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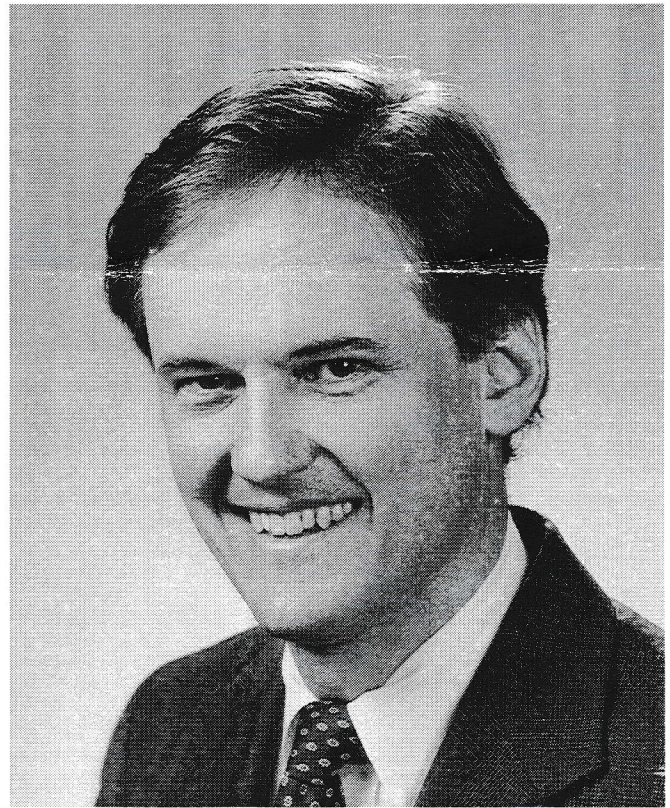
ATTEND THE SAM ADAMS DINNER, LPWC FUNDRAISER



Dinner Honors Patriot

"Samuel Adams was a key figure in the fight for American independence and liberty," says Emily Salvette, LPWC secretary and former Chair of the LPM. "We named our Sam Adams Dinner after him to help Libertarians keep his contributions to freedom in mind."

Born in 1722 in Boston, Sam Adams is often called the father of the American Revolution, Salvette explains. Through his radical political activity and polemical writings, Adams sought to define and keep alive the crucial issues of fundamental liberties, particularly those of the natural rights of man and of



Terence Pell, of the Center for Individual Rights, a Washington, DC-based public interest law firm, will speak at the LPWC fundraiser, the Sam Adams Dinner, Saturday evening, September 29, 2001 at Creekside Grill, 5827 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. See box, page 6 and ad, page 10.

taxation without representation.

Adams was elected to the First and Second Continental Congresses and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. While he initially opposed the new Constitution because it advocated a

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From the Chair

By James Hudler

Though the Libertarian Party has always supported the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment, we choose to work peacefully, through the political process, not "by any means necessary." The pledge that all new LP members must sign ("I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals.") is intended to demonstrate our respect for individual and property rights and social order. The recent warlike attacks in Manhattan and Virginia, perpetrated by militant theocrats, are attacks on the American spirit of free enterprise, individualism and social tolerance that Libertarians value.

Please send your donations or make an appointment for a blood donation with the American Red Cross, whose Washtenaw County Chapter is at 2729 Packard Street, Ann Arbor MI 48108 (734-971-5300). Make checks payable to ARC Disaster Relief, or you can actually make an appointment or monetary donation online (www.wc-redcross.org).

It's the home stretch for our LPM petition drive to regain ballot status. Washtenaw County is still only at 70% of its goal, according to Ballot Access Restoration Committee Chair Nancy O'Brien. Washtenaw needs to submit at least 500 signatures or \$500 more. Please continue to circulate and turn in your petitions.

Not only has state Representative Leon Drolet stuck his Republican neck out trying to help the LPM regain ballot status, he's also fighting Governor John Engler's proposed Internet sales tax. He's not a member of our Party, but he's on our side in many ways. Way to

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LPWC to Meet at Cubs' AC

By Austin Elkton

Starting on Thursday November 29, 2001 the LPWC's weekly meetings will move to Cubs' A C Restaurant and Sports Bar/Colonial Lanes Bowling Center, located at 1950 Industrial Highway, one block south of Stadium Blvd. Meetings will be held every Thursday through the New Year at 7:30 PM in a special meeting room in the rear of the bar. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends and family to a meeting. Cubs' is a sports theme bar with plenty of TV screens and good food. The use of our own room is a chance to meet in a quiet location and conduct business or have speakers without interference. The LPWC met here two years ago and was well remembered by the waitstaff for our "gifts" not "tips." Now we have a room of our own. Look forward to seeing you there. □

The Internet Sales Tax

By State Representative Leon Drolet (R-33),

The state legislature is considering legislation that would make it easier to tax Internet purchases. Senate Bill 433 has passed the Senate and is currently in the House Tax Policy committee. This legislation would enter Michigan into a compact with other states to collect and exchange taxes on Internet sales. Collecting a tax on goods purchased over the Internet should be met with a bi-partisan response: Both Republicans and Democrats should hate the idea.

Republicans should oppose SB 433 because it is essentially a tax increase. Some estimates predict Michigan citizens could pay as much as \$4 billion in new taxes over the next decade if the sales tax is enforced on Internet purchases and other out-of-state sources. To support this bill is to assert that government is not getting enough of the taxpayers' money. If that is to be the direction of the modern Republican Party, then there is no point in having one.

Democratic proponents of taxing the Internet claim that vital programs (such as education) need additional funding. In truth, it is constitutionally illegal for the state to keep more than a certain amount of tax revenue in any given year, due to the Headlee Amendment to the state's constitution. When there is a Headlee violation, as there was during the last economic boom, a disproportionate amount of the money must be rebated to those who pay the most income and business taxes. Those 'vital programs' would get none of the extra money.

Harmful to Retirees and the Poor

Because it creates a substantial new stream of revenue, the taxation of Internet sales makes Headlee violations far more likely. All citizens would pay more sales taxes under SB 433, *even those who are retired or too poor to pay any income taxes*. But, when Headlee is violated, it is upper-income and business taxpayers that get the fattest rebates. It is they who will end up with that extra tax revenue. If Democrats are against tax breaks for the rich, then SB 433 is their natural enemy.

Finally, this interstate tax cartel would create a tax-collecting infrastructure that could be mandated by the federal government. Excessive tax collection at the state level could be compounded by the creation of a brand new

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CALENDAR

Note: Unless further noted, LPWC meets every Thursday evening. Our current meeting site is Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe Street, Ann Arbor. In late November we start meeting at Cubs' A C Restaurant, 1950 S, Industrial Highway. Dinner at 7:00 pm, business meeting at 7:30.

Thursday, September 13	Speech. "Stop the Internet Tax Now," by state Representative Leon Drolet. Tonight we meet for dinner at 6:30 pm at Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe St. The speech follows at 7:30 pm in Room 1300 of the Chemistry Building, located on North University Avenue on the U-M Ann Arbor main campus. For information call James Hudler (734-475-9792).
Thursday, September 20	Planning Session. All are welcome to this official planning meeting of the Sam Adams Committee, but strict order of the day will be followed. Dominick's, 7:30 pm.
Thursday, September 27	Meet the Students Night , with free pizza for U-M and EMU students, plus a talk by <i>Michigan Review</i> staff. Dominick's Restaurant, 7:00 pm.
Saturday, September 29	Sam Adams Dinner , our annual LPWC fundraiser, held at the Creekside Grill west of Ann Arbor.
Thursday, October 4	Business Meeting. The LPWC's official monthly business meeting, with wrap-up of Sam Adams Dinner results. Dominick's, 7:30 pm.
Sunday, October 7	Executive Committee of LP of Michigan meets, 1:00 pm, at LPM Headquarters, 619 E. Nine Mile Road, Hazel Park. Party members are welcome to attend.
Thursday, October 11	Speech: "Drug Law Reform," by Debra Wright, an official with the Drug Policy Forum of Michigan. Dominick's Restaurant, dinner at 6:30 pm, speech at 7:30.
Thursday, October 18	Social Night , starting around 7:00 pm at Dominick's Restaurant.
Thursday, October 25	Discussion. LPWC Chair James Hudler will talk about his recent trip to Brazil. Dominick's Restaurant, with dinner at 7:00 pm, discussion at 7:30.
Thursday, November 1	Business Meeting and Halloween costume party. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner at 7:00 pm, business session at 7:30.
Thursday, November 8	Medical Marijuana meeting Discussion of drug legalization. Speaker TBA. Dominick's Restaurant, dinner at 7:00 pm, discussion at 7:30.
Thursday, November 15	Second Amendment Session with discussion of gun rights by speaker from Brass Roots, TBA. An Executive Committee meeting will follow. Dominick's Restaurant; dinner at 7:00 pm, discussion at 7:30. This is our last meeting at Dominick's until spring 2002.
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving. No meeting.
Thursday, November 29	Speech. Libertarian Party activist Barbara Goushaw, campaign manager for Jon Coon and Fred Collins, will speak both about gun issues and on running local campaigns. <i>Note:</i> this is our first meeting at our winter site, Cubs' A C Restaurant, South Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor. Dinner at 7:00 pm, speech at 7:30.
Thursday, December 6	Business Meeting. Deadline for newsletter submissions. Cubs AC Restaurant, dinner at 7:00 pm, business session at 7:30.
Thursday, December 13	Work session. Newsletter mailing. Cubs' A C Restaurant. Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Affirmative Action on the Internet

By Dan LaFavers

The speaker at our Sam Adams Dinner on September 29 will be Terry Pell of the Center for Individual Rights. He will be discussing the Affirmative Action lawsuit at the University of Michigan.

So what is the state of the Affirmative Action issue today? To find out, I consulted the Internet. If you want to do your own research, you can start where I did, which was at www.google.com. I entered "Affirmative Action" in the search box and found a number of links.

The Washington Post has an Affirmative Action special report page [1] with various news and opinion articles. One article, from 1997 by William Raspberry, caught my attention.

Raspberry wrote: "The blatant segregation and discrimination are largely over. Law now forbids such racism, and—I really do believe—public opinion won't countenance it. But racial fairness (in some instances, in some arenas) still eludes us. Corporate management and directorships, legal and accountancy partnerships, and even concern for the plight of our children clearly are not distributed on the sole basis of deservedness. Race matters.... We want (is this

hopelessly naive?) the same thing: a society in which gifts and grit and character matter more than pigmentation. So what are we fighting about? Mainly, I think, about how to produce such a society. Some of us believe that the best way to achieve a colorblind future is to practice colorblindness now. And some of us believe that colorblindness after centuries of racism will merely lock in white advantage—that we need to level the playing field before insisting on a single set of rules." [2]

How Long do We Continue?

And there's the basic question—do we still need to artificially level the playing field? How long will the tinkering and repairs go on before we declare success?

The Libertarian answer is clear. Race is only mentioned twice in the national Libertarian platform [3]. Once on the matter of immigration, and the other on government discrimination, both merely stating that race should not be used to limit the rights of the individual. The closest the platform comes to mentioning the issue of Affirmative Action is found in

clause 19, Freedom of Association and Government Discrimination, which reads in part, "While we do not advocate private discrimination, we do not support any laws which attempt to limit or ban it."

This plank recognizes that the freedom to discriminate is also the freedom to change. When race and gender issues are written into law, we lose the right to mature and instead become locked into the political issues of the day. Laws that were written thirty years ago to help have locked us into an eternal race conflict. We are frozen in time.

Unaddressed Problems

Next I took my search to www.cato.org. Here I found a short article by Walter Williams titled, "Affirmative Action Can't Be Mended [4] in which he says, "We can better serve the interests of large numbers of blacks by focusing our energies on fraudulent education, disintegrating families and inner cities with climates that are hostile to economic development and personal safety."

This is a strong reminder that there are many people with serious challenges facing them as they enter the education and work market. These are the root causes that most Affirmative Action policies don't even attempt to address. University admission scoring that recognizes race, hiring practices that attempt to achieve diversity, and even the entire Equal Employment Opportunity Commission play the part of morphine in cancer

treatment. They are attempts to treat the symptoms of the problem, and not the cause.

And speaking of the EEOC, you can see first hand what treating the symptom looks like. I found this gem at www.eeoc.org in their information section for small businesses [5]. "In addition to material that is connected to the issues raised with the investigation of a charge of discrimination, the EEOC also collects EEO-1 Reports from some employers, regardless of whether a charge has been filed against the company. An EEO-1 Report is filed annually and provides a breakdown of the employer's work force by race and gender. Small employers are not required to file EEO-1 reports unless they employ 100 or more employees, or employ 50 or more employees and have Federal contracts totaling more than \$50,000. The processing of EEO-1 reports filed by employers is handled by the EEOC's Joint Reporting Committee. Further information on filing EEO-1 reports, including reporting instructions and report forms in various

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formats, can be obtained by contacting the EEOC's EEO-1 Coordinator."

And I just had to share this with you from the government EEO-1 Instruction booklet [6]: "ESTIMATE OF BURDEN: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three and seven tenths (3.7) hours per response, including the time for

data.

In a country where we have women and minority senators, CEOs, doctors, presidential candidates, movie stars, and anything else you can think of, we still have women and minorities fighting for their "rights."

Take a look at the National Organization of Women's Affirmative Action Issue Report [7]. Here'

Links for this article:

- [1] <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/special/affirm/affirm.htm>.
- [2] <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/special/affirm/stories/aaop110797.htm>
- [3] http://www.lp.org/issues/platform/platform_print.html
- [4] <http://www.cato.org/dailys/12-15-97.html>
- [5] <http://www.eeoc.gov/small/recordsandreports.html>
- [6] <http://www.mimdms.com/e1instruct.doc>
- [7] <http://www.now.org/issues/affirm/affirmre.html>



reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. A response is defined as one survey form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: The EEOC Clearance Officer, Office of Financial and Resource Management, Room 2928, 1801 L Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20507."

I have a suggestion for reducing the burden, but I don't think shutting down the EEOC is what they had in mind.

Remember that we are not just talking about philosophy here. Affirmative Action in the workplace, when administered by the federal government, requires "3.7 hours per response" multiplied by every company with 100 or more employees, plus the government's processing time, plus the time required to gather the statistics and surveys to compare to the employment

you'll find their version of the issue: "Every day for over 30 years, affirmative action has opened doors for women and people of color—on the job, in school and in business. The radical right is trying to put an end to such policies and unless we speak out and organize strong political opposition, those doors of opportunity are about to be slammed shut."

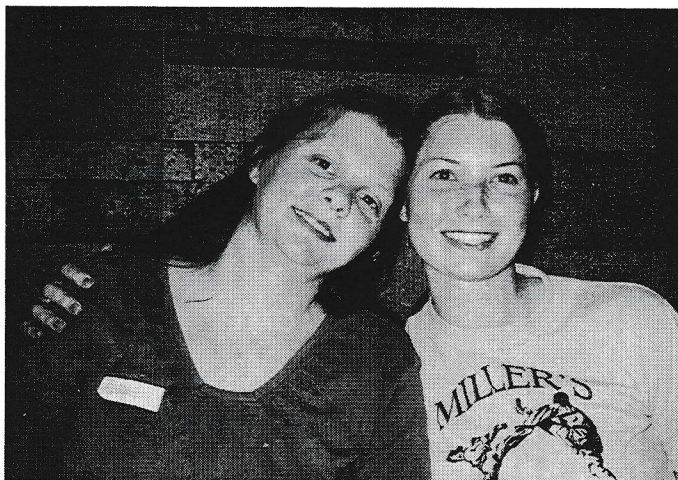
There are lifetimes of hours (uncounted by government efficiency experts) that go into supporting the belief that laws which demand consideration of race and gender will lead us to a world where race and gender do not matter. Anything that encourages us to think of ourselves and others as members of arbitrary groups, rather than as free-willed individuals, diminishes us. Yet by law, groups are defined, separated, and treated differently in the name of equality and unity.

Personal Experience

I want to end with a personal story. My father was born into a poor Kentucky town to a father that was never around. With his mother, he and his two sisters often lived on charity. On cold winter days, when they could not afford coal for the small heating stove, my father would walk along the rail road tracks picking up the coal that fell off of the trains on the way to be purchased by people who had money.

I didn't hear much about how hard his life was until he died, but I remember that we were never without a vegetable garden in our backyard when I grew up, a sign of how people live who have learned that they can't count on anyone but themselves.

He married young and took a job as a spray painter at the local Chevrolet Truck and Bus plant in Indianapolis. Then he saved his money, did his own home and auto repairs, pre-paid his mortgage when he could, and when his boys were out of high school, he used that all the money he had saved for nearly twenty years to send them to college.



Amy Walton (l) and Laura Reeds of the Sam Adams Dinner Committee pose for the Washtenaw Libertarian photographer during a weekly LPWC meeting, July 2001.

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LP Misses Council Election

By Inez Thorn

The Libertarian Party almost certainly will not be running candidates in the 2001 Ann Arbor City Council election. Unless one of our candidates files suit to get his name on the ballot, it looks like time will run out on the LP's efforts to qualify candidates.

The issue of our local ballot status has been on-again off-again all summer. Because of peculiarities of Michigan election law, the low vote totals of our 2000 presidential candidate Harry Browne cost the LP its automatic place on ballots statewide. As reported in the last issue of *The Washtenaw Libertarian*, the Ann Arbor City Attorney nixed our argument that a local 1993 precedent would allow our candidates to run. On learning of our lack of success, LPM Executive Director Tim O'Brien notified the LPWC that the state party was pursuing a Michigan Attorney General's opinion on election law which might allow our candidates to qualify. In a request sent through the auspices of state Representative Leon Drolet (R-33rd), the LPM argued that the LP should not actually lose its ballot status until the time of the next general election in 2002 and should be allowed to run candidates in the meantime. The State Bureau of Elections, however, interprets the law to mean that minor parties lose their ballot status immediately upon certification of the election where their top-of-ticket candidate receives insufficient votes. The LPM asked the AG for a formal resolution of this difference of interpretation.

But the AG's office responded that there was a lawsuit pending on this issue, filed by Constitution

Party candidate Harold Dunn and scheduled for court in mid-August. While the issues Mr. Dunn raised seemed not to include our issue, the AG found this excuse enough to stall us until Dunn's hearing date.

Candidates Nominated Conditionally

So in the meantime, the Ann Arbor Caucus of the LPWC nominated Richard Grieb and Larry Purdy for City Council seats in Wards 3 and 5, filing paperwork with the city by the August 7 deadline. City Clerk Yvonne Carl accepted our filings and agreed to wait on printing the ballots until we heard from the Attorney General, provided she could meet a September 15 printer's deadline.

Predictably the Dunn case was dismissed at the end of August. Again Leon Drolet's office went to bat for us by reissuing the request for an opinion from the AG. The AG's response was that they would not even think about the LPM request until September 19, the date when Mr. Dunn's opportunity to appeal would run out. As Tim O'Brien put it, with virtually no hope of an Attorney General's opinion before the printer's deadline, the LPWC has been "Dunn in."

One final option would be for one of the candidates to sue for a Writ of Mandamus, asking a judge to agree with our interpretation of the law and to order the elections bureaucracy to start following it. At this time there is no plan for a suit by either candidate or the LPM. □

Sam Adams Dinner

Saturday, September 29, 2001

Creekside Grill & Bar,

5827 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor (just west of Zeeb Rd)

Cocktails 6:00 pm • Dinner 7:00 pm

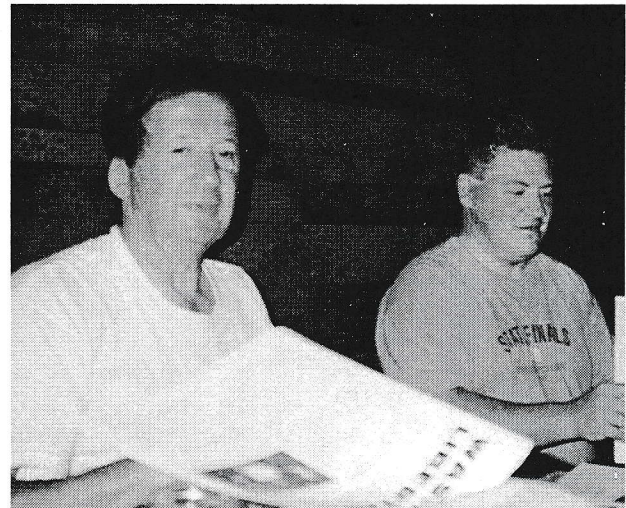
Speech at 8:00 pm by Terence Pell, J.D.,
CEO of the Center for Individual Rights

Buffet Dinner Selections Include:

Roast Round of Beef

Teriyaki Breast of Chicken & Vegetable Lasagna.

Tickets \$50.00. Mail your check or money order to Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County, c/o Emily Salvette, 2016 Devonshire, Ann Arbor MI 48104. For information, contact Emily Salvette (734-668-2607, salvette@ameritech.net).



LPWC members Contaxes (I) and Richard Grieb at a LPWC meeting at Dominick's Restaurant, July 2001.

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centralized government, Adams was eventually induced to support it by the addition of the Bill of Rights.

After the war, Adams returned to Massachusetts where he served as lieutenant governor and governor. Adams died in 1803. □

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go, Leon Drolet! See Rep. Drolet's editorial on the proposed Internet tax elsewhere in this issue. Write to your state Representative or to Lieutenant Governor Dick Postumus now to protest the Internet tax!

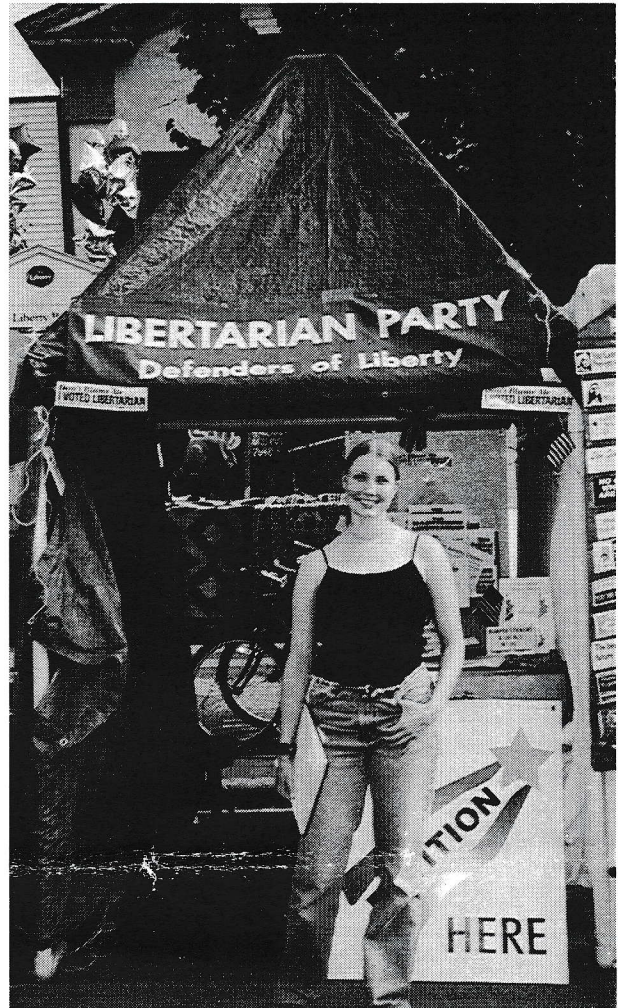
Our Sam Adams Dinner, to be held Saturday evening, September 29 at the Creekside Grill west of Ann Arbor, promises to be a hit. Civil libertarians will be particularly interested in hearing our speaker, Terry Pell, J.D., whose Center for Individual Rights brought the lawsuit that overturned the U-M Law School's admissions policy. Tickets are still left for advance purchase. See the box on page 6 and the ad on page 10.

Two Michigan Libertarians are running for municipal office in the November 6, 2001 election. Mark Owen is campaigning actively for City Council in Owosso; Ben Steele III is managing the campaign (989-723-8995). Andy LeCureaux is running for Hazel Park City Council; David Culver (284-797-9128) is his campaign manager. These Libertarians need your support! □

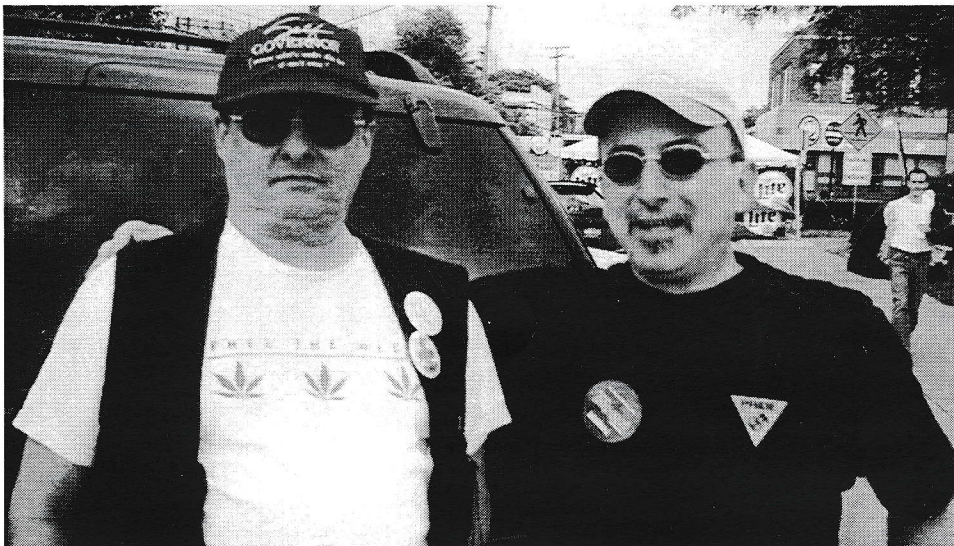
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federal sales tax.

SB 433 is a dangerous policy that victimizes Michigan citizens of every political and economic demographic. If implemented, its only legacy will be the expansion of government power.

Editor's note: state Representative Drolet is a Republican who has been instrumental in defeating Governor Engler's unlibertarian attempts to tax e-commerce. □



LPWC activist Laura Reeds in front of the LPWC information booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.



Raymond Warner, former LP candidate for House of Representatives (MI-15th); and James Hudler, LPWC Chair, at a Libertarian information and petitioning booth at gay PrideFest, Ferndale, Michigan, June 3, 2001.

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I am absolutely convinced that this is not a unique story. Who today, with pride, patience, and determination could not do the same thing? This is the core issue, the one Walter Williams spoke of. It has to start with us. Our families. Our communities. Ourselves. The only affirmative action we need, the only type that will ever do any good, are actions, like those of my father, that affirm the spirit of independence, accomplishment, and responsibility. Everything else just gets in the way of that.

Editor's note: LaFavers, who hails from Indiana, has served on the LPM Executive Committee and as LPWC Secretary. □

LPWC Booth Makes Appearance at Local Events

By Laura Reeds

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County recently exposed thousands of people in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti to the message of individual liberty and personal responsibility. The LPWC booth once again made an appearance at the Ann Arbor Art Fair and the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. These annual events draw thousands of people from other Michigan counties and even from other states. As such, they present a great opportunity for outreach.

The booth offered passersby a chance to learn about the Libertarian Party through free literature and discussion with LP volunteers. Fairgoers had the opportunity to take The World's Smallest Political Quiz and could take home a bumper sticker, window decal, or button in return for a donation. The focus this year was on regaining ballot status in Michigan. Volunteers gathered signatures for the Ballot Access Petition and explained the reason for our loss of ballot status and what the LP was doing to make sure it doesn't happen again. This issue provided a wonderful chance to get people involved in political discussion and to promote interest in the LP.

Successful Petitioning

At the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the LPWC booth was located on Liberty Street in the nonprofit section of the fair. Volunteers collected nearly 1,500 signatures for the Ballot Access Petition and raised \$148 in donations. At the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, the booth was situated on the Cross Street Bridge, a different location than in past years. Despite poor weather on the last day of the festival, the LPWC received roughly \$50 in donations and collected over 160 Ballot Access signatures.

The generous donations of time and energy by LPWC members and friends made these efforts successful. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help out at these events. □



New Arms Law

By Austin Elkton

Under our state's new Concealed Pistol Law, Michiganders should have an easier time exercising their Second Amendment rights. The new law, one of a number of new so-called CCW ("concealed carrying of weapon") laws enacted in various states, prevents local authorities from capriciously denying a person the right to conceal a weapon, such as a pistol, under his or her clothes. Rather, the new law entitles individuals to get a official concealed pistol permits, provided they meet the strict requirements set out in the law.

These strict requirements, for example, prohibit an individual from getting a permit if he's ever been convicted of a felony, is under a Personal Protection Order or was dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces. If the person has been convicted of any one of some thirty-eight kinds of misdemeanors (mostly firearm offences), he or she has to wait eight years before being eligible for a permit. People under 21 and illegal aliens are not issued permits.

Those of you wishing to acquire a permit should thank the Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners (MCRGO), who did the lobbying and fought the legal battles to get this legislation passed. Much of the information contained here is from their website, www.mcrgo.org, an excellent source for information on gun-related matters. It would help to join this group and become a member. The National Rifle Association did not get involved in this issue! For Michigan gun rights, MCRGO is the organization to support.

Details of the procedures for getting a Concealed Pistol Permit vary by county. Our Washtenaw County Clerk and Sheriff have been cooperative in the administration of this law, so we're lucky. See below for our how-to-do-it information.

How to Apply for a Concealed Pistol Permit in Washtenaw County

1. Take a Pistol Safety Training Course. The National Rifle Association's eight-hour Personal Protection course, given by a certified NRA instructor, is probably the easiest way to fulfill this requirement. There are sportsmen's clubs in Ypsilanti, Saline and Chelsea (they did not want to be identified in a political newsletter!) which may be able to help you find an NRA course. The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards also certifies pistol classes. You need a correctly completed, signed certificate that you've passed your course.

2. Get a photo of yourself, passport-quality, but smaller than usual: 1 by 1.25 inches.

3. Get two people, preferably who live in your county although this is not a requirement of the law, to act as references for you. Write down their names, addresses, and phone numbers. Washtenaw County

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does not require that you bring statements from these people.

4. Then take the original of your NRA Personal Protection certificate, the information on your references, and your photograph to the County Clerk's office at the corner of Ann and Main Street, Ann Arbor, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Go to the Clerk's Elections Office, which is down the hall beyond the main Clerk's office.

They will give you an application kit with forms. Fill out (without your signature) and turn in your application form and photograph. They will witness and notarize your signature and will photocopy your NRA course certificate.

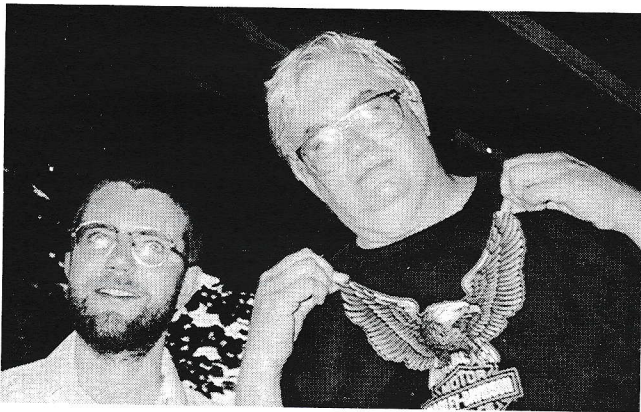
You will need to pay \$60.00 in cash, by money order, check, VISA or MasterCard. You should get a receipt to show the Sheriff's office that you have submitted your application.

Note: if you have a current CCW of any kind, you qualify under the renewal clause, but at least for now fees for renewal may actually be higher than for a new application!

The County Clerk's office will give you a complete compilation of Michigan's firearm laws. Save this because this is the only time that such a compilation has ever been assembled. The compilation cost a million taxpayer dollars, so get your money's worth.

5. Take your receipt for your application and your fingerprint card to the Sheriff's office on Hogback Road east of US-23, and north of Washtenaw Avenue. They are now open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for taking fingerprints.

Go down the hall to the Records Office and pay \$15.00 for the fingerprints. They accept checks and money orders, and can handle cash, VISA and



Veteran petitioners J. P. Denoyer(I) and David Raaflaub at a July 2001 LPWC meeting at Dominick's Restaurant. Denoyer has obtained the most ballot petition signatures in Washtenaw County. Thanks, J.P!

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Fill out the fingerprint card except where it says not to. Print with black ink, including those areas where it says you must use a typewriter only. Don't sign anything until you get to the person taking fingerprints.

Show your driver license to the person taking fingerprints, sign your name where instructed, and get your prints taken. They will send your fingerprints to the Michigan State Police.

6. That's all you do for now. After receiving fingerprint results from the Michigan State Police, the County Clerk will forward your application to the Washtenaw County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board. The Board meets twice a month (next on September 13 and 27 and on October 11 and 25, 2001). The Board is subject to Michigan's Open Meetings law. If the Board finds no problems with your application they will okay it and will mail you a notice to pick up your license. If there are questions you will be asked to appear before them. If you are refused a license there is an appeal form in your application kit.

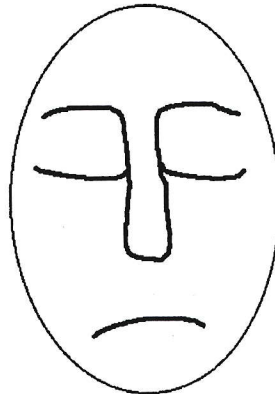
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Promoting the idea that it's time to move beyond ethnic classifications and treat all individuals with equal respect,

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County, brings

Terry Pell, CEO of the Center for Individual Rights,

to the Annual **Sam Adams Dinner** Saturday, Sept. 29 Creekside Grill, Ann Arbor.



AFFIRMATIVE INACTION

I AM NOT MY RACE.

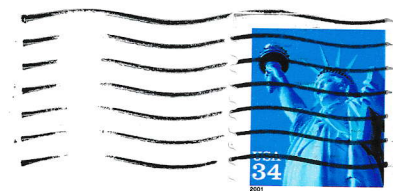
I AM A PERSON.

The Center for Individual Rights, a Washington, D.C.-based public interest law firm, brought the successful suit overturning the University of Michigan Law School's unconstitutional admissions policy. Mr. Pell joined CIR as chief executive in 1997. He received his Ph.D. from Notre Dame in 1996, his J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1981, and his B.A. from Haverford College in 1976.

Tickets for the Sam Adams Dinner are \$50 per person, or \$400 per table. For more information: www.mi.lp.org/wash or contact Emily at salvette@ameritech.net

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