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LPM Retains Ballot Status

The Libertarian Party of Michigan will appear on the ballot in the 1990 general election as a result of the success of the Ron Paul/Andre Marrou campaign here. The LP President/Vice President team garnered 18,567 votes or .50% to finish third in the state -- better than 2,000 more votes than were required to keep the LPM on the ballot without having to petition. As our "top of ticket" under Michigan election law, it was critical that Paul/Marrou get at least one percent of the total votes cast for the winning candidate for Secretary of State in the last election in order to have the LPM automatically included on the ballot in the next election. Under this old formula (since stiffened by the Michigan legislature) that number was 16,313.



Ron Paul at his last Michigan campaign appearance

LPM U.S. Senate candidate Dick Jacobs received 27,487 votes or .78% across the state which also placed him third in the contest which returned liberal Democrat Don Riegle to Washington.

While the Paul/Marrou and Jacobs percentages were somewhat disappointing, several other LPM candidates made significant strides in comparison with previous campaign results. Our top U.S. House candidate, ML editor Tim O'Brien, received 1.5% of the vote in a "no contest" contest which resulted in the re-election of a long-time incumbent Republican. Stan Gentry, running for a Michigan House of Representatives seat, got 4.2% of the vote in a hotly contested five-way race (where the minor party candidates totalled 12% of the vote) making him our top finisher in that category. Gary Bonus, running for Macomb County Sheriff, received 7.4% of the vote. In fact, in an election where our "top of ticket" got half of one percent, no less than 22 out of 45 Michigan candidates did better than 1% -- more than twice as well! Indeed, in terms of percent of vote, all but two LPM candidates out-pollled our presidential ticket.

In terms of raw numbers (the critical consideration in retaining our position on the ballot), other state-wide races also produced very encouraging results. Virginia Cropsey, LPM Vice Chair and candidate for State Board of Education received 39,365 votes or .62% in a ten-way race. Diane Szabla, who ran for MSU Board of Trustees, got 65,522 votes or 1.08% in a six-way race. Don Warmbier, our candidate in the non-partisan Supreme Court race, garnered 203,935 or 4.41% of the vote -- also in a six-way contest.

Speculation among LPM insiders on the reason for the disparity between the results in the two top races and most of the other contests have centered on the old "lesser of two evils" syndrome. The consensus is that many potential Libertarian votes were lost in these two races because voters perceived both Dukakis and Riegle as people whose election was something to be avoided at all costs. Fortunately for the country, in the case of Dukakis they succeeded (if you can consider the election of George Bush a fortunate thing.) Unfortunately for the state, in the case of Riegle they lost anyway. The result of all of this is that a strategy is now being discussed for the next election wherein the LPM may

forgo nominating a candidate for Governor in 1990, thus making a lesser state-wide race -- perhaps, State Board of Education -- our "top of ticket" and, thereby, ensuring ballot status for the 1992 presidential election.

For complete LPM election results see page 3. For reaction to the election results see *From the Chair* on page 2 and the articles on pages 4 and 5.

LP Results From Around the Country

The official tally of votes for the Ron Paul/Andre Marrou ticket for the entire U.S. (except, of course, for the four states where we weren't on the ballot) is 409,412 as of press time. The final total will probably be slightly higher as the state of Rhode Island as well as some remote precincts in other states had not yet been counted. This represents .45% of the votes cast in the race which designated George Bush the next president of the U.S. and is nearly twice as many votes as David Bergland received in the '84 contest though not even half the number received by Ed Clark in 1980.

In other races of national interest, SIL founder Don Ernsberger got 2.8% of the vote in his race for a U.S. House seat in Pennsylvania. Both Jim Hedbor in Vermont and John Vernon in California garnered 1% in their races for U.S. House seats.

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From The Chair...

by Dick Whitelock

Enough "Useful Idiot's" (26 percent of the eligible electorate) cast their votes for George "read my lips" Bush so that we are now faced with another four years of a one-party central government.

So! What do we, as Libertarian Freedom Fighters, do now? Do we sit back and wait for 1992? Absolutely Not.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to this year's effort. I especially want to congratulate the many outstanding people who campaigned for office against overwhelming odds.

While the vote totals were not what a lot of us were anticipating, the Libertarian message of freedom was presented to millions of future Libertarian voters.

A particular highlight of the campaign here in Michigan is the fact that we will not have to petition for ballot status in 1990. Garnering enough Ron Paul votes to help us maintain ballot status was our top campaign priority, and it was achieved by a slight margin.

My special thanks to Evy Warmbier who did an exemplary job in acting as the state coordinator for the Ron Paul campaign.

While a number of barriers were encountered, we managed to get around them. But not without great expense. In fact.... the till was drained!

Realizing that each of you is aware of the importance of the fight for Liberty, I am asking that everyone pledge a minimum of \$20.00 so that we can continue our battle against the big-government monster. If \$20.00 is out of the question, \$5, \$10, or \$15.00 will help replenish the LPM treasury. This is absolutely essential to cover our monthly operating expenses, and to expand our outreach program for the enlistment of new Libertarians.

Please help.... mail your pledge to:

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1988 Libertarian Party of Michigan Election Results

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	TOTAL	PERCENT	OFFICE	CANDIDATE	TOTAL	PERCENT
President/ Vice President	Ron Paul/ Andre Marrou	18,567	.50%	34th	John Tatar	770	2.34%
U.S. Senate	Dick Jacobs	27,487	.78%	36th	Jeff Hampton	437	1.02%
U.S. House 1st	Jonathan Flint	740	.53%	46th	Mary Ruwart	202	.65%
2nd	David Raaflaub	1,308	.60%	51st	Bill Johnson	1,114	2.82%
6th	Tony Wright	1,887	.91%	58th	Dale Dobberstein	490	1.40%
10th	Gary Bradley	1,808	.86%	59th	Duane Stillwell	647	1.55%
11th	Denise Kline	825	.38%	61st	Doreen Wright	361	1.02%
12th	Keith Edwards	1,317	.66%	63rd	Gerald Comptois	551	1.17%
13th	Alan Harris	883	.77%	64th	Marc Smith	462	1.35%
14th	Robert Roddis	1,348	.74%	65th	Rose Wright	322	.80%
15th	Eric Blankenburg	1,614	.99%	70th	Stan Gentry	1,180	4.18%
17th	Charles Hahn	2,335	1.21%	71st	David Gravlin	359	.98%
18th	Timothy O'Brien	3,941	1.55%	72nd	Rudy Zornik	380	1.02%
Supreme Court	Don Warmbier	203,935	4.41%	73rd	Paul Kaiser	372	1.27%
MI Board of Ed	James Clifton	33,857	.54%	75th	James McAbee	219	.67%
	Virginia Cropsey	39,365	.62%	79th	Cliff Schwinck	279	.79%
MSU Board of Trustees	Diane Szabla	65,522	1.08%	84th	Brett Bellmore	265	.86%
U of M Board of Regents	James Hudler	54,497	.90%	88th	Richard Whitelock	524	1.53%
	John Salvette	47,588	.78%	Macomb County Commissioner	Robert Swartz	182	1.70%
WSU Board of Governors	Jack Freeman	49,524	.82%	Macomb County Sheriff	Gary Bonus	13,901	7.4%
	Randy Szabla	47,645	.79%	Oakland County Commissioner	Jack Elder	132	1.1%
MI House -- 22nd	David Hunt	571	2.02%	Wayne County Sheriff	John Gale	32,350	5.6%
25th	Ron Burcham	180	.49%				
26th	David Weidner	615	1.48%				

Attention LPM Candidates!

A friendly reminder from '88 Candidates Chair, Brian Wright: Don't forget to close out your campaign committees. Though we don't know of anyone ever having been actually prosecuted for dereliction of duty in this regard, you will start getting nasty mail from the fatherland threatening fines, etc. So, it's easiest to just take a moment (or an hour) and do it. Remember: where the government is concerned, the job isn't finished until the paperwork is done. Of course, where the government is concerned, the paperwork is never finished. Maybe you should just consider making LPM candidacy your career.

LPM Candidate Left Off Ballot

Jack Elder, LPM candidate for Oakland County Commissioner, was left off the ballot it was discovered only days before the November 8 election.

Jan Stickley, the office supervisor for the county Elections Division, said she took responsibility for the error, claiming that she overlooked a folder containing Elder's papers when he filed for the office.

Ballots were corrected by placing stickers with Elder's name in the voting machines. However, it was too late to do anything about the absentee ballots which had already been distributed.

Despite the snafu, our candidate still managed to garner a very respectable showing of .96%.

Time To Plan A National Strategy

by Dick Jacobs, LPM U.S. Senate Candidate

It appears that my senate race garnered about one percent of the total votes cast for the U.S. Senate seat in Michigan. While this percentage is far from what we had hoped it would be, we did achieve several victories. We were included in the Economic Club of Detroit debate, which the *Detroit News* reported I had won the next day on their editorial page and which helped to establish our credibility in the political arena. We did introduce the libertarian philosophy to educators in several new colleges and high schools. We did increase our membership in the state of Michigan. And we did succeed in getting my opponent the incumbent Don Riegler (D) to state that he thinks it's time

that Japan and other foreign countries started paying for their own defense. It happened at the Economic Club of Detroit debate just after I spoke and it was like an echo of my stance.... refreshing rhetoric from one of the bandits who has been looting the taxpayers for years.

I do, however, think it is time that we had a state and national brain-storming session to lay the ground work for 1990 and beyond. We can beat the Republicans and Democrats but we are going to have to change our strategy. In the mean time let's double our membership by July 1st of 1989. It's not an impossible task if every card carrying member would just

get one new person to join the party. And let's also each make an individual effort during this same time span to introduce one new educator in college or high school to the Libertarian Party and it's philosophy. And let's make sure that we give them the tools to help us educate the next generation of American Freedom Fighters. And lastly, let's all pledge \$10 a month to the National Libertarian Party to help accumulate the funds that we need for administrative, membership, and educational outreach costs and future targeted political campaigns.

We've got the pressure on - now let's turn up the heat for a victory in 1990's.

After The Thrill Is Gone, Part 2

by Gary Bradley

After the 1984 election I wrote a column on the necessity of beginning immediately to prepare for the 1986 elections. The response to those suggestions was so overwhelming that the election for which I proposed that preparation came and went without Libertarian candidates. Learning to be ignored, however, is a vital and formative aspect of Libertarian development, so naturally I feel it is time for an abbreviated reprise of the perennial suggestions for the next election in the (probably deluded) hope that some consideration may be paid before about May of 1990.

Public Awareness: The place to build the Party is with young people, who have not yet dismissed the political system as a rigged game by the Democrats, Republicans, and their special interest friends. The Party should be trying to get a representative into every introductory political science class in the state. This means developing a list of contacts at every college, university and community college in the state. High school classes are even better. Most of the government teachers in the public schools might be receptive to the idea of a day when someone else taught the lesson, and every high school senior in the state has to be in a government class. Full support of the LPM should go to the Campus Organizing Committee before Jim gets tired of trying to do the whole job himself. There are at present very few Libertarians in Michigan under the age of thirty, although the number of libertarians between 18 and 30 is certainly in the thousands. That they don't know about us is our problem, not theirs, (at least, at the moment.)

Membership: In case you've forgotten, the level of our representation at the next National Convention will be determined by the number of National Members in Michigan on February 28, 1989. That leaves a paltry 10 or 12 weeks to inspire some of the people we got interested during this campaign to put their money where their principles are. At the

very least, present members should be encouraged to give a membership for the holidays to anyone they think is on the verge of being one of us. County or multi-county Party organizations should be encouraged to organize social events on a monthly basis to keep members interested and in contact.

Candidates: In the 1990 election there will be 170 positions at the state and federal level. The question remains whether it lends the Party more credibility to have those positions filled by any paper candidate available or to only contest those seats where a viable candidate can be found. "Viable" is an important qualifier. While it is a long shot that we will be achieving any significant victories in 1990, we should refrain from running candidates whose views are so extreme that they serve as a focus to ridicule the entire Party. The Candidates Committee of the LCC should be reactivated as of the December meeting and work to find candidates for the 1990 election, train them in interview and public appearance technique, and be prepared to discourage those members who wish to highlight selling the schools and roads as the main thrust of their campaigns. The State Senate is up for election in 1990 and we should be prepared by the end of the 1989 convention to have at least 5 Senate seats as targets. With the present distribution of Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, the election of only 3 Libertarians could virtually paralyze the legislative branch of state government.

Issues: The scope of Libertarian political rhetoric needs to move beyond the what and why stage and begin to address the specifics of how and when. It is vital to credibility in the next election to develop a program of proposed legislative action for the campaign. Such a program should have a set of five main items and five secondary items including regulation repeal and modification, spending reform, restriction of government power, and reduction of state agencies. The proposals need to be specific and the research behind them needs to be well

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Reflections On The Election

by Virginia Cropsey

The Michigan LP retained ballot status, Ron Paul and Andre Marrou received twice as many votes nationwide as Bergland/Lewis did in the '84 campaign, and there are more Libertarians in public office than ever before. Although many are disappointed Paul/Marrou didn't receive more votes, those who have been in this for the long haul see the November 8 election as re-establishing the LP's footing. We have more to build on than we did in 1980 and 1984, externally and internally.

We have paid a lot of information costs. The biggest information cost was the realization that just because voters saw the Clark ads and voted for us in 1980 (our VP nominee that year was a multimillionaire who made the ads possible), didn't mean they had the attention span necessary to remember us and vote for us without ads in '84. Many "burn-outs" happened after the '84 election because of this disillusionment. Others focused on our thinktanks and other media freebies for putting our message across. And it has been working, if slowly.

For the first time the American people sent a Republican to the White House and more Democrats to the Congress and Senate; in Michigan, where we have a Democrat governor, more Republicans were elected to the state legislature. The distinction between Republican and Democrat has become so narrow, the electorate, with no real basis for distinction, is saying "let's split it." Sort of reminds me of that scene in Brazil with the management decisionmaking tool -- the weight that free falls to "yes" or "no."

While the voters were "scared" into voting Bush over Dukakis, with Jim Blanchard and other leading Democrats getting the anti-liberal message and moving their party to the center (the *Detroit News* has a dialogue on choice in schools going with J.B.!), the fear factor inherent in the lesser-of-two-evils

pattern will be reduced. "Wasting" a vote on a Libertarian will seem less threatening.

The message for us is that voters are generalists/centrists. We have to keep making the center more specific and more libertarian. Moving the center is as major a third party objective as getting elected. In fact, for Libertarians, getting elected is really just a means to the end of moving the center toward individual liberty. In Michigan, Tisch Coalition candidate Jerry Kaufman, outpolled both the second Republican and Democrat in the nonpartisan Supreme Court race. Why? With no incumbency or party label to guide them, voters simply went for the most legal sounding name and Kaufman is one that is well known in Michigan politics. It's hard to take rejection from such loose players very seriously.

Too, this was the lowest voter turn out in 50 years. Mass dissatisfaction and apathy are preconditions for the rise of a third party. We were clearly number three, with twice as many votes as Lenora Fulani, who had matching funds and ballot status (BS) in all 50 states. Professor Steven Rosenstone, in the October issue of *Michigan Alumnus* says that nine out of ten of the political parties who have run a candidate for President appeared in three or fewer elections. The Libertarian Party is beating the odds. It took the Republican Party 20 years to come to national prominence. Leadership and organization are the challenges that face us between now and 1992. In future articles, I will discuss these challenges in more detail. We have to keep up the pace between elections, and run and win the local races. Since city elections are starting now, that means there is no between elections. Let's go! Changing government policy is as Ross Perot said about changing General Motors: it's like teaching an elephant to tap dance - you find the sensitive spots and start poking.

Karl Hess Stricken

We are greatly distressed to report that Karl Hess, national LP News editor, long time libertarian activist and all around great guy and good neighbor has been stricken with a massive heart attack.

The attack occurred sometime in the early morning hours of July 17 in Hartford, Connecticut where Hess had given one of his patented talks before the H. L. Mencken Dinner Club. The problem was diagnosed at the University of Connecticut medical center as a Type I aortic dissection (where the major artery into the heart separates or ruptures) after which Hess was rushed to St. Francis hospital where he went into surgery at 8:00 pm that evening. The surgery took until 5:00 am the following morning.

Although his condition was described by doctors as "extremely critical," surviving the surgery was, in itself, considered a very positive sign and, two days later, Hess was able to talk and recognize family members and friends.

At last report Karl was back home in Kearneysville, WV and recuperating nicely.

Although it was believed that he may be covered partially by medical insurance, hospital and other expenses are expected to mount and a non-profit trust fund has been set up to accept donations from those wishing to help. Checks should be made payable to: "Friends of Karl Hess" and sent to: Friends of Karl Hess, 8 Peyton St., Winchester, VA 22601. Get Well wishes can be sent to Karl Hess c/o Lysander Inc., P. O. Box 173, Kearneysville, WV 25430.

[Editor's note: This story was inadvertently dropped from the last issue of ML during layout. Most recent word is that Karl continues to improve and is hard at work on LP News.]

Natcom Report

by Bill Hall, Great Lakes Region NatCom Rep

The Libertarian National Committee met in Burlingame, California (near San Francisco) on August 20 and 21, 1988. The status of the national office, national party finances and the ballot drive were considered at length.

It appears that significant progress has been made in putting together a professional and efficient national office operation under Kirk McKee, the acting director who came on board in May. The national office is now timely responding to information and membership requests, administering the Liberty Pledge program, and serving as the nerve center for a fundraising and membership solicitation telephone operation. Income is running slightly ahead of budget and trade account receivables have been paid down considerably. The number and amount of Liberty Pledges has increased dramatically.

Bert Blumert, chairman of the Ballot Access Committee and the Ron Paul Campaign reported that Ron Paul is qualified for the ballot in 37 states and the District of Columbia, and barring unforeseen circumstances, ballot status is expected in 10 more states. Paul likely will not be on the ballot in North Carolina, Indiana or West Virginia. The BAC raised and spent about \$408,000 on ballot access so far this year, considerably in excess of the costs estimated last year. At times the BAC has had as many as 50 paid petitioners working in some states, due to lack of local volunteer help or locally financed ballot drives. The national office was stripped of employees and volunteers on a regular basis to provide petitioning assistance. Blumert estimated \$50,000 would be needed within a week to finish the last 10 ballot drives. The NatCom voted to drain the LP's bank account of \$5,000 in cash for immediate BAC use. In addition, Steve Givot (Illinois NatCom rep), on behalf of a group of Illinois libertarians, offered an immediate \$10,000 loan to the BAC and immediate repayment of all BAC funds (\$5,000 to \$10,000) advanced by BAC for the Illinois ballot drive, and a number of NatCom members made immediate cash

contributions to the BAC. The NatCom approved shifting the previously scheduled 1989 LP National Convention from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 28 through September 3, 1989. Convention contracts with the Philadelphia 1989 Convention committee and the Chicago 1991 Convention committee were approved and executed.

The NatCom also approved filing an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court supporting a lawsuit by the California Libertarian Party and other California political organizations which attacks the ability of the states to legislate the organization of political parties.

LP National Treasurer, Clifford Thies, supported a resolution which would have in effect censured LP National Chairman, Jim Turney, for his Chair's column in the May LP News, which Thies maintained was a personal attack on him and the NatCom, in direct violation of a resolution of the NatCom. When the NatCom voted down the motion, Thies resigned. The NatCom then passed a resolution urging Turney to publicly apologize to Clifford Thies on the grounds that his statements were improper. Steve Fielder of West Virginia (a NatCom At Large Representative) and Sam Treynor of California (immediate past LP National Treasurer) were nominated to replace Thies and Treynor was easily elected.

I voted with the majority on each of the controversies mentioned in this report. If you would like an explanation of my reasons for doing so, or have any questions concerning the meeting or any concerns I might be able to address, please contact me. I can be reached during the day at (616) 459-6121.

Zero Tolerance for Hookers

In what is the newest use of a totalitarian technique first promoted as a necessary weapon in the government's arsenal to prosecute their hysterical War on Drugs -- forfeiture of private property to the state -- Detroit City Officials have begun seizing the automobiles of customer's of local prostitutes. Already, dozens of vehicles have been taken from private citizens.

Apparently giving up on the idea of attempting to discourage sellers (whether of drugs or sex), the government has taken a new tack in seizing the property of buyers.

"There was no attempt to really crack down on the traffic itself," said George Best, head of the forfeiture section of the Wayne County prosecutor's office. "Now neighbors have to sweep out their driveways and guard their little girls and everything else."

In an ominous (though to libertarians, predictable) development, local officials in other Michigan cities are expressing interest in Detroit's police state tactics.

"We're looking with a lot of interest at what Detroit is doing," said Lansing Police Chief Charles Reifsnyder. "It sounds like a very effective tool they've come up with and I'm very interested in finding out about it."

It probably never occurred to any of the good citizens of Detroit or their government officials that the reason prostitutes are plying their trade on street corners in the first place is because the profession is illegal. They were all too busy guarding their little girls from johns who were mistaking them for hookers.

Oakland County LP Meeting

The newly re-organized Libertarian Party of Oakland County will be holding its next meeting at 6:30 pm on Friday, January 6 at the King's Court restaurant at 2505 Pontiac Lake road, 1/2 mile West of Telegraph. All LPM members living in Oakland County should make a special effort to attend this meeting.

Macomb County LP News

by Virginia Cropsey

The Macomb County LP had one of the most successful seasons of any county organization. With more Libertarian candidates per capita than possibly any county in the nation, Paul/Marrou received over .7% of the Macomb vote, well above the national and state average. Additionally Macomb was the only county in the state where two state rep candidates posted in the over 500 vote category. Stan Gentry received the most votes of any Michigan LP state rep candidate, receiving 1,180 or 4.2%. Dave Weidner received 615 votes in a hotly contested Shelby Township race. State rep candidates who received over 500 votes statewide ran "active" campaigns. Both Gentry and Weidner distributed literature door-to-door.

Additionally, the *Macomb Daily* ran a front page story "Minority Supports Libertarian candidate" about Republican delegates to the Republican convention supporting Ron Paul for President. This article undoubtedly inspired fear which contributed to numerous Reagan/Bush fall trips to this nationally known swing county.

The Macomb LP will hold its first meeting of 1989 on Monday, February 6, at 7 p.m. with an informal pizza party at Shields' pizzeria, southwest corner of Van Dyke and 16 Mile in Sterling Heights. The meeting will be to get acquainted with new members and interested, to collect information on areas of responsibility/interest, to brainstorm, and to prepare a general action plan for Macomb with suggestions for the state and national party role. Call 977-6628 for more information about the Macomb LP and to volunteer.

Since Michigan has retained ballot status, we want to run credible candidates for local elections in 1989! Most races are nonpartisan anyway. Most districts have school board elections in June. City offices are up for election in the following cities in the spring: Center Line, East Detroit, Fraser, Memphis, Mt. Clemens, New Baltimore, Richmond, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, Sterling Heights, Utica. Call your city clerk now for filing and election deadlines. Contact the Macomb LP if you want endorsement and support. Winning local races is where it's at now. Join the over 100 Libertarians in public office around the country.

Celebrate the Holiday, Any Holiday

The first annual Mid-Michigan Libertarian Alliance Winter Solstice/Christmas/Hanukkah/Saturnalia/Yule/Who needs a reason for it? Party will be held in East Lansing beginning December 17th and continuing through 9:00 p.m. on Sunday the 18th. Punch and snacks provided for the Saturday component (BYOB), buffet planned for Sunday, Entertainment plans include music, dancing, and hot tubbing on Saturday, games and video on Sunday. Guests planning to attend for the duration of the party are encouraged to bring their own sleeping bags and pillows.

Directions:

From East, Northeast, North, or Southwest: Take US 27 or I-69 to US 127 South. Exit from US 127 at Lake Lansing Road (first exit south of I-69 interchange) and turn left (east) on Lake Lansing Road.

From Southeast, West, or Northwest: Take I-96 to US 127 North. Exit from US 127 at Lake Lansing Road (next exit after Saginaw/Grand River exit) and turn right (east) on Lake Lansing Road.

From South: Take US 127 North. Exit from US 127 at Lake Lansing Road (next exit after Saginaw/Grand River exit) and turn right (east) on Lake Lansing road.

All: Proceed about 3/4 mile to Harrison Road (first stop light after the east entrance to Meijers Thrifty Acres complex), turn right (left turn is a 7-11 parking lot). Go south on Harrison and turn onto fifth street on right, Gainsborough. Proceed west on Gainsborough to second street on left, Greenview. Turn left on Greenview and find #1441 about the middle of the block on the right. It's the only house on the block with a forest in the front lawn.



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Council of LP State Chairs to Meet February 17 - 20

The second meeting of the Council of LP State Chairs will be held February 17-20 in Las Vegas in conjunction with the California and Nevada LP state conventions. The Council will review national election results, discuss services the national LP should provide state parties, discuss ways to raise funds and build a better national and state organization, and come up with ways to increase membership.

LPM Vice-Chair Virginia Cropsey, who will attend from the Michigan LP, says she will seek detailed information on ballot access costs by state, and national campaign and national LP budget information.

"We have to get the facts on where we have been to see where we can improve in the future," Cropsey said. She also wants to

improve access to literature and other supplies, and to see that national position papers are developed. "We used to be able to order supplies right out of *LP News* and the national party had some wonderful position papers for candidates to use in '82. We had special events coordinators for Tax Protest and the Social Security Issue. I believe the national LP needs to have a national spokesperson expert on issues such as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and the drug issue. It takes thought and coordination, but it's not difficult when leadership commits itself to making things happen. There's been too much flying by the seat of our pants."

Anyone with input for the meeting should send it to Virginia at P.O. Box 406, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

New Year's Eve/Defeat Coleman Young Party

Chuck Costa, the only announced opposition to Coleman Young for Mayor of Detroit in next fall's nonpartisan election, is seeking support for his candidacy from Libertarians. Costa contacted LPM Vice-Chair Virginia Cropsey after hearing her on the David Newman Show on Detroit radio station WXYT recently. Costa, who advocates libertarian positions on a variety of issues such as support for jail privatization and opposition to rent control, addressed the MDL supper club last year and found Libertarians to be natural allies in his fight against big government.

A New Year's Eve gala fundraiser will be held at the Old Warehouse on Michigan Avenue beginning at 7:00 pm on December 31st. Entertainment will be provided by the Detroit Music Co., a 12-piece 50's and 60's band. There will be a buffet and a cash bar. Tickets are \$50/person. WXYT talk show host John McCulloch will be among the celebrities who attend. In addition, a 1929 Model A Replica, cherry red with side mounts and rumble seat and in mint condition will be raffled. Raffle tickets are \$25 apiece and can be purchased in advance. You need not be present to win. To purchase fundraiser and/or raffle tickets, make checks payable to Costa for Mayor and send to Virginia Cropsey at P.O. Box 406, Sterling Heights, MI 48310 before December 20. For more information call 977-6628.

"Don't Waste Your Vote" Ads Run Throughout State

The Don't Waste Your Vote radio advertising campaign was a great success according to organizer Emily Salvette. Nearly \$4800 was raised for the effort from over 50 contributors including one donation from an Ohio libertarian.

The sixty second spots were written by former LPM Chair Brian Wright and *Michigan Libertarian* editor Tim O'Brien and produced by O'Brien at K&R Studios in Southfield using professional announcer and radio personality Joey Ryan. Four separate ads were created. Three expressed Libertarian views on foreign policy, civil liberties and taxation. The fourth spot, from which the committee derived its name, specifically challenged the wide-spread notion that a vote cast for a Libertarian is wasted. The fifty five second messages each carried five second "tags" promoting various LP candidates including Ron Paul and Dick Jacobs.

The campaign aired the last two weeks before the election in Detroit, Lansing, Holland, Kalamazoo and Howell with the money divided just about equally between the Detroit and the out-state markets.

"I would really like to thank everyone who donated money to our committee and made this project possible," said Salvette, "especially Dave Gillie, Jim Rodney, Dick Jacobs and the Libertarian Party of Michigan for their very generous contributions."

Rumor has it, the trio is already looking ahead to the '90 election. "The radio was terrific," someone overheard Salvette saying, "but, you know that big billboard on I-75 down near the Ford interchange..."

Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men

by R.S. Jaggard

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I send you my peace.

My peace is more than just the absence of war. My peace is that positive attitude by which I recognize that you are an individual person, I respect you, I respect your right to live in peace, and I want to work to help you have a happy and productive life -- working as best you can to achieve your peaceful goals.

My peace includes my recognition that you have the right to make your own peaceful choices, to work, and to create in your own peaceful way, and to peacefully deal with others in willing exchange for mutual benefit.

I do not want to force you to support those programs that I think are noble and good. If I recommend that you support a specific program, and you do not support that program in the manner that I think you should, you can still be reassured that I will not seize your property and I will not use violence against your person. Instead, I will recognize that I have failed to properly inform you of the program's advantages and the reasons why you should support it.

Please be aware that this message is very different from the usual message of "peace" that you hear. Many people who call for "peace" are actually calling for a condition in which all other persons bow down to their wishes. Many who call for "peace" have no hesitation about using whatever force is necessary to seize your property and/or your service to support that program which they have decided is noble and good. Their program might be food for the hungry or decent housing or medical care for the sick or financial aid for those in economic distress. However, the end is predetermined by the means. If ignoble means are used, the result must be ignoble. If force is used to seize property to support a program, then force will most certainly be used in the allocation of the benefits. This

means that some people will lose out while others get a larger share. And the choices will be made by the one having the most power.

Please be aware that some people who call for "peace" are, in fact, calling for more tax support. And never forget that a person who refuses to pay his taxes will be killed. Government insists that you pay your taxes -- either in cash or by surrender of your property or by surrender of your person. If you refuse to pay the tax, and you refuse to allow the seizure of your property, and you refuse to surrender yourself, you will be killed.

Some government programs actually do some good for some people. Hitler and Stalin did some good for some people. They also did a lot of harm to a very large number of people. Government programs that do manage to do some good for some people can do so only by hurting a lot of other people, by forcibly seizing the property of honest workers so that benefits can be given to politically selected persons. Elimination of these programs of force and violence (taxation) will allow people to join together in independent voluntary associations to feed the hungry, provide decent housing, care for the sick, and give financial assistance to the truly needy.

Peace -- genuine peace -- through voluntary cooperation is the answer. As an individual, I will work to avoid using the power of government to compel you to support me and/or my chosen programs. I will work to allow you to make your own peaceful choices.

I send you my peace.

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documented. If nothing else, the election should force the old Party politicians to address those reforms we decide to centerpiece in our campaigns. The production of 10 detailed proposals in the next 18 months is not an insurmountable effort for the Party assuming we decide to undertake the effort.

It is evident from the election night press blackout and the exclusion of our candidates from forums because state and county officials failed to include us in candidate listings, that the political establishment has begun to treat us as a threat instead of a joke. Without coverage by the media, we can't hope to attract voters or even many new members. Unless we use the next two years to prepare for the 1990 elections, we may as well stop trying. The Democrats and Republicans have stopped competing in over half the races in the state. For \$5000 per race we can finish ahead of the losing older party candidate in up to half the Senate races in 1990 -- if we field credible candidates and we start to plan for those campaigns now. If we don't get some second place finishes in 1990, we may as well quit because the only people noticing us after that will be political historians.

LP Results

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Libertarians won in partisan contests in Texas where two were elected to the position of County Public Weigher [Editor's Note: it is rumored that the two will be competing to see which can abolish the office first.] and in Alabama where we elected a County Constable. A Libertarian also won election to the Washington D.C. Neighborhood Advisory Council as a result of a well organized write-in campaign.

In other significant U.S. House races, David Hudson got 16% of the vote in Massachusetts, Kennita Watson got 13.8% in California, Gary Nelson drew 12.5% in Texas, Larry Cleaver of Arizona got 11.6% and Lloyd Mallen received 11% in Hawaii.

In state legislature races, Maurice Clements and Greg Johnson of Idaho drew 32% and 25% respectively. Jerry Stocks of Utah also received 25%. And Barbara Bourland got 19% in an Indiana race.

Finally, state LP's which had ballot status going into the '88 campaign retained that ballot status everywhere except in Alaska where our 2.7% showing did not quite satisfy that state's extremely difficult requirement of 3%. In addition, four states -- Georgia, Oregon, Michigan and Texas -- which had to petition to get on the ballot this year have retained that ballot status for the next campaign.

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Strange Bedfellows

Seoul, South Korea. The governments of the United States and South Korea recently announced that they have agreed in principle to move the U.S. Army headquarters from Seoul to the countryside because of growing anti-U.S. sentiment in the capital. Officials from both sides believe it would be best to move the 8th U.S. Army command, headquarters for about 43,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea, from its downtown Seoul location to a remote area of the country. Might we suggest that the Army consider George McGovern's advice following the "redeployment" of U.S. troops onto ships off the coast of Lebanon after the bombing of the marine barracks there? In what is, perhaps, the only intelligent statement of his entire political career, McGovern observed at that time that "if the only purpose of our troops being there is to defend themselves, they could do that better at Fort Bragg." Right on, George! Maybe you can make the same point to the 8th Army.

Tripoli, Libya. The government of Libya has issued an official statement condemning the U.S. government's refusal to allow PLO spokesman Yasser Arafat into the U.S. to attend a United Nations meeting and calling for the removal of the entire U.N. General Assembly to Geneva, Switzerland. Can we help pack ?

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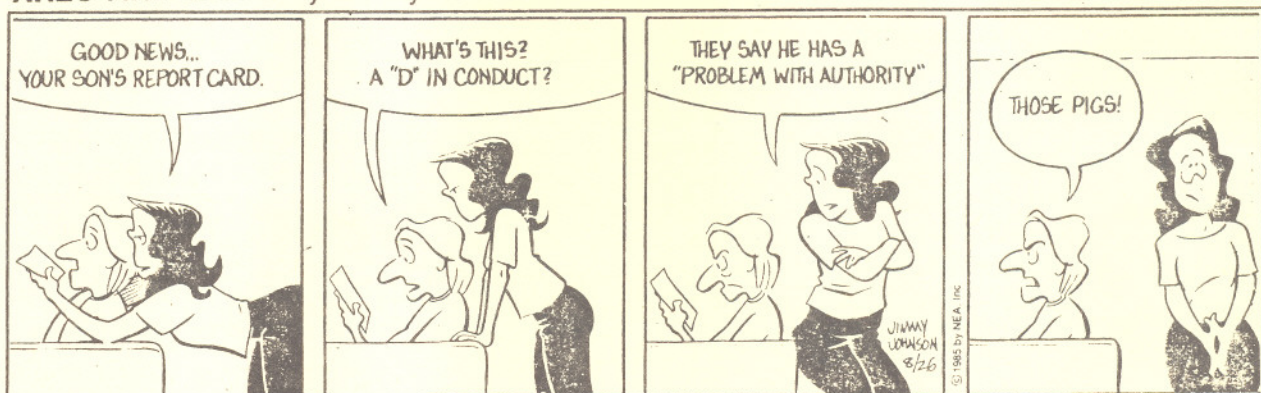
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The badge pinned to the man's jacket indicated that he had some sort of official standing, but I knew a police officer wouldn't be passing out leaflets in New York's Penn Station. So I read the badge: **FREE SPEECH PERMIT NYP #12**, it said.

FREE SPEECH PERMIT sounded like a contradiction in terms. In fact, it sounded like a nasty joke. I asked the man whether he really needed a license to distribute flyers in the railroad station. "No, you don't need one," he said, "Not if you want to get arrested, you don't."

I made inquiries at the information booth and the stationmaster's office, but struck out at both. Then I found a door marked PUSH and I pushed it. On the other side were the people who issue Free Speech Permits. I picked up an application form and a set of "Regulations for Exercise of Certain Free Speech Rights."

The permit, I learned, is good for a year but must be renewed every day a leafleteer returns. No more than eighteen permits are available at a time. The holder of a permit may not "chant, dance, shout, make outcries, or use any device for voice amplification or use musical instruments or other devices which tend to cause a disturbance or distraction; exercising Free Speech rights before the public shall be done in a conversational tone."

Identifying myself as a Columbia University student (which I was at the time), I asked a clerk where the idea of Free Speech Permits had come from. "Wait a minute," she said. "You say you're in school? Well, if you're in school, and you think you're going to put this in some, some *thesis*, then you're not getting any answers from me."

Back in the vast, semicircular area where Amtrak sells tickets, a woman sat behind a card table stacked with leaflets from Women Against Pornography. She was tilted back in her chair, smoking a Marlboro, and she sported a badge that said, **FREE SPEECH PERMIT NYP #9**.

Before I could ask her about the permit, she told me that Women Against Pornography was trying to force Atari to stop making sexist, violent, video games. She showed me a picture of one game, since taken off the market, called Custer's Last Stand. The player, it seemed, won the game when a cartoon prospector raped an Indian woman tied to a stake.

I agreed that the game looked pretty sick, and she asked me to give a dollar for some literature. I held on to my dollar and told her that what I really wanted was some information about how she got her Free Speech badge.

Her eyes narrowed. "I'm not going to access that information to anybody," she said. "I was told by my organization not to access that information to anybody because of our problem. Some guy from Alcoholics Anonymous came up to me and asked how I got the Free Speech Permit. I told him, and now people from those groups like, like the Hare Krishnas and the Alcoholics Anonymous, will come in and get our spot."

"How many people try to get these permits?" I asked,

glancing around the cavernous ticket area.

"I know that too, but I'm not going to access that information to anybody," she replied. "It must have taken me four days, working five hours a day, to get that information. I asked the guy from Alcoholics Anonymous to give me a dollar donation, and he wouldn't even do it. I gave him that information for free, and it must have been worth a thousand dollars."

Free Speech Permits for a thousand dollars? I was speechless.

Life in these United States

Promoting Fiscal Responsibility

California. An appellate court in Santa Ana has overturned a 1986 voter-initiated referendum that would have required voter approval for all taxes imposed by local governments.

In declaring the referendum unconstitutional, the District Court of Appeals stated in its ruling that requiring voters to approve taxes would constitute a "gross interference with the fiscal responsibility of local governments."

Government Happens

Florida. Those ever vigilant politicians here recently passed a new law which took effect on October 1st of this year banning obscene bumper stickers.

Glenn W. Beasley, a 24 year old mechanic, was arrested and charged under the new law in a Collier County District Court. He pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor charge.

It seems that Mr. Beasley had the audacity to challenge the sensibilities of proper Floridians by sporting a bumper sticker on the back of his pickup with that insightful observation: **Shit Happens.**

Yes it does, Glenn. And, unfortunately, not just in Florida.

A Kiss is Just a Kiss

New York. Rochester City Court Justice Herman Walz says he is fed up with prostitution. In sentencing 15 customers of the world's oldest profession to Behavior Modification classes the Justice stated for the record, "For the first time, they will realize the consequences of their crime."

The men will hear from local residents scandalized by the presence of prostitution in their neighborhoods. They will learn about the dangers of AIDS and the wretched lives of "Ladies of the Evening." And in one special session, the men will be asked to close their eyes and remember the first time they kissed a woman to help them better associate sex with romance.

Perhaps Justice Walz has found the solution and can teach these philanderers to take their problem in hand.

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