

## Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of Illinois

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FLASH ......FLASH ......FLASH .....

Paul Stout, libertarian extraordinaire, past Libertarian candidate for Congress, draft resister, and tax resister who just won't quit, and is now spending time for having the temerity to live in his conscience, free, is about to have his house seized by the IRS. If you would like to help the Stouts through this difficulty, please call Ken Prazak at 708-810-1974. Paul is 70 years old and has heart trouble. It is time for all stout-hearted men and women to come to the fore.

#### Leadership the Issue

by Steve Givot

I intend to use leadership as my #1 issue. The media always love to ask third party candidates what they would do if elected. Well, by now, most of them know where we are coming from. Let's give them something new to think about. Let's convince them that it is the LP that has supplied the best new and innovative ideas during the past decade or two.

For example, It wasn't the Republicans or the Democrats who had dreamed up the Tax Accountability Amendment. The idea, and much of the fundraising and organization required to get it on the ballot, came principally from the LP. Howie Rich, Eric O'Keefe, Paul Jacob, Helen Heyden, Sue Walton, and many others are not D's or R's. They are L's. Jim Edgar and Neil Hartigan, my unworthy opponents, have now endorsed it! Great! What we now have are two politicians who were inept at determining what the state needed, but are willing to follow Libertarian Party leadership. Yet they seek to lead the state's government! This is our issue. Let's make certain that the media understand that we are the leaders

#### **Shilts for Attorney** General

Gary Shilts, an Aurora attorney, will be the Libertarian Party's candidate for Attorney General of Illinois. Shilts was the Libertarian's candidate for governor in 1986.

Gary recently returned form a one year sabbatical, travelling to the Yukon, California, the East Coast, and Florida.

Shilts plans to focus on the drug problem as his campaign theme for Attorney General. "Drug prohibition is killing people. It is killing policemen, it is killing addicts and users, and it is killing innocent crime victims. It is time to take the profit out of drugs by legalizing them. Anyone who really wants to help the victims of drug use knows that the only way addicts and other drug users can be helped with their sickness is when we begin to treat drug abuse as a public health problem and not as a crime. 'Get the Government off Drugs', will be my campaign theme."

"For the last 50 years we have had alternate administrations of Republicans stealing form the poor and Democrats stealing from the rich. We are all poorer for that now. Only the Libertarians say it is time for everyone to stop stealing. It is time for all men and women to respect each others differences. It is time coercive government leaves us all alone to live, love, work, and play in whatever peaceful and honest fashion we see fit."

## Let the People Vote!!

from the Tax Accountability Amendment Committee

Nearly half a million Illinois taxpayers have signed the Tax Accountability Amendment in order to put this initiative before the people for a vote. The people have this right. This is the meaning of democracy and both the letter and the spirit of the Illinois Constitution.

But one man, Michael Madigan, the powerful Speaker of the House is out to stop this vote. He has manipulated the Chicago Bar Association into suing to try to knock the amendment off the ballot. Their lawsuit, filed as a political favor to Madigan. has no legal basis — it is 100% politically motivated. Madigan is attempting to disenfranchise the voters for the benefit of a whole pack of tax-eating special interests.

While democracy is flowering in Eastern Europe, the heavy-handed actions of Michael Madigan amount to nothing less than the politics of Red Square before glasnost. We say to Madigan and his puppets at the Chicago Bar Association: "Let the People Vote!"

We, the people and the taxpayers of Illinois, demand that:

- Chester Blair and the Chicago Bar Association admit that the lawsuit against the Tax Accountability Amendment was filed at the request of House Speaker Michael Madigan.
- The Chicago Bar Association apologize to both the court and the people for lying about what prompted them to file suit against the initiative.
- Madigan and the C.B.A. withdraw this politically-motivated lawsuit.

Chester L. Blair

Let them know your opinion:

Rep. Michael J. Madigan 312-581-8000 217-782-5350

Chicago Bar Association 312-782-7348 29 So. LaSalle St.Chicago, IL 6500 So. Pulaski Chicago, IL 60603 60629

#### **PETITION FOR NOMINATION**

(To Form a New Political Party)

We, the undersigned, qualified, registered voters of the State of Illinois, do declare that it is our intention to form a new political party in the State of Illinois, to be known and designated as the **Libertarian Party**, and do hereby petition that the following named persons shall be candidates for the offices hereinafter specified, to be voted at the General Election to be held on November 6, 1990.

A COMPLETE SLATE IS HEREBY PRESENTED

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## **Gettin' High for Freedom**

by Ken Prazak

In my travels promoting libertarianism, *Prairie Fire*, and jury nullification, I traveled back to the future at an event called "Weedstock", in Black River Falls Wisconsin, on Memorial Day weekend. This was "Woodstock" with a lot less people, lesser known bands, and no commie talk. Libertarian Milo Horn of Elgin set up the chance for a libertarian to talk at this event. "Weedstock" was sponsored by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

The trip was well worth it. As soon as I set up the LPI banner, people started congregating around our camp site, and talk libertarian politics. I made contacts with people all over the midwest as well as Colorado. Thirteen people from Illinois asked for LPI membership forms. I expect we should get at least six members out of the thirteen.

In my brief talk in front of approximately 300 people, I mentioned that various freedom groups need to get together and support each other and that the Libertarian Party is a good efficient way to do this. When I mentioned economic rights I received just as good a response as when I mentioned personal rights, which was pleasantly surprising. Many people had never heard of jury nullification and appreciated that information.

According to Zenger, "the Nation's Underground Newspaper" out of Madison, WI, which I picked up at "Weedstock", East Germany has just decriminalized marijuana! "At a Jan 6 meeting of the assorted political tendencies, delegates from the German Green Party pulled out joints during a recess and lit up. The Social Democrats and Christian Democrats were horrified. The East German resistance delegates shared naturally and the Communists decided to try it out. This put the West German conservative elements at a social disadvantage."

Zenger is "a mix of anarchists, socialists, Greens, libertarians, and free thinkers," and is named after John Peter Zenger, who in 1773 was found not guilty by jury nullification on the charge of liable. At the time libel was defined as saying something bad about the authorities, and if it were true, the greater the libel. This trial set precedent for truth as an absolute defense against official prosecution. This info courtesy of Zenger.

#### Libertarian Lithuanian Airlift

The Wisconsin LP is collecting English-language free market economic, business management, and libertarian political theory books for airlift to Lithuanian businesspeople who will read and distribute these in Lithuania.

Act fast! This project could be curtailed by political suppression. Send books and donations to: LP of Wisconsin,

## **Bylaw Revisions**

The following bylaws were passed by friendly amendment at the State Convention. These should be added to the proposed Bylaws and Convention rules drafted by the Bylaw Committee and passed by the State Convention.

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Section 3 (revised to read:)

The name and address of Party officers, State Central Committee, and Judicial Committee members shall be printed in the first edition of the Illinois Libertarian following the annual meeting. Members shall have access to minutes of past two years' State Central Committee meetings and State Conventions.

Bylaw IV: State Central Committee

Section 3. Election & Replacement

(a) (revised to read:)

Each Party officers (sic) shall be elected by a majority vote at the State Convention:

(1) The Vice chairs shall be elected only by members from their respective regions who attend the state convention business session. Nominations may be made in a caucus of region members qualified to vote at the state convention in a (subparagraphs b, c, and d unchanged)

Bylaw IV: State Central Committee

Section 4. Duties

(a) (4) (revised to read:)

Choose or replace a Newsletter Editor whose term shall be one year beginning one month after the annual State Convention.

(a) (5) revised to read:)

Choose or replace a data base coordinator whose term shall be one year beginning one month after the annual State Convention.

Bylaw V: Judicial Committee Section I. Election and duties (a) (revised to read:) There shall be a Judicial Committee which may at its discretion and upon request of any party member resolve disputes in the following matters: concerning interpretation of these Bylaws, among affiliated clubs, and referred to it by or involving the SCC. The Judicial Committee shall also determine pledge violations as described in Section 2

Bylaw X Authorized Political Committee

Section 1. (revised to read:)

An "authorized political committee" is one which is permitted access to the Party mailing list only during the period of authorization and only on behalf of such candidate, candidates, or activities as represented by the committee at the time of its authorization, unless otherwise provided by the SCC.

Bylaw XII Amendment

Section I. (second sentence, revised to read:)

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary no fewer than forty-five (45) days before the State convention business session, and the proposed amendments shall be published and mailed to the Party membership no fewer than thirty (30) days before the business session.

Convention Rule 2: Voting Section 4 (added)

A quorum for conducting state convention business sessions shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) Party members in good standing who are qualified under Section 1 of this rule.

Convention Rule 6: Statewide Elections

Section 1 (revised to read:)

Statewide candidates shall be nominated at the State convention unless this task is delegated in whole or in part to the SCC by a 2/3 vote of the state convention.

## **Against Censorship**

I am a resident of Illinois and against censorship, mostly of music. If some people get their way, music will be rated like the movies are, only it will be rated very unfairly. If you are caught selling records, CDs, and tapes that are found unsuitable for minors, you will get a \$3000 fine and/or a year in jail. The Parents Music resource Center (P.M.R.C.) says that certain music is hurting the children of today. That's not true. I know why kids kill themselves, and why they take drugs, it is because of the pressures of today. The reason I know is because I am a kid. I am trying to get a petition together so they can't rate music in Illinois. I saw your ad and thought you could help. If you would, it would be greatly appreciated. If you need help fighting censorship, me and my friends would be glad to help.

Amy Westphal, Elmwood Park, IL Ed. note: Amy is fifteen years old.

#### Women's Caucus

Calling all female members of the LPI: Judy Shilts, wife of Gary Shilts has pointed out that the LPI isn't always friendly/heady to women. So how about a "girls night out" — no men allowed. Tentative date: Mid-June. If you are interested, contact, Maggie Kohls at 708-635-6441 or Sue Walton at 708-475-0391. This isn't a "lib" meeting — it's just a gab/get acquainted session.

## "Free to Choose" on Tape

Milton Friedman's famous television series, "Free to Choose" is available on tape from R.T. McKearnan for any libertarian that wish to use them. Also, he would like to start a video exchange. Phone 675-2933.

#### Street Fair Reminder

Glenn Olofson still needs help with the neighborhood fairs. Refer to the list in the May *Illinois Libertarian*. Call Glenn at 312-337-0561 or Jeff Richards at 312-761-1704.

## **Monthly Correction Box**

I apologize to Karen Klomp, one of our candidates for University of Illinois Trustee. She lives in Iuka not Rockford.

By Appointment

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## Chair's Fundraising Campaign

The LPI's Treasurer has recently given me the bad news that the party's treasury is in precarious shape. We will have approximately \$1400 in our account after paying for a "Red, White & Blue" brochure. We aren't broke yet, but we could be soon.

Few members renewed their memberships at the State Convention and our fundraising efforts at the Saturday night Banquet, which usually bring in \$500+, did not materialize.

The timing for needing money is bad:

- Ballot Access (LIFBAC) needs our help to pay for signatures to get on the Ballot by August 6th. (At the present time, they have less than \$2000 to buy signatures with and they need \$15,000 or a lot more volunteer signatures.)
- In order to show potential petition signers and supporters that we are "real," the LPI needs to have: 1. a new "Red, White & Blue" brochure reprinted because the area codes and the Fritz Quiz need updating. (Cost is approximately \$800, which has already been approved by the SCC.) 2. a candidates brochure. The cost hasn't yet been determined.
- Eric Banfield has discovered an ABATE chapter (a motorcycle fellowship that doesn't like helmet laws). We need to do outreach with this group and with others.

Some projects can be self-funded by private individual donations, which will probably be the case for the candidates brochure and the ABATE project.

Other projects, such as Ballot Access and "Red, White & Blue" have funds but need more.

I urge all members to contribute as follows:

 Renew your membership early; consider upgrading your membership to "Life Member".

Contribute \$5 each towards the "Red, White & Blue" that will partially defray the burden on the treasury.

Contribute what money you can or as many signatures as you can to the ballot access campaign.

Let us assure ballot status by funding ballot access and getting signatures.

Goerge Clowes is the new Data base coordinator.

Sue Walton

# "Do the White Thing" Event Planned

Maggie Kohls is planning a benefit for LIFBAC, the Libertarian Party of Illinois' political arm that helps fund our campaigns. She is buying a block of tickets for "Do the White Thing", the explicitly libertarian comedy revue with Rob Kolson and Aaron Freeman. As the *Illinois Libertarian* reviewed in the April issue, "Do the White Thing" is a lot of fun; it's fresh and it's timely. "Rob Kolson is adorable!" says Maggie. Date: Saturday, July 14; Time: 9:30 P.M.; Cost: \$22.50 per ticket; Location: 3319 N. Clark St., Chicago; Please call Maggie by June 20 to make reservations at 708-635-6441.

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## Illinois Libertarian Calendar

#### June 4

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#### June 9

 Libertarians of Central Illinois, Saturday, at Manpower Temporary Services, 306 South Grand Ave. West, Springfield, 7:00 PM.

#### June 14

North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist meeting Thursday, 7:00 P.M., at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. Location: just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. One and a half blocks north of the CTA Ravenswood line Montrose Station, one and a half blocks south of the CNW north line, Ravenswood. More info: Greg Bezdek, 708-251-2870 or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

#### June 25

 NCCLP Supper Club, Monday, at Angelo's Restaurant & Lounge, 1418 West Morse, Chicago, one-half block west of the Morse EL. Angelo's serves alcohol; it's the Rogers Park equivalent to LCD's Minuette. 7 PM.

#### July 2

 DuPage Libertarian Club, Monday, 6:30 P.M. at the Minuette Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, II. Meets first Monday of every month same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708-969-1088.

#### July 12

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- Northwest Libertarian Club, Call Dan Coit for more info, (708–803–8855)
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