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THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS IRRELEVANT

by Michael E. Marotta

Surely, a government that would disarm its citizens is not to be trusted. However, the tragedy of the Branch Davidians at Waco proves that guns are no longer useful tools of personal freedom.

Those poor victims of neo-Nazi justice died because they did not have access to the mass media: no computers, no satellite dishes, no cellular phones, no CB radio. They were reduced to placing a large sheet on the ground with a plea for newspaper attention. The government won at Waco by painting the victims as child abusers. If the Davidian children could have beamed their smiles directly into the homes of America, they might still be alive.

On the other hand, when hackers were busted by the Feds in 1989 and 1990, they didn't shoot it out from their bedrooms. They took it to the internet. Lotus 1-2-3 founder Mitch Kapor and Apple founder Steve Wozniak contributed several hundred thousand dollars to creating The Electronic Frontier Foundation. They hired lawyers and beat the Feds in court. The prosecutor resigned in disgrace.

Despite the efforts of the Clinton administration to control network communication, the upper hand belongs to private enterprise. Once dominated by universities, the internet prohibited commercial messages. Now that over 38% of the nodes and networks connected are private, for profit enterprises, commercialism is more assertive, even being considered a First Amendment issue. In the past, all messages were

KAREN SCARBOROUGH RESIGNS AS SECRETARY

Karen Scarborough has resigned her position of Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Michigan effective June 25, just two months after being elected to the office.

Citing her legal problems arising out of the conviction of Karen and her husband Scott on obstruction of justice charges in connection with the Royal Oak Post Office incident in 1990, Karen concluded that she would be unable to perform the duties of the office. Her home confinement sentence has been extended by Federal Judge Nancy Edmunds after Karen's appearance at this year's tax protest rally.

The trial was viewed by many as a farce, rife with judicial error if not misconduct. The case is under review by the Federal Court of Appeals in Cincinnati. Scott is serving an 18 month sentence in federal prison.

"Even after the case is overturned. I expect to spend every waking hour trying to regain what the government bastards have taken from Scott and me," said Karen in her letter of resignation.

At the July 28 meeting, the Executive Committee elected Marnie Edwards Secretary. Marnie accepted only because no one else expressed a desire to serve.

"electronic postcards." There was no privacy. Now people on the internet activate the most sophisticated encryption by simply clicking on an icon. Messages are now private.

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Ben Bachrach was appointed to the position of Membership Director at the July 24 meeting of the Executive Committee of the LPM at the home of Keith and Marnie Edwards. Ben, who has managed the party's database for years, volunteered to revamp membership processing, design a new membership card and speed up paper flow in cooperation with Treasurer Dave Nagy.

He has also taken up the NATCOM's offer to get first crack at renewals of members of the National LP in Michigan, easing the burden on National and offering the combination rate as a means of stimulating both National and State memberships. This unification of functions should result in the elimination of several problems at both levels, especially given the ability of Ben as demonstrated by his performance as Database Manager and Treasurer in the 1980's.

The Committee also established a revolving \$200 loan fund for local groups' outreach events. The local group would have to submit a formal plan with income and expense projections. The plan would be approved by the Chair and Treasurer.

Other matters discussed were the establishment of a budget process and the 1994 Convention Report submitted by Nancy Geragosian. Tom Jones and Brian Wright have been researching the impact on the Party of a possible achievement of major party status.

The Western Michigan LP has been given the go ahead to submit a plan for the 1995 Convention in Grand Rapids.

The Committee decided to forego having a formal event for Libertarian Week in favor of concentrating on the fall election. In addition, the State LP will no longer hold a specific picnic event, leaving it to local groups to do their own thing.

As mentioned elsewhere, Marnie Edwards was elected Secretary on at least a temporary basis.

Social note: Veteran libertarian activists Nancy Geragosian and Tim O'Brien are engaged.

CANDIDATE LIST GROWS TO 48

With the completion of all county caucuses the Libertarian Party of Michigan has certified the nomination of 48 candidates for public office in the 1994 fall elections. This is an increase of 85% from the 26 certified in the 1992 election.

The party has candidates for US Senate, all eight statewide education offices, four US House seats, six State Senate seats, 19 State House seats, and ten County Commissioner spots.

The candidates are:

- US Senate Jon Coon
- State Board of Education
 - Erwin J. Haas
 - David H. Raaflaub
- U of M Board of Regents
 - Gary R. Bradley
 - Emily H. Salvette
- MSU Board of Trustees
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- Wayne State Board of Governors
 - Thomas W. Jones
 - Brian R. Wright
- US House of Representatives
 - Dist. 3 Barrie L. Konicov
 - Dist. 7 Kenneth L. Proctor
 - Dist. 8 Gerald R. Turcotte Jr.
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- State Senate
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- Dist. 45 Kay Barr Suri
- Dist. 52 James L. Hudler
- Dist. 64 Robert T. Slaughter
- Dist. 75 James Lundy
- Dist. 76 Dan Marsh
- Dist. 79 Scott Beavers

County Commissioners

- Allegan Dist. 5 Rick Dutkiewicz
- Hillsdale Dist. 5 Barbara A. Vozenilek
- Jackson Dist. 4 Jeffrey L. Grund
- Kent Dist. 10 Glenn Barr
- Kent Dist. 15 Todd Greene
- Kent Dist. 16 Ed Van Wesep
- Oakland Dist. 5 Barbara B. Goushaw
- Oakland Dist. 22 Putnam Weekley
- Ottawa Dist. 7 Jeffery Terhaar
- Ottawa Dist. 12 Stephen Otzman

Jon Coon is the highest listed on the ballot and thus is the "Principal Candidate" of the Party. His vote total will determine the ballot status of the Party for the following two years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Americans slaves to the judiciary

Politicians of all stripes continually tell us how thankful we should be for living in a democracy. So much so that our illustrious leaders are contemplating a military invasion of Haiti to force our form of democracy on the people of that island nation.

Democracy is majority rule. Right?

In 1988, a majority of Michigan voters said they didn't want any portion of their tax dollars used to fund abortions . . . for any reason.

Now, one individual, U.S. District Judge Benjamin Gibson, overrules hundreds of thousands of voters and, in his opinion, says that we must abide by federal law.

By his decision, Michigan is no longer a sovereign state and has become nothing more than a satellite of a centralized government in Washington, D.C.

As a nation, we have become slaves to a black-robed judiciary that rules our lives and decides what it feel is, or is not, good for us. Democracy? Don't make me laugh.

7/26/94 **Richard Whitelock**
DETROIT NEWS IONIA

In the wake of the Nicole Simpson murder, increasing attention is understandably being given to the rising problem of domestic violence.

Anti-gun laws discourage women from possessing means to improve their odds against male aggression. Domestic abuse workers would do well to work for restoration of every woman's Second Amendment rights.

Also, did anybody else happen to notice that no guns were used to commit this highly publicized vicious crime?

Jeff Hampton
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
DETROIT NEWS 7-7-94

No free lunch

Regarding the July 17 letter "A dishonest attack on the NEA": The letter pointed out why taxpayers should support the arts and commented that there is no such thing as a free lunch. So, if we want something, we should be willing to pay for it. I agree. But what if we don't want it?

Most people rarely or never go to the art museum, attend symphonies or operas. In a free market, those who love to attend these things will be glad to pay — for themselves! Why should they have to pay for others to attend?

Some say all should be taxed so that those who cannot afford these things can attend. But how many poor people attend? Let's not force those who don't want the lunch to subsidize it for those who do.

7/24/94 **Helen Weaver**
WESTLAND
DETROIT NEWS

On July 7, President Bill Clinton went to Warsaw, Poland. He stopped at a memorial to pay tribute to the Jews who had died in the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto uprising. I wonder if it was an attempt to get Jewish and Polish votes in the United States while sincerely hoping that none of us had any historical savvy?

The final drive on the Warsaw Ghetto by S.S. Gen. Juergen Stroop began April 19, 1943 with the aid of armored vehicles. Many of the Jews perished in the fires as the buildings burned, some committed suicide or were shot by other members of their faith to save them from the horrible death by fire, and a few surrendered.

The final drive on the Waco compound of the Branch Davidians began April 19, 1993, with the aid of armored vehicles. Many of the Davidians perished in the fires, some committed suicide or were shot by other members of their faith to save them from the horrible death by fire, and a few surrendered.

Mr. President, it is a bit macabre that Warsaw and Waco were 50 years to the day apart.

VALERIA J. POHOLSKI
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Right to bear arms

JACKSON — The 2nd Amendment to the Constitution is not about hunting, target shooting or collection of antique firearms. It is for armed citizenry to withstand government encroachment on the Bill of Rights and constitutional liberties.

The framers of the Constitution had just been through a war in which England tried to disarm them, and they were aware of the abuses of governmental power on unarmed citizenry. Throughout history it is governments, through their monopoly on force, that have committed genocide on unarmed people, for example:

—The slaughter of native Americans in the 18th and 19th centuries;

—The killing of more than a million Armenians by the Turkish government from 1915-17 after gun control acts of 1866 and 1911;

—The murder of 20 million people by the Soviet Union from 1929-1953, after gun confiscation in 1929;

—Thirteen million Jews, Gypsies and anti-Nazis disposed by the German government, after gun control acts of 1928 and 1938;

—Then there were situations in Guatemala (1960-61), Uganda (1971-79), Cambodia (1975-79), and today in Yugoslavia and Haiti.

It is ironic that our own Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Brady Bill are almost exact replicas of the March 18, 1938 Nazi Weapons Law. The German version and the translation can be found in the 1993 manuscript "Gun Control-Gateway to Tyranny" by Jay Simkin and Aaron Zelman.

The other hoax perpetrated on U.S. citizens is that police will protect us from assault, murder and crime. In 1856 the U.S. Supreme Court (Smith vs. Maryland) and in 1882 the U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit (Bowers vs. DeVito) declared that law enforcement had no duty to protect an individual, but only a general duty to enforce laws. The security of a law-abiding person, as a matter of law and fact, is in his own hands. Deterrence of crime can only come about if a criminal fears for his life while committing a crime. This is the reason that law-abiding citizens should have no infringements on their right to be armed.

Nicholas G. Bennett, M.D.
Libertarian

JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT, SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1994

Neither solving refugee problems nor changing the character of foreign governments is a legitimate use of our military. In the absence of compelling evidence that we are in imminent danger of being attacked by Haiti, a preemptive strike is unjustified.

DETROIT NEWS **Tim O'Brien**
7/27/94 MADISON HEIGHTS

Protests out of order

JACKSON — I am writing in response to resident complaints about the proposed expansion of Jackson Crossing. The protests are symptomatic of a tendency to respond to a few middle class interests at society's expense.

Most Jackson residents remember the objections of residents in the area near Parkside Junior High School to the pending construction of apartment complexes on Fourth Street. Residents protested potential congestion, noise and, of course, a decrease in their property values. However, there were other interests at stake — namely, pent-up demand for housing which found its way into the complexes that now exist, as well as the employment of workers who constructed the buildings. These protesters, like our friends complaining about the proposed expansion of Jackson Crossing, were seeking to control their own property as well as surrounding property which they did not own.

If residents of a community wish to block construction of a business or an apartment complex, they should adhere to fair, free market principles. Excuses about smoke and congestion are simply ways — cheap ways — to avoid being forced to bid property away from a \$9 million operation as residents prefer to shield themselves from Jackson Crossing with North Wisner's trees.

Area residents complain that Jackson does not "need" another mall. Using this logic, one could as well say that people do not "need" cars or even clothing. Objections based on this argument completely ignore the fact that businessmen would not invest money in a \$9 million effort if their market research did not indicate that there exists excess demand for goods in the Jackson market.

Residents opposing the mall's expansion have organized themselves into a group called Residents Against Irresponsible Development (RAID). What is truly irresponsible, however, is to act as if you own property that you do not own. Jacksonians have benefited immensely from the construction of Pharmor, Target, the Jackson 8 theaters, the expansion of Westwood Mall and other businesses along West Avenue. Not only have these businesses brought new jobs to the city, but they have also provided us with more products and better services.

Business creates jobs, income and more business. Those shrill voices that wish to stymie the expansion of Jackson's economy must be neutralized, for all of our sakes.

JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT
7-11-94

Quentin A. Guinn

Whence the vision?

JACKSON — In your editorial of Sunday, June 26, you emphasize the importance of townships having a vision, or at least an identity, with which to plan their land use.

There are problems with a government agency developing the vision: the township boards are made up of individuals, with interests and desires of their own. They do not develop a vision for an integral being, but rather decide which individual visions, or interests, are going to be forced upon all the residents of the township.

There is a better way: allowing the vision to develop in the free market, thereby allowing all individuals to come to terms with the vision of each other, without anyone forcing his vision upon anyone else.

If people in a neighborhood all want to preserve the type of land use, let them contract with one another to limit the use of the land. If individuals have negotiated contractual rights in the use of the land around them, then no one can develop that land unless all residents affected by the development agree. Any inconvenience can be ameliorated by an exchange of money, if necessary.

This would be more protection than zoning. Even a township takes in a lot of territory: 36 square miles can cover a lot of diverse land use. And township zoning boards, being composed of humans, have been known to be swayed by limited interests, or limited visions, or outright corruption.

If we want to decentralize decision making as much as possible, leave the decisions at the lowest possible level: the individual in the free market.

Tom Slaughter

JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT 7/13/94

Freedom: What a concept

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"Anarchists from the right?" (Inside Info, MT, May 4-10) Hardly. The Libertarian Party is opposed to all laws which prohibit abortion or assisted suicide. It's opposed to the draft, drug laws, sodomy laws, laws which prohibit homosexuals from marrying, and every other law which uses the guns of government to regulate the behavior of peaceful, honest adults. This can hardly be described as a right-wing agenda.

Besides, the whole left/right spectrum is a false dichotomy anyway, since people who identify themselves as being on both the left and the right are more than willing to use exactly the same tactics. That is, employing government coercion to further their own political and social goals.

Libertarianism is the only real alternative to the status quo. The philosophy is based on the notion that people who do not engage in acts of force or fraud, nor interfere with equal rights of others have an absolute right to be left alone. Freedom, what a concept.—Nancy Geragosian, Allen Park

Wrong about rights

People seem to misunderstand what a "right" is. Is there a "right" to freedom of expression? Yes. Does that mean the government can force every person to stand up and share his/her opinion? No! That would be a requirement, not a right. Does it mean government should tax all people to buy a printing press for anyone who cannot afford one? No. That would be an entitlement, not a right. A "right" to free speech means the government cannot prevent us from expressing ourselves.

Now consider health care. Is there a "right" to medical treatment? Maybe. Maybe not. But if there is, does that mean the government can force every person to sign up for their plan? No. That would be a requirement, not a right. Does it mean government should tax all businesses to buy health insurance for anyone who cannot afford it? No. That would be an entitlement, not a right.

A "right" to health care means the government cannot prevent us from seeking the best treatment we can afford for ourselves. To think it means anything else is a misunderstanding. As Americans, we have many rights, few requirements and no entitlements.

7/19/94
DETROIT NEWS

Michael Emhart
LANSING

SECOND AMENDMENT (Continued from Page 1)

Following in the footsteps of their Republican allies, the Clinton administration has tried to put government-controlled chips in all phones and computers. The industry doesn't merely object, it scoffs and scolds; everyone in computing already knows that the government is way out of line and way off base. The FBI wants Congress to force the phone companies to make wire-tapping easier. The old boys from Ma Bell are open to the idea, but they aren't the only game in town and no one else wants to play patty-cake with the G-men.

No self-styled patriot has ever won a direct shoot-out with the Feds. On the other hand, government computers are often penetrated by hackers, including those of the FBI and NSA. Most hackers just want data; they are curious. Some hackers are malicious. Among the government agencies that have been hit by computer viruses are NASA and the IRS.

In this light, those who care about the Libertarian Party and its candidates must ask where the advantage is in playing footsie with the National Rifle Association. Socialist thinking is a failure mode. Thus, the collectivists of the right engage the collectivists of the left on who should control 19th century weaponry while we enter the 21st century.

GERMANY PRIVATIZES!

Germany is privatizing its postal monopoly. The Deutsche Bundespost Telekom is being converted into joint stock companies. The government will not buy any new shares, but will not sell any of its own before the year 2000.

There is more idleness in the brain than in the body.

Quarrels would not last long, if the fault were on one side only.

Maxims of La Rouchefoucauld

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CALENDAR

A meeting of the Libertarian Advisory Council has been scheduled for Thursday, August 18, at Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe St., Ann Arbor. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. The Washtenaw group is host and will be looking for help at the LPM booth at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. See opposite column for meeting procedure.

August 19-21. Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. Please volunteer to help at our booth. Call Richard Clark at 313-482-9563 or Frederick Weihe at 313-481-1289.

The Washtenaw group meets every Thursday at Dominick's at 6:30 PM. Some events are held at the Michigan Union. Call James Hudler for info at 313-475-9792. Here are some upcoming events:

August 25. Problems with Government Funding of Science by physicist Frederick Weihe. Dinner at 6:30, lecture at 7:30.

Sept. 1 What Every Libertarian Should Know About Greenpeace by Glenn Liedling of Ann Arbor Greenpeace.

September 25. Second Amendment Rally in support of the right to keep and bear arms, sponsored by JON COON FOR SENATE COMMITTEE. The event will be held on the steps of the State Capitol, Lansing. Call Keith Williams at 313-675-3621 to volunteer or call 800-JON COON.

Tuesday, November 8. Election Day. Call Jon Coon HQ for suggestions. There is a lot of work to be done as Jon takes on Pseudo-Conservative Republican Spencer Abraham and Second Amendment traitor Dumbocrat Bob (or Boob) Carr. If those names don't motivate you to support Jon, nothing will.

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