



MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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LPM PICNIC SLATED FOR AUG. 8

Enjoy a little friendly competitive volleyball with the folks from United We Stand on August 8 at 1:00 PM. Hot dogs, beer and pop will be available for a nominal fee with any proceeds going to the ballot access drive. Raffles are also planned. Mark it on your calendar and come prepared for some spirited lobbying, spiking and a great time.

Bring the kids! There is a wave pool at the park along with some pretty neat playground equipment. A great way to spend a Sunday!

The picnic will start off with the Libertarian Advisory Council meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, there is a proxy form at the bottom of Page 5.

This event will be held at Waterford Oaks County Park in Waterford. Contact me for directions at (313) 673-2693.

Karen Scarborough

CORRECTION

There was an error in the letter recently mailed to everyone on the Michigan mailing list. It stated that anyone interested in starting a local group should contact Todd Greene. While Todd is involved in developing ideas for group expansion, the correct contact person is Karen Scarborough, our Regional Coordinator. Her phone number is (313) 673-2693. Sorry for the error, but we are growing faster than we can keep up with.

NICK BENNETT LOSES, BUT IMPRESSES IN 65TH

Libertarian candidate Nick Bennett received three percent of the vote cast in the June 29 special election in the 65th District of the State House of Representatives. Nick, an ophthalmologist from Horton, was running in his first try at public office.

The campaign was very well run considering the limited time available as he was able to file only just before the deadline. His election staff is to be congratulated on a very professional approach to the campaign because they too were essentially "rookies" and is evidence of good prospects for future campaigns. The first one is a learning experience, generally.

To attract three percent under such conditions is excellent considering the visibility of the opponents. President of Jackson Community College Clyde LeTarte was the winner for the Republicans over Democrat Janet Rochefort, Jackson County Treasurer, 52%-45%. The victory preserves the 55-55 tie in the House.

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FROM THE CHAIR

As organizations grow and more people take responsibility for the necessary functions, confusion can arise as to who is responsible for what and who is to allocate the available funds. The LPM is enjoying such a period of growth and complexity, so it is time to address these questions.

One reason for publishing the Directory in every issue is to let everyone know who is responsible for each job and who to refer to for information and action. If someone is designated to do a specific job, others who wish to help should check with the person in charge before proceeding. This avoids confusion and duplication.

For example, we have encouraged the formation of local groups as our vehicle of expansion. At present, Karen Scarborough is our Regional Coordinator in charge of advising and assisting local groups on start-up procedures, etc. Anyone who wants to help this effort should clear with her.

Our funds are not unlimited. We cannot do everything we would like to do, certainly not all at once, and must allocate our spending carefully. Therefore, unless the Executive Committee has specifically authorized a member to spend or commit an amount of money for a project, NO ONE IS AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR ANY PURPOSE WITHOUT APPROVAL BY THE CHAIR, OR BY THE TREASURER IF THE CHAIR HAS GIVEN THE LATTER THE GO-AHEAD. This includes, but is not limited to, printing, mailings, seed money, or registration fees for art fairs, festivals and the like.

ANYONE WHO COMMITS MONEY TO A PROJECT WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL IS COMMITTING HIS/HER OWN MONEY!

Those persons who head local groups are encouraged to consult Karen and if money is needed for the initial mailing, please route your request to Karen who will pass it along to me.

Keith Edwards

NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

At the 1993 State Convention of the LPM, 24 delegates to the National Convention were chosen, along with one alternate.

The Convention will be held during the week of August 30-September 5 including committee meetings. The Convention proper will be held September 2-5.

Not all of the delegates selected will be able to attend, so if you would like to be a delegate, you probably would be able to vote. Contact Keith Edwards to be confirmed as an alternate.

The Convention will be held in Salt Lake City at the Marriott. This is your chance to get together with 500-1,000 libertarians from around the country and overseas as well. Don't miss it!

The delegates are:

Keith Edwards, Chair
 Tim O'Brien, Platform Rep.
 Karen Scarborough, Platform alternate
 Jon Addiss
 Ben Bachrach
 Glenn Barr
 Scott Boman
 Gary Bradley
 Jon Coon
 Nancy Geragosian
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 Eric Haight
 James Hudler
 Thomas Jones
 Michael Miller
 David Raaflaub
 Mary Ruwart
 Emily Salvette
 Barbara Vozenilek
 Richard Whitelock
 Brian Wright
 David Hunt
 Janet Parkes
 Jeff Hampton, Alternate

Hope you can all make it! It's a lot of fun and the greats will all be there.

MEMBERSHIP DATES CHANGED

At the Executive Committee meeting on May 16, a motion was passed changing the expiration dates of individual memberships in the LPM to the anniversary of the actual starting date of the membership. If a member joins on June 17, his/her term expires on the following June 17. Formerly, all memberships expired on February 1.

The rule was changed to eliminate the misunderstandings that arose under the old rule and to spread out the renewal processing burden for the Membership Director over the entire year. This change will be better for everyone.

The vote to change the rule was unanimous.

 DICK JACOBS DIES

Longtime Libertarian activist Dick Jacobs died June 26, 1993 after his long battle with cancer. Diagnosed with the disease a number of years ago, Dick had gone well past the limits that the medics had predicted and led a very active life in the meantime. He ran for Governor in 1982, the US Senate in 1988 and a number of other offices as well. He was also active in the anti-tax movement as a top leader.

Dick has been a credit to the libertarian movement, refining his views to become ever more consistent. We owe him a lot for the image he has projected on behalf of the Party.

All of us who knew Dick express our great sorrow at his passing. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Carol and the family. He will remain an inspiration.

Pride more often than ignorance makes us refuse to accept new ideas: finding the first places taken in the intellectual parade, we refuse to take the last.

Maxims of LaRocheffoucauld

NAZISM COMES TO AMERICA

The Branch Davidian tragedy in Waco, Texas, is one more example of the trend toward Nazism in the United States. The final event was shocking in itself, but as more information emerges from the lies and evasions of federal officials, the total impact is one of realization of just how fragile freedom is in this country.

The original attack on the Branch Davidian compound by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and firearms was gratuitous, unnecessary and vicious. The local sheriff had already investigated rumors of illegal firearms and cleared David Koresh and his followers. Even if he had not, the BATF could have approached peacefully and indeed could have discussed the matter with Koresh during one of his jogs or visits to town. Instead, the BATF attacked, rather incompetently, losing four agents in the process.

The FBI is no less culpable in the affair. They had even more time to assess the situation. The firearms charges were baseless although we are faced with the problem that the FBI is investigating itself and could easily manufacture evidence to support its position. In any event, its methods of "putting pressure" on the people in the compound merely terrified the latter to a state of panic. The noise campaign apparently took its toll on the FBI personnel, reducing the chance of a rational decision.

The BATF has been trying to justify its existence since Prohibition I was repealed in 1933. Alcohol, tobacco and firearms are all legal. There is nothing for the BATF to do that could not be done by other agencies whether federal or, preferably, local. It has killed others for such "crimes" as not sending children to public school.

The FBI made claims of unsubstantiated and anonymous rumors of child abuse and the result of the final FBI attack was the ultimate abuse, death. It did not mitigate the errors of the BATF, it compounded them.

And that is the problem. The United States

has far too many police-paramilitary organizations, the FBI, CIA, DEA, BATF, IRS, Secret Service, Postal Inspectors, and nauseam. The most obvious parallel is Nazi Germany with its SS, Gestapo, Brownshirts, and a myriad of other secret organizations, each with a blank check on violence.

Nazi Germany set forth a deliberate campaign to destroy a religion, Judaism. The BATF set forth to destroy a smaller religious group and exhibited the same contempt as the Nazis did. Would it have attacked a group of orthodox Jews or Roman Catholics as readily? If not, the attack was an attempt to dictate which religions are "acceptable". Either way, all religion and philosophy is in danger.

Perhaps libertarianism or Objectivism is next. Many of the people in those groups support the Second Amendment.

The power of the paramilitary government groups must be stopped. The FBI must be reduced to an investigative body only, with no power to use violence. Its record of burglaries and shootings disqualifies it from the power to use force.

The BATF should be eliminated altogether and its agents banned from any other government employment. It has no legitimate function that could not be better handled by local police.

The same can be said for the other aforementioned federal groups.

If we cannot eliminate the BATF, let us at least give it its proper name, Barbarians Always Thwarting Freedom!

Few things are impossible in themselves. Diligence in carrying them out fails us more often than the method employed.

True eloquence consists in saying all that should be, not all that could be, said

Maxims of LaRocheffoucauld 1665

The campaign to get more letters published in local newspapers continues. Below are some recent examples. The Lovins letter appeared in the Oakland Press and a more heavily edited version in the Detroit News.

Ken Morris had another one in the Detroit News, but I lost my copy. K.E.

CENTRAL U.P. GROUP TO FORM

Regional Coordinator Karen Scarborough has announced that a second Upper Peninsula group will be formed soon. It will cover the Central U.P. counties of Alger, Delta, Menominee and Schoolcraft. A mailing will be sent to everyone on our list in those counties.

READER DEBATE

DET. NEWS

What's Mayor Young's legacy?

Coleman Young's legacy has been the perpetuation and expansion of the authoritarian conditions of 1973, which were already causing economic and social havoc: oppressive taxation, eminent domain, teen-age curfews, the drug war, over-regulation of business, etc.

Jack Elder
ROCHESTER

Kevorkian protects individual's power

Recently, it seems as though the Republican Party has turned its back on the Constitution in favor of a state-enforced theology, as though government is the source of all morality.

We are very fortunate to have people like Dr. Jack Kevorkian in our country. Dr. Kevorkian has placed himself in great personal danger for acting on the belief that the smallest minority of all, the individual, is the sole owner of his or her own life.

Our friends in Lansing have always had a hard time identifying who owns what, so I don't see them coming around soon. Until then, I suggest that a more fitting location for the state capitol would be Ionia because that is precisely what they are saying, "I own ya."

Ray Lovins
Waterford

The County Coordinator for this group will be :

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Libertarian overlooked

BROOKLYN — I admire the unbiased stand your paper usually takes and compliment your reporters for honest coverage of the 65th District House race.

The editorial, "Don't Forget to Vote," in the June 1 publication left me a bit disturbed. I agree completely that everyone should vote, yet there are a few facts you have neglected.

For one, there was no mention of the Libertarian candidate, Dr. Nicholas G. Bennett. He is an honest and viable option to the standard two-party monopoly.

I suggest to anyone who is apprehensive regarding a vote for Libertarian for fear of "wasting" a vote, please think again. A vote for a candidate you believe in, whether Democrat, Republican or Libertarian, is a true vote. The "lesser of two evils" theory has not worked. The past has proven this time and again. Please, let us learn from our mistakes and realize there is more to politics than the "Elephant" and the "Ass."

The best option I see is a vote for Nicholas G. Bennett, Libertarian. The control of the House would remain evenly divided between Democrat and Republican with an honest Libertarian pendulum to balance personal liberties on the left and fiscal conservatism on the right. This is the only way to be assured that the concerns of individual liberty will be served.

Barbara A. Vozenilek

JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT, MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993

LPM MEMBER PROXY

I, _____, a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, hereby give my proxy for the Libertarian Advisory Council meeting of August 8, 1993, to _____

Signed _____

CALENDAR

Every day: Look for a prospective libertarian

First Tuesday of each month: Wayne County LP meets at the Red Lobster, 6850 N. Telegraph, Dearborn. Cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 6:30, Program at 8:00. Call JoAnn Karpinski for Reservations, 313-925-6917.

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 each month: Oakland Co. Libertarians meet at 6:00 at Red Lobster, 101 W. Ten Mile Rd., Madison Heights.

Every Thursday: Washtenaw Libertarians meet at Dominic's Restaurant in Ann Arbor. Some lecture events held at U-M. Call James Hudler.

June through November: Ballot Access Petition Drive. Call Barbara Vozenilek to volunteer at 517-592-2687

August 8, 1993: Libertarian Advisory Council Meeting & annual Picnic. See elsewhere in this issue for details.

August 31-September 5, 1993: National Convention of the Libertarian Party in Salt Lake City. First two days are for workshops and the last four are the convention proper. Lots of fun and many interesting speakers. Marriott Hotel.

October, 1993 Libertarian Week, including banquet. Date and place to be announced.

Coming soon: Macomb County libertarians will be organizing. Call Stacy Van Oast at 313-784-8783.

Deadline for copy for the next issue of The Michigan Libertarian is August 15.

The time to get petition signatures is NOW.

BOOKS IN REVIEW

True Names and Other Dangers by Vernor Vinge

Vinge wrote True Names back in 1978 and it generated a whole new genre of science fiction. In this novella, computer hackers work in a complex extension of interconnections where programs and data appear as landscapes inhabited by creatures. Hackers know each other only by their handles, by their artificial personas and you never tell anyone your True Name. Action begins when our hero's True Name is discovered by the government.

Vinge is best known for The Peace War and Marooned in Realtime. These have been published in one work as Across Realtime. In our day, discovery of a stasis field has made world peace and world government possible. Those who resist can be locked up beyond all apparent means of release. Yet for every lock there is a key and the keys come from a group of high tech renegades.

Vernor Vinge is a native of Okemos, Michigan. He teaches computer science at the University of California at San Diego. Vinge's libertarianism goes beyond polemic disguised as fiction.

Michael E. Marotta

"I came here to say that I do not recognize anyone's right to one minute of my life. Nor to any part of my energy. Nor to any achievement of mine. No matter who makes the claim, how large their number or how great their need.

"I wished to come here and say that I am a man who does not exist for others."

Howard Roark in The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand

What grace is to the body, reason is to the mind. - Maxims of LaRochefoucauld

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following are some of the people who have joined the Libertarian Party of Michigan recently. They are all invited to join their local group, and several have already done so.

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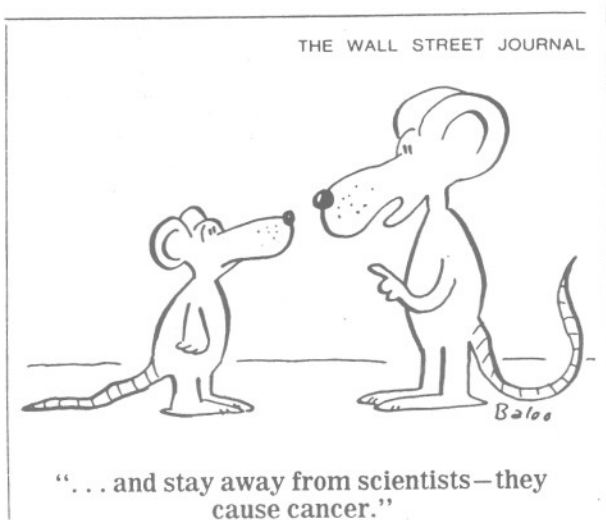
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INTOLERANCE

You will never be able to eliminate very basic differences of cultures and histories. This is the stuff of human progress. It's not the differences that cause conflict, it's the intolerance of differences.

Immanuel Jakobovits (72)
 former chief rabbi of the
 British Commonwealth



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.

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