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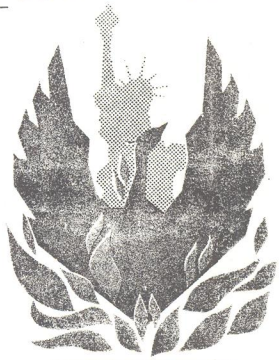

1985 National Convention of the Libertarian Party

National Convention:

"FREEDOM REBORN" AND THE SECOND WAVE

"If it's to be it's to be, it's up to me," said Dick Bodie, Bergland trooper. Mr. Bodie presides over a company called The Motivators for the development of effective persuasive techniques which he, Vice-Presidential candidate Jim Lewis and others call "the second wave" of libertarian political participation. Now campaigns and educational strategies can blossom into popular music and drama and other hallmarks of successful marketing which ride on "the second wave."

Larry Dodge opened the 1986 National Convention with a keynote on libertarian successes and creditability which has developed through political diligence and competency and decency as people. Karl Hess, in another breakfast speech, said his neighbors listen to him not because he's written numerous articles, but because he's respected as a good and honest welder.

Paul Jacob, imprisoned draft nonregistrant, also set the tone for an extremely cooperative convention by sending a letter urging less "debating between ourselves" and that we hang together in this urgent time or quoting Benjamin Franklin "... we'll surely hang separately."

Five fine candidates presented themselves as candidates to lead the Libertarian Party as National Chairmen: (1) Acting Chair, Randy VerHagen of Wisconsin; (2) Jim Turney, President of Liberty Audio from Virginia; (3) Cliff Theis, past Chair of the Montana LP; (4) Stephen Fielder, active National Committeeman and ballot access attorney from West Virginia; and (5) Vernon Etzel, who computerized a plan from Delaware. Jim Turney won the chairman-

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MICHIGAN IS AUTONOMOUS DISTRICT

Michigan has become an independent National Committee District due to a new bylaw enacted at the Libertarian National Convention in Phoenix this August. With 258 Michigan National members by the February deadline to determine delegation size and 30 additional members since, Michigan more than met the threshold of 250 members to qualify as a separate district. The new bylaw advocated by Libertarian Party founder, David Nolan, and new Libertarian Party National Secretary, Dean Ahmad, was drafted to enhance National Committee participation. It takes advantages of existing practical alliances between states, encourages new activist alliances, builds membership recruitment incentives, allows greater independence in choosing representation, and promotes efficiency and equality in size and composition of districts. The formation of voluntary alliances through this measure is typically libertarian; while Nolan exclaimed something about anarchy at the bylaws passage, Libertarian delegations showed great cooperation in regrouping so as to maximize effective representation for all delegations in a truly dynamic consensus. "This may have been one time when the bylaws consideration surpassed platform discussion in excitement. We can now point to the implementation of a fairly radical libertarian proposal and see that it worked very well," said Denise Kline, Acting Chairman of the LPM delegation. Michigan delegate, Michael Miller, noting that the districts need not be contiguous under the new rule, eventually commented on the virtue of alliances with such enjoyable prospects as Hawaii. (Incidentally, Hawaii did become available, leaving the huge California delegation to represent itself.

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COORDINATES
FROM THE EDITOR/COORDINATOR

There'll be another new look for The Michigan Libertarian as Denise Kline resumes editorship and promises at least bimonthly editions with emphasis on timely meeting notices and news of activities. Information on issues and philosophical articles of interest to new and old libertarian fellow-travelers will also be welcome.

We invite Contributors of local reports, news features or items, issue analyses, profiles and other items to become involved on a continuing or guest basis. Photographers too are urged to submit picture of Libertarians in action. DEADLINE for the September-October issue is September 20.

We also welcome the technically skilled, artistic, mechanically-equipped grammatically-sound, communication-oriented, and/or those with production and marketing talents to help with the newsletter and advertising sales as Special Assistants. Layout and Graphics would be especially impressive contributions. We also need help with the expensive job of Typesetting: time, money, or equipment offers would be appreciated.

We do not yet have an LPM computer or word processor which would facilitate editing and production of the newsletter, as well as with many other important functions: list maintenance, information storage, bookkeeping, word processing, letter-generating, and importantly (touch-of-the-keyboard) access to this important material at Headquarters and during LCC meetings.

Although too busy for editorship, Joe Overton may contribute skills at Policy Analysis, including a handout devised with the input of our favorite legislative aid in Lansing, to stimulate and guide issue analysis.

Legislative research will be available or generated by Headquarters as much as possible. Several volunteers to keep abreast of myriad legislative issues through our Legislative Watch program are urgently needed; the legislature will soon be back in session! Assistance on how to proceed is available from Denise, and volunteers are needed throughout the state to **monitor news media, compile information, analyze issues, and develop policy.**

We look forward to working with you and coordinating our efforts on the development of the Libertarian Party of Michigan as an effective agent for social and political change.

-- Denise Kline, LPM Coordinator

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1985-86 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES SOON TO BE AVAILABLE

--Join or Order Now--

Compilation of the LPM Membership Directory is being done post-LPM and National Conventions this year, since we tend to add members at conventions. We will accept your advertisement or membership for inclusion in the Directory and accept orders for the Directory through September. Directories are $5 including shipping and are available to members only. Membership Form, p 8.

SELF-GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES

by Michael H. Miller

"I bring good news, but not Utopia!" cheerily announced Marshall Fritz to open his talk, "Libertarians: Friend or Foe of the American Dream?" The handful of dedicated libertarians welcoming Marshall to Lansing on April 26 were exposed to his infectious enthusiasm and confidence in the prospects for a freer, more abundant future.

Marshall Fritz is building an organization by which libertarians can reach and convince great numbers of people of the benefits of liberty. The organization is called Self-Government Advocates and utilizes letter writing techniques of David Hoesly, marketing techniques of Dick Boddie and whatever else has proven or will prove effective in persuading the larger public of the benefits of liberty. Self-Government Advocates represents part of the current phase in the libertarian movement to go beyond intense self-examination towards outreach and building a larger, more successful movement.

Marshall advises us to stress the benefits of liberty: the material abundance created wherever people are free to pursue their self-interest, over the theoretical correctness or beauty of libertarian beliefs, which just don't initially have as wide an appeal. He employs techniques like a Free Market Awareness Quiz, the Nolan Chart, and anything else that gets the libertarian message across in a persuasive and enjoyable manner.

Marshall (Field Marshal Fritz, as some have called him) points out that according to J. S. Mill, there are three phases in the adoption of new ideas--ridicule, argument, and adoption. Marshall is building the technique and organization to carry out this second phase. This will involve training members in effective persuasion and communication, creating "Black Belt Libertarians" to operate as local outreach teams. Marshall, a former director of the libertarian Party of California and a former salesman for IBM, says "Everything that works is libertarian." He's convinced me.

Ed.--One of the Advocate's 14 founding chapters, grown into 20 chapters, is located in mid-Michigan. Contact Chapter President, Jon W. Addiss at (517) 321-1200 or by writing LPM Headquarters, for more information.

PRIMARY VICTORY IN MIDLAND

Joe Overton, former state director and LCC member, finished second in the second ward primary for Midland County Council on August 6. He will now advance to the general election in November against Paul Dornbos, the primary winner. The election was tightly contested with Joe finishing a close second in a three way race. Anyone wishing to assist Joe in the general election can contact him at 804 Vance Road, Midland, MI 48640.

In the other Midland Council primary, long-time party member Charles Congdon was defeated in the third ward primary. Factors leading to Chuck's defeat were a large field of seven contenders, a record primary turnout of about 25%, and a stop Congdon campaign by the present councilman, who is not seeking another term. Chuck's campaign did make privatization of city services a major topic in the council race. (GB)

LP ADDS NEW OUTREACH TOOL

The 1987 Libertarian Convention voted overwhelmingly to add a party program in addition to the national platform. The program will be more topical and address interim steps to implement libertarian reforms to the political system. The new bylaws section authorizing the program specifically states that items in the program be limited to issues that are receiving widespread national attention, and which the average voter views as affecting them directly and personally.

The new program is viewed as a marketing tool for candidates seeking federal office. The rationale is that the program will be less open to the criticism of being too radical or unrealistic, as the platform has been viewed in the past. The LP platform will become more a statement of principle and long-term goals as opposed to the platforms of the major parties, which emphasize current topical politics.

At the NatCom meeting, immediately after the convention, Steve Givot was appointed temporary Program Chair. He hopes to have a committee in place with initial proposals for topics and first drafts by the December NatCom meeting. Anyone with suggestions, comments, or offering assistance with the Program Committee should contact Mr. Givot, c/o The National Headquarters or the Illinois Party. (GB)

PAC FUNDRAISER A PICNIC!

The LPM fundraising picnic conceived and orchestrated by Janet Tlapek at her Lake Odessa residence on July 28 provided good food, good drink, and good company for the Libertarians and their friends in attendance. The LCC meeting was greeted with some interest by newcomers and the movie, "Danton," held an audience past midnight pondering the errors of the French Revolution. The beautiful gardens provided a pleasant setting for croquet, badmiton, volleyball, and Trivial Pursuit.

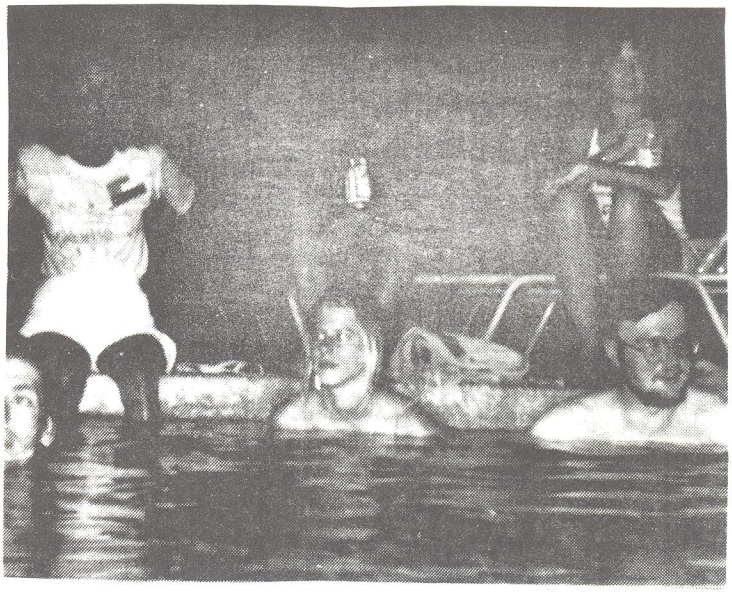
Most importantly, the event has created at least a small fund to be used for newspaper advertising. Local groups can qualify for these funds by raising half of the money to place such advertisements and applying to Janet or LPM Headquarters for details. More fundraising projects will be required to keep the Michigan Libertarian PAC and LPM in a financial position to offer such outreach programs.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT Cont.

The National Committee District 10--Michigan Caucus unanimously elected Chad Colopy of West Bloomfield as its Representative and Janet Parkes of Midland as Alternate. Chad had been the Alternate for the Missouri region before moving to Michigan with his wife, Karen, who is also an enthusiastic Libertarian. Janet was Michigan's original Speakers Bureau coordinator in 1980, has run several campaigns including her race for state representative which produced the "Less Government for Michigan" poster still in use, and runs an interior design business.

While autonomous with respect to National Committee representation, Michigan did forge alliances with neighboring states--Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Ontario--to whose conventions we hope to exchange delegations and cross-pollinate information, resources and energy. Our Multi-Call sales managed by Jon Addiss have also connected us with Nevada, Illinois, Arizona, and California so far. We look forward to working with more Libertarians on this fundraising project and with our neighboring delegations such as Wisconsin and Minnesota to the North to develop Libertarianism in the fertile ground of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. (DK)

Scene from "Freedom Reborn"



NATIONAL CONVENTION Cont.

ship on the third ballot and is conducting a search for new National Headquarters, perhaps closer to D.C. where the action is, politically, and taking applications for a competent and inexpensive National LP staff, which his business experience is likely to facilitate. A DC based chairman, staffperson and/or National Headquarters can begin to have a greater effect on lobbying related to Federal House Bill 2320 in the Subcommittee on elections which would reduce signature requirements in gaining ballot status in federal elections.

"The great state of Michigan, sometimes home of Lee Iacoca and other . . . welfare recipients" was represented by a delegation of ten at the 1985 Libertarian National Convention, "Freedom Reborn."

We'd like to thank Brian Wright of Birmingham for the amenity above and for polling the delegation in expert form. Gary Bradley of St. Johns was instrumental in rounding up the delegation for important votes and tabulating them. Jon W. Addiss of Lansing spent most of his time staffing the Multi-Call table to share that fundraising project with Libertarians around the country. Chad and Karen Colopy of West Bloomfield kept track of and recorded convention business expertly as di visiting delegate, Martha Olinyk from Toront Michael Miller of East Lansing and Jar Parkes of Midland were conscientious de gates, and Donald Warmbier was on hand bri from the Detroit area. Upper Peninsu Denise Kline, LPM Vice-Chairman, chaire delegation.

FEATURE

MISGUIDED ENFORCEMENT

by Lawrence Ludlow
Detroit Metropolitan Area Libertarian Party

The recent crackdown on convenience store operators by local law enforcement entities, as in the case of Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, is a well-intentioned but misguided attempt to solve a drunk driver problem by means of an overgeneralized effort which tramples upon the rights of everyone.

While searching out these "corrupters of youth" may seem appealing on the surface, such tactics are both a product and cause of our increasingly "no-fault society."

This nation was established on a fundamental belief in individual liberty and responsibility. Liberty is freedom from coercion; responsibility is the use of liberty without violating the rights of others. The premise is that people can do whatever does not violate another's rights. With individual responsibility, each is the beneficiary or victim of his own actions. One does not seek to excuse ineptness by pointing to a neighbor and saying, "He let me do it!" This pass-the-buckism has so permeated our society that everyone except the doer is expected to pay the price for his actions or inactions--whether through welfare payments or being prosecuted for selling alcohol or drugs to potential misusers.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY is discouraged by laws which deny the opportunity of exercising it and seek out scapegoats. Remember: The definition of "government" is "that entity which has a legitimate monopoly on using retaliatory force." Only after someone's rights have been violated may retaliatory force be invoked. The idea of the founding fathers was that a government's only function is the defense of personal liberty. Prohibition-type laws, therefore, are themselves a violation of liberty as they do not merely respond to a physical coercion but initiate it. Such laws actually undermine people's sense of justice.

The continuing high level of crime and the inability of the government to deal with it should be sending a message that we are barking up the wrong tree by forbidding the private use of any substance. A substance per se is not the problem; its private use is not the problem. It is only when an individual harms another that a crime is committed. A mutual and freely arranged exchange or purchase is uncoerced and thus does not require a government response.

There are those who desire for victimless crime laws is based on a belief that people must be saved from themselves. There is no legitimate outlet for such a belief in our Constitution. It recognizes the sovereignty of the individual--self-ownership--in an effort to preclude dictatorial personalities from having complete reign. As attractive as "being your brother's keeper" may seem, it was realized that such a philosophy translates into tyranny over others. It is antiliberty and has no place in our nation's political philosophy.

RESPONSIBILITY, FAULT, and crime all rest in the individual. The currently popular no-fault, point-the-finger doctrine erodes that which is best in people--their ability to act independently and responsibly. Restraint on liberty robs us of that very quality which makes us human in the highest sense. If a child has failed to internalize the values of his parents and misbehaves when out of their sight, is it just to penalize a retailer? Must he be penalized for forgetting to ask a child for identification? Furthermore, are age requirements consistent with liberty--a concept which implies that each of us has varying abilities to act responsibly when drinking or not?

Instead of pursuing his present course, Mr. Marlinga has several options available which do not trample liberty: 1) he should seek consistent and appropriate prosecution of people who are guilty of real crimes--actions which actually harm others; 2) sure and uniform penalties for those guilty of mishandling vehicles while under the influence of alcohol should be pursued; and 3) citizens should be informed that in Macomb County, if nowhere else, they will be treated as adults--responsible for their decisions. These options are consistent with his goals while avoiding the pitfall of harassing retailers. Libertarians encourage Mr. Marlinga to readjust his approach to the problem. We do not need more laws or laws which are subject to sporadic enforcement (retailer witchhunts). We only need judges to apply valid laws uniformly.

The foregoing statement should not be misunderstood as advocacy of drug use. Libertarians are only concerned with promoting the American notion of liberty and protecting it from its worst enemy--overgrown government.

FROM THE CHAIR . . . James Hudler

"I am a long range optimist!" exclaimed Dr. Murray Rothbard, Libertarian Party activist, noted Libertarian author, and erudite Austrian economist, to me over lunch as a downtown Salt Lake City hotel during the December, 1984 National Committee meeting. I concur with him wholeheartedly, even in this current state of apathy in which the Libertarian Party of Michigan, and, in fact, the National Libertarian Party finds itself. "How could I be anything else," Dr. Rothbard continued, "when 25 years ago the majority of the libertarian movement fit into my Manhatten apartment living room." I could empathize completely when I considered that 13 years ago the majority of the libertarian movement in Michigan fit into Al Harris' and my Ann Arbor apartment living room. With this optimism firmly in mind when I was elected to the office of Chairman of the L.P.M. during the June, 1985 L.P.M. Convention, I enumerated three major goals that I would like the L.P.M. to pursue in the coming year: 1) retain ballot status; 2) organize county and college campus Libertarian Party groups; and 3) work on issue-oriented projects (e.g., issue petitions, lobbying efforts in State Legislature, and protests against statist laws.

Ballot Drive: Just prior to the Ann Arbor Art fair in mid-July, Denise Kline and I were able to garner enough pledges to start the petition drive to regain ballot status, as was required by a motion of the Libertarian Central Committee in 1984. We, the Executive Committee, then decided to kick-off the ballot drive at the Ann Arbor Art Fair. This fair has close to a million people attending it during a four-day period. We were able to gather over 500 signatures during the fair. This was a good start, but we need over 20,000 signatures by December, 1985. Please start petitioning now to fulfill your pledge or make a pledge of however many signatures you think that you can gather. Enclosed with this newsletter is a petition and directions. More petitions are available from the office.

Local Organizing: With the start of the school year fast approaching, it is vital that we make every effort to organize on as many college campuses soon. College students are very receptive to new ideas and new organizations early in their terms before class work absorbs their time. Libertarian organizations are off and running at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University (the Ann Arbor Libertarian League and the M.S.U. Libertarian League respectively). If you live near these schools we need your support. If you live in an area where there is no college libertarian group, try to start one. Call me personally and I shall assist in any I can. College campuses and college students are fertile ground for petitioning and for recruiting new members.

Issue Projects: Currently we have two on-going issue projects. The first is the Tom Jones' "VOTE ON ALL TAXES" issue petition drive. Petitions are available from the L.P.M. office. Secondly, Violet Peterson and Dick Whitelock has started a continuing protest of the seatbelt law. Anti-seatbelt law bumper stickers are available from the office. If you want to assist more in protesting this totalitarian legislation, please contact Violet Peterson. Lastly, I would like to see more Libertarian support of the "Part-time Legislature" petition drive. This movement is fertile ground for new L.P.M. support. If we show an interest in this worthwhile issue we may influence others in the "Part-time" movement to become Libertarians.

Thank Yous:

1) To Janet Tlapek for a fantastic L.P.M. picnic.

2) To James Greenshields and Glenn Mensching for their great Ann Arbor Art Fair L.P.M. booth.

3) To Dick Whitelock and Violet Peterson for their protestations against the seat belt law.

4) To the organizers of the 1985 L.P.M. convention in Grand Rapids; Tom Smith, William Hall, Mart Hillard.

5) To Joe Overton for his past work on the Michigan Libertarian and the monthly pledge project. (Mr. Overton resigned from both posts as of August 1, 1985.)

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STRATEGY FOR LIBERTY IN MICHIGAN

by Denise Kline, Vice-Chairman
with James Hudler, Chairman
and years of Libertarian experience

Preamble: The purpose of this plan is to establish people in places to perform functions and accomplish activities to an extent, and in some ways, which have not heretofore been accomplished. It's the "second wave," freedom reborn--and growing--through new presentations, to more people, with professional marketing techniques. (The Jim Lewis, Dick Bodie, Advocates school of Libertarian individual and movement building.)

Proviso: We invite and encourage you to participate, become involved in this important work for liberty. This plan is not to be limited to the vision of Libertarian Party of Michigan's current officers: we need and want your input, suggestions and cooperation. Come on; let's turn a plan into a more Libertarian reality! **You are a integral part of any Libertarian reality.**

Outreach Programs are items 1-5.

1. **Libertarian League--Local Organizing** patterned on the successful Ann Arbor student forum, the League or Local Organizing Committee is composed of activists who will travel to different areas to present entire programs from keynote speaker through discussion leader letter writing facilitator, volunteer recruiter, social director, etc. It allows for cross-pollination of ideas and abilities, particularly useful in areas in which only a single leader has been available. And it's fun for host groups as well as resource persons! The goal is to develop more local leaders through example and support in developing various projects.

2. **Speakers Bureau** will provide speakers upon request, seek speaker placements as extensively as the number of volunteers permits, train speakers through toastmaster type formats and other means, and draft speeches. Speeches will be evaluated for effectiveness relevant to the number of people who request additional information as well as through dialogue with the audience.

3. **Cable TV Programming** produced by Sheryl Loux of Kalamazoo Area Libertarian Corporation can be distributed via a geographic chain with little expense (basically shipping) to each area. Geographic contacts are needed to place the tapes at as many public accessable stations as possible since residence in the area is often required for placement. Volunteers can also become involved in producing, writing, filming, and performing in additional programs.

4. **Student Organizations and Discussion Groups** will be developed through key individuals using taped, videotape, film, and written discussion materials. Social events and special speaker programs will also be encouraged to maintain interest in group activities.

5. **Membership Committee** will concentrate on more personal and consistent follow-up relating to people who have expressed interest. Informal group meetings will be organized to encourage involvement and understanding. Many volunteers will be needed in all areas in order to gain the personal contact, but it will be enjoyable, educational, and beneficial for all involved. Contact chains can also be developed to speed news of fast-breaking events and activities. Local membership coordinators will direct and follow up on these activities. Commissions exist for local groups who recruit members.

Public Relations items are 6-9:

6. **Letter-Writing Meetings** will be developed to move discussion into a concrete public forum via letters to the editor and other editorial responses. Letter-Writing groups pool clippings, grammatical know-how and other talents and viewpoints to successfully address important issues in a timely fashion. Materials developed by upstate New York activist, David Hoesly, and LPN are available for guidance.

7. **Legislative Watch and Issue Development** will combine information gathering and policy analysis from a variety of sources on many topics as volunteers have an interest in researching. Some lobbying techniques and legislative process information will also be shared in a first hand fashion.

8. **Media Relations Network** will develop local media coordinators among whom information will be exchanged or provided by Headquarters and other committees so that media coordinators will have a wide and topical array of information on Libertarian concerns to present to local media. Newspaper or other media advertisements may eventually be managed by this network.

9. **Platform & Program** (Immediate Goals Platform) are under development to address Libertarian issues and specifically Libertarian Strategies for Michigan for the 1986 campaigns. A tabloid style publication for broad distribution plus other materials on issues are in developmental stages. *Continued on p. eight*

STRATEGY Cont.

Program Development is involved in items 10-12:

10. **Candidates Committee** will recruit and train candidates as well as dealing with convention paperwork pursuant to nominations at the 1986 LPM Convention.

11. **Ballot Access Committee** will include a network of local coordinators to provide materials and training on petitioning, and secure locations, coordinate effective petitioning groups to finish the LPM ballot drive before December 1985.

12. **Finance Committee** will develop every means to a stable resource base including soliciting monthly pledges and other contributions, subletting office space, coordinating Multi-Call Commission Sales, selling newsletter advertising, and anything else that will provide the financial means to promote Libertarian activities and goals.

Committee chairpeople, local coordinators, and other volunteer positions will be listed in the next newsletter. Please respond by September 15 so that you can be among this key network of individuals.

Postscript: Please do not fall into cynicism, factionalism or apathy at this urgent juncture. We are doing something, but officers alone (as libertarians well know) do not make a Party or its activities. Numerous people do that. You're one of those people who is a clear thinking, dedicated Libertarian. Please decide what you will do and DO IT NOW. Let us know how we can count on you so we can coordinate and manage activities to best effect toward liberty.

Thanks on behalf of all of us in the Libertarian Party of Michigan and for Libertarian, peaceful, and hard working individuals everywhere who benefit from the strength of freedom that we can engender.

REFUSAL TO RETURN ILLEGALLY-GOTTEN TAXES

The late Arthur E. Carpenter, the individual behind Kerrytown, worked hard for two years to have a special "new-businesses" tax declared unconstitutional. A month before he died the Michigan Appeals Court so declared, saying that a part of New Businesses and Transient Traders Ordinance was illegal. And last week the State Supreme Court, acting on a City appeal, refused to hear the case.

Now, Ann Arbor City Attorney Bruce Laidlaw has refused a call to set up a refund mechanism to return illegally gotten taxes to all new businesses started or relocated in Ann Arbor since 1976--the statute of limitations. In an article in the March 8th Ann Arbor News, Mr. Laidlaw arrogantly declared that only those who paid under protest could qualify for a refund, and that, "Art Carpenter was the only one to pay it under protest, so we will argue that he is the only one who might qualify for getting anything back."

State Street business entrepreneur, Glen Roberts, head of Capital Information Association, says, "Laidlaw's position is, in effect: the city's tax is illegal, but we're going to keep the money anyway!"

The Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County vigorously protests this arrogance on the part of the city and demands that a refund mechanism be set up immediately. James Hudler, County Chair of the Party, says: "This is a ripoff of area businesses and the city knows it. If some private concern had committed a similar act, Laidlaw would be the first to demand full restitution to everyone; but since the city has committed the illegal act, it wants to profit from it, particularly at the expense of those who complied without a protest because it was the law."

This information was distributed and James Hudler and David Raaflaub spoke at the City Council Meeting on March 11, 1985 in this regard.

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LP AT ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

by Jim Greenshields

The LP once again had a booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, 24-27 July. The booth, sponsored by the Washtenaw County Party organization has been a regular at the fair for almost ten years. Space is provided by the University of Michigan to non-profit groups ranging from political parties, pressure groups and personages to the Ann Arbor Symphony. Several new contacts were made and it is hoped that they will become active in the Libertarian movement.

This year the LP sported a brand-new booth, designed and built by Glenn Mensching. The booth is simplicity itself, being a five-foot by three-foot by eight-inch box sitting atop a hinged three-sided base. The top of the box has about a six inch wide wooden ledge with the balance being a hinged lid. A sheet of plastic the size of the lid covers samples of the pamphlets (no need to hold down everything with ricks), and the rest is stored inside. The lid can be tilted open from the back of instant access to the inside as well as for "display case" type viewing of the sample material. With a five-foot banner above the booth, the whole thing can be seen from a distance and looks very professional. An excellent job, Glenn.

As arrangements chair for the 1985 Art Fair booth, I would like to thank the following people for helping out: James Hudler, Peter Stephens and Jeff Grund (Chelsea), David Raaflaub, Martha and David Rowe, Marli Buhrer, Steve Horwitz, Glen Roberts and Rich Birkett (Ann Arbor), Bill Krebaum (Ypsilanti), Kevin Osborn (Milan), Denise Kline (Lansing), Gary Bradley (St. Johns), Tom Jones (Detroit) and Justin Plané (Vancouver, BC).

KALAMAZOO LIBERTARIANS PROTEST TAX BOND

Tax Protest Day had two purposes in Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo County Party handed out leaflets at the Post Office and estimated 2500 distributed. Also, handed out was information on a special bond election for a railroad consolidation and overpass project urging a "NO" vote. The bond issue amounting to 1 mill property tax over 20 years was defeated by 2:1. Kalamazoo Libertarians have been outspoken against it for well over a year. (SL)

MACOMB COUNTY ACTIVITY

by Lawrence Ludlow

We have had editorial releases printed in several of the local papers--topics including the recent agricultural subsidy in Michigan, harassment of convenience store owners by zealous prosecutors in search of liquor-dealing mom and pop franchises, and the ever popular drive for "equity in spending" and the worship of equality with regard to school funding.

Two editorial releases were featured in Crain's Detroit Business (about the "closed shop" and its antiliberty premise) and in this month's Michigan Business magazine (about the rob-Peter-to-pay-Paul philosophy of venture capital funding and the totalitarian aspect of government economic planning).

Furthermore, Virginia Cropsey was a featured guest on Public TV's "Both Sides Now" program. The topic was risk managment and car insurance rates (Detroit vs. outstate). We have also participated on two other shows. I also did a short editorial reply segment on ABC TV about the mandatory seatbelt law.

Other than those items, we've managed to rain on Blanchard's and Riegle's respective "parades" in our area.

ALASKAN HOUSE PARTY IN MID-MICHIGAN...

It was Alaska National Committee representative, Chuck House and his brothers from Florida and Texas for whom an impromptu party with a dozen guests was held at Denise Kline's house north of Lansing. We discussed politics preparatory to the National Convention, to which Chuck was on his way as Alaska's Platform Committee delegate, and had a good time. (The Party that parties together stays together!) The Tri-County Libertarian Alliance, whose meeting was postponed due to the National Convention, again came together on a couple hours notice to tour proposed new Headquarters facilities and make sure we stay together!

Over the past few months the Tri-County Libertarian Alliance has hosted Dean Hazel, Dr. Bette Erwin and Janet Tlapek.

Dean Hazel, founder of We the People Act, was exhilarated by the appeal of his conviction for failure to file income tax forms. Dr. Bette Erwin, addressing the group in "The Psychodynamics of Libertarianism" noted that libertarians tended to be eldest children and come from families in which self-reliance was encouraged. Janet Tlapek, recently relocated Texas activist and candidate, spoke on "Winning Local Elections."

PUBLICITY RALLIED BY PROTEST

The Mandatory Seat Belt protest in Lansing on July 1 when the Belt Bill took effect resulted in statewide publicity on television, radio and newspapers. Spokesperson, Dick Whitelock, appeared on at least one hour long talk show, debating Representative Hollister after the protest. Response at Headquarters was quite extensive and resulted in several new memberships and volunteers to help in subsequent actions under consideration by Dick. He is also proposing constitutional litigation and considering a referendum, allowing Michigan voters to decide before fines and stops increase. Dale Dobberstein will attempt to gather statistical information related to the new law.

A red on white bumpersticker saying "No Seat Belt Law--Freedom of Choice" bearing the name of the LPM has been devised by new Kalamazoo member, Viola Peterson. Bumperstickers are available from LPM Headquarters at $1.00 each. Donations for postage would be appreciated.

PLATFORM COMMITTEE SOUGHT

A rough draft of the new state platform was prepared by the Ad Hoc Platform Committee at the LPM convention. The emphasis of the new platform was on specific proposals with a degree of near term political viability. The convention voted to empower the chairman to appoint a standing platform committee to prepare a final draft for presentation to the next convention. This committee is expected to meet three or four times in the coming year. Anyone wishing to serve on the committee should contact Committee Chairman, Gary Bradley, at (517) 224-4784 or by writing Libertarian Party Headquarters.

The first meeting covering economics and business issues is tentatively scheduled at LPM Headquarters from approximately 1-5 p.m. Saturday, September 14. Please check with Headquarters or Gary as to time, since we are maintaining some flexibility in order to facilitate maximum participation. Overnight accommodations may be arranged for those attending the LCC meeting on the following day. Please call.

A second general platform meeting may be held in the Detroit area on Oct. 12 or 13, Saturday or Sunday, to kick off Libertarian Week. Let us know if you are interested in attending or hosting this event. A living room or club house space is all that's required. Others can handle refreshments as necessary. We hope you'll get involved for a productive and educational discussion.

SEATS AVAILABLE ON LIBERTARIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Michigan has several openings for district and at large members. Anyone willing to become involved may enter their name in nomination before the Libertarian Central Committee at its September 15 meeting in Lansing. LPM members may also apply to the officers for appointment to subcommittees, generally outlined in our "Strategy for Liberty in Michigan" included elsewhere in this newsletter. Subcommittee members need not be LCC members and may work independently or meet intermittently to accomplish specific tasks. LCC meetings are roughly bimonthly and deal with Party business such as convention bid appropriations, resolutions, special projects, endorsements, office status, and genreal supervision of the work of subcommittees and individuals authorized to represent the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Your input and energy as a Central or Subcommittee member would be appreciated.

LPM SEEKS BIDS

1986 LPM Convention site is being sought; and Alternative Headquarters space will be considered at the September 15 Libertarian Central Committee meeting to be held at 2:00 pm at Headquarters in Lansing. Contact Headquarters for information on preparing bids and to get your specific proposal on the agenda.

ADVERTISING MANAGER SOUGHT

Enterprising person(s) to seek advertisers for The Michigan Libertarian newsletter from local businesses or national organizations of interest to libertarians are needed. You too could become a part of the masthead as Advertising Manager! Apply to LPM Headquarters for information on rates, etc.

Potential advertisers can reach an expanded circulation of approximately 10,000 as the new LPM recruitment tabloid takes shape. Hopefully the first tabloid issue will be available before the end of the ballot drive in December. (The ballot drive could end earlier if we all handle our clipboards right! please, please . . .) Financial support is necessary for both of these projects. Advertisers can also reach a selective Libertarian audience by advertising in the LP Membership Directory.

PLAN FOR LIBERTARIAN WEEK

In order to borrow speakers from the Ontario Convention being held in Sarnia this October 18-20, we are tentatively planning Libertarian Week between October 12 or 13 to Sunday October 20. It could also run from the 20th to October 27. Local groups or individuals: please let us know when and what activities you would like to plan as soon as you can. Dates for Libertarian Week will be set formally at the September 15 LCC meeting; however, we may need to have a better idea of your preferences to negotiate with big name speakers in advance.

Murray Rothhard and Nathaniel Branden have been queried so far. We can probably expect Libertarian International founding Vice-Chairman, Bruce Evoy, also known as Patrick Henry and other revolutionary soldiers!

Sunday Brunch and dance in the Detroit area with a featured speaker either as a kick-off or finale for Libertarian Week, is being planned. Again, offers of assistance in locating, planning, publicizing and staffing the event would be greatly appreciated.

Activities for local groups are limited only by energy and imagination. Distribution throughout Michigan of Sheryl Loux's cable TV tapes would be an excellent start. Other materials are also available for discussion or local meetings. Live speakers, video cassette films, voice tapes, books, and letters-to-the-editor writing brochures can also provide event themes! Contact LPM Headquarters for concrete titles or other suggestions and assistance.

CALENDAR

THE WAYNE COUNTY LP meets the first Monday of each month at the Ram's Horn restaurant on Telegraph just north of Plymouth Road. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:30. Contact Mike Palonus.

WASHTENAW COUNTY. All Washtenaw County LP meetings. Dinner is from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. Business meeting is from 7:15 - 7:45. The program will start at approximately 7:45. Normally, the meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month. Place: Dominick's Restaurant, U M campus on Monroe St.

THE OAKLAND COUNTY LP meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Harbor Steak House, 3251 Orchard Lake Road in Keego Harbor. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:30. Contact Bill Hollander.

THE METRO DETROIT Libertarian Party Supper Club meets regularly in Southfield. For dates and times please contact Michael Palonous

THE MACOMB COUNTY LP meets the 4th Monday of each month unless otherwise announced. Call 978-8710 for place, time and agenda.

THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY LP meets alternate Wednesdays at WMU. For more information contact Mary Ruwart (616) 375-4959 evenings.

LANSING/TRI-COUNTY. The Libertarian Alliance will hold a Supper Club on the first Thursday of every month for 6:30 Coctails, 7:00 dinner and 8:00 speech, discussion and meeting at David's Eagle Restaurant at 300 S. Capitol. For information, call Denise Kline at 484-2188 or Jon Addiss. NOTE: Sept. 19 will be a Potluck Picnic in East Lansing at 5:30 for volleyball . . .

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VIDEO TAPES AVAILABLE

Videotapes of 1/2 "VHS or 3/4" are available on the following titles: "Taxation--Is It Inevitable?," "Should The Government Control Guns?," "Poverty Trap," "The Incredible Bread Machine," "Chickenomics," "Private Fire Protection," "The Best for Most," and "Not Yours To Give." For purchase or rental information contact: Sheryl Loux, President of KAL Corp, 856 Farrell Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007, (616) 343-4737.

INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW

Students, community service workers, and others desiring internship experience or community service placement may contact LPM Headquarters to arrange participation in a variety of libertarian-related activities. While political science internships have been most common, internships may also involve media, marketing, philosophy, communications and general business, and clerical activities. Off-site projects can be arranged, with flexible schedules. Supervision is available from experienced, credentialed teachers and professionals.

"Where is it written in the Constitution that you may take children from their parents, and parents from their children, and compel them to fight the battles of any war in which the folly or wickedness of government may engage it?"

for a recorded message call

370-0439

On [illegible] 1985, Paul Jacob was imprisoned for resisting the Military Draft Registration Program.

FOR CONSIDERATION

We should like to bring to your attention the recent, very positive feature article in the August 5 edition of Fortune (pp. 74-78). As believers in the axiom "ideas have consequences," we find it encouraging that many basic libertarian principles are mirrored in the thinking and behavior of a wide spectrum of individuals--especially among the talented entrepreneurs and professionals of the baby-boom generation. Their rejection of the big-government nostrums and inconsistent positions of the traditional parties, although sometimes unconscious, is causing a rethinking of positions, even for those politicians. (LL)

LIBERTARIAN TOPS 30% OF VOTE

The Rev. Dr. James W. Clifton, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Hudson, garnered 31 percent of the vote in his Libertarian campaign for a four-year term on the school board. His defeat can be considered a victory in many ways: he has only lived in the community and state 8 months, he ran against a very popular incumbent, voter turnout was very light, and libertarianism was basically unheard of until his campaign. Rev. Clifton vows "I'll be back; I have a good base to build from." (JC)

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