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Phillips for JP Precinct 5 in 2004

Richard Phillips, a lifetime Libertarian Party member, has announced that he will be seeking the LP nomination for Justice of the Peace Precinct 5, Place 1 in the November 2004 election.

Richard, 61, is a local CPA. He received Bachelors and MBA degrees from the University of Texas. He also pursued a number of classes in law school there and at the University of Houston. In addition, he gained experience in the JP precinct 5 court appearing "probably about 100 times" in matters related to his rental property.

Richard believes that this race may be an open one as the incumbent, who is facing legal difficulties concerning fraud, may choose—or be unable—

to run for re-election. If the incumbent does run he will be handicapped by ethical questions. Another reason why this is a good race is that Justice of the Peace races are low-key races compared to most partisan races in Harris County. The precincts aren't as large as for most other county offices and the campaigns tend to be among the least expensive. While it is a judicial position JPs are not required to be lawyers and in fact several current officeholder including the possible incumbent are not.

Richard is accepting donations for his campaign at 7300 Bellerive Suite 300, Houston, TX 77036. Volunteers or those seeking more information can contact him online at rwp7300@ev1.net.

Brazoria Chair

Brazoria County has a new LP Chair. At the January meeting of the Brazoria County Executive Committee Barbara Jones stepped down from the position.

George Harper, a longtime area activist, accepted the elevation to County Chair—a position he last held in the 1998-2000 cycle.

Activists in Brazoria meet monthly on the second Tuesday at the Golden Corral in Angleton. The Chair can be reached at:

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Michael Badnarik to Announce for U.S. President

Michael Badnarik will announce a bid for the Libertarian nomination for US President this month. In a recent letter to supporters he said that he plans an official announcement at a press conference on President's Day, February 17.

Michael is a noted Austin, TX activist. He has run for office on the LP ticket on several occasions—most recently for the 2002 Texas Rep. District 48 race where he earned 2.2 percent of the vote. Michael is a strong supporter of the Constitution and of gun rights. He is a practiced speaker regularly leading 8 hour classes on the Constitution. (He was in Houston Feb. 1 for a class and will also be appearing at Counterattack (see calendar) this month.

Michael is employed instructing others in computer use. His current

schedule allows him afternoons free to devote to his Presidential campaign.

Michael plans to focus on his grassroots strength—bringing him to many communities for personal campaign appearances. To accomplish this his team wants to purchase a used motorhome that will be their mobile base of operations. In this way they plan to bring the Libertarian message to every state. Michael has already located a motorhome that can be purchased for \$22,000. The seller is also offering a Ford Escort equipped with a towing hitch for \$2,000 more.

"This combination would make a perfect campaign travel system," Michael says. In fact, Michael has photographs of the potential tour vehicle on his website at www.badnarik.org/photos/motorhome/gallery.html.

Michael's campaign team already includes treasurer Lorrie Kopp and assistant treasurer Tammy Lawson. Tammy will be available to assist whenever the volume of mail is more than Lorrie can handle.

Kyle Griffin will be the campaign's database manager and Dee Griffin will be webmaster. Rob LeGrand will be Michael's chauffeur for the next 20 months. Dave Champion will be a Constitutional Advisor. Jon Airheart, an active member of the Libertarian Longhorns, will document Michael's entire campaign on film and video. Michael also wrote to supporters that he had two unnamed private detectives signed on "who will be my personal bodyguards."

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The Growth in Green Socialism

An Election Report by Don Richards

The Green Party in the US has shown astounding growth since 1985, when one alderman and two mayors in two states ran for election. By 2002, some 549 candidates for various offices in 40 states were on the ballot.

Particularly spectacular is the showing of the Greens in Texas. Election figures from the Secretary of State's office indicate that Greens didn't even show up on the radar until 2000, when five candidates burst on the scene, pulling 1,360,301 votes statewide in a presidential year. Last year in a non-presidential election, when overall vote totals slump historically, the Greens ran 25 candidates and drew 705,255 votes.

There's a chance that the Libertarians lost ballot status in Texas in 2002 because of the upsurge of votes for the Greens, and there's a distinct possibility that the LP may garner fewer votes in the 2004 election than the Greens.

The Libertarian Party faces a critical threat from this left-wing challenge and must form a policy of attack. This is not the same old Demuplican-Replicrat challenge of the past. Libertarians must get out the word about what the Green Party really is.

These questions must be dealt with: what attracts voters to the Greens, who have long been known as a far-left-wing organization? And what's of critical importance to Libertarians: how are the Greens siphoning away votes from the LP from people who wouldn't vote for the Democrats or the Republicans anyway?

Let's look at the Green Party's origins.

The German Greens are generally regarded as the Mother of all Green parties, although they are not the oldest or the first Green Party to enter national parliament. But their significance comes from being the first Green party to have a strong presence in the legislature of a large nation. The big break came in 1983, when Die Gr,nen attracted nearly a million votes (5.6 %) and gained 28 seats out of 497 in the federal Parliament.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany at that time noted that the Green Party "is like an apple: when it ripens it turns red." In fact, behind the soothing inch-thick pancake make-up of the Green platform, which advocates a jambalaya of ecological wisdom, social justice, participatory democracy, nonviolence, sustainability and respect for diversity, the tired old socialist-Marxist whore peeks through.

It may be recalled that the Bolsheviks in the 1905 revolution in Russia promised bread, land and peace. The Charter of the Global Greens in Canberra in 2001 advocates that "cooperation rather than competition is a prerequisite for ensuring the guarantee of such human rights as nutritious food, comfortable shelter, health, education, fair labour, free speech, clean air, potable water and an unspoilt natural environment." (Whoops! There goes the free market.)

According to the 17-page Charter document, social justice - a favorite phrase among socialists - requires "a just organization of the world and a stable world economy which will close the widening gap between rich and poor, both within and between

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Texas Election Returns: Libertarians and Greens

Year	LP Votes	# Offices Sought	Green Votes	# Offices Sought
*1992	556,362	52	0	0
1994	1,309,207	35	0	0
*1996	1,280,820	20	0	0
1998	1,073,179	35	0	0
*2000	4,858,429	63	1,360,301	5
2002	1,354,460	98	705,255	25

Thanks!

The Harris County Libertarian Party would like to thank the following recent donors:

A.B. Benson
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Pasadena Club

The San Jacinto Supper Club, which meets the third Thursday of each month has a new location. The group is now meeting at Top China Buffet, 3630 Spencer Hwy., between Burke and Strawberry in Pasadena. For directions you may contact Top China at 713-944-6611.

The restaurant has an ample buffet with about 150 items including sushi and stuffed mushrooms, etc. The price for the dinner buffet is \$6.00. Child's price is less depending on their age. (They quoted \$4.99 for my 6 year-old.)

Bob Lockhart is the host—if you have any questions please contact him at 713-475-0092.

Committees

The State Party has formed a committee to plan for 2004 ballot access petitioning. Local members on the committee are Anthony Garcia, Yvonne Kelly, and Guy McLendon.

Current newsletter list is 1,105!

countries; balance the flow of resources from North to South; and lift the burden of debt on poor countries which prevents their development.”

The Charter advocates such policies as strengthening the UN “as the global organization of conflict management and peacekeeping.” (They’ve done such a splendid job so far). Further, we are told by the Greens, “continuing growth in global consumption, population and material inequity must be halted and reversed.” . . .the rich must “limit their consumption to allow the poor their fair share of the earth’s resources.” . . .” market prices of goods

and services [must] fully incorporate the environmental costs of their production and consumption” (Price controls!)

The manifesto goes on and on in this manner, reminiscent of 1848 statements such as “the workers control the means of production, workers of the world unite,” etc. Mr. Marx would be pleased - Karl, not Groucho.

Will the Green Party’s vision of Utopia come to fruition? Chairman Mao suggested the barrel of a gun. Could it be that people in the US and Texas have forgotten about Socialism? The Libertarians must address this situation, right now.

US Green Party Performance Since 1992

Year	Candidates	States	Types of Offices	Victories
*1992	91	13	21	20
1994	88	14	27	20
*1996	82	17	28	25
1998	126	20	35	30
*2000	283	35	50	48
2002	549	40	81	71

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Libertarian Activities February 2003

Feb. 7 (Fri.) 5-8 p.m. Candlelight Vigil to Stop War at Mecom Fountain Montrose at Main in Houston. Vigil held every Friday—come when you can, leave when you want. For more information visit www.houstonjusticenotwar.org.

Feb. 8 & 9 (Sat.-Sun.) Counterattack 2003; Six tracks of workshops for Second Amendment activists at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison (North Dallas). For information visit www.northbridgetraining.com/home or email davidr@northbridgetraining.com or call 214-707-1004.

Feb. 11 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Brazoria County Meeting at Golden Corral, Hwy 388 Business, Angleton. Contact George Harper at Gharper@sat.net or 979-964-3693.

Feb. 14 (Fri.) 5-8 p.m. Candlelight Vigil to Stop War. See Feb. 7 for information.

Feb. 17 (Mon.) Filing opens for candidates for offices on the ballot on May 3. Election is for Mayors, City Councils, School, Hospital, and Water Districts. In most cases filing ends March 19.

Feb. 18 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m. Jefferson County Meeting at the LogonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave., in Beaumont. Contact John Gossage at che_prof@hotmail.com or 409-860-4499.

Feb. 20 (Thurs.) 7 p.m. San Jacinto Supper Club at Top China Buffet, 3630 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. Contact Bob Lockhart 713-475-0092.

Feb. 20 (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.

Feb. 21 (Fri.) 5-8 p.m. Candlelight Vigil to Stop War. See Feb. 7 for information.

Feb. 27 (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 to confirm.

Feb. 28 (Fri.) 5-8 p.m. Candlelight Vigil to Stop War. See Feb. 7 for information.

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

March 11 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Brazoria County Meeting at Golden Corral, Hwy 388 Business, Angleton. Contact George Harper at Gharper@sat.net or 979-964-3693.