

The campaign is also raising money now for a big run of television commercials.

From the Michael Badnarik Campaign

Michael will be on the ballot in at least 48 states.

The website has been redesigned and the blog is updated several times a day. The interviews are happening every day and Michael is hitting most of the swing states and drawing attention. He's consistently getting 1%-5% in national and state polls. He's participated in televised debates with David Cobb at least twice.



The website traffic has continued to increase, we are now closing in on Bush in the Alexa ratings. The campaign is also raising money for the promised television commercials, which are ready to go on the air. Even a last-minute donation from you will be used to buy more national airtime.

In the very latest news, Michael tried to get into the Bush/Kerry joint press conference on Oct 8, and was arrested, which only highlights just how ridiculous the whole process has become under the Democrats and Republicans.

Write in Michael Badnarik on November 2nd.

More at www.Badnarik.org

Update from Richard Kahn for Congress

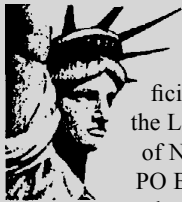
Richard Kahn, of Hudson, our second district congressional candidate, is still charging ahead.

He's already had several media interviews and appearances, been to candidate forums, put up road signs, raised some money, and is meeting people everywhere.



Rich is looking for volunteers to put up road signs and hold signs at the polls. He's ordered 200 signs, and there are plenty left to put up. Contact him for details. We also have some available for pickup at the Ammon Center office, 175 Ammon Drive, Suite 100, in Manchester. Please call 641-8118 if you will be stopping by outside normal business hours.

More at www.RichKahn.org



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While You Were Sleeping

Recent developments which affect your life:

- The Pentagon wants an exemption to the Privacy Act to allow its agents to create databases on Americans and question Americans without revealing their identity.
- H.R. 3922, weaving its way through Congress, demands all 50 states pass laws allowing police to drug test drivers and arrest anyone found to have "any detectable amount of a controlled substance present in the person's body."

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school system.”

What to do with students who don't fit the current model? We don't count the psychological dropouts, which may be a larger number than the physical dropouts. Lots of educations are trying to build a better yesterday, we need to build a better tomorrow. We need to look at everything. NH last did a complete review of education standards in 1919.

When he started this job, Fred asked a lot of questions. The priority was the rules for schools (ie, 180 days, class size, square footage, etc). Fred challenged everything from the calendar on up. “Is it one way or the highway? Or give the community some flexibility?”

So far, in the draft, they've removed the 180 days for 6 hours a day rule, unanimously. That was just the start. The real progress is being made around graduation requirements. For example, gym class counted for credit, but team sports didn't, now they do. Outside programs, like private gymnastics academies, will also count.

“Do we care more that the school is the first deliverer of education or that the kids are learning?” Answering that question really opened the door to more outside learning. Music class was all that counted before, now marching band does, plus outside music lessons, or playing for the local symphony.

Students can now work with teachers for credit for what they learn outside, from forming a successful local rock band, to travel to a foreign country to learn the language. This opens up the world. It is no longer just about the classroom. Internships, private instruction, online and distance learning, all are possible. We just make sure it is about high standards and not about location.

NH has removed the 19-3/4 Carnegie Credits requirement from the rules. Think about how many people who were less than one credit short and just couldn't take the boredom anymore. What if we could have a ceremony where students could show us in a real world way they have learned a subject

and give them a diploma.

Parents, business people, and students get excited when they hear about all this. Educators tend to split on excitement and fright. Fred said he will hold as many forums and meetings anywhere in the state as needed to show people what this is all about. Claremont, Berlin and Epping are already offering credit for outside programs. It's being called “real world learning.”

All this change will take serious resources, but they are already here, in the community. The Capital Center for the Arts wants to offer classes on theater lighting and sound. Seacoast Science Center has a deal with Bob Ballard, who found the Bismark and Titanic, to teach underwater exploration. (sign me up!)

We can offer teachers new opportunities so they can engage students. This initiative has been called “homeschooling with oversight”. It is also a form of privatization. It will add a mentor and coaching role to teaching, so there may be an initial training expense since it's not the usual 5 class periods for 5 days.

Ten years from now we might have students engaged all day, and checking in with the school weekly, and so change the nature of facilities. Fred said people need to come to the hearings. The new rule: “if the student demonstrates mastery, they get credit.”

The board is looking at elementary education too. The governor's task force on “limitless learning” is taking a look at special education, few are happy with the current system. Fred estimates that in 5 years half the students will graduate in less than 4 years.

“I'm everywhere to let parents know the rights they have in the rules.” The technical educators and gifted educators organizations have endorsed the plan.

In questions about federal involvement, NH has applied for a grant to get this program off the ground, with our own rules. He also speculated if there was some unintended genius of No Child Left Behind, since the current system cannot meet its goals, that it is forcing change upon the system, so indeed

no child will be left behind, that they will all get the individualized education they deserve.



Katherine Albrecht

After a delay in setting up a projector, the LPNH's own Katherine Albrecht delivered a wide-ranging speech on the uses and abuses of Radio Frequency Identifiers (RFID) technology.

She related having to carry 2 wallets full of cards for the many stores, groups and clubs she belonged to while working on her PhD at Harvard and living in California. She asked herself, “Why do we have so many?” That led her to research the data collection of the cards. What is in all those the databases.

While doing a paper for the *Denver Law Review* she got a message from a director of AC Nielsen saying that “First there was the barcode, to get what is selling; second was shopper cards so we know who is buying what, but still missing demographic information. With RFID we'll know who's buying what but also when and where they use it.” There has been a plan since 1999 to track every manufactured object in real time.

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Hidden placement of tags.

They can be placed in boxes, layers of a shoe sole, folded into seams, etc. The newest chips can also be written to. The main companies are: Alien Technologies, Matrics, and Checkpoint, which makes anti-theft devices. The main suppliers have formed the “Auto-ID Center”, whose goal is to have RFID tags replace barcodes. They got funding under the table for four years before turning the work over to the UCC,

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Uses and abuses of Radio Frequency Identifiers (RFID) technology

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DoD and USPS. Confidential reports show consumer hostility to this whole concept.

Examples of hidden placement: inside flip-top shampoo bottles, lining of dog food bags. They can now spray on a conductive layer of materials on a box and paint over it, acting as an antenna for the chip. Checkpoint is encouraging tagging at the manufacturing source and just bought 100 million RFID tags.

Concern – Unique IDs worldwide for all objects.

The EPC, or Electronic Product Code, is a new standard to replace the UPC. By using a 96-bit key, it can uniquely identify up to 79 trillion-trillion objects, more than all the grains of sand on every beach in the world. Coca-cola has said they want to uniquely identify every can of Coke. The EPC would be embedded into every chip, which can be read through most walls at a distance.

Now add in reader devices placed in the general environment. Link up the EPCs with purchase data, and you know the who, where and when of every purchase. DARPA and Homeland Security want to create a monster database to consolidate consumer information and identification.

The Auto-ID meetings discussed the need for a Trojan Horse to get this technology out there. CASPIAN publicized it before they could make it happen. Matrics has a new loyalty card with 2 antennae so it can be read from any angle.

Stores want to identify you to segment customers and treat them differently, with better or worse service and pricing. At the supermarket, every UPC is linked to you if you use a customer or credit card with the purchase. New loyalty cards also have RFID tags, and many stores are making customers turn in old cards. 20% of retail customers bring in 80% of the profits. "Digital redlining" is the process to discourage low-profit customers from coming back to the store. Extensure is developing a real-time price changing display, some that you have to read with your cell phone.

Proctor and Gamble said "we can trust the retailers with the information

they collect." PathTracker is a new service that can read your behavior for individual databasing. Some stores add in weight sensors, heat sensors and tracking of individuals.

Concern – Tracking Movement and People.

Michelin putting RFID tags in tires. Road readers, even just at the ramps, can track your total routine. Perhaps even mail you a speeding ticket by remote. Most of us have heard of the Verichip implant from Applied Digital. It's an RFID that is implanted in people (or pets). The next generation will use GPS.

The PR campaign for all this is designed to pacify the consumer. It will count on apathy, bringing lawmakers into the "inner circle" (their words) and making it seem inevitable or get it out there before anyone can do anything about it.

Other examples of this technology include a live webcam behind a store shelf to record the faces of people who buy a product, and even to have that photo sent to the checkout to make sure people pay for the products they pick up.

Protests against this are working, loyalty cards and surveillance systems are getting pulled.

Legislatively, the solution Katherine is proposing is a simple labeling requirement, that any product or packaging that contains RFID be clearly labeled so the consumer can make an informed choice, and we'll let the market figure out how to deal with it.

Attendees immediately came up with products ideas such as jammers and readers which consumers would want to buy and use to protect their privacy. Plus the marketing advantage which could arise out of not spying on your customers.

Business Meeting

There was quite a bit to talk about. It was just one year ago that the FSP announced New Hampshire as the Free State and we began to welcome our Porcupine friends. And nearly a year ago that the NHLA was formed, gaining us an ally in our work for freedom.

John Babiarz said his goal was to form alliances, and we've done

that. Alliances are needed because no one group has the manpower to enact major change. We'll continue to reach out and share our point of view. We've had help in Concord, even from those hidden Libertarians. Things are changing, we are on the inside more and the statistis are protesting us for a change. We've scared them, perhaps even too much.

Ballot access didn't go as well as we hoped, a court challenge has been filed. A goal for the next year will be to write out a procedure for the ballot access process, since it apparently wasn't as simple as we thought, either for our members, or the town clerks.

Change is coming, and we can help make it happen, within and outside the system. With new initiative we can have better results next year. The Efficiency Commission recommendations didn't always go over well, but it did open up the books and it has been extended. Some changes such as eliminating alcohol violation for revoking parole are being seriously looked at.

We will continue to educate the public. Our number one goal for next year will be ballot law reform. It is something that must happen.

For those who were concerned about funds, we are up over \$5000 from last year at this time. We hope to raise enough money to hire an executive director, greatly increasing our ability to affect change.

A new executive board was elected. John Babiarz is chair, 1st district vice chair is Brendan Kelly, 2nd district vice chair is Mike Lorey, Rhonda Keiper is our Treasurer, and Rich Kahn is our Secretary. The new Judicial Committee is Rosalie Babiarz, Howard Wilson and Rich Tomasso. John thanked the previous board members for their hard work and talents.

We voted to endorse the amendment to 73a on the November ballot.

We need to start grooming candidates for the 2006 general election. We'll be nominating them in one year. They need to get proper training and a good group of volunteers. Also, please run for local office in 2005. Filing period is usually January for the towns.

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If we start building momentum now, we'll have major party status going into 2008, which means a Libertarian presidential primary and the resultant press coverage that comes with it.

In addition to elective office, there are tons of appointed positions available (the list is on nh.gov). The latest list from the state is five pages long. Odds are the governor will appoint you. Most of the positions have a minimal time commitment, some are even paying jobs.

In other election info, the public has the right to inspect the counting process and check the ballot boxes, both before and after, to make sure they are empty. Also, ask for a count of the write-ins.

We have some new office space near the Manchester airport. It's being set up with desks, files and computers. Contact Mike Lorrey or John Babiarz if you'd like to volunteer there.

Dan Karlan, our LNC rep, did note that since Michael Badnarik isn't on the ballot (though remember we can still write him in), it may affect our delegate count to the national convention. To compensate we can increase our membership base.



Mary Ruwart

Doctor Ruwart spoke to us about how economic liberty helps both the environment and poverty.

Before 1800 every country was poor, then the developed world took off. Why? Economic freedom allowed for wealth creation. A look at the economic freedom indices shows that the freest countries have the highest per capita income and wealth creation. Countries without that freedom are still at the \$1000 per capita level.

The complaint against capitalism

is that it is at the expense of the poor. This is ridiculous since the poor have no money. With economic freedom the bottom 10% income group actually advances faster than the general population. Even the World Bank, no bastion of Austrian economics, now recognizes the "correlation between economic freedom and decreased poverty, income inequality, infant mortality and increased lifespans."

Government spending vs GDP shows an inverse relationship. The lower the percentage of spending, the more wealth creation happens, and the data suggests it's an exponential relationship, especially as spending goes below 10%. So we can end poverty by not spending as much money. Even the number of regulators affect jobs. With data taken from the Reagan years and onward, each new regulator costs 150 private sector jobs.

Wealth creation increases life expectancy, which affects health care, knowledge and food. In the Third World, children start earning their keep with chores at age 5. In the First World, may not start until age 25. The population should stabilize within the next 40 years. Birth rates are below the replacement level in the First World. So what makes good economic sense is also good for the environment, so we won't overpopulate the world.

Private property has a core concept that if you break something you either pay for it or make it whole again. For natural resources, this discourages pollution. Sovereign Immunity cuts government out of this principle. We saw omnipresent pollution in the communist bloc after the Cold War, but it is now much better.

The government is also subsidizing species destruction, from poisons or bounties, and many species are saved only by private ownership of breeding grounds. Private solutions offered to replace hunted livestock and encouraged keeping other prey species alive. Look at the elephant populations in different countries in Africa. Kenya has a ban on hunting and population is down 75% in the last decade. Zimbabwe allows private

ownership and hunting licenses and population is up 40%.

Rainforest destruction comes from a government policy of only granting title to cleared land. The government also displaces the local indigenous population and denies them their rights. The Rainforest Alliance raised money for legal help for them. Making land a park or reserve can worsen the situation since no one has interest in preservation. So we recommend property and homestead rights as the right tool.

People do change the environment, but so do animals, just look at beavers. The environment is always changing, it just gives the illusion of permanence. It is the cycle of life. The transfer of property to the highest bidder will encourage the owner to take care of it. Subsidies distort the true price of oil and other resources.

Audience members have pointed out the military is making great strides in cleaning up. One member said Area 51 is the military's toxic waste dump which is why it is off limits.

The Love Canal incident was an example of sovereign immunity and the brute stupidity of government. Hooker Chemical buried the waste property and put in the deed the local school district bought that no basements could be built for fear of a leak. Well, the district put in basements and then passed the buck back to Hooker.

When talking with others to persuade them to change the system, say that it hurts those it is trying to help the most (ie, welfare doesn't reach the homeless because they have no address to get checks delivered) and explain why when the other person asks.

We know in our hearts that liberty works. The proof is that it does.

The government granting corporations personhood (though not really, but everyone seems to think so) has caused problems. And they use the advantage for everything. The limited liability for stockholders is an extension of sovereign immunity. The book "Unequal Protection" by Thomas Hartman was recommended. The principle of restitution would

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**"Economic liberty helps both the environment and poverty."
-Dr. Mary Ruwart**

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reduce frivolous lawsuits, since you'd have to show real damages. A culture of responsibility (ie, a liberty culture) changes attitudes as well.

After Dinner

We raised some money with the fundraising, though as John pointed out, more time and money will be needed to achieve our goals.



We also announced our Libertarian of the Year, Brendan Kelly. He has offered some words for the members.

"Fortunately we once again had an inspirational convention and we surely needed it. After bottoming out with the failure in the petition drive the only choices were throw the towel in or try harder. We have to set goals that are attainable and make sure we meet them.

"We've made some headway in the past year with expanding our membership but we have a problem with our percentage of real activists. With about a dozen members doing the majority of the work it's unrealistic to expect great success, burn out is more likely. Therefore we need more activists who are willing to spend a few hours a month to get involved with our goals to improve our party.

"If you are reading this and you are a member we need your help. The goal you are asked to help with before the 2005 convention is to recruit one new dues-paying member. We all love talking about our party principles and often meet people who agree with us. Our requirement is your

getting just one of them to join us in the next year.

"For the select group who attended the convention we have a special request that you find a way to get more involved with the operation of the party so that we spread the work more evenly and not have to unreasonably expect a few truly dedicated individuals to keep our dreams alive while we sit on the

sidelines waiting for something good to happen. If we want results we have to get involved and make certain our goals are achieved. Feel free to be an over achiever."

We received many comments on how great the speeches were. Even the restaurant staff were asking for more information.

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News on LPNH Memberships

As a reminder, your LPNH and LP-US memberships are *separate*. We left the Unified Membership Plan last year. This is a return to separate state and national memberships. Renewing your membership with national does not renew your state membership, and vis versa.

You can update your contact information and renew online at <www.lpnh.org/join.htm> or by calling 431-1618, or return the form on the back page of the newsletter.

We have created two new membership categories for you to consider. First, we have a **family membership** option, only \$40 per year for you and your spouse and/or children. Second, you can become a **monthly pledger** starting at just \$10/month and never have to worry about your membership expiring so long as you continue to pledge.

As a thank you for your support, new members who join will receive a free Libertarian theme song CD, which is registered for radio play.

We are working on creating more membership premiums. If your business or organization would like to participate in this program, please contact the executive board.

Your membership dollars will be going to affect positive change in NH. We'll be using our resources to lobby for legislation, elect our candidates, grow the Party and for other political causes.

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