

What's New?

State Party Website Makeover

Updates have been made to many pages of the state party website at www.lptexas.org including adding current news links, listing press releases and correcting out of date contacts and information. Two new features are available—a history page and a web based discussion forum. A calendar is coming soon as well.

All this is made possible by the hard work of our new volunteer website maintainer Daniel Falconer. If you have suggestions contact him at daniel_falconer@sbcglobal.net.

Transportation Committee

The State Libertarian Executive Committee of Texas (SLECT) created a Transportation Committee to be chaired by Steve Ravet of Austin at the October meeting. Steve reports that toll road plans are in the works across Texas and that county organizations need to be "prepared to mount the offensive." The Transportation Committee will be able to assist. Steve can be reached at steve.ravet@arm.com.

Fort Bend County Organizes

Libertarians at an October organizing meeting in Fort Bend County selected Kevin Tunstall for Chair. Eric Esnard will be Treasurer and Ernie Ryan will serve as Secretary. They are on the web at www.fortbendlp.org.

Badnarik is Home in Texas

LP Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik returned to Texas October 30—visiting Houston, College Station, and Dallas before heading to Austin where he will spend Election Day.

"Since we are the only active presidential campaign in the state of Texas," Patrick Dixon, State Chair, said in a press release, "we want to extend the opportunity for Texans to meet the candidate everyone is talking about."

Michael's Houston stop garnered the campaign's first coverage by the Houston Chronicle. The article in Sunday's paper was 18 paragraphs long and included a head-shot of Michael and a six-column photo of the crowd including a Badnarik sign. It was headlined "Presidential bid a 'roller coaster' for Libertarian."

Between media interviews Michael visited the Pasadena Gun Show and attended a fundraising dinner at local organizer Guy McLendon's home.

Sunday Michael headed north stopping for lunch with Brazos County Libertarians. Television crews from Channel 3 and 40 came out to cover the event, which was attended by 25 supporters. Reporters spoke to Michael and Jeff Frazee, an A&M student organizer, and Ed Valenta, LP candidate for County Commissioner.



Mike with Collin County Chair Michele Shinghal -Lewisville event.

In the Dallas area Michael met with Libertarians in Lewisville for dinner. Wes Benedict reports support-



Mike's lunch stop in Houston gets Chron. Coverage.

ers there donated about \$2,000 toward airtime for television commercials.

On Monday Michael was expected to make a second swing through College Station to speak at Texas A&M University.



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The December issue will be online the first of the month.

Submissions of party news, meeting minutes, photographs, upcoming campaigns, suggested websites, letters to the editor, etc. is encouraged. Send to Laura@libertyworks.org to submit.

Thanks to Wes Benedict, David DeLamar, Bob Ruliffson, Yvonne Kelly and posters to the various lists for news items!

Around the State: Activist Update

LP Executive Director Wes Benedict was on the Chris Baker show October 20 on KPRC talk radio. Wes, who was scheduled for five minutes, was on the air 45 minutes. He reports five callers and that "everything from third parties, to drugs, to immigration, to Iraq, to high school football, to Jesus" was discussed.

Anthony Garcia, LP candidate for Railroad Commissioner was interviewed for an October 10 article in the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Court of Criminal Appeals candidates **Quanah Parker and Tom Oxford** were endorsed October 15 by the Austin Chronicle.

William McNicoll, LP candidate for State Board of Education District 7, participated in a Galveston County League of Women Voter's forum October 21.

Brent Sullivan, LP candidate for U.S. Representative District 18, was endorsed by the **National Taxpayer's Union**. Their October 25 press release said, "Brent Sullivan is obviously the only candidate in this contest who is dedicated to operating Washington's budget the way Texas families effectively manage their own budgets."

Chip Peterson, LP candidate for U.S. Representative District 19, was the topic of an October 17 Abilene Reporter News article titled "Libertarian may affect congressional races results." Chip also had an 1/2 hour interview on KRBC and his comments on issues have been included in articles on the race in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal.

Paul Hanson, LP candidate for U.S. Representative District 8, was the topic of an October 24 article in the Conroe Courier titled "Libertarian congressional candidate serving in Iraq." The article interviewed Paul's wife **Jennifer Hanson** who has been campaigning in his place. Paul's story was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in several other papers includ-

ing the Houston Chronicle. Jennifer is scheduled to make her final campaign appearance in a television interview to be aired Election Day on Huntsville's school station #7.

Tom Morrison, LP candidate for U.S. Representative District 22, was the subject of an article in the Galveston Daily News addressing rumors concerning his run against Democrat Richard Morrison. Tom also participated in a candidate forum with his opponents.

Rob Fritsche, LP candidate for U.S. Representative District 10 participated in a debate October 27, at the West Mall at the University of Texas in Austin.

Kevin Anderson, LP candidate for U.S. Representative District 4, appeared at a candidate forum in Bonham.

Clifford Messina, LP candidate for U.S. Representative District 29, was scheduled to do an interview for Spanish language Station 37 in Houston November 1.

Yvonne Kelly and a friend joined a "Run Against Bush" event October 23 in Houston. The activists participated in the athletic event wearing Badnarik bumperstickers on their backs.

Ron Baselice of Lago Vista had a letter in the Austin American Statesman in response to a column "A conservative confesses: I'm voting for Kerry." Ron pointed out that "there is a candidate, Michael Badnarik, the Libertarian, whose platform really embodies the ideas of conservatism."

Mike Ford of Austin had a letter also in the Statesman titled "not buying the rail plan."

Jeff Daiell had a letter in the three newspaper Examiner chain in Houston October 7. Jeff called for the incumbent in U.S. Representative District 18 to debate LP candidate Brent Sullivan. Jeff also had a question and answer interview published by Greater Houston Weekly, a chain of 32

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Please make checks payable to the Libertarian Party of Texas. Include this form with any donations and Mail to: PO Box 27932 , Houston, TX 77227.

Donations can also be accepted online via PayPal at the State Party website: www.lptexas.org/donations.

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. The Libertarian Party of Texas also submits finance reports to the Texas Ethics Commission.

weekly newspapers in the Houston metro-area.

Tom Clark, LP candidate for State Representative District 136, had a letter in the October 14 Houston Press asking readers to vote Libertarian.

Mark Sager had a letter in the Houston Chronicle October 18 promoting the Libertarian ticket.

Harris County activists (with help from White Marriott of Montgomery) gave 112 World's Smallest Political Quizzes over the two day Westheimer Street Festival October 16-17. Twenty-two individuals asked for more information or to be added to the local contact list.

Brazos County Libertarians held a campaign rally October 23 at their main early voter site. Activists, organized by Chair Christopher Jagge, held signs and handed out campaign literature to voters.

Polk County LP Chair **Kris Overstreet** gave out Badnarik brochures and OPH quizzes at OniCon in Houston an anime/sci-fi conference.

Lying to Voters is Fair!

The Fair Campaign Practices Committee of the Houston League of Women Voters ruled that lying to voters is not an unfair campaign practice in a case filed by Libertarians Jeff Daiell and Brent Sullivan.

The two filed complaints with the committee regarding the continued refusal of Sheila Jackson Lee to debate Brent after twice publicly saying that she would do so—including in a story published in the Houston Chronicle.

The Committee's initial response was that "refusal to debate" was not an unfair campaign practice. Only after Daiell reiterated that the complaint regarded Lee lying to the public about debating Brent did the Committee's chair say that the Committee had considered that aspect and not just the refusal to debate.

"It really staggers me," Jeff said, "that the Committee doesn't consider blatantly and cynically lying to the voters to be an unfair campaign practice."

Bob Sablatura: Early Activist

Robert "Bob" Sablatura, a Contributing Editor to the Libertarian Party's Free Texas newspaper in 1981, died October 22 in Houston. He was 52.

According to Joe Lusardi of Houston, Bob was active in the party until his growing career as a journalist forced him to disengage from political activity.

Bob started as a free lance journalist and then worked two years for the Houston Business Journal. He worked for 13 years at the Houston Chronicle. He established several internet businesses and the Huntsville Observer. The Chronicle reported that Bob "continued to have a passion for what was happening in and around his community."

Bob is survived by wife Penny, a daughter and son, his mother, sister and two brothers. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.shmfh.com

Events of Interest to Texas Libertarians

Nov. 2 (Tues.) 6-Midnight "Badnarik Blowout" Election Night Celebration, Austin. All LP candidates, activists, friends etc. invited. Legends Sports Bar & Grill, at the Holiday Inn Northwest Arboretum, 8901 Business Park Drive, Austin. LP is taking over the whole place! Appetizers provided, cash bar. Press room. Book a guest room at the hotel for \$79 (tell them you are with the Badnarik campaign) at 512-343-0888.

Nov. 2 (Tues.) 7-11 p.m. Houston area LP Election Night Event, at the home of Brent and Tina Sullivan, 910 Omar, Houston. Some snacks and soft drinks provided, guests are welcome to bring refreshments to share. Please RSVP to sullivan4congress@sbcglobal.net.

Nov. 2 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Denton LP Election Night Event, Lewisville. Activists from Dallas, Tarrant and Collin Counties are encouraged to meet at the Rockfish, 2601 S. I-35 to watch election returns. Cash bar.

Nov. 2 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Brazos LP Election Night Event, Brazos Center, Bryan.

Nov. 7 (Sun.) 2-5 p.m. Houston Property Rights Association Fundraiser and Social. Celebrating 11 years with food, wine, discussions and magician/comedian Paul Driscoll. Event held at home of Jimmy and Melinda Dunne, 1306 West Brookdale, Houston. Tickets \$35. Call 281-584-9707 for information or directions.

Nov. 9 (Tues.) 6:45-8:30 p.m. Travis County LP Meeting at Mekong River Restaurant, 215 E. 6th Street, Austin. Contact Chair Rock Howard at rockmh@austin.rr.com.

Nov. 12 (Fri.) 7-Noon Neal Boortz will be broadcasting his national radio show live from the Hilton Hotel, College Station. Admission is free. Coffee, juice and light pastries will be provided. Get your tickets from www.WTAW.com.

Nov. 16 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Bexar County LP Meeting at the Unlimited Thought Bookstore, 5525 Blanco Suite 107. Jeff Daiell will be speaking on "the property-rights basis of the Bill of Rights."

Nov. 18 (Fri.) Land use and private property rights policy forum, Driskill Hotel, Austin. Sponsored by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a nonpartisan think-tank devoted to limited government, free markets, private property rights, individual liberty and personal re-

sponsibility. Suggested audience is elected officials, staff, and "interested individuals." Forums will include panels, a meal, and keynote speaker. Cost unknown. See www.texaspolicy.com or call 512-472-2700 for information.

Nov. 18-21 (Fri.-Sun.) Victory Institute, New Orleans, LA. Campaign training for GLBT candidates, campaign workers, community activists. Workshops on fundraising, budgets, campaign plans, etc. See www.victoryinstitute.org/training.

Nov. 19-20 (Sat.-Sun.) Campaign 2004 Debriefing in Austin, from the New Politics Forum at UT. Top analysts will discuss results of the presidential election. \$50 registration. More information at www.newpoliticsforum.org or call Emily Balanoff at 512-471-7214.

Nov. 20 (Sat.) 2 p.m. Collin County LP Meeting at IHOP, 933 N. Central Expy., Plano.

Nov. 20-22 (Sat.-Sun.) SepCon 2004 in Washington, DC. Conference advocating the separation of school and state. Speakers include John Taylor Gatto, Cathy Duffy, and Joseph Sobran. Visit www.SepCon.org for information or to register.

Dec. 10 (Fri.) Medicaid: \$28 Billion and Counting policy forum, Driskill Hotel, Austin. Speaker will be Steve Moore. See www.texaspolicy.com for details.

Dec. 11 (Sat.) 1 p.m. SLECT Meeting in Austin. Tentative location Mekong River Restaurant, 215 E. 6th Street, Austin. Check next month's LSL to confirm. Contact Pat Dixon at telppatjdixon@earthlink.net.

Jan. 18 (Tues.) Texas Ethics Commission Semiannual Report due. Candidates who did not mark an earlier report "final" should file this report marked "final" to end any further requirements with the TEC.

Jan. 26-27 (Wed.-Thur.) Third Annual Orientation for the Texas Legislature, Austin. From the Texas Public Policy Foundation. See www.texaspolicy.com for information.

May 7 (Sat.) Nonpartisan Municipal Election Day. (First Saturday in May for 2005.) Potential candidates and activists should begin to identify offices up for election and filing deadlines as soon as possible.