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## Lewis Tours Michigan

### SENATE RESULTS

Libertarian senatorial candidates, Virginia Cropsey and Bill Hollander, received a higher percentage of votes in the January 31st special election to fill seats vacated by recall than in the 1982 election. There was also a wider split because the Tisch party also ran candidates this time.

Hollander had 1.6% of the recent vote compared to .9% in the 1982 election when he ran in the same district.

Cropsey polled 2.2% of the vote, which also represented an increased percentage although she had not been the Senatorial candidate in 1982.

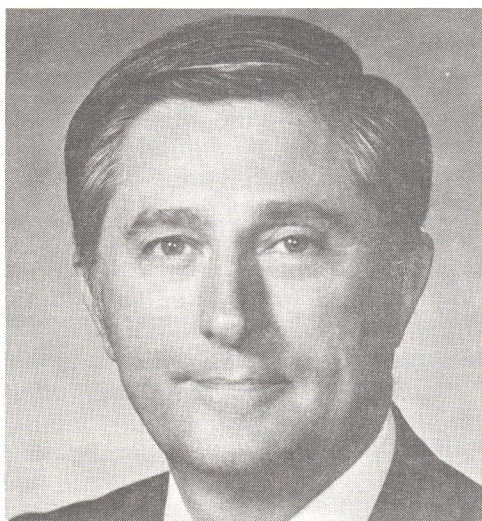
Republicans took both Senate seats garnering 21,000 to 8,000 votes in the 9th district and 12,000 to 5,000 votes in the 8th district.

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Vice-President candidate Jim Lewis, is enthusiastic about beginning his campaign to get the word out about the Libertarian alternative in politics. He began a series of events in Michigan on Monday, January 16. By Thursday Lewis had stopped in seven cities in Michigan and was on his way to business in Indiana.

On Monday night Lewis met informally with Metro Detroit Libertarians in Southfield. He was interviewed by Jeff Hadden, in charge of editorial endorsements at the Detroit News on Tuesday, as well as attending to his business as sales representative for General Bookbinding.

Tuesday night was a focal point of this Lewis trip as he participated in a forum with Libertarian Senatorial candidates, Virginia Cropsey and William Hollander, in Sterling Heights.

The candidates discussed the need for decreased taxes and other necessary limitations of the role of government in individuals lives. Material from Lewis' upcoming book, A Century of Error including constitutional issues in the reduction of regulation was also discussed. Prior to the event Lewis taped radio commercials with Virginia Cropsey.

Wednesday began early for Lewis, since he had an invitation arranged by Jon Addiss to speak at a breakfast of the Red Cedar Optimists' Club in East Lansing. This was followed by a Lansing press conference, a tour of LPM headquarters, and culminated with an evening speaking engagement at M.S.U.

On Thursday, Jim Lewis proceeded to Indiana via Battle Creek, where he was interviewed by Dave Carleton of the Battle Creek Inquiries and News, and to Kalamazoo for a particularly well-attended press conference which had been arranged by Sheryl Loux. A Grand Rapids television station was present. Kalamazoo Gazette staff writer, Blaire Davis summarized Lewis' remarks:

"Taxation is theft. U.S. troops should be pulled out of Western Europe and Japan and pornography, drugs, and prostitution continued on p. 6.



## FROM THE EDITOR

The newsletter may undergo some format changes, but this month's type style variety is not one of them. Our typesetting equipment has not recovered despite a visit to the shop and alternatives are being explored. A consistent type face should be available by the next newsletter. Your patience is appreciated.

Another change is that the LCC has authorized less frequent printing of the newsletter to correspond roughly with the timing of LCC meetings during busy periods. However all of 1984 may constitute a busy period and the newsletter will be printed accordingly, as information becomes available.

We welcome submissions of all kinds: news from your area, high points of meetings, issues of interest, guest editorials, letters-to-the-editor, reports of activity, essays on libertarianism, etc. Deadlines will be February 27 and the 27 of each month thereafter through May 27. These dates are roughly one week after LCC meetings and are in time to have the following months issue arrive--even by bulk mail--before the end of that month.

The efforts of Mike Palonus, whose unique typesetting those of you in Wayne county may recognize, and James Hudler, who is helping with layout and as advertising manager are also greatly appreciated.

## HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Coordinating the Lewis Vice-Presidential tour, assisting Senatorial candidates, and getting out a large membership mailing and the newsletter have been the major activities at the office, in addition to ongoing projects.

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## HEADQUARTERS REPORT cont.

Special thanks goes to all of those who arranged events during Jim Lewis trip: notice was short and schedule changes were frequent but Virginia Cropsey and Sheryl Loux in Sterling Heights and K a l a m a z o o , respectively, did a wonderful job of creating an event. A newcomer, Jon Addiss, provided us with a speaking engagement at the Optimist's Club and Carol South and Mike Stein handled publicity for an evening event in Lansing. Joe Cote and Bob Stepanavich were Jim Lewis' gracious hosts.

Other volunteers in Lansing have included Jeff Grund who does endless cross-referencing and filing tasks and Gary Bradley who assisted in the office and recently "weatherized" it. Hopefully the window sealing will make for more comfortable LCC meetings.

Those who are involved in activities around the state are encouraged to turn in activity cards (enclosed in December's newsletter) so that we can keep track of our progress and develop still more activity. Every effort toward liberty is appreciated by the LPM and hopefully is a reward in itself.



## GUEST COLUMN

### Public broadcasting forces poor to subsidize wealthy tastes

by Terry Epton

The recent resignation of Frank Mankiewicz from National Public Radio dramatizes NPR's staggering financial crisis. Public television is also hurting. Bad management and a drop off of corporate contributions during the recession is part of the problem. But the main cause is Reagan funding cuts to broadcasting and to the arts. Dance ensembles, theater companies, and a range of cultural endeavors which had grown dependent on federal dollars are caught in the same squeeze.

Reagan's critics condemned such economy moves as attacks on culture and as a war waged by barbarian Right Wing ideologues against civilization itself. We have become so accustomed to the flood of government subsidies in every direction that federal support for the arts appeared sacred.

Tax dollars aside, consumers do support the arts, lavishly. Billions are spent on concerts, recordings, films, and theater. Galleries and art fairs provide a thriving market for paintings, sculpture, ceramics, weaving, photography, and endless other forms, in a wide range of price and tastes. Unlike public funding, private spending on the arts allows for consumer choice. People buy what they like. More may be spent on the Rolling Stones than on Rachmaninoff, but there is a market for both. With public money; decisions are made by governing elites, and the tendency is to finance what people are not interested in paying for themselves.

The choices government administrators make also tend to reflect their class backgrounds. Classical music, ballet, the high culture of the elite, are subsidized in live performance and through public broadcasting. Of course, audiences cut across class lines. But for the most part, it is the entertainment of the rich that gets tax support. The working poor, straining

under crippling tax loads, are forced to subsidize opera and ballet for the wealthy.

Artists on the federal dole are freed from pleasing the public. They need only curry favor with government bureaucrats. The great danger in this relationship is that culture falls under the control of the officials. Whenever the artist gets in bed with government, culture can become the whore of the state. Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia, and other totalitarian examples of this phenomena are well known. Closer to home, even such democratic countries as France are infringing on the integrity of art and news reporting through government control of broadcasting.

American television is a vacuous wasteland because federal licensing and regulations kept the number of networks small, making programs standardized to the lowest common intelligence. Good TV will come with less, not more, federal intrusion. Public television has already been made an anachronism by cable TV technology which creates a large variety of specialized viewing, including an all-culture station, paid for by the audience it serves.

Public financing really means the government forces us to pay. The illusion that government services are free is the root cause of soaring deficits and skyrocketing taxes. PBS and NPR are above having commercials. They would rather have the government steal our money and subject us to endless, irritating fund-raising drives. Chicago's PBS station and several others across the country are currently experimenting with commercials in between shows. Only through such innovations will public broadcasting earn the right to survive. Government funding of broadcasting and the arts should not be cut, it should be eliminated.

*Terry Epton is a registered nurse and a former history teacher from Kalamazoo.*



## Holmes concedes to Cropsey!

Taxation and representation were issues in the recall districts. Cropsey joined a suit filed by Democrats and Republicans who objected to illegal nomination processes used by their parties. An emergency appeal was denied just prior to the election. Since the case is still pending, however, it could still have a dramatic impact upon the elections.

Three debates were scheduled with Cropsey's opponents. Two were televised on local cable and two were open to the public. Republican Kirby Holmes conceded that Cropsey won the first debate and in the second, referred to her as "Representative Cropsey". Holmes' wife was overheard to say, "She's doing far too well", and Holmes is reported to have said, "If I were a Republican or a Democrat, I'd be really worried".

Cropsey's active campaign had many highlights. Virginia Cropsey was invited to appear on the Tim Skubick show, "Off the Record," on the Friday before the election.

Despite phone banks, literature drops, impressive candidate debates, and poll workers, Cropsey was unable to combat Holmes' expensive media blitz. Many people who expressed support for Cropsey claimed they were even more afraid of letting Parrott win. Parrott voted for and defended Blanchard's 38% income tax hike.

In addition Dan Powers, chairman of the Serotkin Recall Committee, threw his support to Holmes after leaning toward Cropsey. He sent a letter to the signers of the recall petition implying that the whole committee was behind Holmes. In reality most committee members were helping Cropsey. Powers has not responded to the committee's attempts to contact him.

Tim O'Brien arranged for the purchase of 150 60-second spots on WWHK, 1430 AM. Tim, his brother Mike, and Virginia wrote the spots. Jim Lewis appeared in some of the spots, which were billed as "excerpted conversations between Jim Lewis, Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate, and Virginia Cropsey, 9th



District Senatorial candidate", and featured discussions about the proper function of government, taxes and spending, education, seat belts, and gun control. Other spots featured Cropsey alone. The spots closed with "sponsored by Cropsey For Senate. Send a Libertarian to the legislature January 31." Tapes will be available at upcoming LCC meetings.

The campaign concentrated on phoning to approximately 8000 signers of Serotkin recall petitions. Two calls before the election were planned.

The campaign thanks all those who have contributed.



Hollander's senatorial campaign capitalized on state overspending. Lobsters were sold as a fund-raising and publicity event, dramatizing the need to pinch spending. Hollander and campaign chairman, Brian Wright also spent much time pouring over the state budget reports, which culminated in the drafting of a lengthy issue paper.

Hollander's campaign earned him a "qualified" rating from the Civic Searchlight, an Oakland county citizens group. Hollander had held a news conference in the Main Event continued on p. 5.



**Hollander Puts The Pinch on Spending**



**CANDIDATES COMMITTEE**

The candidates committee is planning workshops for the May convention. Campaign finance, statistical voter analysis, media and local organizing are among the topics to be included. Volunteers to lead workshops or topic suggestions are very welcome.

A statewide candidates training seminar to be held in June is also being organized.

Those interested in running for office in 1984 are encouraged to contact their county chairmen, Sheryl Loux, or Lansing headquarters. If you indicate what district and against whom you wish to run, we may be able to collect some information useful to your campaign.

Offices that will be up for election in November include U.S. Senate and Congress, State Representatives, Educational Boards, nonpartisan judicial offices and some local positions.

The candidates committee is also seeking a professional photographer to be available May 19 or 20 at the convention in Ann Arbor to take candidate photos. If you know someone who would give us a good package deal, contact Sheryl Loux.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE**

The Issues Committee met before the LCC meeting on January 15. Michael Roth, a Cooley Law student, was appointed Legislative Watch Director. Reports were received on campaign position papers which are in varying states of completion. Drafts should be mailed to Committee Chair Virginia Cropsey as soon as possible.

Senator Gil DiNello will speak on his tuition tax credit bill at the April LCC meeting (Apr. 15). The next Issues Committee meeting will be March 17 at 11.00 am. Please notify the chair of resolutions



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**HOLLANDER'S CAMPAIGN TO "PUT THE PINCH" ON SPENDING (Cont.)**

Restaurant of the Pontiac Silver Dome early in the campaign. Later, he was featured in the League of Women Voters sponsored debates which were covered by Cable television of Pontiac. Hollander also had gained some publicity as a result of his being excluded from debates sponsored by the area Chambers of Commerce. Later in the campaign, Pontiac Cablevision ran a 15-minute interview with Hollander and Theresa Hercher which was broadcast in Waterford and Pontiac.

Dave Gravlin organized literature distribution for the campaign, which featured a three-fold brochure designed by Hercher.

**FEEDBACK NEEDED FOR IMMEDIATE GOALS PLATFORM**

By Gary Bradley

In response to objections that Libertarian platforms are too general, vague or idealistic, the issues committee is soliciting suggestions for an "immediate goals platform" for the 1984 state legislative races. The suggestions should be for narrow, concise political actions and should meet the following criteria:

1) The program should be appropriate for action by the state legislature.

2) The program should be limited and concise enough to formulate as a single house or senate resolution.

3) The Program should not be too "radical" to be treated seriously in the mainstream press.

Some examples might be:

a) Rescind state sales tax on natural gas and heating oil.

b) Create a limited zone or area for legal casino gambling.

c) Make inadmissible radar evidence not obtained from a stationary source.

Also needed for platform is additional information on such as:

1) Examples of tax disincentives for Michigan Business.

2) Legislative biases (i.e., pro-union, medical lobby, etc.).

The committee wishes to receive additional suggestions from the general membership for preparation of this position paper. Proposals should be sent to "Immediate Goals Platform," Libertarian Party of Michigan, 112 West Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933, by March 10, 1984.

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**DAWSON FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

Charles Dawson, a General Motors employee and nine-year resident of the village of Carleton has filed his nomination paper to run in the March, 1984 election for village president. In his campaign for village council last year, Dawson received 21% of the vote.

Dawson's campaigns have concentrated upon exposing new groups of people to Libertarian philosophy. He lectures at schools and campaigns door-to-door.

He has also raised questions about the 100% increase in the village budget which exceeds increases in personal income. Indeed he notes that laborers have had to make concessions that reduce income. Dawson is opposed to a pay raise for the village president whose post he now seeks.

**LEWIS (Cont.)**

should be decriminalized. . . . While Lewis said he does not advocate 'foolish conduct' by people, he said he believes in a 'live and let live' philosophy." Lewis also connected the growth of government power with the growth of the national debt in that interview and advocated a "free market" economy as well as noninterventionist foreign policy.

Lewis spent the next week in Indiana and Ohio including Press Club luncheons in Indianapolis and Cleveland. He will return to Michigan on business around March and several more times before the election. This will give us an opportunity to present our philosophy to new audiences, and we can look forward to hearing more of Lewis' vision of a "total free volunteer community."

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**CONGDON IN THE NEWS**

Charles Congdon, 35th Senate District candidate in 1982, has been featured in news articles in Midland from November to January because of his opposition to city council's misuse of funds. The council has effectively granted an exclusive franchise to Gerity Cablevision and is spending money to lobby against a Federal bill which would limit local control. "Is it right and legal to use public funds to achieve a political purpose?" asked Congdon. "There's only one franchise in town," said Congdon to the City Council "in your concern you have created a monopoly."

Congdon expressed concern that Council limitations upon access would be followed by program regulation. In January, Congdon presented an article from a Lansing newspaper to the Council documenting an instance of a governmental refusal to air certain programming. "It's a new opportunity for the government

to abridge the freedom of speech," said Congdon.

The Council's contract with Gerity also provides for rate increases. Rather than endorsing a single company, Congdon urged the Council to "declare the city a free enterprise zone and you will let cable television develop in Midland."

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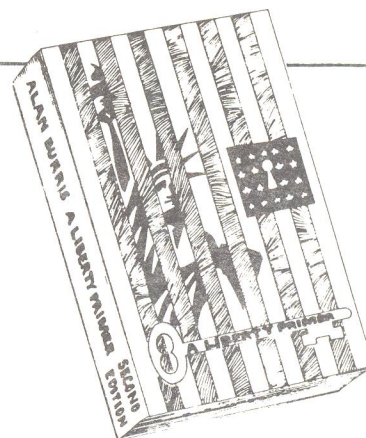
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## IS THERE OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY SEAT BELT USE?!

Secretary of State, Richard Austin says there is no organized opposition to the proposed seat belt requirement (H.B.4203) that has been returned to the House Insurance Committee. Austin, like the Insurance Committee, seems bent upon ignoring opposition such as those who were available to testify against the Bill at an Insurance Comm. meeting on Sept. 28, 1983. Opponents registered to testify included representatives of the Libertarian Party, ABATE (P.O. Box 1032, Dearborn 48121) the Coalition for Freedom of Choice, a motorcyclist's safety group as well as unaffiliated individuals.

Austin and Rep. Hollister, the Bill's major proponent are urging the House Insurance Comm. to remove amendments that would allow for exemptions to seat belt and motorcycle helmet laws and which provide for delayed enactment of the Bill to enable the public to become aware of the law before they are made criminals by it. Without calling for a hearing on the controversial Bill, proponents are predicting passage by April.

The rationale now being offered by Austin is that the auto industry would be benefited by speedy passage of a mandatory seat belt bill, because federal air bag legislation may otherwise be passed. However, there is no logical connection nor political guarantee that both governments will not act to burden us with new requirements. Rather than imposing new costs in fines or air bags a clear-thinking approach would be to remove costly safety equipment that weighs down American cars, decreasing

mileage and marketability without in fact increasing safety. For example, studies have shown that the federally-required "protective" bumper is in fact less resistant to damage than other styles at usual speeds and angles of impact, outside of the laboratory.

The only way that we can avoid these high costs in terms of dangers caused by poorly-formulated regulations (Another example, is federally-required fire-retardant clothing for children which melts to the child's flesh causing even more irreparable harm and suffering.) is to insist upon our freedom to decide what equipment we would choose to insure our safety. In preserving our right to decide, we also protect an important value, our freedom.

Let's make sure that legislator's know there's opposition to the mandatory seat belt requirement. Write them (Already there has been an admission on the House Floor that the mail has run 7 to 1 against the Bill, but they need more to convince them that we will not allow them to make these day-to-day decisions for us): write letters-to-the-editor; consider organizing a protest demonstration (A Secretary of State's office may be a good location to get the message to the naive Mr. Austin!); call for and/or prepare to testify at a public hearing on the bill; insist that the issue be put to a vote; plan to recall legislators who vote for the Bill. Use your imagination to assure that your freedom of choice and your rights to privacy in your vehicle are preserved.

Feel free to contact LPM headquarters for more information or any assistance that we can offer.

## KLINE NAMED LPM COORDINATOR

At the January 15 LCC meeting the position of Executive Director was redefined as that of LPM Coordinator. Denise Kline will serve in that capacity on a 20-hours per week basis.

Kline became involved with the Wayne State University Libertarian League in 1975. In 1980 she was active in anti-draft work and with ballot drives. She has continued to assist with ballot drives, has attended academic libertarian events and has coordinated volunteers at two national conventions. Recently, Kline has helped in scheduling, vice-presidential candidate, Jim Lewis, through Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Kline is a law graduate and has an M.A. in philosophy pending. Her undergraduate degree is in interdisciplinary studies, and she has won debate and forensic events and landlord-tenant trials. She was also editor of an underground newspaper in the 60's while in high school!

Now Kline looks forward to advancing the cause of liberty in Michigan and wherever her skills may be used. She is a native of the Upper Peninsula farm country and would like to develop Libertarian organization there, especially in view of the invasive, expensive, and possibly inefficient ELF military project there.

## WILL THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION GIVE WAY TO PROGRESS?

Testimony by Futurist David Pierce Snyder before Blanchard's Commission on Higher Education on January 30 predicted lower educational costs due to high technology and alternative modes of education which it facilitates.



# CALENDAR

THE LPM CONVENTION will be held May 18-20, 1984 in Ann Arbor at the Ann Arbor Inn. THE ANN ARBOR LIBERTARIAN LEAGUE & WASH-TENAW COUNTY LIBERTARIANS meet regularly in Ann Arbor. For further information contact:

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THE GRAND RAPIDS AREA Principles of Liberty discussion group will meet on Sunday, February 19 at 7:00 at 360 Glenhaven. Contact Bill Hall.

JACKSON CTY. LP will meet at 7PM at 6606 S. Jackson Road, (517)784-4982, on Feb. 15 w/ James Hudler on "Immorality of Drug Laws" & on March 21, Principles of Liberty course.

KALAMAZOO CTY. LP meets alternate Wednesdays at WMU. For more information contact Mary Ruwart (616)375-4959.

DAVE BERGLAND'S "FREEDOM TRAIN" will take a "scenic tour" through Michigan from May 14-21. Events of all kinds in all areas of Michigan will be considered, especially those that expose new audiences to Libertarianism. Contact the Lansing office with proposals or for details.

ED CLARK, 1980 Presidential candidate will be appearing in Indianapolis on March 31, 1984. For details, contact Indiana LP chairman Steve Dasback at (219) 723-4717, 202 N. Jefferson, S. Whitley, IN 46787.

THE LANSING AREA Principles of Liberty group meets on alternate Wednesdays, Feb. 8 and 22 and March 7, in the Mural Room on the second floor of the M.S.U. Union. Note that there has been a room change. Contact Denise Kline.

THE METRO DETROIT LIBERTARIAN SUPPER CLUB meets regularly Southfield. For dates and times please contact Michael Palonous at (313) 561-1690.

THE MACOMB COUNTY LP meets the third week of the month. Contact Virginia Cropsey at (313)978-8710.

THE MIDLAND COUNTY LP meets regularly at Paddy's Pub. For details contact Janet Parkes at (517) 631-9737.

THE OAKLAND COUNTY LP meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Hogan's Restaurant at Maple Rd. and Telegraph. For further information contact Bill Hollander at (313) 683-3066.

THE WAYNE COUNTY LP will meet Monday January 9, 1984 at Christoff's Public House, 13736 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. For further information contact Mike Palonous (313) 561-1690. ED CLARK may be in Michigan late March or early April.

Meetings and events of LP organizations, or groups of interest to Libertarians, will be announced free of charge. Send your message to: MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN, 112 W. Allegan, Lansing, Mich., 48933. Announcement of activities does not necessarily imply LPM endorsement.

THE LCC meets March 17.

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