

# MICHIGAN LIBERTARIAN

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**WE NEED PEOPLE! CALL JON ADISS AT (517) 394-0122 TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS IMPORTANT DEMONSTRATION.**

Tuesday, September 22 is scheduled for the first of three proposed presidential "debates". Michigan State University's Wharton Center has been selected as the debate site. Time has not been determined, but it is likely that the promoters will choose a 7 to 8 PM time slot to take full advantage of prime-time television broadcasting.

As usual, this so-called "debate" is nothing more than a carefully orchestrated media event for the benefit of George Bush and Bill Clinton since the Libertarian candidate Andre Marrou has been excluded.

While Republicans, Democrats and the media give a lot of lip service to "free, fair, and honest elections", any debate or forum that gives exclusive exposure to status-quo, establishment politicians while excluding other viable candidates is nothing short of political fraud against the American people.

Imagine the result if Andre Marrou could go head to head with George Bush and Bill Clinton on national TV? Bush and Clinton would quickly be exposed as the inept, corrupt and cowardly politicians they are and the Libertarian philosophy of individual rights and economic freedom would shine as a beacon of hope in contrast to the failed socialist policies of the Republicans and Democrats.

**We must bring this fraud to the attention of the American people and the media!**

While plans are as yet incomplete, a large demonstration at the Capitol City airport would be the first step in attracting strong media coverage. A large turnout of Libertarians and other supporters of freedom at the debate site is an absolute must. Jon Adiss has volunteered to spearhead this effort and to arrange the strategy for a successful demonstration.

We cannot allow this kind of political deceit to continue. We must demonstrate and protest the exclusion of our presidential and vice-presidential candidates from participation in these so-called "debates".

Time is short, so we urge you to think of some catchy slogans for placards and banners that will appropriately project your disgust and anger.



**LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER AND MAKE SEPTEMBER 22 A BANNER DAY TOWARD GETTING OUR CANDIDATES INVOLVED IN FUTURE DEBATES.**

To confirm debate time, call MSU Activities office at (517) 353-8819 or 1-800-769-8686. Demonstrators should arrive at least one hour in advance.

## CHAMPAGNE AND FUNDS

A fund-raising champagne reception held August 15 at the home of Karen Scarborough, LPM Vice-Chair, for candidate Andre Marrou was attended by an enthusiastic

group of 60 Libertarians. Among the notables in attendance were David Littman, Senior Vice-President and chief economist of Comerica Bank and Keith Edwards, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. David Raaflaub and Brett Bellmore were the major contributors, each donating a generous \$1,000 to the cause of freedom. Marrou delivered a speech followed with a champagne toast by Bill Shotey his Michigan campaign coordinator, to all those who worked so diligently on Marrou's campaign. Additional funding was raised with snapshots taken by Barbara Goushaw of guests posing with Marrou.

Marrou's itinerary in Michigan included guest appearances on WXYT with Mark Scott, WMUZ with Ron Edwards, WCBH, WJR with J.P. McCarthy, the Russ Gibb show and various others. Mr. Marrou also spoke at Justice Pro Se in Dearborn with 200 in attendance, including a few former Perot supporters. Emily Salvette produced and videotaped an appearance with Marrou. All in all, Marrou's presidential campaign swing through Michigan was a resounding success.

## NAGY SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

LPM Treasurer Dave Nagy suffered a mild heart attack on July 11. Dave admitted himself to Huron Valley Hospital and was undergoing an electro-cardiogram when the major part of his attack occurred.

Dave is doing very well and is looking forward to continuing as Treasurer. We all wish him well and are happy that he had the good sense to get prompt medical attention. Best wishes Dave for a full and complete recovery.

## FROM THE CHAIR

By: Keith Edwards

Having re-assumed the position as Chair of the LPM, I want to respond to the charges by David Raaflaub that the overthrow of proportional representation is a defeat for democracy in the party and in the country.

The problem in the USA is not that the people don't have enough "democracy" but that government has too much power over the economy. If the government were prohibited from intervening in the economy, the PAC's, having nothing to influence, would dry up and incumbents would lose their advantage over citizen challengers.

The issue of democracy in the LP is a false one. For years there have been vacancies on the central committee regardless of the structure, whether by county, at-large or district. Most members don't want to run the party either at conventions or at committee meetings, they just want to spread the message of libertarianism and elect libertarians.

I have served on the LCC off and on since 1972 and the worst LCC of all was in the last two years with proportional representation. Just because someone gets a lot of votes at the convention is no guarantee that he will truly represent those who voted for him.

The reason for increased disinterest was stressed to me at this year's convention by several new members who said; "If all this party can do is to debate its own by-laws, I won't be back". The by-law trivia-focus has reduced attendance and participation in "democracy". David Raaflaub has reversed cause and effect. Our recent surge in membership has occurred because our message is getting out to people who don't even know what's in our by-laws.

I agree with Dave that "some people just got tired of Tom Jones on the LCC and decided to put an end to it." I led the fight against the Jones amendments and we won because a large majority were sick of the trivia-focus. The vote was overwhelming and Jones was defeated for reelection. That's a shame because Tom has been a valuable member of the committee for years. I gave a seconding speech and voted for him through several ballots even though I disagree with him, but his position on by-laws defeated him.

Dave also says that he protested by walking out of the convention and not running as a libertarian for Congress. Gee, I didn't know that not running for office is the way to restore freedom.

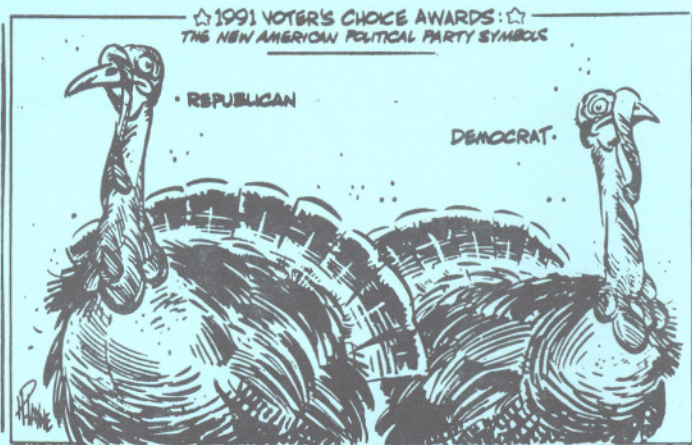
And that is the problem. Too many libertarians have quit or pouted after not getting their way. Republicrats and Dumbocrats don't do that, they stay and win. We sulk and lose.

Finally, there has been a strong movement for unity in the LPM over the past three years. I doubt that this "tyranny" straw-man created by a sulking minority will have much effect on what we have built up.

## LPM says: "PEOPLE ARE CHARITABLE"

Many non-libertarians will soon be able to see for themselves that charity can and should replace the current system of feeding and clothing the less fortunate. The LPM will prove that people are inherently good and charitable even with overburdening taxation. Five libertarians have volunteered to donate their time and effort for the project so far. The project will serve a two-fold purpose. The first is it will prove the libertarian charity philosophy, and get us some media exposure.

The selected charity is Mother Waddle's Perpetual Mission, a charity operating for 37 years which does not accept any type of government funding. The plans so far include driving around neighborhoods in a van decorated with the Libertarian logo, passing out literature and collecting donated items. Barbara Goushaw of Waterford has graciously donated the use of her van for the day. The actual date has not yet been determined, however it should occur shortly before elections. It will therefore be tentatively scheduled for October. If you would like to help with collecting items, advertising, or contacting the media please call Karen Scarborough at (313) 673-2693.



## NATCOM REPORT

By: Bill Hall

The Libertarian National Committee met August 22 and 23 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fifty state ballot status is on track, with 38 states and Guam confirmed as certified, eight other states and DC where petitions have been submitted and are expected to be sufficient, but have yet to be certified, and four states (NY, MN, RI and ND) where petitioning is in process. The last petition deadline is September 15. Bill Redpath, National Ballot Access Coordinator, reported that Ross Perot has already missed ballot access deadlines in some states and the New Alliance party will probably only be on the ballot in 35 to 38 states, leaving the Marrou/Lord ticket as the only 50 state alternative.

Contributors came through with funds for ballot access which exceeded the NatCom's most optimistic projections. Consequently, cash flow was sufficient to fund ballot access without resorting to short term loans, even though ballot access expenses exceeded last December's projections by more than 50%.

Approximately 750 Libertarian candidates are expected to run in November, second only to the nearly 1,000 candidates who reportedly ran in 1982. Several local and state legislative candidates appear to have a good shot at winning their races. The NatCom discussed making contributions to a number of races which appear winnable. If you believe you are running a winnable race, and believe a contribution from National might put you over the top, you should contact Campaign '92 Chair Ron Crickenberger.

The National HQ is receiving a phenomenal number of inquiries on the 800 number...an all-time high of 7,000 inquiries were received in July alone. NatCom is taking action to upgrade the 800 line service to promote faster turnaround. For a number of reasons, it currently takes about two weeks to respond to an 800 number inquiry. The 900 number line traffic has also increased significantly, reaching the revenue producing point for the first time.

Steve Givot reported that the Marrou/Lord Campaign should finish production by the end of August of a Marrou TV commercial. The campaign performed professional testing to identify the best of four commercial ideas proposed, and the demographics of the ideal target audience. Now that ballot access activities are winding down, emphasis will be shifted to raising the funds to show this TV ad, as well as broadcast radio advertising for Marrou/Lord, in those states from which the funds are raised. In many areas of the country, this advertising will be essential to retain or gain ballot access and incidentally support the hundreds of Libertarians running for lower office.

Joe Knight, the Libertarian Party's Field Organizer, reported on his proposal for campus organizing tours through the end of the year, and for training and then setting loose on their own two student organizers. He presented details on his incredibly successful spring campus organizing tour in the East and South, and the NatCom appropriated the funds to implement his proposed plan.

It was reported that Rick Cowles, a New Jersey City Councilman, resigned from the Democratic Party and bolted to the Libertarian Party. Also Karl Hess received his heart transplant on August 18, and is recovering nicely from the surgery.

The next NatCom meeting is scheduled for December 12 and 13 in Las Vegas. If you have any matters you would like aired at that meeting or any questions concerning this report, please feel free to telephone me at (616) 459-6121 during the day.

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<p><b>ANDRE MARROU</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* CNN Newsmaker 2-15-92</li> <li>* Libertarian Party of Michigan (2) 30 second spots as run on Comcast Cable, Macomb County</li> </ul>	<p><b>NANCY LORD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* CNN Crier &amp; Co. 2-13-92</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Also!!! 6 TV spots +</p> <p><b>ANDRE MARROU</b> addressing the New Hampshire legislature Feb. 1992</p>
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