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Freedomworks '88

The 1988 Michigan Libertarian Party Nominating Convention was a great success, according to Convention Chair Emily Salvette. More than 160 people attended the three day event at the Romulus Hilton near Detroit Metro airport. Speakers included presidential candidate Dr. Ron Paul and SIL co-founder Don Ernsberger as well as State Representative Margaret O'Connor (R-Dist. 52) and WXYT talk show host John McColloch. 118 people attended the Ron Paul speech and reception, Salvette said. "We sent out nearly a thousand convention brochures," she told ML "and put some radio spots on the *Town Meeting* program on WCAR/WBRB and we were very pleased with the results." Other LPers involved included Bill Shotey who handled operations, Brian Wright who took responsibility for candidates' paperwork, Bill Hall who co-ordinated the speakers, and Tim O'Brien who handled publicity. The convention netted the LPM more than $1200. *More convention coverage on pages 4-7*

Paul Speaks

Dr. Ron Paul

"The Libertarian Party is the only party with a consistent point of view," said Dr. Ron Paul. In a speech before the Michigan Libertarian Party Nominating Convention Dr. Paul articulated his views on the correct approach to running a sane civilization.

What is the current problem? Both major Parties stand for big government. "There is no movement to less government..." said Paul. "Both parties have created a debt monster that will crush the next generation. Both have debased the currency through an intentional policy of inflation. Both are financially subsidizing Soviet Communism, thus helping to enslave people around the world." Paul sited the activities of the Import/Export Bank, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund, as evidence of the bipartisan debacle.

"In the foreign policy area we see stupidity elevated to the level of a virtue. Consider the Persian Gulf. Iraq exports its oil through a pipeline while Iran exports its oil via shipping. We are protecting shipping. Iraq attacks a U.S. warship, the

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Jacobs Nominated

Long time Libertarian activist and former LP candidate for Governor of Michigan, Dick Jacobs, won the LPM nomination for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Democrat, Donald Reigle. The small-businessman and Holland resident easily defeated *Michigan Libertarian* Editor, Tim O'Brien, for the nomination in the only contested race at the convention. The LPM was offered a clear choice in the two candidates with veteran campaigner Jacobs vowing to "raise $100,000" and conduct "a full-time, grassroots effort across the entire State between now and the election," while media professional O'Brien promised a more modestly budgeted effort centered on paid radio advertising. Jacobs' supporters dominated the convention with one of the highlights coming from his seconding speech by Chuck Congdon. O'Brien supporters, undaunted by the defeat and buoyed by the response of delegates to the radio plan (and the two spots played at the convention) have launched an independent effort to raise funds to air the campaign this fall. *(See story on page 10)*

Whitelock Elected

Long time LPM activist Dick Whitelock won election as the new State Chair defeating incumbent Chair Joe Overton for the post. It appeared that a combination of an endorsement by Dick Jacobs (who gave the nominating speech for Whitelock) and a resurgent Lansing area group provided the votes needed to oust Overton from the position.

Incumbents Vice-Chair Bill Hall and Treasurer Ben Bachrach did not seek re-election. Incumbent State Secretary Emily Salvette intended to seek the Vice-Chair position vacated by Hall, but withdrew her name from consideration following Overton's defeat. Virginia Cropsey then ran unopposed for the Vice-Chair position under Whitelock. The Executive Committee was

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From the Chair...

by Dick Whitelock

"Divide and Conquer" . . . . . Communist and Socialist theoreticians throughout history have used this theory so people could be easily suppressed. Republican and Democratic politicians in our own government have effectively split the American people into various groups of special interests to give us their own brand of oppressive government.

"United We Stand! Divided We Fall."

When I scan the Libertarian membership lists, many familiar names appear in print. Unfortunately, a great number of these are no longer active in Libertarian Party functions or campaigns and I've had to ask myself, "Why?"

In the past several years, many people who could be counted on as Libertarian Freedom fighters have dropped from our ranks for various reasons.

"We should put away all pretense and meet each other face to face.... without self-pity and without prejudice. We should do away with faultfinding and self-seeking motives. Pettiness and haste in judgement causes great harm to us all."

In this election year of 1988, Libertarians who stand together are on the threshold of what so many have worked so long and so hard to accomplish. This is a critical period for the LPM.... and it's the opportunity we've all been waiting for. It would be a tragic loss if a single one of us decides that the battle for freedom is no longer worth fighting for.... then the politicians of oppressive big government have won the war.... and the futures of our children and grandchildren have been shattered.

This is the best chance we've ever had to flatten the tires on the big government bandwagon. We have the very best candidates for President and Vice-President carrying the banner of liberty, while the Republicrats have scraped the bottom of the barrel to field candidates that even their own hard-core activists don't want to vote for.

Libertarians Are Their Only Real Choice!

When we're so close to opening the doors to freedom, should we jeopardize that opportunity with internal division? Absolutely Not!

There are three kinds of people: Those who watch things happen; Those who wonder what happened; And those who make things happen!

I urge everyone to join the battle for freedom and help Make It Happen! There are a number of ways you can help accomplish this:

1. Get involved with your local Libertarian organizations.
2. Enlist new members.
3. Contribute time and money to local, state, and national Libertarian candidates.
4. Talk about Libertarian principles of freedom and individual rights at every opportunity.
5. Renew your membership in the Libertarian party.

But above all, re-enlist in the fight for freedom.

We Need You!

Michigan Libertarian Activism

by Virginia Cropsey

Kalamazoo. Good news and bad news. First, the proposal to institute a city income tax was defeated by a two-to-one margin! But, then the City Commission's Special Advisory Panel on Fire Privatization reported that the idea of private fire protection wasn't worth pursuing. Committee member, and long-time LP activist, Sheryl Loux, circulated a minority report that pointed out, however, that no input was ever even received from firms that provide fire protection services. The majority focused on the contractual barriers to privatization that government officials had erected and weren't interested in any further consideration of the issue. Outside firms, therefore, didn't want to bear the expense of traveling to make a presentation. Legal barriers have also impeded jail privatization in Michigan. The *Detroit News* has reported that, in fact, the U.S. Congress has arbitrarily outlawed study of privatization in over 20 categories. Libertarians need to point out the free speech implications raised by these protectionist barriers to the free flow of information and the opportunity for open competition. And we are expected to trust these same people to "protect the market" with antitrust and insider trading laws?

Ann Arbor. Libertarian attorney David Raaflaub argued before the Michigan Court of Appeals in support of Oakland Circuit Court Judge Alice Gilbert's opinion that the 180-day limitation on initiative petitions is unconstitutional. Attorney General Frank Kelley's office argued for constitutionality. Raaflaub compared passage of the 180-day rule in 1973 with the redistricting of the state in November 1983 (on the same night State Senator David Serotkin was recalled for his vote for a 38% tax increase.) In that case, Anderson vs. Circuit Court, the Michigan Supreme Court declared the redistricting unconstitutional because the legislature changed the content of bills without complying with Article IV's five day notice provision. Raaflaub says the 180-day limit was passed in a hurry in 1973 when a citizen initiative sought to limit legislator's salaries; Anderson is conclusive precedent according to Raaflaub.

Detroit. Libertarians who have fought drug laws for decades are finally beginning to get some company in the quest for decriminalization by elements as diverse as the ACLU and William F. Buckley. In recent months Michigan Libertarians Brett Bellmore, Jeff Grund, Dick Whitelock, and Brian Wright have had letters favoring decriminalization published in the *Detroit News* or *Free Press*. Virginia Cropsey, Larry Ludlow, and Tim O'Brien have argued the case on WXYT radio. O'Brien recently debated drug legalization with a Macomb County prosecuting attorney for an hour on WBRB, Mt. Clemens. O'Brien emphasized that prohibition breeds crimes *with victims* and that personal behavior that violates no one's rights is not a proper subject for government intervention. Come to the LP picnic and hear tapes of this and the rest of the best in outreach by Libertarian activists. Bring your own tapes, news clips, etc.

Grand Rapids. Having children is one of the best things you can do for freedom, observes LP Vice-Presidential nominee Andre Marrou. With this in mind, the Michigan LP thanks and congratulates Bill and Vicki Hall on the birth of their son, Andrew Stoddard Hall, on May 25 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center, Grand Rapids.

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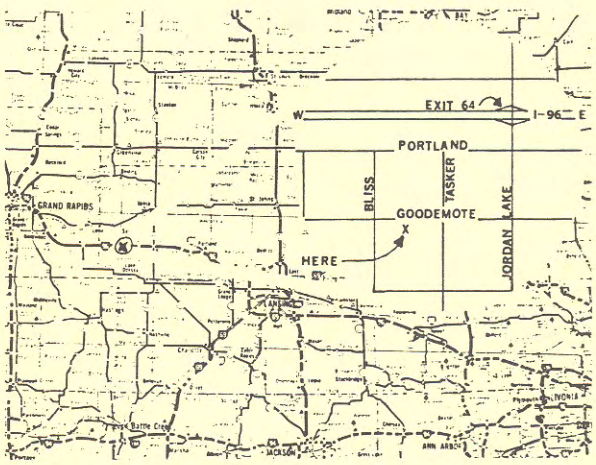

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Screwball Award Presented

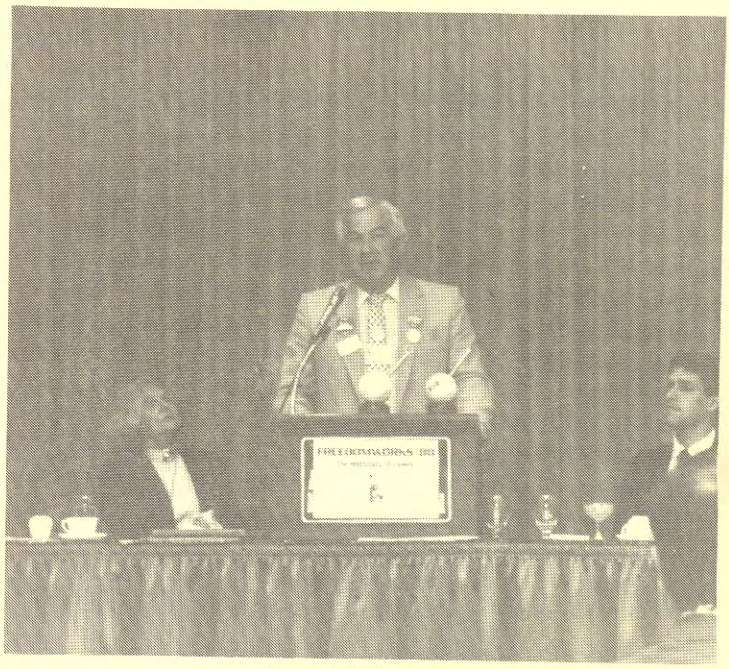
A new feature of the annual LPM convention is the presentation of the *Screwball of the Year* and runner-up *Dishonorable Mention* awards to the Michigan legislators responsible for the most inane pieces of legislation introduced in the preceding year. The first annual awards were presented at the *Freedomworks '88* convention by Dick Whitelock.

The trophy for the "Screwball of the Year" in the Michigan Senate went to Sen. Jerome Hart (D-Saginaw) for his proposal to amend the *School Code of 1976* to require every student in government schools to perform at least 40 hours of community service as a condition for graduation from high school.

The "Dishonorable Mention" in the Michigan Senate was awarded to Sen. Doug Cruce (R-Troy) for his sponsorship of a bill which would allow police to sieze privately owned radar detectors from the vehicles of individuals who use the devices to warn them of electronic surveilence.

The trophy for the "Screwball of the Year" in the Michigan House of Representatives went to Rep. Mary Brown (D-Kalamazoo) for her sponsorship of HB-4504 *The Parental Leave Act* which would require employers to subsidize leave time (with no loss of benefits or seniority) to new parents of either sex and guarantee them a comparable position upon their return.

The "Dishonorable Mention" in the Michigan House went to Rep. Maxine Berman (D-Southfield) for her tireless efforts in securing passage of HB-4090 which raises petition signature requirements for minor parties by 50% -- thus attempting to exclude from the political process any parties other than the Democratic and Republican.

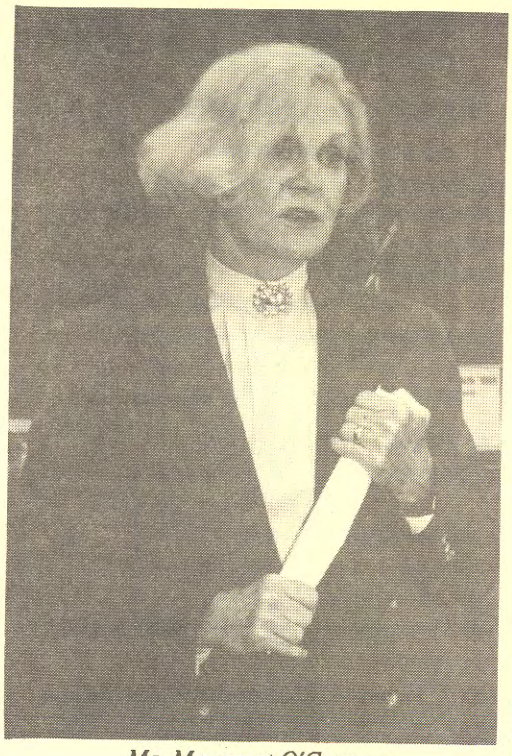


Mr. Dick Whitelock

Response from the media to the *Screwball* awards has been outstanding. Start making notes on potential candidates for next year's presentation.

O'Connor Roasts Lansing Pork

by Allen Green



Ms. Margaret O'Connor

The indomitable Margaret O'Connor presented Libertarians with the theater of the absurd at the Saturday LP Convention luncheon. The state representative for the 52nd district entertained the audience with an unbelievable litany of government goodies. As the list unfolded, a sense of absurdity was replaced by other impressions. Could human beings be this stupid? Could human beings be this corrupt? Could it be both?

The list of expenditures included the following:

Subsidies to TV and radio	$486,000.
Cobo Hall	$5,000,000.
Flint dancers and singers	$10,000.
An artistic piece commemorating a UAW strike	$25,000.
A floating fountain	$50,000.
The Detroit Symphony	$2,500,000.
Renovation of Pine Mountain Ski jump	$30,000.
An Olympic Training Center	$1,700,000.
The Ann Arbor Art Fair	$10,000.
A Black Women's Film Festival	$2,500.
Signs to recognize "significant" women	$9,738.

We could go on for another 18 pages but everyone gets the idea. Of course, such practices raise some important political and philosophical issues -- most notably: How is this any different from the politics practiced in Mexico, or better yet, Panama?

Someone unfamiliar with Ms. O'Connor might wonder at such candor from a Republican. As one luncheon attendee observed, "Margaret, you're in the wrong party!"

Liberty Works & Liberty is Right!

Don Ernsaberger, co-founder of the *Society for Individual Liberty*, was the banquet speaker at the *Freedomworks* convention. He spoke of the realities of the contemporary political marketplace. "1988 is an extremely fertile year for the Libertarian Party if we can take advantage of it. The constituency for liberty is growing worldwide and here in America," Ernsberger said.

Mr. Don Ensberger

"Libertarian politics is the process of making human rights and individual liberties the common denominator in all discussions of public policy and all discussions of law. I look across our nation and I see a growing recognition that 'community collectivism' does not bring about stability, that nationalism does not bring about peace, and that compulsory humanitarianism is not caring.

Since the birth of the modern libertarian Movement, the Nobel Prize in Economics has gone three different times to advocates of the free market. Today there are hundreds of College Professors who are not only libertarians in their ideas but call themselves libertarians.

Where does the Culture of Freedom in the world look for inspiration? It looks to America. And where does this culture look for inspiration in America? It looks to the Libertarian Party." He looked out over the crowd. "The candidates of the older parties are taught in media training schools to avoid ideas at all costs. Still, I did not run for office in 1980 because I honestly thought our message would be co-opted. And It was. I choose to run in 1988 because I believe the time is right. The country is ready to listen to new and exciting and, yes, even radical ideas. Our Message to people across this land is: "Liberty Works & Liberty is Right!"

Ron Paul Appeals to Conservative Christians

by Allen Green

"Michigan is one of the most contentious States," declared Eugene C. Newman in an interview with Dr. Ron Paul at the Freedomworks convention. Mr. Newman, president of the Michigan Board of Governors for Home Education gave vent to his dissatisfaction with the Democrats, Republicans, and State education officials.

"Republicans are no better than Democrats when it comes to family rights," he said. The spokesman for some 8000 home schoolers was expressing an opinion which is broadly held among religious conservatives. The state monopoly in education has little to offer and yet is willing to use the coercive power of the state to impose its views on everyone. Dissenters are violently persecuted while the main-stream media ignore the situation as not being newsworthy.

Dr. Paul invited religious conservatives everywhere to consider the Libertarian Party. "Christians," he said, "would have greater representation of their views [with the LP] than with either Republicans or Democrats. On principle, we believe in parental rights regarding the education of children." Dr. Paul continued, "the state has no business in education." The Libertarian candidate for President said he favors tax credit vouchers that would give people the opportunity to opt out of the government education system.

Mr. Newman said that the Libertarian Party had much to commend it to religious

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Mr. John McCulloch

Sombody Give This Guy Ten Bucks!

WXYT radio talk show host John McCulloch gave a Sunday luncheon address at the *Freedomworks '88* convnetion entitled I Am Not a Libertarian. After making it clear to the crowd of about sixty Libertarians that he believed the political process was a dead end in view of who controlled that process [Editor's Note: Does he mean folks like Maxine Berman?], McCulloch began ticking through a list of political questions in which he found himself in agreement with Libertarians: drug prohibition, Persian Gulf interventionism, prostitution, gun laws, etc. But the popular Detroit talk show host would end each individualist expression with the protestation, "But, of course, I'm not a Libertarian! In concluding the 30 minute talk (which was frequently interrupted by enthusiastic applause), McCulloch observed, "Now, you may be wondering: exactly what is the difference between me and you Libertarians?" Then he answered his own question. "I guess the difference is that I haven't paid my ten bucks!" And the comment brought down the house.

Home Schooling, Drug Prohibition and Funny Money

Another new event at the *Freedomworks* convention was the presentation of an *Issues Seminar* featuring guest speakers who made their case before the newly selected LPM candidates for possible focus in the fall campaign. Ms. Elaine Andreski spoke on the subject of home schooling, Mr. Charles Kile of **NORML** addressed the question of marijuana decriminalization, and Mr. Don Kostyu of **Justice Pro Se** spoke on the subject of the Federal Reserve and the importance of a commodity-based currency. All three presentations were very interesting and deserving of more space than is available in this issue of ML. Look for an article in our next issue.

Pictured above is Heartland Representative Diane Bast promoting the new Heartland Chapter in Michigan.

Pictured on the left are LPM Treasurer Jeff Hampton and Convention Chair Emily Salvette at the registration table.

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Macomb libertarian ***Gary Bonus*** is the first Michigan Libertarian to debate his fall opponent. Bonus was scheduled to debate Sheriff William Hackel on prison overcrowding and jail privatization on WBRB, Mt. Clemens, on June 13. Hackel's opposition to jail privatization was recorded in the *Macomb Daily*. "It is a sad commentary that the government that convicts and sentences these felons does not feel confident to house and punish them," Hackel said.

Sounds like Bonus won't get much of a debate if that's Hackel's best shot.

Ann Arbor attorney ***David Raaflaub*** may have set a new Michigan LP record by running for office three times in one year. Raaflaub ran for city commission in April, is running for U.S. Congress in the fall, and is a candidate in the June 13 school board election.

Eric Blankenburg, 15th District Congress, and ***Dave Weidner***, 26th District State Rep, have found that if you act like a candidate, most reporters will treat you like one. Both received news articles following press releases they sent announcing their candidacies. ***Mary Ruwart***, 46th District State Rep candidate, didn't even have to send a release. The *Kalamazoo Gazette* called her as soon as she filled. That's an area where they take Libertarians seriously.

The History of the World

As recounted by the pride of the government school system compiled by Richard Lederer.

One of the fringe benefits of being an English or History teacher is receiving the occasional jewel of a student blooper in an essay. I have pasted together the following "history" of the world from certifiably genuine student bloopers collected by teachers throughout the United States, from eighth grade through college level. Read carefully, and you will learn a lot.

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The Pramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, once asked, "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birth mark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

Without the Greeks we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns -- Corinthian, Doric, and Ironic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River stynx until he became intollerable. Achilles appears in *The Iliad*, by Homer. Homer also wrote *The Oddity*, in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath. The government of Athens was democratic because people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbors were doing. When they fought with the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Eventually, the Ramons conquered the Geeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long. At Roman banquets, the guests wore garlics in their hair. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames. King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery, King Harold mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings, Joan of Arc was cannonized by Bernard Shaw, and victims of the Black Death grew boobs on theirs necks. Finally, Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

In midevil times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature. Another tale tells of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abbess on his knee. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen." As a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted, "hurrah." Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived at Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies, and errors. In one of Shakespear's famous plays, Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy. In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespear was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote *Donkey Hote*. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote *Paradise Lost*. Then his wife died and he wrote *Paradise Regained*.

During the Renaissance, America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe. Later, the Pilgrims crossed the Ocean, and this was known as Pilgrims Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by the Indians, who came down the hill rolling their war hoops before them. The Indians squabs carried porpoises on their back. Many of the Indian heroes were killed, along with their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary Wars was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. During the War, the Red Coats and Paul Revere was throwing balls over stone walls. The dogs were barking and the peacocks crowing. Finally, the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis.

Delegates from the original thirteen states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin had gone to Boston carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of Our Country. Then the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-Negroes citizenship. But the Clue Clux Clan would torcher and lynch the ex-Negroes and other innocent victims. It claimed it represented law and odor. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assinator was John Wilkes Booth, a supposingly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltare invented electricity and also wrote a book called *Candy*. Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the Autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marseillaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Napoleon. During the Napoleonic Wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. Then the Spanish gorillas came

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The Price of Liberty

by Virginia Cropsey

Among the promising, budding freedom organizations -- Libertarian International (LI), Freedom is for Everyone (FIFE), Libertarian Republican Organizing Committee (LROC), and several thinktanks -- is *Eternal Vigilance*; "a far-reaching organization based on the libertarian principle of individual freedom and the historically American tradition of preserving and defending it at any cost through the greatest check on governmental power ever conceived: the courts."

In a well thought out prospectus, Bruce Driggers of Louisiana, who is coordinating the effort, elaborates the following outline:

The Need for Action. The ACLU turns "a blind eye to economic liberties or the rights of businesses and organizations. They seem to have no concept of the importance of property rights in a free society . . ."

Purpose. *Eternal Vigilance* will be a nationwide organization that includes state and community chapters for the purpose of being a watchdog for freedom with the following goals:

- Litigate for Freedom.
- Change the Nature of Debate. Be the first nationwide organization dedicated to systematically applying Constitutional and Natural Law concept defenses.
- Outreach. Expose those represented to explicit libertarian principles in action.

Agenda.

- Establish a Libertarian Defense Fund.
- Publish *The Vigil*, a monthly magazine profiling abuse cases, documenting and analyzing news events, debating issues, and providing useful, practical information on community involvement and legal matters.
- Establish a Direct Action Coalition, a network of grassroots involvement to pressure officials.
- Sponsor conferences.
- Develop outreach systems: 800-FREEDOM hotline, booklet *The Price of Liberty* stating principles and goals, and *How-to* publications.
- Award a yearly National Freedom Prize to promote advocacy.

For the full text of the detailed proposal which includes organizational structure, growth strategy, and information on how to become involved, write:

Bruce Driggers
ETERNAL VIGILANCE
3805 Houma #A-224
Metairie, LA 70006, or call 504-887-9141

Let's Do Radio!

A committee has been formed to raise money for a radio advertising campaign to run in the final weeks before the election this November according to organizer Brian Wright. The four :60 second spots feature general libertarian messages (Economic Liberties, Civil Liberties, Foreign Policy and Don't Waste Your Vote) which will be of benefit to all LPM candidates wherever they run.

The group is called the *Don't Waste Your Vote Committee* in recognition of the main theme of the campaign. "We must directly confront this 'third parties are a wasted vote' objection," says organizer, Emily Salvette. "Our plan is to run the Don't Waste Your Vote spot every other time and equally rotate the other three in between."

The group hopes to raise $20,000 to purchase the air time. "With any candidate 'tag' we will qualify for the political rate and then we can make $20,000 go a long way," said Tim O'Brien, the third member of the committee, whose failed try for the LPM U.S. Senate nomination featured the radio campaign. "I had figured that if I didn't get the nomination," O'Brien told ML, "that would be the end of it. But so many people told me they really liked the idea and the two spots we already had done that we decided to form the committee and follow through with the campaign anyway." Six people at the convention paid to have copies of the first two spots. The other two radio ads have since been produced.

"We will probably run the spots with Ron Paul tags to secure our ballot status," said Salvette. "But we're making them available at cost ($5 for a tape containing all four spots) to any candidate who wants to use them with his or her own tag."

If you would like to contact the committee for more information and/or to donate to the effort, call (313) 332-7834 or write to:

Don't Waste Your Vote Committee
322 Millington
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

> Allow the President to invade a neighboring nation whenever he shall deem it necessary to repel an invasion, and you allow him to do so whenever he may choose to say he deems it necessary for such purpose, and you allow him to make war at pleasure. Study to see if you can fix any limit to his power in this respect. If today he should choose to say he thinks it necessary to invade Canada to prevent the British from invading us, how could you stop him? You may say to him "I see no probability of the British invading us," but he will say to you, "Be silent: I see it, if you don't."
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> -- Abraham Lincoln,

If You Like to Read and You Don't Like Government Snooping, *Read This...*

Look there, behind the library stacks: Could those be Soviet spies in the trench coats? Are those graduate students by the card catalogs sneaking documents to foreign intelligence agents, or are they just doing their homework? And that man with the accent: Could he be reading about explosives?

The FBI these days is looking for librarians who will raise such questions -- and perhaps spy on their patrons -- in the hushed halls of one of America's most hallowed institutions, the public library.

Under a little-known initiative called the "Library Awareness Program," the FBI is asking librarians to help combat what is calls a substantial threat from "hostile foreign intelligence" officers who use libraries as their staging grounds.

Foreign spies not only make important personal contacts in public and university libraries, the FBI maintains, but also get valuable technical information from the shelves. And the FBI wants librarians to keep an eye on the spies, if they can figure out what a spy looks like.

The Library Awareness Program has created a furor among library officials and civil libertarians, particularly in New York, where it has been most in evidence. But throughout the nation, the FBI initiative also is being seen by librarians as a threat.

Not only FBI agents, but police, Secret Service, and Treasury Department agents, routinely ask librarians to check out more than books, critics of the scrutiny contend. And no one, librarians say, should be reading over the public's shoulder.

"To have what is equivalent to Big Brother and the Thought Police as a presence in the library is just not permissible in this country," said Zoia Horn, former librarian at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

Horn went to jail in 1972 rather than testify in the Harrisburg Seven case, in which a government informer was planted in the Bucknell library to help spy on the Rev. Philip Berrigan and other anti-Vietnam War activists, all of whom were acquitted.

"The Library Awareness Program," added James Schmidt, chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the American Library Association, " is part and parcel of a whole set of activities that are products of a dangerous mindset. And that is that information is dangerous and ought not be free."

At the direction of Schmidt and others, the 45,000-member American Library Association has asked Congress to hold hearings on the FBI program, and the group has sent special advisories to its chapters nationwide, reminding members that a patron's privacy is protected under federal and state laws. The ALA also has filed Freedom of Information Act requests with the FBI in an attempt to find out why, where, and exactly how, the "awareness" program works.

"How are librarians supposed to know who's a spy and who isn't?" asked Edith Tiger, director of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee in New York, a non-profit group that has protested the FBI program with ads in national publications.

The FBI says its program aims to defend national security, not violate civil rights.

In its current form -- the FBI says the program has existed for years in various incarnations -- the Library Awareness Program began shortly after the August 1986 arrest of Gennadi Zakharov, a Soviet spy who frequented New York libraries in search of student recruits and stolen, unclassified library materials.

Zakharov later was traded to the Soviet Union in return for Nicholas Daniloff, an American reporter seized by the KGB in apparent retaliation for Zakharov's capture.

Gerrymandering: The Perversion of Democracy

by Thomas W. Jones

Michigan has a minority rule government due to the use of gerrymandered single-member districts in electing state senators and state representatives. Each senator or representative has one vote in the state senate or state house of representatives regardless of (a.) the number of voters in the senate or representative district or (b.) the number of votes that the senator or representative receives in being elected. The present gerrymander was dictated by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1982 when it ruled that most of the 1963 Michigan Constitution, Art. IV, Secs. 2-6 was unconstitutional.

The "First Principle" of legislative bodies is violated -- that a legislative body exists only because the elector/voters cannot assemble in person and enact laws by majority rule themselves.

In 1986, 28.9 percent of the voters elected 20 of the 38 state senators and 27.9 percent of the voters elected 56 of the 110 state representatives. Michigan, thus, has a tyrannical elected oligarchy making the laws. *Continued on page 14*

Lewis Jailed

Jim Lewis, former Libertarian Party candidate for the vice presidency of the United States, has been sentenced to three years in prison for his principled resistance to tax regulations.

Now waiting for assignment to a minimum security prison (they're so crowded that there *is* a waiting list), Jim will have to serve one year of the sentence, or a lesser time with good behavior, with the remaining sentence suspended but with five years of probation imposed after release--during which time he is commanded to pay taxes "in a timely manner" and to "associate only with law-abiding persons and maintain reasonable hours."

The government's attempt to also prohibit Lewis from attending public meetings protesting taxes was denied by the trial judge.

Jim can be written at:

Jim Lewis
#09357-014
Box 1000
Montgomery, PA 17752

Know a libertarian who needs to know there are other libertarians?

Send name and address to:

Libertarian Party of Michigan
11700 Merriman Road
Livonia, MI 48150

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Summer Outreach Opportunities

The Michigan LP is encouraging local groups and individual LP members to engage in outreach through literature distribution at summer events. Attractive business card size folders proclaim "This Time Make It Libertarian", succinctly state economic, personal freedom, and foreign policy positions, and give the "Don't Waste Your Vote" message together with contact information. Also,"Don't Give Up on Freedom, You Can Still Vote Libertarian" is an 8 1/2" x 11" flyer designed to pass out to voters leaving the August 2 primary. Orpheus Publications has produced lengthier brochures and pamphlets available in quantity through the Michigan LP. IRS "screw" lapel pins are also available. Candidates and volunteers can stock up by calling 313-475-9792. Be innovative and help us grow. Your efforts will bring results!

In the Detroit area, major 4th of July and primary distributions are being arranged. Call 313-548-6857 to volunteer. Volunteers out state should call their LCC rep or 517-647-6252.

LPM Moves Office, Plans Toll-Free Number

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is changing its address.

The new address is:
Libertarian Party of Michigan
11700 Merriman Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

In addition, the LPM will soon have a 1-800 number listed in major population centers around the state to provide a toll-free opportunity for new people to contact us. If you would like to use this number in your campaign literature contact LPM Chair Dick Whitelock. Please note: This new phone service is an outreach tool and should not be used for intra-party communications. If you are unable to reach someone in the party that you need to talk to, either contact one of the party officers or your LCC rep. Please do not use the 1-800 line for this purpose as the party is charged for this service on a per call basis.

MDL to Host Kostyu

The next *Metro Detroit Libertarian* Supper Club meeting will be held on July 18 at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 6850 North Telegraph, Dearborn Heights (located just south of Warren Avenue). Dinner and drinks ordered from the regular menu will be on separate checks with a 15% gratuity added. The featured speaker will be *WCAR* radio talk show host Don Kostyu. He will be speaking about the monetary system and the role of capitalism in a free society. Please call (313) 334-4449 by July 15 to make reservations.

Volunteers needed

If you can make a little time to man (or woman) an LPM booth at the Ionia Free Fair any time between July 27 and August 7, please contact State Chair Dick Whitelock at (616) 527-9263. As Frank Bartles says, "Thank you for your support."

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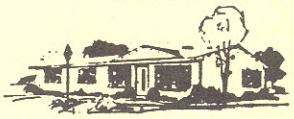

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The majority rule remedy is the use of multi-member districts and proportional representation in electing the LCC such that a majority of the LPM electors will elect a number of LCC members who have a majority of the voting power of the LCC.

Paid for by Thomas W. Jones, 15336 Cruse, Detroit, MI 48227

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Would that make a great bumper sticker? Could you think of a better slogan? Well, now the *Metro Detroit Libertarians* is offering creative sloganeers the opportunity to express themselves with their own bumper stickers! That's right. You can have a custom made bumper sticker with your own slogan in any quantity you want for only $4 apiece. The pressure sensitive bumper strips measure 4" x 15" so, for best results, keep your message short and to the point. Send orders including wording (with layout, if desired), quantity and check or money order to:

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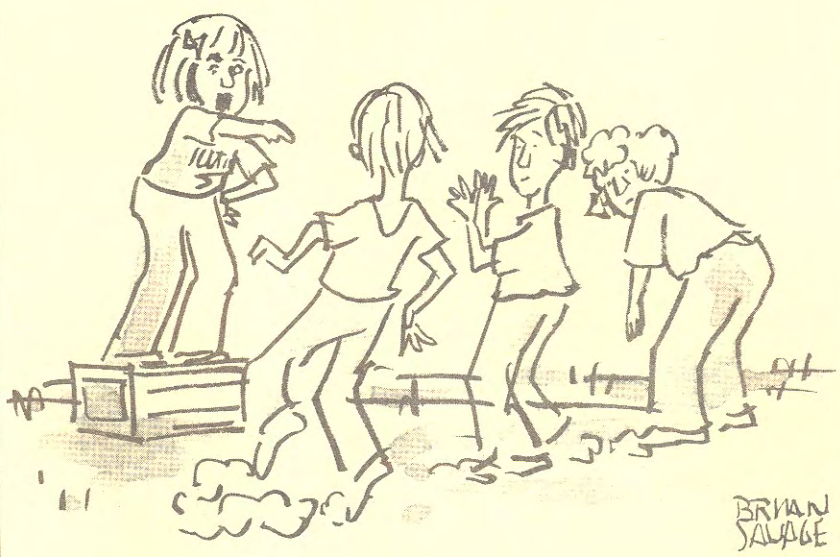
MDL Tiger Game

The *Metro Detroit Libertarians* have reserved a block of 15 tickets to the August 6th Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox ballgame at Tiger stadium. Tickets for the Saturday afternoon game are *upper deck reserve* and are available for only $5 apiece on a first-come/first-served basis. Contact Emily Salvette at 332-7834 if you are interested.



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History of the World

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down from the hills and nipped at Napoleon's flanks. Napoleon became ill with bladder problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear children.

The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. Her reclining years and finally the end of her life were exemplatory of a great personality. Her death was steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick raper, which did the work of a hundred men. Samuel Morse invented a code of telepathy. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbis. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the *Organ of the Species*. Madman Curie discovered radium. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx brothers.

The First World War, caused by the assignation of the Arch-Duck by a surf, ushered in a new error in the anals of human history.

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Ron Paul Appeals to Conservative Christians

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conservatives. However, he felt that toleration of homosexuality and pornography was a problem. Dr. Paul pointed out that toleration of religious cults prevented the state from wholesale persecution of any or all other religions. Likewise, the toleration of pornography protects freedom of speech, and toleration of homosexuality protects the freedoms of association and privacy. "Toleration," Paul pointed out, "is not the same as advocacy!"

Whitelock Elected

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rounded out with the election of James Hudler (a former State Chair) as Secretary and Jeff Hampton as Treasurer.

Whitelock's first official act was to thank the outgoing Committee for its good work over the last year and invite one and all to be active contributors to the movement during his tenure. The new State Chair has a tough act to follow. Accomplishments of the Overton administration over the last year include: achieving ballot status for the LP in Michigan, regular publication of what is probably the finest State Party newsletter in the country, a string of successful events culminating in the *Freedomworks '88* convention, and an outgoing budget surplus in excess of $5,000.

Gerrymandering

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The remedy is the use of multi-member districts (or a complete at-large system) and proportional representation in electing the legislature. With proportional representation each legislator would have a voting power equal to the number of votes he/she receives in being elected, such that a majority of the voters would elect a number of legislators who would have a majority of the voting power in the legislature. There are various vote transfer systems to enable each voter to, in effect, transfer his/her vote to his/her first, second, third, etc. choice of legislator, as the case may be, so that the voter has someone representing him/her.

The LCC of the LPM is likewise a tyrannical elected oligarchy due to the use of gerrymandered single-member counties in electing the LCC (compounded by the perversion of having executive officers voting in the LCC). The remedy for the LCC is the same. The gerrymander is the tool of tyrants.

Paul Speaks

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Stark, and our government threatens Iran. Iraq uses chemical weapons and America says little. Neither major party has a rational position," concluded the Libertarian candidate.

"What shall be the role of government?" asked Dr. Paul. "Libertarians believe the government itself is a threat. Men should be free to conduct their own affairs in a free market of ideas and a free economy. Libertarians would greatly reduce the size of government and therefore the taxes needed to support it."

Perhaps the most damning thing that Paul said regarding the current system was in reference to the recent tax reform; "Congress never even reads the laws it passes," the LP Presidential candidate told the convention which responded to the speech with a standing ovation.

Amerikan Quiz

If you are a good comrade, you should be able to match up our Amerikan institution with it's original roots:

A.) Public Education.

B.) Indian Reservations, Open Housing, Busing.

C.) Federal Reserve.

D.) Property taxes, Eminent Domain

E.) FCC & FTC

F.) Public Services, Army Corp. Engineers, Zoning.

G.) Probate, Inheritance Taxes

H.) Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Dept. of Agriculture.

I.) Zero Tolerance.

J.) Internal Revenue Service.

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8) Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
9) Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country by a more equable distribution of population over the country.
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