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Calendar of Events:

- July 19 LPM Executive Committee meeting 1:00 PM at home of Karen and Scott Scarborough, 2357 Pine Orchard, Waterford, MI 48329. Every LPM member welcome! Phone (313) 673-2693 for directions. Please attend and make your voice heard.
- July 22-25 Ann Arbor Art Fair: LPWC and AALL will have a booth on S. University St. Contact James Hudler, Emily Salvette, Frederick Weihe, or David Raaflaub for details.
- July 27 Metro Detroit Libertarian meeting at 6:00 PM. Call Sue Brian (542-9230) for location. Topic: Quakerism.
- July 30-Aug 9 Ionia Free Fair, LPM booth noon to 10 PM. Call Dick Whitelock (616) 527-9263 (days)
- August 21-23 Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. LPWC and AALL will have a booth. See article on p. 4.
- August 1 LP of NW Ohio Picnic at home of Rachel and Leroy Lloyd, 14137 Campbell Hill Rd, Bowling Green (419) 353-1813
- Each Thursday at 6:30 PM (except above dates) Weekly dinner meeting at Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe St., Ann Arbor. A regular feature is discussion of *The Principles of Liberty* course from the Society for Individual Liberty.

LIBERTARIANS FLUSH CITY

by James L. Hudler

Government theft and waste inspired the display of guerilla theater which was performed at the June 1, 1992 Ann Arbor City Council Meeting by members of

the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County. (See photo below) David Damroze, James Hudler, Glenn Mensching, Mark Hiselman and David Raaflaub flushed symbolic tax dollars down a water-filled toilet-on-wheels. The plumbing was borrowed from the Metro Detroit Libertarians, who have used the prop to dramatize their tax protests.

The Washtenaw Libertarians were specifically ridiculing the City Council's \$313,000 bailout of Recycle Ann Arbor, the non-profit, Green-Party affiliated organization which just last year underbid other profitable firms for the city's recycling contract by one-third and which now finds itself insolvent.

Some Libertarians feel there could have been a backroom deal between the Democratic administration and Recycle Ann Arbor whereby Recycle Ann Arbor could underbid the profitable firms and later be assured of a bailout.

"The City of Ann Arbor should put the recycling service back out for competitive bids," declared Mark Hiselman during the protest.

An account of this protest appeared in the *Ann Arbor News*. See below.



Washtenaw Libertarians Raaflaub, Hudler, Damroze, and Hiselman turn "Cash into Compost." Photo by Glenn Mensching.

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LPWC/AALL To Have Art Fair Booth

By James L. Hudler

The Ann Arbor Art Fair will be graced this July 22-25, as it has for over a decade, with the presence of the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County and the Ann Arbor Libertarian League.

Such was almost not the case for us and the other sixty-plus non-profit organizations. The Washtenaw County Council for the Arts, who have overseen the non-profit booth section of the Art Fair for many years, in a move to line their pockets with more loot at the expense of the taxpayer's freedom of speech and association, sought to cut the number of booth spaces available to non-profit groups by one-half and to move them to an obscure corner of Maynard Street.

Through the diligent efforts of David Raaflaub, LPWC Secretary, and activists from other groups, a non-profit Art Fair committee was established for the very first time. The committee convinced the Ann Arbor City Council of the importance of the non-profit groups' participation in the Fair. As a result, the number of booths remains nearly the same and they will be located on highly-traveled South University Avenue.

Now that our booth is secure, we need your help. We require full-time staffing of the booth 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday through Friday and from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Staffers will hand out literature, sell libertarian merchandise, collect names for our mailing list, and collect donations. Please contact J. Hudler or any of the other information contact people listed on page 5.

Convention Report: Democracy in Ruins

By David H. Raaflaub

Led by famous anarchist and Free Ireland activist Tim O'Brien, the State Libertarian Convention voted out the tyranny of the majority and voted in the tyranny of the minority.

With 94% of the party membership, which has risen from 70 to over 200 in the last year, *not voting* for the change, O'Brien led the charge to reverse two years of proportionate democracy in the party. Although the Michigan LP had been the most democratically structured political party in the United States for the last two years, where rule by the minority was structurally disfavored under the Jones' reforms of 1990, five executive officers now will run the party unchallenged for the next year. The writer as well as 194 other party members have had their individual political rights stripped away. The step backward in terms of full individual political rights reflects the fact that the National Libertarian Party has the structure of the Republican Party.

Just as the Irish Freedom Movement has failed to organize its people into an effective movement to win freedom due to the movement's lack of democratic

structures, the Michigan Libertarian Party now falls back into the control of an ineffectual oligarchy.

As the party's foremost advocate of democracy, I felt obliged to protest this travesty by walking out of the convention and not running as a Libertarian for the United States House of Representatives in the 13th Congressional District. I am sure other members will feel loss of motivation to work within an organization tyrannized by the minority. Although a majority will not tyrannize itself, a minority has no constraints in tyrannizing other minorities or even the majority.

The Michigan LP will now endure the consequences of this minority's foolishness!

FROM THE CHAIR

BY JAMES L. HUDLER

CONVENTION REPORT: THE FACTS

The 1992 nominating convention of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, hosted by the LPWC, was a moderate success. On the favorable side, the convention netted the LPM approximately \$1500, according to David Nagy, new LPM treasurer. On the unfavorable side, attendance was down for a presidential nominating convention, the National Committee had to meet to decide the Emerling vs. Marrou battle, and the number of candidates nominated for the November elections was one-half the number we have had in previous presidential years.

The financial success of the convention was due to both low costs and good attendance at the fundraising banquet. The Courtyard Marriott gave us a good deal on the meeting rooms and meals and followed through with excellent service. The Marrou banquet Sunday evening had close to one hundred in attendance and netted over \$1800 in donations, which we split 50:50 with the Marrou/Lord campaign.

The problems that faced the National Committee, who met concurrently with our convention, had to do with Michael Emerling's charges of financial and other misconduct by Marrou. The NatCom unanimously backed Marrou in the face of the allegations. Details of the NatCom proceedings can be found in the May, 1992 issue of *LP News*.

I have no satisfactory explanation why attendance was down except for political burn-out in general. Those in attendance, in my view, were very upbeat and eager to spread the libertarian message and campaign after the convention's conclusion.

Although low in number, the majority of candidates nominated at the LPM were planning to mount serious campaigns in the fall. Dick Jacobs, LPM gubernatorial candidate in 1986, is making a concerted effort to have a unified, hard-hitting, active Michigan Libertarian Congressional campaign. Fritz Weihe and yours truly will be running active campaigns in Washtenaw County and in the whole state, respectively. Write to candidates at their addresses on page 6. (Continued on page 7)

The Ann Arbor Libertarian League

The Ann Arbor Libertarian League is the libertarian student organization on the University of Michigan campus. In conjunction with the Washtenaw County LP, the AALL hosts speakers and holds other outreach events throughout the academic year.

Speakers from the '91-'92 lecture series included Andre Marrou, Margaret O'Connor, Larry Reed, Bette Erwin, Ralph Mullinger, Parth Shah, and others. Other events sponsored by the AALL included discussion/debates with members of the Green Party and the Objectivists, and the Freedom Conference with panelists David Friedman, Mary Ruwart and Jarrett Wollstein.

As the upcoming elections cause people to pay more attention to politics, we expect to generate even more interest in our alternative to the major parties. Andre Marrou's visit alone generated over thirty new names for our mailing list, some of whom will hopefully become active in our organization.

Our approach to outreach is different from that used in non-academic settings. College students are prone to be libertarian with regards to civil liberties, and have a healthy cynicism about government, but have been too long exposed to a biased academic system; they think economic freedom means high taxes and food stamps! Much of the discussion of the free market has been poisoned by the Republicans, and many students associate laissez faire with welfare-for-the-wealthy Reaganomics. Once we have shown them that Libertarians are sincere about freedom, they may be more receptive to the discovery that there can be no freedom if people can not keep the products of their labors. This is the basis for our slightly different style.

Of course, many intelligent students who have learned a little about economics or political science develop libertarian ideas themselves, and don't need to be converted, just found.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for events in the fall!

Frederick A. Weihe
Co-Chair, AALL

LP at Ypsilanti Heritage Festival

This summer, for the first time, the Libertarian Party will have an information booth at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. The festival will be held August 21, 22, and 23, in Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. The booth will provide visitors to the festival with the opportunity to learn about the Libertarian Party, meet active members, and pick up literature about issues and candidates.

Come on by and visit! Candidates: send us your pamphlets for our literature table.

Ann Arbor City Council Elections

"I would rather lose in a cause that will some day win, than win in a cause that will some day lose." Those are the words that then President Woodrow Wilson said some 100 years ago. Those same words were echoed April 7th, 1992, the day after the Ann Arbor City Council Elections.

Ann Arbor's Libertarian Slate of Council Candidates consisted of high school student Tim Schrodel, stock broker Mark Hiselman, landlord Nick Contaxes, and attorney David Raaflaub. Although the four may not have won, they did make the best showing the Libertarian Party has made in Ann Arbor history.

The candidates could sense that a good election was coming when we made the front page of the Ann Arbor News. This lengthy article included a photograph of candidate Tim Schrodel and included a discussion of the Party and our caucus, which consisted of a "bowl-off" (the highest bowling score got to be candidate). After that article appeared, the four Libertarian candidates were barraged with requests from newspapers and radio stations to do interviews, and by various civic groups to appear in forums and debates. The Libertarian candidates' views were taken into account nearly as much as the Republican and Democratic candidates.

The four Libertarian Candidates also drew support from citizens sick and tired of the mud slinging that the Republicans and Democrats were engaged in. (The local paper, as a result, refused to endorse anyone in Raaflaub's ward.)

When election day came on April 6th, only a tiny percentage of Ann Arbor citizens even bothered to vote. But of those that did, a considerable number voted Libertarian. When the polls closed, and the votes were counted, the four Libertarian candidates were quite pleased, as it provided a ray of hope that the 1993 elections will be even better!

Tim Schrodel

The final Ann Arbor City Council election returns for Libertarian Candidates:

Ward One: no candidate	
Ward Two: Tim Schrodel	29 votes (1.2%)
Ward Three: Mark Contaxes	47 votes (1.5%)
Ward Four: Nick Contaxes	68 votes (2.7%)
Ward Five: David Raaflaub	140 votes (4.3%)

"... the Communist government has had gun control for years. Guns control everything!"

- Yakov Smirnoff

Libertarian Option in 54th State Rep. Race

State Representative Kirk Profit (D-Ypsi) is at least an honest Democrat; he doesn't even claim to want to lower your taxes. But his honesty is not enough of a virtue to stop me from running against him in '92.

The Ypsilanti area is devastated economically, and has among the highest property taxes in the state. Many of the downtown storefronts have been empty for years, and elderly people who have lived in the area all their lives are leaving, because they cannot afford the high taxes on their fixed incomes.

General Motor's closing of the Willow Run plant is another serious blow to an already fragile economy, and another example of the fact that government regulations can make business do anything for it's employees. . .except stay in business. The local governments, seemingly to prove just how hostile they are to employers, are suing GM for getting out of Ypsilanti!

These economic disasters, combined with Profit's big government notions on every subject, and his abandonment of the protection of personal liberties in cases like the nude dancing ban, might seem to make him an easy target for a Libertarian. So why isn't it going to be easy? Why won't I be the next representative from the 54th district? As Libertarians everywhere know, the real battle isn't teaching people about libertarian ideas. The real battle is unteaching them what they've been hearing all their lives about the government's ability to solve their problems.

My goal in Ypsilanti will be to force a new idea into the debate. I want to let the people of Ypsilanti hear, and judge for themselves, the possibility that the solutions proposed by politicians are designed to help the politicians, not the residents of the district. Residents see the disaster around them, but are only given the choice of letting the Republicans run the economy, or letting the Democrats run the economy. The bigger questions are left unasked. I want to ask those questions.

The role of the government in the economy, the priorities of law enforcement, and the power of the state in our private lives, are all questions that desperately need to be addressed in Ypsilanti. I want to make sure they begin to be addressed.

Obviously, Kirk Profit will be the next State Representative from this district. But I will consider it a victory if I can get enough attention to force the other candidates to confront the issues that we know need to be confronted, and if I can get enough votes to let all the candidates, and the voters, see that there is a constituency for freedom, and an alternative to the crushing burden of big government.

Contributions are, of course, gratefully accepted. Just a few dollars can mean printing another

hundred pamphlets for distribution. Larger contributions would allow me to advertise in the local media. Checks can be made out to the "Frederick A. Weihe for State Representative Committee", and sent to the address below. For the record, I am a research assistant at the University of Michigan, where I am working towards a Ph.D. in physics. I am also co-chair of the Ann Arbor Libertarian League. I am 27 years old, was born in Washington, D.C., and live in Ypsilanti with my wife, Adelheid.

Frederick A. Weihe
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"...government is not reason; it is not eloquence - it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

--- George Washington

"The casual user, if there is such a thing as a casual user, ought to be taken out and shot, because he or she has no reason for using drugs."

- Daryl F. Gates,
Chief of Police, Los Angeles

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing what they could and should do for themselves.

--- Abraham Lincoln

"1935 will go down in history ! For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration ! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future !"

- Adolf Hitler

"What a terrible thing it is to lose one's mind. Or not to have a mind at all. How true that is."

- dan quayle

ROUGH WATERS AHEAD FOR THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

by David H. Raaflaub

It should be apparent that Ross Perot represents a challenge not only to the republicrats but also to the Libertarian Party. In short, Mr. Perot threatens ballot status for the Michigan Libertarian Party in this way: the LP has long hoped that its message of freedom would attract discontented voters and non-voters who want "none of the above." In recent years, widespread discontent with the major parties' inability to solve problems has heightened that hope.

But Ross Perot presents the spectacle of a facet of libertarian theory: spontaneous order. The ironic joke is that the spontaneous order of the discontented population, tired of government burdens on them and corruption, is going for Ross Perot and against the Libertarian Party.

It is not hard to see how the LP's traditional distaste for democracy contributes to this phenomenon. A party whose structure is antidemocratic and whose rhetoric is openly hostile to the idea that all people are welcome with full political rights, i.e. can vote on *all* questions affecting them, would simply not attract large numbers of members.

By contrast the message of Perot is inclusive: "I will work for you if you demonstrate you want me, and put some skin in the action," and "I will adhere to your wishes through the electronic town meeting of the air" is clearly attracting millions of disaffected citizens.

The *Ann Arbor News* for Sunday, May 18, 1992 reported that the Michigan Perot organization predicts it will submit 400,000 signatures on his petitions although only 25,000 are needed to put him on the ballot. Perot presents the image of competence, service and democracy to the American people who are responding by the tens of millions.

The threat is that libertarians, instead of being in the lead, will be left in the dust. If 25,000 Michigan voters do not vote for Marrou, the LPM will also be left without ballot status.

It is hard to explain the bumbling and incompetence that now dominates the Libertarian Party of Michigan, and why the LP fails to perceive that democracy and ballot issues are tried and true methods for building a party.

One explanation might be that some people just got tired of Tom Jones on the LCC and decided to put an end to it, thereby terminating the democratic political rights of over 220 Libertarian Party members in the process. Another theory is burnout. Yet another concept suggests that some controlling type people in the party just don't want the party to grow for whatever reason: the party should be a social club or should be managed to be not too great a threat.

Whatever, the case this election year again presents the prospect of the LPM becoming extinct in the rough political waters ahead. Perhaps not a tear

should be shed; political Darwinism is simply working its wise hand.

But some of us wish to fight against extinction and for full democratic political rights for all members in the party and all people in the country.

We note that while the LPM was structured with the most democratic proportionate representational system of any political party in the country on its LCC, the party exploded in membership from 70 in 1991 to 220 in 1992. The minority rule takeover at this year's LPM convention in Ann Arbor slammed the door on this democratic growth.

To the end of party survival and growth we need your proxies, dear friends of liberty and democracy, to vote at the next membership meeting of the party. If we have 50% of the vote of the membership, we can set the agenda for the party for the next three months even if the officers object.

Our agenda is this: 1. Push issue petitions on pure libertarian points which appear popular in order to build party membership and attract voters to Mr. Marrou. 2. To lobby for full political rights of all party members to vote on *all* questions affecting the membership. 3. To lead a democracy renewal in the LPM for next year's Libertarian Party convention: the members must take back control of the party from the tyrants who want liberty for only themselves and who prefer their tyranny of the minority to the so-called "tyranny of the majority."

Send a proxy to me David H. Raaflaub, to vote at meeting of the officers until terminated by you. You, of course, have the right to attend and vote for yourself, but if inconvenient, I will vote for the agenda I have set out. You have paid your dues, the party speaks in your name, but you have no vote under the present system until next year unless you and others totaling 50% of the membership show up or send your proxies to someone at the meeting. Under the present party by-laws passed by a quorum of 20% of the total membership and 95% of the membership not voting for the changes, you have no say in party policy for the next year unless you as part of 50% of the membership vote the policy at the officers' meeting. Vote your vote for freedom and democracy!

LIBERTARIAN PARTY CHARITY

Help us prove that people are generous and charitable and that government intervention on behalf of the poor is unnecessary and immoral. Our goal will be to show the public that forced taxation is not conducive to charitable behavior. We will be selecting a private charity that does not accept government funding to receive donated articles of clothing and food. We will be inviting the press to cover this event while we distribute literature from the LPM and the selected charity. If you can loan the use of a van for the day or would like to participate in any other way please call me, Karen Scarborough, at (313) 673-2693.

Summer 1992
**LPM Candidates
 for
 November 1992**

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 State Board of Education
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University of Michigan
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District 54
 Fredrick A. Weihe
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District 70
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For more information about the Ann Arbor Libertarian League and the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County, please contact: Frederick Weihe (313) 481-1289 or Emily Salvette (313) 747-7542 of the AALL; or James Hudler (313) 475-9792 or David Raaflaub (313) 769-2645 of the LPWC.

Schedules of advertising rates need to be established by the publishers.

Interested in working on this? Phone Mark Hiselman at (313) 677-2147.

ADVERTISERS SOUGHT

Mark Hiselman, Advertising Coordinator for our state newspaper *The Michigan Libertarian*, says it's smart for businesses to run ads in LP publications. The advantages are, according to Hiselman:

- Libertarians are "early adopters," the adventurous kind of people who will try a product or service when it's new in the marketplace.

- Libertarians are opinion leaders, the people you want to reach if you want your ideas and offerings to be fully and reasonably examined. Publishers are especially interested in this group.

- Libertarian customers often prefer to deal with Libertarian-oriented businesses, they just need to know that your business is there.

Hiselman also points out that advertising costs are tax-deductible whereas direct contributions are not. Therefore if you have been donating without advertising, you should rethink your contribution strategy.

Hiselman acknowledges that a few things need to be done to achieve his goal of better advertising revenues for LP periodicals, the most notable of which is adherence to regular publication schedules.



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From the Chair, continued
STATE PARTY LACKS RUDDER

Since the April LPM convention, our state party has been a ship without a rudder, receiving little leadership, I would say, from our newly reelected chair. I urge party members who agree with me to voice their displeasure at the next Executive Committee meeting on July 19.

In lieu of leadership from the top, individual Libertarians must seize control of Party activism. I suggest you get involved in the following activities on the local level:

1. Participate in the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, the Ionia Free Fair, or other community fair with a Libertarian booth. Call me or any of the other contact people for advise.

2. Start campaigning for the Marrou/Lord ticket now! Our place on the Michigan ballot will be lost if we fail to obtain at least some 30,000 votes in November, forcing us to collect 30,000 signatures on petitions to regain ballot status (a horrendous task--I know, I've done it five different times!). Here's how you can campaign:

- Purchase literature from Marrou/Lord headquarters (address on page 8) and give it to friends and neighbors.
- Run a Marrou/Lord video or audio tape on your local cable TV or public access station. Bill Shotey, Marrou/Lord Michigan Campaign Chair, 22335 Francis Street, Dearborn, MI 48124, 313 278-3673 can help you with this.
- Write letters to the editor of your local paper promoting the LP and Marrou/Lord. Or purchase an ad for the campaign (national headquarters will send you the ad copy).

3. Organize a local LP group, preferably by county if possible, and schedule *regular* meetings at a local restaurant. I suggest at least once a month.

4. Contact the LPM candidates listed on page 6 and help them with their campaigns.

HEMP NEWS

By Rich Birkett

Ann Arbor NORML has planned a "Hemp Fair" during the Ann Arbor Art Fair (July 22-25) on the U-M Diag without University sanction. NORML believes all political, religious, and free speech groups have a constitutional right to be there, because of a long string of court cases establishing the right to distribute literature and other constitutionally protected items on public sidewalks, both for free and for money. U-M policy prohibits selling on University property without a permit, and continues to enforce its unconstitutional policy during the Hash Bash and probably for the Hemp Fair too. Set up a table with us and feel the repression.

Here is a reprint of an article from the Ann Arbor News for 6-3-92:

LIBERTARIAN LECTURERS RIP BAILOUT
 FLUSHING TOILET PROVIDES TAXPAYER OBJECT LESSON
 FOUR OF SIX PUBLIC SPEAKING SPOTS WERE TAKEN BY
 LIBERTARIANS WHO LASHED COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL RESCUE
 OF RECYCLE ANN ARBOR, OFFICIALS' 'GROUPTHINK'
 BY JUDSON BRANAM, NEWS STAFF REPORTER

It was the night of the Libertarians Monday at Ann Arbor's City Council meeting, complete with a working toilet, skits and lectures on group psychology.

The biggest target of a handful of former Libertarian candidates and county party officials who signed up for public speaking time at the meeting was a \$313,000 bailout of Recycle Ann Arbor that the council later passed.

After wheeling a toilet into the council chambers, Libertarian David Damroze offered his interpretation of the council's attitude, saying "Money is the root of all evil and capitalism is bad, but composting and recycling are good."

Damroze then found a "taxpayer" in the audience--played by county Libertaarian chairman James Hudler--strongarmed the money from his pocket, and flushed it down the toilet, which actually worked.

Libertarians signed up for four of the six available public comment spots at Monday's meeting, resulting in more Libertarians speaking during the entire meeting than Republicans. Republicans hold just tow seats on the 11-member council.

David Raaflaub, a local attorney who has run for mayor and council member on the Libertarian ticket, pointed out that 94 percent of Ann Arbor citizens did not vote for the current council members, and that national policy is controlled by just 535 people--Congress and the president.

"The people feel powerless because they are," Raaflaub said.

Two-time Libertarian council candidate Mark Hiselman lectured the council on "cognitive dissonance--when good people are involved in bad acts but still believe they're good."

Examples of this "City Council groupthink," Hiselman said, include not passing the city's budget during the May 18 meeting as required by the city charter, not disciplining city Housing Commission Director Conrad Benson for skirting council approval requirements before purchasing land and holding a meeting on the city budget without posting it as required by the state Open Meetings Act.

Hiselman branded the Recycle Ann Arbor bailout "a sham," urging the council instead to put its recycling service back out for competitive bids.

As the toilet was wheeled from the council chamber, Mayor Liz Brater quipped, "Move over, Johnny Carson."

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- RESTORE GUN OWNERSHIP RIGHTS: TRUST
PEOPLE, BEWARE GOVERNMENT
- LIMIT CONGRESSIONAL TERMS: CITIZEN
STATESMEN, NOT PROFESSIONAL
POLITICIANS
- BRING OUR TROOPS BACK HOME TO DEFEND
THE USA
- ENACT THE FULLY INFORMED JURY
AMENDMENT: TRY LAWS AND DEFENDANTS
- END ALL TAX-FINANCED SUBSIDIES,
INCLUDING THOSE FOR HARMFUL DRUGS
- STOP HIRING FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: LET
ATTRITION CUT BUREAUCRACY
- CEASE FOREIGN AID: STOP PENALIZING OUR
WORKERS
- PRIVATIZE EDUCATION, CHARITIZE WELFARE,
ALLOW CHOICE IN ALL MATTERS
- REPEAL ALL VICTIMLESS CRIME LAWS

URGENT! FUNDS NEEDED NOW!

The Ann Arbor Libertarian League and the
Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County
need your financial help now for the
following projects:

1. Further mailing of the *Washtenaw
Libertarian*.
2. Purchase of literature and payment of
fees for our booths at the Art Fair and at
the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
3. Fall semester outreach projects to U-M
and EMU students
4. Support for the Marrou/Lord campaign
in Washtenaw County. Our continuing
place on the ballot depends on getting
enough votes for Marrou/Lord in
November!

Make your check out to the Libertarian Party
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LPM TOP LEADERSHIP CHANGE

LPM Chair Dale Dobberstein has resigned his position, according to LPM Secretary Karen Scarborough. In a June 23, 1992 letter to Scarborough, Dobberstein announced his move and complained of loss of liberty in Michigan due to LPM inactivity.

Dobberstein was just reelected to the office of Chair in April, 1992. Scarborough was made Secretary at that time, while Keith Edwards and David Nagy were elected Vice Chair and Treasurer, respectively. Edwards is to succeed to the office of LPM Chair, a position he held in 1990-91.

A new Vice Chair will be elected at the July 19 Executive Committee meeting. (As many LPM members as possible should attend this meeting, since our future ballot status is at stake.)

NEW COMMITTEE

Under the new LPM By-laws adopted at the 1992 State Convention, the Libertarian Central Committee is abolished, and is replaced by a smaller State Party Advisory Committee. The members of the new body are: Mark Elsholz, Mike Gillman, and Gary Bradley.

LPM PICNIC

At press time, a summer LPM picnic was being organized. Our host will be Cliff Schwinck, 3174 Dodge Road, Clio, Mich. The picnic is on Sunday, August 9, but folks in campers are welcome to arrive after 6:00 PM the preceding evening. There will be a Quarterly Membership Meeting (see the new By-laws about this new function) 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday. Please bring your own food and beverage. For directions, call Dave Gillie at (313) 686-1200 or (313) 550-1115; or follow these directions: Take I-75 and exit at Mt. Morris Road. Travel 1.5 miles east to Clio Road. Turn north and go 2 miles to Dodge Road. Proceed 0.3 miles west on Dodge Road to Cliff's house.

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