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Candidate Needs Help At Heights Festival

by Brent Sullivan

LP Nominee, U. S House (CD18)

The Heights Festival is Oct 3, from 12-6. It includes booths and a parade. 3 folks have volunteered to assist in a booth representing the LP and my campaign. Other volunteers welcome. Other candidates with a constituency in the Heights also welcome if you'll share the costs. I'd like to do OPH at this event.

Jeff To Represent HCLP at UH Event

Jeff Daiell will represent the HCLP at "Social Action 2004: The Need for Change". The event will take place in The World Affairs Lounge at UH 7:00 P.M. on October 5, 2004.

There will be a panel discussion on topics including: Terrorism, War in Iraq, Economic Development, and Campaign Reform. If you'd like to attend, or to accompany and assist Jeff, call him at (713) 777-1776.

CAMPAIGN 2006

Tony Frapps, who ran a good campaign for JP in Harris County a few years back, is planning a run for that office in Galveston County in 2006. If anyone down there would like to help, contact Jeff Daiell at (713) 777-1776 or, better, JeffDaiell@yahoo.com.

HANSEN CAMPAIGN CONTINUES WITH CANDIDATE IN IRAQ

Hello! My name is Jennifer Hansen. On Thursday, October 7th at 1 PM at Rainbow's End activity center (off Highway 146 and Care Center Drive there is a political forum where LP nominee Paul Hansen (CD 8) has been requested to speak.

I have written a speech in his absence (he is in Iraq with 23rd Marines) and wish for libertarian support. I want to get handouts, flyers, and any other LP materials that anyone can provide. If you can attend for even moral support please help me! Thanks Jennifer

Editor's note: if you cannot attend, but have some materials you'd like to provide, please call Jeff Daiell at (713) 777-1776 to arrange pick-up.

LEE DODGING DRAFT DEBATE?

A few weeks ago, in front of some 200 people (including a reporter from the Houston Chronicle), U. S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (CD 18), who is co-sponsoring a bill to resume conscription (this time for both sexes and for civilian as well as military service), promised to debate her Libertarian opponent, Brent Sullivan, on this issue.

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LPTers GARNERING ENDORSEMENTS

Six LPT US House candidates received an endorsement from Congress for Peace, an antiwar group.

They were:

Kevin Anderson	CD 4
Jeffrey Blunt	CD 11
Stacey Bourlan	CD 9
Christopher J. Claytor	CD 27
Clyde Garland	CD 17
Stephen Schrader	CD 6

In a development with potentially greater proportional impact, JP Nominee Richard Phillips (Pct. 5 Place 1) received the endorsement of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. The group is known for its ability to produce a bloc-vote for endorsed candidates.

GOAL/PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS MET

by Laura Coker-Garcia

At the planning and goals meeting there was discussion of teams that needed to be developed so that we could function more successfully.

Here are the teams that I see needed. Ideally, these teams should exist at the precinct level, or next at the State House or Senate District level, but for now

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I think we'd be achieving a lot to get them functional at the county level; then if we can achieve the growth start breaking them down into lower levels.

What I think would work best is if each team met individually; then the leader of the team would attend the Executive Committee meeting with its report. I think we could use our current bylaws to consider any team with 3 members a group with the right to put one voting designee on the committee, which would be an incentive for the team to have something to report and for the leader to attend. Then the leader could make motions etc. to help effect the team's goals.

1. Finance Team: Goal to raise funds for Party projects. Charged with drafting and sending fundraising letters, coming up with fundraising events and incentives, soliciting paying ads for our website or newsletter, courting big-donors, setting up a monthly pledge program, setting up Pay Pal or another electronic donation system on our website, setting up a credit card donation capability, etc.

2. Outreach Team: Goal to increase party identification, membership, affiliation, or activism. Charged with finding events for OPH booths, organizing staffing of booths,

organizing participation in parades, ordering and maintaining OPH kits and LP information brochures, building ties to like-minded groups and organizing co-sponsored events such as rallies or demonstrations on issues, creating a speaker's bureau with suggested topics and volunteers willing to talk on those topics to civic groups, schools, etc.

3. Media Team: Goal to increase party recognition in the media. Charged with creating and maintaining a media contact list, drafting and sending media releases, have volunteers to be the LP contact for the media on issues, create and maintain lists for sending letters-to-the-editor and updated suggested topics for volunteers, notify volunteers of polls or reader-response opportunities, notify calendar editors of LP events, create paid advertising campaigns.

4. Candidate Support Team: Goal to increase the number and effectiveness of LP candidates. Charged with locating information on offices up for election, timelines, filing information, reporting requirements, finding and publicizing training opportunities for candidates, compiling lists of suppliers for campaign materials and advice, organizing a match-up service between campaign volunteers (website designers, block walkers, managers, high

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school students looking for credit) and campaigns. Maintaining accurate data on our candidates' contact information and seeing that it is available to the public and media.

5. Retention Team: Goal to turn inquiries into activists and retain activists in the Party. Charged with following up with inquiries from local outreach or National, organizing monthly or quarterly new-member meetings (Advocates-style LP 101 classes), planning activities to attract potential members and to create a social network for existing members, creating a newsletter or other internal party communications.

6. Internet Team: Goal to effectively use the internet to promote and organize the Party. Charged with maintaining an updated, useful website for education and organization, charged with maintaining a member and activist database.

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Since then, she has apparently changed her mind, and her staff has been stonewalling Brent on the matter. To express your wish for such a debate, please send a letter to the editor of The Houston Chronicle *and* your neighborhood paper. You might also call one or all of the following numbers to express dismay that Rep. Lee has not followed through on her promise.

Her downtown office: 713-655-0050. Her Washington DC office: 202-225-3806. Her Chief of Staff, Leon Buck: 202-225-3816. Her campaign manager, Gerald Womack: 713-523-7402.

To contribute to Brent's campaign, the address is Sullivan For Congress, 910 Omar Houston, Texas 77009. Brent will use any contributions for yard signs and/or bumper stickers.

LOCAL DEBATE INCLUDES LP

On September 8th, the student government of the Art Institute of Houston, with assistance from the League of Women Voters, sponsored a debate to which the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Green parties were invited.

The Republicans did not attend, but the other parties were represented. Your Chair overcame his natural shyness for the sake of advancing the cause.

After opening remarks came questions. Iraq was the subject of more questions than any other, followed by the economy. No one asked about civil liberties, although I put in a call for repeal of the falsely-named Patriot Act, and mentioned Rep. Lee's apparent change of heart on debating the draft (see article this issue).

RevCap Backers tout LP Support

The Harris County Libertarian Party has endorsed Prop. 2 on this November's ballot. The measure limits increases in

the City of Houston's tax revenues.

The organization sponsoring the measure not only send out a news release boasting of our support, but also named HCLP chair Jeff Daiell to their steering committee.

BADNARIK VS. COBB ON C-SPAN

Michael Badnarik and Green nominee David Cobb recently debated in New York, and C-SPAN taped the event. They have aired it at least once since then.

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Libertarian Activities for Sept, 2004

Sept. 21 (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.

Sept. 21 (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

Sept.23 (Third Thurs.) 7 p.m. San Jacinto Supper Club at Golden Corral at 4021 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Contact Bob Lockhart 713-475-0092

Oct 3 (Sun) noon-6 Heights Festival Call Jeff for details on LP booth, money permitting (713) 777-1776.

Oct. 9 (Sat.)1 p.m. Second Saturday Libertarian Lunch Star Pizza in the Heights.

Oct. 9 (Sat.) SLEC Meeting 1 p.m. Austin.

Oct 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Westheimer Street Festival Call Jeff for details on LP booth, money permitting (713) 777-1776

Oct 19 Start of Early Voting (vote early, vote often)

Oct. 10 (Sun.) time TBA. Harris County Business Meeting at John Kormylo's house, 9614 Oregon Cir.

November 2 (Tues.) 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."

We Need Money! Some of the outreach activities shown above, as well as any possible TV presence, require funds we do not currently have. Please contribute as much as you can today!