

MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN



NEWS LETTER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN

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MAY - JUNE 1997

TIM O'BRIEN ELECTED CHAIR

Veteran Libertarian Tim O'Brien was elected Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan at the party's annual convention May 4 at Traverse City. He was unopposed. O'Brien, 44, was longtime chair of Metro-Detroit Libertarians, a supper club with speakers on libertarian issues in the period when local party organizations were getting organized. He edited the Michigan Libertarian in the 1980's, authored the LPM by-laws and served on the Judicial Committee. He has also served on the national platform committee. He succeeds Emily Salvette who is moving to Germany.

Former Macomb County Chair Stacy Van Oast was elected Vice Chair, a position in which she will continue to spearhead affiliate chapter development. The Macomb group thrived under her two term leadership. She was elected unanimously, succeeding Mark Owen, who is developing the Calhoun County group.

The new Secretary is Ben Bachrach, succeeding Dan Marsh who is focusing on local office. Bachrach was Treasurer of the LPM in the 1980's, newsletter editor, database manager and also Wayne Co. Chair. He joined the LP in the late 1970's.

Dave Nagy won his sixth term as Treasurer by unanimous vote as did the other three.

Six candidates ran for the five At-large positions on the Executive Committee. Jim McAbee and Keith Edwards were re-elected and were joined by Mark Heil, Doug MacDonald and Ben Steele, replacing Van Oast, James Hudler and Jon Coon.

Brett Cashman was the other candidate for the LEC, but he was promptly elected to the Judicial Committee along with Bill Hall and Jon Coon.

The new Executive Committee met right after the Convention adjourned and elected Cathy Cove Recording Secretary, a new position made necessary by the expanded duties of the Secretary.

LPM CELEBRATES 25th; HUDLER HONORED

The Libertarian Party of Michigan marked its 25th birthday at the Convention at the banquet on May 3. The celebration included display of memorabilia and a pamphlet of memories by some of the founders, including Kay Augustin, Brian Wright, Keith Edwards and James Hudler. Since it WAS a birthday party, Stacy Van Oast organized two games, Pin the Indictment on Bill and Hillary and Land the paper airplane in Galt's Gulch.

James Hudler was presented with a Statue of Liberty for lifetime achievement, in recognition of his 25 years of continuous and valuable service to the LPM. Emily Salvette presented the award.

Joe Bast of Heartland, the think tank in Chicago was the main speaker at the banquet. Pat Montgomery, founder and director of Clonlara School spoke on homeschooling at the Sunday Brunch. Other events included Barb Goushaw's workshop for candidates and managers, a Brass Roots seminar and an affiliates chairs meeting. There was also a Liberty Expo with books, tapes and other things for sale. Some 72 members of the Party attended.

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We hope to add more groups soon.

COLLEGE LIBERTARIANS

The following college libertarian groups are now meeting regularly. Please call the contact person listed below if you are interested in joining or attending.

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| Andrews Univ. | Glenn Whitt | 616-471-4186 |
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Michigan State University Libertarians meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the MSU Union Iowa Room at 7:30 PM.

If you want to start a group at your school call James Hudler at 313-475-9792 for more information. This is our next big area of expansion. College students are at the height of intellectual curiosity and we need to attract them to the movement. Please help if you can.

TAX PROTEST NEWS

Washtenaw Libertarians made the front page of the Ypsilanti Press-Ann Arbor News with their tax protest at the Ypsilanti Township post office on April 15. A large picture of Geoff Foster handing out fake one million dollar bills was featured, representing how much money the federales spend every five seconds. Actually, federal reserve notes are also fake so Geoff was right on.



Check out the *LPM*
on the *World Wide Web*

<http://www.coast.net/~lpm/>

FROM THE CHAIR

By Tim O'Brien

I am honored to have been chosen to serve as Chair of the LPM for the coming year. As I assume this responsibility I am reminded of the opening line of Dickens' famous novel A Tale of Two Cities: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. . ."

I consider myself both fortunate and unfortunate to have this position at this time for two reasons.

First, I have inherited a vibrant organization as a result of the excellent work of a series of highly competent and very dedicated former Chairs like Emily Salvette and Keith Edwards. Our membership is already well over 1,000 and climbing fast.

In addition, the machinery of freedom (to borrow another famous title)-our 800 number, newsletter, database, etc., is well-oiled and operating flawlessly. Ben Bachrach has been and continues to be an incalculable asset.

The difficulty for me, of course, is that those who have come before and built this organization have set very high standards in advancing the cause of liberty. It is, as show biz folks say, a tough act to follow.

Second, I am lucky to have assumed the mantle of leadership at a time when the forces of statism are already in stumbling, ignominious retreat.

Central planning has been exposed as the metaphorical impotent bully Libertarians charged all along -- capable only of command and utterly incapable of economy. The Soviet Union is gone, as is the Berlin Wall.

Here in our own country debacles in Ruby Ridge and Waco have left federal law enforcement in disrepute and disarray.

Ballot initiatives in California and Arizona have even brought into question the previously sacrosanct War on Drugs. "Blasphemy!" cry federal officials, "We'll pro-

secute anyway. . . under federal law!" But, the end is near.

Thirty-one states now have concealed carry. It would be nice if "Shall Issue" legislation is finally adopted in Michigan this year, during my watch. But, whether this year or next, it is ultimately inevitable.

Add to all that (and much more) the fact that it has finally become "hip" to be a Libertarian. Movie stars like Clint Eastwood and Kurt Russell, even news people like Hugh Downs, are proudly proclaiming themselves libertarians. And we feel neither smugness nor resentment -- even though "we were Libertarian when Libertarian wasn't cool."

The difficulty amidst all this heady, recent success is to continue to inspire you, my fellow freedom fighters, to persevere to the end and not rest on your laurels not that victory is on the horizon. The ATF, DEA, IRS and the rest of the federal alphabet soup may be in retreat, but they aren't dead yet. Indeed, we must redouble our efforts. Now that we finally have them dancing to our tune, we must turn up the volume.

Thank you for the confidence you have expressed in my ability to lead the LPM as the century of world war and the millenium of coercive government draw to a close. I am flattered beyond words. For the very fact that you are a member of this organization demonstrates both a power of discernment and a dedication to principle that sets you apart from the vast majority of our fellow citizens.

I hope that I am equal to the task you have placed before me.

"When the tyrant has disposed of foreign enemies by conquest or treaty, and there is nothing to fear from them, then he is always stirring up some war or other, in order that people may require a leader."

Plato (c. 428-348 B.C.)
The Republic



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Sunday, August 3, 1997

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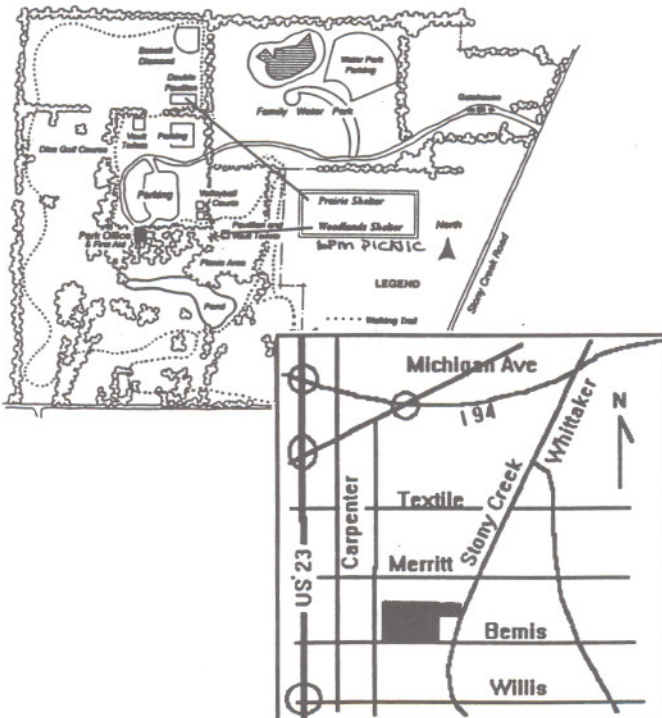
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 For Waterpark Information, call 313-482-FUNN

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NOTICE

The United States Postal Service has advised us that someone is distributing LP literature in Oakland County by placing it in mailboxes. This is contrary to P.O. regulations. However much we disagree with the monopolistic status of the USPS, we must obey their rules. We need their cooperation. Please be sure that all the LP activists in your area are aware of this.

Questions? James Hudler, LPWC Chair, 313-475-9792
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* LAC meeting at 2 p.m. if quorum present

WHAT ARE "RIGHTS"?

By Keith Edwards

Libertarians are the strongest defenders of political rights of everyone in the political spectrum. But, just what are "rights"?

In May, I represented the LPM at a meeting of the Michigan Conservative Union along with four conservative speakers and was struck by the contrast between my views and the others. Each of us paid tribute to the Declaration of Independence, but their argument jumped from the vague reference to a "creator" to the assertion that our rights come from God and that man cannot set aside those rights. None of them tried to define rights nor defend them logically. All was left to faith which doesn't do much to persuade non-believers. Rights just seemed to be a mystical thing.

Well, at least conservatives believe that morality is important and I agreed with them on that. It could have been worse. I could have been addressing a bunch of pragmatists who believe that rights are not only non-existent, but also unnecessary. After all, they say, what works is the important thing; who needs such old-fashioned ideas as rights. Pragmatists say there should not be any "shoulds". Huh? Well with pragmatists around, who needs Marxists? But the pragmatists have a point that conservatives miss. Rights are not some mysterious existent. Rights are a concept, and they need to be defined.

Many libertarians have adopted the natural rights theory of John Locke, especially as modified by Murray Rothbard; the idea that man mixes his labor with the land and thus earns the right to his produce. This is hardly a fundamental principle, however, and it does not prove why the thief's labor isn't equally valid. And the idea of "self-ownership" is a neat, individualistic appeal, but it violates the concept of ownership which presupposes (1) an owner and (2) that which is owned; two different entities. So how can one own

oneself, if that is the same entity?

When asked what I held as the basis of my view of rights, I said that rights do not "exist" as some mysterious entity but that rights are a moral concept. "A right is a moral principle defining and sanctioning a person's freedom of action in a social context." (See the article "Man's Rights" by Ayn Rand in her book, *Capitalism the Unknown Ideal*, from which this quote is taken.) And, since humans are creatures who survive and prosper by their faculties of free will and reason, they must be free from force and fraud in order to use those faculties to deal with reality. Otherwise, they would have to act against their own judgement. Recognizing this need for freedom in ourselves, we would be contradicting ourselves to not respect this need in others. This is the link between rationality and integrity.

By this reasoning, no one can claim to have rights without also extending them to others. This is the origin of our pledge "I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals." This is the political principle of the Libertarian Party, but it is also an ethical conclusion.

This theory ties politics to ethics without the mystification of introducing a religion (and I do not mean to slam religion), provides the "shoulds" that seem to scare pragmatists, and avoids the circularity of the self-ownership fallacy.

For a fuller discussion of this issue, I recommend the article cited above, as well as the novel, *Atlas Shrugged*, by Ayn Rand.

It is a theory that can be presented to most anyone without offending their preconceptions, does not contain contradictions or hazy concepts and appeals in particular to the most rational people out there. And those are the ones we need the most in the libertarian movement. Sad to say, many conservatives are not the best prospects for us.

TRENDS

Moving to the forefront of the Objectivist movement is the Institute for Objectivist Studies, the creation of philosopher David Kelly. The April, 1997, issue carried two outstanding articles. One was a defense of Thomas Jefferson by David N. Mayer against the modern revisionists who love to distort Jefferson's views.

Of particular interest to libertarians is the review of *Libertarianism: A Primer*, the exciting new book by David Boaz. Robert Bidinotto wrote the review entitled *David and Leviathan*. It was, appropriately, a very objective review. While Bidinotto did criticize the lack of depth in Boaz' moral defense of rights, lavished much praise on the book, reminding us that "Objectivists have not always been willing to acknowledge the extent of their intellectual debts to libertarian sources." He also called Peter Schwartz' 1985 "Libertarianism: The Per-version of Liberty" a smear job. Those of us who have deplored the Objectivist-Libertarian split have much to smile about. The rift is closing at last. These are the two most rational groups defending freedom and the potential synergy is enormous

The Institute for Objectivist Studies is at 82 Washington St., Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601. You can call them at 1-800-374-1776. The web site is <http://ios.org>.

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Former astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Walter Cunningham and Storey Musgrave testified before Congress recently on the space program. Not surprisingly, all wanted a more ambitious program, but Aldrin called for more privatization and the reduction of regulatory obstacles.

In discussing the value of risk, Cunningham said, "If Ralph Nader had been in charge of the wagon trains, we'd have never crossed the Rockies."

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The Michigan Senate has passed a ban on the possession of phony identification cards by a 38-0 vote. It is already illegal to use fake ID, a common practice in college towns by underage drinkers, but state law did not outlaw mere possession. Under the bill, the mere possession would be a misdemeanor. It would be simpler to lower the drinking age.

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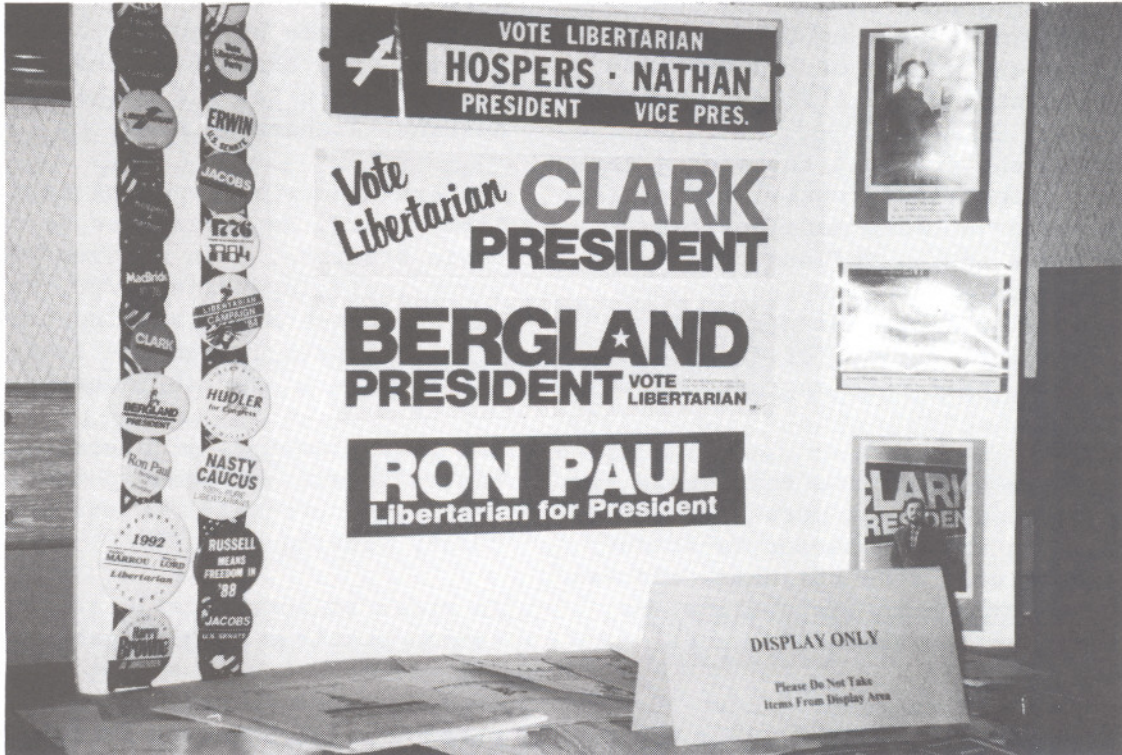
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Scenes from the 25th anniversary celebration at the Convention in Traverse City. Top: a display of campaign memorabilia from 1972 through 1996. Bottom: James Hudler, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award and retiring State Chair Emily Salvette with the LPM's birthday cake.



LIBBY AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

TV OUTREACH

The second annual Defender of Liberty Awards Banquet will be held October 25, 1997 at the Troy Hilton in Oakland County. The featured speaker will be David Boaz of Cato Institute and author of the renowned new book, *Libertarianism: A Primer*.

The purpose of the event is to honor a maximum of four select individuals, Libertarian or otherwise who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. They must be people who live and/or work in the State of Michigan. Winners will receive a beautiful replica of the Statue of Liberty with their name engraved on the base.

You may nominate someone for this award by submitting an essay of not more than 100 words describing why the person is worthy of the award. Please send the name, address and phone number of both the nominee and the person making the nomination.

Send the entry to Richard M. Ask at PO Box 5250, Traverse City, MI 49685-5250. The winners will be chosen by a panel of "distinguished" judges.

Entries must be in typewritten form.

This year's event is being sponsored by the Libertarian Congressional Committee and the Libertarian Campaign Managers Association. Last year's event was sponsored by Libertarians of Macomb County.

More details will follow in the next issue of the Michigan Libertarian.

So, put your thinking caps on and write that essay for that special defender of liberty in your area. None of us is in it for the recognition, but at the same time there are some people out there that we may not be aware of otherwise.

(Cyndi Ask and Stacy Van Oast contributed to this article.)

By Cyndi Ask

I am delighted to tell you about my TV show that I produce on my local cable access station. The show is called "America: The Way It Should Be." It is hosted by my husband, Richard M. Ask.

Richard Ask is a winner of last year's Libby Award. He has spoken on over 700 radio stations, been on over 700 TV stations including ABC's 20/20. He started the Northwest Michigan Libertarian Party affiliate with 12 members last year and now there are over 40 members.

The show itself is a combination of Libertarian ideals and human potential. It has been very successful in the Grand Traverse County viewing area.

In order to introduce it to other cable access stations in Michigan, I wrote to all seventy of them asking if they would be interested in showing it to their audience. The response was overwhelming and we currently have twelve stations that want to carry our show on a regular basis. I am to provide them all with 3/4 inch tapes which can be very expensive. I am out of money that I can put into it myself. It would cost me \$45 per station per episode. And I'm still getting responses from other stations.

I need your help. Before I ask you for money, I must tell you that most cable access stations are non-profit and if I were to profit from my show I would be violating several regulations and would be suspended from doing my show. With that in mind, I would like to ask for any size monetary donation that you could possibly spare. Please send them to me at PO Box 5250, Traverse City, MI 49685-5250 and make the check or money order payable to "The Institute" (that's short for The Institute of Intra/Inter Personal Relationships; try fitting that on a check.)



Affiliate Report

VAN BUREN CO. PARTY FORMS

On April 11, 1997, the Van Buren Co. Libertarian Party was formed in South Haven.

Bill Bradley, a retired businessman, was elected County chairman.

John Cohen was elected Vice Chair, Barbara Bradley, Secretary /Treasurer, Linda Cohen, City of South Haven Committeeman, Sheral Bradley, South Haven Township Committeeman

Chairman Bill Bradley made the following statement: We must loudly and clearly promote the Libertarian principles that all people should be free to live their lives as they see fit, that the only legitimate use of force by anyone, including government, is to defend against the illegitimate use of force.

We must take back our right to live our lives without government interference, to keep or spend our money as we see fit, to give to the charities of our choice, not those dictated by government bureaucrats.

NEWLY ELECTED LIBERTARIAN!

Joe and Sue Zemens are members of the Macomb County Libertarian Party. Their daughter Lindsey, a 6th grade student, was recently elected to the student council at North L'anse Cruise Middle School. Upon her election, she came home and announced, "Hey Dad, I'm the first Libertarian ever elected to the L'anse Cruise Student Council!!!!!" Joe and Sue should be proud!

LIVINGSTON CO. NEWS

Saturday meetings are cancelled. The Party will still meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Mexican Jones Restaurant in Brighton.

New Candidates: George Sise, State Rep, 67th District (Livingston and Ingham), Brian Ludwig, State Senate, 15th District (Oakland, Brian has moved just outside Livingston County ...) Contact Rian Klefstad, 810-229-0737 for more info.

WAYNE COUNTY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the April meeting of the Libertarian Party of Wayne County the following officers and board members were elected to the Executive Committee.

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| Chair | Joann Karpinski |
| Vice-Chair | Bill Shotey |
| Secretary | Ladean Birkhead |
| Treasurer | Ben Bacharach |
| Board | Loel Gnadt |
| | Ed Karpinski |
| | Kevin Quinlan |

Chair Joann Karpinski thanked the outgoing officers and board members, and dedicated the new leadership team to increasing the organizations effectiveness. The LPWC Executive Committee set two objectives for the organization - membership growth and recruitment of quality candidates for the 1998 elections

LIBERTARIANS DEFEAT TAX INCREASE IN ALLEN PARK

Tim and Nancy O'Brien successfully led an effort to defeat a 2 mill property tax increase for Allen Park. The special election was held on April 8. The referendum was defeated by a better than two to one margin. Volunteers from the Party and other supporters distributed fliers urging a no vote to every voting household in the city.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR NORTHWEST MICHIGAN LP

Chairman: Jerry Coon.
Vice Chairman: Richard Ask.
Secretary: Ellen Montgomery (Jerry's girlfriend).
Treasurer: Jim Anderson (the only constant in the group).
Member at Large: Cyndi Ask, who has also volunteered to be
Membership Chair.
Brian Klusner, John Willis, and Charlotte Willis have all officially broken off and formed their own affiliate as of tonight. They will be taking Manistee, Wexford and Missaukee Counties with them. Good Luck!!!

Liberty Calendar

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JUNE 1997

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| 8 | 9 Livingston Co. Mexican Jones Rest. 675 Grand River Brighton, 6:30 PM South Central LP Tom's Grill/Pub 3075 Ann Arbor Jackson, 7:00 PM | | 10 Meeting Ottawa Co. China Garden Rest. 133 Washington Grand Haven, 7:30 | | 11 Meetings Macomb Co. Fire House Groesbeck-Utica Warren, 6PM | | 12 Meetings Mid-Michigan , Sneekers Rest. 600 Homer, Lansing, 6:30 PM Washtenaw Co. Dominick's 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor, 7PM | | 13 | 14 | | |
| 15 | 16 | | 17 | | 18 Meeting Ionia Co. Party Corcoran's Downtown Ionia, 7:30 PM | | 19 Meetings Washtenaw Co. , Dominick's 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor, 7PM Van Buren Co. call Bill Bradley for info:616-637-4525 | | 20 | 21 Meeting Northwest LP. Cottage Cafe 420 Munson Ave. Traverse City, 7PM | | |
| 22 Meeting L.E.C. Georgian Inn Roseville, 11A | | 23 | | 24 | | 25 Meeting Oakland Co. Gino's Rest. 1999 Cass Lake Rd. Keego Harbor, 7PM | | 26 Meeting Washtenaw Co. Dominick's 812 Monroe St. Ann Arbor, 7:30 | | 27 | 28 LCMA Campaign Mgrs Asse Workshop #2 Church Hall 1017 Hilton Rd. Ferndale, 12 noon | |
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JULY 1997

OUR WACKY GOVERNMENT

Senate beauticians spent \$13,000 over six months on beauty supplies.

The Senate spent almost \$7,000 over six months on aerobics classes, and about \$2,000 on yoga classes.

It spends about \$490,000 annually on salaries for barbers and beauticians (including \$52,364 for a 'chief barber') plus \$19,146 for a shoeshine attendant and \$26,389 for a 'special assistant manicurist.'

It pays an assistant police chief \$107,792 per year (Chicago's police chief makes \$78,000).

It pays an 'assistant picture framer' \$31,080.

Source: Citizens Against Government Waste's Wastewatcher, March 1997

Each year, since the National Archives was set up in 1934, it adds to its collection what equals a football field: 360 x 160 feet of paper, piled 37 feet high. By the year 2000 the pile should reach 2,772 feet.

The government has been studying the proliferation of paperwork and found that it spends in excess of \$15 million a year on paper. So, the Paper Management Office tried to encourage government employees to cut down on paperwork by having an annual contest. Letters (paper of course were sent out to government agencies telling them how to enter the names of nominees "who have contributed significantly to the efficiency or cost reduction of the Federal paperwork systems," the nominating procedures were described in a six-page paper prospectus.

For the modest sum of 325,000 the quarters of the "official temporary residence of the Vice-President of the United States" were refurbished. This breaks down as:

- \$15,300 for china and crystal
- \$18,000 for carpeting
- \$21,200 for silverware
- \$26,400 for drapes
- \$33,000 for miscellaneous items
- \$41,000 for furniture
- \$170,000 for the replacement of window air conditioners with central air.

source: Goofy Gov't Grants (Roberts)

David Letterman's**TOP TEN THINGS WE AS AMERICANS CAN BE PROUD OF**

10. Attendance at Barbara Streisand concerts still optional.
9. Greatest number of citizens that have actually boarded UFO's.
8. Many newspapers feature "Jumble" that scrambled word game.
7. Crumbling landmarks torn down--not made a big fuss over.
6. Hourly motel rates.
5. Vast majority of Elvis movies made here.
4. Didn't give up right away in World War II like some countries we could mention.
3. Goatees and vandykes thought to be worn only by weenies.
2. Our well behaved atheletes.
1. Fabulous babes coast to coast.

They said it....

-about Al Gore
He's got a wooden chin.
Hillary Clinton

-about J. Edgar Hoover
..a killer fruit.
Truman Capote

It's probably better to have him inside the tent pissing out, than outside the tent pissing in.
Lyndon B. Johnson

-about Hubert H Humphrey
...a treacherous, brain damaged old vulture... they don't make 'em like Hubert anymore--but just to be on the safe side he should be castrated anyway.
Hunter S. Thompson

Hubert Humphrey talks so fast that listening to him is like trying to read *Playboy* magazine with your wife turning the pages.

Barry S. Goldwater

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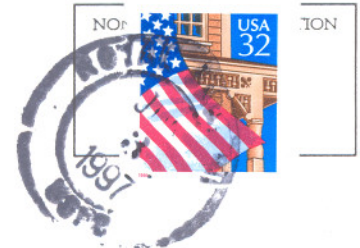
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