



Gulf Coast Liberty

Defending liberty in southeast Texas in the Spirit of San Jacinto

June 2004

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By Jeff Daiell

The LP of Texas, on May 24th, turned in the signatures of 80,107 Texans on petitions seeking placement on the November ballot. This means only 56.85% of the sample the Secretary of State will use will need to be valid. If the petitions are accepted, 2004 will be the 12th General Election at which the LPT has appeared on the ballot.

However, our job isn't over -- we still need to make sure that at least one of our Statewide nominees draws 5% or more of the votes so that we will retain ballot status for 2006.

**HCLPERS HELP
LPT REACH FIGURE**
BY LAURA COKER-GARCIA
HCLP Volunteer
Petitioner Coordinator

HCLPers at the following events helped put the LPT over the 80K mark on petition signatures.

* Pasadena Strawberry Festival May 14/15/16. Volunteers: Jeff Daiell, Laura Coker-Garcia, Judy Baker, Drew Parks, Anthony Garcia, Bill McNicoll, William Blumentritt, Eric Blumentritt. Booth cost donated by Bob Lockhart. 39 people took the OPH quiz, 12 scored Libertarian quad. (most were centrist at this event) 6

people requested more information or to be put on our mailing list. More than 125 signatures collected for ballot access.

* Houston Zoo. May 15-16 and most other weekends Guy McLendon had a booth at the Houston Zoo.

* Booth at the Westheimer Street Festival sponsored by HCLP: first day rained out, but good crowds on Sunday. Many took the quiz and signed petitions. Volunteers include Guy McLendon, Stacey Bourland, and Thomas Morrison.

Candidates: Important Screening Nears!

In 1979, I won the endorsement of what was then called the Houston Gay Political Caucus. The result: I carried one of the precincts they targeted, did several times as well in the others as citywide (31% compared to 7.5%). Several years ago, one of our nominees for a Statewide *partisan* judgeship was endorsed by what is now the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and her Harris County percentages far surpassed those in other counties.

LPT STATE CONVENTION JUNE 11TH-13TH!

The 2004 LPT State Convention has been carefully designed to combine two superlative attributes: being interesting, and being affordable!

While the business sessions are, of course, free of charge, the complete meal-workshop-and-speaker program can be yours for only \$125. Other packages range from \$40 to \$90; tickets to individual events range from \$15 to \$40.

Speakers include 2nd Amendment defender Kathryn Graham; LPUS Chair Geoff Neale; Federal Representative (and 1988 LP presidential nominee) Ron Paul, M.D.; and several others.

The Convention will nominate candidates for Statewide office, and elect new LPT officers. Other possible items are consideration of changes in the Platform and in the By-Laws.

For details, or to make suggestions, contact Chris Jagge at either (979) 695-9646 or c_jagge@msn.com.

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So, candidates: if you would like to seek this very helpful endorsement, contact, *no later than June 19th*, HGLPC President **K e n J o n e s** at kennethnjones@earthlink.net (please cc to me at JeffDaiell@Yahoo.com; I will follow up with him to make sure all emails were received). Include the following! Name; office sought, including district where applicable; email address. You might include phone number and snailmail address in case of email travails.

The screenings will be the week of July 14th, and can be by phone if necessary.

Grassroots Committee

by Thomas Morrison
HCLP Vice-Chair

Imagine if all we had to do to collect the amount of signatures necessary for ballot access in Texas was to sign up registered Harris County Libertarian Party members. Feels good doesn't it?

Many individuals have spent their time and money trying to put the Libertarian Party on the Texas Ballot in November. We owe them a huge amount of appreciation and respect. The best way to show this

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Join the HLCP Pride Parade Contingent, June 26!

On Saturday, June 26th, the HCLP will reach out to an important constituency that has consistently proven more libertarian-friendly than most, the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered community, by once again participating in the Pride Parade.

Every time we've had an entry in this parade, our presence has generated considerable positive reaction - in fact, in 2002, Guy McClendon even got a brief radio appearance out of it!

I've got two professionally-made signs from previous parades, both saying: "Equal Rights Now - Vote Libertarian". Other pro-Libertarian signs in good taste are, of course, welcome! If you'd like to participate -- and the more numerous our contingent, the more credible the idea of voting Libertarian becomes to this important segment of the electorate -- please email me at JeffDaiell@Yahoo.com or call me at (713) 777-1776 (regardless of time of day).

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appreciation is to create a grassroots mechanism for building Libertarian membership.

What is a Libertarian? The answer to this question is critical to building a major Party and recruiting new members. Do you have an answer? If so, you are invited to join the Harris County Libertarian Grassroots Committee.

The first step is to email Thomas Morrison at tcmafft25@wt.net with your answer to the above question and ideas you think will help us find a new generation of Libertarians. Feel free to pontificate or dare to dream about Major Party status.

Those that contact me will then be invited to help, through emails only, to develop a set of goals and a plan to achieve these goals. This project should not take over your life, but be a means to becoming an active member of the Harris County Libertarian Party.

HCLP Petition Drive Review

by Laura Coker-Garcia

Volunteers turned in to HCLP Volunteer Petitioner Coordinator Laura Coker-Garcia

We'll Miss Bill Williford

May 18th was a sad day for Liberty and the LP. Dr. Bill Williford died that day. Bill was a longtime HCLP supporter. He was also intelligent, a good writer, always good to speak with, and had a good sense of humor.

Our condolences go out to his equally-charming widow, Virginia, and his son.

1,656 signatures as of Wed. May 19.

The top four petitioners in our area were-- Stacey Bourland 458, Drew Parks 195, Guy McLendon 316, Bill McNicoll 139.

All but Guy are running for office in 2004. Stacey and Drew US Congress, Bill SBOE District 7. Guy ran in 2002 for the 25th district.

Other volunteers turning in signatures were Charles Fuller, J.P. Friedman (Brazoria), Bill Abbott (UH), Judy Baker, Monica Granger (UH), John Kormylo, Bob Townsend, Kristin Thompson, Cliff Messina, Robert Howard, Robert Mayer (Brazoria), Chad Calkins (Montgomery), Tom Clark, Laura Coker-Garcia,

Anthony Garcia, Jeff Daiell, Al Montestruc, Edgar Buchanan (Galveston), Eric Blumentritt, Lamar Mathews.

Following people helped with signature validation--- Laura Coker-Garcia, Judy Baker, Marie Angell, Jeff Daiell, Thomas Morrison, Monica Granger, Tom Irick (student volunteer for credit from UH).

Following people helped by hosting petitioners in their homes-- Stacey Bourland, Laura & Anthony Garcia, Eric Dondero Rittberg, Bob Smither.

Notes: Eric Rittberg, former Ron Paul staffer, of Republican Liberty Caucus, worked as a paid petitioner, but donated money to our drive and hosted several petitioners at his home. Feels strongly that we need to be on the ballot. Founded Republicans for Gary Nolan. Also, working paid for us were Steve Nolin and Dean Becker of Houston NORML and hosts of Cultural Baggage on KPFT.

All of our paid people had access to LP literature (when possible) and were able to give out a lot of one page flyers and LP brochures etc.

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Libertarian Activities for June 2004

June 6 (Sun.) 11 a.m. Harris County LP business meeting at 9614 Oregano Circle (off Corporate Drive near Beechnut) Open to all. Call John Kormylo at 713-271-1776 for information.

June 11-13 (Fri-Sun.) LPT State Convention. See page 1 for details. Note: No second Saturday HCLP lunch.

June 15 (Third Tues.) 7 p.m, Brazoria County Meeting at Golden Coral , Hwy 288 Business, Angleton. Contact George Harper at Gharper@sat.net or 979-964-3693.

June 15 (Third Tues.) 6:30 p.m. Jefferson County Meeting at the LogonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave, in Neaumont. Contact Dean Tucker at revdeantucker@aol.com

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

July 11 (Sun.) time TBA. Harris County LP business meeting at 9614 Oregano Circle. See June 6. Note - second Sunday this month.