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The Conspiracy Against Third Parties

It's a joint conspiracy. How can you tell? Because when a Republican County Chair writes his fellow Republicans that a Green has been knocked off the ballot, he treats this as the same good news as the news that a Libertarian has been knocked off the ballot. That's not about partisanship, in my opinion, it's about working to destroy the civil liberties, the freedom of association, of your fellow Americans.

Here, as supplied to this magazine, is the confirmatory email showing Republicans cheer when Greens are disenfranchised, from a Republican County Chair in Pennsylvania. We did not receive this message directly, but we believe that our sources are trustworthy.

Subject: Great News

From: "Stabile, Victor P. (HB)"

Date: Tue, August 17, 2010 2:33 pm

To: "Stabile, Victor P. (HB)"

Dear Friends: I am very pleased to report to you that challenges to the Green, Tea Party, and Liber-

tarian candidates for state-wide office have been successful and these third party candidates will not be appearing on the November ballot. If you recall, I sent you last week an article from the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review which blew the whistle on the Onorato campaign for staging a Tea Party candidate backed by Onorato's union friends in Philadelphia to run for Governor under the Tea Party label. We can now say it did not succeed.

I would be remiss in not recognizing the fantastic organizational job and resources devoted by our Republican State Committee through Luke Bernstein and his staff to organizing the challenges to these third party candidates. I also would like to recognize the number of counsel, including RSC Counsel Lawrence Tabas, Ron Hicks, Dauphin Chair John McNally, and, who like yours truly, devoted many hours and legal ability since last week to working in the Commonwealth Court to document the rampant abuse in these petitions. Voters do not get disenfranchised when fraud is uncovered. Unfortunately, this seems to be the process we are left with to deal with these situations until this type of impropriety is prosecuted.

OK, now that this is done, time to get out and elect our Republican candidates! All my best.

Victor P. Stabile, Chairman

Cumberland County Republican Committee

Big Project #1 Raising Money

I am pleased to announce that the Liberty for America PAC has launched a fundraising drive — to lead to coordinated campaign expenditures — in support of Libertarian candidates in New Hampshire. Phase one of the project was a test mailing to a substantial number of Libertarians in New Hampshire, announcing the project and asking for donations. The project centers on electronic advertising via Facebook and Google AdWords.

Liberty for America members who would like similar projects in their states should try speaking up; after all, the point of our effort here at LfA is to serve as a rally point for people who have projects that they wish to advance.

In support of LfA funding efforts, the Liberty for America PAC recently sent donations to Libertarian Federal candidates across America. These were token donations...our Treasury other than the dues is quite small...but will give these deserving libertarians a little support, and incidentally allow our PAC to satisfy the final requirement for becoming a multicandidate committee.

Rhode Island Libertarians To Organize

Rhode Island Libertarians, tired of the lack of activity in their LNC-recognized state party, are organizing. Their first event was a social, held at the Feels Like Ohm Coffee House in West Warwick. Three candidates for Governor and two candidates for Congress made appearances.

Here are a few people at the event:



Rear Row: Tony Jones
Front Row: Michael J. Gardiner,
George Phillies, Lincoln Chafee,
George Goner

Lincoln Chafee, incidentally, was the one Republican Senator who saw straight through the Bush regime's claims that the Iraqi government in 2003 had weapons of mass destruction. He said in his speech to the assembled people that he had considered running as a Libertarian, because he agreed with us on so many mainstream issues.

The Rhode Island current discussion effort, based on information available to this magazine, is that they intend to elect officers. They want to keep membership free; there is a debate as to whether or not they will affiliate with the National Party. The organization still recognized by the LNC last had a legitimate State Committee meeting in 2005.

Illinois Libertarians on Ballot

Despite Republican efforts, it appears that LPIL candidates [Bill Malan (Attorney General), Julie Fox (Comptroller), Edward Rutledge (Lt. Governor), Lupe Diaz (State Chair), Lex Green (Governor), Michael Labno (Senator), Doug Marks (14th Congressional District)] have reached ballot access in Illinois, and will appear on the November Ballot.

National Party Supplies Doorhangers

In a break from many years practice, the National Libertarian Party is supplying door hangers for use during the election season. The hangers are designed to recruit contacts, and are supplied at the quite economical price of \$10 for \$200. They are available from LP.org.

Objectivist Party Nominates Presidential Team

Readers interested in Objectivism may be surprised to learn that the Objectivist Party has renominated their 2008 Presidential Slate for 2012. The candidates are Tom Stevens and Alden Link. In 2008 the two appeared on the ballot in Colorado and Florida.

Wrights Declares For President

[originally promised for the last issue]

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BURNET, Texas (July 4) – R. Lee Wrights, a former Libertarian Party national vice chair and the editor and co-founder of Liberty for All online magazine, announced today he is forming an exploratory committee to lay the groundwork for a possible bid to seek the Libertarian nomination for president in 2012.

“The Libertarian Party faces a critical test in 2012 and I want to make sure that we’re up to the challenge,” Wrights said. “The Libertarian message in 2012 must be loud and clear – Stop the Wars! Stop the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, stop the war on drugs and alternative lifestyles, stop the war on civil liberties.”

Wright said that it’s time to stop supporting politicians, regardless of party, who don’t even come close to fulfilling their campaign promises.

“President Obama was elected on a platform of ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Wrights said. “Instead of supporting the troops by bringing them home, he has sent thousands more young men and women to die needlessly to prop up a corrupt government in Afghanistan.”

“Now he’s wavering on his promise to bring the troops home by July 2011,” Wrights said. “He calls the war in Afghanistan a ‘war of necessity.’ It is no such thing. It is unnecessary, irresponsible and a dishonor to the founding principles of our republic.”

The president has also reneged on his promise to reverse the trampling of civil liberties which began under the Bush Administration. “He’s done just the opposite,” Wrights said. “He’s expanded federal power to invade our privacy and curtail our rights. He might not call it the ‘war on terror,’ but President Obama still uses 9/11 as an excuse to justify voiding the Bill of Rights.”

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Wrights said he is most appalled by the way the president turns every issue he faces into a war by labeling anyone who opposes him as an enemy.

“Not content with just warring with the Republicans in Congress, the president has turned the Gulf oil spill into a war on oil companies. He’s used the financial crisis, which was largely caused by government regulation, interference and incompetence, to continue waging war on banks and financial institutions,” Wrights said.

“Even after his major victory in ramming through a massive health care bill which imposes federal government bureaucrats into our most intimate and personal health care decisions, President Obama continues to wage war on insurance companies and health care providers,” Wrights said. “Now, he’s opened a new front in Arizona over that state’s attempt to deal with an illegal immigrant situation his administration has failed to address. Where will it end?” Wrights asked. “Is anything or anyone safe from being labeled an ‘enemy of the state’ and incurring the wrath of the federal government’s war-making power?”

This newsletter has determined that Wrights has actually pledged that 10% all donations to his campaign will be spent on ballot access, not necessarily by giving them to the LNC. . “Whoever is the 2012 Libertarian nominee for president, we must take our message to all 50 states and our message must be clear and unequivocal – Stop the Wars,” Wrights says.

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To Libertarians, Civil Liberties are Fundamental An Editorial from George Phillies

We're the Libertarian Party. We're for liberty. We're against people who believe that the state should be omnipotent, knowing no limits to its powers or deeds.

Once again, Mr Root has missed the boat on positions that a libertarian should take. And when you are on our National Committee, you have a real obligation not to miss that boat.

I quote for purposes of review a recent Facebook message he sent to me:

Wayne wrote:

"Obama is an extension of Bush only to people who understand ZERO about economics and have never run a business in their lives. There is no comparison. Bush violated civil liberties that 90% of Americans did not even notice.

Obama effects my business, my bank account, my savings, my stocks, my real estate, my future business decisions, the jobs that i decide to create or not, and for millions of business owners- whether they choose to stay in America or not. If you don't understand this...you are probably without a job, own no stocks, own no home, own no business, have no family.

Sorry but listening in on a phone call is not on par with destroying capitalism and redistributing my income. One is a pesky Nanny State...the other is communism. [emphasis added]

And the irony for Libertarians who don't get it...is that Obama still listens in on your calls, still runs 2 major wars, hasn't cut one dollar in foreign aid. Yes on certain issues, Obama is an extension of Bush. On all of Bush's worst issues.

But Obama has added hundreds of bad economic policies that are plunging USA into economic Armageddon and destroying capitalism.

Obama is in a league all his own.

That could be why I have HUNDREDS of friends who all own businesses...and they all agree...to a man and woman...that Obama is the worst President of our lifetimes...and a threat to our existence. Not one of them would say that about Bush.

So I guess Libertarian leftist radicals and anarchists are living in an alternate world...or just don't own anything that Obama is grabbing."

To this I answer: It's hard to see how you could go farther off the rails. We are the party of liberty, not the party of greed.

Sir, the essence of Communism is the police state, the KGB and its American counterpart the National Security Agency listening to our every phone call. That's what real Communism is

about, and that's what George Bush brought to America. The KGB apparatchiks who tried to listen to every thought of every Russian were enemies of civilization, enemies of freedom, enemies of basic civil liberties. The NSA apparatchiks who listen to our every phone call are equally evil and far more of a danger to us and our fellow Americans.

You just don't get it. We're here about LIVE FREE OR DIE, not about TAKE MY FREEDOM, JUST LET ME KEEP MY LOOT.

I understand that your small business friends, like the legendary Mr. Babbitt, have thusfar spent the first third of the book completely missing the point about what is wrong with their lives. They still do not know. What is clear is that it is not you who will lead them to the libertarian understanding of why America is rotting out from the core.

Mr. Root, the basic problem that you share with your Republican friends, from the banksters and defense contractors who just want more corporate warfare to the Bachmanns, Angles, Palins, Savages, and their fellow shock troops of the Republican Party's Christian Taliban wing, is that you have not the least understanding of what it means to be a libertarian.

And for readers who think that I spend all my time discussing the inadequacies of Mr. Root as an LNC member, be prepared for change. Another LNC member has volunteered to be next on my list.

LNC Discusses What Our Candidates Should Emphasize in November

Your Editor notes that the LNC is spending next to no money on candidate support, and would appear to have little money that it intends to spend, so to some extent arguing about what our candidates should do is unlikely to lead to a conclusion. Having said this, Wayne Root presented a very coherent set of proposals as to groups to which we should appeal. These are not your editor's list of groups, though I should emphasize that the 'Tea Party' movement is highly mixed in its views, ranging from sensible libertarians to dupes of ultraright hate radio.

LNC Rejects Resolution on Vienna Declaration

The LNC has rejected on an email vote a public policy resolution regarding the Vienna Declaration. The Vienna Declaration is a statement seeking to improve community health and safety by calling for the incorporation of scientific evidence into illicit drug policies.

Voting Yes: Craig, Eshelman, Hawkrigde, Oaksun, Olsen, Redpath, Ruwart, Wiener

Voting No: Flood, Knedler, Mattson, Root, Rutherford, Wolf.

The 8-6 vote was not an adequate majority to pass the motion.

How the LNC Spends Your Money

Last month, I went through the Libertarian Federal candidates for public office as listed on our web pages, looking for people who have filed with the FEC and raised more than the \$5000 required to become a candidate in the eyes of the FEC. Some people are raising money; others are not. Then I hit New York, and started finding anomalies. I found the good real Libertarians who were working on ballot access. And I found these other people, people who were listed on the LP.org web page as Libertarians, but who filed with the FEC as Republicans, said on their web pages they were Republicans, and when I tried google searches...they were Republicans.

New York has some fine real Libertarians. However, these people were not recognized at all by the state party. I sent a short message to prominent LNC members:

"subject: New York listed candidates on our web pages.

The FEC lists several of them as being Republicans."

And here is the response from our National Chair, which speaks for itself:

"George,

After Massachusetts has ballot access, you can start worrying about other states.

In the meantime, I suggest you start working on getting the Massachusetts big enough to get on the ballot.

If you need the LNC's help to get ballot status, just let us know.

Otherwise, please fix your problems in your own home state before worrying about your neighbors.

Yours in liberty.....Mark Hinkle, LNC Chair"

Net result: Your LNC donations are still going in some modest part to advertise Republicans.

And for those of you curious about the Massachusetts reference, it has repeatedly been explained to the LNC that Massachusetts Libertarians have ballot access, will continue to have ballot access, and that LNC financial support for statewide non-Federal candidates would be illegal.

So where did the rest of your LNC Donations go, for the most recent month for which we have information?

Where Your Money Went...LNC July

For the month of July, the LNC had receipts of \$110,053.41 and made disbursements of \$101,270.73, leaving them with a total cash on hand of \$278,125.03, the last being a truly outstanding number.

For the same period, the Libertarian National Congressional Committee spent \$300 on FEC compliance, and \$800 to SandyPR.com on Public Relations, balanced by an income for the month of twenty cents. According to their web pages, SandyPR and SandyPundits number among their former and present clientele former LP Vice Presidential candidate Wayne Root.

You can find the complete list of expenses for the LNC at FEC.GOV, but a more substantial expenses include:

Ballot Access Expenses: \$20,346
Legal Expenses \$3,747

Office Rent \$10,596
Email Marketing \$3,000
Website Hosting and Management \$2249
Phone and Data Services \$1572
Computer and Server Maint and repair \$875
Server Hosting \$574

Employee Net Pay and health insurance \$17,905
Social Security \$3214
401K contributions \$3050
Administrative Support Services \$2304
FEC Filing \$1250
D&O insurance \$811
Medicare \$752
Telefundraising \$330
Payroll Processing \$123

Non Candidate Printing Mailing \$8761
Postage and Shipping \$3138
Fundraising event and catering \$1710

401K Annual Management Fee \$1200

There's also tax withholding.

Where Your Money Went The 2008 Committee for Small Government Tax Reduction Effort in Massachusetts

The following has been compiled from the filings of the Committee for Small Government with the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance. Multiple expenditure to the same person for the same purpose have been aggregated. "Reimbursement" is repayment for buying some small item, not always itemized as to what it was; all those have been aggregated no matter the payment was made to. "Petitioning" includes all payments to persons or firms who do petitioning, unless explicitly elsewhere labeled as, e.g., 'consulting'. Items under \$150 have been omitted.

And if you are wondering why my state party does not run its own referenda, just look at that first line.

Multiple \$203,619.00 Petitioning

WRKO \$70,140.00 Advertising
Michael Cloud \$35,150.00 Consulting
Multiple \$34,788.00 Printing
Carla Howell \$29,558.00 Consulting
Nina Haskins \$21,270.00 Consulting
Strait Mail \$18,871.00 Mailing
Multiple \$14,770.00 Reimbursement (See R1)
Multiple \$11,036.37 Credit Card Fees
Carla Howell \$8,536.00 Liability repayment
Evan Rooney \$5,469.00 Consulting
Carla Howell \$4,914.56 Loan Repayment
EZ Oil \$4,368.00 Utilities
NSTAR \$3,238.00 Utilities
Alvin Anders \$3,150.00 Consulting
Freedom Fest \$2,650.00 Publicity Event
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Multiple \$933.00 Office
Frank Capone \$833.00 Consulting
Metro West Computers \$701.40 Computer Supplies
City of Boston \$632.60 Event
Daniel Sheehan \$598.00 Tech support
Micheal Gross \$485.00 Computer Consulting
Adam Brewster \$300.00 Campaign Consulting
Graphic Express \$250.00 Printing Banners
AT&T \$226.00 Utilities
Michael Gross \$165.00 Computer Service
David Gordon \$150.00 Computer Supplies
Security Engineering Machinery Co \$132.80 Shredding Service

Also, a potential expenditure that in the end did not need to be made, from Proprietary Materials of Natick: \$74,205 in-kind contribution, fees renegotiated

Liberty For America Political Action Committee Fundraising Letter

We're raising money to help New Hampshire Libertarian candidates, asking New Hampshire Libertarians to help themselves by supporting an ad campaign. The following is the letter we sent out to an extended list of New Hampshire Libertarians. As previously promised, your dues money was not used in this effort, which involves candidate support. The total cost of the mailing with return envelope, inserted LPNH trifold, three page letter, addressed outside letter, and stamp, came to about 70 cents a letter. 44 cents of that is the stamp. You are seeing an example of a fundraising letter; suggestions for improvement are most entirely welcome. Note the uses of color, message boxes, free gifts, and the required Federal disclosure (modified slightly here because we are crossing a circulation limit line.) Readers of the electronic edition will be receiving it as a separate file; inserting one file into the middle of another is beyond my technical competence.

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