 19-20 (Sat./Sun.) 12 to 7 p.m. LP Booth at Westheimer Arts Festival. Volunteers needed. Contact Guy Mclendon for information at gmclend@sbcglobal.net.

Oct. 19-20 (Sat/Sun.) 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Early Voting by personal appearance begins in Harris County. Locations and maps are available online from www.cclerk.hctx.net/elect.htm.

Oct. 24 (Thur.) 7 p.m. Clear Lake Libertarian Caucus Supper Club at Fuddrucker's Restaurant on Nasa Rd 1. Contact Paul 281-280-8660 or Paul.Morris@directvinternet.com for information

Oct. 29 (Tues.) 5:30 p.m. Jeff Daiell Campaign Speech to the UH College Libertarians at the University Center, UH main campus, Houston. For information contact Monica Granger at uhlibertarians@yahoo.com or 832-259-2830.

Nov. 1 (Fri.) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Last day for Early Voting in Harris County.

Nov. 5 (Tues.) General Election. US Senate, US Congress, statewide offices and local offices on the ballot.