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ACLU Of Wisconsin Backs Republican's Backers Ashwaubenon Police Attempt to Suppress Supporters of Republican Candidate Ron Paul

On October 3, 2007, Bret Hatch and other supporters of Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul took a large sign urging support for Paul to the Hansen Road bridge over Highway 41 in Ashwaubenon. After they unfurled their banner on the sidewalk, an Ashwaubenon police officer pulled up and told them they would not be able to display their sign. Mr. Hatch protested that their activity was protected by the First Amendment. The officer dismissed their First Amendment concerns and threatened them with a disorderly conduct citation. Not wanting to be ticketed or arrested, the demonstrators rolled up their banner.

Later, Mr. Hatch was sufficiently disturbed by the officer's cavalier dismissal of his First Amendment rights to look further into the matter. He wrote a letter to the Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety complaining about the incident. What he received in response was even more shocking than the officer's conduct. The assistant director of the Public Safety Department said in a letter to Mr. Hatch

that the sign was illegal because it was on display more than 30 days before an election, in violation of a village ordinance. He threatened to issue a citation. He said Mr. Hatch's use of the term "accost" to describe the officer's conduct was inaccurate, because the officer had not made physical contact with the protesters. ("Accost" means "to approach and speak to, often in a challenging or aggressive way." Physical contact is not part of the definition.) The assistant director

threatened to prosecute Hatch for "making a false statement" for using the word "accost," warning ominously "Choose your words carefully." "I was afraid to exercise my free speech rights in my own home town," Hatch said. Then he contacted the ACLU, which on November 1st sent a letter to Ashwaubenon officials demanding that the Village ensure that future demonstrations not be suppressed and that the Village rescind the ordinance putting

time limits on political signs.

"The First Amendment undoubtedly protects the right to carry signs - espe-



Above: Ron Paul supporters, Stephan Kappes (left) and Justin Delsart (right) holding sign.



Right: Actual video capture of Officer Tom Rolling denying demonstrator's rights.

cially political signs - on public sidewalks," said Larry Dupuis, the ACLU of Wisconsin's legal director. "The Supreme Court has repeatedly said that the use of the streets and sidewalks for such demonstrations are a core part of the rights and liberties of Americans. And speech about candidates for public office is essential to the functioning of a democracy."

In a 2004 decision in a case brought by the ACLU, a federal judge in Milwaukee struck down

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ACLU Sues FBI and INS Agents for Unlawful Detention & Abuse in Milwaukee

The week after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Farid Khorrami, drove from his home in northern Illinois to his job in Milwaukee, where he was employed as a pilot for a commuter airline. Mr. Khorrami was born in Iran, but had lived for years as a legal resident of the United States, where he was educated and married to a U.S. citizen. Government agents turned Mr. Khorrami's life upside down that day, as alleged in a complaint filed in federal court in Milwaukee on

his behalf by the ACLU in September.

The complaint alleges that two FBI and two federal immigration agents met Mr. Khorrami at the Milwaukee airport, illegally arrested him because of his national origin and religion, detained him in Milwaukee and Waukesha, and interrogated him and subjected him to physical and psychological abuse. Mr. Khorrami was ultimately transferred to Illinois, where he was held until mid-December, when the

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Banned Books Heard at Madison Event

This October the ACLU of Wisconsin was the lead sponsor of a very successful Banned Books Week event in Madison at the College Library's Open Book Café on September 27th. Nearly 100 Madison residents heard more than 20 guest readers read aloud from their favorite banned books.

John Nichols, writer for The Nation magazine and The Capitol Times, hosted the event as the emcee. Scheduled guest readers included Tess Arenas, Emily Auerbach, Trudy Barash, Stephen Braunginn, Dawn B. Crim, Ada Deer, Jim Fleming, Ronnie Hess, Isabel Jacobson, Gloria Ladson-Billings, Stu Levitan, David Mayhew, Oscar Mireles, Fabu Carter Mogaka, Lorrie Moore, John Quinlan, Rockameem, Sandi Torkildson, Mai Zong Vue, Stan Woodward, and students involved in the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe

Schools, Youth Speaks and the ACLU-UW student chapter.

Each year in Wisconsin and across the nation, communities large and small observe Banned Books Week to celebrate literature, freedom of expression and the fight against censorship. Banned Books Week 2007 ran from September 29 through October 6. More information on the week can be found on the American Library Association's website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/banned-booksweek.htm>.

The ACLU of Wisconsin Madison Area Office, with the dedicated volunteer efforts of Ginny Moore Kruse, organized the Madison area Banned Books week kick off event with planning assistance from the Madison Public Library, the South Central Library System, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Library System.

Other sponsoring organizations included

- ACLU-UW Student Chapter
- A Room of One's Own – Madison area independent bookseller
- Associated Students of Madison
- Avol's Books – Madison area independent bookseller
- Booked for Murder – Madison area independent bookseller
- Cooperative Children's Book Center
- Forward Forum, WTDY 1670am
- Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools
- Half Price Books
- League of Women Voters, Dane County
- Madison Area Technical College Libraries
- Madison Public Libraries
- Madtown Liberty Players
- The Mic 92.1
- Outreach, Inc.
- The Progressive
- Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative - Madison area independent bookseller
- South Central Library System
- University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries
- Westfield Comics – Madison area independent bookseller
- Wisconsin Center for the Book
- Wisconsin Literacy, Inc.
- Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice
- Wisconsin Women's Network
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Madison Branch ■



John Nichols, emcee, has the attention of civil libertarians concerned about censorship in Wisconsin.



Stacy Harbaugh, community advocate at the ACLU's Madison Area Office (center), discusses the night's line-up for 'A Public Reading of Banned Books' with a enthusiastic volunteers, guest readers, and spectators.

Civil Liberties Haiku

Sacco and Vanzetti
 Immigrants on trial
 Dubious theatre.

ACLU Brings Activists Together to Restore the Vote

Felon disenfranchisement is on the front burner in the ACLU of Wisconsin. Many believe the integrity of our democracy depends on remedying this unfair impediment to responsible citizenship.

ACLU of Wisconsin has taken the lead in forming a coalition of community activists and organizations to educate the public. The coalition calls itself "Restore the Vote Wisconsin."

ACLU of Wisconsin hosted a community summit on fair elections in July. In October, interested parties convened again to establish the coalition. Represented at the meeting were leaders from Peace Education Project, Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods, Milwaukee LGBT Center, ACORN, Interfaith Conference of Milwaukee, Institute for One Wisconsin, League of Women Voters, ACLU of Wisconsin Foundation, Peace Action, and One Wisconsin NOW. Also, involved in the discussions or working on felon disenfranchisement in 2007 and 2008 are the NAACP WI State Conference and Milwaukee Branch, Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice, WI AFL-CIO, Campaign Against Violence, League of Conservation Voters, Citizen Action of Wisconsin, Voces De La Frontera, Making

Connections, National Lawyer's Guild-Milwaukee, Wisconsin Task Force on Women in Prison, Madison area Urban Ministries, The Sentencing Project, SEIU-AFRAM, 9 to 5 - National Association of Working Women, Grassroots Northshore, and several other organizations and individuals.

ACLU and its partners will need to let Wisconsinites across the state know the facts:

- **More than 62,000 people with felony convictions are barred from voting in Wisconsin**
- **Only 39% of the disenfranchised are in prison while 61% of disenfranchised are living in their communities, working, paying taxes and raising their families.**
- **One in nine African-American voters is disenfranchised in Wisconsin, compared to one in fifty of all Wisconsin voters. This is the 11th highest rate of African-American disenfranchisement in the US and African Americans comprise 39% of the disenfranchised population, even though they comprise only 5% of the voting age population.**
- **Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio and many other states automatically restore voting rights upon release from incarceration. Wisconsin**



State Senator Spencer Coggs and civil rights activist Martha Toran attend the Community Summit on Fair Elections held in July 2007.

has more restrictive felony disenfranchisement laws than 20 other states.

- **Recent research finds that people who voted after release from supervision were half as likely to be re-arrested as those who did not vote.**
- **Since 1997, 18 states have made progressive changes to their felony disenfranchisement laws, including neighboring Iowa in 2005.**

The 2007 ACLU of Wisconsin Activist Conference includes a session on felon disenfranchisement. ACLU of Wisconsin Associate Director Renee Crawford and panel guests will describe how members can become activists locally on this issue. For more information go to www.aclu-wi.org. ■

Attend the 2007 Activist Conference:

ACTIVISM CAN TAKE MANY FORMS. YOU'RE SURE TO FIND ONE YOU LIKE.

The ACLU and the ACLU of Wisconsin have long been known for using the legal system to promote civil liberties and rights. "Activist judges" are pretty much a myth, but our activist lawyers are still going strong.

We also recognize that the court of public opinion and legislative bodies are equally important as civil liberties battlegrounds. That's why the ACLU of Wisconsin seeks to engage as many members as possible in its work.

Toward that end the 2007 ACLU of Wisconsin Activist Conference was designed to demonstrate how members

can become activists. The "Don't Wait for '08" theme recognizes that many ACLU members are willing and able to do more now, if they have the information and tools they need.

Morning and luncheon plenary sessions feature national speakers who provide information and inspiration on topics such as restoring habeas corpus, closing Guantánamo Bay, ending special rendition, and unwarranted surveillance of innocent Americans.



Tim Sparapani is Legislative Counsel for ACLU at the U.S. Congress

MEMBER ACTION



Breakouts sessions provide both information and activist training. A session on life after last fall's anti-marriage equality state constitutional amendment compares legal and organizing efforts. Restoring the vote to felons who have served their time is a growing movement in Wisconsin that could remedy one of the most serious consequences of our biased criminal justice system.

Other sessions will provide lively exchanges on digital activism, guerilla theater for

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ACLU of Wisconsin State Board Election Ballot

As a current member of the ACLU of WI, you are entitled to vote for candidates for the State Board of Directors for a three-year term ending in 2010. You may vote either online or via paper ballot on page 8.

1) Paper ballot must be received by December 7, 2007 OR 2) Online voting is open November 12, 2007 at 12:00 noon until December 7, 2007 at 12:00 noon at www.aclu-wi.org/election2008.shtml

Online voting instructions can be found at the website. You will need your 8 digit membership number from the top of your mailing label to vote.

Instructions to vote via U.S. Mail:

- 1) Review the Candidate Statements.
- 2) Make your selections on the Official Ballots. You may choose up to seven (7) candidates.
- 3) Tear the ballot along the perforation and place inside the SMALLER BALLOT ENVELOPE and seal it. Please do not write anything on this envelope.
- 4) Place the smaller envelope INSIDE the pre-addressed slightly LARGER RETURN ENVELOPE and seal.
- 5) Place a stamp on the envelope and mail.
- 6) Ballot must be received by December 7, 2007 to be counted.

Please Note:

If you have a Joint membership, place one set of votes in the boxes and the second of votes next to the boxes.

Candidates were asked to respond to three questions.

1. Outline your major civil liberties interests.
2. Describe your activities in civil liberties, civil rights and other public service areas.
3. Describe your vision for the ACLU of Wisconsin as an organization.

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

Lilith Fowler, [MILWAUKEE]

Mother. Past work experience includes economic development, environmental restoration, sustainable agriculture advocacy.

1. All members of our society should have equal access to its rights and benefits, and carry an equitable share of its burdens. Women need the ability to plan their families, including access to safe, legal abortion and birth control. My ability to live, work and raise my children free from religion is important to me, and recently seems precarious.
2. I serve as President of the Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin, a membership organization for groups working on community development and affordable housing. I serve on the advisory board of Public Allies Milwaukee, which trains diverse young people for leadership and public service. As executive director of Menomonee Valley Partners, I worked to restore a blighted, contaminated area at the heart of Milwaukee to environmental and economic productivity, and to ensure that neighbors would benefit from the work. In recent years, I've volunteered as an election observer and a poll worker, and helped raise funds for Fair Wisconsin. I have a solid understanding of non-profit financial management.
3. Protecting voting rights is an area where the ACLU has played an important role, and should certainly continue to do so in this election cycle; this would be my top priority for the coming year. The ACLU should continue to oppose divisive efforts to deny rights and benefits to different groups, and to impose religious mores on civil institutions. Additionally, I would hope to pursue issues based on my experience in affordable housing and environmental justice.

Theresa R. Gabriel, [MILWAUKEE]

Attorney. Labor and employment law; employee benefits law; election law.

1. My interests include, but are not limited to:
 - The attainment and protection of the civil liberties of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered (LGBT) persons, including privacy rights, freedom of expression, the right of LGBT persons to parent, as well as fair treatment in employment, housing, and public accommodations.
 - The protection of demonstrators' free speech rights through the efforts of trained legal observers at demonstrations and protest marches.
 - The protection of the right to vote, i.e., reducing voter intimidation and vote suppression.
 - The protection of the freedom of religion and freedom from religion by the separation of church and state.
2. My civil rights and public service volunteer activities include:
 - Democratic Party of Wisconsin, Fourth Congressional District chair.
 - Democratic Party of Milwaukee County, Northshore/Eastside Unit secretary.
 - HRL-Political Action Committee (now Center Advocates PAC), board member (the PAC supports LGBT and LGBT-supporting political candidates).
 - Domestic Partnership Registry Task Force, Milwaukee, member.
3. My priorities for the board are:
 - Increase ACLU Wisconsin's membership.
 - Increase the organization's visibility at colleges and universities in order to stimulate in young people the awareness and importance of protecting civil liberties.
 - Fund-raise in order to support the organization's civil liberties litigation and communication efforts.

Patti Keating Kahn, [MILWAUKEE]

1. Interested in reproductive rights, separation of church and state, LGBT rights, immigration rights, the environmental rights and poverty and women's rights.
2. Involved in real estate development, specializing in historic building rehabilitation and redevelopment. Owner and manager of two downtown Milwaukee historic office buildings. Experience in business and organizational development as well as a volunteer for nonprofit organizations for over 25 years. I have been a member of the board of the ACLU of Wisconsin since 2002. I have served on the Development Committee, as chair of the Bill of Rights Celebration Committee, chair of the communications committee, the Youth in Civil Liberties committee, the nominating committee as well as on the strategic planning committee. I served as a delegate to the national ACLU Biennial conference in New Orleans in 2005. I have also been an active donor - supplied the furnishings for the Madison Area Office of the ACLU. I am on the Board and past officer of the American Jewish Committee for Human Rights Internationally, and a Board member Emeritus and co-founder of the Wisconsin Green Building Alliance. I am currently Vice President of the Board of Girl Scouts of Milwaukee Area, have served as a member of the capital campaign committee, chair of the property committee, and co-chair of the inaugural 95th anniversary fundraising event. Currently a participant in the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Mosaic Project for fighting racism. Currently serve on the Steering committees for Wisconsin Women for Choice and the Mt. Mary College Women's Leadership Institute. Currently member Professional Dimensions Community Affairs Committee focusing on eliminating racism. Former Board member of the Latino Arts, Milwaukee Nonprofit Center, and the Milwaukee Art Museum FOA Board among other organizations. Served as a volunteer for numerous political campaigns at the local, state, and national level. Also volunteered for the Milwaukee Youth Art Center, Milwaukee Ethnic Council, Milwaukee Women's Center, ABCD (After Breast Cancer Diagnosis), and AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.
3. Never before in the history of our country has there been a more critical period to focus our time, energy and resources on the protection of civil liberties. Having been part of the 2007 ACLU-WI strategic plan, I am anxious to complete the work on its implementation for numerous reasons. Most important of these for me are moving forward to ensure the fiscal strength and growth of ACLU for future generations and increased outreach of the Youth and Civil Liberties program statewide.

William H. Lynch, [MILWAUKEE]

Attorney. Former Exec. Director ACLU of WI. Civil Rights and discrimination legal practice

1. Equal protection, especially when denial is because of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. Equality especially

in education and voting rights. Freedom of expression and separation of Church and State and religious liberty. Counteracting civil liberties violations based on the so-called war on terror.

2. ACLU WI Board member 1978 to present. Sec. -Treasurer, 1991 to present. Exec. Comm. Development Committee, presently interim chair. Nat'l Board representative 1979-1991. Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council volunteer attorney. Member of Wisconsin Employment Lawyers Association. NAACP life member and attorney on many NAACP cases.
3. ACLU WI must increase its resources to be better able to counteract the steady erosion of civil liberties that continues and hopefully be able to begin the long difficult process of restoring civil rights and civil liberties. Continuing and strengthening the very effective efforts to recruit, educate and involve youth in the struggle for civil liberties is a high priority. We must also improve our capacity to mobilize our members and supporters in defense of civil liberties and in support of restoring and protecting them. This involves continuing to improve our communications using the latest technology. We need to reach out to our many new members and enlist them in our efforts to educate the public and influence legislation and public policy.

Matilde (Chico) Ramirez Jr., [GREEN BAY]

Currently, I am the Director of the Multicultural Community Center of Greater Green Bay, which is a non-profit organization.

1. My major civil liberties interests currently involve immigration reform that is fair and just for all documented undocumented people coming to the U.S. There are far too many anti-immigrant organizations in the U.S. who are viewing immigration as an invasion which in turn is causing much fear and distrust among people in many towns, cities and communities.
2. As part of the Multicultural Community Center, a pro-immigrant march was organized in May of 2006 in Green Bay to demonstrate and show support for all immigrants, documented or non-documented, living in the city and Brown County. I have participated, hosted, and attended numerous meetings, forums and seminars here in Green Bay and the Fox Valley regarding immigration reform, anti-immigrant city ordinances, and other similar laws being considered for implementation in our community.
3. Minorities and immigrants seem to be under attack from all sides in the U.S. and Hispanic people living in Wisconsin have not been immune to these attacks either. I would like to promote the ACLU's positive influence and assistance in communities where as a result of our involvement we have stopped and/or were able to sway public officials from initiating laws that were discriminatory and racist.

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Israel Ramon, [RACINE]

My legal practice is limited to Worker's Compensation and Social Security Disability.

1. Given the current political climate and Administration, there are a number of issues of great concern to the residents of Wisconsin and our nation as a whole. I am particularly concerned about the deterioration of civil liberties relating to the Administration's alleged war on terrorism, particularly as it pertains to the diminution of our rights under the 4th Amendment.

Other issues of great concern include the unequal treatment and discrimination against immigrants relating to the Administration's Social Security "no-Match" policy and ongoing efforts by legislators to pass "English Only" legislation. However, discrimination is not limited to immigrants, but also extends to individuals of color, women and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

2 I have been a proud member of the ACLU since 2001. I am a volunteer attorney at the free legal clinic at Voces De Frontera and routinely meet with worker's regarding workplace rights issues. I have participated in numerous seminars relating to workplace issues and the Hispanic Community. I also represent injured workers and disabled individuals throughout the State relating to worker's compensation and social security disability claims.

3. To assist the Board in carrying out its mission by participating in the establishment and review of Board policies and procedures. Participate on Board committees where needed and assist the ACLU in Wisconsin in the recruitment of members and fund raising efforts.

Gretchen Revie, [APPLETON]

Reference librarian at a liberal arts college.

1. I have a long-standing interest in civil liberties related to privacy, access to information, and the freedom to read—what librarians call intellectual freedom. I'm also very concerned about compromises to the rights and liberties of individuals based on race, class, or sexual orientation. An issue I've been interested in recently is the protection and expansion of voter rights, including re-enfranchisement of those on parole or probation.

2. Since January of 2006 I've served on the ACLU-WI Board of Directors, filling out an unexpired term. This has been an incredibly rewarding and energizing activity, particularly for the opportunities I've had to meet, learn from, and work with other ACLU members. For the past several years I've driven election-day vans for student voters organized by a non-partisan group at the college where I work. From 2003 to 2006 I served as a member of the Appleton Area School District's review committee, which addresses complaints regarding school library materials. I have also served in several different capacities on committees of the Wisconsin Library Association that work with First Amendment issues in libraries, including censorship of library materials.

3. Communication between the ACLU-WI and its chapters and members is a major priority, as is educating members about issues and ways to work effectively to influence state and national legislation. We have many members with a lot of interest in and commitment to civil liberties, but we need to strengthen these for the long run, regardless of the outcome of upcoming national elections.

Claire A. Rynders, [MADISON]

I am a recently retired.

1. Assuring equal protection and treatment under the law to segments of the population traditionally denied rights, vulnerable members: persons with disabilities, the poor, youth, and prisoners.

Recovering recent losses and then, forever, preserving first amendment rights of speech and media freedom for unfiltered and relevant reporting, including internet neutrality, for a free and open marketplace of ideas for Americans - free flow of information.

2. As part of my 30+ working life, I have:

- Advocated for incarnated individuals
- Provided trainings to community and employing organizations on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Facilitated workshops designed to assist employers to look beyond a person's disability, to explore frequently held attitudes and to check how attitudes affect their ability to evaluate, hire, work, and supervise person with disabilities
- Served as president of a non-profit Board of Directors for a community based organization
- Held an office in a political organization
- Acted as Principal of an alternative school for juvenile delinquents
- Represented food buyers club, coop members on Board of Directors

3. Privacy concerns, data use by government/private sector without consent.

- Real ID and protection of voting rights
- Civil liberties assaults viewed as national security

Mary Jo Schiavoni, [MADISON]

Labor arbitrator and mediator

1. I am interested in all aspects of civil liberties but particularly First Amendment, Privacy, and Reproductive Rights issues. I have served as the ACLU of Wisconsin representative for the Wisconsin Women's Network Reproductive Rights Task Force and represented the ACLU on various ad hoc committees dealing with Privacy, Reproductive Rights and other Women's Issues.

2. As an attorney, I have worked on amicus briefs on behalf of the ACLU, have served on the State Board for at least three terms, and am currently chair of the Legislative Committee. I

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have also testified before the legislature and written various letters to the editor on behalf of the organization.

3. I would definitely like to see the legislative program developed and brought into the twenty-first century with the addition of software including lobbying programs to reach more of our membership and develop grassroots participation through the utilization of e-mails, cell phones, etc. I also would like to see the establishment of a lobby day around one of the issues of vital importance with which we are concerned such as felon re-enfranchisement, voter and/or real ID, or funding for prisoners. Additionally, I would like to develop a better method of tracking legislation with civil liberties implications and assigning members of the legislative committee and other interested parties to make contacts with the legislature to advocate for our positions. ■



A Legal Observer “watches the watchers.” ACLU Legal Observers play a key role in protecting the free speech and assembly rights of demonstrators and protestors. Over new 40 students have been trained by us this year to work in Wisconsin as legal observers.

ACLU Programs Engage Youth Activists

By Emilio De Torre, ACLU of Wisconsin, Youth & Program Director

As we prepared for the November 17th ACLU of Wisconsin Activist Conference we realized how many different initiatives featured young people taking direct action in their communities. Our flagship program, The Other America Tour is currently training 15 new high school facilitators to prepare them for The Tour. They are joined by a small army of young advisors and volunteers who have helped educate others on youth rights, civil liberties and societal inequities. This group of leaders will bring the anti-oppression message of The Tour to over 500 other students this year.

On November 20th, the ACLU of Wisconsin's Youth Government Day will take on a new “activist look” in its sixth year of engaging high school students. It will feature workshops on Know Your Rights with the Police, Creating Video and Audio PSAs, the Prison Industrial and the Disparate Incarceration of People of Color, Political Blogging and Political Media, Political Cartooning and Art, Immigrants Rights and the Green Bay

Common Council and other pertinent areas. Each workshop will have an activist outcome. In the workshop on the Milwaukee Public School Safety Task Force, actual members of this task force will explain what they do, guide the students to recreate the task force and then the students will come up with a list of recommendations pertaining to school safety and discipline that will be formally presented to the task force. There are currently NO MPS students on this task force. The young people will use this workshop to make their concerns heard.

In this vein, student activists have worked with us by testifying at school board hearings, legal observing protests, educating on military recruitment laws and organizing on Facebook and MySpace to get educated and get organized. Recently, over 840 young people on Facebook joined a group to protest the anti-youth and potentially racist “gang loitering ordinance”. And even though they called their alderman and mayor, the ordinance was signed into effect. Some of

YOUTH & Civil Liberties



these concerned young people joined us after this initiative and wrote, directed, edited and produced a video exposing this ordinance and we put it on YouTube and our website. In the month that it has been online, well over a 1000 different people have seen it. In some instances it was shown in schools and discussed. Visit the link here: http://youtube.com/watch?v=_XSho1qBvLU

Young people, like everyone else, want to play an active part in their communities by promoting civil liberties and social justice. Please contact us if you're interested in starting an ACLUSA (Student Alliance) in your community. youth@aclu-wi.org ■

Civil Liberties Haiku

The heart wants to heal
The brain acts, the body can't
Help itself but move.

ACLU/WI State Board of Directors' OFFICIAL BALLOT

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- If yours is a joint membership, both members may vote, one marking "x" in the box, the other marking "x" beside the box.
- Vote for up to, but no more than, seven candidates.
- Use the space provided for Write-in votes.
- Detach this card at the perforations
- Place in the ballot envelope provided
- Seal the ballot envelope
- Place inside the return envelope
- Place stamp on the return envelope and mail

You may alternatively vote via the Internet. Go to www.aclu-wi.com/election2008.shtml and follow the instructions on the screen. You may only submit one ballot per member.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lilith Fowler | <input type="checkbox"/> Gretchen Revie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theresa R. Gabriel | <input type="checkbox"/> Claire A. Rynders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patti Keating Kahn | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Jo Schiavoni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> William H. Lynch | <input type="checkbox"/> Write In _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matilde (Chico) Ramirez | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Israel Ramon | |



VOTE

Civil Liberties Haiku
 People have spoken
 History tells victor's tales
 Truth seeps out corners.

Activism from page 3

social change, and grassroots organizing on civil liberties issues, such as local censorship efforts, immigration, and military recruiting in high schools.

For registration information go to www.aclu-wi.org/activist or call (608)469-5540. Walk ins are welcome at the Pyle Center in Madison on Saturday, November 17th. ■

Kate Stewart is a seasoned pollster for national ACLU.



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INS finally withdrew a false statement that had been used to justify his detention. He returned home to his family in Illinois, but continues to suffer lasting effects from the abuse and long detention.

Mr. Khorrami originally filed a lawsuit in Illinois seeking money to compensate him for his suffering and to send a message to federal officials that such conduct is intolerable in a just and open society. A federal court there will decide his claims against the INS official who filed the false statement used to hold Mr. Khorrami. The judge in the Illinois case, however, decided that the claims against the FBI and INS agents who detained and abused Mr. Khorrami in the Milwaukee area had to be filed in Milwaukee. Mr. Khorrami is represented in the Milwaukee case by ACLU of Wisconsin Legal Director Larry Dupuis as local counsel, ACLU of Illinois Legal Director Harvey Grossman, and Roger Pascal, Lawrence Heftman and Renee Kelley of the Chicago law firm Schiff Hardin. ■

Backers from page 1

similar time limits on political signs in Pewaukee. Also in 2004, the ACLU successfully defended a person ticketed for promoting the candidacy of Michael Badnarik, the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate, by holding a banner on a freeway overpass in Oshkosh.

"We hoped that local law enforcement agencies would learn the lesson of these cases, but sometimes they need reminders," said Dupuis from the ACLU. ■

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