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General Update on HCLP: New Face on HCLP ExecCom by Jeff Daiell

First, the HCLP has about \$1900 in the treasury. However, the HCLP website, <http://lptexas.org/harris/> now has a Paypal link. You are, of course, encouraged to make frequent donations via this link! Even small contributions will help.

Second, John Kormylo is now our Vice-Chair, and Richard Phillips, CPA is our Treasurer. This gives the HCLP a full ExecCom heading into the crucial 2006 elections. Since Richard lives much closer to the PO box, more timely processing of checks is expected.

Also, we are still trying to find a location for the combined social/speaker/business meetings.

Finally, if you are interested in running in next year's elections, please let me know immediately. LPT Executive Director Wes Benedict will be conducting a meeting here in a few weeks for potential candidates, and I need to start compiling the list of potential nominees.

Dozens Take WSPQ at Heights Fest by Brent Sullivan and Jeff Daiell

Brent Sullivan, White Marriott, and Jeff Daiell staffed a very busy booth at October 2nd's Heights Festival. In terms of increasing awareness of the Libertarian Party and creating a good image for the party, we were very successful, as several dozen individuals took the World's Smallest Political Quiz and plotted their position on the Nolan/Advocates Chart.

Many folks also took literature, and a few wrote down details for Jeff's presentations later this month at Wharton County Junior College.

HCLP Urges Rejection of Prop. 2 by Jeff Daiell

At its October meeting, the HCLP's Executive Committee voted to officially oppose Proposition 2, the Amendment to Texas' Constitution to ban same-sex marriages. A news release was issued slamming the proposed Amendment as "social collectivism". The committee took no official position on other proposals on the ballot, nor on any of the candidates running.

As an individual, I will be voting *Against* Propositions 1, 2, 3, and 9, and *For* 5, 7, and 8.

Also speaking (or writing) for myself, I will be voting for Jack Terence for Houston mayor (no libertarian, but definitely no friend of the Establishment); Mike Griffin for At-Large seat 1 (anti-zoning, and his main opponent supports Portland-style municipal regulation that callously shafts the poor and the working class); and Mark Lee in District C (he's moved away from the fiscal-responsibility platform of two years ago, but still seems the best in that race).

Getting a CLUH by Monica Granger

Thanks to the efforts of Brandy and Greg (2 new members), CLUH [College Libertarians at U-Houston] is an officially registered organization for another year! So, now that we have that title, what can we do?

Well... I'm glad you asked. We can now reserve space for meetings. Which brings me to my next question: When are you all available? Send me your schedule, and I'll see what I can do to accommodate as many people as possible. Also let me know things like: do you prefer morning, afternoon, or evening meetings? What is the likelihood that you would attend, say, a 9:00 a.m. meeting? a 7:00 p.m.

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Ron Paul says: "Be Encouraged" by Yvonne Kelly

Alvin, Texas, 8/27/05:
Addressing a packed house at the Alvin Knights of Columbus hall, Congressman Dr. Ron Paul (Texas CD 14), told more than 400 supporters to be encouraged: "We are making progress. Our numbers are growing. There are more people thinking our way than ever before."

Many local, State, and national libertarians turned out for the annual Ron Paul BBQ and Bash. A highlight of the congressional summer recess, this event draws libertarian activists who honor Dr. Paul for his unfailing and relentless defense of the Constitution, limited government, sound money, and individual rights and liberties.

The LP was well represented by Pat Dixon, Wes Benedict, Rock Howard, Geoff & Nancy Neale, Kevin Townsend, and Guy McLendon. Libertarian activists Yvonne Kelly, Drew Parks, Robert Mayer, along with RLC-Texas members Don Zimmerman, Michael Franks, and others attended as well.

Guy McLendon, who has worked to build a multi-party "liberty coalition" hosted leaders from the Green, Constitution, and Reform parties. Penny Langford,

Dr. Paul's District Political Director and chair of this outstanding event, recognized everyone.

Winning the prize for traveling the farthest to attend was Allen Hacker (from Mountain View, Cal.), Mike Badnarik's campaign manager for the Texas CD 10 race.

Lew Rockwell, publisher of the best read libertarian website on the net (according to alexa.com) attended and noted the strong presence of supporters from the LP and the other parties. Lew is the founder of the Ludwig Von Mises Institute www.mises.org and he publishes Ron's weekly columns in his daily "page" of the best libertarian commentary and analysis at www.lewrockwell.com. Dr. Paul's five minute message (which changes each Monday) can be heard toll free at 1-888-322-1414. Please visit www.ronpaulforcongress.com for updates and info on his re-

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meeting? Or if you have any suggestions on when to schedule so as to maximize attendance, pass it along.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

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HCLP Chair Returns to WCJC by Jeff Daiell

On Thursday, October 20th, I will be speaking on "Imperialism and the Welfare State: You Can't Have One Without the Other" to two of Prof. Jon Ellisun's Government classes at Wharton County Junior College (the Julie Rivers Drive campus).

Details are:

Room 405 for both classes. The first class begins at 7:05 PM; the second class meets directly afterwards at 8:25 PM.

Prof. Ellisun is one of two WCJC faculty members who have me address their classes each semester.

If you know someone who needs a speaker, an MC, a writer, or an editor (whether on politics or other subjects), feel free to have them contact me at (713) 777-1776.

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Hierarchy - from last issue

(You've heard the expression "trade is theft." By the standards of Noble Values trade is worse than theft, since thieves exert prowess over mere merchants.)

Hierarchies exhibit certain tendencies not included in the Jacob's list.

First, the prime directive of any hierarchical organization is to preserve the hierarchy. Going over your boss's head is ultimately unforgivable, even in extreme emergencies. While the official function of a hierarchy is to implement the vision of one man, every single member (above a certain level) has a vested interest in preserving the hierarchy itself.

While empire building was not listed among the Noble Values, it is certainly a Noble Vice. Since one's position in a hierarchy is determined by how many people are under you (rather than how few are above you), the easiest way to improve your position is to increase the size of your "empire."

I would argue that the trend toward corporate mergers has little to do with economics, but is simply an orgy of empire building. How else can one explain why so much effort and capital is tied up

in an activity which shows so little return?

Hierarchies reward attitude over ability. Ability is important, but attitude is essential. In today's relatively class free society, attitude is the essential separating factor between workers and management. I used to work in a research lab where the average worker had a Ph.D., and the managers were not the smart ones.

An unstated but uniform rule of hierarchies is that the rules don't apply to the people on top. More precisely, expecting virtuous or even ethical behavior from a superior is itself insubordinate. After all, hierarchies were first used to support a hereditary ruler (a good king is a contradiction in terms).

Another problem is that one typically tells one's superiors only what you think they want to hear, and one's subordinates what you think they need to know. Consequently, all hierarchies suffer from bad communications. Unless an organization develops lines of communication outside the chain of command, upper management will become completely out of touch with reality, and workers clueless as to where the company is headed.

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New blood on ExecCom

Libertarian Activities for Late 2005

Oct. 20 (Thurs.) HCLP Chair Jeff Daiell speaks to two consecutive Government classes at Wharton County Junior College. See inside for details.

Nov. 6 (Sun.) HCLP ExecCom meeting, at the home of Dr. John Kormylo. Contact JeffDaiell@yahoo.com for details.

Nov. 8 (Tues.) Election Day. Vote Against Prop. 2. Details inside.

December. Filing for 2006 partisan elections. Contact JeffDaiell@yahoo.com for details.

December 4 (Sun.) HCLP ExecCom meeting, at the home of Dr. John Kormylo. Contact JeffDaiell@yahoo.com for details.

December 10 (Sat.) State Libertarian Executive Committee Meeting, Dallas area.

December 15 (Thurs.) 214th Anniversary of ratification of Bill of Rights. Make sure it survives until its 215th - donate to the HCLP today!

Dec. 16 (Fri.) 238th Anniversary of Boston Tea Party.

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Similarly, if you have an idea, every single person in your chain of command must agree with it for it to be implemented. In a market, you only need a single investor to say yes.

Corporations are interesting in that they are hierarchical organizations which operate within the market. While they inevitably become dominated by

Noble Values, if they lose all touch with Common Virtues they will ultimately fail.

The health of the economy is at least partly determined by the relative balance of Noble Values and Common Virtues within the business community. When executives start reading books like *The Art of War* and *Leadership Secrets of Attila the Hun*, it is

simply a matter of time before they start lying on financial statements.

In a theoretical world where better products beat better marketing, one would expect businesses to seek the minimum size needed and shun empire building. Until then, we are mostly doomed to deal with hierarchies.