

# Shanti:



# Peace

**FEB 12th** PBR DOG TREAT - \$2 PBR ALL DAY  
Owner/Dog look-a-like contest  
ALLEY MUTZ 3-8pm

**FEB 16th** Start Mardi Grau with our CRAWFISH BOIL  
BOTTOM'S UP BLUES GANG 8-12pm

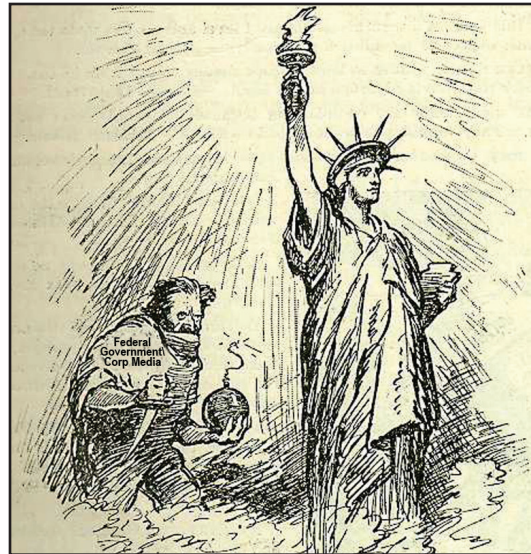
**FEB 17th** **Diggler's Lounge** \$5

**FEB 18th** GRAND SATURDAY • MARDI GRAS  
Scandalorous • \$5 Cover

**FEB 21st** PHAT TUESDAY! **The Schwag** INDOOR SMOKING

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**EVEN DOGS ARE WELCOME!**



## ESSAY | Letter to the State Bureau Chief (Editor)

by Henry Nicolle

Hi Timm,  
I am responding to your request for interviews with Ron Paul supporters in our local area. I contacted all of the folks I know and have received no volunteers for an interview. There is no reason spoken, simply no response, no returned calls.

There may be a lack of confidence in mainstream reporting. Possibly, I may not be in good standing. (If that is the case, I am the furthest from knowing why it should be.)

The only common element in my conversations that I could perceive was one similar to the kind of evasive feeling

one gets when talking to prisoners about their feelings regarding their jailers: Cautious, guarded, unsympathetic and un-revealing.

In my conversations as I travel, I hear we have serious problems brought on by ignorant policies and conduct of the people in government. The complaints run from complaisance through greed and hubris, to open defiance of our Rights and Liberty in the executive and judicial branches. Respect for our law and principles of inherent, individual Rights does not exist in the conduct or policies of our institutions.

The perception that the corruption of self-governing has progressed so far that people sincerely believe that we are on an uncorrectable path to violent internal conflict, a thing which few wish to experience. The few who do not recoil from conflict believe that the social, monetary, and political bodies are fatally parasite-infested, therefore the sooner corrective action is taken, the less painful the correction and the more promising an outcome without killing the host.

Opposing these sentiments are a larger number who stoutly disagree, who support our aggressive law-and-order state's everybody-is-a-terrorist-and-this-is-war internal policing and security policies, who applaud the debt-based monetary system and its associated consumer economic system, who demand invasive government controls and benefits for some illusive greater good and think a kick-ass foreign policy should drag foreigners into the New World Order or crush them into pre-stone-age because it's good for our economy and makes us safer at home.

The idea that an intolerable government should be modified, replaced or abandoned at the will of the People is inconceivable to both people of our governments and their majority supporters.

Among those who support Ron Paul, support for the concept of self-government, self-determination, assistance to preserve individual Rights, Liberty, and Property is foremost. They do not represent a "team" in the business as usual political arena. While Ron Paul is a symbol for a progression to a free country and a free People, these principles are only vague figures in the fog motivating the Tea Parties and Occupy proponents and participants. They look to political business as usual and old leadership for new direction.

Most supporters of Ron Paul are looking for the changes the last dozen administrations unfaithfully promised and which no president can deliver. The American media and our corrupted political processes have made Ron Paul a political icon, a toy of the powers that be behind the scenes, to be used up in a desperate effort to maintain the failed status-quo long enough to substitute a replacement with a future life.

Perhaps the foreboding sense of impending domestic disaster and the futility of asking for peaceful change for Liberty and respect for the individual has dampened any desire to crow before a dreadful dawn. The war upon the American People has already been initiated by the federal government and their assets among the States. This war has been ratified by policy, practice, judicial opinion and legislation. These are historically irreversible steps by governments and subjects.

I always talk too much and my opinions are always vulnerable to critical comment, Timm. Thank you for reading.

In January of 2008, you suggested that you (as writer and editor) discounted Ron Paul, because the consensus among your peers was that Ron Paul (nothing personal) had no future as a candidate. This time around, Ron Paul has gained notably in the public eye, but the media (your peers) remain opposed to his candidacy, often aggressively opposed, blatantly biased and if not speaking in poor terms of Paul's candidacy, denigrating his supporters. Much press coverage he receives is mortally diminished and twisted, demonstrated by the conduct and reporting of the recent debates and follow-up.

I do not know what is in the minds of our Ron Paul supporters. I have passed the question around to our lists and even asked the Ron Paul National Campaign staff for other local contacts in pursuit of the question. I have received nothing.

Thank you for your call and your question. All I have to offer in return are these opinions. Best regards Timm and Good Luck! I think we'll need a lot of it.

