



# MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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NEWSLETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

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## LPM MAY STILL HAVE BALLOT STATUS

The Libertarian Party of Michigan may not have lost ballot status after all. A call from Chair Keith Edwards to the State Election Bureau confirmed an earlier report via Richard Winger, ballot status expert, that a 1949 Attorney General opinion ruled that the "top of the ballot" requirement for retaining ballot status applies to state office candidates, not federal offices. By this reasoning, our State Board of Education candidate, Mary Ruwart, held our status by getting over 94,000 votes, well above the 18,000 required. Presidential candidate Andre Marrou finished just over 10,000.

The Bureau informed Edwards that it is now checking to see that no subsequent legislation or ruling has intervened to cancel the 1949 ruling. The Bureau expects to notify all minor parties of the outcome by the end of March. No decision had been announced by press time.

If continued, this ruling would render unnecessary any petition drive or lawsuit, both of which are planned, saving the Party substantial money. We may still proceed to seek additional relief by legislation.

The petition drive is scheduled to begin May 1 at the State Convention in Grand Rapids. It is hoped that the decision will be made in time to avoid needless preparation.

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Government is no longer our Protector It is merely our official extortionist.

## POLITICS AND PROTESTS

The purpose of the Libertarian Party is to defend and regain freedom by political activity, which consists in persuading others and by electing libertarians to public office. Above all, we want others to become libertarians in thought and action. To do this, we must gain the respect of the voter by acting in a mature, respectable manner.

Many libertarians have extended their activities to that of public protest rallies. It is thought that getting public attention via TV news coverage will get our message out. In particular, some libertarians have held protests at post offices on tax day for over a decade. In most cases, TV camera crews or their producers have ignored those demonstrations.

During the demonstration at the Royal Oak post office on April 16, 1990, an incendiary letter-bomb placed in the mail ignited causing very minor injury and property damage. The P.O. immediately targeted its investigation on the most visible group. the libertarians, apparently to the exclusion of anyone else, including their own employee, Tom McIlvain, who shot up the place a year or so later, but was already known to be violent. Over a dozen libertarians were questioned, followed, wire-tapped and threatened. The result was an indictment against two former LPM members, one of whom, Peter Hendrickson, pleaded guilty to other charges to save the other, Doreen Wright from prison. He is still serving time.

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**WELCOME TO THE PARTY**

Among those who have joined the LPM lately are:

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Thanks for joining the LPM and our battle for Liberty. If you would like to attend local meetings, check the Directory for your local coordinator. If there is none in your area, call Karen Scarborough and volunteer to start a group. She will guide you through the process.

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We promise according to our hopes, and perform according to our fears.

Maxims of LaRochefoucauld

**POLITICS AND PLEDGES**

The Royal Oak letter-bombing in 1990 was unfortunate for many reasons. Such incidents should never happen in any society, least of all in one with as many elements of liberty remaining as in ours. No one at the scene was responsible for the tax laws of the United States, so all were innocent bystanders. The presence of libertarians at the scene brought some undeserved and unwelcome publicity and misery to our people. The incident provides another reason for not dropping the non-initiation pledge.

The Libertarian Party requires that all who join sign the statement "I certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals." Some people misunderstand the word initiation, which does not preclude self-defense or, in extreme cases, revolution, but it does preclude starting the use of force against anyone. Perhaps the Royal Oak bomber thought he/she was retaliating against a violent government (which it is, eleven wars in 215 years!), but used violence against postal workers and customers who were peaceful innocents, clearly an initiation of force. Even if we view taxation as force, which we do, there are many peaceful ways to resist.

In the issue of the initiation of force, libertarians are Gandhis, not Trotskys. When we sign the "pledge" we affirm this to the entire world.

The pledge is not only our defense, it is our statement of identity. We are not libertarians without it. For this reason, we must vigorously oppose the dropping of the pledge as proposed by the Atlanta group and endorsed by a misguided majority of the NATCOM.

Keith Edwards

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Evil means, even when used for a good purpose, produce evil results.

Mohandas K. Gandhi

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\* Call after May 31

Excellent progress! Thanks to all of you.

## POLITICS AND PROTESTS (Continued)

On March 4, 1993, Karen and Scott Scarborough were arrested and indicted for perjury in the case. Karen is Vice Chair of the LPM and Scott is on the Judiciary Committee. Both are highly regarded in the Party and have done a lot of work. They are considered to be very peaceful people. They do face possible financial ruin in defending themselves and do not intend to cop a plea for something they did not do. Those who wish to contribute to their defense fund may send a check payable to Charles H. Hahn, P.C., 26261 Evergreen, Southfield, MI 48076. Make a note on the check that it is for the Scarborough Defense Fund.

It can be said that the quality of the postal service investigation is much like that of its mail delivery, slow and misdirected, but there are other issues. One is covered separately in this issue.

To be effective at educating and electing, we must be taken seriously, but tax protests are not regarded by the public as serious, but as silly and immature. In addition, such events leave us open to provocation, violence and being set up by the federales about whom suspicion lingers in the Royal Oak case.

Protests have become popular since Gandhi achieved so much in South Africa and India, but those rallies were necessary because the people had no rights and no political remedy. Despite the efforts of the United States Government, we are not in that position yet. It may be coming, but there is still plenty of time to regain our liberties by political means. Most protest rallies do not achieve their goals, do not help our image and can be dangerous.

However frustrating political organizing can be, it is better to aim at education and electoral efforts than parading. It is time to come of age.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ENGLER FOR GOVERNOR?

I have a proposal for the Party which I would like to present for debate in preparing for the '94 elections. If we are ever to become an effective political party, we will need strong local party organization. It follows that we are going to have to win some local elections. A strong and effective party will be built beginning in the foothills before any claim to the summit can be made in the future. My proposal is to claim the foothills in '94 so as to have a base from which we may climb the summit.

Sometimes in an election it is better not to run a candidate than to contest a certain office. This is normally done by the major parties in an area where they may be particularly weak and they feel it would be just a waste of resources. My proposal is this: endorse Governor Engler in the 1994 gubernatorial race. In all likelihood the governor will be facing another close election. The socialist candidate probably will not be much of a draw in the face of a coherent Democratic Party, consequently making our endorsement valuable to the governor. With any kind of decent campaign, I believe we could make or break the governor in a close election. Let's see what our support is worth to him.

The only significant disadvantage of not fielding a candidate for governor is the perception this creates for some people, namely, some may feel a party that does not field a candidate for governor is a weak party. However, a public campaign for Gov. Engler on the part of the state and local parties would help to counteract this effect. Besides, let's not kid ourselves, we are a weak party.

This brings me to the real advantage of not running our own candidate. As I contemplate the best strategy in forming a local organization with viable candidates at all office levels, the time and resources which a Libertarian gubernatorial candidate would be a burden and a waste. The state party's

resources would be much better served in support of candidates at the local and targeted state legislative levels.

I have reached this conclusion independent of consideration of any benefit which may be derived directly from Gov. Engler in exchange for our endorsement. Perhaps he could be persuaded to loosen ballot-access laws or some other desirable goal. Engler has not been the best kind of governor we could imagine, but he has at least nudged Michigan in the right direction economically and we could do a lot worse were the governor to be a Democrat. Libertarians will never be able to do anything if we do not start building effective local organizations and winning lower level elections.

Bradley H. Karnafel

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 EDITORIAL RESPONSE

Bradley Karnafel has raised some valid points. Local organization is vital and we have made real strides in this direction in the last nine months. The idea of not running candidates against good people in other parties has been suggested before, i.e., Margaret O'Connor. We should not run anyone against Greg Kaza, incumbent Libertarian Republican in the 42nd House race. Greg has already agreed to help us loosen ballot access laws by legislation.

Furthermore, running a candidate for Governor in '94 could cost us ballot status and we have no such popular candidate.

However, any good will Engler gained by his early spending cuts has disappeared with his "sin" taxes (one man's sin is another's stress reliever) and he is now pushing a radical-fascist bill to impose no-knock raids, permit more wire-tapping and other measures to delight the Himmlers of this state. Good-bye Fourth and Fifth Amendments! If Engler would move to legalize marijuana and scrap his vicious attack on personal liberties, he might merit our support, but he won't and we will not endorse him.

**BOOKS IN REVIEW**

The decade of the 1930's was one of the worst in recorded history. The consolidation of power and mass murder by Stalin, the rise of Hitler, the world-wide depression, Mussolini, Japan's march through Asia and Franklin Roosevelt's New Fascism threatened the very existence of freedom and individualism and culminated in World War II.

All was not lost. In the 1940's a small number of individuals began to reverse the intellectual trend of collectivism that had made these evils possible. Such economists as Henry Hazlitt and Ludwig von Mises were preparing writings that would revive the concept of economic freedom.

In 1943 three remarkable books by women appeared, The God of the Machine by Isabel Paterson, The Discovery of Freedom by Rose Wilder Lane and The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand. All three extolled the virtues of freedom. Paterson had a chapter called "The Humanitarian With the Guillotine" and Lane's subtitle was "Man's Struggle Against Authority". Both books were non-fiction appeals for individualism. Paterson's book is relatively unknown today although some conservatives still read it. Lane's book was revived during the rise of the libertarian movement in the 1970's, but remains unknown to the general public. Both deserve attention today.

The Fountainhead was quite different. It started slowly, hampered by vitriolic reviews (one exception was a "rave" by columnist Paterson) but grew slowly by word-of-mouth recommendation. The making of the movie in 1949 stimulated sales of the book which was not easy to find. After seeing the film in its first run, this reviewer spent several weeks in frantic search before finding a copy - in an office supply store!

It is little wonder that The Fountainhead far surpassed the other two. It was fic-

tion with all the elements of a classic; heroic theme of the individual vs the collective, a perfectly integrated plot with revealing flashbacks, incisive characterization and intelligent dialogue. Few novels have more unforgettable characters as Keating, Toohey, Wynand, Dominique and Roark, contrasting the mediocre, the evil, the misguided, the cynical and the creative. The courtroom speech at the climax is one of the most memorable in fiction.

Above all, The Fountainhead appeals to the individualist. All human thought is individual because it is the result of a combination of experiences that is unique to each person. Therefore all values and motivation is individual. It should come as no surprise that Rand always leads in polls asking libertarians which author was the most influential for them.

It is exactly 50 years since the publication of these three books. Indeed, we can date the start of the modern libertarian movement as 1943. Each book had its impact and are well worth reading, but Rand's novels continue to sell at a rate of 100,000 copies a year and are the genesis of the rational defense of individualism.

Keith Edwards

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3. Protected logs
5. Detroit's Newsradio 95
8. Boise's state
10. Duck part
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Chi Minh
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic
14. Providence's state
15. Let no man \_\_\_\_\_
18. Former National LP Vice Chair
20. Mayor attacked by bees
22. Dover is capital of this
23. Former Rock & Roll group
24. Blood factor
25. Storms
28. \_\_\_\_\_ it really over?
29. NYC nine
31. Military branch
32. Davenport's state
33. \_\_\_\_\_ of hope
34. How the U.S. got the Statue of Liberty
36. Second Amendment group
39. Internal picture taken externally
41. Toledo glass company
42. Tobacco lobby Senator
45. \_\_\_\_\_ Arbor
46. Female sheep
47. Mr. Cooper
49. Pertaining to the mouth
50. Prominent resident of 11 Down
54. LP's 1972 VP candidate (init.)
56. Jim Morrison was one
57. Same as 28 Across
58. New vegetable in '92
61. Reveler
64. Under
65. How radios and vehicles should be
66. Drug danger
68. Ranked
70. Radio network
71. Two-thirds of distress signal
72. Paterson's state
73. Goof

DOWN

1. Some playing cards
2. LP-friendly institute
3. Economic oppression in Uby
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa
5. Skin problem
6. Cheyenne's state
7. Fishing governor
8. 43 Down's major campaign issue
9. Undo (prefix)
10. Gas station chain
11. Michigan's largest zoo
13. Wire \_\_\_\_\_
16. Where flushed water goes
17. Wildlife regulators
19. Chicken product
21. \_\_\_\_\_ Major
22. Prince Charles' ex
26. French landmark
27. Neighbor of Fri.
30. City in NY or Sicily
31. We objectively
34. Ms. Rand
35. 32 Across in full
36. Dixville Notch is here
37. Do again (prefix)
38. Selma's state
40. Rejuvenated
43. LP's '92 Pres. candidate
44. Cunning
48. Some flowers
49. Lapeer County lake
50. Type of fish
51. Part of the heart
52. Neighbor to Taylor (Init.)
53. What crooks do
55. Opposite of S.W.
56. 604 in Naples
59. \_\_\_\_\_ Mode
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62. Barcelona one
63. Dr. Paul of '88
67. LPM'S '88 US Senate candidate (init.)
69. Nancy Lord's title

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**POLICY ON OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

All meetings of the Executive Committee and the Libertarian Advisory Council will start at the scheduled time.

Under the By-Laws, the Council is the legislative body of the LPM between annual Conventions. It requires an attendance of 30% of the membership for a quorum. This includes proxies. If there is no quorum at the scheduled starting time, the meeting will not be held. Instead, a meeting of the Executive Committee will begin right away so that business can be conducted.

All LPM members can vote at the Council meetings, but only the members of the Executive Committee can vote at Committee meetings. It is important that members show up on time for Council meetings.

At the Annual Convention, all members who register and attend may vote. There are no proxies. First-time members of the LPM must have been a member at least 30 days prior to the Convention in order to vote.

**CALENDAR**

Everyday: Spread the word.

Second Tuesday of each month: LP of Mid-Michigan meets at 6:00 at Sneeker's Restaurant in Lansing. Call Jon Addiss.

Third Wednesday of month: Oakland Co. Libertarians meet at 6:00 at Red Lobster 101 W. 10 Mile, Madison Heights.

Every Thursday: Washtenaw Libertarians meet at 6:30 at Dominic's Restaurant in Ann Arbor. Call James Hudler.

April 30-May 2, 1993: LPM State Convention in Grand Rapids, at Days Inn.

August 31-September 5, 1993: National Convention of the Libertarian Party in Salt Lake City. First two days are for candidate training, last four days are the convention proper.

Ann Arbor Libertarian League events. All will be held in the Pond Room at the Michigan Union at 7:30 PM. Including:

April 1, 1993: Legalize Drugs Now by James Hudler and David Raaflaub.

April 8, 1993: Property Rights and the Constitution by Dr. Alfredo Esposto, economics professor at Eastern Mich. U.

July 25-31, 1993: International Society for Individual Liberty - Annual Conference in Tallinn, Estonia. Includes a tour of "Ayn Rand's St. Petersburg". Contact ISIL at 1800 Market St., San Francisco. CA 94102.

LPM Ballot Access Petition Drive will be held May 1-October 27, 1993 if the State Election Bureau rules adversely in the matter referred to on Page 1.

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