

Clark promotes beliefs in house race

BY GREG KOWALSKI

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Henry Clark wants to bring a new type of law to the United States: Natural Law.

Clark, 47, is the latest and least known of the candidates seeking election to the 11th District U.S. House congressional race.

He is facing Democrat Walter Briggs, Republican Joe Knollenberg and Libertarian Party candidate Brian Wright.

Even Clark concedes his chances of winning are slim. His party was formed less than six months ago, and he hasn't done any campaigning.

Planting seed

But he said, this is the time to plant the seeds for the party, which is against the "politics as usual" represented by the traditional parties.

"The founding fathers basically believed in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," said Clark. That statement, included in the Constitution, sums up the philosophy of the Natural Law Party.

It sounds vague, but the party does have specific goals in such areas as the national deficit, health care, education, abortion and education.

Clark said the party was founded to be flexible. "We're trying to put together a government that is open to solutions."



Henry Clark

That includes scientifically based solutions, such as preventive health care measures to cut government spending.

"Mainline parties are bogged down by special interests. All they can come up with is little tweaks here and there. We need a change," he said.

Path outlined

What kind of solutions? Here is part of the Natural Law Party's platform:

"Our government without the federal deficit: The party says it has 'time-tested' solutions that will save America more than \$1.2 trillion a year. The sav-

ings will be realized by cutting government waste, energy conservation, increased cooperation among governments to reduce defense spending, revamping of the criminal justice system with an emphasis on rehabilitation and increased education to produce a more competent work force.

Abortion: The party encourages education, not new laws to limit abortions. "Legislation isn't going to help. We need education," said Clark.

Health care costs: The government should promote preventive medicine, including nutrition, exercise, and occupational and home safety.

Education: The Head Start program for youngsters should be fully funded by the government.

Government loans should be provided to students who want to go to college. Parents should get tax incentives to keep their children in school until age 21.

Clark optimistic

Clark is a graduate of the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Design.

An architectural and design consultant, he is a Birmingham resident. He is a partner in the Traverse Bay Group real estate development firm in Traverse City, Mich.

He and his wife, Fran, are expecting a child in February.

Clark said Oakland County is one of the strongest Republican districts in the state, but added the Natural Law Party's philosophy appeals to many area voters.

"The Republicans don't have any solutions. The only way to stimulate the economy is to cut spending and reduce taxes," he said.

"Over half (the voters) aren't decided (about who they will vote for)," he said.

Clark said the party was founded because of the "stagnation" of the traditional parties. "Right now the size of government grows by the number of problems," he said.

But so far the party's biggest problem is getting recognition. Most voters don't know much about it. Funding also is scarce, although the party has qualified for \$200,000 in national federal campaign matching funds.

Clark admits he has not done any campaigning yet and has entered the race so close to the election that this race probably will just amount to an introduction to the Natural Law Party. But Clark said he and his party want to be serious contenders.

"The people I've talked to are really interested. If we don't change things now, the Republicans and Democrats are going to be the underdogs," he said.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM (BILL) C. MCINTYRE
Mr. McIntyre, 62, of Detroit died Oct. 15.

Born in Detroit, Mr. McIntyre was a salesman. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Leona; stepdaughter, Beverly Shumie of Farmington Hills; sister, Jewell Cooke; brother, Herman; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 19 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Herbert Nee of Galleon Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

JAY YOO SCHOFIELD

Mr. Schofield, 27, died Oct. 16. Born in Korea, he worked at Bob Saks Auto Dealership.

Survivors include his parents, William and Arlene Schofield; sisters, Deborah and Karen.

Private services were held. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home.

EUGENE M. ROED

Mr. Roed, 60, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 18 in Hotsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Roed was a diemaker in the automotive industry.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia; sons, Mark and Daniel; daughter, Kimberly; brother, Harold; three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. E. David Spencer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating.

THOMAS FELIX MCGRAW

Mr. McGraw, 84, of Farmington died Oct. 17 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Tweed, Ontario, Canada, Mr. McGraw was retired from the National Bank of Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie; four sisters and one brother.

Services were Oct. 20 at Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville, Ontario, with the Rev. Leslie Harding officiating. Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery.

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