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AFP Elects First Party Member to Public Office

*by Romelle Winters
AFP Press Secretary*

The America First Party is celebrating a major milestone in its development--the first ever election of a party member to public office. On Tuesday, March 30, 2004, Jeffrey W.T. Buck was elected to the Representative Town Meeting Assembly of Framingham, MA representing the 13th Precinct.

Framingham, with a population of more than 67,000 people, is located 20 miles west of Boston. Under its form of government, the Board of Selectpersons along with a Town Manager form the executive branch, while a Representative Town Meeting Assembly serves as the legislative branch. Each year, voters elect four representatives from each of the town's eighteen precincts to the

Town Meeting Assembly. Each Town Meeting Assembly member serves a three-year term.

Jeffrey W.T. Buck is a 31 year-old Education Masters Degree candidate at Framingham State College, with a focus on teaching English to speakers of foreign languages. In 2003, he co-founded a local grassroots immigration reform organization.

Commenting on his election, he said, "I'm honored to be the first AFP member elected to public office. It's a small step for us, but it's a step in the right direction. My primary task as a Town Meeting member is to see that the plain English of

our Commonwealth's Constitution and town By-Laws is upheld, starting with the oath of office. I look forward to doing the best job I can for all my constituents."

National Chairman Dan Charles added, "Our strategy from day one has been to focus on state and local elections in 2002 and 2004, growing our own candidates as we grow our party. Jeffrey is not the first party member to serve in public office, but he is the first to be elected to public office. We believe this is a harbinger



*Jeffrey W. T. Buck
Town Meeting Member*

of better days to come for the American people and the residents of the Town of Framingham."

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Irrational Immigration Is Costly

*by Romelle Winters
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This year more than four million people will move into our country, with three million of those entering illegally, breaking our laws every minute of every day they remain. At the current rate of immigration, our nation's population will double by 2050. This will put unimagined pressure and strain on our nation. It will

affect our economy and wages, stretch government services and the taxpayers who support them, inflate the cost of living, and harm our environment.

Yet politicians of both parties champion immigration - both legal and illegal - with a common mantra. They declare the people streaming into our country are taking jobs that

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Dan Charles
AFP Chairman

Mission Statement

We, the members of the America First Party, pledge ourselves to restore and revitalize the great American Experiment for the benefit of our nation and all its people.

We commit ourselves to elect honest people to public office who adhere to principles based on the wisdom of the Founders and expressed in the United States Constitution and our party platform.

We hold to the steadfast beliefs that the means to revitalizing our nation is to revitalize our people and the means to restore our nation is to restore just and Constitutional governance. To this end, we obligate our party:

- To preserve and protect our people and our sovereignty
- To promote economic growth and independence
- To encourage the traditional values of faith, family, and responsibility
- To ensure equality before the law in protecting those rights granted by the Creator
- To clean up our corrupted political system

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Running to Win

Whether asked by a member of the press, a talk show host, or a potential new party member, one of the questions I am asked most often is: "Who is the America First Party running for President?"

The short answer is: "We are not running anyone for President this year."

After a moment or two of silence, the person who asked the question invariably asks, "Why?"

Before we started the America First Party, we thought long and hard, studied history, and examined our own political experiences. We wanted to develop a party that could take our nation back from the globalist Democrat-Republican Party. That meant a strong platform, rules to promote principled growth, and an electoral strategy that could win.

It is a truism that if we fail to win elections, we cannot govern. If we do not govern, then those who do now continue to do so, and we lose our precious Constitution or sovereignty -- all that we hold dear.

We cannot afford one failed attempt at unattainable office after another and then honestly tell our children and our party members that we tried our best.

If you look at the other third parties, they all have one thing in common: They have tried to build their parties around one personality or another, and have focused on winning the presidency. They have tried to seek a quick fix.

But there is no quick fix, and we cannot expect to undo 150 years of damage to our great nation and its Constitution in two or four or even eight years, even if we control the Oval Office. We will need to take over all levels of government: local, state, and federal.

Time draws short for our Republic, so we must be realists and be rational in our approach. Our movement cannot afford

yet another third party that leaves the American people with an impression of yet another loser party that cannot even affect an election and does back-flips if a candidate gets 3 to 5 percent. We cannot afford one failed attempt at unattainable office after another and then honestly tell our children and our party members that we tried our best.

Running someone for president before a party is ready does not grow a party. It draws people interested in the candidate - not the party, its principles, or platform. When the campaign fades, so do their efforts to build the party and get people elected.

The America First Party's approach is different from the other third parties. We are trying to build the party from the grassroots up, focusing on elections we can win. We are using the national party organization to promote and support local party building efforts, to marshal national resources to support local candidates, and to sustain these efforts between elections.

A presidential campaign with a real shot takes a tremendous amount of money, and tens of thousands of near full-time volunteers. If a party cannot support the candidate in that regard or the candidate cannot bring it himself, then the effort will not be successful by any definition except to stroke the ego of party members and possibly the candidate.

The results of this different strategy have been what we expected. In 2002, more than half of our candidates earned between 15 and 25 percent of the vote. In 2003, we continued to grow.

In 2004, these efforts continue to pay off. We expect more than half of our candidates this year to be elected and one has already begun to serve in elective office and to shape government for the better.

At the America First Party, we run to win.

Dan Charles, National Chairman

Statement of Principles

Preserve and Protect Our People and Our Sovereignty

- Support a military whose mission is to protect our nation, not police the world
- Strengthen our borders and promote rational immigration policies
- Protect English as our common language
- Seek friendship with all nations, but avoid entangling alliances
- Work to maintain our nation's sovereignty and oppose all attempts to make our nation subservient to the precursors of global government
- Apply American values to our foreign policy

Promote Economic Growth and Independence

- Restore accountability and Constitutionality to budgets and taxes
- Promote tax policies that adhere to the Constitution, enhance individual freedom, encourage savings and investment, and promote the family
- Eliminate unconstitutional portions of the federal government
- Rebuild our manufacturing base and protect American workers
- Protect our right to fair trade and oppose free trade, exit NAFTA and the WTO
- Help American businesses stay in America
- Promote a Buy American policy
- End taxpayer bailouts of corporations and foreign governments
- Implement a self-sufficient energy policy

Encourage the Traditional Values of Faith, Family, and Responsibility

- Protect and recognize the sanctity of all human life
- Defend the traditional family unit based on one man and one woman
- Promote the primacy of parents in the lives and education of their children
- Respect the free exercise of religion

- Recognize the Judeo-Christian heritage of our shared values

Ensure Equality Before the Law in Protecting Those Rights Granted by the Creator

- Defend the self-evident truth "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"
- Preserve and protect all of the Bill of Rights
- Oppose all quota systems - merit and behavior must prevail
- End judicial tyranny and restore balance to our political system
- Restore property rights and restrict government land confiscation

Clean Up Our Corrupted Political System

- Remove the primary source of corruption by sharply reducing the size and scope of the federal government to its limited powers under the Constitution, and return control over all other matters to the states
- Require that all political donations be promptly disclosed and come from voters
- Enforce fair, uniform standards for ballot and debate access to give voters more choice
- Implement clean election practices-restore paper ballots
- Reform the lobbying system so that the only organizations permitted to lobby are those organizations whose money is acquired strictly from voter donations. Reasonable individual voter donation amount limits must be established
- End lavish Congressional pensions-put them on Social Security
- Ban taxpayer funded Congressional campaign mailings
- Restore the rights of states in the manner of choosing Senators and Representatives and promote the citizen legislator

The Statement of Principles of the America First Party was adopted at the first meeting of the National Committee on April 20, 2002.

The Principles provide an outline for the party's Platform, which contains a section for each of the Principles headings. Each Platform section then expands upon that particular set of principles.

The Statement of Principles is the core statement of beliefs of the America First Party. As such, a two-thirds vote of the National Committee is required to adopt any change to the Principles.

The Party Constitution binds both the National Committee and the National Convention to adopt a platform consistent with the Principles.

All party leaders are required to support and advance the Principles as a condition of holding a position of trust within the America First Party.

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Exciting Opportunities In Massachusetts

by Jonathan Hill
AFP Vice Chairman



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Vice Chairman &
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Platform Cmte. Chair

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Massachusetts is becoming increasingly similar to a totalitarian state. The condition of our state government showcases what happens when there is a failure to promptly remove lawbreaking politicians from a legislature -- an outcome which is partly caused by the impotence of the traditional-values community, and a failure by them to exercise political influence over a period of many years. Nevertheless, in the ashes of our current failure, there is real hope.

Without even mentioning the recent travesty of judicial activism which has galvanized the nation, we have seen in recent years a number of high-profile instances of the trampling of our state's constitution and the people's trust - both in cases involving citizens' initiatives which were threatening the status quo. These abuses demonstrate the extreme lawlessness and arrogance of the political elite here.

This, and the more recent outrages, constitute a bad situation, but one that thankfully makes it more difficult for people of our philosophy to ignore reality. We can no longer easily overlook the urgent need to replace our deviant legislators, and pretend that band-aid "solutions" like constitutional amendments will be a quick fix. Hopefully it is sinking in that this task will require manning the trenches with focused determination for a period of extended political activism.

The AFP of Massachusetts is a spark of optimism and determination in the current darkness. We recently had a municipal candidate elected, and we have hope of capturing an open state house seat in November.

We are excited about a promising pilot project to test the effectiveness of auto-dialed telephone surveys. These surveys are designed to determine if individuals are likely prospects for party membership. Given their low cost, it may be an affordable method of membership prospecting, and will likely help us to save money by identifying people who would tend to be unreceptive to a mailing.

If this project yields acceptable

response rates, we could then see an expansion of this effort by means of a larger system capable of calling 100,000 persons in a one month period. The projected cost of this many calls would be \$3200, but the hoped-for benefit would be the development of thousands of new membership prospects per month.

Other tremendously valuable spin-offs of this telephone technology include better candidate projection and fundraising. With the capability to dial up all the residential numbers for a state representative district in one week for only \$800, the door opens to the prospect of significant fundraising, and consequently, to competitive candidate media campaigns during the final days of a campaign. The same applies to municipal races.

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We should not underestimate the importance of municipal races when our prospective candidates lack the name recognition or financial resources to make a successful challenge for the state house, because a high percentage of legislators began their careers at the municipal level. Since city and town governments are so often rife with serious problems, such as high spending, taxation, and disrespect for property rights, there is real opportunity in this. A municipal-level campaign also provides the chance to develop name recognition, fundraising ability, and other skills.

We have certainly seen many disasters in Massachusetts. Nevertheless, by using the available technologies, and by going forward with an optimistic and faith-filled spirit, we can begin sowing the seeds for a future revolution. If the homosexual crowd, which is only about 1.5% of the population, can advance its cause against the odds, then shame and retribution should clearly be ours if we fail to do our duty in regard to this.

America's Judeo-Christian Heritage

by John Pittman Hey
AFP National Secretary

In its Founding Principles, the America First Party states its respect for "the Judeo-Christian heritage of our shared values."

The Party's use of the term "Judeo-Christian" to describe the religious and philosophical basis for our society was deliberate.

The reason that we use the term "Judeo-Christian" instead of simply "Christian" is that almost all of the fundamental principles of government and the moral and ethical values upon which Western civilization, and particularly the English-speaking people, have prospered and flourished, were revealed by God to the Jewish people, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These critical principles and moral values were expressed most clearly in the text of the Old Testament of the Holy Scriptures. Jesus, of course, ratified them during his ministry in Palestine 2000 years ago.

The moral and ethical bases of public life were first given to the Jews in olden times and first recorded by Jewish prophets, lawgivers, and poets.

Thus, it seems fair to give credit where credit is due: the moral and ethical bases of public life were first given to the Jews in olden times and first recorded by Jewish prophets, lawgivers, and poets. Those very principles were first spread outside the Jewish culture along with Christ's Gospel by Christian preachers. Hence, the term "Judeo-Christian" values.

By using the phrase "Judeo-Christian" values, we do not intend to imply that America was founded equally by Christians and Jews. There were a few Jews involved in the original founding, and they were patriots right alongside their Christian fellow-countrymen. In fact, most of the Founders were Christians of one stripe or other.

We do, however, mean that the writ-

ings of the Old and New Testaments are the basis for American public life and most of our legal principles.

We would agree that there is no such thing as "Judeo-Christian religion", but there are Judeo-Christian values and ideals. The term "Judeo-Christian" indicates a dual, shared, and overlapping source for the values and ideals. Perhaps it is really the same thing as saying "Biblical values".

Similar compound descriptions are used in other areas of human experience. "Anglo-American" means a combined interest of both English and American peoples. "Electromagnetic" combines the properties of electricity and magnetism.

Were the Party to describe the values of America's founding as purely "Christian", it would be leaving out the strong influence of the Ten Commandments and the writings of the Old Testament upon our society and values. While these have been incorporated and adopted by Christians, they were originally Jewish sacred writings.

Finally, the Party has observed that there are some people in the Constitutionalist movement who are prejudiced against people of the Jewish faith. We are using the term "Judeo-Christian" to describe our values in large part to send a signal that bigots need not apply to join the AFP.

Our Party agrees with the wisdom of the Founders that our system of government is wholly inadequate for a people who reject these values. We encourage the return of people of faith and expressions of faith to the public square. Our party is open to any patriotic citizen who supports the Constitution and embraces those Judeo-Christian values, living a life in conformity to them as best he may.

America's problems are not caused by a class or race of people. Bad ideas and wrong political philosophy have supplanted our beloved Constitution from the hearts and minds of many citizens of all races and backgrounds. We can restore our beloved Constitutional Republic only by restoring the Constitution and the values upon which it rests.



John Pittman Hey
AFP Secretary

What People Are Saying about the America First Party

"My search has finally ended. I lost faith in the two major parties. I would gladly sign on as a member, IF I return from Iraq."

Leon A.
Fort Sill, OK

"I finally found a party."
Ms. Marlene M.
Tucson, AZ

"I am fed up with the two party system. I would like to join the America First Party."
William R.
Brimfield, MA

"I have never been able to classify myself into a political party. As soon as I read your Principles, I was set back. I finally found a group of like-minded individuals."
Mike K.
Burke, VA

"What America definitely needs!"
John N.
Silver Springs, MD

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Romelle Winters
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Committee
Chairman

The AFP Store

The America First Party has made a number of promotional and educational items available on its on-line internet Store.

Bumper stickers, brochures, pocket Constitutions, and caps and t-shirts will all be useful to help promote the party and its message.

In addition, several excellent books, including three titles autographed by their author Patrick J. Buchanan, are also available.

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Americans do not want. In fact, what these politicians are doing is placating powerful lobbies - the corporate donors who want cheaper labor and immigrant rights groups who promise votes.

They tell us our present way of life depends upon the cheap labor of the uneducated aliens who are willing to work for less money and fewer benefits. This deceitful argument is meant to turn our focus away from the damage being done by unchecked immigration.

Exactly what jobs are being taken by the poor, uneducated aliens sneaking over the borders? Are they truly jobs that no one wants? Or is it possible that many of those jobs are really entry-level positions, part time positions, or summer jobs for teenagers?

Across this nation, good paying jobs in a variety of trades go to aliens. Many of these jobs used to be the gateway to the middle class for our citizens, especially poor whites and African-Americans. As manufacturing jobs are sent overseas, these skilled and unskilled trades become more important.

What about other areas where aliens are working? Meat prices have gone up, while the wages of meat packers have declined nearly 60 percent. Millions are unemployed, while we import farm, hotel, and manufacturing workers and our kids cannot find summer jobs.

However, the problem goes well beyond the impact on the job opportunities and wages of American workers. Irrational immigration impacts all citizens directly and indirectly throughout their lives.

Politicians and amnesty advocates will say that aliens pay taxes and never receive benefits. However, immigrants use billions more in government services than they pay in taxes. The California budget deficit is equal to the cost of government services to illegal immigrants.

No matter how they reach these shores, the law requires hospitals to care for the sick and injured. Many hospitals are

closing because they cannot comply with government requirements to care for alien workers who have no insurance.

Our Social Security system is going bankrupt. American citizens must work for 10 years to be eligible for benefits. But President Bush recently signed a fast track agreement with Mexico under which the benefits earned by American workers will be given to the Mexican citizens. And, they only need to work 18 months to qualify.

H1-B and L-1 worker visa programs are causing havoc in the high-tech industry. These are not low paying jobs, and require a college education. We are now graduating millions from college whose jobs are being farmed out to the lowest bidder. The American dream, for them, will become a nightmare.

But the benefits for illegal immigrants just keep growing. This much immigration makes assimilation difficult, and forces states to implement expensive bilingual education. In a growing number of states, cheap college tuition is provided to illegal immigrants while citizens pay full price.

The monetary cost to Americans is only a part of the fallout from the massive and expanding immigration programs now in place. Our prisons now overflow, thanks to illegal immigrants who commit other crimes against our citizens, while our roads overflow with increased traffic.

Of course, there is one question the American people need to ask. Millions invade our nation's southern border each year. Our troops are stationed in over 100 countries and guard the borders of Iraq but not America. We must ask the hard question: how many of the 15 million illegal aliens within our borders are like the 15 Muslim extremists who turned planes into bombs on 9/11? According to the Border Patrol, it is an ever-increasing number.

The America First Party supports rational immigration policies. Please read our platform to find out more about what we stand for.

AFP Updates from Around the Country

by the America First Leader Staff

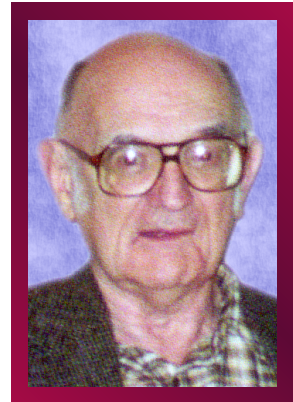
Tom White on the Ballot in Massachusetts

AFP Partybuilding Chairman L. Thomas White has qualified to appear as the AFP candidate for Representative of the 8th Suffolk District of Massachusetts. The open seat came about when the current representative decided not to seek re-election this fall after a fierce battle on gay "marriage."

Mr. White was placed on the ballot after he submitted petitions to the Election Division. To find out more about the White campaign, browse the internet at www.tomwhiteforrep.com, which explains his platform and solicits support.

Party Mourns the passing of George Stryker of Pennsylvania

George Stryker, immediate past chairman of the America First Party of Pennsylvania, passed away on April 4, 2004 after a long struggle against cancer. He leaves not only his loving wife Santa, but a host of compatriots who respected him as a man of peace, principle, and courage.



George Stryker

The National Committee unanimously adopted a "Resolution to Honor a Fallen Patriot" at its May 4th meeting.

In the resolution, whose entire text may be viewed on the AFP web site, party leaders pledged that they would use the memory of Mr. Stryker as a source of strength and inspiration, and would rededicate themselves to the mission he loved so dearly, the fight for God and Country.

Mrs. Santa Stryker thanked the Committee for its kindness, and pledged her continued commitment to the party. She urged the party members to observe the Scriptural admonition to "follow peace with all men."

Florida AFP Joins National Party

At its April 17, 2004 State Convention, the America First Party of Florida voted to affiliate with the America First Party.



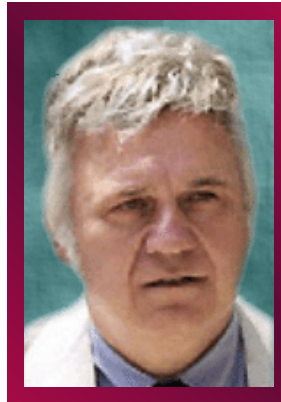
Roger Simmermaker,
Chairman of the AFP
of Florida

Roger Simmermaker, State Party Chairman, stated: "by re-affiliating, we hope to provide a solid foundation on which to build our state party and attract many of the new people that have voiced their desire to join a Florida affiliate of the AFP."

The Florida party brings with it ballot access and a hefty state party membership. The National Committee voted unanimously to admit the state party, and seated Gaurav Ahuja and Martin McClellan on the National Committee.

Federal Government Continues Political Imprisonment of Congressman James Traficant

James Traficant, well-known populist Congressman who took on the IRS, the Justice Department, and the big money interests in Washington, D.C., recently lost his appeal before the Sixth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals.



Jim Traficant, former
Ohio Congressman

The Bush Justice Department cut special deals for leniency with several witnesses to secure testimony against Mr. Traficant, while he was barred by Federal Judge Lesley Wells from playing damaging undercover tapes to the jury and calling many witnesses who would have undercut the Government's case. He is serving an 8 year prison sentence.



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America First Party Gets The Message Out...

The America First Party issues media releases by fax and email to over a thousand media outlets and hundreds of party activists. These releases raise the profile of the party and promote the party's issues.

We Mourn with America (June 5) - saluting Ronald Reagan's life and expressing its gratitude that he gave voice to so many important ideals of our Republic.

Abortion Rights Theology a Threat to Life (June 2) - strongly denouncing the corrupt ruling of Federal Judge Phyllis Hamilton declaring the Partial Birth Abortion Ban unconstitutional.

Sink the Law of the Seas Treaty (June 2) - demanding rejection of the Law of the Seas Treaty, which would put control of fishing, navigation, pollution, mining and research directly into the clutches of the corrupt and anti-American United Nations.

President Bush Still Doesn't Get It (May 24) - noting that the President has failed to learn from his mistakes in the War on Iraq or even to own up to them.

Cowardice and Moral Confusion in Massachusetts (May 17) - denouncing the Massachusetts "gay marriage" outrage and calling upon citizens to rise up and seize the reigns of self-government from the tyrannical judges and limp-wristed leaders who have betrayed us.

Squandered Opportunity is Taxing (April 15) - sympathizing with the American citizens who are filing their income taxes today, and calling for the elimination of the income tax, the dissolution of the IRS, and a return to the tax system envisioned by our nation's founders.

Common Sense Saves 2nd Amendment (March 3) - deploring sabotage of important pro-2nd Amendment legislation by Republicans and Democrats, because Americans have a right to the arms they need to protect themselves,

their families, property, and country.

Message, Activism Fuel Rapid Party Growth (March 3) - attributing the Party's rapid growth to the party's strong and consistent message, the betrayal of American values and trust of the American people by the two-party duopoly, and the grassroots and electronic activism of party members.

Bush Immigration Plan Comforts Alien Invaders, Destroys American Jobs (January 12) - strongly opposing George Bush's planned changes in immigration law which reward illegal aliens who have already invaded our country and broken our laws.

Bush Policy on China Rejects Thomas Jefferson, Insults Basic American Values (December 12) - condemning statements by President Bush against the aspirations for freedom by the Taiwanese people, and his pandering to the butchers and tyrants who rule in Beijing.