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## Ron Paul to Address Economic Club of Detroit

by Eric P. Blankenburg

Congressman Ron Paul, the LP candidate for President of the United States, will be guest of honor and speaker at a luncheon of the prestigious Economic Club of Detroit. The event will be held at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit at 12 noon on September 19, 1988. Tickets for the event will cost \$12 for members of the Economic Club and \$15 for non-members. They can be obtained at the Economic Club of Detroit, 321 West Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226-2755.

We've worked long and hard to schedule this event. It will be Dr. Paul's most important campaign appearance in Michigan this year. Michigan's business, political, and media leaders will be present.

I must stress the importance of this event. We are finally gaining some credibility, so let's show our support. Every LP member should purchase at least ten tickets and invite family and friends. We must have a minimum of 1,000 persons in the audience, or we will look very bad.

Many thanks to David Littmann and James Rodney for making this possible.

Mark Koldys, who is President of the Michigan Conservative Union, has endorsed Ron Paul. Several other conservative and GOP leaders have done the same. Many Pat Robertson supporters and some of the early Kemp supporters are extremely dissatisfied with their treatment by the GOP establishment in last year's caucuses and this year's Precinct Delegate elections. These people are very free market oriented (Harry Veryser, an instructor at the U of D, and a Robertson supporter, uses "Principles of Economics" by Carl Menger, and "Economics in One Lesson" by Henry Hazlitt in his introductory economics course). I believe the time is ripe to woo these people into the LP.

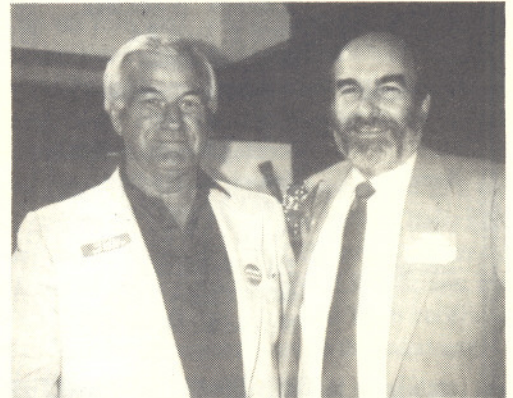
It has also been reported that the League of Women Voters have tentatively scheduled the Presidential debates. We still don't know if Congressman Paul and Andre Marrou will be included to participate. Let's all give the League another quick phone call and encourage them to include the LP candidates.

Our work is finally starting to pay dividends, but we have a lot more to do. I hope to see all of you at Cobo Hall.

## Marrou Tours Michigan Twice in July and August

by Virginia Cropsey

Michigan Libertarian outreach received a windfall when 1988 Vice-Presidential nominee Andre Marrou toured Michigan twice on short notice in July and August. The Marrou campaign relied on its past positive Michigan experience when it



State Chair, Dick Whitelock and V.P. Candidate, Andre Marrou (Photo by V. Cropsey)

gave us the opportunity to pinch hit for Illinois twice. (Illinois submitted its ballot drive signatures August 8 and was too absorbed in that effort to plan previously scheduled tours for Marrou).

June 30 and July 1 Marrou was interviewed by radio station WHMI (Livingston County), WAAM (Ann Arbor), WDET (Detroit), WXYT talk show host, David Newman (Southfield), and WBRB (Mt. Clemens). An interview arranged with WWJ radio went to Ron Paul. Marrou was

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## Clifton Quits LP

James Clifton, the first Libertarian in Michigan elected to office in a partisan race, sent out a press release on August 29 announcing his intention to quit the Libertarian party and join the Republican party.

Though disappointed at his actions (particularly his failure to give any advance notice of his plans to anyone in the LP), most LPM officials contacted by ML were not especially surprised.

Vice-Chair Virginia Cropsey noticed on a recent cross state bike trip that Clifton's Addison residence prominently displayed a yard sign supporting Lana Pollack -- a Democrat -- for U. S. Congress. When contacted by Cropsey about the seeming split loyalties, the Addison Village

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## From The Editor...

Tim O'Brien

### Viability Requires Credibility

If the Libertarian Party is serious about competing in the political arena for a plurality of votes in order to gain power and restore individual liberty, then its advocates had better be prepared to do what it takes to win on those terms. The effort will require a singlemindedness of purpose. In fact, if brother Jesse has made one, insightful, fundamental observation, it is that if you wish to be successful in any venture, you must "keep your eyes on the prize."

Success in electoral politics will require the achievement of two goals.

First, we must put our candidates (or really our ideas) on television. The average American spends an almost inconceivable five and a half hours a day staring into an electronic zombie machine that is far in a way the most destructive addiction (in terms of everyone's favorite measure -- lost productivity) ever devised by man. To most of America what is real is what is on television. So, if your eyes are on the prize, you know what medium needs to be used reach the vast majority of people.

But, television costs a lot of money -- even when private television stations are compelled by our government to make time available for political advertising at less than market rates. That is why the Libertarian Party must accept the money made available by the government for partisan political advertising and use it to reach the American public.

This has not, thus far, been a popular position in the LP. Many idealists believe it to be immoral to accept stolen property. But if a thief offers you some of your own property back, how does accepting it imply sanction of the original theft? For a group which seems to worship Ayn Rand and regard Atlas Shrugged as some kind of Bible, there seems to be very little appreciation of Ragnar the pirate -- who took the property the government had stolen and returned it to its rightful owners. Mike Holmes stated in a recent *American Libertarian* guest column, "I want Ron Paul to go down to the U. S. Treasury and get some of my money and use it to gain ballot access. During the past four years the Internal Revenue Service has taken over \$50,000 from me, and I authorize Ron Paul to accept all or any part of this amount for the purpose of gaining ballot access." Perhaps, if everyone in the LP made similar declarations, those sticklers for lawfulness among us may be satisfied.

And besides, I've never noticed any LPers insisting on paying radio and TV stations their regular rates for air time to run our political spots. If anything, that is an even more gross violation of our principles than accepting matching funds.

Suppose a long time extortionist stood in your livingroom and defied you by dropping a weapon at your feet and boasting that he had acquired it from some other victim. Would you refuse to pick up and use the stolen property to defend yourself?

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# Michigan LPers Getting the Word Out

by Virginia Cropsey

One of the simplest, most valuable and cost-effective things every libertarian activist can do is constantly stay before the eyes of both the media and the public by writing letters to the editor, making editorial replies and calling in to radio talk shows. And LPers have been keeping their pens (not to mention their word processors) and telephones busy lately.

Jim Greenshields, Ann Arbor, had his letter urging blacks to consider Ron Paul and the Libertarian alternative published in the *Michigan Chronicle*. Sheldon Rose, Southfield, had his letter, characterizing Michigan's business subsidies as "the big lie" and "throwing taxpayer's money around," published in the *Wall Street Journal*. His letter opposing state and federal control of bank lending was in the *Detroit News*. Dick Whitelock had a letter on Michigan's biased election laws published in the *Detroit News*. Charles Hahn, 17th District Congressional candidate, had his letter about the media ignoring Libertarian candidates and increasing voter apathy printed in the *Detroit News*. Dave Weidner, 26th District State Representative candidate, had his letter on covering Libertarian candidates in the *Advisor*. Weidner challenged Macomb County Taxpayer Association Chair, Mike Sessa, when Sessa was a guest on WXYT's *McCulloch Show*; Sessa's group refuses to give Libertarians serious consideration: they only endorse special interest subsidized candidates from the two older parties. Sessa said he was pretty much a Libertarian. Tony Wright, 6th District Congressional candidate has had several letters published in local Oakland County papers and has received calls from interested citizens who read them.

Tony Wright, Doreen Wright, and Bill Johnson appeared for their campaigns in the Melon Festival parade in Howell and passed out literature for their campaigns with the help of other Libertarian activists.

New WXYT morning talk show host and Oakland County Prosecutor (yes, he is both) L. Brooks Patterson was confronted on the air by the author while pontificating recently about the audacity of politicians who use public funds for their campaigns.

I pointed out that he was once involved in a little deceptive campaign financing (during his 1982 bid for the Governor's office) that came to be called the "ticket scam."

What was the ticket scam? Simply a nifty little way to double your campaign coffers by fraudulently obtaining matching funds from the State. Patterson's campaign bought up a block of tickets to a popular Pine Knob concert series and then ran ads that said, "Last chance to see Kenny Rogers, call xxx-xxxx." Callers were told that the tickets were indeed available at the regular price and that they should make checks payable to Brooks Patterson for Governor. The checks were then used to obtain matching funds. Cute, huh? But not a "contribution" under the statute. So, Bob Roddis, Libertarian Attorney General candidate at the time and now 14th District Congressional candidate, filed a lawsuit on behalf of Dick Jacobs, Libertarian Party candidate for Governor (now our candidate for U.S. Senate). The lawsuit sought to enjoin the

Secretary of State from paying matching funds to certain candidates for governor. One was Brooks Patterson.

Imagine what the IRS would say if you tried to claim your Kenny Rogers tickets as a political contribution. To keep your hard-earned money the state won't allow it, but to give away taxpayer dough to politicians, it's another story. Or at least that was the case. Roddis obtained a ruling from Ingham County Circuit Judge Stell disallowing such "contributions." Unfortunately, Brooks finally got his money anyway because he was able to set up so many legal hurdles that Bob, who was defending the citizen's pocketbook for free, couldn't afford to try the case.

When I tried to tell the tale on his show he hung up on me, claimed I hung up on him and, when a caller asked for the truth, said Libertarians were responsible for Blanchard's election because we made the Republicans look so bad with this lawsuit -- a ridiculous assertion. He then went on to make several derogatory statements about Libertarians.

Quick action by LPM Treasurer, Jeff Hampton, led to a one hour interview a couple of weeks later for LPM Chair, Dick Whitelock, on the show. Hampton told Patterson he wasn't quite straight in some of his comments about Libertarians, and Brooks (and WXYT management, who had been receiving pressure because of Brooks' statements) set up the interview.

Keith Edwards, 12th District Congressional candidate, was interviewed on the *McCulloch Show* with Presidential nominee Ron Paul. Following the show our new 1-800 line received 20 calls. Keith has lived next door to McCulloch since the talk show host moved to the area. Jim Rodney, Birmingham, recently shared a drink with *Detroit News* editorial page editor, Tom Bray, when they ran into each other at a local restaurant. Rodney had met Bray previously when he drove Ron Paul to an interview with Bray in July. Said Rodney, "I think it helps to have them see that you're a normal, established person with community ties."

All north Macomb County candidates who were invited appeared in a pre-primary candidate forum taped for local cable: Keith Edwards, 12th District U.S. Congress, Tim O'Brien, 18th District U.S. Congress, Jim McAbee, 75th District State Representative, and David Weidner, 26th District State Representative. Kevin Sheehy, who wants to set up a literature table at Wayne State this fall, came to the forum when he read in the fine print in the *Macomb Daily* that Libertarian candidates would be included. Kevin had "wanted to make contact with the Libertarian Party for sometime." More proof that local activism works.

Keith Edwards and Jim McAbee received an article on their campaigns in the *Anchor Bay Beacon*.

Eric Blankenburg and Dave Weidner are distributing literature door-to-door for their campaigns.

Please send information on your campaigns to the newsletter editor.

## LPM Supports "YES" Vote on Proposal A

The Libertarian Central Committee, governing body of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, has unanimously endorsed a "Yes" vote on the upcoming ballot proposal to end state-funded abortions.

Richard Whitelock, State Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, announced that the approval is indicative of the consistent Libertarian philosophy which calls for an end to all government subsidies at the taxpayer's expense.

The issue will appear on the November 8 ballot as Proposal "A", and will require a "Yes" vote if the people of Michigan want the state to stop using taxpayer's money for the funding of abortions.

The Libertarian Party platform spells out a clear stand on the issue: "... we oppose all tax funding for abortions. It is particularly harsh to force someone who believes that abortion is murder to pay for another's abortion. We also condemn state-mandated abortions."

"The American people DO have a clear-cut choice in November," said Whitelock in a press release on the issue. "If they want more government and increased taxes, they can waste their vote on Bush or Dukakis..... or they can vote for less government and reduced taxes by voting for the party of principle, the Libertarian party."

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## Best Minor Political Party: Libertarian Party

by Frank Provenzano

reprinted from the *Detroit Metro Times*

In the shadows of the two dominant political parties is a group of self-professed freedom lovers who claim to be inspired by Thomas Jefferson's dictum: "The best government is the government that governs least."

Metro Times readers have once again shown their strong individualistic streak by choosing the Libertarian Party as the Best Minor Political Party. Richard Whitelock, chair of the state Libertarian Party, says he is pleased with the recognition. "Anyone who believes in freedom thinks of the Libertarian Party. We're a party based on principles -- unlike the two special-interest parties." The Libertarian Party, which has approximately 500 members statewide, is the third largest political party in the U.S. and its membership is growing, he says.

Whitelock says there is so little difference between how the Republicans and Democrats govern that it would be more accurate to characterize the members of Congress as "Republicrats."

The Libertarians' premise: individuals have the right to live as they see fit as long as they don't infringe upon the rights of others. Or, if we may offer a slogan for a bumper sticker: Freedom lovers of the world unite!

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## Candidate's Corner

### David A. Weidner for State Representative, 26th District

As some of you know, I am running an active campaign for the Michigan Legislature. We are having some success gaining new contacts and members within this district. I believe that we are building a strong organization that will enable us to have an election victory very shortly. However, we cannot accomplish our goals unless we have help from people outside of the 26th District in addition to our own people. We are having a fund raiser on Saturday, September 10, 1988 at 7PM. We also need volunteers to help distribute handouts door-to-door. We are going to cover as much of this district as possible between now and the election. At my fund raiser, we plan to raffle off a brand new video tape (VHS) of *The Fountainhead*. Although we will shortly be sending out a letter regarding the fund raiser, if anyone would like information please feel free to contact me at (313) 781-9007.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak at a candidates night at the Romeo-Washington Chamber of Commerce. In addition, we have had articles printed in three local newspapers, plus I appeared on radio station WBRB during a newsmaker segment with a promise for a further appearance before the general election. Progress is being made! We also tried something new during the primary election. We had campaign workers covering eight key precincts handing voters one of my flyers along with a "This Time Make It Libertarian" card prominently featuring our new 800 phone number. The response was very good.

The voters are really getting tired of the lack of choices they have at election time. We are the alternative they are looking for. However, we can only gain credibility by winning an election and then winning others! We can win if we work together to build this party. If anyone would like to help in my campaign please feel free to contact me at the above number or write to David A. Weidner, 53165 Wolf Drive, Utica, MI 48087.

### Virginia Cropsey for State Board of Education

State Board of Education candidate, Virginia Cropsey, spoke at a Birmingham Optimist Club breakfast in August on the topic "Should Schools Compete?" Former Oakland County Chair, Joe Cote, arranged the appearance. Cropsey is planning a campaign mailing to 10,000 Michigan citizens who circulated Blanchard Recall petitions. The campaign received a surprise \$1,000 donation from a WXYT listener who's been impressed with Cropsey's talk radio performances.

## Ron Paul: White Knight on a Dark Horse!

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*Mark Skousen's Forecasts & Strategies*

The best candidate for investors is the Libertarian Party leader, former Congressman Ron Paul. Paul is a breath of fresh air among major candidates. He is the only one to have a vision of what should be done to solve our economic troubles: dramatically reduce taxes and gradually privatize government services, including the Post Office, Social Security, etc. He favors a sharp reduction in tax rates, government spending, federal bureaucracy, and trade restrictions. He believes in the gold standard. He would abolish the IRS and the Federal Reserve. His policy can be simply described: He favors a broad expansion of individual freedom!

Paul favors the complete abolition of taxes on investment income -- interest, dividends, and capital gains! Now before you think Paul's policy is too extreme, consider this: Japan and West Germany are two major industrial nations that already have no tax whatsoever on long-term capital gains. In fact, the fastest growing region in the world -- the Pacific Basin -- is made up of countries that impose no capital gains tax at all (Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore). Hong Kong is an ideal tax haven -- no tax on capital gains, interest, or dividends, and only a 14% maximum tax on income. No wonder it has one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

Paul will be on the ballot in 48 states and the District of Columbia; a landmark victory for the Libertarian Party. He missed getting on the ballot in North Carolina and Indiana because of their stringent ballot access requirements. If you think democracy reigns in America, think again. It cost the Paul organization over \$70,000 to solicit 90,000 signatures and get his name on the Florida ballot.

What about those who say a vote for Ron Paul is a vote for Dukakis because the Paul candidacy is a "lost cause" and thus takes away a vote from George Bush? Howard Ruff, for example, says that he won't vote for Paul or give him financial support, even though Ruff's philosophy is basically libertarian, because "Ron Paul is not just a long shot; the gun isn't even loaded."

Before you decide, consider this: Some of the greatest causes of freedom in the world were at first "lost causes." The Declaration of Independence in 1776, the anti-slavery movement in the 19th century, and women's suffrage are just 3 famous examples of "lost causes" that eventually became the law of the land because individuals took an unpopular stand on principle.

I believe that you should vote on principle, not on short-run political expediency. If millions vote for Ron Paul, it will send a message to Washington like never before, even if Dukakis wins by default.

## LPM Standing Committees Organized

As a result of the August 14 LCC meeting, the following standing committees have been organized:

- Convention Committee:** Sheryl Loux, Chair;  
Dick Jacobs
- Awards Committee:** Dale Dobberstein, Chair;  
Emily Salvette
- Issues Committee:** David Raaflaub, Chair;  
Dick Jacobs, Bill Johnson
- Events Committee:** Joe Cote, Chair;  
Jim Spurgeon
- Scholarship Committee:** Mike Miller, Chair
- Membership Committee:** Virginia Cropsey, Chair;  
Dick Jacobs, Gary Bradley
- Campus Organizing Committee:** James Hudler, Chair;  
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# LCC Censures Vice-Chair, Tables Motion to Remove

by T. O'Brien

The Central Committee of the Michigan Libertarian Party met in special session on August 28 to deal with a storm of controversy that has been building over the last two months regarding the actions and demeanor of LPM Vice-Chair Virginia Cropsey.

Charges and counter charges between Ms. Cropsey and several LCC County Reps seemed to reach a crescendo several weeks ago when LCC member Gary Bradley submitted a motion to remove the Vice-Chair from office at the next LCC meeting. However, State Chair Dick Whitelock avoided the question altogether at the August 14 meeting by substituting his own agenda (dealing exclusively with creating and filling positions on several standing committees) and ruling consideration of any other motions out of order.

The following week a Notice of Libertarian Central Committee Meeting was distributed to all LCC members -- the special session called pursuant to LPM Bylaws which specify that such a meeting shall be held upon "written request of one-third of its members." The notice was accompanied by a copy of the request which was signed by nine LCC members.

State Chair Dick Whitelock then sent a memo to all LCC members stating that "Since a resolution was passed by the LCC requiring a minimum of two weeks notice for agenda items, I have no recourse but to declare the meeting of August 28 as Out-of-Order," and that "any decisions relative to LPM business will not be sanctioned by the Executive Board of the LPM."

LPM Senatorial candidate Dick Jacobs also circulated a letter advising LCC members that he would not be able to attend the meeting and strongly

supporting both Whitelock and Cropsey as "both doing excellent jobs." Jacobs detailed five different areas in which he believed both had been instrumental in promoting the cause of the LP including help with his campaign, pointedly observing that "The nine LCC members who have signed the recent LCC notice of meeting letter can count to their credit less than \$300 in contributions, contributed or raised for my campaign effort."

The August 28 meeting convened at 2:00 pm in Clio with LPM Secretary James Hudler as acting Chair and ten LCC County Reps present. Neither Whitelock nor Cropsey attended. LPM Treasurer Jeff Hampton was reportedly out of town.

The debate was extended but rather subdued with virtual unanimous agreement that Cropsey was a dedicated and tireless activist personally responsible for numerous advances for the LP but that she was not well suited to organizing and inspiring other activists and that this was, for a person in the position of Vice-Chair, a fatal flaw.

Three motions were ultimately passed. The first designated the LPM Secretary as the individual responsible for all party communications including mail and/or telephone requests for information from individuals newly interested in the LP and requiring him/her to distribute compiled lists of such individuals among the various LCC members, party officers and other appropriate persons (i.e. the Metro Detroit Libertarians coordinator.) Dissemination of the so-called "New Interesteds" lists had been a major point of contention and one of the reasons for calling the special LCC meeting. This motion had the effect of removing this responsibility from the Vice-Chair and

returning it to the party Secretary.

The second motion created a new standing committee to be called the Operations Committee which would make policy recommendations regarding operations for LCC approval. This motion had the effect of creating an oversight committee to deal with potential future disagreements among party officials over management procedures while keeping the LCC as a whole out of micro-management. Former State Chair Joe Overton was elected Chair of this new committee.

The third motion created a standing Bylaws Committee to consider ways to resolve ambiguities in the current Bylaws. Bill Johnson was elected chair of this new committee.

A Resolution of Censure was also passed calling LPM Vice-Chair Virginia Cropsey to task for "her failure to cooperate with the members of the LCC and her failure to fulfill the duties of her office as specified in LCC resolutions in a prompt and professional manner." The motion was passed by a nine to one vote.

The original Bradley motion to remove Cropsey from office was then tabled.

When contacted by *Michigan Libertarian* regarding the actions taken by the LCC, neither Whitelock nor Hampton had any immediate response. LPM Vice-Chair Virginia Cropsey denounced both this story as biased against her and the LCC as being not representative of the membership of the LPM. She refused to make any comment for the record and also initially declined an opportunity to make a written response, but then provided the two articles on the facing page and requested that they be run verbatim.

# No Treason: The Bylaws of No Authority

by Virginia Cropsey, L.P.M. Vice-Chair

I have just received minutes from a meeting of a group purporting to represent the Libertarian Party of Michigan. The meeting had been ruled out of order by LPM Chair Richard Whitelock because it violated a resolution of the LCC requiring two weeks notice to the executive committee of LCC member agenda items, and one week notice to LCC members of the agenda. I concur with the Chair's rulings that the bylaws permit the LCC to establish these reasonable due process rules.

The minutes to this August 28 gathering indicate Mike Miller introduced a motion "to censure the L.P.M. Vice-Chair". He did not state any reason. Mr. Miller had expressed dissatisfaction that I voted against seating him as the Eaton County representative at the May convention. Mr. Miller was not in attendance at the convention, there are no LP members in Eaton County although Miller represented Eaton all last year, and Miller was not even an LPM member at the time of the motion to seat him. I have always opposed this LCC "packing".

David Raaflaub moved to substitute: "To censure Virginia Cropsey for her failure to fully cooperate with the members of the L.C.C." Mr. Raaflaub has often asked me to go out with him, and I have declined. When I heard I had been censured, my first question was, "Does this mean I have to go out with David Raaflaub?" A motion by Denise Kline to strike the word "fully" passed. Gary Bradley moved to amend Raaflaub's amendment by adding: "and her failure to fulfill the duties of her office as specified in L.C.C. resolution in a prompt and professional manner". This passed and Joe Overton moved the question, although the second reading said "resolutions". While the motion passed nine to one I must point out that, as the minutes of the preceding meeting show (Hudler just issued them with these "minutes"), the membership resolution as to my duties was withdrawn!

Folks, even the status quo we're all supposed to be fighting will state what statute you violated and there does have to be one or you can get the case against you dismissed. As to cooperation, it's tough to cooperate with people who routinely don't know what they're talking about. This is a typical example. That the newsletter editor would cover this ludicrous story as he did and make me write the other side while the Ron Paul Economics Club story dies on the vine, is typical of his bias against the Whitelock administration. Tim, as you recall, ran against Dick Jacobs, and Dick Jacobs is a Cropsey-Whitelock supporter. You can also see that the sides tend to line up along the lines of those who have had the most success getting our message to the outside versus those who have not.

The LCC "members" behind the out-of-order meeting do not represent the membership of the LPM. Three - Kline, Miller and Raaflaub, represent counties with zero membership in which they do not live. How was Kline elected to the body? There were no registered members from Menominee to caucus at the May convention. One third, or six LCC "members" are from

Washtenaw and Ingham: these two counties have twenty members, or 1/8 of the membership, but 1/3 of the LCC membership. These people have engaged in an LCC packing scheme by electing members of their still-hanging-around-the-campus-after-fifteen-years clique to counties with no members and in which they do not live. (Two large centers of Libertarian activity, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, are not represented. You can't get competent people to come to meetings with these people.) One Libertarian who did a lot of outreach for the Party calls them an "embarrassment". "When I get around those people I feel like someone let the creatures out of the cages." He still runs for office and does other things when I ask. For every one of these "creatures" I don't get along with, I can name you five highly competent people who left like "Atlas Shrugged".

Two other members behind the meeting, Overton and Hudler, are former chairs of this Party who can't find it in their hearts to let Mr. Whitelock and me have a chance. The 1-800 number, getting Ron Paul into the Economics Club, the new press release service, these guys can't stand to see other people doing the right thing. Overton even got appointed to be Operations Committee Chair at this gathering. In June we voted that every LCC member was to write a plan for our operation for the year, on my motion. Maybe Joe can write his now that he has a title and everybody acts like it's his idea. Probably not, since Joe is routinely late about his commitments. Competent leadership is what's at stake here folks. I'm the bad guy if I request an apology for being censured for not comporting with a resolution that was never passed. I ask again, "What RESOLUTION"? It's like Kafka's The Trial. Jim Hudler told me his motive is to get me because I voted for Overton instead of him in 1985. I got to be platform rep instead of Gary Bradley in 1987. Gary has represented

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## LPM in Constitutional Crisis; Jones Calls for Secession or New Convention to Amend Bylaws

by Virginia Cropsey

In a memo to state LP Chair Richard Whitelock titled "Survival of the LPM" and dated September 1, 1988, long-time LP activist Tom Jones stated that the LPM "appears ready to self-destruct". "As a last chance before secession occurs" Jones called for the following petition by LPM members to the Libertarian Central Committee:

I, a member of the LPM, demand that the LCC call a state convention to be held within 45 - 60 days pursuant to bylaws, Article VI, Section 2 for the purpose of amending the bylaws to provide at least for

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# Issues Seminar

*As promised in the last issue of ML, here are some brief excerpts of the presentations made during the Issues Seminar at the LPM convention in May. The event provoked a lot of interest and will probably become a regular feature of LPM conventions.*



*Ms. Andreski*

## Elaine Andreski

*Home School Movement*

Home schoolers have been jailed, threatened, chased out of their homes and yet they remain fiercely committed to their choice to home school their children. What binds this heterogeneous movement together is the deeply held belief that parents have the right to control the educational development of their own children.

The key issues surrounding the home school movement are teacher certification, compulsory attendance laws, and the loss of state aid to local school districts.

A 1985 study disproved the old certification argument by showing that, in fact, home schooled children scored significantly higher on standardized tests than did their government schooled counterparts.

Most states today regulate home instruction through the compulsory attendance laws that were written nearly a hundred year ago. The result of the enforcement of such laws has been that some parents have been prosecuted and even jailed – like common criminals.

Only three States regulate home schooling at the present time: Iowa, North Dakota and, unfortunately, Michigan.

It's not surprising that teacher unions and the Michigan Association of School Boards have expressed outrage at the latest agreement between private schools and the State and I'm delighted. Although I have to tell you that I won't be completely happy until we abolish every statute in this country that calls for compulsory education.

Clearly, our present quest for education reform should include the elimination of laws that limit or prohibit the home schooling option – not only because government is failing to educate children successfully, but as a matter of right.

The future of valuable Constitutional rights and possibly even the family itself may depend on how we deal with home education in the coming years. Certainly, little could be more important.

## Charles Kile

*National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws*

I was 33 years old before I ever smoked marijuana. Up until that time I believed the government propaganda that, if you smoked a joint, you'd want to rape your neighbors or do some other crazy thing. But I've been smoking for 15 years now and I can't believe that our government sees fit to destroy our lives by throwing people like my wife and myself in jail because we choose to do something which is a lot safer than a lot of the things they allow.

The vast majority of the medical profession has endorsed the idea of the decriminalization of marijuana as have the American Bar Association and the National Council of Churches.

There has never been a recorded death anywhere in the United States from marijuana. Cocaine killed 604 people last year. Alcohol consumption killed 90,000!

I personally don't believe in using these other drugs. I smoke



*Mr. Kile*



marijuana. I don't use cocaine or the other things. But this is America and I have no right to tell others that they can't do it.

Polls consistently show that 70% of the American people do not see marijuana as a problem and believe its use should be decriminalized. The Nixon administration's commission on drug abuse recommended that the use of marijuana be decriminalized. Nixon rejected the findings. And it's the Reagan administration that is responsible for this cocaine epidemic. In 1980, when they first declared this "War on Drugs," many of my friends who were smugglers quit smuggling marijuana and started smuggling cocaine because it's a lot easier to bring a million dollars worth of cocaine into the country than it is a million dollars worth of marijuana. In the last couple of years most of the weed that we're smoking is home grown.

This is America. What we do in our own homes is nobody else's damn business!



Mr. Kostyu

absolute necessity if you are going to try and administer communal property. It makes no difference how much you work or produce in any given week because the central banker can simply print up more notes and buy your production out of the marketplace.

Money has to have an objective value to be useful in the marketplace.

The American public was warned of all this in 1792. Not 1972, but in 1792! An American journalist by the name of Philip Freneau wrote an editorial in the *National Gazette* in which he told us how we were going to lose our freedoms, how we were going to lose our Constitution, how we were going to lose our republic. His *Rules for Changing a Republic* read like a road map for the fascist and socialist elements in our government. "And the 'grand nostrum' of the plan to destroy the Constitution," Freneau said, "will be a public debt – provided enough of it can be got and it be medicated with the proper ingredients. If, by good fortune, a debt be ready at hand, the most is to be made of it. Stretch it and swell it to the utmost the items will bear. Allow as many extra claims as decency will permit. Assume all the debts of your neighbors. In a word, get as much debt as can be raked and scraped together and, when you've got all you can, advertise for more. Have the debt made as big as possible. This object being accomplished, the next will be to make it as perpetual as possible. Then, next to that, to get it into as few hands as possible." Freneau goes on to say that "the management of a great funded debt and an extensive system of taxes will afford a plea, not to be neglected, for establishing a great, incorporated bank." This was written one year after the Constitution was ratified!

Signs of paper money taking us to a collapse? As recently as May 20 [a newspaper story appeared with the headline] "Experts tell Congress to aid FSLIC." This is a symptom of paper money coming home to roost. "The Savings & Loan industry faces collapse," the story says, "unless taxpayer money is used to shore up the federal agency that insures the deposits of millions of Americans, banking experts warned Congress, Thursday."

As long as we have paper money, the government and the central bankers can control our economy and, so, they can control you. Gold ends that because you can't print gold. It is that simple.

## Don Kostyu

*Justice Pro Se*

The monetary system is fundamental to freedom. And there's a lot of public ignorance surrounding the issue. In fact, in a recent survey 69% of the respondents believed that our dollars – that is, Federal Reserve Notes – are redeemable for gold and silver coin. Almost 7 out of 10 people think they can take a Fed Note down to the Treasury and get gold or silver coin for it! That is an appalling level of ignorance.

The question is not: Why should we abolish the Federal Reserve. It is: Why should we have a Federal Reserve. It has failed to accomplish every one of the purposes for which it was established – except, of course, expanding the money supply. It has done a very good job of that, devaluing our dollar by over 90%.

So, where does it come from? You won't find the words "Federal Reserve" or "Central Bank" in the Constitution. Well, this defines the Federal Reserve quite well: "Centralization of credit in the hands of the state by means of a national bank with a state capital and an exclusive monopoly." That is the fifth plank of the Communist manifesto.

In the 1920's Lenin used the printing press to destroy the Russian middle class. They didn't send out the army to seize everybody's property. They merely printed up the Rubles. Printing press money is an absolute

# The Fourth Branch of Government

reprinted from *On Guard*

Administrative law, if it is in fact law, can be unforgiving. Well it must be something, because many are being prosecuted and convicted under the color and guise of this so-called law.

Of great importance as to why administrative law is so well liked by the agencies is because agencies can, in fact, make rules and regulations that, when not challenged properly or timely, will stand as law, and the district courts will not discuss any of these conclusions of law at that level.

However, if these conclusions of law are challenged timely, the district courts will not even hear these arguments because they must be settled at the administrative level. Isn't this a nice setup for these bureaucrats?

But, alas, the poor citizen.

This peculiar type of law is gaining in strength, because it allows the agencies to actually make law.

There are certain restrictions, but these are easily overcome because the general populace has been indoctrinated by our educational system and knows nothing about our legal system (and even less about the U.S. Constitution). Consequently, the law is seldom, if ever, objected to.

What this administrative law does, is that at the first onset of controversy, the agency involved is the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary all rolled up in one tyrannical ball.

Their inter-office rules and regulations are law, period. To a novice this mass of law is unfathomable.

They plea bargain for a lesser offense. In most cases, except for the principle of it, the battle just isn't worth it.

This law is peculiar from common law and is predicated on the

belief that every person appointed to an administrative office possesses fitness, and that through his daily routine he will acquire practical knowledge.

Now this is a long way from being able to make law, but the bureaucrats have broadened the meaning of this fitness and practical knowledge to that of making law.

There are certain requirements to law making; i.e. to the making of rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances, etc., and administrative law has not met any of the criteria.

In fact, it is repugnant to the United States Constitution, and leans heavily towards equity law or chancery law.

Almost like the days of inquisition.

When any of these agencies point a finger at you and you don't know how to properly respond or defend, the burden of proving your innocence is upon you.

That's the way inquisition works.

However, by learning your rights and how to stay out of their jurisdiction, you can and must assert your inherent inalienable rights and turn this case into one of accusation.

Then the burden is on the one that points the finger; this is where the free-man belongs.

*Editor's Note: The above article was one of a series concerning the growth of administrative law, printed in the monthly publication On Guard. For more information on the publication, write its publishers, Freedom Unlimited News, P.O. Box 25, Aztec, New Mexico 87410.*

## Clifton Quits LP

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Council member explained that it was his wife who was supporting the Democrat.

Further, rumors had been circulating recently that Clifton had, in fact, resigned from his position on the Addison Village Council. When called by ML Editor Tim O'Brien about the story, Clifton answered that he had, indeed, resigned because his wife worked during the same evening hours when the council usually met forcing him to find a baby-sitter in order to keep the commitment. He went on to explain, however, that his wife had found a day job and that he was, therefore, now back on the council and had only missed one meeting. This conversation took place on August 27.

Clifton mentioned nothing about his plans to become a Republican.

This development leaves the local minister in somewhat of a quandry. The former Libertarian turned Republican with the Democrat signs in his front yard is already on the state-wide ballot as an LP candidate for State Board of Education and election law prohibits removal of his name from the ticket.

LPM State Chair Dick Whitelock immediately issued a press release repudiating Clifton's candidacy for the Board of Education post and has been pointing out to reporters that Clifton's election as a Libertarian in the Addison race demonstrates that voters can

overcome the "two party system" prejudice and elect a Libertarian.

When contacted by ML for a comment, Clifton stated emphatically that he had not rejected libertarianism as a philosophy, but rather the Libertarian party as a means. He offered the same reasoning promoted by LROC, i.e. that it is more likely that a free society can be achieved by working through one of the establishment parties. "Much as I hate it," he told ML Editor Tim O'Brien, "I have to go with the lesser of two evils. I just can't see Dukakis as President." When O'Brien asked how he felt about supporting the candidacy of a man whom he had just described as "evil," the reverend was silent.

## Michigan Conservatives Backing Ron Paul

It has been reported in recent weeks that several well respected individuals and groups within the conservative movement in Michigan intend to endorse or work with the Ron Paul campaign.

The Michigan Conservative Union, one of the State's largest and most influential conservative organizations, has run three different editorials in its publication *The Banner* recommending that its members desert their traditional Republican ties and vote for the Paul/Marrou ticket. A letter was also circulated among the group contrasting the economic views of Bush and Paul. "If we expect George Bush to carry the standard of our vision, we are wrong," the letter said, adding that Paul would "carry the standard of a free market economy" and Bush would not.

Both the August 10 *New York Times* and the August 11 *Oakland Press* reported that the Michigan delegation to the Republican national convention was badly divided over the Bush candidacy. Harry Veryser, leader of the 18 member Robertson contingent, was quite upset about the way he perceived his group had been treated by Bush supporters and told the *Oakland Press*, "Make no mistake

about it, this is serious business and it could cost Bush the state. A lot of us are angry and weighing our options." There were even rumors circulating that Dr. Paul's name might be put in nomination at the Republican convention.

The August 12 edition of the *Macomb Daily* also carried a front page story on the possible Republican defection to the LP. Veryser told the paper that some conservatives thinking about "sending a message" by supporting Paul were harkening back to 1976. In that year, the right wing of the GOP backed Ronald Reagan in the primaries, and some refused to support the party's eventual nominee, Gerald Ford. They reasoned that a Jimmy Carter presidency would be a disaster setting the stage for Reagan to return in 1980 and win the presidency. Now, said Veryser, these conservatives are thinking that the success of that strategy could be repeated by way of a disastrous Michael Dukakis presidency followed by a conservative triumph in 1992.

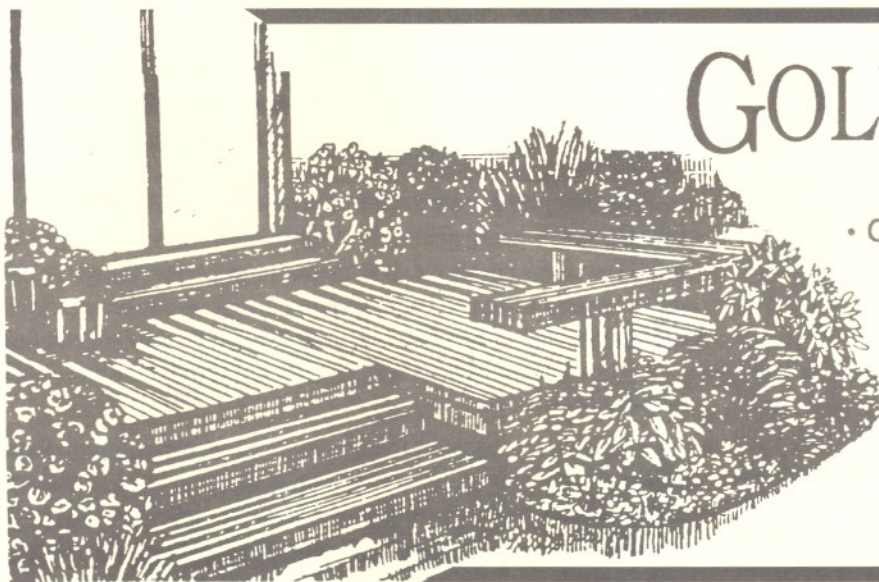
It is expected that many of the disaffected GOP conservatives will attend Ron Paul's luncheon address at the Economic Club of Detroit on September nineteenth.

## Want To Learn More About The Principles Of Liberty?

Keith Edwards, a founder of the Michigan Libertarian Party and our candidate for 12th District U.S. Congress, will organize discussion groups to answer your questions about how and why freedom works. Keith knows the answers to the tough questions. Call Keith at 313/777-7468 to schedule times and places. If you're new to the movement, you'll find this course both enlightening and enjoyable. And even if you've been around for awhile, the Libertarian Party needs committed, knowledgeable, activists (CKAs). Sign up to get your "K" badge today.

## Dick Jacobs to Speak at MDL Supper Club

LPM candidate for the U. S. Senate, Dick Jacobs, will be the featured speaker at the October 17 meeting of the Metro Detroit Libertarians supper club. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm with the program scheduled to follow at 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at The Soup Kitchen restaurant at 1585 Franklin near downtown Detroit. For reservations call 332-7834. For more information call 757-5085.



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## No Treason

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Clinton, adjacent to Ingham, as the sole LPM member for several years. It's all petty personality nonsense.

Who do these people claim to represent or lead? The people behind the censure were elected by approximately fifteen votes, including their own. They changed the bylaws in 1986 to allow this bizarre method of self-appointment. This was in effect a constitutional convention without notice, much as the Constitution of 1787 was a usurpation of the Articles of Confederation. The effect was to suspend local affiliate parties, actions appealable to the National Judiciary Committee. These folks don't want to build local organizations - no successful organization would support them. I encourage you all to send the petition language suggested by Tom Jones in the companion article to me at P.O. Box 406, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

Dick Whitelock has not buried his head in the sand, as some are accusing. He has told LCC members to put their complaints in writing to him so that meeting time will not be wasted. Had this been done, somebody would have told them that the resolution was never passed.

[Editor's Note: In view of the charges contained in Ms.

*Cropsey's article impugning the motives of several of the members of the LCC in passing the Resolution of Censure, I thought it appropriate to contact each and offer an opportunity to respond. Their comments follow. As for myself, I stand by my decision to run the story.*

*Mike Miller: "She always attributes her own kind of motives to everyone else. I introduced the motion because I thought it was in the best interests of the party. Virginia should accept the opinion of her fellow party members that she has been ineffective and disruptive in some ways."*

*David Raaflaub: "Virginia did some good legal work on the 180-day rule lawsuit and I offered to take her out to dinner at the London Chop House. I'm sorry that she misinterpreted my motives, but it has nothing to do with the censure."*

*Joe Overton: "It's not worthy of comment."*

*James Hudler: "She's assuming that I'm out to get her and that's just not true."*

*Gary Bradley: "Who got to be our Platform Rep at the national convention didn't make any difference to me and it's irrelevant to the problems at hand."*

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But it takes more than paid ads to enter the "real" world of television. You also have to be recognized by the broadcast news media. This will certainly be a difficult task since these people are as frightened as anyone at the prospect of a truly free, competitive environment. Journalists have almost as much interest in maintaining the status quo as politicians, big corporations and labor unions. They are as seduced as anyone by a belief in their own understanding of what is needed to set the world straight. And they will be no more anxious to eliminate the levers of power.

We absolutely need credibility with these people. And that means, first of all, that the people we do manage to get elected DO NOT QUIT! It was recently brought to my attention by Andre Marrou that the LP in Illinois has elected three people to office. Two of the three quit in mid term. Now Michigan's only elected Libertarian has quit the party to become a Republican. Nothing could possibly do more to undermine our credibility with the media than having these kinds of consequences result from electing Libertarians. We can once again be consigned to the category of kooks who are unworthy of serious consideration as public policy makers.

Viability in the political arena requires credibility. And in America credibility requires television. Libertarians may not like the lay of the political landscape but, if our method is to be

political activism through electoral politics, then we had better start to be realists about what it takes to compete in that arena. And when you find yourself disgusted with the methods required, just do what Jesse does: "Keep your eyes on the prize!"

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## LPM in Constitutional Crisis;

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(A) removal of the executive officers from the LCC and (B) proportional representation of LPM members on the LCC.

(Signature, Name, Address, Date)

Jones would amend the bylaws as to LCC representation. The new provision would read, in pertinent part:

4-1 The Libertarian Central Committee of the Party, herein after referred to as the "LCC," shall consist of 5 representatives elected from each of 4 districts provided that if there are less than \_\_\_\_\_ Party members as of \_\_\_\_\_ in any year then there shall be only two districts.

Officers were considering the mailing at press time. Jones called the current LCC, except for the officers who "represent some semblance of majority support (at the '88 LPM convention)", an "oligarchy of the worst sort". "Secession - Declaration of Independence remains alive and well," Jones writes.

## Marrou Tours Michigan

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interviewed by *Detroit Free Press* Editor, Joe Stroud, who received an IRS commemorative (screw) button in his press kit.

Articles appeared in the *Clarkston News*, the *Macomb Daily*, and the *Romeo Observer*. Tony and Doreen Wright, Dave Weidner, and Bill Johnson assisted the author in arranging the coverage.

Friday evening Marrou was the guest of Jack and Jill Watts of Romeo for a Macomb County outreach party that raised several hundred dollars. Marrou had a hit joke: "There is a word -- kakistocracy -- which means government by the worst citizens. So, I guess DUKakistocracy would be twice as bad." Thanks to Jack and Jill for giving the party on a week's notice.

Marrou had breakfast in Birmingham Saturday morning with major contributors.

Press releases sent in advance billed Marrou's tour as part of a petitioning effort to get the ticket into the League of Women Voters debates. Marrou liked the idea (originated by Eric Blankenburg, 15th District Congressional candidate and the author) so much he contacted the Ron Paul campaign and a fifty state effort resulted. "Every time I come to Michigan, you're doing something innovative," said Marrou who made cards for his own campaign like the "This Time Make It Libertarian" cards developed for his Michigan tour last fall. The National League of Women Voters reported receiving petitions from more than twenty-five states at press time.

Marrou petitioned on Saturday at the Phoenix Center with 6th District Congressional candidate, Tony Wright, and 61st District House candidate, Doreen Wright. The Wright's hosted Marrou and drove him to scheduled events during both tours, in addition to hosting an LPM reception for Marrou at their home. A big "thank you" to Tony and Doreen for a lot of effort.

Saturday evening the Vice-Presidential nominee attended and addressed a backyard lake front fundraiser for 51st District State Representative candidate, Bill Johnson, in Hartland. Johnson reports Marrou's appearance enhanced the credibility of the LP among his friends and associates who attended. Attendees were treated to a beautiful fireworks display given by Bill's lake association. It was proof that you don't have to have a government to have a parade.

Sunday morning Marrou attempted to respond to a page one *Detroit News* article on a survey that shows Michigan voters decreasingly affiliate themselves with either the Republicans or Democrats. According to Marrou, if the trend in the article continues, within ten years the degree of non-affiliation will be as high in Michigan as it was in Alaska when he was elected to that legislature as a Libertarian. Because of the downing of the Iranian civilian airliner by the American military in the Persian gulf, reporters were unable to interview Marrou. He raised the issue often during his August tour, however.

Marrou finished Sunday viewing a boat parade and addressing a gathering at the Clinton Township home of Doc and Lorraine Thompson, parents of Doreen Wright, and flew on to Illinois for 4th of July parades first thing Monday morning.

The 1-800 number received its first workout. During the tour

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over thirty calls were received. Several callers were LPM members by Mr. Marrou's second tour and attended his August 6th Drayton Plains reception.

Marrou also had a busy schedule in Michigan August 2-7. He was interviewed by and received coverage from Channel 8 TV, Grand Rapids; *Grand Rapids Press*; *Advance Newspapers*, Jenison; *Holland Sentinel*; Channel 6 TV, Lansing; National Public Radio, Lansing; WCUZ, Grand Rapid; WION, Ionia; and Michigan State University radio, East Lansing. Dick Jacobs and Dick Whitelock arranged the above interviews. Some of the interviews took place at a press conference at the Capitol for Andre and other Michigan Libertarians in office. Sheryl Loux of Kalamazoo attended as a member of the Kalamazoo fire privatization committee.

National Committee Representative, Bill Hall, hosted a Grand Rapids fund raiser dinner for Marrou that netted several hundred dollars on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday afternoon Whitelock, Jacobs, and Marrou turned in 650 petition signatures to the Michigan League of Women Voters in Lansing asking to have Ron Paul and Marrou appear in the national League of Women Voters debates. Livingston County coordinator, Bill Johnson, arranged an interview with his county newspaper and drove Marrou to Detroit.

Thursday morning Marrou was a guest on Don Kostyu's "TownMeeting" on WCAR. He taped an hour long interview that aired two weeks later on WNIC radio. Doreen Wright arranged these interviews. Marrou had lunch with the Wrights and Manufacturers bank Vice-President and Senior Economist, David Littmann. He was then interviewed by Robert Giles, Vice-President and Executive Editor of the *Detroit News* and had an interview at the *Detroit News* which appeared on page 2A the following day. The author arranged the above interviews. Marrou spoke to a class at Oakland University that evening. Tony Wright and Virginia Cropsey arranged the appearance.

Friday Marrou had interviews with WPIZ (Dominoes Pizza), the *Ann Arbor News*, and the *Jackson Citizen Patriot*, arranged by Jim Hudler and Virginia Cropsey. He had lunch with Jackson area Libertarians and was interviewed by two Jackson radio stations, arranged by Jackson Libertarians, Jerry Potts and Jim Hudler.

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# Marrou Tours Michigan

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Friday evening David Weidner, candidate for 26th District State Representative, hosted a candidate training seminar, taught by Marrou and attended by nine Libertarian candidates.

Saturday Marrou took the day off and attended a Tiger ballgame with the Metro-Detroit Libertarians. [Editor's Note: Our VP candidate was treated to a Tiger victory over the Boston Red Sox.]

On Saturday evening Marrou was guest of honor at a backyard pool party hosted by Tony and Doreen Wright and the Michigan LP. Seventy-five people attended, including many new members and interested. Marrou was a hit with the crowd and this single event covered the costs of the tour. Fifteen Libertarian candidates attended and were introduced to the crowd. Sunday Marrou flew on to Illinois to deliver their ballot access petitions on Monday.

The Michigan LP thanks Andre Marrou for his efforts for freedom!

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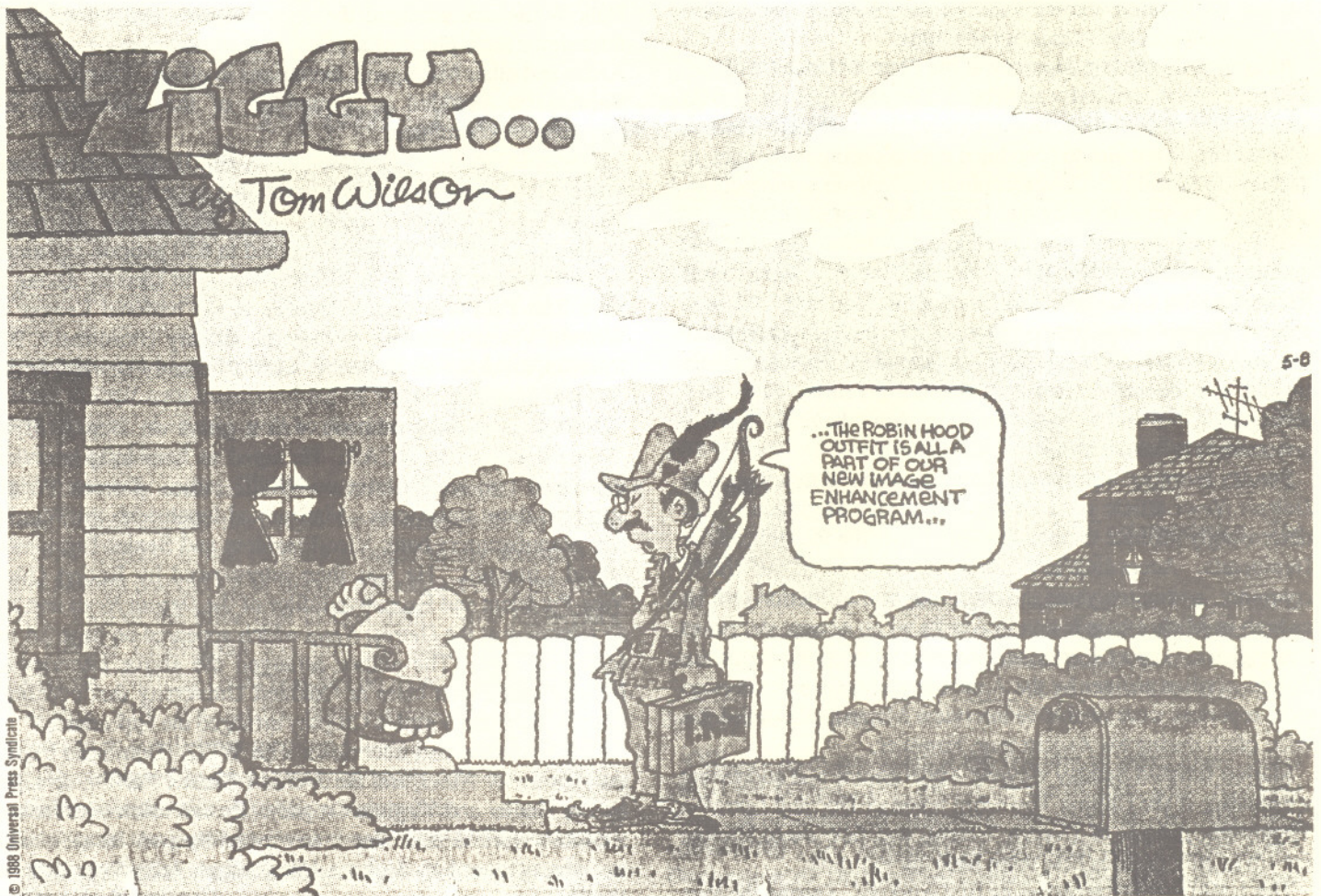
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## Don't Talk to Cops!

by Robert W. Zeuner,  
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"Good morning! My name is investigator Holmes. Do you mind answering a few simple questions?" If you open your door one day and are greeted with those words, stop and think! Whether it is the local police or the FBI at your door, you have certain legal rights of which you ought to be aware before you proceed any further.

In the first place, when the law enforcement authorities come to see you, there are no "simple questions". Unless they are investigating a traffic accident, you can be sure that they want information about somebody. And that somebody may be you!

Rule Number One to remember when confronted by the authorities is that there is no law requiring you to talk with the police, the FBI, or the representative of any other investigative agency. Even the simplest questions may be loaded and the seemingly harmless bits of information which you volunteer may later become vital links in a chain of circumstantial evidence against you or a friend.

Do not invite the investigator into your home!

Such an invitation not only gives him the opportunity to look around for clues to your lifestyle, friends, reading materials, etc., but also tends to prolong the conversation. And the longer the conversation, the more chance there is for a skilled investigator to find out what he wants to know.

Many times a police officer will ask you to accompany him to the police station to answer a few questions.

In that case, simply thank him for the invitation and indicate that you are not disposed to accept it at that time. Often the authorities simply want to photograph a person for identification purposes, a procedure which is easily accomplished by placing him in a private room with a two-way mirror at the station, asking him a few innocent questions, and then releasing him.

If the investigator becomes angry at your failure to cooperate and threatens you with arrest, stand firm. He cannot legally place you under arrest or enter your home without a warrant signed by a judge. If he indicates that he has such a warrant, ask to see it. A person under arrest or located on premises to be searched, generally must be shown a warrant if he requests it and must be given a chance to read it.

Without a warrant, an officer depends solely upon your helpfulness to obtain the information he wants. So, unless you are quite sure of yourself, don't be helpful.

Probably the wisest approach to take to a persistent investigator is simply to say: "I'm quite busy now. If you have any questions that you feel I can answer, I'd be happy to listen to them in my lawyer's office. Good-bye!"

Talk is cheap, but when that talk involves the law enforcement authorities, it may cost you, or someone close to you, dearly.

## The Ludlow Letters

By Larry Ludlow

From the Can-You-Believe-This-Is-Really-Somebody's-Job? Department: Larry Ludlow, former Michigan resident and LPM member, recently sent a letter of support and admiration to Jim Lewis who now lives in a jail cell because he trusted his neighbors to support his belief in liberty. Larry thought he could do Jim a favor by also enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope so that Jim could write back without having to find a U.S. Snail office with convenient window hours for inmates. Larry was wrong.

Larry received a package from something called Michele Grugan. She/it is a Mail Officer working for the U.S. Department of Justice at the prison. The package contained the self-addressed stamped envelope and a form on which the Grugan had checked a box indicating that stamps and items with stamps cannot be given to inmates because they are negotiable instruments.

Larry noted that U.S. taxpayers have now paid for stationary, the notice itself, mailing costs, and the bureaucrat-hours used to protect us from the evils of a two-bit stamp in the hands of a convict. True to form, the government has multiplied the risk of a 25-cent stamp in the hands of a criminal by a factor of ten or fifteen. The cost of their response easily exceeds \$2.50. Although he was upset about the waste, Larry said he felt a lot safer knowing the Grugan was on guard for him. He also wondered what she would do if lots of people sent 1-cent stamps to Jim Lewis. Would she enjoy more job security returning the dangerous substances to the senders, or would the Justice (!) Department simply hire a Grugan clone?

Malicious Michele. She not only stole Jim's property, but on sending it back to Larry, she felt obligated to vandalize it so that Larry could not use it again in an attempt to corrupt another inmate: she used scissors to cut a "V"-shaped wedge out of the envelope -- kind of like Telly Savalas cutting out paper dolls in the original "Dirty Dozen."

More New Jersey Notes: the SASOS (Self-Appointed Saviors of the Stupid) are at it again. A friend of Larry, Barbara Naab, was hiking in the Palisade cliffs across the Hudson river from New York City, and she sat down on a rock with her friend visiting from Maryland. They were enjoying the spectacular view, but a Fort Lee, New Jersey policeman wrote them both tickets for endangering themselves by sitting near the edge. Barbara's visiting friend paid the fine, but Barb is going to try to reason with the judge. Poor Barb. She doesn't know that the policeman is probably related to Michele, the Mail Officer at Jim Lewis' prison.

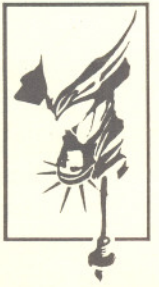
*[Editor's Note: If you'd like to send Jim Lewis some words of encouragement and gratitude for his dedication and courage write to: James A. Lewis, A-2 09357-014, Box 1000, Montgomery, PA 17752. And be sure to include a self-addressed envelope with a 1 cent stamp.]*

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