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First Annual Independence Day BBQ & Camp-Out

Christa Siering

We had perfect weather for our First Annual Independence Day BBQ & Camp-Out, with approximately 75 adults and 20 kids attending. About 25 people camped out and stayed for breakfast! In addition to good food and good conversation, we had volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, paddle boating on the pond, swimming in the pool, fireworks, and the all-night bonfire!

Many, many thanks to all who helped to make the party a success. A lot of preparation went into this event, including mowing and trimming of the grounds, repairing and painting picnic tables, setting up tents and canopies, and many other details. During the party there were several shifts of cooking over a hot stove and grill. And last but not least, the job of cleaning up, tearing down, taking garbage to the dump, etc. Thank you to Ellen, Carl, Donny, Jamie, Becky, Jamie Jr., and Amber – you guys are great and your work is truly appreciated!

Hope everyone had fun; we are planning to do it again next year! Check out some pictures from the party in the Photos section of our Yahoo group, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ithaca_LP/

The Talkmaster, Neal Boortz, hits the Ithaca airwaves

Libertarian talk radio host [Neal Boortz](http://boortz.com) (📍<http://boortz.com>) can now be heard on WHCU AM 870. Yes, we have an outspoken, entertaining and opinionated libertarian on the air in Ithaca! I've been listening to him on occasion via his web stream for years. His nationally syndicated show can be heard here in the Ithaca area Monday through Friday from 6:00pm (after top of the hour news) to 8:00pm. The show is not carried live

here, but recorded and broadcast locally later in the day, so don't bother to call in. Also added to the WHCU lineup is Rush Limbaugh: noon-3pm, Bill O'Reilly: 3-5pm, Lars Larson: 8-10pm, Clark Howard: 10-1am and John and Jeff from 1-5am. Libertarian Professor of Economics at George Mason University and Free State Project endorser, [Walter Williams](http://www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew/index.html) (📍<http://www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew/index.html>) is a fairly regular Friday guest host for Rush.

The recent sale of Eagle Broadcasting to the Cayuga Radio Group has brought with it many programming changes in Ithaca. WHCU has become the Conservative station, with the oldies music station changing call letters to WNYW AM 1470 and becoming the Liberal station.

Neal Boortz said, "I believe that the principal difference between the Democrats and the Republicans is that the Democrats just want to grow our Imperial Federal Government a bit faster than the Republicans do,"

For the last three years, Boortz has been nominated *NewsTalk Personality of the Year* by the readers of Radio and Records Magazine. He won it in 2002. Neal also writes [Nealz Nuze](#), an entertaining, daily libertarian commentary.

Emmy Nomination

Ithaca Libertarian Dan Maas has been nominated for an Emmy Award – CONGRATULATIONS Dan, and good luck! Dan's company, [Maas Digital](http://www.maasdigital.com) (📍<http://www.maasdigital.com>), is located right here in Ithaca. The Emmy nomination is in the Graphic and Artistic Design category for the work he did on *Mars Dead or Alive*, a PBS NOVA documentary. Watch the video in the Maas Digital Gallery. The Cornell press release is at: 📍 <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/July05/MaasEmmyNom.bpf.html>

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Calendar of Events - 2005

August 13	Saturday	OPH outreach table on the Commons
August 19	Friday	IL monthly meeting
September 16	Friday	IL monthly meeting
September 17	Saturday	OPH outreach table on the Commons
October 8	Saturday	OPH outreach table on the Commons
October 21	Friday	IL monthly meeting
November 18	Friday	IL monthly meeting
December 16	Friday	IL monthly meeting
January 20	Friday	IL annual convention & social event

- * All monthly meetings above held at Bool's Flower Shop 209 N. Aurora St., Ithaca at 5:30pm.
- * OPH outreach tables will be on the Ithaca Commons – location & afternoon times TBA.
- * If you have suggestions for the calendar, the meeting agendas or anything else, contact Christa at sieringcr@msn.com

NYLP calendar with state and local events:

<http://ny.lp.org/calendar>

Operation Politically Homeless on the Ithaca Commons

Ellen E. Ricketson

The Ithaca Libertarians have done four outreach events on the Commons since Tax Day, April 15th 2005. It was a great inspiration and motivator to have Michael Badnarik here for our first one.

I have grown to look forward to and enjoy the OPH outreach. Interacting with the local people, especially young adults, has been enlightening and interesting, but the results of the quizzes not too surprising. There are a lot of liberals, but also a lot of unaware libertarians. The real and whole purpose of the OPH is to find and identify with other libertarians.

The biggest proportion of Ithacans quizzed score very high in wanting personal liberty. I think the economic questions are ambiguous, and we should write our own. We stimulate lively conversations with participants, and, while we do not try to or expect to change anyone's mind, we sometimes get them thinking.

It has been enjoyable experience, even in heat, wind and threatening rain. Volunteers are always welcome. Come to the Commons one Saturday afternoon a month and enjoy yourself! We need to make our presence known!!

Description	Results	Overall %
Libertarians	53/124	42.7%
Left Liberals	54/124	43.5%
Centrists	10/124	8.0%
Statist	4/124	3.0%
Right conservative	3/124	2.4%

Total of 124 quizzes given (5/14/05, 6/09/05, 7/09/05)

<http://www.theadvocates.org/quiz.html>



The stickers on the above poster represent the Quiz takers on the Ithaca Commons from a recent Saturday OPH outreach event. Yellow is female, orange is male

www.ithacalibertarians.org

Do you have any ideas for what you'd like to see on our forthcoming website? Favorite links to suggest? Artwork, banners and logos are needed too. The website is under construction and we can use you input. Here's what we've got so far:

- * Home
- * About
- * Photo Album
- * Newsletter Archive
- * Press Releases
- * Blog
- * Letters to the Editor
- * Editorials
- * Calendar of Events
- * Voting Records of Local Elected Officials
- * Links
- * Contact Us
- * Bylaws
- * OPH online and local Quiz results

If you'd like to contribute, please contact our Webmaster, [Curry Taylor](mailto:ctaylo12@twcny.rr.com) at:

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Springing us from our prisoner's dilemma

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From Mr Marshall L. Stocker.

Sir, In his commentary on the World Trade Organisation ("Waning expectations", July 18), Alan Beattie accurately details the dilemma that stymies progress in the Doha round of trade negotiations. Each nation is afraid to dispose of protective tariffs and subsidies for fear other nations will not reciprocate. Discomfort with unilateral trade liberalisation is grounded in the classic prisoner's dilemma such that each nation believes it will gain only when other nations liberalise.

Fortunately, in 1817, one of Britain's great sons - David Ricardo - dispelled this trade myth. He showed in his theory of comparative advantage that benefits that come from unilateral trade liberalisation far exceed costs.

Folks, this is economics 101. As the Doha round nears an end, trade representatives must discard the politics and accept the economics. Embracing the benefits of unilateral trade-liberalising is the only way to spring us from our prisoner's dilemma.

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