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March 2004

Gary Nolan Presidential Campaign Barnstorms TX!



In a busy few days in Texas, LP Presidential candidate Gary Nolan managed to meet local Libertarians in Austin, Arlington, Waxahachie, and Houston—speak to hundreds of college students—do several radio interviews—and raise almost \$2,000 for ballot access in Texas.

Houston's meet the candidate

event was held Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the downtown Spaghetti Warehouse. About 20 individuals attended to meet Gary and local Congressional candidates Jessie Bouley, Stacey Bourland and Drew Parks; Railroad Commissioner candidate Anthony Garcia; and State Representative candidates Laura Coker-Garcia and Monica Granger.

"This is our election cycle," Gary said, "Never before have we had the opportunity we have now." The Republicans, with control of the Presidency and Congress, have proven they are not the party of small government. "They have nowhere to hide," he said. With growth of 7-10% under a Republican dominated government a Libertarian vote is not wasted.

Votes for Gary will either cause him to win—which would decrease government immediately. Or enough votes would send a strong message to the Republicans that we want smaller government and may force them to curb their spending to retain their majority.

On the other hand if Libertarian votes cause a Democrat to win then

we'd have gridlock. "Gridlock is good," says Gary, because under gridlock the rate of growth would drop to 2.5 to 3%. So Gary argues there is no downside to voting Libertarian in this election.

Gary also spoke about his campaign's effort to support local candidates, increase attendance at local LP outreach events, and reach non-Libertarian audiences. He then answered audience questions about his views on world trade, terrorism, and the environment among other issues.

On Feb. 18—after early morning radio interviews with stations in Florida, Wisconsin, and Missouri—Gary was able to address classes at the University of Houston. Thanks to organizing by Monica Granger, CLUH president, Gary was able to speak to an 150 student political science class, a 200 student economics class, and a 400 student U.S. Government class.

After campaigning in Florida for two days, Gary returned to Austin Saturday, Feb. 21 to introduce himself to those who had come out seeking the SLEC's selection as delegates to the National Convention.

For more information on Gary's campaign, to receive weekly updates, to download flyers or signs, or to purchase t-shirts, bumperstickers and the like, to volunteer, to donate or just contact them at www.GaryNolan.com.

Also seeking the LP nomination for President are Michael Badnarik of Austin (www.Badnarik.com) and Aaron Russo of California (www.russoforpresident.com).

The LP candidate for President and Vice President will be decided at the National Convention held in Atlanta May 27—31, 2004.



Stacey Bourland, Holly Furgason, Lamar Mathews, Monica Granger, Laura Coker-Garcia and Glenda Redworth at the Gary Nolan event in Houston.



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In the Mail

We have potentially as many as 10 Libertarian Party activists from out of state coming to Texas to work as full-time paid petition circulators.

I am looking for volunteers willing to offer these people lodging. I am told that all of them have good reputations as house guests. You will not need to feed them.

If you can give a petitioner a home, please let me know. 832-453-6467 cell; 281-997-8141 home; agarcia@starbaseunix.org. Thanks.

Anthony Garcia

Just wanted to let everyone know that I am a candidate for a local school board seat here south of Dallas.

My website www.joeydauben.com has a lot of information, still in the construction process, but just in case you guys wanted a bona-fide and winnable race ...then here's your chance to see one. I lost by 19 votes in a four-way race last year, so I'm going to "re-claim" my seat this time around.

I can help with other campaigns as well, if anyone wants. Hope to hear from some of you soon!

Joey Dauben

According to the Green Party of Texas website, they will petition for ballot access this year. This means we have to compete with them and, quite likely, with Ralph Nader's independent campaign- for signatures and paid petitioners.

It looks like the Greens will have only a handful of candidates, but so far the information I'm getting is incomplete. Leaving out the Presidential

bunch, here's what I've found so far. Railroad Comm. - Charles Mauch U.S. Representative Dist. 2 - Hal J. Ridley, Jr. 8 - (2002 Green Senate candidate Jim Wright is running as a Democrat.) 22 - Jean E. Zajicek. State Reps. 130 - Art Browning; 134 - Dennis Carter; and 144 - Joel West.

(If this list appears to be dominated by Harris County, that would be because the state party website doesn't list candidates, and most of the other Green Party county websites no longer function or have resolutions calling for the party to give way to the Democrats in order to prevent a Bush re-election.)

Kris Overstreet

I am asking for help to fight the anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment. Whether or not you personally think gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry, this amendment should be a serious concern for all of us. The consequences would be much more serious than not having the right to legally marry.

Marriage has always been defined by the states. Constitutional amendments are almost always put in place to protect individual rights. This amendment would for the first time prohibit individual rights for a whole class of people. Not only the right to marry, but most likely the right of companies, cities or states to extend domestic partnership benefits to gays and lesbians and would take away these benefits already passed.

Please consider getting involved and also bringing your fair-minded friends into the fight.

Glenda Redworth

On the next page is a copy of the Harris County LP rules. Any delegate who wants to propose changes may do so from the convention floor. However, please bring a written copy of your proposed change to the Convention for the secretary.

Laura Coker-Garcia

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Rules of the Harris County Libertarian Party

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE AND NAME

As a chartered county affiliate of the Libertarian Party of Texas (LPT), we the members of the Harris County Libertarian Party (HCLP) support the Statement of Principles of the LPT.

ARTICLE II: AFFILIATION

Any person registered to vote in Harris County may affiliate with the HCLP by signing an affidavit under oath that he or she has not participated, nor intends to participate, in the primaries, conventions, or official meetings of any other political party during that election year, as defined by the State Election Code. Such oath shall be administered, and such affidavit taken by the person's Precinct Chair, the HCLP Chair or Secretary, or any HCLP official appointed to take such oaths by the HCLP Chair. The official administering the oath and taking the affidavit shall thereupon issue to the voter a certificate of affiliation as provided in Article 13.01a(5) of the Texas Election Code. The certificate issued to the voter shall serve as evidence that said voter is affiliated with the HCLP. HCLP shall charge no dues however, the HCLP may charge for subscriptions to HCLP newsletters.

ARTICLE III: ELECTED OFFICERS AND ELECTION MEETINGS

A. Positions: The elected officers of the HCLP shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

A. Duties:

1. Chair: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the HCLP and shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of chair, and shall perform other such duties as are assigned by the LPT State Executive Committee.

2. Vice-Chair shall act as the assistant to the Chair and shall perform the duties of the Chair in his or her absence, and shall also perform other such duties as are assigned by the LPT

State Executive Committee

3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep an accurate and complete record of the proceedings of all official meetings of the HCLP, and shall keep these records up to date and in order in the master file containing the official minutes of the HCLP. The Secretary shall also keep a record of HCLP affiliates and dates of their affiliation.

4. Treasurer: The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designated agent, shall receive and give receipts for all monies paid to the HCLP, and shall deposit same in such bank(s) as shall have been designated by the HCLP. The Treasurer shall make all needed reports to the Texas Ethics Commission.

C. Nominations: Nomination of all officers elected by the HCLP shall be from the floor. No nominating committees are permitted.

D. Elections: The elections for county officials, terms of office, and voter eligibility are set by the Texas Election Code.

ARTICLE IV: APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Chair, with a simple majority of the CEC members and the Immediate Past Chair, may appoint, title, or remove other members of the HCLP to provide leadership or assistance in accomplishing the objective of the HCLP.

ARTICLE V: COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC)

A. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chair shall serve on the County Executive Committee of the HCLP. In addition, any organized group of five(5) or more affiliates may appoint a representative to the CEC.

1. Such groups must submit in writing a petition signed by three (3) or more affiliates listing the name of the organization and the name of the

person elected to represent them. Affiliates may not sign more than one such petition.

2. Such groups will retain the right to recall their representative.

3. The Precinct Chair will represent any precinct with five (5) or more affiliated members.

B. All CEC members shall have one vote in Committee, except that the Chair shall vote only to resolve a tie. A telephone or mail vote is allowed if all the members of the CEC agree; otherwise, a dissenting member may call for a meeting of the CEC or an HCLP Affiliate Business Meeting.

C. The CEC may, at the direction of the HCLP affiliates, perform any duty or assume any period of time within the administration of a given CEC, all such authorization to expire upon the installation of a newly elected CEC.

D. All meetings of the CEC shall be open to the public.

ARTICLE VI: AFFILIATE BUSINESS MEETING (ABM)

A. The Chair, two members of the CEC, or a petition by ten (10) HCLP affiliates of record can require the Chair or Secretary to call an HCLP Affiliates Meeting.

B. Purpose: The ABM shall be called to solicit a consensus of the HCLP with respect to important issues, or to provide a mechanism by which the HCLP can give more explicit direction to the policies and specific actions of the CEC.

C. Notice: Written notice of the time and location of an ABM is required to be postmarked and mailed to the HCLP affiliates of record at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

D. Voting Eligibility: Affiliates eligible to vote on motions before an ABM shall be affiliates of record with the HCLP Chair or HCLP Secretary as of seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

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ARTICLE VII: VOTING PROCEDURES

A. Quorum: At all meetings a quorum consisting of at least ten (10) qualified voting affiliates of record of the HCLP in good standing shall be required to conduct official business.

B. Voting: At all HCLP meetings, a motion shall be passed on the affirmative vote of a simple majority of those present and qualified to vote. Secret ballots are required if requested by anyone and NOTA (None of the Above) is always an option.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

A. Proposed amendment to these Rules, if approved by the CEC shall be entered on the agenda of the next meeting of the HCLP, and the Secretary shall mail the text of such approved amendments not less than seven

(7) days prior to that meeting to the affiliates of record of the HCLP. Publication of the approved amendment and notice of the meeting in the regular HCLP newsletter shall satisfy this mailing requirement.

B. Any member may propose any amendment to these Rules at any official HCLP meeting if such amendment is presented in writing the Secretary of that meeting, and if consideration of such amendment is requested by five (5) members or by ten (10) percent of the members, whichever shall be less.

C. In any of the above amendment procedures, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members voting shall be necessary for adoption.

ARTICLE IX: VACANCY AND SUCCESSION

A. In the event of the temporary inability of the Chair to perform the Chair's duties, said duties shall devolve upon the Vice Chair.

B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair, as defined in ARTICLE IX:A, shall serve as Chair until the next regular election of officers. In the event of vacancy of any other elected officer, the CEC may select any HCLP affiliate of record to fill such vacancy until the next regular election of HCLP officers.

ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall be the only Parliamentary Authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered in these Rules.

Precinct Conventions Tuesday, March 9

Precinct Conventions for HCLP will begin **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2004**. Please try to be on time as precincts may take care of their business relatively quickly. If you must be late contact the temporary convention chair in advance. He or she may be willing to start late or wait for you to arrive.

Any registered voter may participate. Bring your voter's registration card with you. At the convention you will be asked to sign what is called an "Oath of affiliation of Political party." This is a statement required by the State Election Code where you promise that you did not vote in another party's primary or convention and that you are not an official of another party. A roster of everyone participating is also kept that must be given to the County and State Chairs.

Every precinct convention participant means one less signature that will have to be collected later for ballot access.

Business at the Precinct Convention includes electing a Precinct Chair. Precincts may also pass resolutions. By Party Rule all participants are delegates to the County Convention.

If you have any questions about where to go for your precinct convention please contact Laura at Libertyworks.org or 281-997-8141. After 5 p.m. call 832-453-6467.

Precincts in State Representative Districts 126, 139, 140, 141, 148, and 150 will meet at the residence at 910 Omar Street, Houston. Temporary Convention Chair is Brent Sullivan. Contact him at tnbnulli@wt.net or 281-861-1802.

Precincts in State Representative Districts 127, 142, and 143 will meet at the residence at 803 Dondell, Channelview. Temporary Convention Chair is Bob Townsend. Contact him at 713-503-1979.

Precincts in State Representative Districts 128, 144, and 145 will meet at Top China Buffet, 3630

Spencer Highway, Pasadena. Temporary Convention Chair is Laura Coker-Garcia. Contact her at Laura@Libertyworks.org or 281-997-8141.

Precincts in State Representative District 129 will meet at Sweet Mesquite Restaurant, 2412 Bay Area Blvd. Look for the table with the Liberty Bell. Temporary Convention Chair is Bill McNicoll. Contact him at wjmcnicoll@earthlink.net or 281-480-8504.

Precincts in State Representative District 130, 132, 135, and 138 will meet at the residence at 1111 Chamboard, Houston. Temporary Convention Chair is Kristin Thompson. Contact her at Kristin@alfheim.org or 713-680-1291.

Precincts in State Representative District 131 will meet at the IHOP Restaurant, 8607 Southwest Freeway (at 59 & Gessner). Temporary Convention Chair is Jeff Daiell. Contact him at jeffdaiell@yahoo.com or 713-777-1776.

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Here is my best donation: _____ \$15 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other
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Jeff Daiell Brings Liberty to Jr. College

HCLP Vice Chair Jeff Daiell will again be speaking to classes at Wharton Junior College.

On March 1 he will address two classes at the Sugarland campus on the topic of Constitutional restraints on government. He will deliver the same speech to two additional classes March 4 at the Richmond campus.

Finally, on March 16 he will be back in Sugarland before two different classes talking about respecting the rights of individuals and how Libertarianism differs from other ideologies.

Have a speaking engagement for Jeff? Let him know of any opportunity-jeffdaeill@yahoo.com.

Precincts in State Representative District 133, 136, 137 and 149 will meet at the residence at 9614 Oregon Circle, Houston. Temporary Convention Chair is John Kormylo. Contact him at elfsoft@mindspring.com or 713-271-1776.

Precincts in State Representative District 134 will meet at residence at 12415 Woodthorpe Lane, Houston. Temporary Convention Chair is David Hutzelman. Contact him at David@Hutzelman.com or 713-464-6603.

Precincts in State Representative District 146 will meet at the residence at 4122 Sarong Drive, Houston. Temporary Convention Chair is Glenda Redworth. Contact her at gredworth@aol.com or 713-666-8256.

Precincts in State Representative District 147 will meet at the residence at 7758 Hereford Street, Houston. Temporary Convention Chair is Marie Angell. Contact her at mangell@ev1.net or 713-643-3413

All Precinct Conventions for precincts in Brazoria County will begin at 7 p.m. and will meet together at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, 119 West Highway 332 (Hwy 288 to Oyster Creek Drive exit), Lake Jackson Contact George Harper at Gharper@sat.net or 979-964-3693.

All Precinct Conventions for precincts in Fort Bend County will begin at 7 p.m. and will meet together at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, 119 West Highway 332, Lake Jackson. Contact George Harper at Gharper@sat.net or 979-964-3693.

All Precinct Conventions for precincts in Galveston County will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will meet together at the residence at 392 Ling, Bayou Vista. Contact Edgar Buchanan at edgar.buchanan1@jsc.nasa.gov. or 281-244-9847.

All Precinct Conventions for precincts in Jefferson County will begin at 7 p.m. and will meet together at the LogonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave.,

Beaumont. Contact Alan Lee at 409-839-8795 or Dean Tucker at revdeantucker@aol.com.

All Precinct Conventions for precincts in Montgomery County will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the South County Community Center, 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands. Contact Ross Stevenson at 832-934-0669 or Gary King at gp.king@g-ssg.com.

All Precinct Conventions for precincts in Orange County will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the LogonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave., Beaumont. Contact Alan Lee at 409-839-8795.

County Conventions will be held Saturday, March 13. For all counties except Harris the location will be the same as for the Precinct Conventions. Attend Precinct Conventions for times and details.

The Harris County Convention will be held at 1 p.m. at the offices of Phonoscope, 6105 Westline Drive, Houston. Check our website at www.lptexas.org/harris for directions.

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Libertarian Activities March 2004

March 9 (Tues.) Precinct Conventions—See page 4 for time and locations.

March 10 (Wed.) Ballot Access Petitioning Begins. Petitions forms and instructions can be found at <http://C11PM-MOD-LPTX2004.pdf>. Completed forms for the Houston Metro area can be mailed to HCLP at P.O. Box 27932, Houston, TX 77227, or you can bring them to any scheduled LP event to turn in.

March 13 (Sat.) County Conventions.

Brazoria County: 7 p.m. Ryan's in Lake Jackson.

Ft. Bend County: 7 p.m. Ryan's in Lake Jackson.

Galveston County: 7:30 p.m. Edgar Buchanan's house in Bayou Vista.

Harris County: 1 p.m. Phonoscope in Houston.

Jefferson County: 7 p.m. LogonC@fe in Beaumont.

Montgomery County: South County Community Center in The Woodlands.

Orange County: 7 p.m. LogonC@afe in Beaumont.

March 18 (Thurs.) 7 p.m. San Jacinto Supper Club at Top China Buffet. Contact Bob Lockhart Boblock@flash.net or 713-475-0092.

March 20 (Sat.) District Conventions:

U.S. Rep. Dist. 2—Convention will be held in Beaumont. Contact Alan Lee at 409-839-8795 for time and location.

U.S. Rep. Dist. 8—Convention will be held in Conroe. Contact Paul Hansen at 281-389-4594 for time and location.

SBOE 7, U.S. Rep. 9, U.S. Rep. 22—Conventions will be held 7 p.m. at Sagemeadow M.U.D. Building, 10755 Hall Road, Houston. Contact Laura Coker-Garcia--Laura@Libertyworks.org or 281-997-8141.

U.S. Rep. Dist. 10—Convention will be held in Austin. Contact Pat Dixon for time and location at tblpatjdixon@earthlink.net or 512-771-3936.

March 27-28 (Sat.-Sun.) 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Petitioning at Bayou City Art Festival, Memorial Park. Outside Gate 1 on Memorial Drive. Contact Laura@Libertyworks.org to volunteer.

April 1-3 (Thur.-Sat.) 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Petitioning at UH Frontier Festival, 4800 Calhoun, UH campus, Houston. Contact Laura@Libertyworks.org to volunteer.

April 3-4 (Sat.-Sun.) 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Petitioning at BP Children's Festival, 500 Walker, Downtown. Outside gates. Contact Laura@Libertyworks.org.

May 1-2 (Sat.-Sun.) Petitioning at Westheimer Street Festival. Booth. Contact Laura@Libertyworks.org.

June 11-13 (Fri.-Sun.) State Convention at the College Station Hilton. Nominate candidates for statewide offices, elect State Chair, officers, and District Representatives. Make changes to rules or platform. Speakers and workshops also offered. More information and a registration form is online at www.lptexas.org. Full package is \$100 if you register before June 1. Contact Chris Jagge at c_jagge@msn.com or 979-695-9646.