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LIBERTARIAN WEEK FEATURES THREE NATIONALLY KNOWN GUESTS

The annual Libertarian Week celebration of freedom held by the Libertarian Party of Michigan each fall will include three nationally known Libertarians. Events will span the week of October 11 to 18, running Friday to Friday this year.

1988 Libertarian Presidential contender, James Libertarian Burns of Nevada, will be our guest at an Open House at Libertarian Party of Michigan Headquarters at 112 West Allegan, near the Capitol, in Lansing at 8:00 PM on Friday, October 11. The Platform Committee will meet at 7:00 PM at Headquarters. Both events will be casual exchanges of information, free, and spontaneously productive. We will adjourn to a local pub or disco about 10:00. Details will be available on the LPM telephone tape.

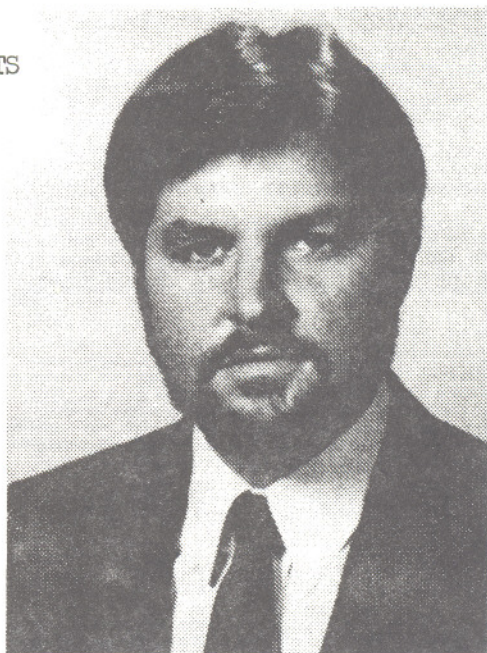
The Libertarian Week finale will feature newly elected National Chairman, Jim Turney who is President of Liberty Audio Services, a Virginia-based firm and a long-time Libertarian spokesperson and organizer. Lynn Tinsley, chairperson of the Illinois Libertarian Party, editor of the Illinois Libertarian, and a psychotherapist by profession will also address the Reception on "Persuasion and Libertarianism". A musical program related to freedom is also being prepared and dancing is likely to materialize at the Detroit-based event. The charge is only \$5 per person or three people for \$10. There will also be prizes awarded to petitioners who have collected 100, 200, 300 or more signatures by that evening, including some free admissions. Contact LPM Headquarters for details.

In addition to local meetings throughout Michigan, there is a special Libertarian Central Committee meeting scheduled for Ann Arbor on Sunday, October 13. The meeting will feature a brief speech by Glen Roberts of Capitol Information Service, as well as discussion or ballot drives for the LPM, Vote on All Taxes, and Part-Time Legislature petitions. Local organizing, student groups, a new recruitment tabloid, change of LPM office, and more will be discussed. Seats on the Central Committee are available in many areas for people who would like to become actively involved.

CONGDON ON COMMISSION

Charles Congdon was elected by the Midland City Council to hold the post of Commissioner on the Midland Cable Communications Advisory Commission. Congdon has been outspoken on issues related to city cable television contracts, citing threats to First Amendment freedoms of expression, as well as other problems with such regulation. Congdon has also made a substantial impact by raising numerous issues effecting the state, the nation, and locality during his campaigns as a Libertarian candidate, the most recent of which was for State Representative in the 102nd District in 1984.

Joseph Overton, former LPM Director, is currently engaged in the non-partisan Midland City Council election to be held this November. Overton was one of two candidates in a field of three to make it through the August primary.



National Chairman, Jim Turney presents "The Time is Right for Libertarianism" October 18.

BALLOT DRIVE UNDERWAY

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is currently involved in a ballot drive to obtain ballot status for the 1986 elections. Approximately 25,000 signatures of registered voters will need to be collected before May in order for Libertarians to run in 1986. Approximately 27,000 signatures have been pledged in keeping with a proposal designed by ace petitioner and former LPM Chairman, Brian Wright. The pledge system allows us to estimate when enough people are committed to collecting signatures to accomplish the drive in the six months allowed by stated law.

Coordinator, Denise Kline, who has participated in ballot drives throughout the country, projects possible completion dates in December and January if all volunteers make a diligent effort to get on with this arduous task. For most volunteers this would mean collecting 20 to 50 signatures per week, which is less than an evening of effort. Assistance in petitioning is available from LPM Headquarters or local coordinators. More help would be greatly appreciated.

Early completion of the LPM ballot drive would qualify the Libertarian Party for the highest slot on the ballot, after the permanent parties. This is important because that priority position traditionally receives a larger share of the protest vote. Increasing our vote totals may make it unnecessary to petition again. Other strategies for keeping ballot status are also under consideration, including choices regarding which office for which Libertarians will run, litigation, and lobbying. In Congress House Bill HR 2320 reduces signature requirements for federal congressional, senatorial and presidential races. Libertarian ballot access attorney, Richard Winger, is in Washington discussing hearings on that bill in October, during Michigan's Libertarian Week.

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IN MEMORIUM

During the summer, our friend and fellowtraveler toward liberty, Judy Steinberger, died. The following is part of her eulogy written by Rev. Patrick Heller, which we print in her memory.

I swear by my life, and my love of it, that I will never live my life for the sake of another human being, nor ask another to live for mine.

We are here to bid farewell to Judy Steinberger, a woman who lived by those words. We are here to share our sorrow at her death and to pay tribute to this woman, this mother, this sister, this friend, and the spirit that guided her life.

Each of us here today remembers Judy in our own special way. For me, she was a friend I loved. A friend I was fortunate enough to know more than a decade. She was there in April 1975 to watch me burn my Social Security card on the steps of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing. She was there last November at another of many wonderful libertarian gatherings that combined inspirational and social functions. When I saw her there, it came to me that I had not actually seen her for a couple years because of geographical separation. But we hugged like no time had passed, between us.

Judy was an atheist. For her, this is the end. This is a time when I wish the fabric of reality could be changed and she could join us again. But she has died. She lived and she lived by her principles. Although her body has been claimed by the Night, I am confident that her spirit stayed strong and never surrendered.

Judy was a helpful friend to those who shared her spirit. Almost two years ago, I started writing short stories exemplifying the virtues we both value. She was one of the few people with whom I shared the newborn thoughts.

In the late 1970s, I called for volunteer help to staff a literature table in Detroit. Judy gave some of her time to help out. Later, in 1980, she answered another call for volunteer help in moving books and furniture to establish a libertarian center. That day, she came to do what she could do before she had to go to work. She could only help a couple of hours, but she was there when needed.

Judy was a teacher. From conversations with her, I know she cared about whether her students learned their material. She did not just pass time to draw a paycheck, she strove to bring insight and growth to her precious students. She taught Saturday enrichment classes which included exceptionally bright scholars. She let me know the rewards she felt in helping these questing minds reach into the future. And she also shared the frustrations brought about by the mind-chilling bureaucracy she had to face down in order to be a better teacher.

Judy was a mother. She instilled Ed, Dan, Leah and Eve with the values so important to her. Those who were her friend extend our sympathies to you.

Judy was an independent woman. She did what she thought was right and not necessarily what was convenient and financially easier. Her strength was an inspiration to me, and many others. She cannot be replaced in our minds.

I do not find any joy in being here today to say 'goodby to you, Judy. Instead, I am sad that you will not see the sun rise on a land of liberty again. For I am confident that, if humans ever become civilized enough to live in peace and liberty, science would find a cure for the calamity that stilled your spirit. Now, I can only work harder to help bring that glorious day, to help bring the bounty of man's mind to all people while they are still here to enjoy it. And if I grow weary with the effort, I will recall your liveliness, your determination, your spirit and I will carry on. And I will succeed. For myself. And for you Judy.



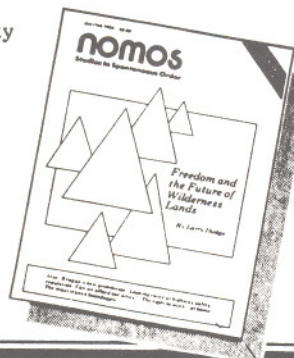
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The proper approach to obtaining a refund on the Ann Arbor illegal tax based on the unconstitutional New Business and Transient Traders Ordinance is as follows:

The Taxpayer should make photocopies of the tax receipts, circling or otherwise indicating the portion illegally paid on each receipt copy.

The photocopies should be submitted with the current tax bill, along with payment equal to the current bill less the amount illegally paid previously.

This places the issue in the protest category, and should indicate to the city attorney that the tax was paid under tacit protest. The original receipts should be saved and provided to one's own attorney if the city attempts to re-collect the illegal tax.

Inasmuch as you are a Libertarian, I am surprised you have not considered advising businesses of this procedure. I have a Sunday newspaper motor route, and I always credit overpayments toward future issues of the newspaper. It would seem logical the same procedure should apply to overpaid taxes.

Sincerely,
Frederick G. Schantz

Editor: The views expressed are not necessarily those of The Michigan Libertarian or of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, but if Mr. Schantz is on to something, we thought you'd like to know about it.

WHY LIBERTY?

Liberty, a blessing so great and so desirable that when it is lost all evils follow thereafter, and even the blessings that remain lose taste and savor because of their corruption by servitude. Etienne de la Boetie, 1553

Show the people, make it clear to their heart and understanding, that it is liberty alone that can lead us into this blessed path of peace and friendship; that it alone can still the strife and the hatreds; that it alone is the instrument of progress of every kind. Auberon Herbert, 1906

Everything Good Depends On Liberty

We all know that liberty is what makes life worth living, that it is essential for our happiness and for the fulfillment of our human potential. We are also aware that at least some liberty is necessary to sustain our existence, for life itself.

However, not everyone really understands that liberty is the supreme value that makes all other values possible, and that liberty is the foundation of all progress and of civilization. Some do not see that progress requires the freedom to try new things, and to reap the rewards of success or suffer failure. And unfortunately, many actually believe that liberty is bad for people; that it is the cause of problems instead of the solution.

All good things which exist are the fruit of originality. John Stuart Mill, 1859

Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better, whereas enslavement is a certainty of the worse. Albert Camus, 1960

It is true that liberty is precious--so precious that it must be rationed. Lenin, 1939

Perhaps the easiest way to prove the truth about liberty is to point out that the happiness and prosperity of the people in various countries is proportional to the liberty they enjoy. People always try to escape from countries with less liberty to those with more, sometimes at the risk of their lives.

Is More Necessarily Better?

But it is not as obvious that people in the countries with the most liberty would be much better off with even more liberty. Without freer countries for comparison, we are not even aware of how little liberty we really have. It's like trying to imagine life a hundred years in the future. One of the main purposes of this book is to demonstrate the benefits of more liberty, and show that if there is such a thing as too much liberty, we are very far away from that point.

They who look upon Liberty as having accomplished her mission when she has abolished hereditary privileges and given men the ballot, who think of her as having no further relation to the everyday affairs of life, have not seen her real grandeur. Henry George, 1879

Freedom has a thousand charms to show, That slaves, howe'er contented, never know. William Cowper, 1782

Liberty would not, of course, instantly produce a perfect world. It is impossible to prevent all crime, accidents and misfortunes, and liberty takes time for its good work. Liberty should not be measured against paradise, but rather against the best that any other system has produced.

Liberty is so superior that it is difficult to describe the improvements we could expect, without it sounding like a dream come true. But it is not an impossible dream. We can and should have these benefits for ourselves, for our descendants, and especially for the poor and unfortunate who have the most to gain from liberty.

Liberty is usually discussed only in negative terms--freedom from oppression, etc.--so the enormous positive benefits are not sufficiently appreciated. The examples below show why liberty is the most important and exciting issue of our time.

These benefits of liberty are listed here without details or explanation, to serve as an introduction to the rest of this book. It will be the primary task of later chapters to demonstrate that the lack of liberty is the leading cause of serious social and economic problems, and that, while no one can exactly foretell the future, there are convincing reasons to expect that liberty will produce all these benefits, and more.

Peace

Try to visualize what it would mean for the world to be completely at peace. In a libertarian world there could be no war or threat of draft conscription. The political and economic tensions that cause war would be eliminated, along with wasteful military spending, nuclear bombs, and the power to wage war.

There would be no national borders and everyone would be free to travel where they wished. The present large differences in the standards of living between countries would disappear with the increase in trade. Hunger would not be a problem. No longer would refugees lose their

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lives escaping from tyranny, or suffer the heartbreak of separated families.

If America were the only libertarian country, war would still be possible, but far less likely. We would have better defense at much lower cost. We would have friendly relations with all the people of the world, and be a shining beacon to light their way to liberty.

Prosperity

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the cost of living were cut at least in half with low taxes (or even no taxes) and no inflation? Think what this would mean for the poor!

Imagine a prosperity great enough to provide good employment for every person willing and able to work. A prosperity so great that those few who are too severely handicapped to support themselves (even with the tremendous demand for any kind of labor) would be compassionately and generously cared for by private charities overflowing with money.

Think about a rapidly expanding economy improving our real income each year, with the higher standard of living and increased leisure that would bring. With plenty of capital for new and growing companies, business competition would provide better quality, variety, safety and service.

With liberty, greatly increased progress in science could raise the quality of life, especially by improving health, eliminating disease and extending life spans. Every day, thousands die who could have been saved if we had had liberty only for a few years.

And imagine people's savings from high earnings, protected from taxation and inflation, enabling them to retire in comfort, dignity, and security, dependent on no one. Even better, the value of money might actually increase so that a dollar saved at age 20 would be worth more than four dollars at age 60, plus interest, and pensions steadily increased in purchasing power?

What if schooling really educated, and at less than one half of the present cost? Low cost transportation without congestion, and plentiful low cost housing would help, too. And how about a tolerant society with greatly reduced tensions between races, classes, and other groups?

Sound impossible? But these are only a few of the social and material benefits we could enjoy in a libertarian society! The source of all these benefits is liberty, the most precious benefit of all, without which all else is meaningless.

If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too. Somerset Maugham, 1941

Best Economic System

Wouldn't it also be great to have an economic system in which each person is rewarded for helping other people according to how much they appreciate the help? What if all parties to each purchase came out better off, with no losers and no one being exploited? And wouldn't it be nice if people were free to cooperate in any way they agreed to, without having to ask anyone's permission?

While we're at it, let's also specify that this economic system should abolish poverty, discourage all irrational discrimination based on factors such as race, religion, sex and ancestors; plus eliminate monopolies and pollution, and promote environmental conservation.

This is the economic system produced by liberty. Neither this system nor liberty have ever been tried, but we know they will work from our experiences with a little liberty. This untried wonderful economic system is called the free market.

Justice

We could have arbitration of disputes, such as accident liability, which would be speedy and inexpensive. Huge legal fees for routine service such as probating wills and real estate sales could be eliminated. We could afford justice.

Imagine criminal justice that was swift, effective, low cost and fair. And what if it were based on the rights of the victim with the emphasis on guilt and innocence--not legal technicalities? Why not completely compensate victims for their losses and suffering at the expense of the criminals?

How about humane sentences without prisons, that would really reform criminals and always be proportional to the crime? Shouldn't innocent people who suffered police

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PLATFORM COMMITTEE SEEKING INPUT

The Platform Committee will be holding three more meetings to solicit member suggestions for the 1986 Platform. The next meeting will be October 11, at 7 PM at Headquarters just before the open house for 1988 presidential contender, James Libertarian Burns.

The other meetings will be mid-November and December 14 or 15. Locations to be determined. Please contact us if you can host a Platform or Central Committee meeting in your area.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Platform is urged to attend at least one of these meetings. Space is still available on the Committee for anyone wishing to assist in the preparation and editing of the Platform once all suggestions are received.

Below, for your review, is the tentative Platform draft compiled by the Platform Chairman, Gary Bradley.

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Libertarian Party of Michigan Tentative Platform Proposal

Introduction

While endorsing the national platform, we note that it is extremely general and addresses itself to relatively long term political goals. The purpose of the state platform of the Libertarian Party of Michigan is to lay out a set of political proposals of greater specificity and near term viability, uniquely aimed at the political climate of the state of Michigan. The national platform remains a concise statement of the long term goals of the Party.

Economics

1. Government spending: reduce state spending by a minimum of 3% per year for the next four years.
2. Reduce the Single Business Tax by 20% per year for five years and thereafter eliminate it. While opposing all taxes on business as damaging to the economy, we suggest that businesses be charged an explicit user fee for government services and that other taxes on business be tied to the degree to which a business's externalized production costs are subsidized by the state.
3. Enact a statewide ban on taxation of inventories and production equipment by state or local governments.
4. Roll back the Equalized Value Formula for property tax assessment to 25% of the market value of the property and privatize the assessing of the value. Reduce tax rates on farm and wilderness lands.
5. Balanced budget: to prevent the legislature from running up debts to be paid in future decades, place a limit on the issuance of state bonds and require a public referendum on issues in excess of \$1 million.
6. Sales tax: extend the presents sales tax exemptions to electricity, natural gas, and home heating oil.
7. Utilities: open state markets in electricity, natural gas, and telephone service to free competition.
8. Building codes: replace present code system with construction insurance as presently done in the United Kingdom.
9. Unemployment: change formula to Weeks Eligible = $\frac{1}{2}$ (Weeks Previously Employed) to a maximum of 60 weeks. Require a one week waiting period before initial benefits.
10. Licensing: reduce or eliminate most state licensing requirements.
11. Personal income tax: reduce the personal rate to 3.0% by 1994.
12. Eliminate all state welfare over a five year period.

Crime

1. Privatize the prison system with emphasis on rehabilitation and job training.
2. Revision of present criminal code to require restitution to the victim as part of penalties for conviction.

3. Victimless crimes: repeal pertinent laws, specifically:

- A. Seat belt and helmet laws.
- B. The 55 mph speed limit.
- C. Sexual practices between consenting adults.
- D. "Pornography" laws, particularly the new law sponsored by Senator Cropsey, which will undoubtedly be found unconstitutional.
- E. Decriminalize use and sale of marijuana. We note that extending decriminalization to other drugs would be too complicated under present federal restrictions.
- F. Gambling: we advocate the introduction of off track betting and limited casino gambling to begin the decriminalization process. Care should be taken to avoid adverse property value effects as happened in Atlantic City.

4. Pardons should be issued to offenders presently incarcerated for victimless crimes.

Education

Since the state effectively controls both funding and services for the educational system, we initially advocate an educational voucher system to produce a competitive market for services. Once this is accomplished, the funding role of the state can be re-examined.

Environment

1. Revise laws for toxic waste liability.
2. We oppose the federal plans for water diversion from the Great Lakes.
3. We advocate the sale, over a ten year period, of all state land, lakes, rivers, etc. Funds resulting from these sales to reduce/eliminate state taxes.

Political Legislation

1. Abolish the present campaign funding system, which acts as a subsidy to the two major parties and an obstacle to minor parties and independents.
2. Eliminate "straight ticket" voting in the state.
3. Require future legislation to be written in common English so the public is not forced to subsidize the legal profession.
4. Require a public record on all votes of the State Legislature, available both weekly and in yearly compilation.
5. We endorse the campaign for non-partisan judicial primaries.

Notes:

Economics #12: Suggest that this be approached as in education and remove the state from the administration of welfare first, then worry about the funding function.

Environment #3: Suggest that lakes and rivers may be too extreme with elaboration. Restrict proposal to land sales with separate proposal for turning over river management to private groups as in England.

(On What I did for Liberty This Summer)



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WHAT?: Tri-County (Ionia-Barry-Montcalm) Libertarian Party group discussion meeting.

WHERE?: Corcoran's Restaurant-Main St.-Downtown Ionia

WHEN?: 2nd Wednesday of each month. Next event-Wednesday, October 9th.
7 P:M for dinner (Optional-Dutch treat)
7:30 P:M Discussion begins
Tonights topic: "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.....
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Many people are content to sit back and complain about what government has been doing to their lives without doing anything about it. It's time to stop complaining and do something about it.

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All sessions are open to the public and everyone is invited and urged to bring a friend.

Set aside the 2nd Wednesday of each month on your calendar. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new friends who want to help in our struggle to reclaim Liberty.

PROGRAMS BY ANN ARBOR LIBERTARIAN LEAGUE

In the fall of 1972, Jeffrey Doan (the third chairman of the Libertarian Party of Michigan) and James Hudler (current chairman of the L.P.M.) founded the Ann Arbor Libertarian League on the University of Michigan campus. Their purpose was to establish a longstanding libertarian educational organization to counteract the statism propounded by the University of Michigan.

Today, the Ann Arbor Libertarian League is still actively educating the students at the University of Michigan and the surrounding community under the leadership of James Hudler, James Greenshields, Glenn Mensching, Jeff Grund, Immanuel Hatz, and Rich Birkett. The schedule for the next two months is below. The meetings and programs are open to all interested persons.

October 10th: "The Sanction of the Victim", Ayn Rand's last speech video tape. 7 PM. Henderson Room of the Michigan League.

October 24th: "Religion & the State", panel discussion, chaired by Rich Birkett. 7 PM. Room C of the Michigan League.

November 7th: "Introduction to Objectivist Philosophy", taped lecture by Nathaniel Branden. 7 PM. Michigan League.

November 14th: "Political Preference and Psychodynamics", Dr. Bette Erwin. 7 PM. Michigan League.

Jack and Jill Watts of Washington Township hosted a 4th of July celebration for local libertarians, former Blanchard-Serotkin recallers, and other limited governmenttalists at their lakeside home.

Pat Paterson, Director of Program Development for the Heartland Institute, the midwest's new libertarian think-tank based in Chicago, met with Michigan libertarians Virginia Cropsey, Larry Ludlow, Brad Smith and Michael Turomsha at Warren Dunes State Park, Lake Michigan, on September 8. Plans were made for bringing more of the Heartland's outreach to Michigan media. Heartland recently named two Michigan research associates who will develop information on Michigan local government for policy statement and press release publications by the Heartland. Mr. Smith agreed to develop information on the Michigan insurance crisis for the Heartland. Mr. Smith is an expert on small business insurance in Michigan. Look for his comments in the October issue of "Inc." magazine. Ms. Cropsey provided Mr. Paterson with names of Michigan libertarians with specific areas of expertise, as well as names of potential contributors. If you would like to support the Heartland Institute or would like more information, contact Pat Peterson, Heartland Institute; Mid-Continental Plaza; 55 East Monroe, Suite 4315; Chicago, IL 60603-5842; (312) 544-1440, or locally, Virginia Cropsey at 313-978-8710.

Macomb County Issues Chair Larry Ludlow had his letters on import restrictions published in the September 2 edition of "Fortune". Libertarians would be interested in the August 5 edition of "Fortune" article "New Libertarians Make Waves" and letters to the editor in two subsequent editions, including one by David Bergland.

Mr. Ludlow's letter on welfare spending was published in the September 8 Detroit News.

Mark Sellers picked up 1,000 copies of Libertarianism in One Lesson from David Bergland in California when he was doing coursework there this summer. Local groups may purchase copies from the Macomb County LP at reduced rates.

Macomb County LP Chair Virginia Cropsey debated the Michigan seat belt law with the head of the Michigan Coalition for Seat Belt Use for Farmington Hills cable and the producer declared Cropsey the winner. "He was boring, but you were great," said Mary Calderone. Cropsey will have the right to distribute the half hour videotape after February. Persons who wish to show the tape locally, contact Ms. Cropsey.

Macomb Libertarians Larry Ludlow and Virginia Cropsey are coordinators for the Mt. Clemens and Sterling Heights Part-Time Legislature petitions drive. Ludlow arranged coverage for the Part-Time Legislature booth at the State fair. Jim McAbee and Cathy Stewart attended. Cropsey is sponsoring a benefit for the petitions drive which will feature state representative Margaret O'Connor on Thursday, October 10 at 8 p.m. at Stevenson High School, 39701 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights. This is the Macomb LP's Libertarian Week event. Libertarians from all areas are invited to attend.

Metro libertarians who would like to appear on the Channel 56 program "Both Sides Now" should call Virginia Cropsey. The program airs live Tuesdays at 9 p.m. and the producers call Ms. Cropsey weekly for speaker suggestions.

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BALLOT ACCESS NEWS
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HR 2320 NEWS SEPTEMBER 25, 1985
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1. NEW CO-SPONSOR: Congressman Edolphus Towns of Brooklyn, NY. There are now two co-sponsors from Brooklyn. 13 congressmen have their names on the bill now.

2. PUBLICITY FOR HR 2320: Ralph Nader wrote a syndicated column, boosting HR 2320, in late July.

Election Administration Reports, a biweekly newsletter published for elections administrators, had an article on HR 2320 earlier this month.

The National Alliance newspaper has published a special 4-page insert on the bill, which I haven't seen yet.

The Daily World of Sept. 18 has a major story on HR 2320.

The California Statesman of August published a special edition about HR 2320. Since the publisher generously supplied me with 250 free copies, most of you are getting a copy with this newsletter. If you didn't get one and would like to see a copy of one, let me know and I'll send you a copy.

3. STRATEGY: Congress will recess some time in November. The period November and December 1985 is the best opportunity in the entire two-year cycle for people to talk to their member of Congress, in the home district office. Congress members are home and they aren't preoccupied with their re-election campaigning.

I believe that the Coalition for Free and Open Elections (a group that has been holding organizing meetings since February 1985, and which consists of just about all of the nationally-organized "third" political parties) will be attempting to find at least one reliable activist in each congressional district in the nation. This reliable activist will be asked to set up an appointment for himself or herself, with that activist's own member of Congress, for the purpose of asking that member of Congress to co-sponsor the bill.

For the Libertarian Party, David Bergland has agreed to coordinate this work. In my opinion, this "grass-roots" personal contact with each member of Congress is essential, if the bill is ever to make any headway. WE NEED MORE CO-SPONSORS.

4. NEW ENDORSERS: Mayor Marion Berry of Washington, DC; former Congressman Ron Paul of Texas; David McReynolds of War Resisters League; St Gerson of the Daily World; the National Baptist Convention; others of whom I am unaware.

5. CONGRESSMAN SWIFT REFUTES HIMSELF: One reason Congressman Swift listed for not holding hearings on HR 2320 is that it weakens states' rights. His latest letter acknowledges that HR 2320 is constitutional but he still cites tradition. However, he himself is sponsoring HR 1380, a bill which would force all states to hold their presidential primaries (and even their caucus dates) between March and June (this would force New Hampshire to change its February primary date and force Iowa to change its January caucus date). The first-named sponsor of HR 1380 is Congressman Udall of Arizona. The bill has about 25 co-sponsors and Swift does plan to hold hearings on HR 1380.

I mention HR 1380 to show Swift's inconsistency. Incidental to that, however, I cannot avoid pointing out that under many recent court decisions, it is the right of each political party to decide such things as caucus dates for itself. It is not a proper subject for either congress, or state legislatures, to decide.

6. NEW AMMUNITION: Enclosed is a sheet comparing the ballot access requirements for a new party to get on the statewide ballot, with the party name, in the years 1930 and 1986. Between 1930 and 1985, USA population has doubled, but USA ballot requirements have increased TEN-FOLD. The right of the American people to form new political parties has been eroding over these last 55 years, and most of the damage has occurred since 1969. WE MUST GET THIS MESSAGE OUT TO NEWSPAPER COLUMNISTS, RADIO TALK SHOWS, AND CONGRESS.

Another point in our favor: there have been approximately 200 ballot access lawsuits filed in federal court since 1968. The federal courts are severely burdened with an avalanche of lawsuits. None of these lawsuits would have been filed if HR 2320 had existed (I will supply a list of the 200 cases if you wish. They all concern federal office).

7. I am going to DC to lobby for HR 2320 Oct. 15-29. Thanks to Bernard Baltic, Kathy Herrer and Jim Walters for helping me. PLEASE WRITE ME to tell me WHO IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN??

LIBERTARIAN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lansing area Libertarians were treated to a "thrashers feast" at the East Lansing home of Duane and Gwen Stillwell as a grand opening to the 1985-86 political season. The festival picnic was also a successful fundraiser and again a fun time for games and discussion, as well as a tour of the Stillwell's Libertarian Library. Gwen plans to make its materials available to MSU students nearby and to others interested in libertarian readings. Petitioning at MSU registration and the October 12 U of M and MSU game with a "tailgate party" was also organized. A new student organization is forming which is likely to use a variety of media in its discussion groups. Jon Addiss announced that Marshall Fritz of "Self-Government Advocates" would be available to present his classic "Introduction to Libertarianism" for new libertarians or non-libertarians on Wednesday, November 13. Though there may be a charge for this event, those who bring guests will qualify for a substantial rebate. Look for details in the next issue or contact Jon Addiss at 321-1200.

The Tri-County Libertarian Alliance of greater Lansing will hold its next three meetings at the Eagle Restaurant on the third Thursday of October, November and December. The October meeting will feature Patrick Heller of Liberty Coins on "There's No Such Thing as a Public Service".

BURRIS FEATURE continued:

abuse or were falsely prosecuted receive compensation from those responsible? Perhaps best of all, imagine the feeling of security with the crime rate reduced over 90%.

But in a libertarian society we could have true social justice with all these benefits and more. The libertarian system of justice is called restitution.

Catch

How liberty would bring all these benefits will be explained in later chapters.

There is of course a catch and some "sacrifice." The catch is that we will have to work to achieve liberty and to hold it. The "sacrifice" is that each of us will have to give up trying to use government to run the lives of others and to live at their expense. But wouldn't it be worth it?

As libertarians we say to the world: "Wake up and cut the cord. There is a world of infinite pleasure, variety and adventure open to the person with the courage to be free."

Jarret B. Wollstein

The greatest thing you can say about freedom is that you feel better when you're free. It's a more enjoyable state of life than to be either a slave or a master.

Karl Hess, 1982

Liberty is the prize, responsibility the price.

Dick Randolph

God wills us free, man wills us slaves. I will as God wills, God's will be done.

Epitaph on gravestone of John Jack, A Native of Africa,

who died March 1773.

Tho' born in a land of slavery, he was born free.

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

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SPEAKERS:

JIM TURNEY — "The US Libertarian Movement" — Jim Turney is the National Chair of the U.S. Libertarian Party.

SALLY HAYES — "Experiences of an Elected Libertarian" — Sally Hayes was elected to Peterborough City Council in 1982.

LYN TINSLEY — Lyn Tinsley is the Illinois Libertarian Party State Chair, and is also editor of their newsletter. She is a psychotherapist, specializing in communication and stress management consulting.

JIM and ELOISE HEDBOR — "Getting Media Attention During a Campaign" — Jim Hedbor ran for Congress in the 1984 Vermont election and published a book on his experience, "Doing Politics". Eloise is a working journalist.

Panel Discussions

"NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT"

YES — Mike Tanner, President of Project Ploughshares Sarnia. This is the local chapter of a national peace group sponsored by the principal churches in Canada. It researches the links between militarism and underdevelopment, proposing alternative policies to halt the arms race. Mike is an engineer by profession, and is married, with three children.

NO — Miroslaw Matuszewski, Chairman of the Canadian Coalition for Peace Through Strength. This Toronto-based organization has 600 members across Canada and is dedicated to peace — in freedom. They feel that peace must be achieved through the military, moral, and economic strength of free people.

"RENT CONTROLS"

YES — Speaker's name unavailable at press time.

NO — Datinder Sodhi, President of Landlords Against Rent Control. This group was formed in January of 1985 and already has more than 1000 members. Mr. Sodhi is also the author of the Canadian Law Dictionary.

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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 Palonus.

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 Cocktails, 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.

IONIA AREA LP meets on second Wednesdays; see page 5 for details.



REMEMBER LIBERTARIAN WEEK, OCTOBER 11-18
Details throughout newsletter.



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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.



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October 13: Libertarian Central Committee meets in Ann Arbor, Room D on the 3rd Floor of the Michigan League at 2PM with Roberts.

October 18: Reception with National Chair, Jim Turney and Lyn Tinsley in Dearborn at Christoff's-La Taverna, 13736 Michigan Ave.

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