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The Time is Right!

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I have good news and bad news.

The good news is that people are listening. The bad news is that cloning might not work in a free market system because only candidates will want to have it done. There just isn't enough time in the day for one person to do everything that needs to be done.

Yes, the people are listening. I have had a person working in the Republican booth at the Italian Fest in Scranton lean over and quietly tell me that I have his vote because he hates Specter. Hate is a pretty strong word, but I have had a lot of people use it when they talk about Arlen. As for Mr. Hoeffel, no one even knows who he is. A woman whom I

met at that same festival called a local talk show and told the host that she just had to have me on (I am working on scheduling it with her now). At a trap-shooting club BBQ, I was told a story about how Specter was escorted out by angry club members.

Then I impressed them by getting in a line-up and shooting 12 out of 25.

At the fairs, I go to the booths and ask them if all of the government regulation makes it difficult for them to earn a little extra money. The answer is always yes. At the church booths we discuss how the welfare system traps women into a life of poverty and how church member's tax dollars are used for things that they consider immoral.

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Libertarian Candidate, Betsy Summers is going places!

A Message from the Chair, **David R. Jahn, LPPa Chair, chair@lppa.org**

This summer was perhaps the most challenging I've ever endured. For four consecutive years, I've run for political office and have dedicated at least some of my summer to signature gathering and campaigning for office, but this year was different. It wasn't just about me. This year was about being responsible for getting our presidential and other statewide candidates on the ballot.

We began and ended the mission with no funds, a small pool of volunteers, and a lot of concern. Somewhere along the way we picked up more support, a few paid petitioners many of whom were sent into the state under the direction of Bill Redpath from the Libertarian

National Committee, and the funds needed to get the job done.

In the end, our volunteers had collected 21,606 signatures and the paid petitioners had gathered another 22,630. I was quite impressed with the effort put forward by Pennsylvania Libertarians and so were the folks at the State Bureau of Elections.

We should take a moment to appreciate our accomplishments, but not much more than that, because now is the time to really get busy. We need our candidates to be the best they can be. We need them to get the Libertarian message out and for them to be heard. The more support they get from us the more successful

they will be. They need supporting staff, volunteers, campaign funds, poll workers and more. Please take time to look over our list of candidates in this issue and offer your support to those candidates that are working for you. They are leading the charge to preserve our liberties. Let them know you appreciate their sacrifice and support their efforts in any way you can.

Lastly, no one has stepped forward yet to host next years Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania convention and the board is still accepting proposals. Shoot me an email at chair@lppa.org if you are interested in organizing next years convention in your county.

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I spoke about this with a Pittsburgh reporter, and after a long silence, he responded in a quiet voice, "I never thought about it that way before." I can't wait to see what he actually writes.

I have been told that these events are usually crawling with politicians but this year none of them are out. It seems that everything is going to the "controlled event" where the candidate doesn't have to answer to the real concerns of the people.

The time is right. People feel disenfran-

chised and angry. A recent poll showed that 12% were going to vote for "Other" in the Senatorial race in Pennsylvania. I am thinking of changing my name to "Other".

We are running out of time and we need your help!

Call your local candidate and volunteer to help them campaign (it's cheaper than cloning). Write a letter to the editor and call into talk shows. If none of these are your "thing" then remember that time is money. By sending a donation you will enable your candi-

dates to print signs, pamphlets, bumper stickers, and bar coasters (I'm keeping Russ Diamond's coaster as a campaign souvenir). We are making people think about what choices need to be made on November 2nd. Become a part of it and join in the excitement. I hope to meet you on the campaign trail!

Betsy Summers is the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate and will appear in the debates on October 2nd and 9th. Her website is www.VoteForBetsy.org.

Closing the Deal: A Call to Action

Russ Diamond, russ@rusdiamond.org

If you've been paying attention, you already realize there are some very exciting things happening within the LPPa this year. We had a great ballot access drive and we are poised to make history in November.

We have strong federal and state candidates running exciting campaigns. Many of you have personally dug deep into your pockets to help, and on behalf of all LPPa candidates, I thank you.

But we haven't heard from some of you in a long time. We understand – really, we do. With economic pressures bearing down from all levels of government, it can be difficult to spare any extra funds, even in an important year for Libertarians.

But not to worry – there is something you can do to help, even if you're strapped for cash. You can contribute to the fight for Liberty without spending a dime – by volunteering to help out on Election Day, November 2nd.

This is the most critical volunteer opportunity remaining for all LPPa members.

What we need you to do is take off work November 2nd and volunteer to help a Libertarian candidate at the polls



Libertarian Candidate, Russ Diamond with Buddy, the high tech campaign wagon.

for the day. It's not hard – all you have to do is hang around the polls and hand some literature to every voter who shows up. You don't even have to talk to anyone – except maybe to say 'Hi'!

It's simple. It promotes Liberty. It is a proven key to success in elections. Best of all - it's free. It won't cost you a dime - and there will probably be some sort of celebration and accommodations afterward.

Now that you're convinced it's the right thing to do - whom should you contact?

Well, there may be an LP candidate near you. Check the complete list of candidates on the opposite page. If there are no candidates listed in your area, please contact Bruce Shannon at 717.503.2959 or brucebond007@comcast.net.

Russ Diamond is the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Congress in the 17th District and State Representative in the 101st District. His website is www.RussDiamond.org.

Libertarian Presidential Candidate to Tour Pennsylvania

James Babb, Chair, Pennsylvanians for Badnarik, jamesbabb@mac.com

Libertarian Presidential candidate, Michael Badnarik will be campaigning in Pennsylvania September 26th - 29th. Volunteers from all over the state have worked together to produce a whirlwind 4 day tour including 10 cities, 5 universities, 3 fundraisers and multiple media interviews. Expect to see local Libertarian candidates involved in all events.

The primary purpose of the visit is to grow the Libertarian party and gain valuable media exposure for Libertarians in our state. To further these ends, Pennsylvanians for Badnarik is raising funds for television commercials here in Pennsylvania. Libertarians should make it a priority to show their support for our candidates at one or more of these events.

Although the times listed are accurate at the time of printing, the schedule may be adjusted for additional last minute media interviews. You can view an updated schedule at <http://tinyurl.com/4fjsz>. If you have any questions, contact the specific event coordinator or call 610-539-8825.



Join Pennsylvanians for Badnarik by sending a blank email to: Pa4Badnarik-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Sunday, September 26th: Pittsburgh Area events

3:00 - 5:00 pm: University of Pittsburgh, Posvar Hall, Room 1700 (Harold Kyriazi is organizer hkt+@pitt.edu)

6:00 - 8:00 pm: Carnegie Mellon University, Doherty Hall, Room 1212 (Joshua Born is organizer, jborn@andrew.cmu.edu)

6:00 - 9:00 pm: Reading, PA area: Dinner with Michael Badnarik, Dempsey's American Kitchen, Route 222 & 724, Shillington, Pa., Phone 610 775 0673. Dinner from Menu, 7:30 address the group. (Tom Schlegel is organizer, TSchlegel779@msn.com)
Alternate: "Open Debates" Debate at Swarthmore (Only if Bush or Kerry dare to face Mr. B.)

Monday, September 27th

2:00 - 3:00 pm Dickinson Law School in Carlisle, PA (Ron Goodman is organizer, rocket1g@earthlink.net)

4:30 - 5:00 pm: Press Conference in Lebanon, PA with Russ Diamond, Libertarian Candidate, PA House of Representatives, 101st District and US House of Representatives, PA 17th District in Lebanon (Russ Diamond is organizer, russ@raintree.com)

7:00 - 11:00 pm: Libertarian Presidential Campaign Fundraiser Banquet Featuring Michael Badnarik General Lafayette Inn & Brewery, Lafayette Hill, PA
PDF Flyer: <http://tinyurl.com/4zfr4>
RSVP form (required): <http://tinyurl.com/5yh7m>
(Jim Babb is organizer, jamesbabb@mac.com)

Wednesday, September 29th

10:00 - 11:00 am Radio Times interview at WHY? 91 FM, Live stream at www.why.org

11:15 am - 12:30 pm Lunch and Photos at the Reading Terminal Market (Jim Babb is organizer, jamesbabb@mac.com)

1:00 - 2:30 pm Temple University in Philadelphia (presented by TempleNORML, Brian Kant is organizer, bkant@temple.edu)

3:40 to 5:30 pm Villanova University School of Law, Room 101, Presented by Villanova Libertarians. "The U.S. Constitution: a Libertarian perspective" (Chuck Moulton is organizer, chuck@moulton.org)

6:30 - 9:30 pm Catholic Peace and Justice Groups Present "Candidates' Night", Havertown, PA
Full Details: <http://tinyurl.com/5ssl2>
(Darren Wolfe is organizer, design2021@hotmail.com)

Tuesday, September 28th

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Radio interview WCHE1520 AM in West Chester, PA.

12:00 - 2:00 pm: Allentown area Fundraising Luncheon, (Rich Piotrowski is organizer, rich@richpiotrowski.org)

Where Do We Go From Here?

Rich Piotrowski, campaign@rich2004.com

Life as a full-time Libertarian candidate is an experience all to itself. One moment you are ignored, the next you're being treated like a junior celebrity. It's one giant roller coaster ride!

Although I am 99% wrapped up in my current campaign, a part of me is thinking about our next move as a state party. Where do we go from here? What do we do after November 2nd to keep this great momentum going? In years past, after the elections in November, we've been like bears going off to hibernate. The simple truth is we just cannot afford to function this way.

To that end, I want to take a break from the campaign trail for a moment to suggest what our next move has to be. As a party, we have reached the point where there is no way that we can continue to operate with a 100% volunteer organization. It's time for us to take the success the LP will have this November to the next level. To do this we need a full-time Executive Director for the LPPa.

Invariably, the immediate questions everyone asks are: Can we afford this? Who will the Executive Director be, and how many members believe that we need to create this full-time

position? While the space limitations of this article doesn't allow me to go into great detail, I believe the time to start to talk about this is now.

It may be a cliché, but the real answer to the first question is: Can we afford not to do this? Being a candidate is tough enough, and raising money is not easy, but if we are going to continue to recruit

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Libertarian Candidate, Rich Piotrowski addresses media at Allentown press conference.

full-time candidates campaigning at the level Russ, Betsy and I are, we need to have, at the very least, the basics covered. Without professional staff to answer phones and respond to inquiries in a timely fashion, the LPPa may seem like a store that is never open. The LPPa needs to be run like a business. We

need someone to run and operate our store.

Addressing the next question: Who will that person be? The answer to this is tied in to the question of: How can we pay for this? We need a per-

son that is not only fully capable to do the job, but can also find a way to pay for it! Ongoing fund-raising will be part of the Executive Director's job. A few people have talked to me about putting myself up for the position after November, and I am seriously considering it. I would hope that other people would also consider stepping forward to apply. The party will be best served by

having different people present what their plan would be. The key to success is for the State Party to agree to create the position now, so we can move forward.

The final question is: Will the members support it? As the job will have to be essentially "self-funding," the members will get to say yes or no by voting with their dollars. I give the idea my pledge of support and hope that many others will, too.

This is the next and necessary step in our evolution as a viable alternative and a strong political party. The time to create this position is now while we have the momentum. Let's leave the hibernating to the bears while we get to work building this party into an unstoppable force in politics!

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Liberty: The Highest Political End

Matthew J. Brouillette, CEO of The Commonwealth Foundation, 717-671-1901

Mark Twain supposedly once quipped that "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in session." He must have had the Pennsylvania General Assembly in mind.

With more than 5,000 bills introduced and more than 240 new Acts on the books this legislative session alone, state politicians regularly exceed their legitimate and properly limited role as defenders of our Liberty. But just how bad are things in Harrisburg?

Recently, the Commonwealth Foundation completed a first-of-its-kind analysis of every single bill that became an Act during the 2003-2004 legislative session to date. We evaluated every new law by answering a very simple question, "Does this Act expand or contract the Liberty of the people of Pennsylvania?"

Unlike most special interest groups that consider only a handful of laws on selected issues, our analysis reflects the fact that every law ultimately has an impact on the Liberty of all Pennsylvanians. As a result, The Liberty Index provides Pennsylvanians with the fairest and most comprehensive analysis of the overall performance of their state legislators and governor.

With legislators' "Liberty Index" scores ranging between 17 and 54 on a 100 point scale, the condition of Liberty in Pennsylvania is in tatters. Instead of filling the role of protector of citizens' "certain inalienable rights," our politicians are increasingly trying to assume the paternalistic role of provider. The problem, however, is that government has nothing to give of its own. It can only give that which it first takes away from someone else—by depriving that individual of his Liberty, particularly the fruits of his labor.

As a whole, the General Assembly's average Liberty Grade was a D (a Liberty Index score of 28.84446), with

more Fs (111) than As, Bs, and Cs combined (89). As parties, the Republicans earned an average Liberty Grade of C- (32.93080), while the Democrats earned an average Liberty Grade of F+ (23.94085). Governor Ed Rendell, who technically voted "yes" on every bill by signing them into law, earned a Liberty Grade of F- (17.37813).

Interestingly, the highest and lowest Liberty Grades were earned by Republicans. Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (12th District-Butler) scored the highest A (53.77567), while Sen. Joe Conti (10th District-Bucks) scored the lowest F- (17.28487). The highest scoring Democrat in the General Assembly—Rep. Greg Vitali (166th District-Delaware), who earned a B- (40.91110)—outscored more than 80 percent of the Republicans.

Most telling, however, of why our Liberty is in such bad shape are the scores of the General Assembly's "leadership"—the members of the House and Senate who decide which bills come to a vote in the first place. Speaker of House John Perzel (172nd District-Philadelphia), arguably the most powerful Republican in the state, earned a solid F (20.70967) in his defense of Liberty—ranking him 193rd out of 203 House members. As a whole, the average Liberty Grade for the General Assembly leadership members was a woeful F+ (22.52410), with 24 Fs, 4 Ds, and 2 Cs.

Clearly, the strict limits on the power of government envisioned by our Founding Fathers have been thrown off by today's modern politicians. Indeed, many of our state legislators will likely disagree with our analysis of legislation and its impact on Liberty. That is understandable, particularly given their poor performance. We, however, hold dearly to Lord John Acton's declaration that "Liberty is not a means to a higher political end. It is itself the highest political end."

The standard for Liberty is high because so much is at stake. History has demonstrated that Liberty is far too important for it to be a mere legislative afterthought. Philadelphian Benjamin Franklin understood this when he reminded his fellow countrymen that "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Unfortunately, most of the bills passed during this legislative session were designed to provide some level of "safety" for some Pennsylvanians. Be it in the form of pharmaceutical welfare for seniors, "economic development" welfare for corporations and other quasi-government entities or through the expansion of other non-core government programs, Franklin noted that the costs of such governmental "safety" are irreconcilable with government's limited role as the defender of Liberty.

Fortunately, however, our "certain unalienable rights" can be restored. Mankind is not tired of Liberty, as Benito Mussolini declared in 1923. But it will require our legislators—and the people who elect them to office—to once again make Liberty the highest political end, not merely a means to another political goal.

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NOTE: The Liberty Index: A Report Card on the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, 2003-2004 Legislative Session is available at www.CommonwealthFoundation.org/LibertyIndex.shtml.

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Ballot Access Report: Success at a Price

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First, the good news. Pennsylvania Libertarians completed the ballot access process by turning in over 44,000 signatures to the department of state. The turn in far surpassed the requirement and therefore made a challenge impractical. Even after our statewide goal was achieved, the effort to secure ballot positions for our local candidates continued up to the last day. Volunteer efforts were impressive. Many Libertarians also reached deep in their wallets to fund the professional petitioners that played a vital role. The combined effort put 24 candidates on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

The not so good news: The ballot access drive was expensive. The Libertarian National Committee and Badnarik for President organizations both contributed large amounts of money to ensure that that our statewide candidates were on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

Hope for the future: The LPPa is on track for independent ballot access in 2006. New committees are already preparing for a more efficient, less expensive petition drive, funded exclusively by Pennsylvania Libertarians. As soon as the

election cycle is complete, ballot access fundraising will begin. Expect to see a new convenient pledge structure to facilitate early and consistent fundraising. Your participation will be the key to our independence.

Nationwide perspective: Michael Badnarik and Richard Campagna will be on at least 49 ballots in November, far more than any other minor party or independent candidate. Libertarians across the country are united in support of our candidates.

2004 Ballot Access Funds Raised by the LPPa:

Libertarian National Committee	\$19,580.25
Badnarik for President:	\$10,000.00
Pennsylvania Libertarians:	\$6,763.76
Total:	\$36,344.01

Signatures Collected:

Volunteers:	21,606
Paid Petitioners:	22,630
Total:	44,236