

RALLY BACKS LEGALIZING OF MARIJUANA

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More than 300 people gathered in Woodland Park yesterday at a rally in support of legalizing marijuana.

The 1990 Spring Hemp Tour, sponsored by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is traveling to more than 50 cities. The tour ends May 10 in Iowa City, Iowa.

Organizer Debby Goldsberry of Athens, Georgia, said the drug war wasn't working.

"I don't think people abuse marijuana," Goldsberry said. "People smoke it to relax."

Goldsberry said studies in Jamaica show that "people who smoke marijuana live longer, live in nicer houses and . . . have nicer cars. Marijuana makes you creative. It doesn't harm you."

Aside from its use as a narcotic, members of Goldsberry's group contend, marijuana farming provides pulp for paper and can be used to produce methanol and motor fuel.

Gatewood Galbraith, a Lexington lawyer and 1991 gubernatorial candidate who advocates legalizing marijuana, said the nation has been taken over by people with a "Nazi" point of view about use of the drug.

"They're implementing a police state and a police mentality and a police procedure, and they're putting it under the auspices of a drug war," said Galbraith.

Galbraith proposed placing a \$1,000-a-pound tax on marijuana. He said the tax would generate \$700 million a year in new taxes. He said much of the tax revenue would go toward improving education.

But George Ross, director of Possibilities Unlimited, said marijuana is intoxicating and psychologically addictive.

"Your ability to handle an automobile is impaired by smoking pot," Ross said. "It alters judgement, perception, memory and other aspects of psychological functions."

Ted Godlaski, program administrator of Charter Ridge Hospital, said marijuana users are the hardest patients to treat because their ability to think is impaired.

"People who are regular users of marijuana use bad judgment," Godlaski said. "Studies indicate they have a lower rate of recovery than any other drug user."

- Caption: color Herald-Leader/Janet Worne A crowd of more than 300 attended a rally yesterday in Lexington's Woodland Park to call for legalizing marijuana.

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AN 'OLD HIPPIE'S' UPHILL BATTLE

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FRANKFORT -- Here's Gatewood Galbraith, the man who wants to legalize marijuana in Kentucky, in front of the Governor's Mansion he plans to move into in December 1991.

"Course, we'll have to put down some new carpet," he cracks, grinning around the 50-cent Garcia Vega Grand Premium clamped between his teeth. "No accounting for taste, you know."

More than his controversial stand on marijuana, it's that sly grin, that insinuating, subversive humor, that you remember about this former longhair who became a Lexington lawyer and politician. That and the slight stoop, the loping gait, the booming voice that rises liltily at the ends of certain sentences, as if he's letting you in on some slightly naughty inside joke.

Galbraith confesses, with a twinkle in his eye, that he had an almost uncontrollable desire to add some graffiti to first lady Martha Wilkinson's "Martha's Army" billboards. "I wanted to put peas in her hand and a voice balloon that said, 'Eat Nobel peas for more smarts.' "

If governors were elected on the basis of their skills at stand-up comedy, he'd be a shoo-in. But the fact is that most political pundits take Martha Wilkinson more seriously as a gubernatorial candidate. No way, conventional wisdom has it, can an underfinanced pro-pot candidate be elected governor in conservative Kentucky.

"I don't think his issue is going to be central in the next race or that he can make it the central issue," said University of Kentucky political scientist Malcolm Jewell. "No, I don't think anybody's taking him as a serious contender."

Yet Galbraith is so confident of victory that in a recent interview with the counterculture magazine High Times, he said he'd be "astounded" if he didn't win the 1991 primary.

If that sounds preposterous, Galbraith suggests that you consider this: Wallace Wilkinson and Martha Layne Collins won the Democratic primary with fewer than 225,000 votes. There are an estimated 500,000 marijuana smokers in Kentucky and, since 1967, at least 133,000 of them have been arrested for possession.

If he can get even half of his natural constituents to the polls -- which is the real question -- Galbraith figures he'll waltz into the Governor's Mansion with curlies of marijuana in his hair.

Preposterous? Galbraith loves to tell the story of an elderly woman who shook her finger at him at last year's Fancy Farm political gathering and said, "You'll be elected governor when the Berlin Wall comes down!"

An 'old hippie'

Here's Gatewood Galbraith in his Short Street law office, talking about how he came to be running for governor of Kentucky.

He was born in Carlisle in Nicholas County and moved to Lexington in 1959. He graduated from Lafayette High School in 1965. By 1970, he had become involved in UK campus demonstrations against the war in Vietnam and Cambodia.

He graduated from UK's College of Law in 1977. After four years of running a tractor business, he began a private law practice in 1981.

At 43, Galbraith is recently divorced, has three young daughters and freely confesses to being an unreconstructed "old hippie."

"There's no doubt that I'm an old hippie, and I don't apologize to anybody for that," he says. "Certainly those are the people who came together to stop the slaughter in Vietnam, and I'm proud of that. Compared to 'Republican,' I'll take 'hippie' every time."

Over the years, Galbraith developed a political philosophy that combines free-market conservatism with the an emphasis on civil liberties usually characteristic of the most liberal of liberals.

"I'm the most conservative candidate in this race," he declares. "When I grew up, 'conservative' meant you kept the government in a little box. When you opened up that box and let the government grow exponentially, it got out of control and got too intrusive. What I want to do is put government back in the box."

Galbraith hopes to fashion a new political coalition of people who, in the absence of available candidates who represent their views,

generally don't bother to vote. These self-disenfranchised citizens, increasingly oppressed by what Galbraith calls America's "police state mentality," will rise up to demand that government stay out of choices they consider private and fundamental.

Accordingly, Galbraith is pro-choice on the question of abortion. He opposes laws requiring drivers to wear seat belts or motorcycle helmets. He supports the repeal of laws restricting private sexual behavior between consenting adults.

And at the center of Galbraith's social and economic platform is the legalization of marijuana, also called hemp, which was Kentucky's leading cash crop until 1915. Hemp is used in many countries to make rope, fabric, paper, caulking, medicines and animal feed. Research indicates it can also be used to make plastics and motor oil. But in what Galbraith charges was a conspiracy by petrochemical and pharmaceutical corporations, marijuana was made illegal in 1937.

Galbraith would tax smokable marijuana by \$1,000 a pound, which he estimates would produce \$700 million to use primarily for education. (Depending on its quality, marijuana now sells for between \$150 and \$300 an ounce on the black market.)

Hemp produced for industrial or textile purposes would be taxed much less.

Galbraith said all of this would mean an economic bonanza for Kentucky's troubled farmers.

"People tell me: 'Gatewood, you've got 70 out of Kentucky's 120 counties who have voted themselves dry. How do you expect them to allow marijuana sales?' My response is: 'When alcohol is allowed to come into a county, there may only be 20 or 30 people who make money off of it. But when marijuana comes into the county, everybody is going to make money.' "

But will the public be expected to distinguish between marijuana, which is not physically addictive, and harder drugs, which Galbraith wants to keep illegal?

One person who hopes not is George Ross, director of Possibilities Unlimited, a Lexington drug rehabilitation program. Ross said research indicated that marijuana could be psychologically addictive, could lead to short-term memory loss and other health problems and could be a "gateway" to harder drugs.

"My fear is not of his candidacy but of his message," Ross said. "The fact is that marijuana is an intoxicating drug. As a society, we are spending millions of dollars each year trying to educate the public, particularly young people, not to be involved with cigarettes and alcohol, and now here he comes with this dangerous message."

Galbraith admits that smoking marijuana may harm one's health, but he says it is less dangerous than alcohol or cigarettes. As for marijuana being a "gateway" drug, he said legalizing it would help.

"Right now, the marijuana smoker has to deal with the black market, which can, in turn, provide proximity to harder drugs. By removing the marijuana from the illicit category, you also remove the need to deal with the black market. That's one way we're going to kick cocaine, 'crack' and heroin out of the state of Kentucky."

But even Galbraith's friends, like lawyer and former gubernatorial candidate Terry McBrayer, think Galbraith is fighting an uphill battle.

"I think he's going to have a difficult time convincing the electorate that his cause is now, rather than some later years hence," McBrayer said. "Kentucky will have to become far more liberal than it is presently to accept his position."

But Galbraith points to Wilkinson's 1987 successful pro-lottery platform as evidence that Kentuckians are less stuffy than the pundits think. When Galbraith ran for agriculture commissioner in 1983, he visited only 16 counties and spent only \$8,200, but received more than 43,000 votes.

Campaigning in Winchester last month, Galbraith went from business to business handing out campaign flyers, talking to people on the street. They seemed receptive. No one got angry or refused to listen.

"Hi, I'm Gatewood Galbraith, and I'm running for governor in the May '91 primary," he said to each person. "Among other things, I'd like to see our farmers raise marijuana as a cash crop instead of sending that money to the international crime syndicates in South America and Mexico."

"Now you're talking," a man said.

"If my vote counts," said another, "you can go on and move into the Governor's Mansion."

'He's not some nut'

Here's Gatewood Galbraith in the Fayette County Courthouse, representing a young man who wants custody of his young son. His ex-wife says her former husband is unfit, in part because he admitted to smoking marijuana.

"Your honor," Galbraith says, "Does it carry any weight that I smoke marijuana?"

It doesn't, but Galbraith has made his point. He was unwilling in 1983 to admit that he smoked marijuana. Now he doesn't try to hide it.

"People say, 'How can you be a practicing attorney and smoke marijuana?' My response to that is: 'Hey, if slavery were still legal, I'd be heading the underground railroad. If the Vietnam War were still going on, I'd be out in the streets demonstrating. If segregation were still intact, I'd be sitting at a lunch counter somewhere.'"

Galbraith, one of the busiest lawyers in Fayette County, makes about 30 court appearances a month, often defending clients who have been charged with possessing marijuana. Although they may not agree with his political positions, many of Galbraith's colleagues on the local bar like him personally.

"Contrary to some people's thoughts, Gatewood is not some nut," McBrayer said. "He's outgoing and friendly, and he's motivated and committed and sincere about his ideas."

Galbraith can also be an effective courtroom attorney. A year ago, he successfully argued that client Jeffrey Carter, a 19-year-old who had been accused of arson in the January 1988 burning of Garden Springs Elementary School, was convicted on insufficient evidence. Circuit Judge N. Mitchell Meade overturned the conviction.

But the zenith of Galbraith's legal career, he says, was a recent marijuana-related case in Illinois. The government produced eight witnesses, all convicted felons, who testified that they had delivered shipments of marijuana to Galbraith's client. But investigators never found any physical evidence of marijuana possession in the man's home.

"Look," Galbraith told the jury. "I accuse the prosecutor of smuggling stolen parrots across the Mexican border. I know, because I'm a hot parrot smuggler. All my family are hot parrot smugglers. And they're all coming in under oath tomorrow and testify that this man smuggles hot parrots part time.

"Now how's the prosecutor going to defend himself? He's going to say: 'Hey, you got any parrot feathers? Hey, you got any pictures of me in compromising positions with parrots? You don't? Then all you've got is Galbraith and his family's word about it.' "

The man was acquitted.

'What's hemp?'

Here's Gatewood Galbraith on the campaign trail, first in Frankfort inside the Capitol. Galbraith starts passing out his campaign flyer to a group of environmentalists lobbying for a Senate bill.

"What's hemp?" a middle-aged man studying the flyer wants to know.

"Marijuana," some of his companions say, giggling a little.

The man silently hands the flyer back to the candidate.

Later, Galbraith is in his element: Lexington's Woodland Park, where the 1990 Hemp tour made a stop last month. Galbraith works the crowd of about 300 young people, mostly UK students. Bicycles and book bags litter the ground as psychedelic, '60s-era music blasts from the stage. At a card table in a corner, they register about 300 voters in about three hours.

"I think Gatewood has a chance because I don't think all the people in Kentucky are asleep," says Stephanie DeRossett, a 23-year-old UK student. "I'm glad there's somebody willing to stand up for citizens' rights in this country and not let America be the police state that it is becoming today."

A young man in the crowd yells out, "Gatewood, I wish you were running for president!"

- Caption: color Herald-Leader/Janet Worne Lawyer Gatewood Galbraith, 43, makes about 30 court appearances a month, often to defend clients on marijuana charges. color Galbraith approached cars at an intersection in Winchester while campaigning last month. color "I'm the most conservative candidate in this race," says Galbraith, who hopes to appeal to people who usually don't vote.

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JEWELRY-MAKER GOES PUBLIC AT BENEFIT CRAFT SHOW

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Lonelle Cottrell isn't much for blowing her own horn.

She designs and makes fine jewelry in her finished basement on Idle Hour Drive, where strands of natural beads hang on the wall.

Her pieces, most of which are one of a kind, have been sold at a number of stores in the area, including McAlpin's and Dawahare's. But Cottrell enjoys making jewelry, not selling it.

"My main problem is just getting out there," she said. "The main thing for me is to make something that's better than what I see at stores here, but it's so hard to get it out there."

This weekend, Cottrell will embark on her first craft show, "Handcrafting in Kentucky." Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The show will be at Lexington Center's Heritage Hall. Admission is \$2, with proceeds benefiting Possibilities Unlimited, a drug and alcohol treatment center for teen-agers.

More than 100 exhibitors will be on hand. They include Eitha Myhand, a woodworking artist from Louisville who makes carrouseles, Nativity scenes and other wood pieces. Craft hunters might also watch for Mary and Robin Reed of Irvine, who make baskets of poplar and willow bark as well as other crafts.

Cottrell, 50, became fascinated with jewelry after working for area jewelry stores.

"I just couldn't believe how you could have a plain outfit and the right jewelry makes it a whole different thing," she said.

Soon she was making trips to Atlanta, where she finds many of her jewelry supplies, including natural bone and shell beads and ceramic items, many of them imported from the Philippines and India.

She taught herself the craft, buying jewelry and taking it apart to see how it was made.

She targets professional women and makes conservative pieces that can be worn to work and out at night.

Cottrell makes earrings, bracelets and necklaces, ranging from unusual pieces to traditional. Many are made with basic black outfits in mind.

"I'm so excited about the craft show," Cottrell said, noting that business might be good because Mother's Day is coming. "And plus, it's for a good cause."

- Memo: If you go "Handcrafting in Kentucky." 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Heritage Hall.

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WHERE YOU CAN GET HELP FOR A DRUG PROBLEM IN LEXINGTON

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Here are some Lexington agencies that can provide more information about illegal drugs and help for people with drug problems:
Substance Abuse Treatment Program

Veterans Affairs Medical Center Acute care rehabilitation (including vocational counseling) for eligible male and female veterans with alcohol or substance abuse problems. 281-3938

Bluegrass East Comprehensive Care Center

201 Mechanic Street Individual, family and group counseling; education and prevention programs offered. 24-hour telephone service. 233-0444. Center for Chemical Independence

St. Joseph Hospital In-patient medical detoxification, 21-day alcohol/drug abuse rehabilitation program. 24 hours/seven days. 276-4597. Charles I. Schwartz Chemical Dependency Treatment Program

420 South Broadway Acute care residential treatment for adults with alcohol and drug problems. 255-4268.

Charter Ridge Hospital

3050 Rio Dosa Drive Chemical dependency treatment. Adult and adolescent in-patient program, therapy, aftercare program, evening addictive disease program. 269-2325.

Chrysalis House

East Maxwell Street Long-term residential treatment for recovering chemically dependent women. 254-6264.

Comprehensive Care Detox Program

146 East Third Street Detoxification/referral, counseling. 254-7396. Drug Information Service for Kentucky (DISK) Information about drug and alcohol abuse and how to prevent them. Brochures, referrals for treatment, reading lists, resource guides, newsletters. Toll free, (800) 432-9337.

Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship of recovering addicts, helping other addicts live drug-free lives. Regular meetings. A new telephone number will be available in October.

Possibilities Unlimited Inc.

Old Briar Hill School, 4514 Briar Hill Road Drug rehabilitation and counseling center for young people (12-25 years) and their families. 299-0445.

PRIDE

University of Kentucky Obstetrical Clinic Complete prenatal and postnatal care for mother and child and treatment of mother's chemical dependency. 233-2601.

Project STOP

241 Old Hurst Place Involves random urine testing and intensive treatment for people on probation who have a history of drug abuse and criminal involvement. 255-7742

Teen-Primary Outpatient Program

200 West Second Street Evaluates and provides counseling for adolescents who are using alcohol or other drugs. Appointment necessary. 281-2108.

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TUESDAY IS CITY'S 'TREAT ON TOWN'

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Instead of going door-to-door for Halloween treats, try one of Lexington's shopping areas.

"Treat on the Town" was started by Mayor Scotty Baesler in 1985 as a safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating.

This year's official trick-or-treat night will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday instead of Oct. 31 because Wednesday is normally a "church night," according to the mayor's office.

"Treat on the Town" will be held during the same time. The event is free and open to children age 12 and younger.

Participating locations are:

Civic Center Shops, Eastland Shopping Center, Fayette Mall, French Quarter Square, Gardenside Shopping Center, Lakeview Plaza, Lansdowne Shoppes, Lexington Green, Lexington Mall, Park Hills Shopping Center, Stonewall Shopping Center, Tates Creek Centre, Turfland Mall and Zandale Merchants.

Stores will display a "Treat on the Town" poster and distribute candy.

The event is sponsored by Lexington parks and recreation. Call Diane Bonfert at 255-0835 for information.

Creativity abounds at Scarecrow Fest

The third annual Scarecrow Fest has turned the Civic Center Shops into a giant art gallery.

Among amateur artists and groups who have entered their scary creations are Possibilities Unlimited, Brownie troop No. 72 and elementary school art classes from Johnson (fifth grade) and Julia R. Ewan.

If you happen to be participating in "Treat on the Town," stay around to help pick the best scarecrow. This event was changed to coincide with Lexington's official Halloween observance. . The public may vote until 8 p.m., when winners will be announced.

Prizes will be awarded for "Favorite Traditional Scarecrow" and "Most Extraordinary Contemporary Scarecrow."

Grand prize for the "Best of Show" scarecrow is a \$500 shopping spree from Artique, co-sponsors of the event.

The scarecrows, which have been on display since last week, will remain until Nov. 3.

Here is a grab-bag of other Halloween treats in the area:

Come bug-eyed to UK

The University of Kentucky Entomology Club and entomology department are planning an "Insect Horror Movie Night" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Student Center's Worsham Theater.

"It's just going to be a good fine time . . . Insects and Halloween just seem to go together," said event organizer Debbie Campero.

Campero, who will graduate in December with a master's degree in entomology, will come as a bumblebee. She encourages people to dress as their favorite bug.

The public is invited to a free showing of the 1958 Vincent Price movie *The Fly*, with free popcorn and a pumpkin raffle. The entomology faculty will be available to answer insect questions.

The best place to park is the Student Center parking lot off the Avenue of Champions.

Homespun Yarnspinners Storytelling Festival

The Lexington parks and recreation department and Rec-Creations will sponsor the Homespun Yarnspinners Storytelling Festival

Saturday and Sunday at Castle-wood Park and Loudon House.

Featured will be national and local storytellers such as Don Boklage, Mary Kane and Tandra White-Jennings. Children's ghost stories will be told at 6:30 p.m. Saturday followed by an 8 p.m. "Howl at the Moon Contest" and a "Haunted Barn Dance" at 11:30

Sunday features more stories and activities for children including pumpkin carving, mask making, scarecrow dollmaking and pottery beginning at 2 p.m..

The event is free and open to all ages. For information, call Kelley Samons at 255-0835.

Frankfort's Great Pumpkin Festival

The Great Pumpkin is coming to Frankfort this weekend.

Adult ghost stories will kick off the festival at 7 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Ascension, Washington Street at Broadway. Jeanetta Traylor, of Madisonville, who has participated in Louisville's Corn Island Story Telling Festival, will tell the stories.

Saturday highlights include crafts, food, fortune-telling, hayrides, a haunted house and the Black Cat Chase 5-kilometer race.

For information, call Cathy Noel of the sponsoring Downtown Frankfort Inc. at (502) 223-2261.

- **Caption:** Herald-Leader/Janet Worne Debbie Campero dresses as a bee for "Insect Horror Movie Night" at UK.

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