



Gulf Coast Liberty

Defending liberty in southeast Texas in the Spirit of San Jacinto

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BADNARIK-CAMPAGNA TO HQ IN AUSTIN DIXON NEW CHAIR; DIRECTOR OK'D THREE IMPORTANT NOMINEES PICKED

Compiled from reports by Laura Coker-Garcia and Jeff Daiell

The 2004 LPT Convention is now on the books. I don't have the figures on how it did financially, but in every other way it seems to have been a success.

The Convention's business began with election of Convention officers. Then the three Statewide nominations were determined. These are ultra-important, as they will determine whether we retain ballot status for 2006. Luckily, two of our nominees have only one opponent each.

New LPT officers were selected. The Chair is now Pat Dixon of Travis County; Nancy Neale of the same county is vice-chair.

Harris County's own Laura Coker-Garcia is the new secretary, with Houstonian Chris Williams taking the treasurer's position.

The By-Laws were amended to facilitate county organization and activity. The convention approved many of the proposals put forward by the Platform Committee including new planks on marriage, on restricting legislative special sessions, opposing electronic voting without a paper trail, and the rights of children and families.

Several other planks were reworded and shortened to make them more easily readable.

For our homeschooling friends---changes were made to the "education plank" (we support the privatization of education, the restoration of local control over schools, and the end of all government interference in this area) and where education was mentioned under economic liberty (to remove the sentence that implies that government schools "produce an inferior product") and the new Children's Rights plank mentions our opposition to compulsory education laws, curfews, and restrictions on transracial adoptions.

Serving on the SLEC from the Houston area are Anthony Garcia, Richard Phillips, Tom Morrison, Tom Maxton, Jeff Daiell, and Patricia Williams. There are no representatives to the SLEC from State Senate Districts 1, 4, 15 and 17. District 6 has one representative and may have a second. If anyone from these districts can committ to regularly attending meetings (at least 4 times a year and probably in Austin, Texas) and wants to know how to be appointed to the committee to fill a vacancy please contact Laura Coker-Garcia and

Over 100K Cheer HCLPers

On Saturday, June 26th, between 100,000 and 150,000 individuals cheered and applauded the Harris County LP's entry in the annual Pride Parade, an event begun years ago to assert the Rights of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/ Transgendered individuals.

Acting on a suggestion from a friendly contact in the Nader campaign, I urged Houston LPers to stress the fact that neither Bush nor Kerry favor complete equality of Rights for this community, but that Libertarians do.

And I am proud to state that Houston LPers came through splendidly.

Marie Angell and Will Blumentritt bought a banner reading, "Equal Marriage Rights - Vote Libertarian", which was selected as the lead portion of the entry. There were also signs promoting some of our candidates, and also the general theme of the LP's support for equal Rights.

Then came the van. Guy McLendon's vehicle sported Badnarik banners, generic LP banners, **and** signs painted by Monica Granger and attached to a sturdy holder by Guy and by Stacey Bourland, the two of

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she will assist you.

The new SLEC approved contracting with Wes Benedict to be Executive Director. Wes will be paid a base of some \$1600 per month, plus 20% of all LPT revenues.

So please contribute all you can, as he isn't coming cheap (and with his resume, we shouldn't ask him to!). A committee headed by Chris Jagge of Brazos County will investigate sites for the 2005 conference, with the choice resting with the SLEC. Let us know if you wish to participate.

Also, a revenue sharing plan was passed that makes the state party share a percentage of money donated by county members with the county party. (This is a renewed version of the Unified Membership Program's county revenue sharing program.)

In other news from the convention, it was noted that Texas' own Mike Badnarik, our presidential nominee, has two experienced and successful campaign managers. Barbara Goushaw and Fred Collins have helped several LPers win local office in Michigan. In fact, they've won enough elections that even candidates from one of the larger parties are asking for their help.

Mike's national headquarters will be in Austin.

Mike, for those who haven't yet heard the details, arrived at the Atlanta National Convention a decided underdog, predicted to finish a distant third. But a debate performance even supporters of his opponents described as sterling helped propel him into second place on the initial ballot. He retained that position on the next ballot, which eliminated Gary Nolan. Nolan urged backers to swing to Mike, which many of them did. That gave our fellow Texan a 54% third-ballot victory; Aaron Russo, who had finished first on the opening two ballots, is joining Nolan in urging LPers to help the Badnarik campaign bring the message of Liberty to the American people.

The next SLEC meeting will be in Austin, later in July.

We picked our choices for the Texas delegation to the Electoral College.

I Like Mike!

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GRASS ROOTS PLEDGE

Would anyone be willing to resurrect and maintain the Grass Roots Pledge? When it was up and running several years ago, it brought in a steady and healthy supply of contributions. With the admirable work Kristin Thompson has done in maintaining the mailing list, it's time to bring this valuable tool back to life.

Consider this: if the number of monthly contributors increased by just 2% of our mailing list, and those new folks averaged just \$25 each month, that would mean an additional \$7,800 each year.

That's money that could go to entry fees for parades, booth fees for gun shows and festivals, or targeted printing jobs -- all of which could in turn increase our membership and our vote totals.

So if you'd like to work on this - as leader or "grunt", please let me know! (713) 777-1776 or JeffDaiell@yahoo.com.

Liberty Club Report

by Tom Clark

You kindly requested a more precise report from the Liberty Club, so here it is. For the year 2003, Kroger rebated us \$134.73, Randall's \$115.87, and the Houston Chronicle \$10. The Harris County library accepted 4 new recently published books, 3 John Stossel videotapes, and a subscription to Ideas on Liberty monthly magazine. Rice University accepted 12 books. We buy the books and tapes from Laissez-Faire books. This year we are doing even better both with donations and books accepted. Four new books have already been accepted and six are on order.

P.S. my phone is not exactly ringing off the hook but please note my new phone number for Gulf Coast Liberty: 713-722-9032. Thanks.

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whom also wrestled the display into a secure anchor atop the van. The signs read:

Same-Sex Marriage?

Bush: No

Kerry: No

Badnarik: Yes.

Many in the audience were surprised to learn that Kerry opposes allowing GLBT individuals first-class citizenship Rights on this issue, insisting instead that they be relegated to the second-class citizenship status of "civil union".

I'd sprung a few years back for two of the signs used, and this year added a third for myself: "Proud Libertarian Father Of A Proud Libertarian Lesbian".

My thanks to all the individuals who participated, either in providing materials, providing labor, or in marching.

It's good to be cheered by tens of thousands!

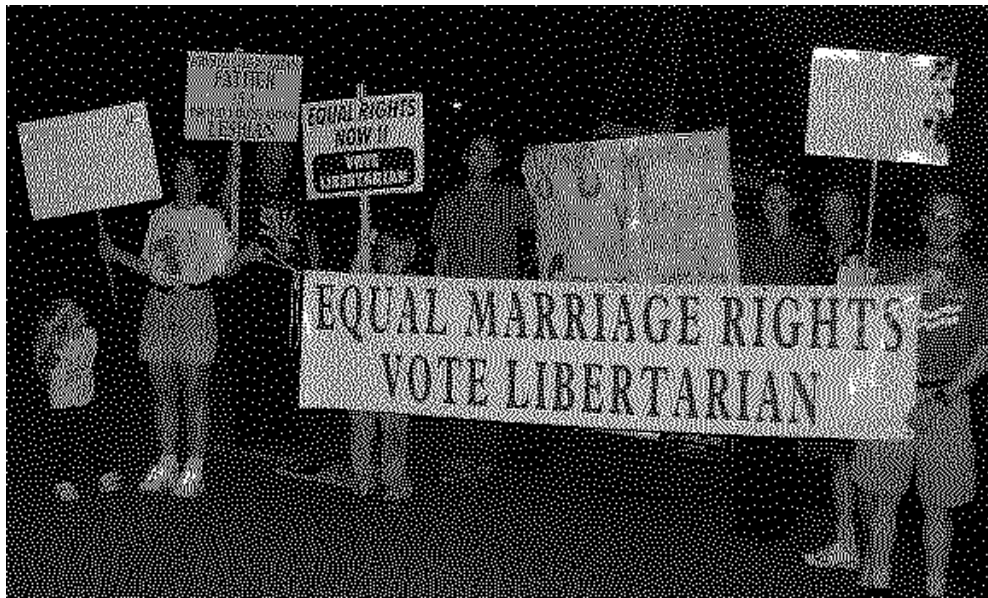
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Libertarian Activities for July 2004

July 11 (Sun.) time TBA. Harris County LP business meeting at 9614 Oregon Circle (off Corporate Drive near Beechnut) Open to all. Call John Kormylo at 713-271-1776 for information.

July 13 (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.

July 13 (Third Tues.) 6:30 p.m. Jefferson County Meeting at the LogonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave, in Beaumont. Contact Dean Tucker at revdeantucker@aol.com

July 15 (Third Thurs.) 7 p.m. San Jacinto Supper Club at Golden Corral at 4021 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Contact Bob Lockhart 713-475-0092

August 1 (Sun.) time TBA. Harris County LP business meeting at 9614 Oregon Circle. See July 11.

November 2 (Tue.) Election Day. Garcia for Railroad Commissioner!

May 2005 - Many municipal elections. Be a candidate! "The best way to win a partisan race is to first win a non-partisan office."