### This Is The Week That

LANSING—It would be easy or the cynics to imagine Gov. comney coming back from Mi-mi Beach after midnight wear-ng a rubber mask. He didn't, of course.

People who know him best fig-re Ronney believes his per-rmance was statesmanlike and

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"Whatever was left of his na-fornal political career was drain-d out in the sawdust before 30 million-selectision viewers," said one critic here.

Republican insiders stated pri-tately before going to Mismi Beach that Romney's national star, which sarted falling during his abortive campaign for the presidency, had plunged to ninus-zero.

THERE WERE REBELS in his wn tent when he arrived. Four oles in the 48 which had been oles in the 48 which had been opinmitted to Romney were an-opiniced as defecting. They final-livent to Nixon on the first roll idl. Romney held 44 to the end. d still has them.

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It that point, it was Everybody, Ed. 2, Romey 0.

Then Romaey, in a floor interactive with Television's Martin Auronsky, blamed the press for wrecking his own chances for the regulency. When pressed for ing title, the towernor ended the otherwow Whew!

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written to appease everybody and missed the only soft phrase still unused, a reference to moth-er love. And George Romney, looking at the plank, said: 'Finally,

they're accepting some of my

they're accepting some or ..., ideas.'"
That brings us, folks, to the presidential candidate balloting. Romney clutched his 44 remaining votes to his political bosom when the Nixon bandwagon rolled by. It left Michigan with nothing but statehood should Nixon become the next president.

FINALLY THERE CAME the Spiro (who?) T. Agnew episode, which party leaders are still trying to explain.

Romney became the patsy of the dissidents and allowed his name to be entered. It is a rare form of heroics to jump off a building to please the crowd in the street.

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The roll call droned on. Rom-ney was swamped. Agnew got 1,128 to his 178, five of them from Michigan. State Senator Emil Lockwood, the governor's right hand in Lansing, fled with the four earlier Nixon votes.

It was a time to have a cookie and fluff up the pillow for a long

and fluff up the pillow for a long nap.

He had by this time fought, when the press, Agnew, Rockefeller and everybody in sight.

To add to it, Nixon let his press screttary read off a list of 12 vice presidential possibilities. There were congressmen and senators, including Michigan's S en a to r Robert P. Griffin, but no Romney. He could have been No. 13 or No. 70.13. We'll never know and it's really not important.

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Romney, a mite hors de combat from it all, left Convêntion Hall announcing a press conference the next day.

There he reasoned that his self-immolation was a sacrificial act motivated by electrosynary considerations and served many considerations and served to uniting the National Republican Party.

What's left for Romney?

Well, to start, he's a jolly good fellow.

# Grand Jury Justice Dissatisfies Many

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Township trand Juror I. Judge Piggins, into many areas and one of victims was then-Wayne nty Sheriff Peter L. Buback.

frand Jurot II, Judge Bowles, lowed Pricurs' trail and some in virtuals were three Garden y minimizing officials or for-r officials, Edwin Freeh, Jr., am Calbann, and Eugene Sal-

THE TRIO WAS indicted in October of 1967 on charges of con-plying to steal public funds in the purchase of the Civic Center ste in the summer of 1961.

Bil three maintained their ingrence although the case has gen pending for nearly two

ars. Each said that his innocence will be proven when they get hir day in court.

Buback said the same, although he had to take a different legal route. Faced with removal from office proceedings, Buback re-signed before the hearings were to start and then quickly became an active candidate for the job he had held for several years.

On Monday, Aug. 5, Circuit Court Judge Joseph Rashid drop-Court Judge Joseph Rashid dropped the conspiracy trial against the three Garden City men on the basis that the chief witness, an elderly retired realtor, would not be able to testify:

So their case ended without the defendants having the satisfaction of having their names legally cleared in a court of law.

BUBACK WAS swamped by the voters in Tuesday's primary election in his try to regain the Sher-

iff's post.

Although the two Grand Jurors issued a number of warrants and indictments and a lot of persons were arrested and placed under the glare of publicity, not one major conviction was gained—and quite a few men were affected by the actions.

—Leonard Poger

### The Fight Over Agnew

## Nixon Gets A Northern Warning

YOUR CANDIDATE COULD LOSE BY A NOSE . . .

The "Romney for Vice President" boomlet in Miami Beach last week wasn't that at all.

The Michigan governor had no intention of seriously trying for the nomination and no dream of getting it once his name was placed in nomination.

And no one really had anything against Nixon's choice for vice president, Gov. Spiro Agnew of Maryland.

Why did Romney do it?

HE DIDN'T lead it, really. What happened was that a lot of big state and northern delegations were trying to warn Richard Nixon that he shouldn't play-footsy so closely with the Thurmonds from Dixie.

Nixon apparently got the message. He has assured the northerners he will consult them more

closely in the future.

As soon as Nixon announced his VP choice Thursday morning, this observer began tracking down the reaction of Michigan delegates. They we re shocked. People who are normally reserved in their political comments were bitter.

Romney claimed that in running for the VP nomination, he was only letting his name be used

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as an instrument to let delegates vent their anger at Nixon's meth-ods. Everything the local dele-gates said backs up that story.

IT'S EASY TO SEE why Nixon was dealing with the south; although that doesn't necessarily justify it.

The Reagan forces were trying to swing South Carolina's Sen. 3. Strom Thurmond into their camp, and with him most of the southern votes. Had they succeeded, Nixon would have been that down.

Nixon would have been shot down.

Nixon on Tuesday held closed door meetings with groups of delegates by region of the country. The Minmi Herald obtained a tape of what he said to the southerners, and Nixon gives the impression that he won't pick the procession that he would be procession to be

HE COULD ILL afford it. 'Although Nixon got votes from 90 per cent of the states and territories, he did poorly in the big states — nothing in California, nearly nothing in New York, a fraction of Pennsylvania, nothing in Ohio, only anti-Romney tokens out of Michigan.

The anti-Agnew revolt was like the anti-Viet war demonstrations. The anti-Agnew revolt made certain that no president made that without a clearer mandale from Congress and the people.

In the same way, the anti-Agnew revolt has shown Nixon that he had better pay more attention to the big states and the north.

Especially if he gets elected and has a chance to appoint a chief justice of the Suprame Court.

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# How A Single Vote Was Crucial Many Times For Mrs. Rohm

The credentials committee voted 32-31 to seat Mrs. Rohm. (Incidentally, E. O. Weber, of Northville, a 2nd District delegate, was a member of the credentials committee and voted for Mrs. Rohm.)

But wait. The matter wasn't

THE CHAIRMAN, Orvas Beers of Indiana, hadn't voted. Under Robert's Rules of Order, a chairman can vote either to break a tie—or to create one.

Reers voted for Congressman Gross, and the vote was 32-32. Thus, the motion to seat Mrs. Rohm, who was suspected of being a Rockefeller supporter, was defeated, and the delegate badge went to Gross, a Rogican supporter.

Sense And

Nonsense

Plymouth widens its main street, assessing taxes and spending thousands of dollars to do away with a "bottleneck." and—you guessed it—cars are allowed to park along either side of the street, making driving space no greater than before.

over yet.

This is another of those election year stories about the impor-tance of one man's vote. It's true, It's recent, And Ob-serverland people were involved in it

in it.

It came to light last week dur-ing a session of the credentials committee at the Republican Na-tional Convention.

THE STORY STARTS April 27 at the lowa Republican state convention. A nominating committee picked 10 delegates at large, among them Mrs. Joy Rohm, blonde, pink-checked 33-year-old housewife who was head of something called the Jowa Republican Workshop.

On the state convention floor, however, the crusty old Rep. H. R. Gross took issue with the fact that no congressman had been made a member of the delegation. A movement was made to suspend the rules, bumping out Mrs. Rohm and substituting

Gross.
Some 2,320 votes were required, and the tally showed that Gross Tgot 2,321—just one more than he got 2,321—just ... needed. But the story doesn't end there.

IT SEEMS THAT Sioux County changed its vote from Gross to Mrs. Rohm before the tally was announced. The changed vote was recorded, but the final tally was never changed.

The next day, a sharp-eyed Des Moines Register reporter named George Mills noticed the discrepancy. If the vote tally had in fact been mis-counted, then Mrs. Rohm should be the delegate.

There were all sorts of arguments and appeals, but to make a long story short, the case finally wound up in the hands of the national convention's credentials committee.

Spiro Agnew has taken quite a beating because of his name and lack of fame. When asked what he thought of Nixon's choice, one punster replied, "It's all Greek to me."

Democrats face telephone communications problems in Chicago that could be serious. Can you imagine the look on Humphrey's face, when an operator (non-political) tells him that the coin telephone in the corner of his hotel

Debates between leading presidential contenders may be viewed on television screens across the nation this fall, but the request of third party candidate George Wallace for equal time may pose a problem.

Why not let Pat Paulson or Dick Gregory have a crack at him?

If the Democrats' George Mc-Govern should fail in his bid for the presidential nomination and if McCarthy wins, selecting George for a running mate, a good slogan might be: "Bring 'Em Back With Mac and Mac!"

If that doesn't convince you three times over of the importance of a single vote, then consider these additional gems of political werfare.

One Iowan on the platform committee disqualified himself from hearing the case. His vote could have changed the autome. Another Iowan refused to disqualify herself. Mrs. Rohm's attorney considered this unethical conduct. Moreover, that elegate voted for Gross. Had she disqualified herself, Mrs. Rohm would have been seated.

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And so time after time, the ase of Mrs. Joy Rohm of Iowa was decided by a single vote.

Keep that in mind Nov. 5.

—The Observer Newspapers

## ${f Voters Are}$ Authority

The Observer two months ago editorially called for the resignation of Gerald T. Harris as president of the Westland Industrial and Commercial Development

and Commercial Development Corp.
Harris didn't take the advice but instead seemed intent on furthering his political career.
He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Wayne County Board of Supervisors' 25th District, which includes all of Garden City and most of Westland.
He finished sixth out of a field of eight candidates and gained only 401 votes, a 3-1 loser to winner Ralph Turco, also of Westland.

Harris, never known for keep-ing quiet, may have been silenc-ed by the greatest authority in America—the voters.

-Leonard Poger

## Clarenceville Voters Care

Voters in the Clarenceville School District are to be congratulated for passing the four mill, eight year issue for operations of the schools.

The measure was defeated by a scant 25 votes when first presented to the electors in June and the school administration and school board had visions of being forced to make cutbacks that would have lowered the quality of education in the system.

That's why they decided to take the issue back to the voters a second time with the hope that more than the 11 per cent, casting ballots in the first election, would turn out. The same and the second time with the hope that more than the 11 per cent, casting ballots in the first election, would turn out. The hard was a calcular its and the same thanks to the condition of the second time with the same thanks to the condition of the same thanks to the same that Clarencevile will be able to maintain its present high standards and will be able to pay a salary schedule competitive with surrounding districts.

Compare the feeling of the Board and Administration with the Northville School District where a second vote for additional operating millage was defeated.

Officials there are making plans for numerous cutbacks, many they know will bring down the ire of the residents. But that's what happens when the voters do not have faith in the administration will be supplementation of the control of the second of the seco

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