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HARRY BROWNE TO SPEAK IN MACOMB COUNTY

Hey! Guess what! Government doesn't work!! And even though we all know that, the government continues to grow ever larger and more powerful. People everywhere know and resent this and whether they're Republican, Democrat or independent, most of them want less government. WE all know that the only way to get less government is to vote Libertarian and October 19, you'll have the opportunity to convince your family and friends of that too. Actually, YOU won't have to do any convincing because Harry Browne will be in town and NOBODY can convince people to vote Libertarian better than our presidential candidate himself. And if you haven't yet heard Mr. Browne speak, don't miss this opportunity!

Harry Browne's book, *Why Government Doesn't Work*, presents viable libertarian solutions to the problems in welfare, education, crime control, national defense, health care, Social Security and the federal budget. The Libertarian Party has a terrific opportunity that we must take advantage of NOW. We are the mainstream and we are the only credible group offering ways to reduce the cost and impact of government.

So bring your friends and family to the Grand Finale of Michigan's Liberty Week, the "Defender of Liberty Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 19, at 6:30 PM at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. Remind them that the 1996 federal budget is \$48 billion larger than 1995 despite the Republican revolution, and then invite them to

JON COON WINS NRA ENDORSEMENT!

On September 16, 1996, Lauren Baldwin, Michigan State Liaison for the National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund, confirmed that the NRA has endorsed Jon Coon for State Representative in Michigan's 24th District.

The NRA will send out "voter alert" postcards to all its members in the 24th District announcing the endorsement. Ms. Baldwin noted to Coon's campaign manager Barbara Goushaw, "I look forward to working with Jon in January."

This is only the second time that the NRA has endorsed a Libertarian candidate for state office in Michigan. (Dale Dobberstein was the first.) Congratulations, Jon and Barb.

URGENT!

The Jon Coon Campaign needs volunteers to work at the polls on electionday, Tuesday November 5, both handing out literature and as vote count challengers.

Challengers must be registered Michigan voters, but need not be residents of the district.

Please call 1-800-JON-COON to volunteer. Challengers will be trained in procedures.

Thanks,

Barb Goushaw

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LOCAL MEETINGS

The following libertarian groups meet regularly, usually for dinner. The local contact is listed in the Directory.

Ionia meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at Ionia County Courthouse, 2nd floor, Circuit Courtroom, in Ionia.

Lapeer-Genesee meets on the second Wednesday at 7:30 in the Commissioners Room, basement, of Lapeer CO. Bldg., 255 Clay St., Lapeer.

Livingston Co. meets on the second Monday at 6:30 at Mexicam Jones Restaurant, 675 Grand River in Brighton.

Macomb meets on the second Wednesday at 6:00 at Fire Escape Restaurant, 61 N. Walnut in Mt. Clemens.

Mid-Michigan LP (Lansing area) meets on the second Thursday at 8 PM at Sneekers Restaurant, 600 Homer, Lansing.

Northwest LP meets the third Saturday at 6 (dinner) at Cottage Cafe, 420 Munson Ave., Traverse City. Meeting at 7 PM

Oakland Co. meets the fourth Tuesday at 7 PM at Norman's Restaurant, Eaton St. south of Maple in Birmingham.

Ottawa meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 at China Garden Restaurant, 133 Washington in Grand Haven.

Washtenaw meets each Thursday at 6:30 at Dominick's, 812 Monroe St., Ann Arbor.

Wayne Co. meets the first Tuesday at 6:30 at La Trattoria Restaurant, 13736 Michigan west of Schaefer, Dearborn.

Western MI LP (Grand Rapids area) meets the first Tuesday at 7:30 in the basement of Pizza Hut, 44th St. & Kalamazoo, Kentwood.

Metro Detroit Libertarians meets the fourth Monday. Call Tim O'Brien for the location which varies. Not an official part of LPM.

FROM THE CHAIR

By Emily Hopp Salvette

I accept that FOH'S (Friends of Hillary--a thriving species in my home town of Ann Arbor) aren't voting for Harry Browne. I can even accept that statist Republicans prefer Dole over Browne this year. What I cannot accept is that there are people who believe government's role is to protect our rights, not micro-manage our lives, who know government is too intrusive and costs too much money, who promote free market economics and civil liberties, who understand Harry Browne is the only presidential candidate representing their views, but who still will not vote for him "because he can't win." Libertarians must not accept this "wasted vote" nonsense. We must fight back.

You all know the general arguments to combat this attitude:

The only wasted vote is a vote against your principles.

Voting for the "lesser of two evils" just guarantees evil will win.

Voting for a minor party sends the major parties a message that will influence their future policies and candidate selection.

Elections are not horse races; they are your opportunity to tell your leaders what type of government you want.

If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you always got.

If everyone who was afraid of "wasting their vote" had been voting Libertarian for the last 25 years, Harry Browne would win by a landslide in 1996.

But this year, circumstances give us unique arguments to use when persuading the wasted vote crowd.

This will be an historic year for the Libertarian Party of Michigan. For the first

time, Libertarians WILL be elected to local offices in a November general election. And, Jon Coon will undoubtedly be the first Libertarian State Representative in Michigan (more optimistically, part of the 'first wave.") This year, don't just watch history being made, be part of making it happen.

If the last four years have shown us anything, it's that things don't change much no matter which major party wins. Bill Clinton wasn't as bad (or good) as you had feared (or hoped), and the Republican Revolution wasn't as good (or bad) as you hoped (or feared). Why not vote your principles this time? There's always the chance Harry Browne will win, then you'll see truly positive change.

Most importantly, by voting for Harry Browne, you can make the Libertarian Party a MAJOR political party in future Michigan elections. Because of Michigan election laws, EVERY VOTE FOR HARRY BROWNE WILL COUNT. Your vote will be counted towards the threshold 5% level (152,588 votes) our presidential candidate must receive to achieve major party status for the 1998 elections. Major party status means increased visibility through participation in primary elections, increased credibility with the public and with news organizations, and greater influence as a major player in Michigan politics. Your one vote among millions will not get Dole or Clinton elected, nor keep either out of office, but your one vote for Harry Browne may change the political landscape in Michigan forever. Remember, the total vote for Jon Coon in his 1994 US Senate race was only one-half of one percent away from achieving major party status. Harry Browne can do this for us in 1996 if YOU have the courage to make your vote count.

Let's make sure there are no wasted votes this year. Remind everyone: Your vote counts, so vote your principles. VOTE LIBERTARIAN.

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

BROWNE WELCOMED IN MICHIGAN

Libertarian Presidential Nominee Harry Browne returned to Michigan in September and was welcomed with the same enthusiasm as in his previous appearances in the state. Browne spoke to a sellout crowd in Dearborn on September 7. More than 170 were in attendance including 151 for dinner. The event was organized by Bill Shotey, Suzanne Gruden, Paul Kane and Ben Bachrach.

Steven Dasbach, National Chair of the Libertarian Party, was guest Master of Ceremonies. Harry was accompanied by his wife Pamela Browne. The event received front page coverage in the Dearborn Press and Guide, and editorial comment in the Dearborn Times-Herald.

Suzanne Gruden, Volunteer Coordinator for the Michigan Sixteen Five effort, reported that more than 40 people at the event signed up to work on the campaign. This was in addition to the many at the dinner who were already on the volunteer list.

Ben Bachrach, Chair of Michigan Sixteen Five, announced that funds raised for the Harry Browne Campaign at the event more than doubled his expectations and is probably a new record in Michigan. After the event, Sharon Ayres, National Director of the Harry Browne for President Campaign, requested that Michigan Sixteen Five continue to raise funds for radio advertising for the last week of the campaign.

Browne received loud and enthusiastic support from the more than 1,000 people at the Brass Roots Gun Rights Rally in Lansing on September 8. In addition to cheering Harry's speech many, many times, those in attendance signed voter commitment cards and bought almost \$1,000 worth of yard signs and bumper stickers.

"What luck for the rulers that men do not think."
Adolf Hitler

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"If the law were confined to its proper functions, everyone's interest in the law would be the same. Is it not clear that, under these circumstances, those who voted could not inconvenience those who did not vote?"

Frederic Bastiat The Law

HARRY BROWNE TO SPEAK IN MACOMB COUNTY

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an interesting, enlightening evening of fun.

This black-tie optional banquet will begin with cocktails from the cash bar at 6:30 and a wild game dinner will be served at 7:00. (Whitefish and pasta dishes are the two alternatives.) At 8:00 a maximum of four Defender of Liberty awards, or "Libbys", sponsored by the Libertarians of Macomb County, will be presented to deserving individuals from around the state.

Following the awards, Mr. David Littman, First Vice President and Senior Economist of Comerica Bank (and friend of liberty) will introduce Mr. Browne, who is scheduled to begin speaking at 9:00.

Following the speech, there will be music, stimulating conversation and fun. For tickets and information, call Diane Barnes at (810)774-1193. Let's show our support for Harry Browne and liberty by attending this gala event.

After all, FREEDOM IS EVERYTHING.

Stacy Van Oast

HARRY BROWNE AT DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB

Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne will be the guest speaker at the prestigious Economic Club of Detroit meeting on Monday, October 21. Harry will be introduced by David Littmann, Chief Economist at Comerica Bank. Previous libertarian appearances at the Economic Club include Ron Paul in 1988 and Dick Jacobs who won the Senatorial debate the same year.

Tickets may be ordered by contacting the Economic Club of Detroit at 313-963-8547.

"The best way for government to control the people is to remain in a constant threat of war."
Karl Marx

JO JORGENSEN TO STUMP MICHIGAN

Libertarian Vice-presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen will campaign in Michigan October 8-11. Jorgensen, 39, a software entrepreneur from Greenville, South Carolina, will meet with media, college students and the public in the metro-Detroit area. Jo is the third woman to be nominated for the office. (Republicans have never had the guts to name a woman and the Democrats did so once, AFTER the LP did.)

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 PM. Speech at the monthly meeting of Justice Pro Se, Livonia Public Library. Call 313-382-8282.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 Noon-2PM. Student meeting at University of Detroit, McNichols Campus Colleague Lounge, 6 Mile- Livernois, Detroit, sponsored by U of D Students for Liberty. Call David Collver, 810-542-9274.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30. Speech, "America in the New Millennium: Liberty Rediscovered" -introduction to libertarianism. Centennial Library, Dearborn, sponsored by the LPM. Call Tim O'Brien at 313-562-5778.

Thursday, Oct. 10. Meet the candidate wine & cheese reception. Cost \$10 per person, at 6:00-7:30. Mass meeting for students (free) 7:30-9:30. Both events at the Michigan Union, Ann Arbor are sponsored by the LP of Washtenaw County. Call Geoff Foster at 313-481-3044 for info.

Friday, Oct. 11 at Noon. Student rally at Michigan State University Union, East Lansing. Sponsored by Mid-Michigan LP. Call Mike Brinkman at 517-351-0514 for info.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed for the Harry Browne/ Michigan Sixteen Five Campaign. All types of skills are needed from now through November 5. Please contact:

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LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION SITES ESTABLISHED

James Hudler, Michigan Campaign Chair, has established distribution points around the state for Browne/Jorgensen campaign material. At each site listed below there are informational cards and brochures, yard signs, bumper stickers and buttons. To allow the campaign to keep up the stock of supplies, we are asking for donations for all materials, but activists who cannot afford a donation but promise to put the materials to good use may have reasonable quantities at a lower price or gratis. The suggested donations are \$20/1,000 brochures or cards, \$2/button or bumper sticker, and \$3/yard sign.

For further information or if an area not served by the listed sites, call James Hudler at 313-475-9792. Or you may volunteer a site. The sites are:

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VOTER COMMITMENT PROJECT BEGINS

Michigan Sixteen Five has launched the next phase of its grass roots effort. Supporters of the Harry Browne for President Campaign are circulating post cards for people to let us know they will vote for Harry Browne. The Committee will be able to monitor the level of support for the ticket as well as have data with which to challenge official vote totals after the election if necessary. An initial supply of post cards are being sent to all Michigan LP members. Anyone needing more cards should contact Ben Bachrach at 313-322-7096.

In a few weeks, each Michigan LP member will receive a batch of post cards to send to friends and acquaintances urging them to vote for Harry Browne. Please get out your Christmas card lists, etc., and send your cards to your Michigan friends.

NATIONAL LP AND LPM UNIFY MEMBERSHIP

By Mark Heil

You may notice some differences the next time your LP membership comes up for renewal. From now on, you will only receive your renewal notices from national party headquarters. You will need to make one dues payment (still only \$25) to continue to enjoy membership in both the state and national parties and receive both the Michigan Libertarian and the national Libertarian Party News. Best of all, you won't have to deal with different renewal dates and figuring out which party you've sent dues to and when.

This was made possible when the LPM Executive Committee decided to join the LP's Unified Membership Program at its August meeting. From now on, anyone who renews or joins either party will become members of both organizations.

The Libertarian Party of Michigan will benefit greatly from this change. First, our membership statewide will top the 1,000 figure just by combining the two membership lists. Second, for the first time, we will receive a share in any higher level donations made by our members to the national party, including monthly pledge payments. Third, the national party will bear the costs of sending out renewal notices, renewal packets and membership cards, freeing valuable resources in the LPM that can be used for new member recruitment and affiliate assistance.

One downside to the program is that the national party is currently unable to process dues payments for local affiliates. So you will be unable to make renewal payments to your county at the same time automatically. The LPM will be able to provide lists of new and renewed members in each area to the affiliates so they can contact them directly to ask them to join the local group. The local level is where we can get the most accomplished so please, if you haven't already done so, use the membership application on the back of this newsletter to join or renew membership in your county party.

BACK TO REALITY

By Keith Edwards

Now that the Commission on Presidential Debates has denied Harry Browne, Ross Perot and others the chance to debate Clinton and Dole, Libertarians can return to reality and focus on more practical ways to win.

The debate commission is not non-partisan, it is bi-partisan, meaning Democrat and Republican. It confesses that the USA is run by an oligarchy and that the major networks in giving free air time to the two halves of the oligarchy are giving an enormous and illegal in-kind donation to them. No surprise here. Democrats and Republicans operate just like anyone else - - in their own self-interest. It is not in their self interest to salvage the Perot collapse and makes even less sense to help Harry Browne promote plans that threaten the oligarchy. This should have been obvious to any Objectivist or Austrian economist so why did some Libertarians not see it? Wishful thinking is wishing, not thinking.

Well, let's get real. In football, if you are supposed to block the defensive end to the inside but he's going outside, then you go with his momentum and shove him to the outside so the runner can cut back inside. Harry Browne has done this by focusing on the radio talk shows, local media and cable TV which are INcreasing their markets, cutting to the inside toward the goal post while shoving ABC, CBS and NBC with their declining markets to the outside.

Well, Harry is the Barry Sanders of the Libertarian team and we need to help with the blocking. It's going to take a lot of time, effort and money to bust through the line of scrimmage. There's a coupon on the next page. What kind of blocker are you?

Finally, it amazes me that some Libertarians who were just shunned by the Demo-Rep oligarchy are actually talking about voting for some Demo or Rep candidate who mouths libertarian phrases. Where is the justice in that?

COLLEGE ORGANIZING

By Keith Edwards

Almost every political movement that has any success, whether that success is in education (Socialists) or on the ballot (Republicans) places a high value on organizing at the college level. This is the level at which intellectual curiosity is high, firm belief is unformed, enthusiasm is great and future voting potential is counted in decades, not just years.

The Libertarian Party was formed to a considerable extent by young people who had been politically active in college, mostly as Republicans. Over the years, the LP and LPM have not exploited the college scene as much as it could have. It was a pleasant surprise to me that in setting up the Directory for this issue that I saw not just one, but five college libertarian groups in Michigan. This is progress!

The newest of these is being organized at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, a Christian school founded in 1874. Glenn Whitt and Scott Beavers have written up a constitution for the group and are surveying the campus for recruits and a faculty sponsor. Anyone interested in this group should contact Glenn Whitt at (616)471-4186 or E-mail him at whitt@andrews.edu .

We're in the middle of a Presidential cam-

paign and college organizing is not an immediate priority, but after November 5 we need to accelerate our efforts to build student groups. If you are a student, teacher or alumnus at any Michigan college, please consider getting a group formed. You will find plenty of support in the LPM from our speakers bureau, local LPM affiliate, this paper and James Hudler, Director of Campus Organizing. Contact James (AFTER Nov. 5!) at 313-475-9792.

LPM A GROWING CONCERN!

With the unification of membership as reported by Mark Heil on page 8, the LPM's membership has jumped to 1,003 as of mid September and is rising. We have also had a big increase in inquiries to our 1-800 number. In addition to the first class mailing to members and subscribers, we will bulk mail to over 1,300 inquirers this issue. We will also print several hundred extra copies in anticipation of a continuing flood of inquiries this election season. Our circulation may go closer to 3,000 this issue.

This growth should be of interest to you if you are a businessperson. As the LPM booms, so should your advertising opportunities. With this growth, we will be considering raising our rates, but will offer price protection for longer-term commitments. Call the editor for info.



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Affiliate Report

LP of Washtenaw County Running Record Number of Candidates

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw Co. is running a record number of candidates for state, local and federal, offices. The impressive slate of candidates has pledged to run some serious campaigns and has the prospect of winning some of them.

Leading the charge is LPWC Chair Geoffrey Foster, running for Ypsilanti Twp. trustee. Geoff is running an aggressive campaign and expects to win in November.

Michigan's No. 1 Libertarian activist former state chair James Hudler, a current LPWC vice-chair and 16-5 committee member, is on the ballot for Sylvan Twp. trustee. He has been working hard building up support for a possible win this year.

LPWC Treasurer Brett Cashman is running for Superior Twp. Parks Commissioner and is virtually assured of winning as there are only 4 people running for 6 spots.

Lawyer David Raaflaub is running for a spot as a Justice of the (Michigan) Supreme Court.

Michael Wirick is running a paper candidacy for the 54th Congressional District.

LPWC Secretary Cal Matle will be on the ballot for Regent of the University of Michigan.

BREAKTHROUGH IN MACOMB COUNTY!

by Stacey Van Oast

Two Macomb County candidates have been endorsed by the highly respected Macomb County Taxpayers Association. Jim McAbee, candidate for County Commissioner in District 13 and Tom Sydlow, candidate for 27th District State Representative, were thrilled when they received the news. "This is really great!" Tom exclaimed. "Do you realize what this means? WOW!"
Approximately 4,000 of the 486,000 voters

in Macomb County belong to the MCTA, and an indeterminate number use their recommendations in determining how to vote.

MCTA board member Gail Hicks nominated both candidates for endorsement, reminding the other members of the board that "there is no such thing as a Libertarian that likes taxes."

The MCTA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to the interests and concerns of the Taxpayers. They have taken unconstitutional tax laws to court and won, and they do a tremendous job of keeping Macomb County voters informed about the real impact of proposed tax legislation through local newspapers, a quarterly newsletter to their membership, and a corps of busy volunteers.

Mike Sessa, Chairman of the MCTA, promises that the endorsement letter sent to their membership will be especially exciting. In addition to listing all of the candidates they have endorsed, the newsletter will cover all state and county issues to be determined in the November election and they plan to "show just how outrageous local units of government have become."

For more information, or to join the MCTA, call (810) 463-1950.

HARRY BROWN WINS CNN TIME/WARNER INTERNET VIRTUAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

CNN TIME Virtual Election Results (total votes: 16553) one vote per person.

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Harry Browne	5004	30.23 %
Bob Dole	3952	23.87 %
Bill Clinton	3029	18.30 %
Pat Buchanan	1375	8.31 %
Ross Perot	470	2.84 %

CNN Time/Warner will have a debate. Harry Browne probably won't be invited!

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
LIBERTARIANS HOLD ELECTIONS**

**LIST OF TOP PETITION
GATHERERS FOR THE "STOP THE
BROWNE OUT CAMPAIGN"**

Mike Brinkman

MSU Libertarians held elections for officers at it's September 9 meeting. The officers are as follows:

President: Ben Crawford - Junior, Music Education. Crawford62@pilot.msu.edu

Vice President: Jeff Hyslop - Freshman, James Madison Hyslopje@pilot.msu.edu

Secretary: Greg Stempfle - Junior, Physics Stempfle@pilot.msu.edu

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"We need to get the word out to MSU students that there exists a worthwhile alternative to the two [standard] parties. That alternative is Harry Browne and the Libertarians," said Ben Crawford, newly elected MSU Libertarians President. "The time is right for enormous change in our government, we're the only party dedicated to making these necessary changes."

MSU Libertarians, founded in April of 1996, boasts over 40 student members, and expects tremendous growth during the course of the '96 election year. "Generation X is strongly libertarian," said Mike Brinkman, candidate for State Representative, 70th Dist. "This has been acknowledged in several major newspapers, including the Wall St. Journal and USA Today. In a front page article on Wednesday July 26, 1995, USA Today declared Generation X the Libertarian Generation." Brinkman hopes to gain significant support from MSU students.

MSU Libertarians plan several activities for the upcoming election season, including registering voters and hosting LP Vice Presidential Candidate Jo Jorgensen at a Noon rally on October 11, 1996.

MSU Libertarians meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the MSU Union Iowa Room, @ 7:30 p.m.

- Libertarian Party of Michigan -- 1,486**
- Westside Libertarians (Los Angeles) -- 628
- State of Montana Libertarians -- 400
- State of Colorado Libertarians -- 373
- Marion County Libertarians (Indiana) -- 270
- Aiken County Libertarians (South Caroline) -- 228
- Greene County Libertarians (Springfield, Missouri) -- 200
- Bucks County Libertarians (Philadelphia) -- 200
- Libertarian Party of Idaho -- 156
- Pinellas County Libertarian Party (FL) -- 106

**National Libertarian Party
Membership Statistics.
(as of 30 August 1996)**

Total dues-paying members: 19093
Overall density: 73.3 members/mill. pop.

Change since beginning of year (31Dec95)

Growth	%Growth	Growth/pop
5435	39.8	20.9
31 July 1996 (one month)		
1946	11.3	7.5

Highest Ranking States (growth since 31 July 1996 (one month))

Number	Density	#Growth	% Growth	Growth/pop
CA 2909	NH 212.0	CA239	AR 23.4	NV 17.8
PA 1174	DC 171.9	FL133	VT 22.5	VT 15.5
TX 1025	CO 167.1	MI106	CT 21.7	CT 15.3
FL 959	NV 140.0	TX 96	TN 20.6	CO 15.0
MI 909	AK 127.1	VA 79	IN 19.4	MD 12.8
NY 780	WA 124.1	NY 78	MS 19.4	VA 12.1
IL 670	HI 118.7	NJ 67	LA 19.3	HI 11.9
WA 663	AZ 115.3	GA 65	MO 18.5	AZ 11.8
NJ 654	ME 104.8	MD 64	AL 17.8	MT 11.7
OH 618	NM 101.0	IN 61	MT 17.5	OR 11.7
CO 611	MD 100.1	IL 60	OK 16.7	MI 11.2
VA 609	PA 97.4	OH 60	NC 16.6	IN 10.6
GA 505	WY 96.6	PA 59	OR 16.3	TN 10.0
MD 501	MI 95.7	CO 55	FL 16.1	AK 9.9
MA 481	DE 94.9	TN 52	KY 15.2	FL 9.5
AZ 470	VA 92.9	NC 51	VA 14.	MO 9.5
IN 376	CA 92.6	CT 50	GA 14.8	GA 9.2
NC 359	CT 85.5	MO 50	MD 14.6	NH 8.8
MN 341	VT 84.5	AZ 48	NV 14.6	WA 8.8
MO 321	UT 84.4	WA 47	MI 13.2	NJ 8.5

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1996

- \$35 Yes, I want to join the LP on all 3 levels - National, Michigan and _____ County
- \$10 I already belong to the state and national party, now I want to join the _____ County chapter
- \$25 I've already joined my local chapter, now I'd like to join the Michigan and National LP
- \$15 I need more information, please continue to send the *Michigan Libertarian* newsletter for one year
- \$ _____ Additional contribution to the Libertarian Party of Michigan
- I want to join the monthly pledge program, please send me the registration material

Note: All state and national memberships include a subscription to the national *Libertarian Party News* and the *Michigan Libertarian*. Local memberships may include a local newsletter.

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This statement does not preclude self-defense or resistance to tyranny.

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