State races: Romney's in; Hamilton's out

fall."
Hamilton, a middle munagement executive with Chrysler, said he's too much of a 'rookie Republican' to support Romney just yet. "But I'm reading about him, and he looks very good." I've only been a Republican for about 24 hours, but I already know Romney has very good amme recognition.

Romney hopes to get the party nomination at the GOP state convention Aug. 28 and 29, and then go on to defeat the Democratic candidate in the Nov. 3 election.

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Incumbent Frank J. Kelley — who was attorney general when George Romney was governor — hasn't announced his intentions.

He is scheduled to make an announcement next month. "But I'm pretty confident I can beat Scott Romney," he said Wednesday.

"But I'm pretty confident I can beat Scott Rommey," he said Wednesday. Rommey, 56, took a jab at Kelley, 73, during his press conference, saying he had been around too long and was no longer effective. At his press conference. He said he would "re-energize" the attorney general's office and, among other things, be tough on organized crime.

Although Romney has the backing of Engler, he could still face a tough battle gotting the GOP nomination. Other Republican hopefuls are John Smietanka, a former county prosecutor and U.S. attorney — who ran

against Kelley in 1994 — and State Rep. Frank Fitzgerald. Some Oakland County Repub-licans are lining up behind Rom-ney. "He's got my support," said State Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. But others have committed to somebody else, mostly Smietanka — who has strong support in western Michi-

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So far, county executive L.
Brooks Patterson hasn't publicly
stated a preference.
Patterson could presumably
offer some advice to the Republican candidate. He ran against
Kelley in 1982. Although he carried Oakland County, Patterson
lost to Kelley by more than
450,000 in the statewide race.

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On the cover: The phot on the cover of this year's Oakland County Directory was pro-vided through the Eccentric Newspapers.

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When the Oakland County International Airport was dedicated in July, The Eccentric Newspapers were there, chronicling the expansion and improvements designed to service corporate

"That picture captured the essence of the Oakland County International Airport," said G. William Cadport," said G. William Cad-dell, the county's deputy

The picture so captured the spirit and beauty of the expanded airport that it now

graces the cover of the 1998 Oakland County Directory that came out last week. More than 30,000 of the directories serve as a guide

directories serve as a guidate county gover ment as well as a l'ating of citier, townshipe and villages. There was one oversight, however. The directory does not credit The Eccentric Newspapers.

"I am a firm believer in giving credit where credit is due," Caddell said. This did not happen (this time), and I regret the unfortunate oversight."

Libertarians busily fill their county slate

Libertarians once again are bidding for major party status in Michigan with a full slate of education and Supreme Court candidates.

"We're for the politically homeliess. The Democrats and Republicans have altenated enough people to the point they (people) don't know where to go anymore, said. John Ward, a real estate man who's finance manager for Diane Barnes, the party's State Board of Education nominee.

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nominee.

This year Libertarians have nominated 93 candidates and have high hopes that one or more of their statewide candidates will draw 5 percent of the

That would assure the party a spot on the August primary ballot in the year 2006. Libertarians wouldn't have to pick their entire slate at a state convention as they did April 4-5 in East Lansing.

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They came close to 5 percent in 1994, when Jon Coon was their progun U.S. Senate candidate. Coon is back this year as the second State Board of Education candidate.

tion candidate.
They came close again in 1996 when Barnes, an Eastpointe mother and supporter of home schooling, was a State Board of Education nominee. She shocked Education nominee. She shocked public school supporters at a Livonia cable TV show when she said, "We should lower the tax burden. We should not have to support public schools with tax dollars. Government has too much control."

much control."
They fielded two experienced candidates for the state Supreme Court (though they will run on a nonpartisan ballot): Jerry J. Kaufman, an Oakland County attorney who finished ahead of a major party candidate 10 years ago, and David Ranflaub, Ann Arbor attorney and perennial Libertarian candidate.

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Ward, vice chair of Oakland County Libertarians, said the party is making contacts with members of Ross Pero's Reform Party. "There's cross-polliniza-tion going on. We're finding we have 76 to 80 percent (of views) in common." Ward said during an April 23 meeting in East Side Mario's restaurant in Southfield. "We're ver similar and have

Mario's restaurant in Southfield
"We're very similar and have
an overlapping philosophy,"
agreed Lou Pagnucco, a Reform
Party member though not a
spokesman for the group. "We're
worried about individual rights
and gutting of the constitution.
We're having some discussion so
as not to step on each other's
toes."

Building for 2000

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No one has any dream of actually winning, though Lorna Tate, 32, of Troy, is building experience for victory in 2000. "I'm running for state representative in the 41st House District, being vacated by Shirley Johnson, R. Royal Onkl. I want to start getting involved and be ready for next time."

Tate is party secretary, when not raising two children and working in her parents' blueprint business, and puts together the Oakland Libertarian news' letter. That makes her among "the 2 percent that is doing 30 percent of the work that needs to be done," she said in the newsletter.

"I plan to go door-to-door, especially in Clawson," Tate said of her campaign plans. "I'm taking speech courses at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak. Several people have told me I have potential."

Ted up'

Fed up'
She's in her first political activity because she is "fed uptired of seeing all the waste. Any time I voted, it seemed like nothing happened."
Libertarians are against big government. On economics and school policy, they sound like conservative Republicans. On civil rights, they sound like liberal Democrats. "I'm pro-choice on overything!" proclaims one of their bumper stickers.
Here are Libertarian candi-

Here are Libertarian candi-dates for state offices:

State Board of Education -Diane Barnes, Eastpointe, and Jon Coon, Southgate.

University of Michigan regent
– Bill Hall, Rockford, and James
Montgomery, Ann Arbor.

Michigan State University trustee - Barbara Goushaw, Southfield, and Mark Heil, Har-rison Township.

Wayne State University gover-nor - Scotty Boman and Tom Jones, both of Detroit.

Supreme Court justice - Jerry J. Kaufman, Huntington Woods, and David Raaflaub, Ann Arbor.

Here's the area congressional

9th District (held by Dale Kildee, D) - Malcolm Johnson, Lapeer. 11th District (held by Joe Knollenberg, R) - Dick Gach, Bloomfield Hills.

12th District (held by Sander Levin, D) - Al Titran, Troy.

And the legislative lineup:

13th Senate (held by Mike Bouchard R) - Gary Atkinson, Royal Oak.

41st House (held by Shirley Johnson, R) - Lorna Tate, Troy. Onkland County commissioner

15th - Tonya Storey, Royal

22nd - Jeff Hampton, Royal Oak.

Contacts: John Robertson, Oakland County chair, 2481745-6225. Lorna Tate, Oakland County secretary, voice mail 2481740-8411.

Law Day program planned

The Oakland County Bar Association is sponsoring Meet The Lawyer, a program dispensing free one-on-one legal advice, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at 16-12 Mail, Southfield.

For more information on Meet the Lawyer, call Shirley Robert-son, (248) 334-3400.

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