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Building a Libertarian Future: Your Monthly Step

This message was sent to Massachusetts Libertarians. Think of it as a way to build Liberty in your own state. You may need to adopt the details to your local legal arrangements. For example, in Massachusetts town and city governments are the only level below state government—county government except in a few places has long since been abolished.

Building Liberty, One Step at a Time

Are you a libertarian volunteer? Are you willing to invest, if not your blood, at least a bit of your time and energy?

The Libertarian future will not come overnight.

The Libertarian sun will rise, one ray at a time, if we all take steps to bring it above the horizon.

So what should your first step be? Some of you may be a bit ahead of the curve here. I'm starting at the very beginning.

Step of the month: Get the lay of the land.

You will need a small notebook, a pen, and a little time.

Find out where your town or city hall is located. And find out when they are open. If you have no other answer, the Secretary of the Commonwealth's very good web pages may help: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm.

Walk by when they are open. Go inside. You'll have to look around a bit. Your objective here is to find ways you might get involved in your town or city government.

First, you are looking for a list of boards and commissions. There may well be a bulletin board. Otherwise, ask the Town Clerk where to look. Take notes. Find boards and commissions that sound interesting. Write down meeting times and places if available.

Second, drop by the town clerk or board of elections. Ask for a list of elective offices, and the schedule for the next elections. Also, ask if there is a list of vacancies or appointment dates on appointed boards. Saying you are happy to pay for a copy likely makes you more welcome. If you are challenged, you can honestly say you are writing a magazine article for your state newsletter.

Third, take your lists home.

Yes, in some places you could have found this information on the web. A web search from home misses the point here.

Now you have seen the lay of the land. Please send us a copy of your notes.

That's all we're suggesting for this month.

Liberty for America PAC Supports Sundwall

The Liberty for America Political Action Committee has supported a candidate. We sent \$200 to Eric Sundwall in the New York special election. LfAPAC was the only libertarian-leaning political action committee to send Sundwall significant amounts of money.

And when Sundwall's Republican carpetbagger opponent managed to challenge Sundwall's petitions, and successfully knocked Sundwall off the ballot, Sundwall took the intelligent political step: He urged his supporters to vote for the Democrat, thus maximizing the losses the Republicans received from their maneuvers.

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Liberty for America will be performing political acts, like supporting voter registration, lining up volunteers, and other activities that the Federal government calls "Federal Election Activity" and hence FEC-reportable. We must therefore funnel dues to our PAC, "Liberty for America". Dues will not be used to support candidates.

Required Federal Notices: Your Donations are not tax deductible. Federal law requires us to request the occupation and employer of donors of \$200 or more in a year. Federal law requires us to state 'your money may be used to support Federal candidates', but we promise that we won't do that with your dues.

What We Need for Victory

In the end, we will be politically successful when we win elections, elect our candidates to office, and put a libertarian direction on the country's political agenda.

Political success demands a series of elements. All the elements are needed at once. The libertarian political movement that will bring us to victory is the movement that takes responsibility for assembling all those elements. A libertarian political movement that refuses to develop some of those elements is a libertarian political movement that is foredoomed to failure.

What are those elements?

Voter Base. Most Americans choose their political party once, or perhaps twice, in their entire life. They choose their party, for the most part, because it is the party that they trust to make the right decisions for them. To build a voter base, trust comes first. Issues issues are not unimportant, but they rarely win elections. To win, we need a strong voter base.

Candidates. We need people who can and will win elections for us. Those people are candidates who are credible and who can discuss major issues in a credible way. A successful libertarian political movement will implement Libertarian Centrism to provide credible libertarian discussion of major issues.

Activist Mobilization and Training. A successful political party is built by its feet on the ground, its volunteers. A successful libertarian political movement will motivate supporters to become activists, and will give them the tools they need to make a success of themselves.

Local Organization. To elect the local, county, state, and Federal officials we need for victory, we need libertarian political organizations that cover every front door in America. A national libertarian political movement won't organize your ward for you. It will strive to ensure that there are effective state and county parties everywhere, and that your state party is doing real political work rather than being co-opted by the Republicans.

Money. Money really is the lifeblood of politics. To raise money, you need a solid fund raising effort, and you need a credible record indicating that you will spend money well. A successful national libertarian movement will focus its spending on doing politics. An unsuccessful national libertarian movement will concentrate its resources on real estate and paid central staff. There are only so many dollars out there; a successful libertarian

political movement will ensure that the national, state, and local fund efforts are in balance.

Marketing. Advertising can't win elections for you. Most people made up their minds where to vote, years and years ago. Few of them will change their minds this year. Advertising can make sure that people know you are there, so that when they want our answer, they know we are the people offering it.

Youth Outreach. It is no longer true that young people do not vote. Furthermore, young people are extremely open to our message of social tolerance and fiscal prudence. A successful libertarian political movement will have a strong youth and student outreach effort.

Think Tanks. The Libertarian political movement needs effective think tanks, bodies that do the hard work of fleshing out proposals for credible changes in a libertarian direction. A successful libertarian political movement will ensure that those think tanks appear, rather than piously claiming that creating think tanks is not one of their responsibilities.

Affinity Groups. It is not true that the NRA and NARAL are the National Republican Association and the National Anti-Republican Action League. They each represent a particular set of opinions on a particular issue. However, as the strategy deployed to create that representation, they very much tend to act by supporting a political party that is inclined in their direction. Affinity groups mostly don't switch parties. We need our own affinity groups, affinity groups that are open to all Americans, and that almost always find good reasons to support libertarians. A successful libertarian political movement will develop its own affinity groups, just as the Democratic and Republican parties do.

Media. Crying about press coverage will not give us media support. What the libertarian movement needs are libertarians who are willing to do the hard work (which, incidentally, will create paying jobs for themselves) of developing legitimate press outlets the do a fine job of covering reality, while ensuring that the hidden assumptions used to choose which news is important and what it

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means are libertarian assumptions. A successful libertarian political movement will help those libertarians develop their media skills and outlets.

How Will I create More Liberty Today?

Here are a few simple ideas to help create more Liberty.

1. Watch the legislature's website, and write legislators about bills that infringe on freedom. Once you've written that letter, adapt it a little and send it to the Editor of your local newspaper.

2. Go to the capitol or your city council meeting, and speak about an issue.

3. Write a letter to the editor about a news item. Offer a Libertarian solution, or a smaller government option.

4. If you Facebook or twitter, post a message that makes people think about issues related to Liberty. A Facebook or twitter account with hundreds of friends and followers can plant a seed in a lot of minds.

5. Start a blog and cultivate followers. You can use Facebook or twitter to promote. Get reciprocal links to other sites.

6. Take your libertarian or freedom oriented magazines and newsletters to coffee shops or libraries, if they have a public reading material basket.

7. Leave copies of our newsletter in the library's newspaper area. Usually it's at the front - where they put the piles of The Weekly and Stranger.

8. Start a discussion group, or a free class to study Liberty.

9. Volunteer to give a presentation to a class at a school or senior center on American History and the founding of the US, or on libertarianism, or voting . . .

10. Post message of positive libertarian philosophy on blogs or bulletin boards, either electronic or hard copy.

11. Put a Liberty message on your car - a bumper sticker or a window sign. Make sure it can be read while driving.

Messages are always better received when they are simple, easy to understand, short, and positive. Post your ideas or results in the comments here . . . and have a gentle day! :o) Rachel Hawkrige Incregion7.blogspot.com/

Libertarian Reality-Based Politics: Obama's War

Issues analysis by Steve Newton, excerpted from a longer column in the Delaware Libertarian delawarelibertarian.blogspot.com

Make no mistake: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and whatever comes after are now President Barack Obama's war. He campaigned on it, primarily because by making such a

big issue of his non-support for the decision to go to war in Iraq, and his opposition to the Surge, he needed something that would make him appear strong enough to defend the national interest.

It made great sound bites: *We took our eye off the ball and The real frontline on the war on terror is in Afghanistan* or even *I will order drone strikes across the Pakistani border.*

President Obama officially made this his war, following up the 17,000 additional combat troops he's already started in motion there with 4,000 trainers from the 82nd Airborne, a new legion of civilian advisors and technicians, pleas to NATO for more troops, and promises of billions more in aid and support:

WASHINGTON (AP) — Grappling with a war gone awry, President Barack Obama plans to send thousands more U.S. forces into Afghanistan, hoping to hasten the end of a conflict that still has no clear end in sight.

Obama on Friday will announce a multitiered strategy that banks heavily on world help and invigorated U.S. diplomacy. The Afghanistan war, which Obama calls adrift, is now his, and a central part of the new strategy is to build up the Afghan army....

Obama plans to send in 4,000 more U.S. military troops... Those forces are on top of the 17,000 extra combat troops that Obama has already approved....

Obama's plan will also cost many more billions of dollars. His officials said Thursday night that they did not yet have a specific budget figure tied to the strategy....

Now first take a look at this map: Notice three things:

1) Afghanistan is a land-locked nation, and all our supply



routes lead through--at best-questionable territory. Sustaining 65,000 combat troops in Afghanistan will cost more than supporting twice that number in Iraq.

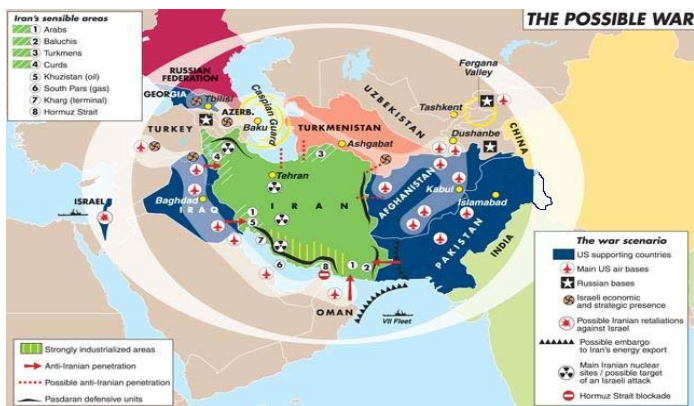
2) The potential theater of war in Afghanistan and north-

ern Pakistan is actually larger than the operational area of Iraq, but far less well provided with roads and the infrastructure that a heavy commitment of troops requires.

3) The Taliban *per se* has never possessed the military or logistical capability to harm the US or US interests significantly, and--frankly--was never interested in doing so until we invaded. Prior to that they were content to beat women and cut off the hands of people listening to music, but only inside Afghanistan.

Now look at the war from Iran's perspective. Another map.

[Ed: The Red dots are American air bases surrounding



Iran on three sides.] Take one look at this map and ask yourself, *Why would Iran feel paranoid and in need of nuclear weapons?*

We have spent a great deal of time demonizing Iran by quoting inflammatory Shi'a rhetoric, and have somehow managed to accept the idea that Iran's ability to lob a few missiles at Israel (or Poland?) is more significant than the fact that **we now have the entire damn country surrounded with military forces.**

Why are we there, anyway?

Could it be, could it just be that the Defense industry needs a war, the Federal government needs a war, and all our creditors in China need us to secure the oil and natural gas [resources](#) of Afghanistan with military force so that they don't have to?

Yeah: black helicopters, MexAmeriCanada, the CFR, and the John Birch Society, right?

Except that every bit of this analysis can be easily verified through senior defense analysts and retired senior officers who didn't go to work for the defense industry. A lot of my Libertarian friends believe that President

Obama's handling of the economy, healthcare, and global warming are the important issues of the day.

My prediction: by 2010 President Obama will be made or broken by the choices he made in *his war*.

...Steve Newton

What is Happening to Alabama Libertarians?

The Republican Liberty Caucus news pages report:

RLC members recently chartered their affiliate in Alabama.

In Alabama, the new affiliate includes former Birmingham City Council member Dr. Jimmy Blake, homeschooling mom Shana Kluck, and longtime libertarian activist Steve Gordon. The Chair of the affiliate is attorney Scott Boykin. The Alabama affiliate plans to set up a web presence shortly. According to Gordon, the group is extremely energetic and ready to recruit more members.

Dr. Jimmy Blake is a very long time Libertarian party activist and candidate. Steve Gordon is the Alabama Libertarian Party State Chair.

Success of the Texas Libertarian Party

Texas Libertarians' rise versus California's decline
News from Wes Benedict

This is not just another one of my Mr. Way Too Proud of Texas articles gloating about how well the Libertarian Party of Texas did under my service as Executive Director from 2004 to 2008.

When you feel like you've got the situation under control, things are going well, your team is breaking new fundraising records, you're getting tons of positive feedback, morale of the group is high, and people are working together (or at least working separately and leaving each other alone most of the time), like in Texas, it's quite easy to be a Libertarian Party activist.

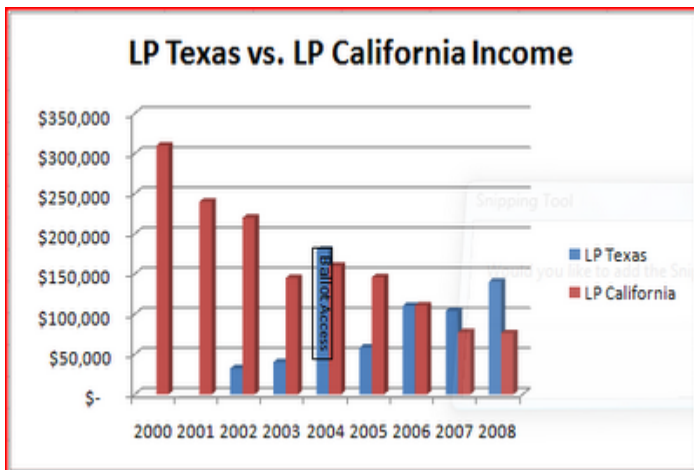
On the other hand, when things are going poorly after years and years of seemingly unstoppable decline and it feels like even the simplest of things seem to go wrong and you're just banging your head against the floor, and working harder just causes more headaches, like in California, it's tough to be a Libertarian Party activist. Those who keep trying are the real Libertarian heroes.

This is a list of some of the simple, humble approaches

I've tried to take here in Texas.

- 1) I encourage people to run for any office they're willing to run for, and to run whether they have a realistic chance of winning, or are just likely to get a percent or two at the polls to help build the Party.
- 2) I've run for office five times, so I know what other candidates go through and can coach them.
- 3) At first, most prospects decline to be candidates because they don't want to disappoint the Party. I tell prospective candidates that they are doing the party a favor by running even if they don't spend a dime and only have a few hours all year to put into it. Most exceed expectations.
- 4) I don't nitpick the candidates' platforms. I support the right of candidates to have radical, moderate, left-leaning, or right-leaning libertarian platforms.
- 5) I try to give Texas Libertarians realistic hope they can achieve, and our results show it has worked.

I'll leave it to Californians to decide if any of this could be helpful to them or not.



I'm also writing this article to bring to your attention that I think a few former California leaders who let the California LP decline under their watch are now having too much influence on National LP strategy and we're seeing California-like declines at National.

For the record, I have offered to fix things myself by serving as the National Executive Director. Similarly, if California or any other states want my help at the state-level, they should give me a call. Pennsylvania? Wyoming? Hawaii? Hawaii?

The Libertarian Party of Texas had \$25,000 in debt when I was first hired in 2004. Don't let an empty bank account prevent you from calling. My first job is to start filling your bank account. I can work out a realistic no-risk plan

with you.

I actually like fixer-uppers. Makes it real easy to improve.

Check out my resume: Executive Director * Sold Business * MBA * Engineer My resume reveals that I'm not a native Texan and that I've lived all over the US and overseas. I can work from a distance or re-locate, work full-time or part-time. I'm getting kind of tired of Texas, anyway. Aren't you? ;-)

(No permission necessary to re-post this article. Data for the graph is imprecise. CA data was the best I could find from their website. If you see something that needs correcting, please let me know.)

Where Your Money Went: The LNC in February

During February 2009, the Libertarian National Committee spent \$76,328 and raised \$79,137. That income represents an annualized rate of under 1 million dollars a year; the annual budget for the year is over 1.1 million dollars. At the end of February, LNC, Inc had debts of \$39,342 and cash on hand of \$25,745. *Furthermore, we are advised by a prominent LNC member that the payments to Terra Eclipse as web services represent a payment of 10% of all funds raised via the web site, this arrangement to continue so long as the LNC uses the web page design supplied by Terra Eclipse.* Liberty for America has not actually seen a contract specifying these details.

And where did the money go?

Related to that debt, \$60.43 was spent in credit card finance charges.

Real politics: OK Ballot Access Lobbying Efforts received \$1000. \$770 was spent on non-candidate LP Party materials. \$300 went to the LP of Rhode Island for ballot access reimbursement. \$300 went to the Libertarian State Leadership Alliance for "Conference Expense". Google Ad Works received \$34.87 for LP Branding Marketing Expense.

There's a staff. \$17121 was spent on employee net pay to eight people. An additional \$2888 of employee and employer money went to social security. Medicare contributions for the LNC and its employees came to \$675. \$1307 covered employee health insurance. \$962 went to employee 401K contributions. \$782 went to Virginia for withholding. \$675 went to Federal unemployment and

Federal withholding. \$461 went to the District of Columbia for withholding, unemployment, and "Administrative Funding Assessment". Staff travel including local transportation cost \$380. Payroll processing fees cost \$146. Withholding tax in South Carolina cost \$99.

There are other people. Denny Hatch and Michael Hickey each received \$1500 for writing for a non-candidate mailing.

The staff rates an office. It costs money: The Rent was \$9903. \$1260 was spent on general liability insurance. A postage meter and its postage cost \$1232. \$651 for copier lease and copier support. \$407 went to State Farm for insurance expense. \$160 was spent on office supplies.

Raising and handling money: \$1875 went for credit card processing fees. JSA, Inc. received \$200 for telefundraising consultation. \$131 went to PNC-Riggs for bank service charges.

Much work is done electronically. Lyris Tech receives \$3000 for web and email hosting services. Apple Computer received via credit card \$2 819.88 for an iMac Computer and Software.

Terra Eclipse received another \$1500 for website management. Rackspace received \$649 for website hosting. ThePlanet.com gets \$574 for email server hosting. Phone and Data services to PAETEC come to \$2289; for the same purpose, Telecompute corporation received another \$56. Washington Cable received \$330 for cable services.

There were also additional payments reported as text explanations of credit card disbursements. While some of these "ultimate vendors" match the above, others do not, including:

Staff travel/meals \$66 to 600 Restaurant
Remote PC Access: \$45 to GoToMyPC.com.
\$65 to MintPublishing of Long Beach, Ca for Internet Services.
\$13 for postage.

LNC Staff Maligned LPMass Leadership — Their Claims Are Here Refuted

Their claims are not obviously in agreement with the record as seen from Massachusetts. What the LNC staff told the LNC about the Massachusetts state committee, and what is true, are quite different.

Start: I contacted Mary Ruwart while at the New Hampshire event. We had long discussion of a whole series of issues. One of these was the list of membership data that is supposed to be sent regularly from the national party to the state party. Massachusetts has not been receiving the list on a regular basis.

Mary Ruwart promised that she would contact the National Party, and she did. She received a response from Robert Kraus. Unfortunately, many of Mr. Kraus's statements to her are not what one would expect, given the facts. The following gives (1) her memo, (2) Mr. Kraus's response, and (3) My remarks on Mr. Kraus's statements. As a matter of courtesy, I first supply his response without comments, and then supply the memo with interpolated observations. Note that this has all gone to the entire LNC at this point, so it is in no sense a private discussion any more.

Mary Ruwart's Memo, as cced to the entire LNC and various party employees.

From: Mary Ruwart [mailto:mary@ruwart.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 11:49 AM
To: 'Robert Kraus'
Cc: lnc-discuss@hq.lp.org
Subject: Service to affiliates

Dr. George Phillies approached me in NH with concerns about how information about new LP members is conveyed to affiliates. He claims that such information is provided to affiliates on an irregular basis every few months or so, rather than monthly as it has been in the past.

He also indicated that there seems to be no mechanism in place to update e-mail addresses of members. Consequently, when the old e-mail address no longer works, members simply stop getting e-mails.

Can you enlighten me on these items so that I can address his concerns? Thanks!

Robert Kraus's response to Mary Ruwart's Memo, as cced to the entire LNC and various party employees.

From: Robert Kraus [mailto:robert.kraus@lp.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 11:19 AM
To: 'Mary Ruwart'
Cc: lnc-discuss@hq.lp.org
Subject: RE: Service to affiliates

Sure,

As his own state chair can tell you (and yours BTW – Pat) – each state chair or their designated person receives a copy of all inquiries made via the web. In addition, as we explained at the state chairs conference, they receive this in their data dumps. They simply have to look at the Bio Date Added column to determine all their new inquires and Membership date added for new members.

When George was Chair for MA, his designated person was Carol McMahan. I do not recall Carol ever complaining about not receiving dumps or inquires. When Carol moved to CT, she had me change the designated person to David Blau who is now Chair. During George's tenure as Chair, I did not receive one update from LPMA. David has already sent me a few and promises to do a better job of following up with new inquires (who he says the LPMA was lax in following up for the last couple years).

I do get regular updates from many states, especially VA which does so almost weekly, which includes updates to emails. We have done email appends in the past on very rare occasions on limited records, as these cost about 25 cents per record. The annual report does request updates to the constituents' info including emails. Susan and Casey also get multiple updates from constituents which they input daily.

Donny says we have about 61,000 emails on file for our email blasts and our delivery rate is 98% (thus only about 2% bounce back - bad or blocked). I believe if an email bounces back more than 5 times or so, it gets automatically removed. We get about 3000 new or changed emails per month which we upload to our email server periodically.

Dumps are sent out at least once a month and additionally by request. I do not recall ever refusing to send out an extra dump or two when asked.

As you recall, we had a short period this summer when doing the web change over, where inquires were not going out. During that time I sent out dumps every other week to make sure states were kept up to date.

Thanks for your question!

Robert

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Mr. Kraus's Memo with corrections

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Issues:

#1) For much of this period, I *was* my own state chair.

And here is the cover letter on a typical data dump from the period. Note that I *am* included as an addressee. Mr Kraus's claim that the dumps were sent to me OR to a designate, so they went to Carol. They actually went to three places, when they went at all:

Subject: LPMA Data Dump

Date: Fri, 28 Dec 2007 16:33:14 -0500

From: Robert Kraus <robert.kraus@lp.org>

To: <cjcmahon@verizon.net>, <DWRoscoe@verizon.net>, <phillies@4liberty.net>

Your monthly Dump is attached for your review. This includes any updates sent to us through the end of this week.

We are sending you this dump early because we want you to make an "end of year" last minute push to help increase your states active sustaining membership, and thus increase your delegate count!

Here is an email from me designating who should receive the data dumps. Note it clearly says Carol and I. That procedure was a simply a continuation of the ongoing practice, in which as seen above the dumps were already going both to Carol and to myself.

Indeed, Carol wrote me:

Hi George,

Not sure why Kraus would mention me. I was the backup person so that the LPMA could consistently receive the dumps from National. This was because the dumps sometimes failed to reach Dave Roscoe and I would forward

them to him when necessary. My recommendation is to have the dumps sent to two separate people to ensure that they are received consistently.

Carol

And here is a designation of recipients, reducing the number from 3 to 2.

Subject: Re: LPMA CSV Data Dump

Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 14:29:20 -0500

From: George Phillies <phillies@4liberty.net>

To: Robert Kraus <robert.kraus@lp.org>

CC: cjcmahon@verizon.net, DWRoscoe@verizon.net

References: <00a301c898e2\$edcec100

\$3c01000a@inc.org>

Dear Robert,

Thanks as always for your excellent work.

After 17 years on the job, Dave Roscoe is withdrawing as Membership Secretary to pursue other interests. Future files should go to Carol and I. We can both read excel (.XLS) files, and having the pre-sort would be convenient. George

#2) Kraus claims "When George was Chair for MA, his designated person was Carol McMahan."

It is untrue that dumps only went to one person. For most of the period while I was Chair, the persons receiving the files were David Roscoe, Carol McMahan, and I. Here is a sample dump from the period. Note to whom it is addressed:

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#3) Kraus writes "When Carol moved to CT, she had me change the designated person to David Blau who is now Chair."

Untrue. I removed Carol from the list. Here is the actual memo removing Carol from the distribution list. Note it comes from me as Chair. At the time Carol was removed, Blau was not Chair.

Subject: Change in MA datadump distribution
Date: Sat, 27 Sep 2008 20:45:02 -0400
From: George Phillies <phillies@4liberty.net>
To: Robert Kraus <robert.kraus@lp.org>
please delete cjmcMahon@verizon.net
She is in the process of moving to Connecticut. She will
be in state through election day but is quite busy.
George

#4) Kraus complains that we never sent him updates.
That's simply not true. I give three examples, labeled A-C

Here is Correspondence Segment A in natural time order.
Note, by the way, that some of these ISPs have been out
of business for years. Most of the 200+ email addresses
have been deleted to save space, but I can forward if there
are doubts. After all, they are all invalid.

MESSAGE A-1

From: George Phillies [mailto:phillies@4liberty.net]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 12:14 AM
To: Robert Kraus; David W. Roscoe
Subject: Invalid Emails
The following emails from the latest dump are all invalid.
They are from active or lapsed members (not dropped
members) in Massachusetts in the latest dump. Please see
if they can be removed from the data base so I do not get
swamped with returned messages again. Incidentally
"mediaone" and "atbtbi" no longer exist as URLs, and
your email addresses with those parts are invalid.
A long list of email addresses followed.

MESSAGE A-2

Mr. Kraus's Response to me follows. Note that his state-
ment here about email messages contradicts his statement
in his memo to Ruwart. Kraus wrote:

Sorry,
I can not remove them unless the entire address record is
submitted to me as a change (see procedure attached) so
I can import it. Even if I had an intern work on this list
one at a time, it does me no good without at least member
id numbers.

I have my email system set up to ignore those types of
email message returns thus, they do not clog up my in
box. I believe Shane's email program he uses for our pro-
motional emails automatically removes those emails that
are no longer valid, however we have no way of re-
importing those back into RE.

Thanks!

Robert

Robert S. Kraus - Dir of Operations

MESSAGE B: And here is yet another correction, a resig-
nation from the party as forwarded to Robert Kraus on
June 13 2008 at 10:57 AM

Subject: Membership in LP

Date: Fri, 13 Jun 2008 01:06:22 -0400

From: REDACTED

To: Arthur Torrey <arthur_torrey@comcast.net>,

George Phillies <phillies@4liberty.net>

Dear George,

Thank you for everything you are doing for liberty in
Massachusetts. You are truly a beacon of liberty here in
New England. Unfortunately, due to the nomination of an
extremely anti-gay presidential candidate, I must resign
my membership from the Libertarian Party, effective im-
mediately. I will continue to petition for the LPMass, with
the note that doing so puts only Phillies/Bennett on the
ballot and not Barr/Root.

Thanks again for all of your work,

REDACTED

MESSAGE C: And here is the front piece of a long list of
updates to the LNC press email list:

Subject: email list update

Date: Sat, 22 Sep 2007 21:31:12 -0500

From: George Phillies <phillies@4liberty.net>

To: Robert Kraus <robert.kraus@lp.org>, 'Shane Cory'
<shane.cory@lp.org>

The following email addresses from the LP Lists of press
contacts for Massachusetts are invalid: (long list deleted)

#5) Kraus claims "David [Blau] has already sent me a
few and promises to do a better job of following up with
new inquires (who he says the LPMA was lax in following
up for the last couple years)."

Blau denies making these remarks. He notes that he was
not active in the State Committee until Fall 2007 and thus
would have no way of knowing what the party had done
previously. The State Committee has not changed its
process in contacting inquirers over the past several years.

New LP Nevada Chair

Our Nevada correspondent writes that "Nevada has
replaced Jim Duensing as Chair with Joe Silvestri, who
stated at convention that 9-11 truth, no matter your
belief, has no place being promoted by the Ex-comm of
Nevada." Jim Duensing was a prominent 9/11 conspiracy
theorist. At the 2008 LSLA Presidential debate, Du-
ensing challenged me to explain why the World Trade
Towers fell straight down. 'Because gravity points that
way' summarizes my surprise answer.

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Address Corrections Requested

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