

THE LIBERTY AGENDA

JULY/AUGUST

News & Upcoming Events of

1992

The Libertarian Party of West Michigan

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO VISIT GRAND RAPIDS ON AUGUST 10

Libertarian Party presidential candidate Andre Marrou will be visiting Grand Rapids on August 10 on a swing through Michigan in mid-August. Local activists are making arrangements for an evening conference for which details are still being arranged. Stay tuned for time and place.

PEROT & "PLAIN TEXAS TALK"

Still undeclared presidential candidate Henry Ross Perot finally declares that he will not become a declared presidential candidate, but for all those supporters he has declared that he will still be an undeclared candidate. We do declare, Perot's candidacy has been nothing but a "say nothing, do nothing" fiasco, where nothing has been declared except a non-declaration of, basically, everything. Voters must have been desperate to support a candidate who had no principles, no convictions, no platforms, and wouldn't answer any questions.

Supporters of Perot's candidacy have said they are fed up with what the two older parties have been and are doing (or not doing). We think Andre Marrou is well equipped -- with principles, convictions, a platform, plans, answers, and vision -- to give Perot's former supporters what they wanted in the first place: LESS GOVERNMENT - less spending, less taxation, less interference. Libertarians have always advocated cutting of government waste and cutting of government taxation.

LP BOOTH AT IONIA COUNTY FREE FAIR STARTING IN LATE JULY

!!! NEED VOLUNTEERS !!!

!!! YES - YOU !!!

The LP of Michigan and the LPWM are sponsoring a booth at the Ionia County Free Fair, which runs from Friday, July 31, through Sunday, August 9, from noon to 10 p.m. each day. We have begun to fill slots for manning the booth at the Ionia County Free Fair. Currently, we have a great need for volunteers for the evening slots (5 p.m.

to 10 p.m.). Yes, we said "great need!" This is the type of "grass roots" work that real political activity involves. Your support for the growth of the LP can be demonstrated by giving your time (and money where funds permit) to such activities as this. Please call us at (616) 456-5585 and arrange a suitable time for your turn at supervising the booth.

What does supervising the booth involve? We're calling it an "Operation Politically Homeless" survey (with such trappings as "Enough Is Enough!"). The primary function is to help people fill out the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" and plot their results on a gigantic two-dimensional chart showing the four quadrants "Libertarian," "Liberal," "Conservative," and "Authoritarian." In addition, for people who may be inclined toward libertarianism, the booth supervisor will help them fill out an inquiry list and offer them literature that will be on hand at the booth.

LPWM PICNIC IN SEPTEMBER

The Libertarian Party of West Michigan will be having a fun non-businesslike get-together picnic on Saturday, September 12. Dick Jacobs, founder of the Taxpayers Association of Michigan, will be speaking about the Term Limitation initiative which is on the ballot for November. Dick was the author of the original wording of the initiative and gathered the support to get it off the ground. Dick, of course, is Libertarian candidate for the new 2nd congressional district (against Guy VanderJagt), and is respected as being one of the most active and successful Libertarians in the country. Again (hate to keep up the suspense, but), final details regarding location are being worked out by the Picnic Committee headed up by Erwin Haas.

STATE HOUSE CANDIDATE JIM PRUITT RUNNING ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

LPWM member Jim Pruitt is running for State House of Representatives in the 74th district (against incumbent Ken Sikkema). Jim is planning an active campaign for the fall, including precinct walking in October. Jim wants to "put the people back in charge!" Campaign volunteers should call Jim at 791-4572.

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RADIO TALK SHOW "FREE & CLEAR" IS ON THE AIR

"Free & Clear," a radio talk show with caller participation, began broadcasting on WBYW 89.9 FM last month. You can tune in every Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. On "Free & Clear," local LPWM activists Sharon & Todd Greene host discussion of current events and issues and invite listeners to call and contribute to the discussion.

LPWM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The LPWM Executive Committee conducts a business meeting every 2nd Saturday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All interested individuals are welcome and invited to attend and provide ideas and opinions (and, hey, maybe even some volunteer time to head up a committee to conduct your project for the greater LPWM cause).

***** IMPORTANT *** YOUR DONATION FOR THE LPWM**

Yes, here it is: our up-front request for your donation to the LPWM. The current status of our account is about \$96. Upcoming expenses: \$60 is specifically earmarked for the booth at the Ionia County Free Fair. That leaves only \$36 for, guess what: producing and mailing this newsletter, purchasing literature for inquiry packets (and for use at such events as for our booth at the Ionia County Free Fair), renting a conference room for Andre Marrou's visit to Grand Rapids, reserving a space for our September picnic. As you can see, \$36 isn't going to hack it. Your financial support for the LPWM is, as always, necessary and appreciated (and put to good use).

Send us your donation of \$100, \$50, or \$25 to support the growth of the LPWM. Stick it in the mail right now. We depend on you to continue to grow. (IRS required notice: Your donation is not tax deductible.)

BUMPER STICKERS, BUTTONS, & YARD SIGNS FOR SALE

The LPWM now has "Enough Is Enough!" bumper stickers, buttons, and yard signs for sale ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Call 456-5585 and order yours today.

HOME SCHOOLER SPEAKS OUT IN HOLLAND

The following letter written by libertarian home schooler Mike Aernouts was printed in the Holland Sentinel on July 2nd:

Editor,

President Bush has stated that he would be the "education president." Along with Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, he has come up with a plan that I think is worth getting excited about.

The "G.I. Bill for children" would create free-market-style competition among schools. A \$1,000 voucher could be used at any school to pay for education. That's right, any school: public, private, or parochial.

Opponents of parental choice say they fear the quality of education in this country would go down if the government no longer provided it. Nonsense. Private school pupils consistently score higher than their public school counterpart, and have been for years.

Some say that if parents are able to choose which school their children attend, enrollment in public schools would greatly decline. Others say, public schools may even have to close entirely for lack of sufficient enrollment! Probably not, but free-market-style competition would economically force public schools to either compete or fall by the wayside.

As for the argument over separation of church and state, the truth is, there is no conflict. The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States merely prohibits the government from either promoting or restricting religion. The government's only function should be to protect the rights of its citizenry. It should not be in the business of teaching. Furthermore, as long as the voucher equals or is less than the amount normally spent anyway, there is no conflict. No increase in tax dollars would occur, and there would be freedom of choice!

Parents should have the right to choose the school their tax dollars go to. Parental choice is a realistic solution to the problems facing the educational system in America today.

For more information, contact TEACH (Toward Educational Accountability and Choice) P.O. Box 39175, Detroit, MI 48239, or call (313) 533-8080.

Mike Aernouts - Holland

50/50 YARD SALE

Fri & Sat., August 7th & 8th, we will hold a yard sale at **1513 Alpine NW**, (a well travelled thoroughfare) from **10 a.m. until dusk**. The items for sale will come from you, and half of the money will also go to you. The other half will fortify the LPWM Treasury for party activities. Please call Mike @ 456-5585 or 459-8913 for details and to donate items. We will pick up what we can, if we can.

Get rid of some of your no longer needed items, and make some money while helping promote the libertarian message!

To donate, or help, call: 456.5585 or 459.8913