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## LP Council Hopefuls Kick Off Campaign Season

by Greg Stempfle

The campaign trail is heating up all over the state this summer and autumn as record number of LPM members are running for local office. Several members must first face off against opponents during the September 9<sup>th</sup> primary election.

In Hazel Park, councilman Andy LeCureaux, is seeking re-election. Andy was first elected to office in 2001. The LeCureaux team,

headed by campaign manager Dave Collver, has been leafleting the city this summer with pamphlets encouraging voters to make it to the

polls for the September Primary.

In Saint Clair Shores, former LEC member Erin Stahl is making her second attempt at a seat in that city. Erin hopes to capitalize on name

recognition after barely missing being elected in 2001. Voter turnout is expected to be higher this year since the mayor is also up for re-election.

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LPM members Andy LeCureaux of Hazel Park, Erin Stahl of Saint Clair Shores, and Chris Gonzalez of Dearborn Heights

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## Online Petitioning: The Next Generation

by Greg Dirasian

For several years now the LPM has been using its SpeakOutMichigan.org web site to petition the state legislature to support or oppose various bills. The idea was spawned by the national LP's DefendYourPrivacy.com web site which was originally used to oppose the federal government's "Know Your Customer" banking regulations. The "Know Your Customer" issue inspired 250,000 people to send emails through the DefendYourPrivacy.com web site.

The LP of California attempted to duplicate this success with their 215Now.com web site. Other organizations have tried the same thing or similar things with a twist. All with varying degrees of success.

The LPM has recently completed a campaign using the SpeakOutMichigan.org web site to oppose Senate Bill 509 which would impose a penalty of up to \$1,000 per year on drivers with more than 6 points on their record.

We were disappointed by the level of participation from our membership, however, with even this disappointing level of participation, we had an astounding affect. The bill, which passed in the senate 37-0-1 before we began our campaign, passed in the house two weeks after our campaign began by 64-45-1.

In spite of receiving several emails from SpeakOutMichigan.org, some

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# From the Chair

by **Bill Gelineau**

Time goes ticking by, it seems. All of us are aware of how quickly the days and years add up. Maybe I'm afflicted with a case of mid-summer melancholy. Or maybe it's something else.

Perhaps you've heard of the passing of Joe Overton, the former Chairman of the LPM who was killed in a plane crash on June 30. Though I had only met Joe once, it really got me thinking about how quickly our time comes and goes. Over the past several years, too many beacons of liberty have passed on. Bill Shotey, Joann Karpinski, Karin Corliss, and Dick Whitelock are just a few of those who are no longer with us.

All of us realize in the abstract how short our time is to make a difference. Even before the convention this past April, I had told many in the LPM that I would only seek election as your Chair once. My reasoning for this is that each of us have great ideas...but limited energy. So, my thought is that for one year - one very busy year - I could give you all that I have. Finding out just before the Fourth of July about Joe was not only sad, but also a little depressing. It reminded me how quickly our time can go.

Which is why I hope each of you will recognize the urgency of now. While walking with our Oakland affiliate float in the Clawson parade on July 4, it really hit me: Tomorrows may never come. Whether you are an active Libertarian organizer or someone who is reading this as your first copy of our newsletter and just wondering about the LP, I hope you'll think about the opportunity you have to change things.

And there is much to change. The Supreme Court ruling in the University of Michigan admissions case is one example of how far our society has drifted from a libertarian perspective. Perhaps the content of one's character isn't enough to be judged by after all. Our county is being pulled into yet another police action in Liberia - and most of our leaders are quietly acquiescing. Michigan is heading toward incredible financial pressures at the local level as cities and townships have become increasingly dependent on a Sugar-Daddy state government to provide revenue

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## New Newsletter Editor Sought

This coming fall, I will be attending graduate school at the University of Michigan. With the additional work load of studying on top of a full time job, the time I can dedicate to editing a quality state party newsletter will be significantly reduced. Therefore I am currently seeking somebody to replace me as newsletter editor. The job of the editor primarily includes layout and editing of articles and content. While I do write a few articles for each issue, most of the work comes from other party members. The editor also makes sure the newsletter gets printed and mailed. These last two activities are currently performed by a printing company and a mailing house.

I will still be available to write articles and assist the new editor with their work as will the previous editor, Greg Dirasian. If interested in this position, please contact myself, Greg Stempfle, or LPM Chair Bill Gelineau.



# Judge Rules: Pappageorge Statements Untrue

Judge Michael Martone ruled in Troy District Court July 14 that Christina Pappageorge's February 12<sup>th</sup> statement regarding the Libertarian Party's stance on the War on Drugs was untrue—affirming what Libertarians had been claiming since she made the statement. Judge Martone dismissed the case, however, ruling that the remarks were non-actionable political hyperbole protected under the First Amendment.

“In one sense, we got exactly what we wanted—a public declaration that Mrs. Pappageorge lied,” commented Libertarian Party of Oakland County Chairman Nathan Allen. “It's worth noting, that the judge also concluded that lies are protected political speech under the first amendment,” said Allen.

“That means that future elections, at least in Troy, will be a free-for-all. Now more than

ever, voters need to investigate everything a candidate says and take nothing at face value. No wonder so many voters are turned off by politics and don't even bother going to the polls. With politicians like Bill Clinton, L. Brooks Patterson and Cristina Pappageorge, people shouldn't be surprised.”

“It's one thing to accuse a politician of lying. It's quite another to prove it in court,” said Libertarian campaign consultant Barbara Goushaw. “You can be sure that any opponents Cristina Pappageorge might have in the future will point to today's ruling: On July 14, 2003, Judge Michael Martone ruled that Cristina Pappageorge lied to voters of Troy during the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 candidates debate. That's the kind of thing that follows a politician around for a long time.

“For my part, I will continue to advise Liber-

tarian candidates—in both partisan and non-partisan races—to stick to the issues,” Goushaw continued. “The vast majority of voters share our positions on the issues: fiscal responsibility and smaller, less intrusive government. We consistently find support from both conservative Republicans and Reagan Democrats. So when our opposition cannot compete with us on the issues, they resort to outrageous lies and personal attacks,” Goushaw noted.

LPOC Chair Allen concluded, “The ruling is a good thing for the Libertarian Party. Our candidates stick to the issues and tell the truth. We have a long history of holding politicians and government officials accountable for their actions and their statements. Disillusioned voters who are tired of liars and political schemers, find their political home with us.”

## Judge Dismisses Oakland Libertarian Defamation Lawsuit: Candidate's Remarks Are Nonactionable Political Hyperbole

by Leonard Schwartz

At a televised Troy City Council candidate debate in February, Christina Pappageorge used her two-minute closing statement to attack incumbent Martin Howrylak for being a member of the Libertarian Party. She said that Martin and the Libertarian Party encourage children to use illicit drugs. Because he had already given his closing statement, Martin had no opportunity to respond.

The Libertarian Party of Oakland County filed a defamation lawsuit against Pappageorge, who is married to a Republican state representative. David Collver was the LPOC lead attorney, assisted by Leonard Schwartz.

Pappageorge filed a motion to dismiss the LPOC lawsuit. The motion gave five grounds, each of which is sufficient for dismissal:

1. Her closing statement was truthful.
2. Even if false, her statement is protected by the First Amendment.
3. Her statement did not concern LPOC, that is, LPOC is not a proper plaintiff.

4. She did not make her statement with malice.

5. Her statement did not harm LPOC.

At the July 14 hearing on this motion, Judge Martone agreed with Pappageorge only on the First Amendment issue. He ruled that her false remarks were nonactionable political hyperbole protected by the First Amendment. And he dismissed the lawsuit.

Although LPOC lost, Dave Collver and I don't feel that the many hours we spent on this case was a waste of our time. The lawsuit had several favorable effects.

1. As soon as we filed the lawsuit, Pappageorge and her running mate, Jeanne Stine, stopped all negative campaigning against Martin Howrylak.
2. The lawsuit generated several favorable newspaper articles about Pappageorge's vicious personal attack on Martin Howrylak. The articles correctly reported that the Libertarian Party advocates the decriminalization of drugs, but doesn't advocate that children, or anyone else, use illicit drugs.

### Libertarianism on the Go

Greg Dirasian has developed a version of the World's Smallest Political Quiz for the Palm Pilot. If you have a Palm Pilot and would like this handy little quiz, visit Greg's web site, [www.newsnetpipeline.com](http://www.newsnetpipeline.com) and download it from the home page.



# Calendar of Events

- August 10.....LPM Leadership Conference, La Seniorita Restaurant, 2706 Lake Lansing Rd. 10:00
- August 10.....Libertarian Executive Committee meeting, La Seniorita Restaurant, 2706 Lake Lansing Rd. 2:00
- September 9.....Primary Elections throughout the state
- October 5.....Libertarian Executive Committee meeting, LPM HQ 619 E. Nine Mile, Hazel Park
- November 4.....General Election. Several LP members are facing re-election campaigns.
- December 7.....Libertarian Executive Committee meeting, LPM HQ 619 E. Nine Mile, Hazel Park

## Leadership Conference in Lansing August 10

The August 10 meeting of the LEC will take place at LaSeniorita Restaurant, 2706 Lake Lansing Rd in Lansing at 2 pm. All members are welcome. This site was chosen to work in conjunction with our first Leadership Conference of the year. The Leadership Conference will

start at 10 am and run until about 1. Lunch and beverages will be available off the menu as you wish. There is no food or other charge obligation. The LEC meeting will run approximately 2 to 4. Details on the conference will be posted on the website, LPM on-line, and communicated to local affiliates.

# Affiliate News

## LPOC Celebrates July 4th with Parade

The Libertarian Party of Oakland County celebrated Independence Day the way they usually do - by putting their float in the Clawson Independence Day parade. This parade is an especially fun time for the LPOC because of our strong presence in the area. Clawson is right in the middle of Troy, Hazel Park, and Berkley — three cities with Libertarian councilmen.

We also have many members in the area that attend the parade and cheer us on — and when one person starts to cheer the Statue of Liberty, all the others are quick to join

## Wedding Bells for Elected Libertarians

Congratulations to Berkley Councilman Fred Collins and Barbara Goushaw on their recent wedding, on May 24 at Viva Las VegasChapel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and to Hazel Park Councilman Andy LeCureaux and Suzie Jweda, who were married on June 13 at Panna's in Sterling Heights.



Hazel Park Councilman Andy LeCureaux (left), LEC member Jerry Bloom and the Statue of Liberty celebrate Independence Day during a parade in Clawson

# Affiliate News

## Macomb County

**By Todd Andrew Barnett**

At the May Macomb County LP meeting, Macomb Libertarians met to discuss the ideas and plans for the county affiliate. LMC Chair, Keith Edwards, broached the subject of possibly reviving the LP Saint Clair County affiliate.

The meeting also produced some encouraging activity as well. Various members had been assigned to cover reading letters to the editors in various local newspapers to find prospective members. That entails finding readers and columnists who espouse libertarian and libertarian-leaning sentiments on local issues. These people could be a vital asset to our party at all levels, not to mention our ticket to winning local and county races. Keith mentioned that I had been appointed to the LPM Newsletter Committee. Because of my appointment, I have been and will continue to be reporting on affiliate activities in order to strengthen awareness on political activism and membership recruitment and retention at the local and county levels.

The June meeting was also very productive, with some positive results produced. Macomb Libertarians met with new SCCLP members who have already started reviving the affiliate. Although their visit was very brief, it was encouraging to see the affiliate being resurrected to official active status. It is definitely a positive sign that there is new life being brought back into the party. Thanks ought to go to them for their help and their support.

Keith Edwards also talked about the recent affiliate chairs meeting and the June 1<sup>st</sup> LEC meeting. He mentioned that, at the those two meetings, LPM Chairman Bill Gelineau met with the other LP state chairs and talked about the Michigan affiliate – among other things. It was pointed out at the LMC meeting that Bill shared his discussions with the national LP leadership at the affiliate chairs meeting with the LPM membership at the LEC meeting. They were also told that it was discussed at the LEC meeting that party members should be encouraged to renew early and that members ought to go looking for new members. Keith said that he disagreed with this new recruitment approach, as he simply stated that the state party needs to organize activities and provide incentives for people to join the LPM.

Finally LMC member John Bonnell and LMC At-Large Representative Jim Allison presented their op-ed letters to the members – letters which were just published in the Detroit Free Press and the Metro Times. If any party member wants to read them, they can be found at the Libertarians of Macomb County website at <http://www.macomblp.com>.

## Tri Cities

**By Rosemarie Jozwiak**

It continues to be a very busy year for the Tri-City affiliate. We are still encountering people who don't know about the Libertarian Party or are unaware of our affiliate, so the main focus for the TCLP this year has been visibility and image.

Our first publicized event, our Freedom Dinner, was held in February. The TCLP was honored to have Mr. Lawrence Reed of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, as guest speaker. There were many new faces in the audience, including the chairman of the Midland Republican Party.

The next two months saw the TCLP represented in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay City as well as Midland County's Memorial Day Parade. These parades were very well attended and the TCLP was well received and given many thumbs up as we passed out literature along the parade route.

In June, eight members of our affiliate completed MCTV training sessions and produced our first monthly program segment of Discussions in Liberty. The program will be broadcast throughout Midland County.

The schedule for July is hectic. TCLP members braved 90-degree heat to participate in Bay City's Independence Day Parade. There are also plans for parades in Auburn, Chesaning, and Shields. The Chesaning parade is new territory and we will be walking with the other politicians which is a first for us!

Gary Nolan, campaigning for the LP presidential nomination, joined us at the Shields parade on Saturday, July 19, and on Sunday at the LPM state picnic hosted by our affiliate. Notices were sent to the three local newspapers, TV stations, weekly newspaper magazines, and we ran a two-week banner ad on Midland cable. We want the coverage but even if we don't get it, at least the media will know we are here.

The following day, Monday, July 21, Mr. Nolan did a radio interview with Art Lewis on WSGW, as well as a half-hour taping of Discussions in Liberty on MCTV. Visibility! Visibility! Visibility!

August brings a week of winding down, as TCLP members and volunteers man our Midland Fair booth (August 10-16). This fair sees an attendance of over 300,000 and is the ideal opportunity for outreach, and yes, visibility! We are very proud of our booth and enjoy every minute there. We will be in the same spot in building #2 and again expect the Republicrats to check us out. It seems we are becoming extremely visible to them!

There are only a couple more parades scheduled into September; the Linwood Pickle Parade and Hemlock Sawdust Days Parade. We are also starting to plan for a TCLP holiday potluck get-together.

# Affiliate Information

## **Kalamazoo County** (includes St. Joseph, Branch, Calhoun)

Meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at TGI Friday's Restaurant in Oshtemo, Michigan. Chair, Gerald Phillips, gaphillips@jasnetworks.net, (269) 382-0927

## **Livingston County**

Chair, David Buck, (810) 220-5741, davebarysas@aol.com

We meet the 2nd Monday every month at Mexican Jones restaurant in Brighton, on Grand River. We usually show up at 6:30 to eat, and the business meeting starts around 7:00.

## **Macomb County**

The LMC holds regular monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding December) at Mile's World 17689 Masonic (near Groesbeck), Fraser, MI 48026. Join us for cocktails and/or dinner at 6:00 pm, business begins at 7:00 pm.

Chair, Keith Edwards, (810) 777-7468, keithmarni@aol.com

## **Mid Michigan** (Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Shiawasee)

Chair William White, 517-349-3806, whitewi5@msu.edu

## **Mid-West Michigan** (Lake, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, Wexford)

General Membership meetings are every second Saturday at 6:00pm at Kountry Kitchen Restaurant, 1920 N. Mitchell in Cadillac.

Chair, Brian Kluesner, (616) 723-7087, chair@lpmwm.org

## **Oakland County**

Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Sila's, 4033 W. 12 Mile Rd, Berkley. Sila's is 2 blocks east of Greenfield on the south side of 12 Mile Road. Chair, Nathan Allen (248) 363-3790, knathan\_Knows@yahoo.com

## **Saint Clair County**

Contact, Mark Byrne, (810) 987-9856, iwantska@hotmail.com

## **South Central** (Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee)

Meetings are fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Pirate's Cove Restaurant, Addison, M-127 and Main Street.

Chair, James Parker, (517) 439-0643, james.parker@eaglepicher.com

## **Thumb Area** (Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola)

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at Whitey's Restaurant in Davison. Chair, Paul Hitch, phitch@intouchmi.com, 810-667-7218

## **Traverse Bay** (Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau)

Chair, Jerold Coon, (231) 369-2395, jtcoon@gtii.com

## **Tri-Cities** (Bay, Midland, Saginaw, Isabella, Gratiot, Clare, Gladwin)

Meeting are the first Monday of each month at Damon's Grill on Tittabawassee Road in Saginaw (near I-675). Dinner is followed by the evening's guest speaker at 7:30 and the business meeting shortly afterward. Chair, Carol Dallen, msnixy@tm.net

## **University of Michigan Libertarians**

Chair, Daniel Sheill, dsheill@umich.edu

## **Upper Peninsula**

Chair, John Loosemore, (906) 334-2922, jwl@up.net

## **Van Buren County**

Meets on the third Thursday of the month, and as always; our meetings are open to the public. For the time being, we are meeting at the home of Bill and Barbara Bradley, 746 Lee Street, South Haven at 7:00pm. Chair Bill Bradley 616-637-4525, bbradley@cybersol.com.

## **Washtenaw County**

Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Cubs AC Restaurant located in the Colonial Lanes Bowling Center, 1950 S Industrial Hwy, Ann Arbor. The first Thursday of every month is a business meeting. Other meetings feature speakers, project work, or social events. Chair, Larry Johnson, (734) 476-7817.

## **Wayne County (includes Monroe)**

Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at City Tavern Restaurant in Dearborn at 14316 Michigan Ave., between Greenfield and Schaefer. Meeting begin at 7:30 pm, dinner orders are taken at 6:30. Chair, Charles Kainz, (313) 291-5684,

## **West Michigan** (Allegan, Barry, Gratiot, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa)

Monthly meetings held in Grand Rapids at Club North's Banquet Room at 1359 Plainfield NE, just north of Leonard. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Chair, Thomas Horan, (616) 887-2428, tomh@lpwm.org

## **20 Years Ago in the LPM**

### August 1983

The State Bureau of Elections approves petitions from the LPM to run candidates in the 1984 elections. That year, the LP ran David Bergland for President against incumbent Ronald Reagan.

## **10 Years Ago in the LPM**

### August 1993

Jack Kevorkian was named "Freedom Fighter of 1993" by the Libertarian Party of Michigan for his efforts to bring a humanitarian approach to the problems of those suffering from unremitting pain or debilitating terminal illness.

# Libertarian Councilman Expects Re-Election Fight

by Barb Goushaw

Long-time Michigan Libertarian, Mark Owen, has spent his first two years on the Owosso City Council insisting on accountability and responsiveness from the mayor and the city manager. Now that he is up for re-election they are hoping to orchestrate his defeat.

“Before I was elected, the city manager pretty much had a rubber stamp from the mayor and council,” said Owen. “That has changed.”

The Libertarian councilman’s commitment to fiscal responsibility, reduced spending, and open, accountable city government has ruffled feathers. Bureaucrats had grown accustomed to having things their own way in this small, rural town in central lower Michigan. During his first term, Owen was a one-man demonstration of ‘Libertarianism in action.’ He voted against proposed tax or fee increases, worked to make the water plant an independent entity, brought public disclosure to internal decision-making, and (the final insult to the central planners) questioned the viability of the city manager’s

residential development scheme.

None of this should have come as a surprise. Owen was elected to the council on the strength



Owosso Councilman Mark Owen

of the name recognition and public support he built in leading a successful campaign to repeal a property rights restricting, “Historic District” ordinance.

“They should have realized that I would champion non-interference in private property, and hands-off government. Maybe they figured that once I was in office, I would come around to the bureaucratic way of thinking,” he said. “But they don’t know Libertarians,” he added with a grin.

The filing deadline is not until August, so it will be several more weeks before Owen finds out who his opposition will be, how well funded they are, and who is backing them. Still, he is anticipating the mayor and city manager to field a candidate to challenge his seat.

“We will have to out work, out spend, and out strategize them,” Owen said. “But I have a terrific base of support in the community. With a little help from the LP, I hope to join the ranks of Michigan’s RE-elected Libertarians.”

# Small Government Alliance Celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

by Tim O'Brien

Most political efforts are like “super nova” stars. They burn very bright. But only for a brief time. And then they burn out.

The Small Government Alliance has certainly achieved the first half of that comparison. Since its founding on Independence Day last year the SGA has:

- Sponsored a reelection fundraiser for Rep. Leon Drolet (R-Clinton Twp.), the author and sponsor of last year’s PA 399 that finally eliminated the “top-of-ticket” ballot access rule that has plagued the LP for its entire existence – raising almost \$3,000 for his successful reelection effort.
- Contributed to the campaigns of Libertarians Leonard Schawrtz for District Judge and Scotty Boman for State Board of Ed (lost those two), and Republican secretary of state candidate Terri Lynn Land (won that one – and as a result, the SGA executive director now has the private cell phone number of the top election official in Michigan).

- Raised and spent \$3,000 to defeat a \$16.5 million “Municiplex” proposal in SGA’s hometown of Allen Park, much to the chagrin of local officials who never imagined their well-funded and carefully planned scheme could be derailed. Unfortunately, when they came back a few weeks later with a scaled-back version, and better organized (they even had high school students phone banking in favor), we were unable to stop them.
- Raised and spent \$23,000 on newspaper ads opposing the “Prop K” ½ mil property tax increase in Wayne and Oakland counties to fund “arts and culture.” *Detroit News* columnist, George Cantor, specifically blamed the SGA ad for defeat of the tax subsidy scheme, saying: “Its authors may have won. But my hope is that their children will grow up to be a bit less close-minded and narrow. Otherwise, Metro De-

troit will have even less than it does now to hold all our children here.” (The columnist apparently doesn’t think a bearable level of property taxes is as great a hold on residents as taxpayer-subsidized ballet.)

- Told Troy voters “the rest of the story” (as Paul Harvey would say) about Martin Howrylak’s two opponents in his city council reelection bid. We won that one, as well.

Unfortunately, while SGA’s record blazes success, there were losses of another kind. Director and chief fundraiser for the group, Bill Shotey, was struck down by a heart attack only two days after the November election of Land, reelection of Drolet, and defeat of Proposal K – passing away less than two weeks later. And due to the state’s insistence on filing future reports using its arcane software, Director and Treasurer Nancy O’Brien has indicated a desire to be relieved



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# LEC Minutes

## April 27 2003

Members Present: Chair Bill Gelineau, Vice Chair Paul Hitch, Secretary Raymond Warner, Treasurer Keith Wesselmann, At-Large Directors Jerry Bloom, Mike Donahue, Leonard Schwartz, and Lloyd Shermann. Absent Jim Miller.

Chair called meeting to order at 1pm. Chair noted contact from Director Miller regarding absence for health reasons.

Motion by Bloom, second by Donahue, all agree, the future LEC meetings shall be June 8, August 10, October 5, December 7, February 1, 2004, and March 14, 2004. All dates are Sundays.

Convention Report by Emily Salavette.

Chair Bill Gelineau announced the following appointments: Jami Lewis Parliamentarian, Todd Barnett Newsletter Committee, Jerry Phillips Membership Director, and Jim Allison, Brian Kelly and Ben Bacharach as Web Masters.

Chair gave report on the Leadership meeting to be held in Lansing.

The Vice Chair gave the affiliates report noting 14 currently active.

The Treasurers report was submitted and approved on a motion by Bloom, second by Schwartz, all agree.

Minutes of previous LC meeting submitted, approved on a motion by Bloom, second by Schwartz, all agree.

Greg Stemple reported on newsletter. A complete set of back issues is being assembled for a digital archive.

Greg Dirasian reported on web site operations. LEC members were given codes for online voting system.

State HG operations were discussed. Ray Warner, Lloyd Sherman, and Scott Boman will supervise operations.

Motion by Wesselmann, second by Bloom, all agree. Be it resolved that the LEC form the Farm Team Committee. The committee program shall be set forth by the former Chair J. Hudler and as included in the 2002-03 LEC minutes. All funds raised in the 2002-03 business period for the Farm Team project and all future such funds shall be used exclusively for said project.

Chair appointed James Hudler chair of the Farm Team Committee.

Motion by Hitch, second by Schwartz, all agree, Allegan Co. and West Michigan removed from the list of active affiliates.

Chair reported on the Stuart Ruley Estate.

Leonard Schwartz volunteered to Chair the Issues Committee and to reactivate Speak Out Michigan program.

Motion by Warner, second by Schwartz, on O'Brien resolution as amended, all agree.

Whereas the most fundamental precept of libertarianism and the Libertarian Party is the rejection of aggression—including theft, and...

Whereas the 2003 LPM convention was marred by the theft of the chairman's personal property, specifically a pair of prescription glasses and a cell phone, and..

Whereas there can be no doubt that the thief was a party member because he or she left in place of the stolen property a bigoted, hand written note and...

Whereas this kind of bigotry and aggression are unprecedented in the 30 year history of the LPM, antithetical to its purpose, and intolerable to its members, now therefore be it..

Resolved that the Libertarian Party of Michigan officially repudiates and condemns this ugly act of aggression, and be it further...

Resolved that the party and its officials shall use what party resources are reasonably necessary, including but not limited to the state party newsletter to report this incident to the membership in a diligent effort to discover the identity of the thief, and be it further...

Resolved if the identity of the thief can be established beyond a reasonable doubt, he or she shall be expelled from the Libertarian Party of Michigan and shall become ineligible for membership in the party.

A post convention fund raising letter was authorized, motion by Hitch, second by Schwartz, agreed, Sherman dissented.

Motion to commend the Oakland Libertarian Party for its efforts in Martin Howrylak victory in the Troy election, made by Donahue, second by Warner, all agree.

Motion to adjourn, all agree.

Respectfully submitted, Raymond Warner, Secretary.



## June 8, 2003

*June 8 minutes have yet to be approved by LEC and are considered unofficial at this time.*

Chair called meeting to order at 1pm.

Chair announced the appointment of Keith Edwards as Parliamentarian.

With late arrival, all members present.

Chairman reported on the Lansing Affiliates meeting.

Vice Chair reported on the upcoming Leadership meeting in Lansing on August 10.

Motion to add Shiawassee County to Mid-Michigan affiliate, by Hitch, second by Bloom, all agree.

Motion to combine Calhoun, Branch, Kalamazoo, and St Joseph counties, made by Hitch, second by Donahue, all agree.

Motion to end affiliates, Clare and Gladwin counties, made by Hitch, second by Bloom, agreed, one dissent.

Motion form Tri-Cities affiliate consisting of following counties: Midland, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Gratiot, Saginaw, by Hitch second by Bloom, all agree.

Secretary submitted minutes of April meeting, motion to approve by Warner, second by Sherman, all agree.

Treasurer's report was submitted. Motion Hitch/Donahue, all agree. Members speaking out of turn will be asked to leave meeting table.

Motion Bloom/Hitch, approved 5/2. Establish Office Operations Review Committee, Chair Greg Dirasian, members Bloom and Donahue.

Website report by Greg Dirasian. Motion to support the increase of national dues to \$50 per year, Wesselmann/Hitch, defeated 3/5/1.

Motion to approve the 2004 budget as submitted, Bloom/Sherman, all agree.

Schwartz Issues Committee Chair reported on Michigan Senate Bill 509, to increase driver license renewal fees for drivers having more than 6 points.

Motion to adjourn, Bloom/Sherman, all agree. Chair adjourned meeting at 3:54.

Respectfully submitted, Raymond Warner, Secretary.

# SpeakOutMichigan.org Fights Revenue Bill Disguised as Traffic Safety Bill

by Leonard Schwartz

Traffic laws should be used to promote traffic safety. They should not be a disguised form of taxation. To raise revenue, some local governments already abuse traffic laws by setting unreasonably low speed limits and unnecessary stop signs.

Greedy Democrats and Republicans in the state legislature recently decided to abuse traffic laws to raise revenue for the state government. The money grabbers introduced Senate Bill 509.

SB 509 would create an annual driver responsibility fee. The penalty (based on the number of points and type of tickets, for which there still are large fines) can be \$1000 a year. It mandates the suspension of the license of everyone who doesn't promptly pay. This is especially harsh on those who cannot afford to pay.

Someone (not an LP member) from the National Motorists Association came to the May 28 meeting of the Libertarian Party of Oakland

County and asked for our support in defeating SB 509. I realized that this would be a good project for [www.SpeakOutMichigan.org](http://www.SpeakOutMichigan.org).

SpeakOutMichigan is a special lobbying and outreach project sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Michigan as a public service. It provides an easy way for you to send e-mail to your state legislators. It provides a prewritten letter. By typing in your zip code, SpeakOutMichigan identifies your state legislators and sends them the letter.

SpeakOutMichigan also provides an easy way for you to send e-mail to your friends so that you can ask them to contact their state legislators. Again there is a prewritten letter.

LPM last used SpeakOutMichigan to help change Michigan's ballot access law in 2002. Legislative districts now have new boundaries. Greg Dirasian, who created SpeakOutMichigan and is its webmaster, adapted the software to the new boundaries. SpeakOutMichigan started

its campaign against SB 509 on June 18.

Unfortunately, the Democrats and Republicans put SB 509 on the fast track through the state legislature. SB 509 was introduced on May 21, approved by the Senate Transportation Committee on May 28, approved by the Senate on June 3, approved by the House Transportation Committee on June 26, and approved (as amended) by the House on July 2. The bill is now in a conference committee to resolve differences between the Senate and House versions.

Although SpeakOutMichigan was unsuccessful in stopping SB 509, it did influence many representatives during the two weeks it was active. The Senate approved it unanimously. But the House approved it only by 64-45. This shows that lobbying can be effective.

Many thanks to Greg Dirasian for updating the SpeakOutMichigan software. Many thanks to everyone who lobbied against SB 509 and asked their friends to lobby against it.

## Online Petitioning: The Next Generation

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representatives still voted FOR the bill. What can we do about uncooperative legislators?

### The Next Generation

Now comes the next generation of online petitioning. Upon completion of the campaign to oppose SB-509, we sent an email to everybody who used the web site to notify their legislators how they felt. The email went something like this:

Dear <Name>,

On 06/18/2003 10:00:56 you used the Speak Out Michigan web site to let your legislator know you opposed passage of SB-509. Your legislator, <Legislator's Name> voted for the bill in question. The final vote on this bill was:

Legislative Body	For	Against	Other
State Senate	37	0	1
State House	64	45	1

When this legislator comes up for re-election, we will send you this message again shortly before primary election day

and the general election day so you can better decide if this legislator deserves your vote or not.

Your legislator is being copied on this email so that he/she will know that come election day, not only will we remember, but we will be reminded. If your legislator does not come up for re-election due to term-limits, but has endorsed a successor, we will let you know that too. Then you can decide if you want more of the same or wish to vote for a change.

Thank you for your participation in this activity,  
The Staff at Speak Out Michigan

As we note in the email, a copy of this message is also sent to the legislator. Although many legislators are honest and sincere people who want to do the right thing, there are also many that think they know better than the people they were elected to serve. These arrogant legislators hope the voters will forget about their record on election day. They hope to get re-elected on vague promises and personal charm.

Maybe that was the case 10 years ago, but this is the computer age. With a click of a button, we can remind voters about their legislators' voting records. Maybe this will get them to start to listen a little better.

# Anatomy of a Bad Arrest

by **Tim Beck**

I recently cashed a check for \$17,500.00 from the city of Detroit. The check came my way because the city chose to settle rather than face a Federal jury after I sued three of its police officers for false arrest, abuse of authority, and violation of my constitutional rights.

In May 2001, me and four other motorists were snagged by a Detroit police officer and held captive for making an “illegal turn” in a construction zone—at 6:30 p.m., when no construction workers were present.

The officer in question took his time swaggering about, as he seized licenses, registration, proof of insurance, checked for outstanding warrants and wrote tickets on the drivers of the captive vehicles.

When the officer handed me my ticket after a half hour wait, I said in a sarcastic manner “You’re an asshole.”

The officer exploded with rage at my remark, and barked “you get out of the car now, hands on the hood and spread ‘em!”

Surprised by this reaction I said “for what, no I’m not getting out of the car,” and placed my hands on the steering wheel and sat there. He radioed for “back up,” and two other policemen arrived shortly. As the officers reached for their guns, I exited my car. I was forthwith handcuffed and thrown into the back seat of the squad car.

I was accused of being drunk and ordered to take a breathalyzer. I blew twice and they said I was “not blowing hard enough.” I said I was “doing the best I can.” An officer then shouted, “that’s a technical violation, you’re going to jail.”

I said, “that sounds great, I can use the money,” and in a polite but graphic manner, inquired as to whether an illegal sex act would be performed on me in the lock up.

“Get him out of here” was the reply. Upon arrival at the precinct, I was ordered to remove my belt, shoelaces, watch, glasses, wedding ring and any other potential weapons or suicide devices. I said, “No, you do it.” They did, — cutting and spraining my wrist when they removed my watch.

Then, a “good cop” came on the scene and in a kindly manner, suggested I was on drugs, and if I “come clean” it will “make it a lot easier.” I refused to answer his questions and invoked

my constitutional right to remain silent. His face contorted with rage and he told me “you better get used to bologna sandwiches for a long time.”

So I spent the night in the lock up and at dawn the next day, I was chained arms, waist and legs to two other miscreants and transported to the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court lock up. I was arraigned at 3 p.m. on a charge of “disorderly conduct” and released on a “personal recognizance” bond of \$800.



*Longtime LP Activist Tim Beck of Detroit*

When my day in court arrived, I refused to plea bargain and demanded a jury trial. A new trial date was set, and when the big day arrived, neither the police or prosecution showed up and the case was “quashed and dismissed.”

I promptly filed suit for \$85,000 in damages. After about two years of depositions and wrangling, I authorized my attorney to settle for \$17,500. I cleared a little over \$10,000 after legal fees.

So what is the point of all this? Well, the law with respect to “disorderly conduct” has been settled in Michigan for many years. While it may not be the smartest thing to do at times, a citizen has the right to call a police officer any name in the book as long as “fighting words” are not used — like threats of death or bodily harm. As police officers are empowered to carry a gun, with legal authority behind them, they are expected to be more disciplined and patient than the rest of the civilian population.

The right to remain silent under police questioning is also a fundamental right. In post 911 America, as the war on civil liberties intensifies, it is imperative that those of us who have the time and resources, vigorously exercise our rights.

On a microcosmic level, we read a lot about lurid police shootings in Detroit, prisoners dying in filthy lock ups and million dollar verdicts. In reality, a plethora of small police crimes have also had the cumulative effect of putting the Detroit Police Department under Federal jurisdiction.

## SGA Celebrates One Year

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of the duties and responsibilities of that post as soon as practicable.

The good news is that Leonard Schwartz has now joined the group as legal council — a great, new asset, given the intricacies of campaign finance law. And Ben Bachrach has volunteered to take the hand-off from Nancy of the Treasurer function.

As for how long prospects for the group will continue to shine, there’s no sign of any dimming. SGA is now taking an interest in LP members Erin Stahl in her second campaign to win a seat on the St. Clair Shores city council, Andy LeCureux in his reelection bid in Hazel Park, and the races of three new candidates for local office in Wayne county. And, ever since the recent US Supreme Court ruling upholding racial discrimination in university admissions the group has been in close and continuing contact with Ward Connerly and his *American Civil Rights Coalition*, exploring the possibilities of becoming an integral part of a proposed effort to amend the state constitution to ban racial preferences in all government contracts, hiring and university admissions.

Not bad for a 1-year-old.

# News from National: Presidential Race Heats Up, Changes in LPM Leadership

By Mark Rutherford

It's become quite a race for the Libertarian Party's nomination for president in 2004.

Michael Badnarik and Gary Nolan appeared on C-Span's Road to the White House on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a taped joint appearance before the Cass and Jackson County, Missouri Libertarian Parties. Also, Ruben Perez of Texas, Jeffrey Diket of Louisiana and David Hollist of California have announced their intentions to seek the LP nomination. Perez and Diket and have opened their FEC committees. Ken Krawchuck of Pennsylvania recently announced that he is no longer seeking the nomination.

I'm pleased to report that Joe Seehusen has been hired to be the LP's Executive Director. Joe has a background in business and management that will be very helpful to the LP.

Since 1979 Joe has been principal and managing director of J.R. Seehusen Associates, Inc., a nationally recognized executive search and consulting firm. His focus has been representing banks and lately he has focused primarily on food manufacturing and distribution industries.

From 1992 to 1995, he put his consulting practice on hold and became a partner and managing director of sales, marketing, mergers and acquisitions for Medical Resources Contract Services, Inc.

He's been an LP member since 1999 and was an active LP candidate for U.S. Congress in 2000 from Iowa's Third District.

Joe has served on the board of directors for The Shining Trail Council Iowa-Illinois Girl Scouts USA.

He also is producer and host of Straight Talk Radio, a weekly public affairs show broadcast on KMCD AM 1570, "The Talk of Southeast Iowa."

Joe earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from Vanderbilt University in 1975.

Originally from Baltimore, Joe recently relocated there with his wife, Jan, and daughters Camille, 15, and Suzanne, 11. Joe is 50 years old.

Notable events at the June 28-29, 2003 LNC meeting include:

1. Executive Director Joe Seehusen attended his first meeting of the LNC.

2. Michael Dixon gave a report on a professionally conducted survey of our members to learn more about how our members will respond to a dues increase, if any, and their expectations on what their dues "buys". Generally the survey found that there is good support for an increase to \$40, some support for an increase of dues to \$50, and no support for \$100 dues. He also did a financial analysis that concluded that at



*LNC Representative for Michigan, Mark Rutherford of Indiana*

least in the short term, raising the dues to \$40 would neither hinder nor improve the current financial situation of the national party.

After much debate, a decision on the current dues structure was postponed until the next meeting in Denver on September 13-14, 2003.

3. Lorenzo Gaztanaga has resigned as Region 5 representative. The Region has not yet named a replacement.

4. The 2004 Convention Committee was directed not to lose money.

5. Discussion on Branding and Core Constituency was postponed to the September meeting. The branding fund raising letter did quite well, and this strategy has some popularity with members and donors.

## Dear LP Membership,

It is my duty to inform you that today, July 15th, was the last day of Ron Crickenberger's employment with the Libertarian National Committee Inc. (National Headquarters) as our Political Director.

Last year, the LNC passed a budget that segregated revenues and expenses into core and project areas.

Core expenses are related to membership administration, accounting, database maintenance, affiliate relationships, inquiry servicing, internal communications (including LP News) and media relations. Core revenues come from membership renewals, new memberships, house letters, pledges, undesignated donations, advertising, mailing list rentals and material sales.

Projects are expected to cover their costs, as well as a small overhead charge to cover core costs related to the management and accounting of expenses and revenues of the projects. Funding is restricted to designated donations.

During the first six months of this year, core revenues have covered core costs, but project revenues have not covered project expenses.

In light of this circumstance, the LNC in its June 28th & 29th meeting in Seattle directed that I was to take necessary steps to bring the project budgets into line with the scope of our current year budget.

Since revenues for projects, including all political activity, have not covered expenses related to projects, I have decided that we cease our employment relationship with Ron Crickenberger.

It is my intention to comply fully with the budget the LNC passed in December 2002. We will do so by spending revenues in excess of expenses related to projects once the revenues are realized. We have asked Ron to be prepared to bid on upcoming projects. We will also be opening the bid process to other parties interested in doing so.

Please direct any questions you may have to me.

Geoffrey Neale



# What is 'The Troika'?

by The Troika

According to Webster's dictionary, **troi-ka** \ 'trō-kə\ n 1: a Russian vehicle drawn by three horses abreast; also : a team for such a vehicle 2 : a group of three closely related persons or things



From top to bottom, Fred Collins, Greg Dirasian, and Barb Goushaw

That pretty much describes us in a nutshell - except the Russian vehicle is a Libertarian candidate, and the three horses (actually, just people who work like horses) are Barb Goushaw, Fred Collins, and Greg Dirasian. "Team" is also an accurate description of us, as is "a group of three closely related persons."

R o n Crickenberger, the former national LP political director, has described us as the most successful campaign team in LP history.

After the landslide Howrylak victory in 2000, we realized that we had complementary skill sets, and we all had the desire to see Libertarians elected. Was 2000 a fluke or the result

of skill? We believed it was skill and were willing to put that belief to the test. In 2001 we came back and ran David Eisenbacher for Troy City Council. Eisenbacher moved to Troy in 1998 and was appointed to the Troy Historic District commission in 2000.

Getting Eisenbacher elected would be no small feat - people might even call him a carpet-bagger. That year, in a field of 9 candidates, Eisenbacher came in 3<sup>rd</sup> and missed winning by only a few hundred votes, but still beating the incumbent. It was an impressive showing for a relative newcomer.

Eisenbacher ran again in 2002. This time winning easily and beating his nearest competitor by almost 1,000 votes, bringing in another

political newcomer with him, and once again leaving the incumbents in the dust.

In 2003, Howrylak was up for re-election. After 3 years of campaigning and putting the incumbents to shame (only one incumbent has been re-elected in Troy since we got involved there), a group of defeated incumbents targeted Howrylak for defeat, blaming him for their losses rather than their own failed policies.

Please note, we do not mean to diminish the quality of our candidates. They are both impressive young men possessing extraordinary intelligence, willingness to work, character, and integrity. But this is about campaign managers, and as campaign managers, we will not hitch this team to a loser.

Some people think, "Big deal, you won a city council seat." Wrong! We won a city council seat in a city that is the size of a state representative district. This is an upscale city. Home to corporate headquarters for 5 of the Fortune 500. Containing a shopping mall with Saks Fifth Avenue, Nieman Marcus, and Nordstrom's. In terms of property value, it is the second largest city in Michigan. In terms of population, it is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest city in Michigan. The city itself has an annual budget of \$150 million. And when we win, we get over 5,000 votes. This is not a school board election that most people forget to vote in, these are hotly contested races. This is the big time.

For the time, we am not even going to discuss Fred Collins election in 1997, or his unchallenged re-election in 2001. And, I am not going to discuss Andy LeCureaux's election to the Hazel Park City Council in 2001, aided by his campaign manager Dave Collver — both these gentlemen inspired by the 2000 Howrylak victory.

This is about campaign management and what four years of winning campaigns has done for our county party, the Libertarian Party of Oakland County, and the Libertarian Party of Michigan. We have created a winner mentality.

And, we have found the magic bullet. It's called *hard work*. Our campaign management "team" would fail if we were any less than three people. We all work full-time jobs and we all put full time into the campaign. Losing sleep, losing pay (because we take unpaid time away from our jobs), losing weight (because we don't have time to eat) are all part of the hard work we

do to get the job done.

During the campaign, the campaign comes first, paying job second, family third, household chores — well, in my case, the house doesn't get cleaned for 3 months. We expect our candidates to work harder than we do. (David Eisenbacher was rushed to the hospital during his 2001 campaign when he passed out from a combination of lack of sleep and food).

I used to count the number of times I saw the word "Libertarian" in the paper, but not any more, it is too frequent. The surest sign of our progress is how often our opponents say our name. We are no longer ignored or irrelevant. And for as many as hate us, there are that many willing to form alliances with us - understanding that at long last, there are serious people working to reduce the size of government.



# Future of the LPM

There are many elements that go into a winning campaign for public office. When it comes to local races such as city council or school board probably the single most important aspect is getting your name and message to the voters through effective campaign literature.

Libertarians cannot buy the type of lit we need because it is unique. Unlike the old-time politicians who rely on empty “for the children” type rhetoric and lists of church and civic organization memberships, we have to take our libertarian concepts and put them into a format our fellow citizens will WANT to read and understand. So only we can create what we need to do that.

No easy task, I agree. But not impossible.

It takes four or five people to put out a really good lit piece. Each must understand the strategy behind the piece and the demographic it is directed at.

Once the campaign has settled on a particular issue (for Libertarians this is usually a local angle on taxes and/or spending but it can be something else – Mark Owen in Owosso rode his opposition to a local “Historic District” ordinance onto the city council), the first thing you need is a basic concept.

The candidate along with the campaign manager and, perhaps, one other close advisor familiar with the district should hash out the direction and content of a lit piece – the overall point to be made to voters, and what will be needed to communicate it, such as photos, artwork, the general outline and amount of text, and so forth.

Next you need an editor. This must be someone with strong writing skills and, hopefully, an advertising background. If possible the editor should not be involved in the conceptual stage of the piece, so that he or she can view it without being skewed by already knowing what the campaign is trying to accomplish with it. This way the editor comes into the project looking at the lit like the voter seeing it for the first time. He or she can then make any adjustments required to get the lit to communicate the message the campaign hopes to convey. That old line about “can’t see the forest for the trees” is a cliché for a reason. It is too often true. When you get too close to something, too familiar with it, mistakes and assumptions often creep in. It is the editor’s job to take a step back and make certain the campaign hasn’t lost sight of the big picture.

Finally, you need someone to take the words, photos and artwork and lay it all out to create a keyline that can be sent to the printer. This campaign team member must have both the technology (i.e., computer and software) and the artistic skills to make your campaign lit sing a Siren’s song to voters who pick it up, drawing them in so that before they know it they have read your entire piece.

You must always remember that your lit is an intrusion into the voter’s time and life. You hope that he or she will find the distraction to have been worthwhile and will then make the effort to vote for your candidate. But never forget that you are asking readers to stop what they are doing to give you their attention. Making a lit piece interesting and flowing – in words and pictures – so that when people get it in the mail they will read the damn thing instead of consigning it directly to the trash can, is an art in itself.

There are, of course, other vital aspects to organizing a successful

# Positive About Going Negative

by Barb Goushaw

“I just say whatever I think I can get away with, then let my opposition spend a few million to correct it.” ...*Famous Republican campaign consultant on “Meet the Press”*

“No, I’m not going to call my opponent a pig-f—r. I’m just going to get him to deny it”...*Lyndon Johnson*

See what we are up against? That’s how the major parties play the game. They get dirty, without regard for the truth. They sling mud like two year olds in a rainstorm. And while voters complain about it, and the media condemns it, negative campaigning works. If it didn’t, they wouldn’t do it.

*So where does that leave us? With this fundamental political fact:* “If you are running against a popular incumbent, you have GOT TO GIVE THE VOTERS a reason to fire him. If you don’t, they won’t.

Luckily for us, this is not too difficult. I have yet to find an incumbent who did not have something that could be used as a reason for the voters to remove them. However, obtaining this information takes research. Research into their records. Research into their financing. Research into their past. Research into their positions. Research their quotes in old newspapers. Opposition Research is fundamental to a successful campaign. The Internet, the library, old campaign literature, newspaper archives, and campaign finance reports all contain potential information.

Once you have the dirt, then you have to decide if, when, and how to use it. Where do I draw the line? That depends on the race and the opponent. Their voting record, their position on the issues, their actions as an officeholder, and their financing is almost always fair game. Their personal life is only fair game if they are taking a “holier than thou” kind of stand and I have information that directly contradicts that.

Then you have to make certain that your information is truthful. That’s key. I never, ever, compromise my candidate’s integrity by putting out “whatever I think I can get away with.” I want to win – but not like that.

Finally, you have to make sure that the information is believable, easily explained in a short paragraph, and worthy of voter attention. I think the voters have a RIGHT TO KNOW if my opponent has voted himself a pay raise, or has gone back on a campaign promise. Part of my job is to make sure they get that information. And if all the other pieces of the campaign are done right, then providing that information to the voters may just be the final step that gets my candidate elected.

Election night parties are a lot more fun when you are celebrating a win.

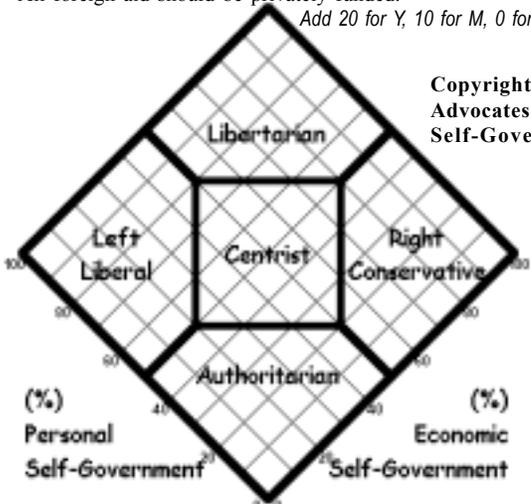
campaign. Things like registered-voter list management, overseeing the printing process, vendor management, and that most tedious and thankless of all jobs — campaign treasurer.

But in local races creating powerful and persuasive literature is right at the top of the list.

# World's Smallest Political Quiz

Personal Issues	Y	M	N
Military service should be voluntary. (No draft)			
Govt. should not control radio, TV, the press or the Internet			
Repeal regulations on sex for consenting adults			
Drug laws do more harm than good. Repeal them.			
Let peaceful people cross borders freely.			
<i>Add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for N</i>			

Economic Issues	Y	M	N
Businesses and farms should operate without govt subsidies			
People are better off with free trade than with tariffs.			
Minimum wage laws cause unemployment. Repeal them.			
End taxes. Pay for services with user fees.			
All foreign aid should be privately funded.			
<i>Add 20 for Y, 10 for M, 0 for N</i>			



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Take the **WORLD'S SMALLEST POLITICAL QUIZ**. Then, use the Self-Government Compass to find your political position. Mark **Y** when you agree with a statement, **M** for Maybe, Sometimes, or Need-More-Information, or mark **N** for No.

*If you score Libertarian, we invite you to join the Libertarian Party.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$35 Tri-Level (County, Michigan & National)

I certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving social or political goals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature required for national membership)

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