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## LPI Annual State Convention: April 16-18

**Location:** Quality Hotel, 920 East Northwest Highway, Palatine

**Friday, 6:00 PM—9:00 PM:** Special guest speaker, Larry Dodge, national coordinator for the Fully Informed Jury Association

**9:00 PM:** *Nomos* 10th Anniversary Party

**Saturday, 7:00-8:00 AM:** Registration

**8:00-9:30:** Debate: Should the LP replace the platform/eliminate the pledge?  
Steven Alexander/Steven Givot

**9:30-12:00:** 1993 Annual Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois

**12:15-1:00:** Lunch

**1:00 PM-1:45:** "Libertarian Approach to the Deficit", Jacob Hornberger

**2:00-2:45:** Medical Care Savings Accounts, J. Patrick Rooney

**3:00-3:45:** Educational Choice in Illinois, Thomas Hetland

**4:00-4:45:** "Protection of Property Rights", Chuck Stewart

**6:00-7:00:** Cocktail Party (cash bar)

**7:00 PM-8:15:** Banquet

**8:15:** Keynote Address, "Healing Our World," Dr. Mary Ruwart

**Sunday, 8:00-10:00 AM:** First Timers Coffee

**10:00-11:00:** Brunch

**11:00-12:00:** "Running a Successful Campaign", Tamara Clark

**12:15 PM-3:00:** "Making Libertarian a Household Word in Illinois in 1993-94, with Ken Bush", and Illinois candidates and activists involved in our 1992 campaign.

## The Platform/Pledge Debate Continues

### Change the Platform to a More Positive, Solution-Oriented Document

by *Kenneth Prazak*

Our present platform is an embarrassment. As a necessary step to succeed as a political party, we need to change it.

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### In Defense Of the Pledge (and Similar Things)

by *Steve Nelson*

The 1992 elections have once again demonstrated the general distaste of the American electorate for political consistency; an American politician is (or becomes) a specialist in assuring people that they can eat their cake and have it too, that black is really white, and that war is really peace. Being necessarily exposed to the American public, LP ac-

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## LPI Annual Convention: "Freedom and Responsibility" At the Quality Hotel, Palatine, IL, April 16-18

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**Change the Platform** (continued from page 1)

I would like to make one thing clear at the beginning. I am not in favor of watering down our beliefs. I will fight with whatever (moral) means necessary to keep our beliefs radical. I will resist any attempt to prohibit candidates from waging a radical campaign. I have waged two radical campaigns myself and campaign managed another one. And anyone who knows me knows that my actions vis-a-vis the IRS are radical. Nonetheless, I believe that we can present radical ideas in a marketable fashion, and some of those ideas must be implemented transitionally.

Even the Preamble of our present platform is flawed. It is hopelessly utopian, the very charge we accuse our statist adversaries of. We proclaim that "force and fraud must be banished from human relationships." That has as much of a chance happening as does a certain utopian world where everyone shares equally in wealth, "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need." As human beings, we all have faults, and the most perfect political system will not banish force and fraud. The best we can do is *limit* force and fraud with a libertarian system, which will work better than any other.

I am sure that some people start reading the Preamble and stop right there. "Why deal with a group of people who are so hopelessly utopian?"

Contrast our preamble with the preamble of the U.S. Constitution. It talks in terms of "more perfect", "insure", "provide", "promote", and "secure". With the possible exception of secure, these terms are relativistic, not absolute like banishing force and fraud. Those goals sound achievable. Banishing force and fraud as a "must" does not. Understand, I have no problem with the underlying ideas of the Preamble, but its rhetoric.

To the extent that the platform does succeed, it succeeds in delineating a vision. It provides no action plan as to how we would carry out the vision. A political platform should spell out action plans so that the newcomer can figure out where, why, and how we want to go from here to there.

The platform is filled with references to **group rights**. But the libertarian philosophy I am acquainted with doesn't believe in group rights, only individual rights.

Men's rights, women's rights, heterosexual rights, homosexual rights, white rights, black rights, green rights do not exist. Individual rights exist. A prospective member of the LP who reads the platform and comes across our laundry list of group rights quite rightly **perceives** that we are 20th century liberals concerning rights, not classical liberals.

Our laundry lists are not limited to group rights. These lists are not all inclusive and therefore weaken the very arguments that we try to put forth. The platform thereby becomes *more* watered down with those lists not less.

The worse aspect of the platform is its infantile-like denunciations and demands. Check your premises, platform supporters. With what power? By what method? "We demand", "We oppose", "We strongly oppose", "We further oppose", "We deplore", "We condemn", "We further accuse", "drastic

reduction" ( Random House's first definition of "drastic" is "acting with force or violence"—that word should not be used in any of our literature), "must immediately cease", "We favor immediate". And if we don't get our way, what are we going to do, hold our breath?

Any platform that mentions (and ours does) favoring the protection to explore Lagrange libration points would have to be over 500 pages long to cover all aspects of our lives that are more important than this one.

The Platform is too far gone. It can not be fixed as an outreach document, which is what a platform should be. It certainly can be beneficial to us as an internal reference point, "The Libertarian Party Vision", or something of that nature. But not a platform.

The platform has been drafted for the most part by the rational, scientific, intellectual wing of the Libertarian Party. It was drafted at a time when virtually no libertarian think tanks existed. It served its purpose in defining the libertarian philosophy. But we now need a platform that we can use for outreach. We need a more marketable document. Not a watered down one, but one that will answer the question, "by what method?" One that will address the topical concerns of the electorate. One that will have a positive, goal oriented tone to it.

The new platform should be written by the action-oriented and human-potential libertarians. Those types are more in touch with the average American. They can better communicate the wonderful ideas of our intellectual-rational-scientific types. They better know how to proceed in a practical manner how to get from the mess our country is in, to the ideals that we all hold dear. -

Philosophizing, and elucidating a philosophy is the first necessary step to achieve change. We have jumped that first hurdle. Now let's move on to the communication and action aspect of achieving change. When the action-oriented, and human-potential libertarians have succeeded in their mission, the organizational types will recognize that Libertarians are serious about change, and they will expedite the progress towards individual freedom in our time.

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**Defending the Pledge and Other Things** (continued from page 1)

tivists tend to feel this suction, and there is now a large faction that is hungry for votes (and the perquisites, patronage, and power that come with them). In pursuit of this goal, they propose that we abandon the notion of being a strictly Libertarian party and instead become a sort of, maybe-on-Tuesdays, let's-not-worry-about-contradictions, circus tent party. To that end, they wish to discard those things intended to ensure that there IS a distinctively Libertarian point of view, and allow one to tell how closely our candidates and members adhere to it. These things are the pledge, the platform and the statement of principles and all three are under attack. The attackers may not entirely realize it, but what they are really saying is that freedom isn't any too popular just now, so let's forget it and go for the votes.

Now there is no denying—looking at the Perot vote—that the times appear to be ripe for a highly statist party devoted to lower-middle-class ideals and aspirations, but our present circus-tenters would hotly deny that they are talking about that and, in any event, it is very doubtful that they could sufficiently rid the LP of its ideological image to compete in that market. Seemingly, they simply wish to have more candidates like the past LPI congressional candidate who—faced with a substantial constituency of retirees—advocated increasing Social Security payments. This advocacy clearly favored the maintenance—if not the increase—of government power and so contradicted anything he may have said in a more libertarian vein. His political advisors felt that he got more votes by this maneuver, and perhaps he did, but he nonetheless got drubbed four-to-one. It is difficult to see that such a campaign does much to advance the cause of freedom, since the candidate himself was clearly doubtful of its benefits.

In fact, it is difficult to understand just how these people propose to increase the net LP vote, bearing in mind that many present LP voters LIKE consistency and will depart a circus-tent party to return to simple anti-incumbent voting or to not voting at all. The changes clearly are not intended to address the LP's real problems (such as the inability to retain members once recruited) and so our weaknesses will remain perfectly clear to the leaders of the special-interest PACs, and they will therefore remain entirely unwilling to provide funding. We are undoubtedly losing some single-issue voters, but (precisely because these are single-issue people) we can be reasonably sure that we have acquired a more-or-less equal number from the other side of the issue. Finally, the departure from a distinctive standard will mean that it will be easier to get candidates, precisely because no high Libertarian standard will be expected of LP candidates any more. There are probably people who will tell us that is an improvement.

One is left with the simple conclusion that an ideological party MUST deal in ideals—it MUST preach a logically consistent doctrine, for it seeks to convince people that certain political policies are wise, and that others are not, and

its protagonists must state clearly just why this is so. And this is true regardless of how many votes you may or may not get for it—if you are going to state the ideas, you have to say clearly and unmistakably what they are. After all, it isn't as though they were BAD ideas!

*Editor's response: Steve Nelson builds up a straw man to tear it down. Nowhere have I or anyone else in favor of the "Atlanta" changes advocated watering down principles. In fact we have stated our desire that no changes contradict with the Statement of Principles. What we do advocate is that we should present these principles in a more marketable manner. To name one example: "We advocate complete separation of education and state," is part of the current platform. I would suggest a more positive way of expressing that. "We are in favor of freedom of choice through the free marketplace in education as in all affairs. We welcome steps in this direction through market reform of the educational process including but not limited to vouchers and tuition tax credits. We support these interim measures as long as the independence of private schools is maintained by keeping constant or better yet reducing the regulatory burdens on private schools." My suggestion for improvement states the ultimate goal (in a positive manner) but also provides a realistic plan to achieve that goal that Joe-six-pack can understand and agree with.*

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## Libertarian Party "Pledge"

by Richard Latimer

An argument in favor of the LP Certification (alias "pledge"):

**"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."**

"Certify" simply means "to declare (a thing [statement]) true, accurate, certain, etc. by formal statement." (The definition of pledge differs slightly in that its meaning includes an obligation or contract with respect to future actions; a distinction with no application here, since the word "pledge" does not actually occur in the certification.

"Initiate" (force means "to bring into practice or use; introduce by first doing or using". (Redundantly, "non-initiation" does not preclude responding or retaliating; a very few might mistakenly conclude that "non-initiation" implies "pacifism", which does preclude all uses of force.

With these basic definitions out of the way (one could nit-pick over wording, but for what purpose?), let's look at the act of signing such a certification:

a) One either does "believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals", or one does not;

b) If one does not, then why would one object to certifying that one does not? I know of no reasonable argument for such an objection (in this context). [Do you?]

c) If one does (believe . . . ), then why would one certify that one does? Again, I know of no reasonable argument.

for such a person signing (or for joining the LP, for that matter). [Do you?]

So "Where's the barrier?", that so many LP would-be leaders are claiming exists?

Perhaps someone does not yet understand the certification or 'why anyone would consider it important' (I am sure from my experiences that there are at least some innocent people in this category). Such a non-understanding person (if sincerely interested) would want to understand more, before signing the certification. Such inquiry is the very life-blood of a viable worthwhile LP. And the stimulation of such inquiry is **the significant value of the certification**—i.e. honest, reasonable individuals, the kind the LP really needs as activists, will stop, ponder and understand the certification **before** they join the LP and start taking actions in its behalf.

Then, there are those individuals who take some kind of pride in "never signin' nuthin'!" (I'd love to hear the argument for having those individuals as activists in the LP). So, "Where's the barrier?" and "From what type of individual might it be a 'barrier'?" (A proper barrier is also a value!) . . .

*Editor's note: The Bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Illinois refer to the "certification" as Mr. Latimer calls it, a "pledge". Moreover, there are sanctions against those that violate the pledge, so actions taken subsequent to signing the pledge are applicable here. In fact, ten years ago, a Libertarian member was accused of violating the pledge and was taken in front of a Libertarian Judicial Committee.*

## Rothbard in Lake Bluff for "Abolitionist" Conference

The Ludwig Von Mises Institute is presenting a conference on "The Evils of the Welfare State," on the weekend of Friday, April 30 through May 2, at the Harrison Conference Center in Lake Bluff. Speakers presenting papers include Murray Rothbard, Hans-Hermann Hoppe of the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Ralph Raico of the State University College at Buffalo, and Thomas Fleming of the Rockford Institute. The conference is being billed as "the first ever 'abolitionist' academic conference on the welfare state." For more information, contact the Institute at 205-844-2500, or fax—205-844-2583.

## Henry George School Announces Spring Term

The School's basic course, Fundamental Economics and Social Philosophy will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2:30 PM, and 7:00 PM. Henry George's book, *Progress and Poverty* is used for the basic course.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Hold to Fundamental Principles When Proposing Change

by Lila Pifer

In the process of redefining our party's strategy and goals, we Libertarians need to be careful to exercise critical judgment. In our haste to broaden our base of support, we must proceed with caution in deciding which ideas we will embrace. We should reject those ideas that do not rest on a firm foundation of sound economic principles and respect for individual rights.

Recently, I attended a Libertarian meeting where a guest speaker proposed a national sales tax as an alternative to the income tax. He maintained that such a tax would promote economic growth by discouraging spending and encouraging saving. Several members of the group seemed quite receptive to the idea saying that they thought it would be fairer than the income tax and that it would provide a step in the right direction.

I strongly disagree. I believe that this idea is based on an economic fallacy, one that economist Henry Hazlitt has named "The Broken Window". Here is how Hazlitt explained it in his book, *Economics in One Lesson*.

A businessman's window is broken by a young rock-throwing punk. Several spectators gather and begin to philosophize about how this unfortunate incident will ultimately boost the town's economy. The businessman will now have to buy a new piece of glass and have it installed. This will provide income and jobs for others in the community.

Hazlitt goes on to explain that the fallacy in the peoples' reasoning is that they have failed to consider the fact that in order to pay for his new window, the businessman will have to spend the money that he had been saving to buy a new suit. The glazier's gain will represent losses for both the businessman and the tailor. Instead of having both a window and a new suit, now the businessman will have only a window. Likewise, the tailor will be out the money the businessman would have paid him for the suit and consequently he will have less money to spend, save, or invest. Overall, the town's economy will have lost rather than gained.

Hazlitt used this story to illustrate the point that whenever an economic proposal is considered it must be evaluated in terms of both its short and long-term effects on the entire economy rather than just its immediate effect upon one group or segment of the economy. This is necessary because consumers, producers, savers, and investors are all connected.

Producers create the wealth in an economy by providing new goods and services, but savers and investors make the necessary capital available to them. Consumers, by voting with their dollars, determine what and how much the producers should produce.

In a free market economy, each individual makes daily economic decisions. His or her decision to save or spend at any

given moment in time is based not only upon the price and availability of a good or service, but also upon his or her personal desires and needs and the urgency of these desires and needs. Prices and price relationships change constantly as a result of these subjective economic choices made by millions of individuals every day. In this way, the price system in a market economy coordinates production and distribution of goods and services in a way that no amount of central planning ever could. That is why capitalism succeeds where socialism ultimately fails.

Government price controls throw a monkey wrench into the machinery of a free market. They have the net effect of reducing, distorting, and unbalancing production. A sales or value-added tax is simply a form of price control and as such will have

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the long-term effect of decreasing production and wealth. Even if it were to result in more saving (which is unlikely since the prices of everything, not just discretionary items, would be higher) savings and investments can promote economic growth only if con-

sumer demand gives the signal for increased production of goods and services. This would not happen if individuals were choosing not to consume because of the tax.

As Libertarians we should oppose schemes like the national sales tax not just for economic reasons but on ethical and moral grounds as well. When we propose the substitution of one tax for another, we are conceding to the idea that taxation is necessary and that it can be just. Still worse, when we throw in the additional argument that a particular tax scheme may in some way be beneficial to society, we concede to the even more destructive premise that government has a right to tamper with the individual's sovereign economic decisions in order to effect social change. As Libertarians, we should never stop opposing taxation in principle even though most of us acquiesce to pay our taxes rather than to risk being fined or thrown in jail.

Instead of compromising with statist plans that give moral sanction to taxation, we Libertarians could more productively spend our time researching and promoting ideas that would lead to an elimination of the need for taxation.

Such ideas would include plans for privatizing government services and "charitizing" welfare as well as suggestions for alternative methods of financing legitimate government functions.

Some Libertarians would have us abandon our economic and philosophic principles in favor of concentrating on issues that "common ordinary folks" can understand. That is a mistake. What we should be doing is explaining our principles in laymen's terms and demonstrating how these principles relate to the issues. If we fail to do this, we place ourselves in danger of becoming pragmatists like the politicians who have dominated our country's government for the past half century.

The Downers Grove Reporter,

March 26, 1993

## What Crime did the Davidians Commit?

by Eric-Charles Banfield

I woke up hearing the tail end of the radio news report. Someone had killed four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) in a shootout.

I didn't hear the whole story.

At first I thought some maniac must have been firing at the agents. The BATF probably had good reason to be there. I'd find out at the next news break, I assured myself. Probably some fiendish Nazi terrorist was blowing up an office building or torturing innocent hostages. But days passes while I waited for the media or the BATF to inform me what was the real crime of the Branch Davidians. As the news reports came out, I realized that there was none.

Sure, they are a religious "cult," living maybe in some kind of dumb "commune." But the Jews in Warsaw, Poland, attacked by the German SS in 1943, also lived in a religious compound. I'd never want to live in such a place. But people have the right to do dumb things, as long as they're not hurting anyone else.

OK, they had stockpiled some heavy-duty weapons. First, that's legal in Texas. Second, a stockpile, is, well, a pile. It just sits there were the Davidians doing something with the weapons? Like killing people? What initiated this incident?

The BATF alleged child abuse, and eventually coerced the group to send the kids out. But the children reported no abuse, despite what I'm sure was gentle prodding by the agents. No, the kids were fine; they just wanted to go back home to the compound. Now, I bet, they are under the warm, caring hand of some department of children and family services.

My basic question, unanswered and unexplored by the media, was, "Who started the fight?"

Who planned to attack whom? Who initiated force against whom? Who fired the first shots? Was there at least

some plot or conspiracy? Threatening letters? What was the story? Who started it?

All indications suggest the BATF did. For months they planned this incident, while the leader, David Koresh—the guy they really want—took daily jogs around the compound. And, apparently, even though the Branch Davidians knew of the BATF's plot (A BATF spy tipped them off simply by leaving the day of the attack.), it was the BATF that opened fire first. No one reported that the BATF used any megaphone warnings, phone calls or tear gas. No one reported the BATF had any search warrant. They just attacked.

I learned quite young that it's wrong to attack people, but if someone attacks you, you have a right to defend yourself. As soon as someone tells me what the

Davidians really did wrong, why they deserved to be attacked in their home, I'll tell the BATF, "Fire away." But until then, the moral scoreboard reads: Branch Davidians: 4, BATF: 0.

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Branch Davidians: 4, BATF: 0."**

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## A Gentle Book From One Of Our Very Own

*A Free Country*, by Jean Lenore Baker, Natale Publishing (\$22, add \$3 for UPS or \$2 for USPO), P.O. Box 1492, Lombard IL, 60148.

Reviewed by Stephen M. Foran

Libertarian Party member and Chicago area editor/writer Jean Baker has recently written a wonderful book, *A Free Country*, that will enthrall anyone who longs for an existence that nurtures the outer limits of the human spirit. It is the kind of book friends tell friends they really must read. This gentle but passionate tale is delivered through the perspective of a girl whose earliest years are spent travelling with her parents' vaudevilian tent show in the late 1920s and through the onset of the Great Depression. The setting is drawn from Baker's own childhood experiences and both the narrative and the dialogue resonate with the patois of a time when people actually spoke to one another in complete sentences and conversation was a primary instrument of communication and diversion, rather than the electronic volleys of contemporary existence.

Those of us who are decidedly into the second half of our lives will be reminded of a time when individual responsibility was more a determinate of one's destiny than such things as legislation and regulatory fiat, when media manipulation did not make policy. The story does, however, chronicle a period when the ominous clouds of change rolled across the nation inevitably darkening the lights of independence.

Readers of the later generation may find ample reason to reflect on the question of why today's great bureaucratic snafu seems to be taking on the aspects of a terminal condition.

The aura is remindful of "To Kill a Mockingbird" as the author's exact and innovative development of her cast of characters nudges the reader into the main current of the novel and on to a conclusion that is also a genesis of hope.

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by Helen Heyden

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### Salander for Assessor

Paul Salander reports that his campaign for tri-township assessor is proceeding well. There are two other candidates, an 84-year-old incumbent, and another person whose name recognition is far less than Paul's—even in his own district. To help in Paul's campaign, call him at 815-539-7839.

### Campaign Report from Missouri

by Robbin Stewart

At the moment we have Mike Babcock running in a special election in a state senate race in Jefferson County Missouri, to be held at the April election. Jeffco is sort of south suburban St. Louis.

We are also expecting that if Babcock loses to the Democrat, who is currently in the state house, there will then be another special election for his seat. In St. Louis, Steve Schaper is expecting to run in a special election that will be held when state Rep. Gail Chatfield resigns to be named state fire marshal. Steve, who has served as state chair, received 18% last time he ran for that seat, so it is one where we expect to run strongly (if it ends up being a two way race).

The Missouri Libertarians welcome any help from those in Illinois who are in driving distance of St. Louis. For more information, call Ken Bush, 314-477-9173.

### Scheunemann Running for Alderman, West Bend, WI

After taking second out of three in a primary election, Kevin Scheunemann, 20 years-old, is facing his opponent in the general election on April 6. He is working hard to win. For more information, contact the campaign at 414-334-3436.

### Libertarian Mike Krech Runs for Village Trustee in Lake-in-the-Hills

Mike Krech is an active member of the McHenry County Libertarian Club. The main theme in his campaign is taxes and financial management of the village of Lake-in-the Hills. "I am an anti-tax candidate. I believe the idea of local government operating at a \$500,000 surplus is a crime. The money should be returned to the homeowners and the tax rate adjusted to accommodate a break-even budget. I guarantee my immediate resignation on the date I vote for any increase on any existing tax or fee or vote for any new tax or fee."

Lake-in-the-Hills is a town of about 6,000. He is single and steadily-employed as an electrician. He is a member of both the national and state Libertarian Party. His mailing address is 1420 Washington St., L.I.T.H., IL 60102. You can call him at 708-854-2602.

### North Cook Club Changes Format and Meeting Date

NCC's April meeting will be held on April 21, at 7:00 PM at the home of Sue and Scott Walton, 1111 Church St., #405, in Evanston. The club will not meet on April 8. The purpose of the meeting is to elect 1993 officers and discuss proposed changes in format. Post meeting activities at the Los Palmas Restaurant.

NCC's SOC rep., Ted Beckman, is now a certified cable producer for Evanston Community Cable. In conjunction with the Better Cities Libertarian Club, Ted is planning to have a one-hour monthly cable show. So Ted is looking for "audiences"—members to attend the taping of the show and talent—the show's guests. He is taking suggestions for topics. More info., call Ted at 312-262-3525.

### Annual Tax Protest in Chicago

The Libertarian Party of Illinois will participate in the annual tax protest in front of the Chicago Main Post Office on 433 W. Van Buren, from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. We will hand out literature and carry protest signs. What with Clinton's "economic" plan, we should get a lot of support from the taxpayers lined up to send in their 1040 forms. This event is always carried well by the television news media. Let's have a great turn out and show Chicagoland that the Libertarian Party cares about their economic well being. If you are going to attend, let Ken Prazak know: 708-810-1974.

### Tax Protest in Peoria

Peoria Libertarians are organizing a tax protest at the downtown Peoria Post Office, 95 State Street, on April 15, from 5:00 PM on through the evening. For more information, call the Coalition for a Free America, at 1-309-689-1776.

### Better Cities Committee of Illinois Announces Annual Elections

BCCI will hold its annual elections for officers on April 21, 7 PM, at the home of Sue and Scott Walton, 1111 Church St., #405, Evanston. For more information, call: 708-475-0391. Post meeting activities will occur at the Los Palamos Restaurant.

### BCCI Will Tape State Convention

Sue Walton, of the Better Cities Committee of Illinois, has announced that the club will tape the speaker sessions of the LPI State Convention, on the weekend of April 16 through 18 at the Quality Hotel in Palatine on Northwest Highway. VHS tapes will be sold by BCCI.



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### April 15

- **Annual Tax Protest**, 5:00 PM, Chicago Main Post Office, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago. More info: call Ken Prazak, 810-1974.

### April 16-18

- **Annual Libertarian Party of Illinois State Convention**, at the Quality Hotel in Palatine, 920 East Northwest Highway. **Larry Dodge**, Fully Informed Jury Association; **Dr. Mary Ruwart**, *Healing Our World*, Keynote; **Patrick Rooney**, Medisave Accounts; **Thomas Hetland**, Educational Choice; **Chuck Stewart**, Property rights activism; **Tamara Clarke**, Stolen election in Nevada; **Ken Bush**, "Making the LPI a household word in Illinois." See registration form inside. More info: Jeanette Muench, 708-381-2369.

### April 17

- **Annual Meeting, Libertarian Party of Illinois**, at the Quality Hotel in Palatine, 8:00 AM-12:00; electing new officers, delegates to the National Convention, and platform committee representative.

### April 20

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, dinner, 8:00 PM, program. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL (1/2 block south of Algonquin). Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565, for information.

### April 21

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club, and Better Cities Club of Illinois**, Wednesday, 7:00 PM, annual elections, at the Waltons' home, 1111 Church St, #405, Evanston. Contact Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, for information.

### April 25

- **LaSalle County Libertarians** meeting, Sunday, 8:00 PM, at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL. Meets here every last Sunday of the month. More information: Call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

### April 29

- **Rockford Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:30 PM. Meets every last Thursday of the month at David and Kathy Kelley's house, 3456 Dallas Rd., Rockford. For more information, call Kathy at 815-874-6345.

### May 2

- **McHenry County Libertarian Club**, Sunday, evening, 6:00 PM, meets first Sunday of every month. Call Lenny Grom for details, 815-455-5660.

### May 16

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Sunday, 4:00 PM, 20th Anniversary party for LCD, at the home of Ralph Miron. Call Ralph at 668-7643 for more details.

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