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Boman Campaigns Across State and Web

by Greg Stempfle

Scotty Boman's campaign to unseat Carl Levin is in high gear. The campaign is traveling across the state and across the world wide web.

Yard signs, bumperstickers, and slim jims have been distributed to major cities around the state and even to the UP. Scotty has appeared on the radio in Lansing, Traverse City and online.

The online presence has been the most distinguishing feature of the campaign. Modeled after the efforts of Ron Paul, Scotty has utilized social networking sites MySpace



*US Senate Candidate
Scotty Boman*

and MeetUp and has video content on YouTube in addition to his professional looking website.

Boman is attempting to court the over 50,000 voters who voted for Paul in the state's January Primary and has received the endorsement and support of several local organizers from that campaign.

Scotty is also working with the other third party senate candidates on efforts to raise awareness of alternative political parties. The next stage in the campaign will be paid media where the campaign hopes to run commercials on cable news stations. Please visit boman08.com to see upcoming activities and to learn more about the campaign.

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Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law

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Bob Barr Makes Campaign Stop in Michigan

by Greg Stempfle

Libertarian Party Presidential Nominee Bob Barr made several campaign stops in Michigan in early August. On August 7th Barr attended a function put on by the Small Government Alliance at the Franklin Hills Golf Course. The Small Government Alliance is a state PAC which supports libertarian causes and small government minded candidates. Barr spoke to the crowd about his campaign, his tenure in Congress, and the loss of civil liberties under the Bush Administration.

The following day, the LP of Wayne County hosted an



*Bob Barr speaks at the
Franklin Hills County Club*

event at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Campus at which Barr spoke to a crowd of

students. Unfortunately sometimes there are things outside of your control that work against you. The day Barr arrived in Michigan, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was ordered to jail for violating conditions of his bond. The following day, the Mayor had two morning court appearances, broadcast live on all media outlets in the state. Because of the Mayor's continuing legal troubles, most of Barr's media appearances were cancelled, including one with the Detroit News and WJR AM 760.

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The Home Stretch

by Bill Hall, LPM Chair

Election Day is November 4. The day we've been working toward for the past two years. The day when we discover whether our Libertarian Party's message of "less government, more freedom" has resonated with voters. The day we take stock of what our hard work has earned.

We've already got some impressive results. A full statewide slate of candidates. All 16 Congressional races contested (something even the Republicans weren't able to do). 32 State Representative candidates chilling the plans of the GOP House Caucus to regain control of the Michigan House. And 26 other candidates for local office.

A high profile on the World Wide Web. Attractive and persuasive websites for almost all our federal candidates and more than half our State Representative candidates. Regular mentions on blogs, and a presence on social networking sites like Facebook.

Our campaigns, the financial crisis, and voters' incredible hatred and mistrust of the Republican and Democratic establishment, has generated a steady stream of inquiries and volunteers to our 800 number and the national and state LP websites. I see these come in, and several times a day I forward the name of yet another volunteer or inquiry to a local affiliate. A couple of times a week I receive and pass on to a local affiliate and our Speakers' Bureau Chair Jim Allison, yet another request for a speaker on Libertarian issues.

Media inquiries are heating up too. Not just requests of candidates to complete questionnaires, but a stream of phone and email requests for candidate contact and other information to me and our Media coordinator Mark Norrod. Several of our Congressional Candidates – Dan Grow, Ken Proctor, Allitta Hren, Greg Merle and Neil Stephenson, for example – have been invited to debate or appear in candidate forums with their opponents. Recently, LPWM Chair Bill Gelineau and I were the invited guests for a half hour prime time public affairs program on the West Michigan PBS television broadcast affiliate.

And many of our candidates are campaigning actively – U.S. Senate candidate Scotty Boman, State Representative candidate John Boyle, and 7th District Congressional Candidate Ken Proctor (I've seen 4 news articles on his campaign just in the last week!), to name a few.

Now is the time to take advantage of these successes! Between now and November 4, we need to exploit the

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Don't Bail Out (The Bankers); Throw Out (The Incumbents)

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE ISSUED BY ALL 16 LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN CANDIDATES FOR US CONGRESS - Scotty Boman US Senate; Daniel W Grow, US House District 1; Dan Johnson, District 2; Erwin J Haas, District 3; Allitta Hren, District 4; Leonard Schwartz, District 5; Greg Merle, District 6; Kenneth Proctor, District 7; Will Tyler White, District 8; Adam Goodman, District 9; Neil Kiernan Stephenson, District 10; John J Tatar, District 11; John Vico, District 12; Greg Creswell, District 13; Rick Secula, District 14; Gregory Scott Stempfle, District 15

Libertarian Scotty Boman, candidate for U.S. Senate, joined Michigan's candidates for all 15 U.S. House of Representative seats to denounce the proposed financial bail out of the mortgage banking system. "These problems were caused by the Republican and Democratic politicians in DC and the Federal Reserve!" Boman continued, "They created the government monopolies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. They required them to insure no-money-down loans at artificially low rates to people without the ability to pay them back. They inflated the money supply, driving down interest rates, and artificially inflating home and asset values. Giving the same incompetent government regulators even more control over the market would be insane."

Leonard Schwartz, US House candidate for Michigan's 5th District expressed similar outrage. He summarized the situation, "These firms made loans, which is naturally a risky business. They made a lot of money on most of those loans. Now they want us to pay for the ones that went bad. This situation is the same as if a casino wanted to keep all the wagers they won, but wanted taxpayers to cover all their payouts."

"Their proposals are simply wrong," stated Daniel Grow, 1st District candidate for U.S. Congress. "Banking is already highly regulated."

Mentioning the Securities and Exchange Commission, the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and prosecutions by the US Department of Justice, Grow

added, "Loose monetary policy and efforts to expand home ownership caused this crisis, and further regulation will not fix anything." Attacking the bail-out proposals, Grow said, "Pumping in more money will at best only temporarily delay necessary adjustments, ultimately bringing a worse crisis, and is a thinly veiled effort to seek short-term political gain."

Dan Johnson, candidate for the 2nd District, declared, "It is us hard-working Americans who work, save to buy a home, and pay our bills who are being asked to mortgage not only our future, but our children's and grandchildren's future to pay for this. We need to stop this now, and we need to elect a Libertarian Congress in November. Otherwise, we risk further federal manipulation of our economy, which will ultimately fail and drive us into a deeper and longer depression than will occur naturally without further manipulation. Should this bailout go through, we will have handed the inmates the keys to the asylum."

Scotty Boman offered this proposal: "The fastest way out of this mess is to free those hard-working Americans who have demonstrated they are responsible with their finances to continue to work hard, invest in our economy, and create jobs. We must not tax, regulate and penalize them to bail out those on Wall Street and Main Street who have demonstrated they are not responsible, and will likely do the same thing again, and expect yet another bail out."

LPM SLATE CARD AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

By Emily Salvette

A slate card of LP state-wide and congressional candidates is available to use at campaign appearances, rallies, fair booths, etc. Just download the file from www.mi.lp.org (it's under "candidates" in the left-hand menu), print the pages two-sided on card stock, and cut the sheets into thirds. You can even adapt the card to your area by revising to include your local candidates. If you need the MSWord file for editing, contact me at Salvette@umich.edu.

Libertarian Congressional Candidates Invited to Debates

Dan Grow, Libertarian for Congress, District 1, will get the chance to participate in a series of debates with his opponents including incumbent Bart Stupak. Grow has already debated libertarian views this summer when he served on the National Libertarian Party's Platform Committee which drew up two competing platforms for consideration by delegates.

1st District US Congressional Debates

BRIMLEY

October 6, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

VFW Post 9023

8968 W. M-28, Brimley, MI 49715

MARQUETTE

October 16, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.

Studio of Public TV 13, Northern Michigan University

ESCANABA

October 16, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

League of Women Voters of Delta County

City Council Chambers, City Hall

410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829

ALPENA

October 22, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

League of Women Voters of Alpena County

George N. Fletcher Public Library

211 N. First Street, Alpena, MI 49707

Dan Johnson, Libertarian for Congress, District 2, will be participating in a candidate forum moderated by the League of Women Voters on Monday October 6th. Johnson has also been interviewed by the Holland Sentinel and by WZZM Channel 13 News. This one minute taping which presents his views will begin airing in mid-October.

Neil Kiernan Stephenson, Libertarian for Congress, District 10, recently appeared at an event hosted by Blue November called "Voter Palooza" in Port Huron, and another event called "Politics with a Pulse" in the same area. Stephenson

had the opportunity to debate two of his opponents. Audio of the debate can be found at www.nks2008.com. Stephenson will also be appearing at a "Meet the Candidates Night" hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW.

Jim Allison, Libertarian for State Rep, District 25 participated in a candidate forum hosted by the City of Warren to be aired periodically on their public access channel up until the election. Allison will also be addressing associates and agents of State Farm Insurance at their "Pancakes & Politics" event held at their Troy office October 16th.

LPM Leaders Interviewed on West Michigan Week

Libertarian Party of Michigan Chair Bill Hall and Libertarian Party of West Michigan Chair Bill Gelineau were the featured guests on the September 19 edition of *West Michigan Week*, WGVU-TV's weekly half hour public affairs program. WGVU is the West Michigan PBS broadcast affiliate. Host Peter Ross and panelist David Moore engaged the two Bills in a wide-ranging interview that gave them the opportunity to talk up our full slate of federal and statewide candidates, our 32 state representative candidates and our many local candidates.

Bill Hall spoke at length about conservatives' disappointment with John McCain and touted Bob Barr as the economic conservative in the presidential race. Bill Gelineau talked about his race for Kent County Clerk and Bill Hall spoke to the issues in his race for State Board of Education. All in all, it was a very successful promotion for the LPM and its candidates.



Affiliate Events and News

Upcoming Events

October 12, 2008

LEC Meeting (teleconference call) 4:00-6:00
101 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 1400, Troy, MI

November 4, 2008 General Election

Still Bigger Than the Other Small Parties Combined

by Leonard Schwartz

The Libertarian Party of Michigan again has more candidates for federal and state partisan offices than all the other small parties combined. We have candidates for US senator, all 15 congressional districts, all 8 educational board seats, and 32 state representative districts. Total: 56.

The US Taxpayers Party of Michigan has candidates for US senator, 6 congressional districts, all 8 educational board seats, and 10 state representative districts. Total: 25. The Green Party of Michigan has candidates for US senator, 9 congressional districts, 4 educational board seats, and 6 state representative districts. Total: 20. The Natural Law Party of Michigan has only a candidate for US senator. We are the only small party with a candidate for the quasi-partisan justice of the supreme court. We also have candidates for 27 local partisan offices and one local nonpartisan office.

The Home Stretch

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available media to promote our candidates and deliver the Libertarian message. Respond promptly to those media inquiries, and say yes to those requests to complete questionnaires, participate in debates and forums and deliver speeches. Return those calls and emails from inquiries and volunteers, and energize them to join in, help out our campaigns, and become activists. Our 85 candidates have suffered much for the cause of liberty, and deserve our enthusiastic help and support. Please join me in providing it on the home stretch!

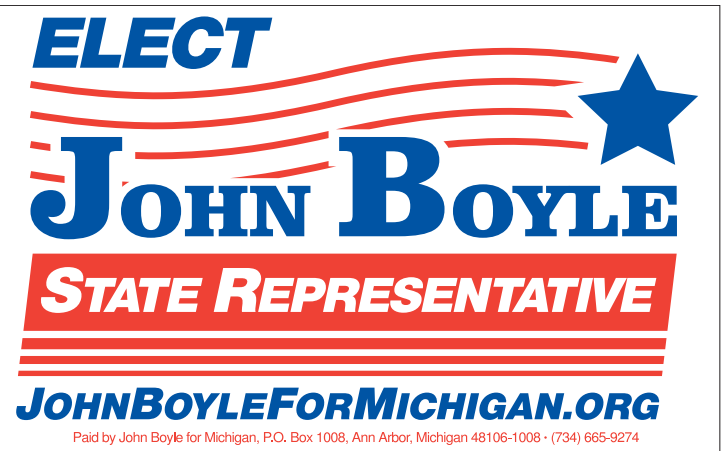
Detroit



Loel Gnadl of Lincoln Park works an outreach booth at "Dally in the Alley" an annual festival near Wayne State University. The LP of Wayne County has been operating a booth at the festival for 15 years. There were a surprising number of Ron Paul supporters in the predominantly Obama friendly crowd. Loel is a member of the Wayne County Taxpayer's Association which has been on the forefront of the House Speaker Andy Dillon recall effort.

Ann Arbor

University of Michigan College Libertarians earned a good amount of media attention with a gun giveaway on campus in September. The college group is going strong this year thanks to Eric Plourde, the group's chair and candidate for Ann Arbor Mayor, www.epforaa.com.



Ballot Proposals in 2008

by Greg Stempfle

Voters will be faced with 2 ballot proposals this fall. Proposal 1 would permit the medical use of marijuana and is officially endorsed by the LPM. Below is the language that will appear on the ballot. The actual text of proposal is a stunning 11 pages long and can be found at michigan.gov/documents/sos/APPROVED_Bal_Word_CCC1821_246348_7.pdf

PROPOSAL 08-1

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The proposed law would:

- Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.
- Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.
- Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.
- Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

Proposal 2 would permit, within guidelines, embryonic stem cell research in Michigan. This proposal is more controversial and the LPM is not taking an official position since members and candidates have a variety of views on the issue. There is already a lot of misinformation about the proposal being used in commercials, about cloning and about funding. The actual text of the proposal does not mention public funding, either allowing it or prohibiting it. I'll let everyone read it for themselves and make up their own mind. This is the actual text which will be added to the Constitution.

PROPOSAL 08-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

A Proposal to Amend the Constitution of the State of Michigan by adding a new Article I, Section 27 as follows:

Article I, Section 27.

(1) Nothing in this section shall alter Michigan's current prohibition on human cloning.

(2) To ensure that Michigan citizens have access to stem cell therapies and cures, and to ensure that physicians and researchers can conduct the most promising forms of medical research in this state, and that all such research is conducted safely and ethically, any research permitted under federal law on human embryos may be conducted in Michigan, subject to the requirements of federal law and only the following additional limitations and requirements:

(a) No stem cells may be taken from a human embryo more than fourteen days after cell division begins; provided, however, that time during which an embryo is frozen does not count against this fourteen day limit.

(b) The human embryos were created for the purpose of fertility treatment and, with voluntary and informed consent, documented in writing, the person seeking fertility treatment chose to donate the embryos for research; and the embryos were in excess of the clinical need of the person seeking the fertility treatment and would otherwise be discarded unless they are used for research; or the embryos were not suitable for implantation and would otherwise be discarded unless they are used for research.

(c) No person may, for valuable consideration, purchase or sell human embryos for stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures.

(d) All stem cell research and all stem cell therapies and cures must be conducted and provided in accordance with state and local laws of general applicability, including but not limited to laws concerning scientific and medical practices and patient safety and privacy, to the extent that any such laws do not:

prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures that are permitted by the provisions of this section; or create disincentives for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with such research or therapies or cures.

(3) Any provision of this section held unconstitutional shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.



Scotty Boman has actively reached out to the 50,000 Ron Paul voters and has been endorsed by many of the statewide and county Ron Paul organizers.

With the election weeks away, the ideas Libertarians and Ron Paul supporters hold are getting a backseat to the big government solutions of Democrats and Republicans.

We need your help to reach undecided voters who are tired of what has been coming out of Washington the past few years and especially the past few weeks.

This involves money and we need to raise funds quickly to purchase advertising on cable TV and on highway billboards. Please donate today and help us spread the message of liberty.

To make funds available quickly, please consider making an online donation
www.boman08.com/contribute.htm

or send a check or credit card info to
Committee to Elect Scotty Boman
4877 Balfour Detroit, MI 48224

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the campaign so far. We have distributed tens of thousands of pieces of literature and hundreds of yardsigns across the state. To find a local representative with Scotty Boman for US Senate yardsigns visit http://files.meetup.com/1153725/Yardsign_contacts.doc



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