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March-April, 1999

## Ruwart and Cloud Guarantee "Success" at State Convention

This year's State Convention is showing all the signs of an event that you just don't want to miss! We have the excellent Success '99 program being brought to us by the National Party with our National Director Steven Dasbach leading the team. Also included in our program will be ex-Michiganian author (Healing Our World) Mary Ruwart, one of the most respected communicators in the Libertarian Party, and Michael Cloud, who is extremely knowledgeable in all areas of campaign management. With this triple hit, you won't want to miss a single minute. The dates are April 30-May 2 at the Southfield Ramada Inn on 9 Mile, west of Greenfield.

Friday night is being hosted by the Oakland County Libertarian Party with an evening of the 3 "F's" being at the forefront - Food, Frivolity and Free Beer! And, of course, a chance to get together and renew all of your acquaintances from past events, and just plain BS.

Our Banquet on Saturday evening will feature Bill Ballenger, from INSIDE MICHIGAN POLITICS, as our keynote speaker. Anyone will tell you that Mr. Ballenger knows everything that is important to know in the political arena of Michigan. The evening will begin with an hour to review the day's events before being served a wonderful dinner. We will finish the evening with dancing.

Success '99 will be held on Saturday and Sunday and will include a Sunday Brunch. All this and all the State LP's business too! We will be reviewing the State Platform and Bylaws on Saturday and holding the

Elections for the State Executive and Judicial Committees on Sunday. All of this - and all your meals for only \$129.00 if you pre-register with the LPM! And, that's not all! If you get your registration in by April 10, you will be included in the drawing for the FREE Jacuzzi Suite for Friday and Saturday night during the Convention.

So, don't be left out of the fun. Hope to see you there!

Pam Collins  
1999 Convention Chair  
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OOPS!

In the article on the history of the LPM in the last issue, the hosts for the founding meeting of the LPM should have read Pete McAlpine and Kay Augustin. Pete's last name was omitted in the typing. Sorry about that.

K.E..

"Now, if you are going to win any battle, you have to do one thing. You have to make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do."

General George S. Patton

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

Albert Einstein, physicist

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## Abolitionism or Gradualism?

By Keith Edwards

In discussing a possible Jacob Hornberger-Harry Browne competition for the LP presidential nomination I made a comparison of the two in the last issue using the terms abolitionist and gradualist. This stimulated a nice e-mail discussion with Harry that brought out a need to clarify those terms. Harry thought this might be an issue in the nomination as it was a decade or so ago when one wit at the convention called for "Gradualism Now!"

Webster is no help, defining gradualism as "the policy of approaching a desired end by gradual stages." In other words, a wheat field is a field of wheat.

For our purposes, I would define abolitionism as advocating a clear, direct, full termination of a governmental law, function or activity with no delay beyond the time needed to communicate and respond to the order. Gradualism is advocating that a governmental law, function or activity be phased out over time, usually with some consideration given to the present beneficiaries and/or victims.

An abolitionist position on slavery would be, "Slavery should be abolished with 72 hours notice." A gradualist position might be, "All slaves under 55 shall be freed upon completion of a job-training program conducted by the Department of Labor with subsidies and taxes to support it." (Well, maybe that would be defined as evasion.) In such an issue, hardly any libertarians would be gradualist.

Another abolitionist position would be, "Social Security should be abolished within 60 days." It's theft. Those who have not prepared for retirement will just have to work until they can afford to retire." Jacob Hornberger comes close to this view. A gradualist position might be, "Within 3 years all Social Security taxes shall end and the government shall sell assets sufficient to provide annuities for all current recipients and those over 55 years of age." Harry Browne suggests something like this in his book, *Why Government Doesn't Work*. Or, "Social Security taxes shall be used by the taxpayer in individually controlled retirement accounts if he wishes," as in Chile.

Some libertarians would be abolitionist, some would be gradualist, depending on the details. A similar split is seen on the education issue. Sell the schools vs tax credits or vouchers.

Most libertarians are truth-seekers, committed to the study of reality and unwilling to defend an idea we cannot justify logically. The truth is the truth and we want to proceed as rapidly as possible to apply it to political issues. Realistically, we can concede that there are too many government dependents opposing our views on some issues and that direct solutions may not always be possible. So, while we are all abolitionists in theory, we may settle for gradualist answers. The danger is that we are, after all, politicians and in trying to express ourselves in a reasonable, benevolent manner, we can end up compromising our principles. But what kind of message do we send when we lack confidence in our own truths?

For a gradualist argument to be valid, the proposal must be of a fairly short term duration, continually reduce the plight of the victims and not create any new victims in the process. Harry's Social Security plan comes so close to this that it's close to abolitionist, but it might take a lot more time than Harry supposes. A rapid sell-off of assets could flood the market and reduce asset values too much for a full payoff. And, the longer the phase-out, the greater the temptation for government to backslide and re-intervene.

Abolitionism worked with the slavery issue even though some gradualist proposals were made. I believe that we should be abolitionist in rhetoric wherever possible to avoid early compromises, but be flexible when it appears a gradualist policy might work faster. Libertarians who propose a gradualist solution must be prepared to show that it can be completed quickly. Abolitionists must be able to demonstrate that their solutions have enough public support.

Either way, education is our primary weapon. It must precede election or repeal. Our arguments cannot be half-baked. They must be well thought out with a clear view of whether they can be implemented quickly or gradually. Some issues, such as slavery, are of a moral nature that cannot be solved gradually. Others are less immediate. A Hornberger-Browne competition would help illuminate this issue.

## A Simple Request

By Fred Collins

We Libertarians have long maintained that the entire electoral system is stacked against us. And, it is true that ballot access laws, top-of-ticket rules, and other hurdles deliberately placed in our path by the two old parties have impeded our progress.

However, I couldn't help but notice a newspaper story about the results of some recent elections which I think ought to prompt some reflection by those of you who have complained about these matters in the past.

On Monday, March 6, several villages in Oakland County held council elections.

In Beverly Hills, three council seats were filled in uncontested races.

In Bingham Farms, the Village President and three Trustees were elected to two-year terms in uncontested races.

In Leonard, the two incumbents were the only candidates for three two-year terms on the Village Council.

In Oxford, the incumbent ran unopposed for a three-year term on the Council.

Are you sensing a pattern here, my fellow Libertarians?

This situation is especially vexing to me inasmuch as I had to work very hard to get elected to the Berkley City Council, being one of six candidates vying for only three seats.

This fall there will be local elections (like the one I won in '97 and the four mentioned above) all across our state. These are, almost without exception, non-partisan. It is not terribly difficult to get on the ballot. You have none of the obstacles associated with being the candidate of a minor party. Remember, if we are not willing to serve at the municipal level, then we are not qualified to serve at the state level. You can work

As much or as little as you choose and/or as may be required given the amount of competition in your particular community.

And, you may win. Or you may not. But would it be too much to ask that I not have to read election stories in the paper next November with the words "uncontested" or "unopposed" in them?

## Off Your Butts!

By Keith Edwards

Fred's point is well taken. He and Barb Goushaw had to build a sharp, hard-working campaign to win an election, while other, easier opportunities are passed up by other potential candidates.

Much of the blame goes to sloppy affiliate leadership. Sure, you elect a chair, vice-chair, etc., and maybe a newsletter editor, but what about the most important job, campaign chair?

One of the first jobs of any incoming county chair is to find a campaign chair for his group. It may or may not be someone who has another affiliate job, but that person must be responsible for identifying all offices that are up for election and for finding people to run for them. You may not have enough people to cover them all, but do the best you can.

You should start by attending the SUCCESS '99 program at the State Convention April 1-2. A lot of your questions will be answered and your fears overcome. It is not an impossible task. You have the talent to do it.

Get started. If you don't, you're not really a political party. You're just a social club.

"Don't tell me I can't do something! Don't tell me it's impossible! Don't tell me I'm not the greatest! I'm the double greatest!"

Muhammad Ali, boxer and war resister

## How to: Get Appointed To A Local Board Or Commission

By Mark Tuniewicz

As Libertarians, we all tend to have strongly held opinions. Here is one of mine: Every Libertarian Party member should hold some public office, no matter how small.

Why? As many of you know, our growing list of officeholders is one of the key reasons we are increasingly garnering more legitimacy and attention as a political party. If just 10 percent of our membership held office, we'd enjoy the substantial prestige associated with having 3,000-plus officeholders, compared to about 250 today. I share the growing belief that this is something we should accomplish quickly, through member appointments to local boards and commissions – the “farm team” for future elected campaigns.

Why serve on a local board? If you're like most of our members, you've never held any type of public office before. Getting appointed allows you to gain this valuable experience, without the expense, organizing activities and time demands associated with running a full-blown campaign. These types of positions generally involve just a few hours per month of your time and give you the opportunity to actually have an impact on the body in which you serve.

Determining what appointed offices are available in your town is simple! One quick call to the city clerk's office gets you specific information about which boards have vacancies or when openings are scheduled to occur. Be sure to ask how many members the board is allowed to have, since many commissions allow for an unlimited number of alternate members who often become full members at the time of the next vacancy. Find out who makes the appointments (e.g. mayor, city council, board of selectmen) and when the board meets.

What type of board should you serve on? That depends on your own area of interest and expertise. Are you a local business owner? Try the economic development commission. Enjoy the outdoors? Your Conservation

Commission makes regular site visits to environmentally sensitive areas. Those with experience in real estate development often are appointed to local planning or zoning boards, though these tend to be the offices with the fewest vacancies.

Start by attending the meetings of the board which interests you the most, and introduce yourself to its chair. Business attire and a friendly attitude are recommended.

Seeking out an appointment is a simple process. Write a brief letter to the appointing party expressing an interest in service. Mention several boards that currently have vacancies and ask to be appointed. Give some background as to your education, professional background, related experience, and any other information that reinforces your qualifications. Your letter should be kept to one page. Often, the best time to write is right after local elections. Wait about a month, and if you haven't heard anything, contact the city clerk's office pleasantly following up as to the status of your letter. Often, the appointing body will copy your letter to the chairs of the commissions you mentioned. You can now follow-up with them directly, expressing your interest personally.

Generally, you'll be asked to attend a meeting and meet the other board members. In my case, they asked if I had any specific experience with conservation issues. Though I did not, I expressed a strong interest in learning more about what the commission did and pointed to a recent event (the private purchase and protection of a large tract of old-growth forest) that had spurred my interest in serving on the commission.

Once you're appointed, remember you're the new kid on the block. Spend most of your time learning about what the board does, become familiar with the corresponding local ordinances. Learn by listening and observing. After a year of service, you'll be ready to try and more things in a more libertarian direction.

Service on these board is simple, gratifying and the best way to build your political resume.

*LP National Treasurer Mark Tuniewicz served 3 years on the New Hampshire conservation Commission.*

## Media Report

By Keith Edwards

Our views are reaching the major media more than ever.

Investor's Business Daily's issue of March 1 was a lulu! The top front page article was "WILL YOUR BANKER BE A SNOOP?" It reviewed the rules the federales are trying to impose on banks to track customer activities, quoting bankers opposed to the rule as burdensome, prying and leading to the loss of customers. It mentioned Ron Paul's attempt to ban such practices.

Then, on page A4, IBD had an article titled "In Capitalism, Honesty Counts," subtitled, "Trade depends on trust and trust depends on honesty. That makes honesty perhaps the most important virtue in a capitalist society." It quoted Objectivist Edwin Locke, a professor at University of Maryland.

There were two articles on page A30. One, titled "An End to Republicrats," compared Jesse Ventura to various Republicans on school taxes. Ventura "wondered why the money had to go to Washington in the first place just to get sent back to the states." IBD concluded, "the Republicrats follow pollsters over the cliff. They waffle on tax cuts, loot other people's wallets to expand their power base and swap insults while pretending to mend Social Security." The other article on "America's Masochistic Business Class" cited the use of businessmen as a hobgoblin on TV and in history books, and described the views of Ludwig von Mises as an antidote, mentioning "The Anti-Capitalist Mentality."

There was one goof-up. IBD reversed the pictures of Rep. Bill Archer and Sen. John Kerry, but Reps and Dems are largely interchangeable anyway.

Elsewhere, the Detroit News ran two neat reprints. On February 21 they carried one from the Washington Post on "More jurors show disdain for law," covering jury nullification with picture and quotes of libertarian Larry Dodge of FIJA, "Jurors have an inherent right to veto unjust laws."

On February 14, the News carried a USA Today item titled "Outraged Illinois rethinks death row." This one began, "Since 1990, Illinois has executed 11 inmates of death row. It has freed 10. That astounding ratio has prompted a wholesale re-thinking of capital punishment. . ." And, "Nationwide, 76 death row inmates in 19 states have been freed after being wrongfully convicted." This includes 19 in Florida, which has 387 on death row. Illinois has 160.

This last article is important here in Michigan where the death penalty is being considered. What with jury incompetence, malicious prosecutors and "street justice" type cops around, we as candidates need to bring these facts to the attention of the public.

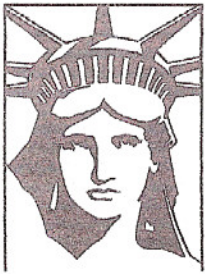
Quote of the month: "If Al Gore invented the internet, then I invented spell-check."

Dan Quayle

Way to go, Dan! Gore seems to be getting pretty far away from reality lately. Do you suppose he really does believe Clinton? Do we need another psycho in the White House?

Jacob "I have not yet decided" Hornberger fired the first big salvo in what appears to be a campaign for the LP presidential nomination in an article in the April issue of Liberty, entitled, "Why Harry Browne Doesn't Work." Hornberger blasted the Browne strategy in the 1996 campaign and called for competition for the 2000 nomination. His criticism ranged from failing to make a moral case for freedom in favor of simple slogans, to retreating from a promise to campaign in the high profile New Hampshire primary, waffling on abolition of the income tax, and a less than coherent plan to end Social Security. Things are heating up.

Browne was criticized during the 1995-96 nomination competition by Irwin Schiff on the income tax issue. Rick Tompkins, was critical of Browne for not adhering to a moral argument for liberty. Schiff was perceived as a self-serving, one-issue candidate, while Tompkins' criticism had a nasty tone to it that was a real turn-off. Jacob Hornberger, on the other hand, has a strong philosophy based on morality that covers a wide range of issues, comes across as benevolent and is a great speaker. Harry may have trouble this time.



# Affiliate Report

## Friends of a Friend

It's been less than three months since the 1998 election and already the "Friends of R. Friend, Libertarian candidate for Michigan 10th District U. S. Congress", have raised a good sum of money to begin the race for the year 2000 election. Up against the Democrat and Republican parties, Richard Friend and his campaign support are determined to run a tough and attention getting race in the next two years.

"We are determined to make the year 2000 campaign as noticeable as possible so that the people can make a truly informed decision when they go to the polls on November 7, 2000", says Richard Friend.

"We have to start now in order to upset the monopoly that the Democrats and Republicans have held on elections and to show the people that there is a candidate willing to work towards restoring our freedoms from big government".

For further information, or if you would like to know more about the campaign and the Libertarian Party, you are welcome to contact the committee at the address, phone or e-mail addresses listed below.

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### From the Advocates for Self-Gov't Liberator Online Newsletter

"Lights of Liberty" Volunteer Triathlon Winner: Our congratulations to Michigan libertarian Robert Black. Bob is the only libertarian to have qualified for awards in \*all three areas\* of our 1998 "Lights of Liberty" awards: public speaking, published letters to editors, and Operation Politically Homeless Booth activism! Bob is founder and organizer of the Upper Peninsula Libertarian Party and is known in his community as "the libertarian." Congratulations, Bob, for an outstanding and inspiring achievement!" For more info on the Advocates for Self-government go to <http://www.self-gov.org/>

## Libertarian Party Officer Elections

The Libertarian Party of Livingston County elected officers at their February meeting.

Chair - Rian Klefstad, (810) 229-0737  
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The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County elected officers for 1999.

Chair: James L. Hudler  
Vice Chair: Geoff Foster  
Treasurer: Brett Cashman  
Secretary: Dan LaFavers

## Matches are in!

- by Stacy Van Oast

Hey everyone, the long awaited smoker's outreach matches are in! Please contact the distributor nearest you and make arrangements to pick some up and get them out SOON!

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## Calendar Changes

Washtenaw Co. is meeting back at "Dominick's", 812 Monroe St. every Thursday at 7PM.

Macomb Co. is meeting at the "USA Grill and Bar", 27454 Gratiot in Roseville, 6PM the second Wednesday of the month.

Oakland Co. will meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month at "Eastside Mario's" on 12 mile and Southfield at 7PM.

Van Buren Co. will meet at John and Linda Cohen's on 401 N. Shore, in South Haven, 6:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month.

Shiawasee Co. will meet on the 3rd Sat. of each month at "Nancy's Restaurant" 230 W. Main, in Durand at 7PM.

# Liberty Calendar

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<b>4</b>	<b>5 Meeting</b> Tri-City LP Texan Rest. on Bay Rd. Saginaw, 7PM	<b>6 Meeting</b> Wayne Co. La Tratorria 13736 Mich. Ave Dearborn, 6:30 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Wash. Co. see Apr 1 Mid-Michigan, La Senorita, 2706 Lake Lansing Rd. 7PM Western MI. Brann's, Leonard & 131, Grand Rapids 7:30	<b>9 Meeting</b> Mid-west LP Kountry Kitchen, 1920 N. Mitchell Cadillac, 7:00	<b>10</b>
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<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Ionia Co.</b> Corcoran's Downtown Ionia, 7:30 PM	<b>22 Meeting</b> Washtenaw Co. Dominick's 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor, 7:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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**Web Ring for Libertarian Candidates**

From: Doug Krick <dkrick@bbn.com>

There is now a web ring for all Libertarian Candidates in the U.S. It is at:

<http://www.bomis.com/rings/uslibertariancandidates/>  
Please help spread the word, and get more people on this list!

Mark Heil would like to remind everyone that if you have bookmarked the LPM web page in your browser in the past to go to the old address of [www.coast.net/~lpm/](http://www.coast.net/~lpm/) that you should change the bookmark to the domain name [www.mi.lp.org](http://www.mi.lp.org). If you enter the site via the old address, some of the "back to..." links I have on some of the pages may not work in your browser properly. They are designed to tell your browser to go to certain directories under [www.mi.lp.org](http://www.mi.lp.org), and won't be able to see the proper directory under the old [/~lpm/](http://www.coast.net/~lpm/) subdirectory. To change your bookmark you should probably delete the old one, then go to [www.mi.lp.org](http://www.mi.lp.org) and "Add Bookmark" (Netscape) or "Add to Favorites" (Internet Explorer).

**National Libertarian Party Membership Statistics**

Total dues-paying members in areas with affiliate parties: 30007

Overall density: 111 members per million population

Change since	Growth	%Growth	Growth/pop
(31Oct96)	8972	42.7	33.2
(31Dec97)	6662	28.5	24.6
(30Jun98)	1959	7.0	7.2

**Current numbers and population density**

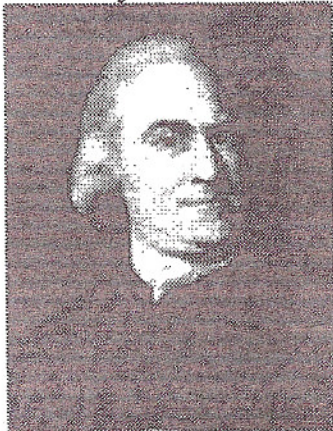
Number	Density
CA 5651	NH 309.7
TX 1534	VT 218.3
FL 1513	AK 206.8
PA 1474	CO 193.7
MI 1438	NV 183.8
GA 1192	CA 173.0
IL 1116	WA 172.8
OH 1056	DC 156.8
NY 1041	GA 156.0
WA 983	AZ 149.5
NJ 899	ME 148.7
VA 890	MI 146.5

**HORROR STORIES COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL TAX PAYERS UNION**

Not only does the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have problems overseeing its own tax money - the fiscal myopia has also infected other people's money. The Cotton Board and Cotton, Inc., are two of more than a dozen "producer cooperatives" funded by growers to promote their commodities. Congress authorizes the USDA to: 1) Collect \$60 million annually from cotton farmers to fund the two groups, and to 2) Make sure the money is spent properly. But according to Congress' General Accounting Office, USDA can't seem to count higher than 1). How else to explain the govt's failure to spot the cotton promoters, \$450,000 party at New York's Metropolitan Museum Of Art, complete with free-flowing cocktails and a string quartet? Or \$8,500 over an 18-month period for "adult entertainment?" Or listings of \$2,915 for "personal services?" After one of the worst harvests in memory, cotton farmers, are especially hardpressed to pay for what looks like a research grant for cotton G-strings. But in the end, we consumers foot the bill when the farmers "overhead" is passed along to us. No wonder growers in other fields, from pecans to wheat, have rejected USDA promotional schemes for their own products. Is the justification for this customer financed cotton caper wearing thin?

Clothing trends come and go, but in Washington, mohair never seems to go out of fashion. During 1993's "reinventing government" craze both Congress and the President crowed about finally getting rid of federal subsidies for wool, mohair and honey. Mohair, made from angora goats, hasn't been used in government uniforms since the Korean War, while domestic wool and honey markets failed to develop despite Uncle Sam's intervention. So, the programs were given two years to phase out. But last year, Congress tucked a \$1 million bottle of hair tonic in the Omnibus Spending Bill that allows mohair producers to take out low-interest loans. Beekeepers got their own sweet loan deal as well. The mohair provision's Congressional sponsor, Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX), said the money was needed to "build new markets" because as he drove through "goatcountry" he found "warehouses full of mohair that producers have been unable to sell for too long now." In the real world - outside of Washington, DC and goat country - this would normally be a signal for producers to cut their losses and find another line of work.

*Father of the Revolution*



*Samuel Adams 1722 - 1803*

THE FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT  
**SAM ADAMS LIBERTY  
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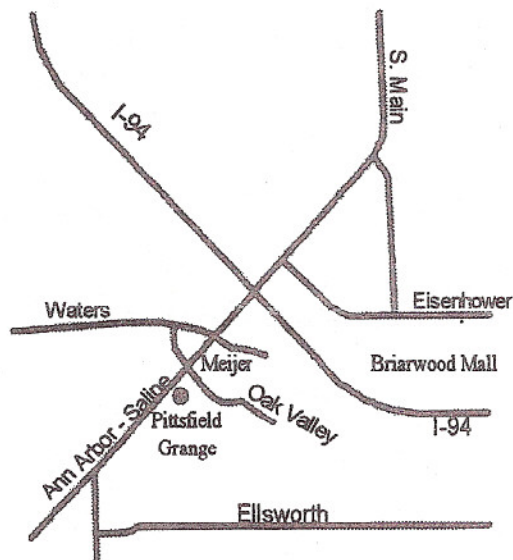
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- 1:30 - 3:00 Speakers and events**
- 3:30 - 5:00 Music**

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