

# How A Surprised, Confused McNamara Was Nominated

**GRAND RAPIDS**  
Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara displayed almost as much confusion about his lieutenant governor candidacy in its infancy at the Democratic state convention as did the 3,000 delegates who affirmed it.

He knew Livonian Paul Kadish, 14th District State Senate candidate, wasn't the intended person to make the nomination. But he didn't know that Marilyn Jean Kelly, state board of education member and a 13th Congressional District delegate, was the designee.

McNamara said as he followed Levin into a hotel room for a conference. "I still have a responsibility to the people of Livonia to fulfill."

Word that McNamara was being considered never leaked out prior to Saturday morning. Even then, it was only a rumor. A New Democratic Coalition official, reporting to his caucus at 2:30 p.m., reported a list of persons Levin was supposedly considering for the No. 2 spot, and McNamara's name not only wasn't on the list, but he wasn't even talked about in conversation.

McNamara sat next to Sen. Levin in a 3:45 p.m. press conference Saturday as Levin made the announcement. Asked if he had first offered the nomination to anyone else, Levin said:

"I had some discussions—private discussions—and it would not be useful to elaborate."

McNAMARA, 43, is barely five years older than Levin. He has been mayor of Livonia only four months after winning a rough-and-tumble

campaign against conservative incumbent Harvey W. Moelke.

Moelke, far from being ousted from politics, won a big Republican primary victory Aug. 4 for Wayne County commissioner.

If elected lieutenant governor, McNamara would preside over the State Senate, for which he was once a candidate. He ran on the Democratic ticket for the 14th District post in western Wayne and Oakland Counties in 1965 and was beaten by Republican Farrell Roberts.



CAUCUSING IN A DIM light corridor are Democratic gubernatorial candidate Sander Levin (right) and his running mate, Livonia Mayor Edward H. McNamara (Observer photo)

Queried about it in the convention hall minutes afterward, while excited delegates scurried into caucus to determine their votes for or against him, McNamara said he thought State Sen. Coleman Young was to do it.

Young, a black and a liberal from Detroit, would have done more to ease "racist" rumors against McNamara that had erupted than could Kadish, an equally unknown suburban white.

HERE'S McNamara's own story of how Levin decided to ask him to run for lieutenant governor:

"Sandy's staff called me about 2:30 in the morning (Saturday) to ask if I would consider running for lieutenant

governor. I was asleep when he called," said McNamara.

Did he talk it over with anyone? "Just a very sleepy wife—and she wasn't much help," McNamara replied.

Had he been planning to come to the convention in Grand Rapids? "Yes—frankly to do what I could for my old friend, Billie Farnum," said McNamara.

McNamara himself said he had never given a moment's consideration to the possibility that he might be tapped by Levin or anyone else to run for lieutenant governor.

Levin's question at 2:30 in the morning caught him like a bolt from the blue.

McNamara had been campaign manager for Farnum, a fellow resident of the 9th Congressional District, when Farnum ran successfully for Congress in 1964. At this convention, Farnum was running for the party's secretary of state nomination, but his hopes collapsed with the enthusiastic reception delegates gave to Wayne County Auditor Richard Austin, a black man fresh from an incredibly strong run for mayor of Detroit.

"GOTTA GET HOLD of my secretary and tell her to get ready to work some nights!"

## Suburbs Back Williams And Swainson

**GRAND RAPIDS**  
The suburbs helped former Michigan Govs. G. Wayne Williams and John B. Swainson win Democratic nominations for Supreme Court over two opponents.

In State convention balloting, all four congressional district delegations representing Observerland communities gave the weight of their votes to Williams and Swainson.

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He lived in the former 17th Congressional District of northwest Detroit, which included Redford Township, when he first entered state politics as a state senator in 1954. He later moved to Plymouth and has since taken up residence in Detroit.

Significantly, Swainson won without backing from either the labor caucus or the party leadership.

LESINSKI, LT. GOVERNOR under Swainson and Evans, waged an aggressive campaign to upset the two former governors.

In one speech, before a 19th District Caucus, Lesinski appealed to the delegates to consider his Polish ethnic identification. "If you don't get the Poles to the polls, you can't win. As a Pole, I know, you can get the Poles to the polls," he thundered.

Meanwhile, a Pole, State Rep. Ted Mrozowski of Hamtramck, was being considered for lieutenant governor by gubernatorial nominee Sander Levin. He reportedly declined, apparently under pressure from Lesinski, who thought it would increase his (Lesinski's) chances not to have two Poles bidding for jobs.

**THE 2ND DISTRICT**, which includes Plymouth, cast 77.5 votes for Williams and 89.5 for Swainson, 19.5 to Appeals Judge T. John Lesinski and 42.5 to Recorder's Court Judge Robert Evans, a black.

The 15th District, in the words of its colorful chairman, John Canfield, mayor of Dearborn Heights, cast its "cottonpicking" votes as follows: Williams 112.4, Swainson 94.9, Lesinski 53.2 and Evans 23.7. Westland and Garden City are included in the 15th District.

The 18th District, which includes Southfield, cast 89.8 votes for Williams, 113.7 for Swainson, 24.8 for Lesinski and 36.5 for Evans.

The 19th District, including Livonia, Redford Township, Farmington and Farmington Township, gave Williams 99, Swainson 80, Lesinski 31 and Evans 48.

Williams, a six-term governor from 1949-60, served Presidents Kennedy and Johnson in diplomatic posts. He is making a comeback after being defeated for the U.S. Senate in 1966.

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- Plymouth Antique Meet** Friday @ Saturday @ Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday 'til 7:00 p.m.
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## Lady Liberal Was Almost Also-Ran

**GRAND RAPIDS**  
A blonde lady liberal from Livonia almost became a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor against her mayor.

Mrs. Jeanne Havstad of 3561 Grennada came close to getting an endorsement from the New Democratic Coalition caucus the night before the Democratic state convention was to name Sander Levin's running mate.

It occurred this way:

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## U-M Students Race Low-Pollution Cars

**ANN ARBOR**  
Two ultra-low pollution autos have been prepared by 14 engineering students at the University of Michigan. The cars will compete in a clean air car race later this month.

The cars — a Chevrolet and Volkswagen — met 1975 federal exhaust emission standards in recent hot-cycle tests. Hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions came close to meeting proposed 1980 standards.

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