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Harry Browne, Jon Coon featured speakers at third annual Brass Roots Rally

LANSING, MI—The third annual Brass Roots Second Amendment Rally will be held at the state of Michigan Capitol steps on Sunday, September 8th, 1996 beginning at 1 p.m. Featured speakers will include Libertarian presidential nominee Harry Browne, Brass Roots founder and Libertarian candidate for State Rep. Jon Coon, State Rep. David Jaye, and radio personality Mark Scott from Detroit.

Brass Roots is a non-partisan Second Amendment rally which has featured pro-gun speakers from various gun owner's rights groups. During its first year in 1994,

Brass Roots attracted nearly 10,000 citizens concerned about preserving the right to keep and bear arms. In its second year, only 2,000 showed up, more than likely due to it being a non-election year. We expect there to be closer to the 10,000 mark again this year.

Members of the Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan will be staffing a "Harry Browne for President" table and an Operation Politically Homeless table. If you are interested in volunteering for Brass Roots, please contact locally either **Bob Broda** @ 321-7647, **Mike Brinkman** @ 351-0514, or **Bill Morgan** @ 484-5040.

Libertarian VP Candidate Jo Jorgensen scheduled for Mid-Michigan trip in October

LANSING, MI—Jo Jorgensen will be visiting the Mid-Michigan area on Friday, October 11, 1996 for a media blitz and address at Michigan State University before the MSU Libertarians at noon. A press conference will be called for after the event, and Jo will be doing several interviews on radio and television throughout the day. There is also the possibility of an early-morning fundraising breakfast on the day of Jo's visit.

Bob Broda, '96 Congressional Candidate September Guest Speaker

Please join the Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan in welcoming Bob Broda, 1996 Libertarian Candidate for United States Congress at our September meeting. This month's meeting will be held on August 8th at 7 p.m., at Sneeker's Restaurant, 600 N. Homer Rd. Social/cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m.

Bob will talk about what he has done already and what his aims for this year's upcoming election are. Bob is currently a candidate for the 7th US Congressional District.

Libertarians complete 50 state ballot drive, getting into debates next task for Browne Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C.—If all goes as planned, the Libertarian Party will be the first third party in the history of the United States to be on the ballot in all 50 states for two consecutive presidential elections. Petitioning was completed during late August, and if successful, will give the Libertarian Party a unique spot in America's history. Given the amount of extra petitions signed, there should be little trouble getting on all 50 states. At the time of this writing, the Libertarian Party is already on 44 states, with the next closest party being Ross Perot's "Reform" Party being on 40 states. The next hurdle for Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party will be getting Harry into the 1996 Presidential Debates. There has been no word from the Presidential Debate Commission, composed entirely Democrats and Republicans.

MSU Libertarians hold first meeting

EAST LANSING, MI—The MSU Libertarians held their first meeting of the 1996 school year on Monday, August 26, 1996. MSU Libertarians meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Their next meeting is on Monday, September 9, 1996 beginning at 7:30 in the Iowa Room at the MSU Union.

With Liberty And Justice For All...

The LPMM meets the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be:

Thursday, September 12, 1996 at Sneekers Restaurant, 600 N. Homer, across from the Frandor Shopping Plaza, off US-127, in Lansing. People begin to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and conversation, and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 8 (Sun)** Brass Roots Second Amendment Rally, in Lansing, MI in front of Capitol. Speakers include Harry Browne and Jon Coon. Volunteers needed for Operation Politically Homeless, Harry Browne for President campaign.
- Sept. 27-29 (Fri, Sat, Sun)** Operation Politically Homeless at 1996 Gun & Knife Show, Ingham Co. Fairgrounds, Mason. Volunteers needed to distribute Harry Browne/Libertarian Party pamphlets.
- Sept. 12 (Thu)** Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan Dinner Meeting @ Sneeker's Restaurant, 600 N. Homer, Lansing, MI, 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Bob Broda.
- Oct. 10 (Thu)** Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan Dinner Meeting @ Sneeker's Restaurant, 600 N. Homer, Lansing, MI, 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Bob Broda.
- Oct. 11 (Thu)** Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan welcomes Vice Presidential Nominee Jo Jorgensen to the Lansing Area. Jo will be making several appearances throughout the Lansing area during the day.
- Nov. 14 (Thu)** Libertarian Party of Mid-Michigan Dinner Meeting @ Sneeker's Restaurant, 600 N. Homer, Lansing, MI, 7:00 p.m. Campaign totals from around the country. Guest speaker to be announced.

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The "era of big government" is just beginning with Clinton, warns Libertarian Harry Browne after convention speech

WASHINGTON, DC — Bill Clinton doesn't believe "in a place called Hope" — he believes in a place called Washington, DC, Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne said today.

"That's why Clinton advocated at least 16 new government programs or laws in his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention last night," said Browne. "Bill Clinton's real hope is to get re-elected, so he can stay in Washington, DC and preside over four more years of government growth."

Despite his statement a few months ago that the "era of big government is over," Clinton advocated a college scholarship program; a "GI Bill" for job training; a National Service Corps childhood reading program; a federal school-building program; a welfare-recipient hiring "bonus" for companies; subsidies to cities to create public jobs; expansion of the Brady Bill; a new ban on bullets; more funding for the War on Drugs; laws against companies that "even try to pollute;" an expansion of the Family Leave Law; a federal flex-time law; laws against cigarette advertising; federally subsidized health insurance for the unemployed; a law regulating hospital stays for new mothers; and phone-tapping powers to "fight terrorism."

"Clinton's speech made it obvious: If you want bigger government, more bureaucratic meddling in your life, more government control of business, fewer civil liberties, and higher taxes, vote for him," said Browne.

The Libertarian candidate said he rejects the central metaphor of Clinton's speech — the notion that government is needed to "build a bridge to the 21st century."

"No matter how many failures, no matter how many scandals, no matter how obvious the government's incompetence, Bill Clinton

tells us that only the omnipotent, omniscient government can solve our problems," said Browne. "Clearly, Clinton is too enamored with the power of government to realize that government isn't a bridge — it's a dead-end."

In his speech, Clinton also proposed six new tax credits to help Americans pay for college, buy a home, and pay for child care.

"Why this flurry of tax credits?" asked Browne. "Because Clinton is admitting that Americans pay so much in taxes that they can't afford college, a home, or child care. The price we pay for all his favorite government programs is poverty."

Browne contrasted Clinton's miserly tax credits with the Libertarian proposal to eliminate the income tax, which would be financed by eliminating all government programs not specifically authorized by the Constitution.

"When the income tax is repealed, Americans will get a 20%, 30%, or 40% increase in take-home pay," said Browne. "They won't be at the mercy of Clinton's meager tax credits. Instead, they'll be free to choose whether to buy a new home, or spend it on child care, or pay for their children's education, or anything else."

Now that he's listened to both Bob Dole's and Bill Clinton's speeches, Browne said the choice in November should be clear for voters who want smaller government.

"Please, don't waste your vote on Dole or Clinton, whose entire careers have been devoted to making Big Government bigger," he said. "It's time to make your vote count — time to vote for someone who is determined to make government much smaller: Harry Browne."

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