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Our Annual Convention is outlined on page 9. I KNOW YOU WILL LOVE THIS CONVENTION—SIGN UP NOW AND REJOIN AT THE SAME TIME! And remember, the one thing you can expect from the LPWI is change and the last Executive Committee (ExCom), held in Madison, was no exception. As it turns out, our chairman, Dave Redick has been challenged by his doctor to lower his blood pressure and one of the doctor's prescriptions was to decrease his involvement (chairmanship) in the LPWI.



Never too afraid to accept a challenge, our very own Linda "Liberty" Sturtzen (formerly Stanley), the former At-Large member of the ExCom was well received in accepting the Chairmanship through the next meeting. Our next meet-

ing is the election of our next term of officers and we understand that Linda is looking to expand her tenure through the next term.

Linda resides in Greenfield, WI and has been an active member in good standing for around ten years. She is a Training Consultant and Instructor with Dale Carnegie Systems in Milwaukee and has the experience, leadership and charismatic personality to lead our organization forward. I hope you will all join me in congratulating Ms. Sturtzen for stepping forward and offer your support as she strives to help us grow in popularity as well as political influence.

#### Just A Little Common Sense: Taxes, Permits, and Licenses By Ed Thompson and Dave Hendrickson

Regular listeners know that I've often been critical of the behavior of politicians and bureaucrats, and that I think we've got way too many of 'em. We've got way too many taxes, too. I'll tell you about an email I received.

Last week I got one of those emails that get sent everywhere and I have no idea where it started from. It lists some of the taxes, permits and licenses that Americans have to pay for.

In alphabetical order: There's a building permit tax, a capital gains tax, the CDL license for truck drivers, a cigarette tax, corporate income tax, court fines—which are indirect taxes, dog licenses, federal income tax, federal unemployment tax, and fishing licenses.

There's food licenses, fuel permits, gasoline tax, hunting licenses, and inheritance tax. If you mess up with the Internal Revenue Service--which is easy to do since not even the bureaucrats who work there know what the rules mean well, then you've got your IRS interest charges and penalties to pay.

There's the liquor tax, local income tax, luxury taxes, marriage licenses, Medicare tax, property tax, real estate tax, sales tax, septic permit fees, and service charge taxes.

The there's social security tax, road usage taxes—also for truckers, but you know darn well that the tax money gets spent by irresponsible politicians and the cost to the trucker gets passed on to you, the consumer.

There's a recreational vehicle tax, tolls to pay on toll ways, school tax, state income tax, state unemployment tax, and

# State-wide Supreme Court Primary February 20th; <u>Vote</u> Joe Sommers the reformer!

This spring election cycle you have a choice between three candidates for State Supreme Court. The two highest vote getters will advance to the regular fall election. The candidates represent three strong ideologies; a liberal, a conservative and a reformer.

Although this is not a partisan office, or so they say. This is a chance to vote for someone who most closely represents your values. If you like the heavy hand of government redistributing your income to "level the playing field", you have ??. If you like the heavy hand of government telling you how to run your personal life, you have ??. But if you value the system of justice the way it used to be when even the judges and district attorneys were held accountable to practice the law without bias and without the first objective being their own personal career, then you ought to consider the campaign of Joe Sommers.

Joe is the practicing attorney in Dane county who successfully defended Adam Raisbeck for a non-drunk driving traffic fatality in which he told the judge his client was being subjected to a "kangaroo court."

Joe believes two trends are frightening to any rightminded person. These are:

- 1. a growing indifference to the evil of wrongful convictions; and
- 2. prosecutions are possibly being commenced as favors for the financial benefit of legal insiders.

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# JUST A LITTLE COMMON SENSE: THE SERF

By Ed Thompson and Dave Hendrickson

There's probably not a person listening to me today who would want to trade places with a medieval serf. You might not be so sure about that after you hear what I've got to say with "Just a Little Common Sense."

Back in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, the feudal lord had power over the serfs. He could grant the right to get married, for example. The lord could force the serfs to work on his land, for his own profit. Serfs were stuck in one place: they couldn't move.

Serfs and their families were allowed to farm some of the land to support themselves. And they were taxed on the produce and profits of their holdings.

They could raise what they wanted to on their lands, and they could sell fruits and vegetables to whomever they chose.

Not all serfs were farmers. Some of them became craftsmen, blacksmiths, millers, innkeepers. Serfs could accumulate personal property. Some of them became wealth-ier than their lords.

Serfs' heirs were guaranteed an <u>inheritance</u>. The landowner could not dispossess his serfs without cause and was obligated to protect them from criminals or other lords, and he was expected to support them if they came upon hard times.

Serfs made the laws that governed their own villages, and they enforced these laws. They were limited in some ways, but they had considerable opportunity as well.

Of course, your medieval serf didn't have a car, central air conditioning and cable TV, but then, neither did the feudal lord. From the broadest point of view, there wasn't a lot of difference between living in a hovel and living in a castle in those days.

Joe Bast, President of the Heartland Institute, points out in an edition of his publication *The Heartlander*, in a piece called "Restoring Freedom at Home," that serfs typically owed their feudal lords about 25% of their crops and livestock, and often much less.

In America, the land of the free, today, our various governments get about 50% of our income.

At a quarter of his earnings, the serf wasn't permitted to openly complain. In America, land of the free, while paying the government half of our income, The Constitution guarantees our right to complain.

That means that compared to the serf, we are paying 25% of our income for the right to complain. And in spite of our complaints nothing seems to change.

Further, serfs paid no sales tax, no property tax, no social security tax, no Medicare, no telephone tax—no telephone!—no cigarette tax, no liquor tax, no gas tax-- and we pay all of these.

And then we got the fees: Car license, driver's license, fishing license . . . No serf ever paid for a barber's license: they generally went for the bowl-on-the-head look, which might be a big improvement over some of the haircuts I see today.

The serf doesn't look so bad off now, does he? At your service M'lord.

Let me know what you're thinking. Stop in to the Tee Pee in Tomah and say "Hello."

A past radio clip that aired on 11/1/05 by **Ed Thompson and Dave Hendrickson** entitled "the Serf". Due to programming changes they're no longer available at the radio station. Perhaps we can look forward to these relevant, insightful, short, radio-commentaries to continue at some point.

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### Just A Little Common Sense: Taxes, Permits & Licenses By Ed Thompson and Dave Hendrickson



telephone excise tax.

Just listen to the rest of the telephone taxes: There's the telephone federal universal service fee tax, telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes, telephone minimum usage surcharge tax, telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax, telephone state and local taxes, and telephone usage charge tax.

Some folks pay a toll bridge tax and some folks pay a toll tunnel tax. Traffic fines are indirect taxation, since the money goes to the government where they spend it as they please.

There's trailer registration tax, utility taxes, vehicle license registration tax, vehicle sales tax, watercraft registration fees, well permit fees, and workers' compensation tax.

When this country was founded, <u>none</u> of these tax burdens existed. What the heck happened?

It took a few hundred years of conniving politicians and mindless bureaucrats to get us where we are. I can't imagine where we'll be in another 200 years.

This is Ed Thompson with "Just a Little Common Sense." Let me know what you're thinking. Just drop in at the Teepee and say hello.

#### So why aren't we growing hemp? (Continued from page 7)

I don't know exactly what happened, but in 1937 marijuana became illegal after some questionable manipulations and a few outright lies by powerful folks in government and industry. It looks like enough confusion was created so that people got skeptical about industrial hemp, too.

According to the DEA, hemp could be grown today, technically speaking, if it had absolutely no THC in it. No matter that there isn't enough THC in industrial hemp to get you high and even if there was, the CBD would prevent it.

So, why is it illegal to grow industrial hemp? Maybe it's got to do with the fact that hemp could replace oil for fuel and replace wood pulp for paper manufacturing, and who knows what else. Could be there's some powerful folks in industry and government who don't like that idea one bit.

This is Ed Thompson, with just a little common sense. Let me know what you're thinking; stop by the Tee Pee and say hello. *These clips were from a radio program that aired on 8/31/06 & 8/23/05 by Ed Thompson and Dave Hendrickson entitled "Taxes, Permits, Licenses" & "Hemp Commentary". Due to programming changes they are no longer available at the radio station. Perhaps we can look forward to these relevant, insightful, short, radio-commentaries to continue at some point down the road.* 

# Don't Tell Me It's Raining...

#### (By Frank Lasee –2nd Assembly District Rep. in WI)

This taxpayer-funded health care system in Wisconsin is on the verge of collapse and requires an enormous amount of state tax money to keep it running.

The Governor chose to make free (or largely free), government-funded health care the centerpiece of his State of the State address last week. The Governor wants to add tens of thousands (possibly hundreds of thousands) to the Medicaid rolls in our state and is able to look you straight in the eye and tell you it will not cost any additional money. Please, Governor, stop telling me it's raining when you are . . . well, you know the rest.

The taxpayer-funded health care system for the poor, which is buckling under its own weight, has not increased provider reimbursement rates in 12 years. Would you continue working for 12 years without a raise? Medical providers can and do shift these losses.

No raise for over a decade means health care providers in our state are losing more and more money on Medicaid patients, which results in more and more costs getting shifted to medical insurance. Unless the Governor has a magic wand, health care providers will not see an increase in reimbursement rates anytime soon. They will see additional patients when the Medicaid rolls are expanded, patients (if the Governor has his way) that use health care provider services and those of us with private insurance pay more and more.

What would you do if you were running a store with a certain product on the shelf that was very expensive and you never made any money on it, year after year? What if you consistently lost money stocking that product in your store? What would you do? After a while, you might stop stocking that product.

That is exactly what the health care providers are starting to do, refusing to accept Medicaid. In the last couple of weeks, I have heard several reports of health care providers in Wisconsin who are going to stop accepting Medicaid. Providers in other states are doing the same thing. On the dental side of health care, lack of services is an epidemic as the number of dentists in this state who accept Medicaid grows very small.

Federal law mandates that to accept Medicare patients, a provider must accept Medicaid patients. Medicare patients are not as big of a burden as the under-

# FEBRUARY 2007 LPWI COVER ARTICLE!

## (A State Supreme Court Campaign to Fight for Justice—continued from page 1)



Joe Sommers (father of 11) believes more people in Wisconsin are fearful of being sued today than they were years ago. He believes the increasing fear of being sued has little to do with folks desiring to get away with irresponsible or reckless conduct, but rather our legal system has become unbalanced in part due to the fact that so many legislators, politicians, etc. are lawyers. The bottom line is an ever-increasing sensitivity to the concerns of the legal system rather than the concerns of the public. He goes on to say: "If I am elected to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, I will make it my priority to see that the interests of the public are protected."

The public interest demands answers. Joe's web site provides answers to the pressing judicial questions facing Wisconsin. Go to <u>www.SommersForSupremeCourt.com</u> for more information.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, February 20th to get Joe past the primary so we can have a lively debate about real issues.

Some of you will recall, Joe spoke at our LPWI State Convention a few years back in West Allis.

# Illegal Immigrants in a State of Disarray

by Kurt Williamsen February 19, 2007

Through the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles, the state of Wisconsin has been aiding illegal immigrants to stay in this country and flaunt our country's immigration laws.

Part of an anonymous letter from an employee of the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) as read by Wisconsin State Representative Mark Gundrum to a committee of the Wisconsin legislature during a hearing on Assembly Bill 69/Senate Bill 334 in 2005 is as follows:

If Osama Bin Laden came to a Wisconsin DMV customer service center, affirmed he was an illegal alien, presented two forms of identification and one proof of residency *in his own name*, he would be issued a Wisconsin ID card. Unless he caused a disturbance or displayed a document that was clearly fraudulent, the police would not be notified.... Once he had his Wisconsin document, Osama would then qualify to get taxpayer benefits, vote in the next election, and do untold harm to our society.



Lee Steines, who worked for the Wisconsin DMV until February 2006, assured The New American that the anonymously written letter gives an accurate picture of daily procedure at Wisconsin DMV offices. If Osama bin Laden requested a Wisconsin driver's license, there is absolutely nothing in DMV policies or procedures that directs an employee to call the police. In fact, there are memos that state that employees are supposed to look the other way — that known criminals and manifest criminal acts are for "law enforcement" to deal with and are none of the DMV's business.

In Wisconsin, neither American citizenship nor legal residency in the country is required to get a drivers license or an official state ID. Proof of identity and state residency are required — but these are really "proof" of nothing. A foreign birth certificate, which a DMV employee may or may not be able to read or check for authenticity may be used to show a person's name and date and place of birth, or a signed credit card may be used as proof of identity. And proof of residency may be verified using a paycheck stub, a state welfare card, or a utility bill. Because Wisconsin has lax standards, it has become a magnet for illegal immigrants. Using Wisconsin documents, ordinary illegal immigrants or international terrorists are able to begin to create identities in this country that cannot be distinguished from native Americans.

#### **Prevailing Procedures**

DMV rules, Steines said, mandate that DMV frontline agents not only issue state IDs and driver's licenses to illegal immigrants, they threaten those agents who refuse to issue them with being fired for insubordination. "I can't comprehend it," he added. "They are supposed to be a regulatory agency, but they've become mere ticket sellers, letting in everyone for the cost of admission."

Wisconsin's procedures for obtaining a driver's license or ID, Steines asserts, are ludicrous, and illegal immigrants know it. In one instance, he was working behind the service counter when he observed two Hispanic men who were without Social Security cards at another agent's work area. The men were heavily tattooed in a manner typical of Hispanic gang members. When the agent stepped away from the counter to retrieve paperwork to continue the process of getting the men their state ID cards, the men burst out laughing. Likely, the men *were* gang members, gaining de facto legal status in the United States...

Because of pressure brought to bear on Wisconsin's state legislature, Act 126 was passed to address the problem of illegal immigrants getting licenses and IDs in Wisconsin, despite a very pro-illegal immigrant Governor Jim Doyle at the government's helm. Act 126 man-

# Liberty Action Report of 2/12/07

Having had the pleasure and experience of another season of activism, the volunteers of liberty action are excited to not only increase events per season but also increase the number of seasons of activism. Only one way exists for liberty action and that is to walk the path. But in walking the path the LPWI might want to walk it too, as many are.

There are literally hundreds of ways to begin donating just small amounts of time. Being sure you are doing your best in daily life not to contribute to unethical economies is one very simple one.

But one way to help the liberty action efforts is to continue to support Tim Peterson's efforts. The first recommendation is to sign up online and join the LPWI **ballot access campaign**. It only costs what you want to donate. The action is specific. Every voluntary participant is requesting an envelope full of every candidate's ballot access petitions in every season. You must leave your name, address, and PHONE number to participate. When you have received and returned your ballot access signatures, your subscription for another season will begin.

The specific action is to take the applications to persons other than yourself and gather additional signatures. Feel free to make photo copies and get more signatures should you wish. If you do not support the candidate, do not support his campaign but be sure to exercise your due diligence in receiving, resending, and possibly donating further to the **ballot access campaign** program.

### You Should Consider The ExCom!

Have you ever wanted to meet more interesting people who share your passion for an improvement in political discourse? If so you should consider attending one of our upcoming LPWI Executive Committee meetings. They are fun and stimulating. You meet great people who are not content to sit ideally by while their friends and family just complain about what they see happening around them.

Call an ExCom member (see page 2) and get involved tday!



Also be sure to build and maintain a relationship or two or three or more that you can go back to again and again. You may find you already have many relationships available if the persons you encounter on a personal and professional basis are approached in civil and common sense conversations are the subject matter. Building relationships is up to you but don't forget what is there for you already, existing relationships.

As a first step for expediency, all participants with complete information through the <u>www.lpwi.org</u> website online form (http://lpwi.org/vol.php) that sites in the NOTES: "**Ballot Access Campaign**" will be registered. If any improvements are suggested, please examine for a solution first. If you participate in any campaign, your feed back is encouraged.

If any interest in contribution of time or donation is desired, be sure to contact any of the LPWI lines of communication. Activism is in full force at the LPWI level and in the affiliate chapters as well.

#### Todd Kopecki

(shown here sporting his old look, just wait till you see his new look next time...)

PS: Remember you can reach us any time

(800) 236-9236



Fervent free market believers lost a hero in November with the passing of Milton Friedman.

The Nobel Prize-winning economist, known for his strong laissez-faire views, died in San Francisco at age 94.

A libertarian who fiercely advocated free markets and limited government regulation of the economy, Friedman served on President Ronald Reagan's Economic Policy Advisory Board in 1981, five years after winning his Nobel Prize during the tail end of his 30-year tenure as an economics professor at the University of Chicago.

"In the realm of policy, I regard eliminating the draft as my most important accomplishment."



Long live Milton Friedman; perhaps the most influential man to intersect our lifetime.

reimbursed Medicaid patients. What happens to our Medicaid program when the medical side starts following the dental side and there are few providers left? What happens to our elderly when they cannot get into the doctor because their doctor of choice no longer accepts Medicare patients due to the lack of funding for Medicaid?

Now, imagine if you were on Medicaid and could not find a doctor or dentist in your area that would accept you. Where would you go? You would go to the one place that cannot turn you away - the emergency room. What if even more of our Medicaid patients were using the emergency room as their primary care physician? The expenses of this under-funded system would continue to climb.

Medicare patients (mainly our elderly) will be affected, too. Right now, nearly all medical providers accept both Medicaid and Medicare. So, Medicare users have their choice of nearly any provider in the state for their health care needs. When those providers decide to stop accepting Medicaid patients, they can no longer accept Medicare patients. Our seniors will be stuck with whatever is left when it comes to providers, instead of choosing who they want. All this happens because the state will not fairly pay its bills.

Our Governor wants to add more people to this system and sign them up faster and easier.

As we have discussed before, when providers lose money on Medicaid patients, we all pay the price in increased premiums to cover the losses providers take on Medicaid patients (the hidden health care tax). When Medicaid and Medicare patients start going to the emergency room for basic medical services, hold on to your wallet.

I applaud the Governor for trying to get more people on insurance. I share this goal. However, free, government-paid Medicaid and BadgerCare is not the answer to the health care problems in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin taxpayer-funded health care system bus is on empty and the Governor's solution is not to fill the tank, but to pick up more passengers, shove them into the 4.6 billion dollar Medicaid bus in addition to the people already riding, and then keep driving forward at full speed. With his foot on the accelerator, he tells people watching the bus go by that it is completely safe and won't cost taxpayers a cent more.

I realize I am starting to sound like a broken record. Under-funding Medicaid is wrong and irresponsible. Not (continued on page 9) increasing the reimbursement rates for 12 years is wrong. Adding people to the program when it is not funded properly is even more wrong. The state needs to do the right thing and not go down the easy road of making empty, broken promises to people who really need our help. ☆

#### FROM THE SECRETARY -JIM MAAS ON THE STATE OF THE STATE:

Governor Doyle presented his State of the State address last month. I wasn't surprised to learn that this professional politician, who was born in Washington and with an extensive resume of government service, plans even more government for our future.

Unfortunately, some things the Governor quietly ignored will remain a concern. Doyle has carelessly allowed our Wisconsin Guard troops to be sent off to be used as an army of occupation, over and over. He accepts Pentagon control of the Wisconsin Guard without resistance.

Renewing a "Wisconsin" drivers license in 2008 will involve providing proof of who you are, sharing that info with bureaucrats from coast to coast, while costing Wisconsin \$21 million, thanks to an unfunded mandate from Congress called the Real ID Act. Some states (Maine, Montana, New Mexico, Georgia, Massachusetts) have legislators brave and clever enough to call the Feds bluff on their threat to keep citizens of noncompliant states off airplanes and out of government buildings. Wisconsin needs to control our own drivers licensing.

The Governor said he wants Wisconsin to become more energy independent and improve health care. There are ways of doing so inexpensively but Wisconsin would have to become more independent of Washington first.

Using native crops to produce energy sounds like a good ideaespecially if you own a company involved in alternative energy production. Corn distilled for ethanol production isn't very efficient so it depends heavily upon government subsidies, which the Governor is eager to add to, despite a \$1.6 billion state deficit.

We used to have a cheap renewable energy source in Wisconsin-wood! People switched to other sources of energy with no encouragement from the government whatsoever! If ethanol were a good alternative to fossil fuels, it would not need \$40 million in state grants, loans, or subsidies. (An added cost to consumers would be increased food prices as corn is diverted to other uses.)

A natural match for Wisconsin could be industrial hemp. Among dozens of useful applications, it could be used to make biofuels. In fact, hemp makes twice as many gallons of biofuel per acre as corn. It would be another opportunity for Wisconsin's farmers and ag related industries while reducing oil dependency.

Speaking of health care, another native crop can alleviate such diseases as ALS, diabetes mellitus, fibromyalgia, gastrointestinal disorders, hepatitis C, hypertension, incontinence, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, sleep apnea, and Tourette's syndrome. Patients would have been able to grow, at no cost to the State, their own medicinal cannabis (a.k.a., "medical marijuana") if legislation introduced in the last couple of sessions

Jim Maas, LPWI Secretary

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, we will have peace.'



The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin did not publicly respond to Doyle's State of the State address however this is a draft of Jim's monthly column in the Wausau Daily Herald.

# Jim Maas on The State of the State Address

of the Legislature hadn't died in committee, despite widespread popular support (unlike the intrusive drivers license law).

Wisconsin should, once again, become a proud, independent, sovereign

state in a constitutional federal republic rather than an

administrator for Washington bureaucrats. Impossible? "In 2007,

Wisconsin is a place where anything is possible." – Governor Doyle

## (Continued from page 4—Illegal Immigrants in a state of Disarray)

dates that the law change on April 1 to require people to present a valid S.S. number or proof of legal residence in the United States before they can be issued a license or ID. That's the good news. The bad news is that since this past November's state elections, the state's now primarily Democratic legislature is working behind the scenes to rescind the act altogether or nullify its effectiveness. Act 126 is already facing obstacles: several of the documents that will be used to certify a legal presence in the United States are easily duplicated. Employees, especially in southern Wisconsin, have already seen many fraudulent copies of them. Also, before the act can be fully implemented, changes to Wisconsin Transportation Rule 102 must be approved. Approval is scheduled to take place on May 1. Until it is, the DMV will continue to accept foreign birth certificates as proof of identification. Unfortunately, DMV workers learned this week (week of January 29) that the necessary rule changes may be delayed or not take place at all. 🕁

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## JUST A LITTLE COMMON SENSE: WONDERFUL HEMP

By Ed Thompson and Dave Hendrickson

Would you believe me if I told you I know how to solve America's energy problems, make fabric 10 times stronger than cotton, produce paper without cutting down a tree, make biodegradable plastics, and more? I'll tell you how with "Just a Little Common Sense."

A possible solution to many of our nation's needs is a hardy plant that's good for the soil, requires no pesticides to flourish, and suppresses weeds. What is this miracle plant? Industrial hemp.

Why don't we grow as much of it as we can? Because the Drug Enforcement Administration will not permit the growth of industrial hemp in the United States of America.

No matter that hemp was used to make canvas sails for ships for centuries, that hemp can be used to make paint, rope, ink, soap, fuels . . . Hemp can be used as a source material to meet nearly every need of an industrial society.

Imagine what hemp could do for the Wisconsin farmer!

Because of official misinformation, you might think hemp is marijuana. It is not. Hemp and marijuana are variants of the same plant.

Marijuana contains THC, the compound that gets you high. Hemp doesn't have anywhere near enough THC to get you high. Even if it did, hemp also has another compound, CBD, which counteracts the effects of THC. Hemp is the anti-marijuana.

So, why is it illegal to grow industrial hemp?

In 1691, the Jamestown colony passed the first law regarding hemp: It was declared illegal for farmers *not* to grow it, because hemp was such an important raw material. Later, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both grew hemp.

The first 2 drafts of the U.S. Constitution were written on hemp paper. The final draft was written on animal skin.



One acre of industrial hemp produces as much paper pulp as 4 acres of trees, and the hemp matures in one season. The trees mature in 20 years. It looks to me like hemp has got wood pulp beat by 80 to 1. And the hemp makes better paper.

Henry Ford believed that automobile engines ought to run on vegetable fuels, not on oil pumped from the ground. Rudolph Diesel, inventor of the diesel engine, believed the same thing.

In the 1930's, Ford's biomass plant in Iron Mountain Michigan extracted methanol, charcoal fuel, tar, pitch, ethyl-acetate and creosote from hemp. These fundamental ingredients for modern industry are now supplied by oil-related sources.

# It's time to grow up, America

By Don Bernau (Former LPWI Congressional Candidate and Former LPMM Chairman)

Let's not hold any punches. Politically correct speeches are useless to us now. Look around. Americans in general are spoiled little brats, children in adult bodies. Most lack moral discipline and self-control. As long as Americans have cheap gas and credit cards, they're happy. They can't handle the truth and run from it like the plague. Our God-given, constitutional rights are being sold out for worldly desires that never fulfill. The distractions and preoccupations are endless, the latest flat screen TV, I want a purple cell phone instead of a blue one, the latest fashions, the latest car, sex and political scandals, or that farm land with the oversized house we paid too much for. We all know the All-Star wrestling type of news that we are fed is to keep us in line or to distract us. You can run but you can't hide. We must get active now. COME ALIVE AMERICA. COME ALIVE. We are in great danger and you know it. Stop distracting yourselves with your convenient excuses like I'm too busy. You're too busy paying taxes. You're too busy paying for the concentration camp you will someday be in or the bullet they won't hesitate to use to end your life. I want our country back. You know the one that we pretend exists every day. The one we lie about to our children, letting them think they are living in a free country, when in reality they are slaves to the system. If you think you are free right now in America you are fooling yourself.

Real human beings don't stand by and let others suffer. They don't wait for someone or some government agency to save them from their responsibilities. YOU MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY YOURSELF. It's my opinion there are too many cowards standing around watching everyone else get crucified.

Please, do something that will give you respect for yourself. Do something. Don't talk anymore. Do

something. Yes, the one in the mirror. You know what needs to be done. Do it. Do it now. The outcome of the planet depends on you. Yes, little ole you. You're the one that can save the world. Stop making excuses and do it. Do it now.

The answer comes from your heart. Slow down, and listen, and then, speed up and take the right action.



P.S.-We need some help getting Aaron Russo's film, "America: Freedom To Fascism" out to the masses. You can get 100 DVD's for \$50. The truth has never been so cheap and easy to spread. Time is money and we have neither. Get involved now. Do something. Do something now. To order DVD's contact: Chique at (262) 619-0408, or <u>chq247@sbcglobal.net</u> or get information regarding the DVD's on the AFTF-Wisconsin, Weekly Conference Call, every Tuesday, Conference Number 1-702-851-4044 Push 2 then code,162694 and # key.

### LPWI 2007 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION Saturday April 21st at the Tee Pee Supper Club & Banquet Facility, Tomah, WI

#### Package Program:

• Package includes all speakers and lunch buffet - only \$30

#### Potential Speaker Topic Highlights:

0 Redick—Bush Administration Foreign Policy

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- o Gordon-LP National Communications Strategy
- o Meyers—Belleport Institure: a new, WI, free-market think tank
- o Lasee—WI Legislation Update: what is realistic and what is not
- o Schneider-WI Homeland Security Readiness & Privacy

O Maltsev—Russia: Then and now, from the view of a former economic advisor to Prime Minister Gorbachev who later defected to the US.

#### *How to register – three options:*

- ⇒ Registration with check payable to Libertarian Party of Wisconsin <u>must be mailed by April 10th</u> to:
  - Julie Fox, 8976 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Kenosha, WI 53142.

#### Tentative Convention Schedule:

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#### 8 am: Registration opens

9:00 am to noon: business meeting (ExCom)

12:00: lunch with guest speaker

1 pm to 5 pm: a variety of speakers expected to include:

- Past Chair Dave Redick
- LP Nat. Pol Dir. Stephen Gordon
- Belleport Inst.—George Meyers
- Rep. WI State Rep—Frank Lasee
- Dem. WI State Rep—Marlin Schneider
- Economics Advisor—Yuri Maltsev

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