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## State Convention Announced

The Libertarian Educational Institute, LTD. has announced plans for the annual state convention of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, "In Our Own Neighborhoods," which will begin Friday, April 6 and run through April 8. Location is the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge, in Elk Grove Village.

David Friedman, visiting Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, will speak on "Law and Economics" for the Saturday night banquet. Other speakers include Paul Jacob and Jim Tobin for "Open House"/cash bar on Friday night discussing the Tax Accountability Amendment. On Saturday, the morning begins with Bob Waldrop, former State Chair of Utah, speaking on how to "Grow Your Own Libertarian Neighborhood." Lunch with Professor Dan Polsby, of the Northwestern University Law school follows. Dr. Polsby has taken quite a few libertarian positions in the press as of late. His talk will be "the Chicago School Reform." Ross Korves back by popular demand speaks on "Pushing the Right Public Policy Buttons." Gary Lawson then discusses "Libertarianism and the Rule of Law." Gary is Professor of Law at Northwestern University. For Sunday brunch, Stacy Taylor, libertarian talk show host on WLS AM radio, will talk on building libertarian coalitions.

## **Lenny Grom Running for McHenry County Board**

Lenny Grom, of Lake-in-the-Hills has announced that he is running for the McHenry County Board as a Libertarian. Property rights and taxes are the main issues according to Grom. Lenny needs 4 more people from McHenry County to run with him for the board. Also he needs help gathering signatures. If you would like to help, call him at 708-658-9443.

#### Correction

In the January article about LIBERTY LICENSE PLATES, the examples of the \$11 "personalized" plates erroneously showed seven letters followed by one numerical digit. The personalized plate examples should have used six letters followed by a numerical digit: LIBRTY 1. "Vanity" plates with seven letters (and no numbers) are \$75. Also, it appears that foreign words are not allowed! But you could still try LIBRTE 1 or LIBERTE as "convenient deliberate misspellings."

### Convention Info.

What: 1990 State Convention, Libertarian Party of Illinois, "In Our Own Neighborhood"

When: April 6-8, Friday through Sunday

Where: Best Western Midway Motor Lodge, 1600 Oakton, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, 708-981-0010 (Shuttle bus to and from public transportation available)

Who: David Friedman, Stacy Taylor, Daniel Polsby, Ross Korves, Paul Jacob, Jim Tobin, and Gary Lawson speaking

Cost: Full Package, \$95; basic package \$35 -- until March 18

Full package includes lunch, dinner, and brunch; and admission to all events. Basic package includes admission to all events. All meals served buffet style.

More info: call Sue Walton, 708-475-0391

### **Nomos Party**

Nomos Press will hold its annual party on Friday night, 9:30 PM to ? at the hotel. A social highlight of the year, this party usually lasts till the birds wake up. All the world's problems are solved, libertarian islands become established, etc. "Buck-a-luck" raffle... refreshments...

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by Harvey Gould

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## **President Advocates Ugly American Policy**

Communism was the drug of

the '50s, and drugs are the

communism of the '90s.

by Andre Marrou and Michael Emerling

The Berlin Wall is tumbling down. Eastern bloc European countries are moving toward free elections, market economies and human rights. Mikhail Gorbachev is being hailed as "the great liberator," a Russian George Washington.

Where's President Bush? Invading Panama.

Former CIA operative Bush is trying to get his hands on his former CIA subordinate: Maximum Leader Manuel Noriega.

A kinder, gentler invasion?

In the late 1950s, a novel called "The Ugly American" was a bestsciller. Set in Southeast Asia, this book showed the arrogant meddling of United States diplomats and politicians in the affairs of their countries.

Naturally, the "best and brightest," the Ivy League aristocrats, ignored the lessons. So "The Ugly American" became history, rather than prophecy.

Third World people want to come to America, but they hate Americans. Why? What's the source of anti-American senti-

ment? The Ugly Americans – the United States government's foreign meddlers; the politicians, diplomats and other United States government personnel who bully other governments.

Consider the history of Panama. It was originally part of Colombia. President Teddy Roosevelt wanted to build a canal through the isthmus. Colombia just said "no."

Roosevelt backed a "revolt" which founded the Republic of Panama. He sent warships to "protect the new republic. Panama's infant government signed the canal deal. That's the origin of the phrase "gunboat diplomacy."

For years, United States government foreign aid (bribes) and military forces (threats) have kept the Panama Canal in our government's hands. Ill will, unrest and riots convinced the United States government to turn over the canal to Panama's government.

Under the guise of the United Fruit Co., the CIA had run covert operations in Central and South America since the 1950s. When the CIA blew it, the United States government screamed "communism" and increased the threats and bribes.

Needless to say, most of these governments ruled by violence. Is it any wonder the oppressed people hated those who bankrolled and armed their

oppressors? Is it any wonder that they hate the real Ugly American – our government?

Like the boy who cried "wolf," our federal government found that crying "communism" won't work anymore. So they cry, "Drugs! Noriega sells drugs!" Communism was the drug of the '50s, and drugs are the communism of the '90s. Most people respond like Pavlov's dogs.

Is Panama a clear and present military danger to America's survival? No. Is Noriega likely—or even able—to launch a military attack on California or Texas or Florida? No. What about naval action? Nevada has greater naval strength docked at Lake Mead than Panama can boast. Is Panama more oppressive than Cuba? Than Nicaragua? Not even close.

President Bush wants us to believe he's serious about rooting out evil

in our hemisphere. Fine. Where's the invasion for Castro's Cuba? Does the prospect of facing 500,000 battle-seasoned troops perhaps give him pause? What about Nicaragua? Are Daniel Ortega's 300,000 plus loyal soldiers too big an obstacle for Bush? Maybe Noriega's 6,500 troops were something Bush could deal with.

The last real fighting man from Panama was Roberto Duran.

Bush wants to walk softly and carry a big stick. But only when the opponent doesn't even have a twig. Don't examine the Bush argument too closely. Just say "Noriega sells drugs" until you're really scared. Then close your eyes and say, "He's right."

Isn't it interesting that the Berlin Wall went up under one Ivy League president and came down under another? Neither one did a damn thing about it.

George Bush is an Ivy League Yale elitist, a man who thinks he's qualified to run other people's lives, a bully in a gray flannel suit.

This "gunyacht diplomacy" is the last resort of the civilized meddlers. It's a relic of racism: a legacy of the alleged "white man's burden."

It is not America or the American people that Third World people hate. It's the Ugly American government policy of foreign interventionism.

Lloyd Bentsen pointed out that Dan Quayle is no Jack Kennedy. True. And the bully in the White House is no Teddy Roosevelt. Bush is just a pale Yale imitation—an Ivy League war wimp. Bush is the new Ugly American.

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### **Letters to the Editor Pointers**

by Ted Semon

I urge activists to take the time to write at least one "letter to the editor" for your local newspaper each month. Obviously, these letters are read by many of readers of the paper. If we can get enough letters written to start some 'reader dialogue' going, that's great. Perhaps we may even get the editor interested in our topic.

As you know, the Libertarian Party position is often largely ignored by the major news media. Yet, we should do whatever we can to publicize our viewpoint and let the politicians know we are alive and well. The local press is an excellent avenue to generate interest and coverage.

In all but the largest papers, editors need all of these letters they can get. If you follow some simple guidelines, these papers will go out of their way to publish your letters. I've been able to get 6 of the 8 letters I've sent to the Daily Herald in the last few months published—you can do it, too.

If you've never written a letter to the editor, here are some points to consider as you write your letters.

- 1) Focus your letters. One of the items brought up in the last Illinois Libertarian Party convention was that it would be useful if we Illinois Libertarians would pick 3 topics on which to concentrate our efforts. I think this is an excellent idea and would offer the following topics for consideration:
  - the tragedy of the war on drugs
  - taxes (and the Tax Accountability Amendment)
  - public vs. private education

Obviously there are many other important topics, ones that might be more "near and dear" to your heart. If you think there are some subjects more important than any or all of these, please suggest them. Most important of all though, is to actually write and send a letter to the editor.

- 2) Before you begin to write, decide upon the point you are going to make with that letter and stick to it. The letters that try to solve all of humanity's problems (in 350 words or less fail to get any kind of point across at all.
- 3) Take some time with your letter. I read so many letters which contradict themselves or are so confused that it is difficult to understand what the writer is advocating. If you have a PC or access to one, USE IT! There is simply no better editing tool available. I wrote a letter about the "flag amendment follies" and went through probably 20 drafts before I was satisfied with it. I often have a friend (not necessarily a fellow Libertarian) review the letter before I send it in, and I've received some very constructive comments that way.
- 4) Don't be nasty in your letter. The point you are discussing may get you really steamed up, but nastiness and hyperbole are usually a turn-off and very likely counter-productive.
- 5) Follow the editor's guidelines. They will specify a maximum length for a letter (tough for us Libertarians) and have your name, address, and phone number on it. Failing to follow these guidelines will almost certainly guarantee your letter being tossed into the "circular file." Make sure you send the letter to the correct address. Finally, typed letters stand a much better chance of being published than handwritten.

Additionally, in the January, 1990 national LP News, Don Feder publishes a very useful set of guidelines on this same subject.

The important thing is to write those letters. It costs only a postage stamp and some of your time. What else is there you can do today to aid your cause and say that about?

### Libertarian Club of Springfield

Among the various activities in the past few months, LCS contributed money to the Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA), in Montana. LCS reports that Walter Williams, responding from a letter of support for him to go after the Libertarian presidential nomination, has basically declined.

On March 8, Michalis Maraga speak on his personal involvement to go after the Libertarian presidential nomination, has basically declined.

The club has decided that personal outreach works better than advertising. Jerry Naughton was elected Chair.

## Conscientious Objector to Speak at North Cook Libertarian Club

On March 8, Michalis Maragakis, a conscientious objector from Lefkada, Greece, will speak on his personal involvement in the movement. He spent 21 months in prison in

Greece, for his beliefs, who is the first Greek Orthodox to take this position. Maragakis went on a hunger strike for 69 days in prison protesting his incarceration. The government

then relented and released him in December 1988. There is now legislation pending in Greece to allow conscientious objecting. Michalis finishes a tour in support of this cause at the club meeting. For more information, check the calendar in this issue.

### **Officer Candidates Announce**

The following people have announce their intentions to run to party office:

Chair: Sue Walton\*, Evanston

North Vice Chair: Eric Banfield\*, Westmont

Central Vice chair: chris Barker, Springfield

Recording Secretary: Maggie Kohls\*, Des Plaines

Corresponding Secretary: Steve Reed, Chicago; Jeannette Clinkenbloomer, Niles

Treasurer: Scott Walton\*, Evanston

\* denotes incumbent

Current Central Vice Chair Al Blomquist is "trading off" with his predecessor, Chris.

Sue and Scott Walton have announced that 1990 will be their last year in their respective positions because of their involvment in the 1991 national convention.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois will be held on Sunday, April 8th, 1990 at 12 Noon at the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge, 1600 Oakton St., Elk Grove Village, Illinois. In order to vote at this meeting, members must have paid their state dues no longer than 30 days prior or March 8th, 1990. Among the topics to be discussed will be Bylaw revision, the election of party officers for the coming year.

### Harvey's Proposed Constitution/Bylaws: Rules and Regulations Unlike Big Brother's

Article 1: Name - The Libertarian Party of Illinois

Article 2: Principles—We believe that ALL people should be free, in person and property, to do whatever they choose so long as their actions do **not** cause injury, physical or mental, to another human being!

Article 3: Purpose—To spread our message to the electorate all over the state, and endeavor to elect candidates that share our belief!

Article 4: Organization – We will conduct our operations under the standard "Robert's Rules of Order", as amended, for our activities.

Article 5: Differences—We're very different from the two halves of the "Establishment Party" and that point should be emphasized in every conversation with recruits! Compare this document with the volumes used by our enemies!

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143 potent words, that could bring us many members if they're adopted! Even more importantly, if the members believed in it/lived their life accordingly! The authoritarians on the "committee" rejected it!

Harvey J. Gould, Corresponding Secretary

## Speaking in Favor of Revising the Constitution

by Helen Heyden, Mike Wiloshin, and Ken Prazak; members of the Constitution Committee

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," says the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee in the last issue of the Illinois Libertarian. I contend that it is broke, that it needs fixing, and that the current committee is doing an excellent job of just that. So what are we doing?

- 1) The substantial change was to rearrange the documents. Right now we have both a Constitution and a set of Bylaws which overlap in a most disconcerting fashion. Membership, SCC, state officers, judicial committee, state convention, and local clubs are all covered in both papers. Every year during the annual business meeting someone calls for a constitutional clarification which turn into a free-for-all because the current Constitution and Bylaws are inconsistent. So step #1 was to streamline them into one document called BYLAWS.
- 2) Then we took a look at the National LP and saw that they have written their CONVEN-TION RULES separately. This seemed like a workable idea, so we did the same. This is done for convenience and also because the amendment processes are different. Amending the Bylaws is more difficult. The amendments must be presented to the Secretary and mailed to the membership in advance and then passed by a two-thirds vote. Convention rules, on the other hand, can be presented at the beginning of the meeting and passed by a majority vote.
- 3) Inconsistencies have been reconciled; excess verbiage has been eliminated; the whole document has been streamlined. When you receive your copies, be sure to compare them. Whole paragraphs have been removed.
- 4) We have been careful to make only minor changes in substance. These changes consist of more autonomy for local clubs, and a move towards more consensus voting in the Bylaws. Local club autonomy and consensus voting are both libertarian concepts and should be encouraged in our Bylaws.
- 5) This endeavor has **not** been a waste of activists' time. The hardest working members of this committee have still been defeating tax increases, publishing newsletters, writing ads, and circulating TAAC petitions!
  - 6) It's 1990 and time for reappraisal. Let's not enter the 90s with 1972 documents.

Vote for the New BYLAWS and CONVENTION RULES.

## Ultimate Goal — Liberty ... not power

by Diane Bast

As far as I'm concerned, the ultimate goal of the libertarian movement is widespread economic and personal liberty and self-government. I do not believe that the be-all and end-all of the movement (and that includes the party) is to achieve POLITICAL POWER.

Chris Barker suggests in his January article that we must run a slate of candidates in order to attract attention during an election. But even if we don't have candidates, we can still advertise on television and radio, and in magazines and newspapers. In fact, we might be able to do that better without candidates; the money we would have spent on ballot access can be directed to the promotion of our ideas.

Will our party "veterans" go into hibernation if we don't run a statewide slate? Perhaps—but I think it's a sad commentary on the strength of their commitment to the movement if they do.

Finally, Sue Walton suggests in "One Lady's Opinion" that we vote in the primary against candidates who share libertarian ideas, so "our candidate" has a chance in the general election. Since when does the success of "our candidate" (who is this person, by the way?) mean more to us than the SUCCESS OF OUR IDEAS?

## **Taxpayers Choice**

by Ann McCracken

(A recent editorial [on WBBM AM radio] stated that Illinois lawmakers should review the state's income, corporate, luxury and real estate taxes and urges them to make the system progressive and fair. Here with a differing view is Ann McCracken for the Illinois Small Business Association's Board of Directors.)

WBBM is right to ask legislators to review the Illinois tax system to quiet tax protests, but WBBM is naive to expect any improvement in a system that gives so much power to politicians and bureaucrats.

It doesn't matter whether they get their money form personal income, corporations or property owners, it all comes from the same pocket, as you can see in times of recession or prosperity—everyone is affected.

Taxpayers have a problem because politicians need all the money they can get to pay for the campaign promises they have to make to win elections. They squeeze out more money by taxing one group more than the others—until they protest, then another group becomes the sacrificial goat and the political fun begins again. Along with the bread and circuses, this is supposed to be a delightful game for taxpayers to enjoy—until their turn comes around.

It's time for a change! It's time for people to share the spending power with politicians. The only fair system is one where taxpayers have the freedom to choose how their tax dollars are spent. This change would create a civilized society where the individual's life, liberty and property were protected and not abused—by anyone.

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#### Illinois Libertarian Calendar

#### February 8

North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist meeting Thursday, 7:00 P.M., tape of the 1989 National Convention Speech by Frances Kendall on South Africa & Bill Wendt's commentary on South Africa, 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.

#### February 25

 NCCLP Supper Club resumes at a new location: Monday, 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.

#### March 5

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

#### March 8

North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist meeting Thursday, 7:00 P.M., conscientious objector Michalis Marasakis will speak on that movement, 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.

#### March 10

- Libertarian Club of Springfield, Saturday, 7:00 PM, at the offices of Manpower Temporary Services, 30-6 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield.
- Northwest Libertarian Club, Call Dan Coit for more info, (708-803-8855)

The man who says, "It can't be done," should gete out of the way of the man who's doing it.

Richard De Voss

Tax Accountability Amendment
Paul Jacob, coordinator, 708-253-5555

Nobel Laureate

Milton Friedman

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