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September-October, 2000

The Party of Betrayal

By Keith Edwards

Al Gore is a scary guy. The man who invented the internet, could not find a "controlling legal authority" for the laws he was violating and who hugs trees to the point of contracting Dutch Elm disease is not exactly the kind of person you'd want running the country.

Actually, no one should be running the country and at least Al is good for a laugh, even when he doesn't know he is. So if he does get elected, we just turn off the TV for four years which is better than wearing out the zapper changing channels to avoid the shifty-eyed guy who's got the job now. But, at least with Democrats, you get what is advertised, gooey socialism, straight up.

To avoid such a fate, some people will be voting for genial George Dubya and his fellow Republicrats as the usual "lesser of two evils." To which one must ask, "How often do you want to be betrayed?"

The Republican Party has a long history of betrayal. Herbert Hoover, a businessman and Secretary of Commerce helped destroy world trade as President when he signed the Smoot-Hawley tariff bill. In 1940, Wendell Willkie won the GOP nomination as an uncompromising defender of free enterprise but blew the election to a then-vulnerable Franklin Roosevelt by becoming a "me too" candidate. Another betrayal.

Dwight Eisenhower, with the help of Senator Robert Taft (who had opposed federal aid to education) created the first new department of government in years, the Department of Health, Education and

Welfare, which subsequently split like an amoeba into two, HHS and Ed. How many times do you want to be betrayed?

Then came the "conservative" Richard Nixon who caved in to the Rockefeller wing on the platform to get the nomination in '60 before losing to Kennedy, then won in '68. He then proceeded to keep the Viet Nam War going another five years, added OSHA, Equal Opportunity, wage and price controls and discouraged US oil exploration. (Remember that the next time you fill up!)

Ronald Reagan ran on an uplifting platform and really meant well, but turned over domestic policy to the same old crowd of compromisers. Then came Dubya's daddy who promised us "no new taxes." Those who read his lips missed the forked tongue behind them. How many times do you want to be betrayed?

So far, George W is following the past. Gore presents a new Marxist scheme, George accepts the principle and offers a mixture of food and poison. Health care, education, taxes or whatever, there is never a clear-cut opposition on the basis of principle. Without principle, there is no reason for courage. Honesty and integrity are the first victims. We are next.

Has any candidate come up with a reasonably quick, painless way out of Social Security? Harry Browne has. Has any candidate proposed an end to the income tax, not just a token cut? Harry Browne has. Has any candidate said that it is time to end the welfare state and restore the opportunity for personal responsibility for all Americans? Harry Browne has. As for George W? How many times do you want to be betrayed?

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We encourage the formation of college libertarian clubs. Each school has its own policies and rules for setting up such groups. Check your school's rules (you may need a faculty advisor) and give Greg Stempfle a call. Affiliates are encouraged to help start or maintain college libertarian clubs in their areas. If you have a son or daughter in college, you might encourage them to start a club. This age group will be voting for the next 60 years!

Campaign Billboards Are in Place

By Fred Collins

The billboards for the Harry Browne for President campaign, paid for by the LPM campaign fund, are in place. For anyone who would like to see them they are located at:

Detroit metro area now:

12901 Gratiot south of 6 Mile left side going north
 5454-90 Grand River at I-94 left side going south
 12823-45 Hamilton south of Davison left side going north
 11504 Woodward south of Davison on right side
 23951 West 7 Mile at Telegraph left side going west
 12600 E Jefferson E of Conner right side going west
 5850 Michigan east of Livernois left side going east
 4531 West Warren at I-9 left side going west
 21126 John R between 8 & 9 Mile right side going N
 2115 E 9 Mile E of Dequindre right side, going west
 300 W 11 Mile at Washington left side going west
 65 Baldwin, left side going north
 7900 Greenfield at Tireman left side going south
 1040 Middlebelt N of Michigan right side going So.
 29207 Joy east of Middlebelt right side going east

In Grand Rapids from Sept.18-October 15:

28th Street east of Breton, south side
 Chicago Drive east of Wilson, north side
 Division & 28th Street, west side
 Market south of US131, west side
 Wealthy west of US131, north side.

In Grand Rapids from Oct. 9- Nov. 5:

1923 Chicago Dr., west of Burlington, north side
 Division north of Adams, west side
 M-45 east of Linden, north side
 Madison north of Adams, west side
 Plainfield south of Quimby, west side

Please visit the ones in your area. They are going to be the best campaign billboards up by far during this election season. Don't miss the chance to see them.

Pizza Guy Joins the LPM at Campaign Workshop

By Greg Dirasian

Twenty-two Libertarian candidates gathered at LPM headquarters in Hazel Park on Saturday, September 9, 2000, attending a day- long candidate workshop. This is the third candidate workshop sponsored by the LPM this year, all of which have been organized and run by the LP's best campaign manager, Barbara Goushaw.

Barbara delivered the first workshop in February by herself. It was videotaped as part of the Success 99 series. Barbara, assisted by Michael Cloud, did the second one in May at the LPM State Convention.

This workshop featured guest instructor Don Gorman, former Libertarian New Hampshire state legislator and was a contender for the LP Presidential nomination this year. Don added some variety to the workshop, grilling all the candidates and forcing them to think on their feet.

Perhaps one of the most interesting events happened when we broke for lunch and the pizza guy delivered our pizzas. When he realized he was in the Libertarian Party headquarters, he said that he has been voting Libertarian for a long time. We signed him up as a new member on the spot (he used his tip to pay his state dues and candidate Constance Catalfo paid his local dues.)

Barbara Goushaw and Bruce Hoepner put the finishing touches on the day by hosting dinner at their home where we all had a chance to discuss what we learned and to spend more time questioning and learning from the pros in a less formal setting.

Many thanks to the folks who put this event together and made it an informative and fun time.

"The secret of all victory lies in the organization of the non-obvious."

Oswald Spengler, philosopher

"Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide."

Napoleon Bonaparte, emperor

Liberty Awareness Week November 4-11

By Stacy Van Oast

With Election Day rapidly approaching, it's time to create some Liberty Awareness.

Traditionally, the week preceding the LPM's annual Liberty Fest has been known casually as "Liberty Week." I'd like to change that in two ways. First, let's start calling it Liberty Awareness Week and focus our efforts on doing something that we normally don't do, one special thing that will increase people's awareness of liberty. Secondly, let's not take it so casually! Let's get serious! Here are some ideas on increasing awareness of liberty.

Work a poll for a local candidate, even if for just an hour after work.

Buy a subscription to Liberty or Reason Magazine and donate it to your library. Buy a libertarian book (Jim Bovard's new book on Clinton, for example) and donate it to your library.

Call a talk radio show and say something libertarian. Write a libertarian letter to the editor.

Buy a "Bill of Rights Day" poster (Jews for Preservation of Firearm Ownership has a beautiful one), frame it and donate it to a local school or library.

Persuade someone to vote for the Libertarian candidate(s) that you know ("Great news! I have a friend running for office. He's a great guy – will you vote for him?")

Have someone you know is I-leaning, take "The Quiz". When he scores in the Libertarian quadrant, persuade him to join the LP. Pay his dues.

Then, help us all celebrate our awareness of liberty and join us in honoring our candidates at the Liberty Fest banquet on Saturday, November 11 (see page 7.)

Finally, tell us what you did to create more interest in liberty. Email Stacy at stacyvo@ccsc.com or jot it down and mail to 26161 Dayton Rd., Richmond, MI 48062. In the next newsletter we'll share some of the ideas.

Recruiter's Corner IV – Patriotism, It Still Exists

By Gary Bora

Patriotism. The Founding Fathers. The Declaration of Independence. The Constitution. As Libertarians, these words inspire us. But how can they be used to our advantage when we're trying to communicate our message to non-Libertarians? In the next few paragraphs I'll explain how they can be incorporated into anyone's general recruiting arsenal and how patriotism can work in building a positive reputation for the Libertarian Party.

When I was working the polls for Paul Soyk's 1997 State Senate campaign, I made sure to tell everyone who stopped to talk for more than a second that we were the "New Founders" and asked them to "help us restore our Constitution." I received zero negative or indifferent responses. This tells me that contrary to what is often published in the popular press, many people still relate to the idea that the men who founded our great country were the good guys in the Revolutionary War. I've yet to meet anyone who condemns me for associating with "angry white male slave owners."

I recently read that the name recognition of the LP in 1996 for the general public was a paltry 23%. It has now climbed to 67%. While some may consider this an impressive improvement I see this as meaning we still have a long way to go. To get there, what harm can it do to ride on the coattails (and positive reputations) of people who already have a much higher name recognition than we do. Politicians from the other parties do similar things all the time. From photo ops with children to having Sammy Sosa sit next to Hillary at a presidential address, this practice of favorable association is common. Perhaps it is time we started to play this game as well.

When explaining libertarianism to people for the first time, I often say that we are the Thomas Jeffersons and Paul Reveres of today and that the federal government is our King George. Most people understand this analogy and have one of two reactions. Either they think I'm a cute, harmless zealot out to slay some

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Jon Coon Off the Ballot

By Tim O'Brien

The LPM slate of candidates has been reduced by one as Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Michael Harrison upheld the refusal of the Michigan Bureau of Elections to certify Jon Coon as one of the party's two State Board of Education candidate on August 23.

The move, though disappointing, surprised no one in the LPM. Nominated at the State Convention in May, Coon refused to sign a new "Supplemental Affidavit of Identity" form required by a revision to the state's Campaign Finance Act late last year. The form states, "I swear (or affirm) that on this date, all statements, reports, error or omission notice responses, late filing fees and fines required of me or any Candidate Committee organized to support my election to office an (sic) registered under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act, PA 388 of 1976, have been filed or paid. I further acknowledged (sic) that making a false statement in this affidavit is perjury, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both."

I simply refused to sign that blank check guarantee that everyone who has ever worked on any of my campaigns has crossed every "t" and dotted every "i" to the satisfaction of the election bureaucrats," Coon said. "There isn't even the usual line about "To the best of my knowledge and belief" to make allowance for good faith mistakes. And I'm supposed to sign this at the risk of committing a 5 year felony? I don't think so."

When the issue arose at the Convention it was decided by the delegates to nominate Coon anyway and challenge the law. "Although Jon is our only candidate in this election cycle who still has problems outstanding with election officials (from his '94 US Senate campaign) we were concerned about what the lawyers call the "chilling effect" this new requirement could have on future candidates," noted LPM Executive Director Tim O'Brien.

The LPM and its candidate asserted that denying an otherwise legally qualified candidate access to the ballot as a means of enforcing campaign finance law

violates the "purity of elections" provisions of the Michigan Constitution. A complaint against the Bureau of Elections and a request for a writ of mandamus to put Jon's name on the ballot was filed by LPM attorney Ghazy H. Aleck II.

"The decision was made on very narrow grounds," said Aleck. "Judge Harrison said that candidates were only being required to swear that all statements, reports and so forth had been filed, not that the information on them was true and accurate. . . the Bureau of Elections attorney didn't even try to make that argument until the judge suggested it."

"Unfortunately, Judge Harrison never addressed our main contention. The Michigan Constitution authorizes the legislature to regulate "the time, place and manner" of elections. But the new requirement concerns candidate reporting on how they raise, spend and account for money in running their campaigns. It has nothing to do with the actual electoral process. The legislature has simply used the threat of denying a candidate access to the ballot to enforce this essentially unrelated campaign finance disclosure requirement."

An appeal is already in the works. "Maybe we can get the Appeals Court to address the substance of our case," said O'Brien. "Judge Harrison certainly didn't."

The party still expects the new law to be thrown out by a higher court. However, that will not happen in time to get Jon Coon back his place on the ballot in the November election.

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windmills, or they show a genuine curiosity about this new group who may have more to offer than they first expected. And no, you don't have to name your son Thomas Jefferson to drive home the point. But it doesn't hurt.

Note: Thomas Jefferson Bora turned two this past May. Patrick Henry Bora is due November 1st (in time to work the polls.

Libertarian Candidates Working to Get Votes

By Stacy Van Oast

Presidential candidate Harry Browne is working hard to earn votes this November, traversing the country speaking and doing interviews. And we're well aware of the effort that our Ballot Access Retention Committee is making to get votes for our top of ticket. Billboards are up in two major metropolitan areas, the radio waves will be flooded with Harry Browne ads during the week before election day and lawn signs and bumper stickers are popping up across the state.

In order to attract votes for the rest of our Libertarian candidates, the LPM has provided three candidate workshops, customized candidate brochures and we will be running radio ads.

Most individual candidates are participating in the critical effort of educating the electorate by responding to published voter guides. Some are doing more.

Some of our 111 candidates were given 24 hours to respond to the question "What is your campaign doing to get votes?" Here are some of the responses received in time to be published (I apologize for not gathering this information sooner so that more candidates could participate.)

As you can see, we have some very clever, hard-working and passionate candidates working to get Libertarian votes this November. Please visit the web sites provided and continue to encourage and support all of our candidates however you can. Seeing all this activity happening across the state is very encouraging and exciting. It's a great time to be a Libertarian!

Michael Corliss, US Senate

I am running so that, when the day comes, I can look my children in the eye and say that I did more than vote and then complain about the direction our government is headed. I will proudly say that I stood up against the erosion of our rights, against an ever-increasing tax burden that impoverishes families and stifles entrepreneurship, and against oppressive regulatory bureaucracies that destroy liberty.

John Loosemore, US Congress, 1st District

I'm concentrating my money and efforts on sucking the life out of incumbent Democrat Bart Stupak's campaign. Wherever he goes throughout this huge district, I will be there like his own shadow, reminding the public how he broke a pledge not to support new gun laws and then lied about the state of previously existing laws. Meanwhile, the Republican will know that pro-gun voters DO have some place else to go, and be forced to make firmer statements to bring them back.

Greg Stempfle, 15th State House District

One of the projects I wanted to work on for my State Representative race was to specifically target voters in their teens and 20's. To the best of my knowledge nobody has done this before. There are 10,000 such people in Dearborn.

We have printed up *personalized* flyers to every young registered voter in the city. So far, the response has been great. I have already received four yard sign requests from my initial literature drop.

Bill Gelineau, 74th State House District

Our primary goal is to gain wide exposure in the media in West Michigan by running a highly visible, serious campaign. The outline of my plan to eradicate the Michigan income tax and reinstitute the millage rate cap can be viewed at www.lpwm.org/votebill.

Paul W. Champion, Oakland County Executive

When I received a profane response to a letter I sent my current county executive, I realized that not only does this man not care about the opinions of the electorate (a copy of the response can be seen on my web site www.brookswatch.com) but he even chooses to respond with profanity. This did not seem a proper ethic for an elected official so I am seeking to unseat him. ctepwc@prodigy.net

Stephen M. Townsend, Midland Co. Commissioner

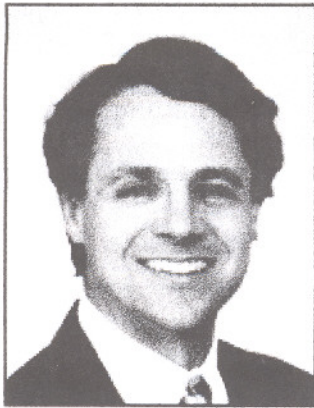
With more than 1,200 doors knocked on in two days,
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Liberty Fest 2000

Please join us in honoring our heros,
the Libertarian candidates for public office
on November 11th at 6:00pm at
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District 14	Constance Catalfo	Michigan Supreme Court	Michael H. Miller
District 15	Ray Warner		Violet M. Steele
District 16	Edward Hlavac		Scott A. Boman
State Representative			Thomas W. Jones
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District 3	Joann Karpinski	Allegan CO. Sheriff	David H. Raaflaub
District 9	Kenneth E. Vojtech	Berrian Co. Drain Commission	Robert W. Roddis
District 12	Michael Donohue	Berrian Co. Sheriff	Jan C. Knibbe
District 15	Greg Stempfle	Oronoko Charter Twp. Clerk	Dennis Survilla
District 16	Christopher Gonzalez	Three Oaks Twp. Trustee	Tom Baker
District 18	David Nagy	Clare Co. Treasurer	Glenn Whitt
District 19	John Tatar	Allen Twp. Trustee	Jay Suave
District 22	Ken Reyes	Cambria Twp. Trustee	Ronald Freehling
District 23	Rick Secula	Lenawee Co. Comm. Dist. 8	Cassandra L. Meadowcroft
District 24	Eric B. Gordon	Livingston Co. Comm. Dist. 6	Trena K. Moss
District 25	John Morgan	Livingston Co. Clerk	James B. Parker
District 26	Keith P. Edwards	Macomb Co. Commission Dist. 7	Albert B. Swindle
District 27	David Wejrandt	Macomb Co. Comm. Dist 18	George Sise
District 29	Dean Sahutske	Macomb Co. Comm. Dist 22	Richard A. Samul
District 31	Jim Miller	Macomb Co. Sheriff	Paul Soyk
District 32	Bob Van Oast	Midland Co. Comm. Dist 5	Mark Heil
District 33	Joe Zemens	Missaukee Co. Comm. Dist. 6	Rosemary Racchi
District 35	Magalene C. Boleyn	Oakland Co. Comm. Dist 1	Al Titran
District 38	Anne Bora	Oakland Co. Comm. Dist. 5	Stephen M. Townsend
District 39	Ray Kozora	Oakland Co. Comm. Dist. 22	Greg A. Willis Jr.
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			Lisa L. Kozora
			Robert W. Schubring
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Wayne Co. Comm. Dist. 4	Edward Karpinski
Wayne Co. Comm. Dist. 13	Loel R. Gnad
Wayne Co. Clerk	Nancy O'Brien
Kent Co. Comm. Dist 4	William W. Hall, Esq.
Kent County Clerk	Jamie Lewis
Plainfield Twp. Trustee	Derek E. Hollemans
Ann Arbor Mayor	Charles Goodman
Ann Arbor City Council #3	Jean Paul Denoyer
Ann Arbor City Council #4	Stephen Saletta
Ann Arbor City Council #5	Lawrence Purdy

Total 115

This is the largest number of candidates ever fielded by the Libertarian Party of Michigan in one year. Thanks to all of these fine activists!

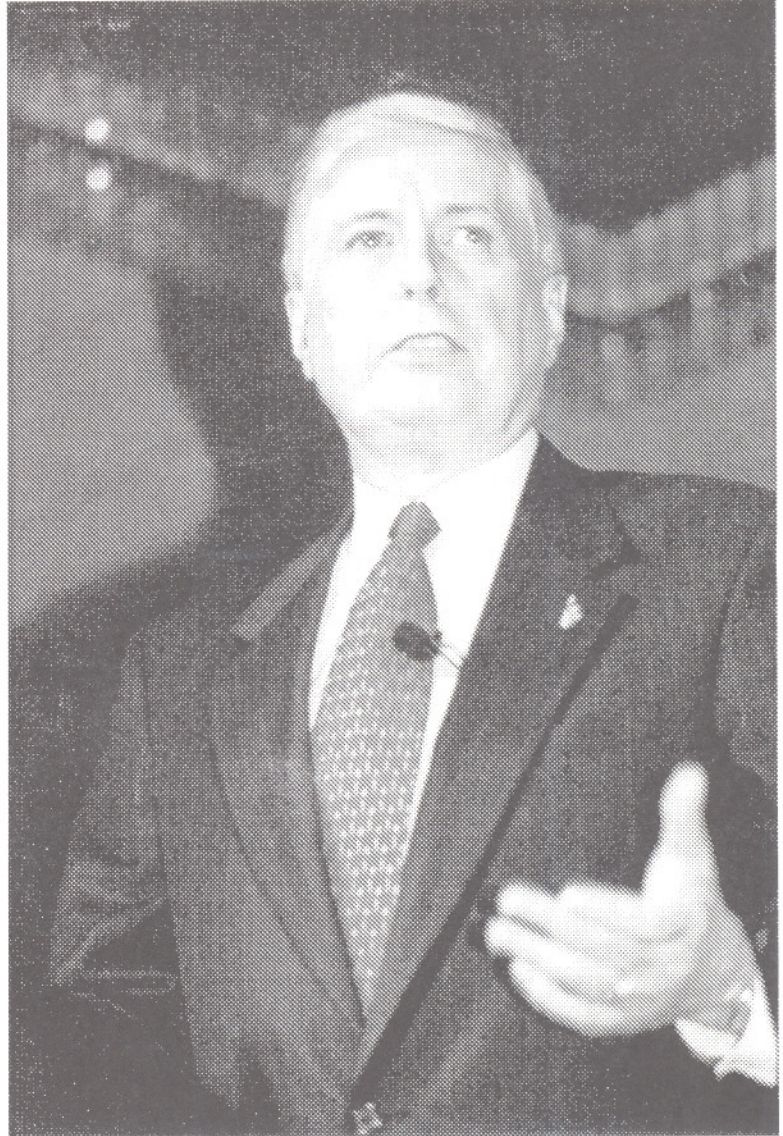
OOPS!

The vote for Barry Hess for the Presidential nomination at the National Convention of the Libertarian Party on July 2 was 53, not 70, as reported in our July-August issue. Thanks to Richard Winger, the ballot access guru, for catching the typo.

“Winning can be defined as the science of being totally prepared.”

George Allen, football coach

Note: This updated list includes the Ann Arbor candidates nominated since our last issue as well as the names of four candidates who were not included in the original list supplied to us, Ray Warner, Dean Sahutske, Trafton Jean and Stephen Townsend.



Libertarian Party Presidential Candidate Harry Browne, shown as he accepted the nomination at the National Convention in Anaheim on July 2.

Candidates Working to Get Votes

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the Midland County Commissioner race is in full gear. I am working a hard journeyman campaign against incumbent Republican Leona Faulkenstien. With no other candidates, this is a two person race. For any other questions, please contact me at cooljay@triton.net

Activist Libertarians in Ann Arbor, following their positive press coverage of a nearly successful Medical Marijuana initiative, will be on the ballot. Charles Goodman, mayoral candidate, and J.P. Denoyer, council candidate led the petition drive. They are joined by Stephen Saletta and Lawrence Purdy.

In Washtenaw County's Ypsilanti Township, four Libertarians are running together as a slate: Sherri Foster for Clerk, with Larry Johnson, Dan LaFavers and Geoff Foster for at-large Trustee. Their web site at www.YpsiTwp.org includes an email service to share township meeting minutes and agendas with the public.

Clare-Gladwin LP is selling a limited supply of party-building yard signs with wires that read, "Keep Your Guns, Lower Your Taxes, Vote Libertarian." Contact Ghazey Aleck if interested at 517-386-2699 or at aleckfamily@voyager.net.

Parade Success for Allegan Affiliate. Thirteen Libertarians marched in the Allegan Labor Day Parade along side Lady Liberty. Krystal Dutkiewicz, Secretary, and friends spent hours decorating the float that was pulled by a jeep. Seven candidates participated and interacted with the crowd along the parade route. These included Mike Corliss, Bruce Smith, Bill Gelineau, Tim Campbell, Jan Knibbe, Jamie Lewis and Rick Dutkiewicz.

Rick, Allegan Chair, was delighted with the success of the event. "It was a fantastic and uplifting experience for all of us. We raised awareness here in Allegan that the Tweedle D's and Tweedle R's are not the only game in town."

Random Thoughts

By Keith Edwards

Attorney General Janet Reno has been requested to review the tire problems at Firestone by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) as the politicians rush for photo ops in this election season. "We are looking into what, if any, Justice Department action is warranted," said Reno.

Attention Firestone: Get the gas masks, bulletproof vests, and fire trucks to the Decatur plant immediately!

There is another good reason to push the US Senate candidacy of Mike Corliss, beyond the obvious ones (he's a solid Libertarian, one of our most articulate, etc.) That is that the Reform Party candidate, Mark Forton, is the top of their ticket now that their presidential candidate is off the Michigan ballot. It will be his vote total that will determine the ballot status of that party. We need to gain as much attention for Mike as possible among independents who might otherwise consider Forton, formerly a conservative Republican. Mark is OK on many economics issues, but vulnerable on personal liberty issues. The Reform Party may die off anyway after this year's split, but it would be nice to help their slide by bouncing them. If you have any friends, co-workers or relatives who lean toward the Reform Party, give Mike a boost along with Harry Browne.

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Ann Arbor Medical Marijuana Update

By Emily Salvette and J.P. Denoyer

Libertarians and others have spent the past year collecting signatures on a petition that would amend the Ann Arbor City Charter to allow the medical use of marijuana by patients under a health care provider's direction. The citizens of Ann Arbor would have voted on the proposed amendment at the November 7, 2000 election. The petition process involved countless hours and cost nearly \$5,000 to complete, but simple administration errors foiled the chance for voters to decide if patients have the right to control their own medical treatment.

Two weeks before the supposed deadline, it looked as though the Libertarians for Medical Marijuana Reform and Ann Arborites for Medical Rights, the two groups responsible for the petition drive, were going to fail in their attempt to collect enough signatures. They had half the target number, 3,500. At the August 2 meeting of the LP of Washtenaw County, David Raaflaub persuaded people to put up sufficient funds to triple the amount paid to petitioners to expand the crew of petitioners. On August 15, the deadline established by Ann Arbor's interim City Clerk and verified with the Elections Administrator of Washtenaw County, the groups turned in 5,970 signatures, almost 1,700 more than required.

But problems developed. Both the city and county clerks were looking at the wrong law when they quoted an August 15 deadline. The Ann Arbor City Attorney decided the real deadline was August 9. The City Attorney also felt that the name and address of the sponsoring groups were in the wrong spot on the petition, a minor technical flaw that has not been required of other petitions in the past. While the city admitted its mistake, it nevertheless rejected the petitions on August 18, citing the late filing date and throwing in the technical flaw for good measure.

The Ann Arbor City Council had the opportunity to fix the clerk's administrative mistake by placing the issue on the ballot by a 3/5 vote at its August 18 meeting. Councilmember Elisabeth Daley (D-5th Ward) courageously moved to include it on the November

ballot with support by Hanna-Davies (D-1st Ward), Herrell (D-3rd Ward) and Kolb (D5th Ward). However, that was not enough support in the 10-person Council and the registered voters who signed the petition were stiffed.

Libertarian attorney Raaflaub quickly filed a lawsuit to force the city to put the amendment on the ballot, but on September 6, Washtenaw County Circuit Court Judge Melinda Morris ruled that the deadline had been missed. Morris said the party was ultimately responsible for knowing the correct deadline for filing its petitions, even though, apparently, government officials have no such responsibility. Meanwhile, the city clerk's office did an inspection of the petitions and claimed there were not enough valid signatures to meet the 4,300 signature requirement anyway. Libertarians decided not to pursue an appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court in an effort to save the additional legal costs to put into the upcoming campaigns instead. Regrettably, the chance to put the medical marijuana issue on the 2000 ballot was lost.

There are options for the future. Judge Morris, over the objections of the Ann Arbor City Attorney, ordered the petitions returned to the libertarian groups. This means that collecting a small number of additional signatures can place the issue on next year's ballot. Also, Ann Arbor City Council Democrats have expressed interest in putting the issue on the next ballot themselves.

Whatever Ann Arbor libertarians do to further this important cause, the support of the Ann Arbor community will be important. To get more information or to make a donation, please visit the Ann Arbor Medical Marijuana we site at <http://a2marijuana.n3.net/>

Your help is vital if we are to secure medical marijuana rights for the ill.

"There is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary."

Winston Churchill,
British Prime Minister

Rules for Defender of Liberty Awards

It's that time of year, again. Time to make nominations for the Defender of Liberty "Libby" Awards to be presented at the Liberty Fest Dinner on Saturday, November 11.

Who is eligible to win a "Libby?" Defender of Liberty Awards will be presented to a maximum of Four select individuals, Libertarian or otherwise who have made notable personal efforts in defense of liberty. Nominees must live and/or work in the state of Michigan.

Three categories have been established:

Spokesman for Liberty is a member of the community whose patriotism and conviction have inspired contributions to the cause of liberty.

Promoter of Liberty is a Libertarian whose efforts have done the most to promote the LP and Libertarian principles.

Producer of Liberty is a dedicated, behind-the-scenes Libertarian whose quiet labors over the years exemplify the backbone of the LPM

A fourth award in one of these categories may be given at the discretion of the judges.

Any LPM member can nominate a worthy local individual by submitting a brief essay (200 words or less) describing how the nominee is deserving and has worked to advance the cause of liberty. Nomination must include the author's name, address and telephone number.

Send entries to Diane Barnes, 15514 Ego, Eastpointe, MI 48021 by October 10, 2000.

Winners will be chosen by a panel of three judges. The nominating party will be notified of the winner. Their affiliate should sponsor the winner's attendance at the banquet so they may receive the award.

The fifth Annual Defender of Liberty Award Banquet is being hosted by Banquet Chair Diane Barnes and the Libertarians of Macomb County. It will be held at

Miles World Restaurant in Fraser, MI and will feature Jacob Hornberger of the Future of Freedom Foundation as the keynote speaker. For information or to volunteer, contact Diane Barnes at dbarnes98@aol.com or 810-774-1825.

Please help us make this year's awards ceremony as successful and exciting as the last four. Don't wait!! Submit your nominations now!! And please announce the details at your affiliate meetings.

First Affiliate Chairs Meeting Date Set

The first meeting for affiliate chairs is set for Sunday, November 12, 2000. Affiliate Chairs and those interested in becoming chairs are invited to attend the Sunday brunch. The meeting will be held in Macomb County so that those attending Liberty Fest can make plans to attend this event.

Points of discussion will be outreach ideas, organizing an affiliate, making media contacts, fundraising, etc. Current chairs will receive a letter with details of the event. Contact Diane Barnes for further information at Dbarnes98@aol.co or 810-774-1625.

Affiliate Start-Ups/Inactive Affiliates

By Jim Fitzpatrick

Is your county an inactive Libertarian County? Do you KNOW you could do more if you only had a few more members? Do you dream of bringing a new person to a local meeting and not having time to introduce them to all of your Libertarian friends?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", please contact Jim Fitzpatrick at jfitzpatrick@webtv.net or 517-781-7767 at your earliest convenience. Our new Affiliates Committee is here to help solve the tough problems all activists face!

Support, planning, guidebooks, literature, speakers, buttons, stickers, membership database, and neighboring county support and personal assistance are only an email away. We WANT to help you not only make a great affiliate, but have fun, too. Call today!

Coon Wins Debate at Tri-Cities Rally

By Jim Fitzpatrick

Longtime LP activist Jon Coon was the featured Libertarian speaker in "The Great Debate" held at the Bridgeport Gun Club on August 20, sponsored by the Tri-Cities Libertarian Party. The debate, moderated by former Clare County prosecutor and current Clare County LP Chair Ghazey Aleck, showcased Republican State Senator Mike Goshka, Jim Lewis, Chief of Staff for Congressman Barcia and Coon.

By intermingling humor, facts and fire of spirit, Jon easily won over the crowd and the media, the latter waiting over an hour to speak to him. The gun debate was the lead story of the evening news that featured interviews with Jon and LP Vice Chair Diane Barnes. In addition, the Saginaw News, Midland Daily News and talk station WSGW gave coverage.

Event organizer (and fabulous cook) Rae Jozwiak provided not only a great meal, but signs, banners and flags throughout the hall promoting our cause.

This event is a great lesson for all of us. Not only can we win the battle of ideas against Democrats and Republicans, but we can make a difference right in our own backyards whenever we want to. Rae decided to make a difference and did. What can you do in your affiliate?

Tri-Cities Elections Held

Stephen Townsend, candidate for Midland County Commissioner, won election for Chair at the Tri-Cities LP meeting in August, based on his plan of making a Libertarian presence on every local board possible.

Clint Foster, Running for 5th US Congress seat, won Vice Chair for the second year in a row and continues to publish the Liberty Lantern, free online at clintforcongress@aol.com.

Liz Larsen, former secretary of Midland County Jaysees, brings her organizing skills to the Secretary position.

Super-activist and Bay Countee Trustee candidate Dick Jozwiak won a unanimous vote for Treasurer for the fourth straight year.

Jim Fitzpatrick



Tri-Cities Super-activists Dick Jozwiak, Lynn Fitzpatrick and Rae Jozwiak

Affiliate Meeting Schedules

See Page 2 for Contact Person

Allegan meets third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Blue Heron, corner Hubbard and Chestnut, Allegan.

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Clare-Gladwin meets second Monday at 7p.m. at Mid-Michigan Community College.

Ionia meets third Wednesday at 7p.m. at Bluewater Café, E. M-21, Ionia.

Kalamazoo meets first Tuesday at 7p.m. at TGI Fridays, 5650 W. Main, Oshtemo.

Lapeer-Genesee meets second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Whitey's Rest., M-15, 1 mile N of I-69, Davison.

Livingston meets second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Mexican Jones Rest., 675 Grand River, Brighton.

Macomb meets second Wednesday at 6 pm at Miles' World Rest., 17689 Masonic & Groesbeck, Fraser.

Mid-Michigan meets third Thursday at 7p.m. at La Seniorita Rest., 2706 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing.

Mid-West meets third Friday at 7p.m. at Kounty Kitchen, 1920 N. Mitchell, Cadillac.

Northeast is not meeting currently due to the illness of its contact, Rich Binkley. Best wishes, Rich.

Oakland meets fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Sila's Rest., 4033 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley.

Ottawa meets fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Yellow Jacket Inn, 12011 Lake Michigan Dr., Holland.

St. Clair meets third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Armbruster's Sports Bar & Grill, 1211 Griswold, Port Huron.

Shiawassee meets third Saturday 7 p.m. at Brenda's Bistro, 230 W. Main St., Durand. There are also weekly business meetings. Call Ben @ 517-288-5616 for details on the business meetings.

South Central meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Tom's Grill and Pub, 3705 Ann Arbor, Jackson, ½ mile from Michigan Ave. exit from US-127. There is a Hillsdale-Branch Co. meeting second Monday at 7p.m. at Fillmore's Rest. On US-12, ½ mile west of M-99, west side of Jonesville at the railroad crossing.

Traverse Bay meets third Thursday at 6 p.m. at Sleder's Tavern, 717 Randolph, Traverse City.

Tri-Cities meets third Monday at 6:30 at Howard Johnson Rest., M-84 at I-75, N. of Saginaw.

Van Buren meets third Thursday (except August & December) at 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting at CT's Restaurant in South Haven.

Washtenaw meets every Thursday at 7:30 at Dominick's, 812 Monroe St., Ann Arbor.

Wayne meets first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at La Trattoria Rest., 13736 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

West Michigan meets second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Brann's Rest., Leonard and US-131, Grand Rapids.

Upper Peninsula to be announced.

Libertarian Party of Michigan Campaign

Headquarters is open Monday-Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 619 E. Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park, a few blocks east of both I-75 and John R. It is open for campaign work at other hours as needed. The telephone is 248-591-FREE. Feel free to drop in and help. There is always something to do. **Oakland Co. LP** is renting a room there from the LPM. Any member of the LPM in good standing may use the facility for any Libertarian Party related activity, e.g. meetings, mailings, fundraisers, campaign events, etc. Space is available on a first come first served basis.

LEC Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Libertarian Executive Committee of August 13, 2000, was called to order at 1:08 P.M. at campaign headquarters. Present were: Committee- Stacy Van Oast, Diane Barnes, Keith Edwards, Bill Gelineau, Mark Heil, Bruce Hoepner, Jim Fitzpatrick and Nancy O'Brien; others- Tim O'Brien, Greg Dirasian, Marnie Edwards, Ben Bachrach, Leonard Schwartz and Paul Soyk. Absent, Treasurer Dave Nagy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Executive Director Tim O'Brien reported that the Jon Coon lawsuit against the State for denying him ballot access would be heard August 16, asking for a writ of mandamus in Ingham Co. Circuit Court. Ghazey Aleck is representing Jon. The second quarterly Pledge Letter was done by Pam Tucker. We need to focus press releases on opinion rather than mere announcements. Ben Bachrach and Mark Heil are contributing computers for the office. We need volunteers.

Vice Chair Diane Barnes reported good response from the affiliates to the visits from her committee. They appreciate our help and we need to show them that we can and want to help. There will be a Chairs' meeting November 12. The start-up kit is done.

Keith Edwards has set the next newsletter deadline as Sept. 10. He thanked the Affiliates Committee for all the material provided for the last issue.

The budget for 2000-01 was discussed and amended for presentation to the membership for a mailing in August.

A discussion followed on the new law regarding financial reports and whether they will be filed with the FEC, IRS or neither. Decision was tabled until the next meeting. Leonard Schwartz and Paul Soyk provided background information.

Mark Heil reported on the project on membership renewals.

Campaign Committee report was given by Stacy Van Oast and Nancy O'Brien. Slate brochures are in. There will be a candidates' work shop on Sept. 9 with Don Gorman. The nomination situation with regard to Congressional Districts 14 and 15 has been clarified. The candidates are Constance Catalfo and Ray Warner, respectively.

Bruce Hoepner gave the BARC report. The committee met August 10. Harry Browne will be in town August 27 and September 25. They are organizing a greeting at Metro Airport August 27. The contributors' dinner will be held September 24. BARC has raised \$42,000 so far. Signs and literature are due in August 18.

Nancy O'Brien reported that 89 sashes were sold at \$10 at the National Convention. The disappointing sales seemed to be due to the lack of campaign buttons available in contrast to previous conventions.

Diane Barnes reported that the Liberty Fest Awards Banquet would be held November 11 at Miles World Restaurant on November 11 with Jacob Hornberger, President of the Future of Freedom Foundation, as speaker. He will be introduced by Ghazey Aleck. It will be less expensive than last year.

Greg Dirasian will provide business cards for the LEC.

Their idea of doing radio ads against the use of Social Security numbers on drivers licenses was dropped as the Republicans are already opposing it.

Jim Fitzpatrick delivered a proposal from the Tri-Cities affiliate to host the 2001 State Convention in Saginaw on the last weekend in April. His motion to that effect was passed unanimously.

Keith Edwards brought up the question of incorporating the LEC as a protection from lawsuits. This was done by the Natcom in the early 1990's. The 1995 State Convention declined to do so. He will consult with Bill Hall on the matter.

Super activist Al Titran is recovering from surgery.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Edwards, Secretary.



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