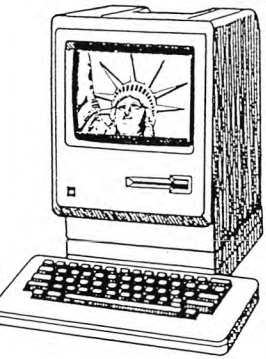


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February 1987

Dear Supporters of Liberty,

This has been a great month for the LP. Here at HQ the excitement started last Monday when Russell Means, long time Indians' rights advocate, came by the National Office to turn in his membership application, which I happily accepted (see photo, page 4).

Mr. Means was on the road promoting his recently announced candidacy for the LP presidential nomination.

I also had the privilege this week to shake hands with Ron Paul at a local press conference, just days after he made his long awaited announcement.

Both men were on hand last week for the California state convention which, from all reports, was a phenomenal success.

Also in California for the convention was Andre Marrou, who announced his intention to campaign for the vice-presidential nomination.

Media coverage has been good, and appears to be getting better. Requests for information on the LP are increasing, and many old-time activists are calling in to find out how to get re-activated. We're also getting more calls from reporters than we've had since the November elections.

All in all, these trends appear very favorable.

Here at the office it's been a hectic month, not only because of the above mentioned exciting events, but also due to some unexpected equipment failures.

First the bad news: Due to a power surge, the DG (main frame computer) was damaged and is down.

Now the good news: We now have a new **Macintosh Plus** computer on site, that, along with some software and peripherals, is taking on the workload of the DG.

For more details, see my Director's Column in the next LP NEWS. For now, take a look at the software and equipment we purchased (ads inside) and you'll see why the staff is so excited about these new tools and their potential applications.

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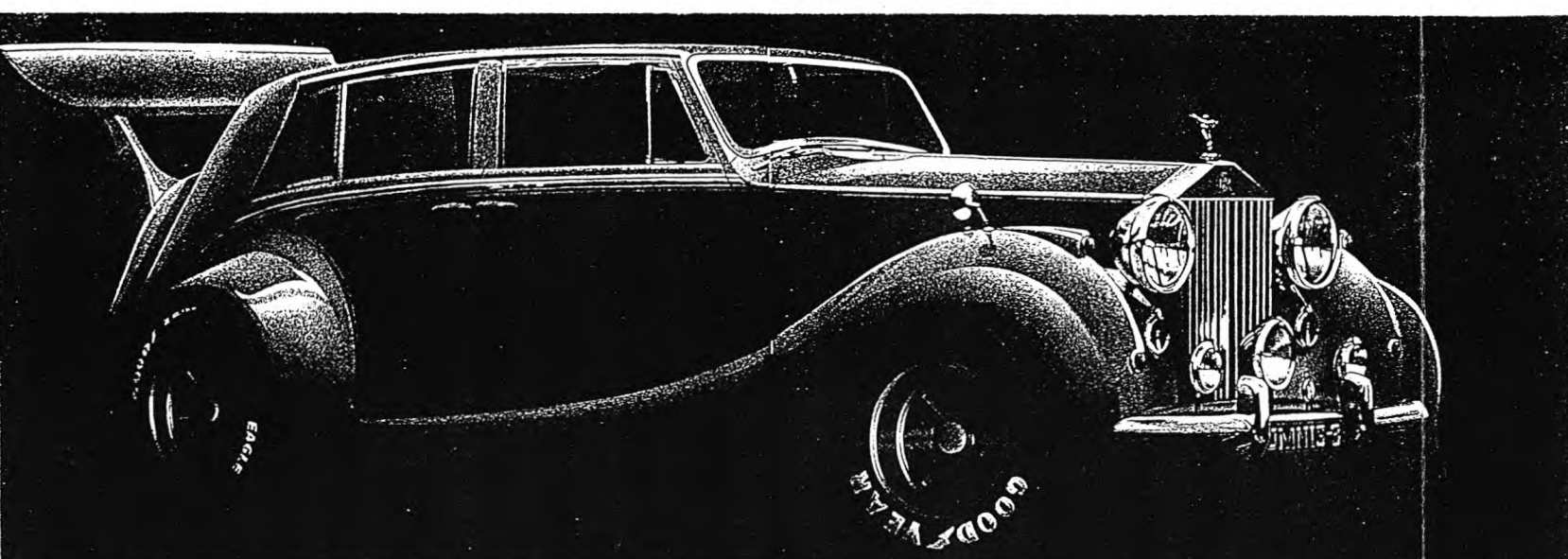
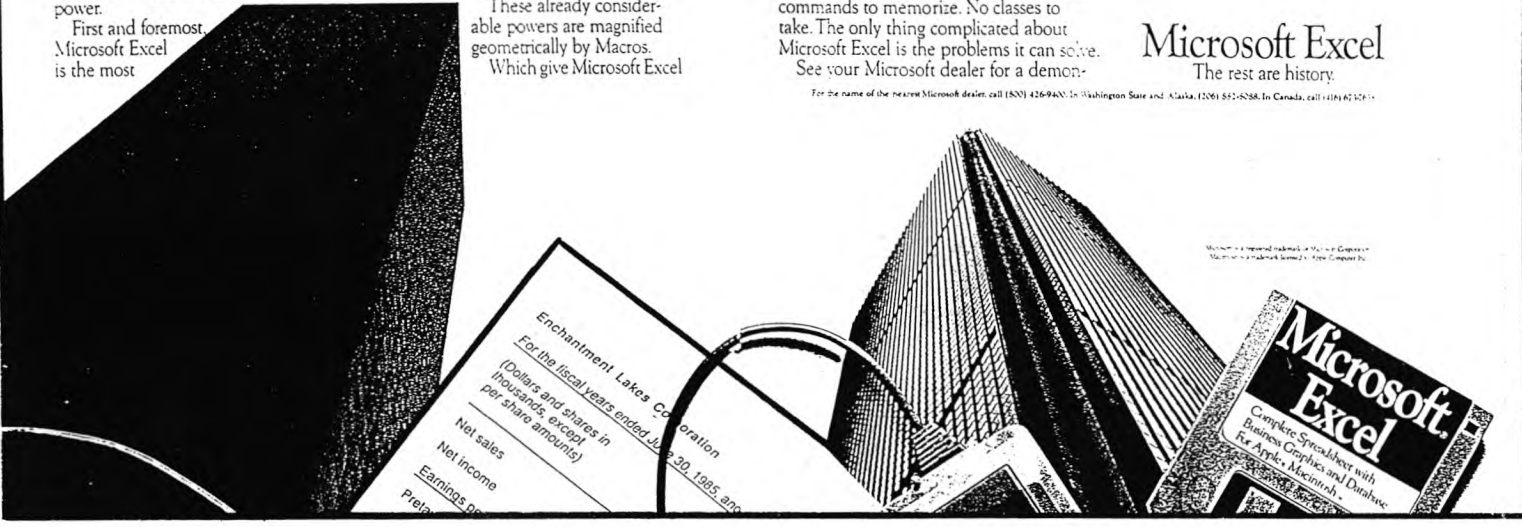
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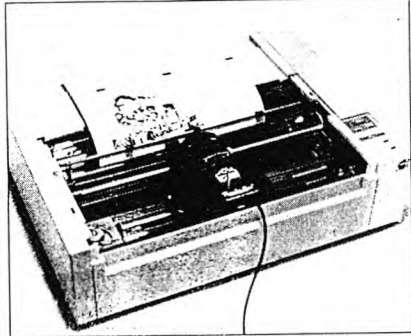
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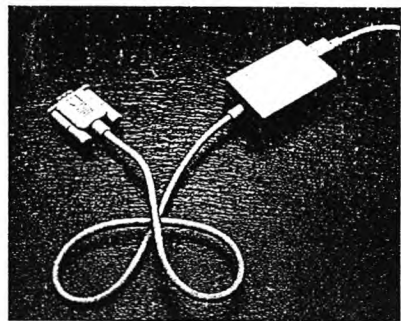
ThunderScan is an inexpensive scanner that offers high resolution and image control.

The scanner replaces an ImageWriter ribbon, while the software puts the printer into reverse. ThunderScan zips back and forth, transforming an original into a MacPaint or larger Macintosh graphic. The scanner remembers all shades of gray in an image, so contrast and brightness can be changed after scanning.

The software gives users micro-control



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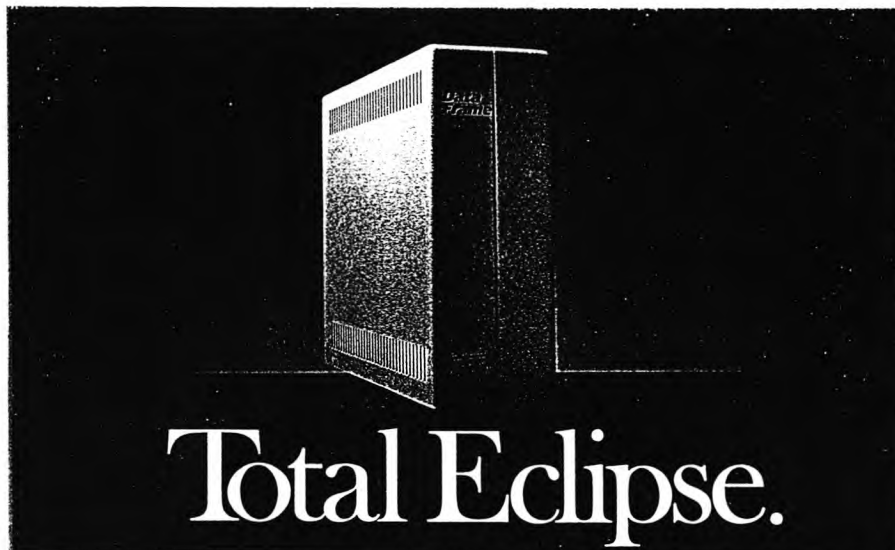


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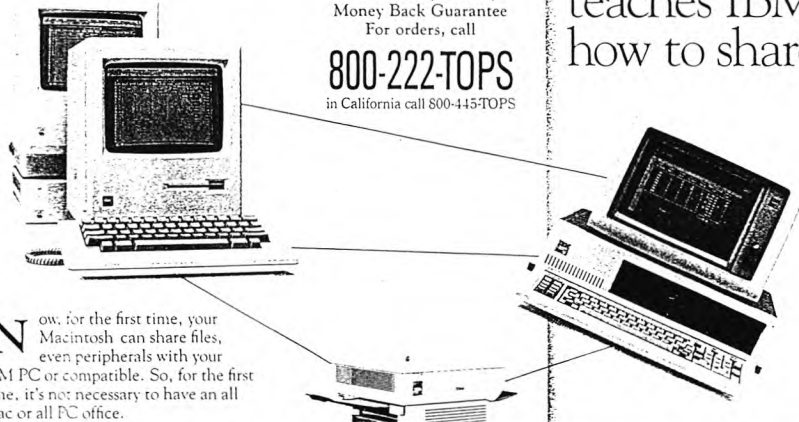
★ *New assets and future considerations*

Clockwise from upper left: *Microsoft Excel* accounting software; *ThunderScan* visual scanner (donated by a party member); *DataFrame XP 40 Megabyte* hard disk drive; below and left, networking systems we might consider in the future; far left, *Omnis 3 Plus* -- our new and very powerful database software. [Not shown: *Microsoft Word* word-processing software and *Apple Modem* (for wire transmission of data)]

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Ron Paul seeks to be Libertarian Party presidential nominee

By JOHN TOTH
Houston Chronicle
Tuesday, February 17, 1987

Former Republican Congressman Ron Paul declared his candidacy Monday for the Libertarian Party's 1988 presidential nomination.

He said before making the announcement that Libertarian Party leaders told him there likely would be minimal or no opposition to his nomination.

Paul, who abandoned the Republican Party earlier this year, said he switched because GOP leaders were not practicing what they preached.



Paul

"The Republican Party said a lot of things I said, but it never followed through," Paul said. "I gave my strong support to the conservative side, and things got worse."

Paul, 51, said Libertarian Party leaders began to urge him as early as 1980 to seek the party presidential nomination. He made his announcement during a luncheon speech in San Francisco where he was attending the party's state convention.

Paul served eight years in the House of Representatives before launching an unsuccessful campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1984. Since then, he has re-

sumed his practice of obstetrics and gynecology in Lake Jackson in Brazoria County.

Paul said his congressional tenure stands as an example that politicians do not have to be errand boys to get re-elected, although his goals of cutting federal spending and returning the economy to the gold standard were met with resistance.

Paul said his opponents' charges that he wanted to "take a chain saw to the federal budget" were accurate.

"Big government is running away with our freedom and our money, and the Republicans are just as much to blame as the Democrats," he said.

Paul said he will conduct a national campaign against federal spending, big bank privilege, the Federal Reserve and deficit spending.

Also targeted, he said, are "a run-amok IRS and a tax system that rightly outrages Americans, the attack on our personal liberty and financial privacy, and foreign policy that drains our wallets, enriches our enemies, shreds the Constitution and kills our children."

Paul, who admits third-party candidates are generally ignored, said he intends to conduct a grass-roots, hard-hitting and well-financed campaign to counteract the major parties' amply-greased machines.

"Americans will face Bush or Kemp, Hart or Cuomo, or some other big government types," Paul said in his campaign announcement. "I intend to make sure the people have a choice for freedom."



Russell Means Joins LP!

Below, a letter from Libertarians "down under."

Proposed gun law draws fire

By KIMBERLY B. MARGOLIS
State News Staff Writer

A proposed ordinance stifling handgun ownership in East Lansing drew harsh criticism before the City Council Tuesday evening from residents who blasted it as "harassment," "unconstitutional" and "impossible to enforce."

Between 300 and 400 people flocked to the meeting at the East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbott Road. The crowd, most of whom were in attendance to voice opposition to the proposal, spilled out from the conference room into the lobby and library itself.

"It is a poor law, which will be very difficult, if not impossible to enforce," said Stephen Naert, a former East Lansing police chief. He said it is wasteful of police personnel and would hurt law abiding citizens and not help curb crime.

Mayor John Czarnecki has maintained the city has not had any past problems with handgun ownership and the ordinance is just a step to "reduce any potential problems in the future."

"YOU ARE harming my life and I have done nothing wrong," said Axel Bromley, 17-year-old East Lansing High School student who is studying to be a master shooter.

Ronald Kaplanski, a local attorney said, "The legislation should address something in the community that needs addressing. . . . I don't know what problem you're addressing."

"The proposed ordinance is the result of a trendy fadism," said Alexander Bolt, member of the Michigan Libertarian Party.

Stipulations of the ordinance include that:

- Persons, to be eligible to purchase, own or carry a handgun, may never have been convicted of a weapon violation or violent crime whether it be a felony or misdemeanor.
- An applicant may never have been convicted of a drug- or alcohol-related offense.
- Owners of handguns must undergo a training program approved by the police chief.
- An applicant must have vision equivalent to that required to drive an automobile.
- An applicant may never have been charged or convicted of spouse or child abuse or the abuse of a handicapped person. The definition of child extends to those up to age 16.

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We find your Party very much in agreement with our ideals and certainly wish to assist your work in anyway possible.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Bob Johnston,
Co-ordinator.