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## Walsh for Village Trustee

On December 11, I filed petitions as a candidate for Roselle Village Trustee. It's time that a Libertarian got elected in Illinois, and I think I'm going to be the first.

The major issue in the campaign is going to be taxes, especially the recently enacted 5% municipal utility tax and the upcoming tax-cut referendum. This is to my advantage. There's a lot of anti-tax sentiment against the Village Board. I was a vocal opponent of the utility tax, and I'm the organizer who got the tax-cut referendum on the April ballot. I'm the candidate who will benefit from this sentiment.

Last year I ran for school board. With help only from Libertarians, I missed winning by only 2%. This time I've also got support from the Village's foremost civic group, Roselle R.O.S.E., of which I'm an organizing member. The members of R.O.S.E. gathered about 700 signatures (in a village where 1400 voted in the last municipal election) to get the tax-cut referendum on the ballot. R.O.S.E. was one of only a half dozen organizations which invited all four gubernatorial candidates to a nonpartisan Candidates Night (P.S., only Bea attended in person; I was the impartial moderator).

I'll get a lot of help from the local people, and I'd like a lot of help from Libertarians. We'd like to get literature twice to each of the 10,000 registered voters in the Village. A \$50 contribution will buy about 1000 brochures. We'll also need help to distribute them.

Take full advantage of your government tax credit for political campaign contributions. Make your check payable to VOTE FOR WALSH and mail it to: Gerry Walsh, 789 Overland Court, Roselle, IL 60172. If you can donate time, call me at 312/894-8680 or 381-1980 ext. 2136.

*Gerry*

Gerry Walsh is the second Illinois Libertarian to file for candidacy for a local office in the April election. Steve Johnson filed his petition for ballot status as a candidate

for Village Commissioner in Forest Park one business day before the deadline, while Gerry took advantage of the final week end for petitioning and filed on the last filing day. Dave Kelly will file for Alderman in Rockford during the last week in January.

Gerry will face three and possibly four opponents for one of the three seats on the seven-member Roselle Village Board of Trustees. One incumbent has declared his candidacy and one may or may not run (they don't have to file until January). Two newcomers are running on one-plank platforms--"Prohibit video games in Roselle!"

Gerry, a homeowner in The Trails section of Roselle for 3 1/2 years, has been campaigning for office since 1979, although he didn't realize he was. He joined The Trails Homeowners Association then and has been active in that group ever since. He is on its Board of Directors. In 1981, after his one-man fight to block a new municipal tax on utilities failed, he organized R.O.S.E. (Residents Organized to Serve and Enlighten). He has chaired meetings, organized candidates nights, campaigned for Bea Armstrong and the LPI statewide ticket, and generally practiced the art of gentle persuasion among his associates in the local groups.

Besides running for the High School District 211 Board in November, 1981, Gerry single-handedly mounted and won a battle to end the double taxation of Roselle residents for library services by two separate taxing bodies (Roselle Public Library District and Schaumburg Township). Because of that victory, Roselle taxpayers will save approximately \$15,000 on their 1982 tax bills.

He has appeared at meetings of the Village, Zoning, and Library Boards to ask tough questions of the elected officials and speak out against their tax and spend and regulate-the-citizens policies.

Gerry has also kept up a fairly steady volley of shots at the local pols and exposition of libertarian concepts in letters to the editor columns in local newspapers, and he wrote a guest column for the Lerner VOICE, chiding the people who want to outlaw video games.

Most recently, Gerry led a petition drive to

put a referendum on the ballot to cut by 25% the maximum tax rates the Village of Roselle and the Roselle Public Library District may levy for their Corporate Funds. The Library District's current levy is at the maximum level, so approval by the voters of the referendum will bring an actual tax cut of 25% for that fund. The Village's Corporate Fund levy now stands below the statutory maximum, but unless the ceiling is lowered, the Board will most likely increase the levy for next year to the present maximum.

Many of the voters in Roselle already know who Gerry is and what he stands for. Because he doesn't let up on his articulation of libertarian principles, they are beginning to understand and recognize that libertarianism is for them. Linking his candidacy to the tax-cut drive will garner a lot of votes from people who can't be bothered with principles but who are very aware of tax pains in their pockets.

With substantial help from Libertarians, Gerry has a good chance to win a landslide victory in April.

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JOHNSON for COMMISSIONER

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Steve Johnson's Primary campaign begins officially at noon January 15 (not the 8th as previously reported). Many hands will be needed to post campaign signs around Forest Park on that Saturday. Deli sandwiches in a warm room afterwards. Don't forget to dress for the weather.

Event number two will be Sunday, January 23--all indoor work--assembling data on registered voters. Meet at Steve's house at 1pm. Steve must beat at least four other candidates in the February 22 primary election to qualify for the April election ballot. Help now is essential.

Steve's campaign committee has been formed with accountant Alan Miller as Treasurer. The Committee can now accept contributions. Make your check payable to: Stephen Johnson for Commissioner. Send it to Steve at 148 Circle Drive, Forest Park, IL 60130.

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Nice headline, right? The trouble is, it didn't happen in Illinois, nor in any other state. It's the total of votes cast for Libertarians nationwide in the November election.

The good part of it is that it represents movement in the direction of the Libertarian Party becoming a viable political party in the U.S. Five candidates were elected, and five state parties won "permanent" ballot status--that means they don't have to petition to get their candidates on the ballot in the next election, and will maintain their automatic place on the ballot so long as they continue to get enough votes in future elections to meet the state requirements for percentage of votes for particular offices. The requirements vary widely from state to state. In Illinois it is 5% of the vote for a full slate of candidates for state offices which are voted on statewide (it does not include candidates for the U.S. Senate, who are also voted on statewide).

The bad part of the "more than 5,000,000" vote total is that those votes were shared by 800 candidates, and two state parties lost their "permanent" ballot status.

If you're a half-full cupper, you can celebrate the vote total, the five victories, and the net gain in states with ballot status, which now stands at 15. Or, if you're a half-empty cupper, you can bemoan the failure of 795 candidates to win their bids for election--one of them an incumbent! and the dismal fact that Libertarians in Michigan and Oregon will have to start all over again with petition drives to get their candidates on the ballot.

However, if you're not invested in binary measurement, you may recall Bea Armstrong's words, "Discouragement is but a pause in our forward movement," and choose to consider how best to use the pause.

The Libertarian Party and its candidates probably got more press and electronic media coverage in 1982 than in any year so far--including, I am told, a paid anti-Libertarian ad run by Alaska Republicans warning Alaskans that a Libertarian victory in the election would surely send the state to What's-the-name-of-that-place in a handbasket. There is a lot of mileage there for us to capitalize on. A look at vote percentages in different sorts of races may be helpful in giving us direction for how to capitalize on it.

Of the candidates who ran for governor, U.S. Senator, or U.S. Representative, one got 23% of the vote, one 10%, one 6%, and the remainder 4% or less. Of the candidates who lost but carried 20-30% of the vote, all were running for lesser offices, e.g., city council, county commissioner, district attorney, or state legislature. The winners are now borough assemblymen, county coroner, city councilman, and member of a state transportation board.

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The candidates who carried the Libertarian banner while running uphill for the "big" offices have paved the way by winning ballot status and, along with all the other candidates and all their campaign workers, making millions of voters aware of the Party of Principle. In Illinois, thousands of people heard Libertarian ideas for the first time when they heard Bea Armstrong clearly articulate Libertarian solutions to the problems created by public policy. Who will pick up the banner this year and next? How many Libertarians will be holding local offices in Illinois by the time the next presidential election rolls around?

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from the SECRETARY

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At last count, through December 1982, LPI has 240 members. At the December SCC meeting, I reported 238 members, broken down by club as follows: 50 North Cook, 43 Northwest Cook, 35 South and Southwest (suburban) Cook, 23 Du Page, 17 Prairielands, 12 Lake, 11 Rockford, 8 Kane, 6 McHenry, 5 DeKalb, 4 Quad Cities, and 24 unaccounted for as to local club and/or out of state members.

An informal National LP membership renewal drive by Gerry Walsh has been largely responsible for 14 new or renewed memberships to National in the past month. The larger the number of National LP members we have, the more delegates LPI can send to the National Convention.

Following an SCC resolution, a mailing was sent to 1,757 names on the LPI data base coded as "inquiries" and dating from 1981 and earlier. To date there have been 30 responses, including one new member/donor of LPI, one newsletter subscriber, and two others expressing interest in becoming members or subscribers to the newsletter. Much of the work on this mailing was done by Kathy Kelley, our Treasurer. Dan Hansen, our interim data base coordinator, who gets the labels printed, etc., also deserves thanks.

At the December SCC meeting a resolution was passed to publish the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN monthly and to continue sending it to selected media as well as members and subscribers.

Eighteen reps and visitors attended the December meeting. An interesting report was given about post election callers to the Wally Phillips Show on WGN radio. One caller said he voted Libertarian although he is not a Libertarian Party member; when he called the Board of Elections to get vote totals for the LPI, they would not tell him. An election judge from the South side called and said she was told if she gets any Libertarian votes, to throw them in the lake. An election judge from the North side claimed she was told the same thing: "Get rid of those Libertarian votes." The conversation continued for about 30 minutes.

Pat

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Saturday, February 12, is the day.

The Blackhawk Restaurant is the place.

Six O'clock in the evening is the time.

You are cordially invited to attend a gala evening of delectable food, exquisitely potable drink, joyous entertainment, and superb intellectual stimulation.

The occasion is the Campaign Kick Off Dinner for the three stalwarts who will brave the storms of political contest in their respective towns twixt now and April 12.

The guest speakers are truly special. Bea Armstrong, 1982 LPI gubernatorial candidate, will speak on "The Ideal Libertarian Candidate." Bea, a master with the written word, has demonstrated over and over again her consummate skill with the spoken word. For those who have heard her, "Bea Armstrong will speak" is the promise of a thoughtful, informative, entertaining, and inspiring talk. For those who have not yet had the pleasure, here is your chance.

The other featured speaker will be Robert Chitester. Bob is the Chief Executive Officer of Amagin, Inc., a TV production company. He produced the series "Free to Choose," featuring Milton Friedman, "Federal Budget Review," a musical satire on the Federal Budget with Stan Freberg, "The War Called Peace," and "The Star Spangled Spenders." He is currently working on a series featuring economist Thomas Sowell called "The Real Revolution" and an hour-long special, "The State Against the Blacks." Another series with Milton Friedman is planned for 1983.

Steve Johnson, Gerry Walsh, and Dave Kelley will be there to tell us about their April election campaigns. Steve, LPI's 1982 candidate for Illinois Comptroller, is running for Village Commissioner in Forest Park. Gerry, LPI State Chair who almost got elected to the school board in 1981, is running for Village Trustee in Roselle. And Dave, LPI VC, North, and candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1982, is making his second bid for Alderman in Rockford.

The fundraiser will be held in one of Chicago's finest restaurants, the venerable Blackhawk, on Wabash at Dearborn. The festivities begin at 6pm with a cash bar and an open "Build your own" nacho bar. Dinner will be served at 7pm with a choice of petite filet or the Blackhawk's famous scrod. The program will begin at 8pm.

Tickets for the evening are \$25 for reservations postmarked by February 1, and \$30 for late reservations (postmarked February 2 through February 7). There will be a few places for late, late reservations phoned in to the LPI (312/894-8680) by February 9. Make your check payable to LIFBAC and send it with your entree choices, "petite filet"

or "scrod" (be sure to indicate the number of each) to LPI, P.O. Box 1776, Chicago 60690.

Come and bring your friends. This is a great opportunity to introduce them to Libertarian ideas and fun.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY WEEK

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The National LP has designated the last week in January as "Social Security Week" and mounted a campaign to educate Americans about this pressing issue. Congress will act on it early in 1983. Will you?

Here's what you can do to publicize the Libertarian solution to the Social Security problem: Write a letter to every local newspaper in your area. Write to your Congressmen. Get interviewed by local radio and TV stations and political editors of local papers. Call in to talk shows. Volunteer to speak to local organizations. Use Ed Clark's A NEW BEGINNING as a resource.

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#### LCD SEEKS EXPERTS

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The Libertarian Club of DuPage is looking for persons with expertise in a variety of areas to speak at their regular meetings.

The LCD plans to expand their outreach program by inviting speakers who are competent to speak from a libertarian perspective about issues of current and future concern to the voters in the County, and "who can hold their own in debate," according to Ed Roth. "We plan to invite Republicans and Democrats to debate libertarian speakers and hope to attract more of the general public to our meetings. If we can offer informed debate on relevant issues, they'll come--and hear the libertarian positions."

The topics they would like to find speakers for are: the Lake Michigan water pipeline, cable TV, regulation of video games and arcades, zoning regulations, township government, and state/local taxes.

If you are knowledgeable about any of these subjects, you are one of the people the LCD is looking for. If you know a libertarian who is, you can recommend her/him. If you have a particular interest in any of the issues, perhaps you'd like to do some research and become an "expert." All of the topics are excellent subjects for students to use for research papers--anyone game?

One of Bea Armstrong's strengths as a campaigner was her armamentarium of facts, figures, and better (i.e., Libertarian) specific proposals for solving problems. We are going to need many well-informed speakers who are willing to publicly address the issues if the Rebellion is to succeed.

If you can supply any leads to the persons being sought, call Pat Peterson (see the LPI Directory on the back page for his phone number) or Ed Roth (312/968-5863).

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#### MEL DAHL WILL WALK U.S.

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Libertarian and gay rights activist Mel Dahl will carry his campaign to end the military's policy of discrimination against gay people to the American people next summer by walking from New York City to San Francisco.

Dahl, 23, who was discharged from the Navy last year for stating a homosexual preference, is suing in Federal Court for an end to a Navy regulation which says that all known gay people must be discharged.

Beginning in the end of April, Dahl intends to leave from the Statue of Liberty in New York and walk across the United States to draw publicity to his case. He intends to hold rallies and fund-raisers along the way, and hopes to complete the trip by the end of September.

The case, which attracted wide publicity during a military hearing in September, 1981, is expected to be the first suit in Federal Court to challenge a newly enacted Navy regulation which states, "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service." Responding to this statement, Dahl branded it "a crock of lard," pointing out that "this asinine regulation would have disqualified from military service the armies of Greece, the armies of Sparta, the armies of Rome, and George Washington's Chief of Staff."

Dahl's homosexuality first came to the attention of the Navy in March, 1981, when he failed a top security clearance to train to be a submarine cryptographer solely because of his sexual orientation.

The walk route is still in the planning stage. Anyone interested in helping to fund it, holding a fund-raiser for Dahl along the way, or wishing him to include a certain city in his itinerary should contact him at P.O. Box 10816, Chicago, Illinois 60610.



To the extent that the government has interfered with the functioning of the free market, the economy is plagued with shortages, inefficiency, and a lower standard of living.

---John Hospers

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## TURNING IDEALS INTO LAW

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by Gerry Walsh

It may be that I've become cantankerous in my old age (31 years), but I think our local officials are passing some ridiculous laws.

Their latest concern nationwide and in the Northwest suburbs, is video game parlors. They claim the children of the community will be spending their lunch money and countless hours playing Pac-Man unless these businesses are regulated.

These charges are made by people brought up with pinball, pool, and ice cream parlors, the hoola hoop, and television. We survived those, and we'll survive video games.

Did everyone notice the proposal to regulate hot tubs? How hot can they be? What sterility level must be maintained? Thank God those regulators weren't around when bathtubs were invented. Somehow, I think most people know when a tub is too hot.

Let's look at restaurants. You've sat down to dinner, but the waiter doesn't pour you any water. Poor service, youthink. Then you see a small sign on your table stating that local ordinances prohibit serving water unless requested. Conservation is a good idea, but that doesn't mean it should be a law. Can you imagine hauling someone into court because they poured an illegal glass of water?

Is your lawn neatly trimmed? Our Northwest suburban community has a law declaring weeds more than eight inches high are a nuisance and must be cut. The State of Illinois ignores this law. The Village ignores the State's scofflaw attitude and only prosecutes homeowners and businesses. They're giving a new meaning to the phrase, "being busted for grass."

Some readers may remember Prohibition. Alcohol was outlawed, which made a lot of otherwise law-abiding citizens into criminals. (Gun owners, take note.) Not only do we ban marijuana, we're also banning "drug paraphernalia," such as pipes, cigarette rolling machines, alligator clips, and spoons. At least alcohol paraphernalia (glasses, tonic water, vats) weren't banned during Prohibition.

Alcohol. It ranks with nicotine as our most abused drug. Yet government officials of one village are encouraging alcohol consumption. They've found a beer with the same name as their town. They make up for it by slapping hefty fees and regulations on anyone wishing to sell the product.

Psychics file lawsuit against village. The local laws ban palmistry, astrology, mediums, etc. Fortunately, this doesn't apply to the newspapers with horoscopes or restaurants with fortune cookies. Some people believe in ESP, some don't. Some people believe in God, some don't. The point is, we shouldn't have

our governments making the decision for us as to what is an acceptable belief.

The people who are passing these laws probably don't play video games, smoke, use hot tubs, or believe in psychics. They're taking their beliefs and legislating these into laws. If you disobey, you're fined or thrown into jail.

Laws should not protect people from themselves; laws should protect people from violence. We need the freedom to make mistakes, the right to be wrong. I hope this reminds local representatives of the Jeffersonian principle of minimal government.

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## THE INCOME TAX MUST GO!

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by Richard W. Suter

That's the explosive title on the cover of a 36-page book published this year by Project Liberty. The book, written by former Chicagoan Joe Cobb, is the first publication of Project Liberty. Project Liberty is the brain child of 31 political activists from throughout the U.S. dedicated to ending the hated Federal Income Tax by repealing the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Already nine state legislatures have petitioned Congress to initiate the repeal process. I'm told that Alaska is about to become the tenth state. A recent national poll indicates that 35 percent of the voters favor abolishing the Federal Income Tax and radically reducing government spending. Yet, despite this cry for abolition, most politicians shy away from this issue as if it were poison. That's probably because it is poison for the legions of politicians and bureaucrats who live off our tax money!

When 34 state legislatures pass a resolution calling for a limited constitutional convention to repeal the Sixteenth Amendment, Congress will be obliged to call such a convention to draft the repeal. Alternatively, Congress can begin the repeal process. An amendment to repeal, passed by a simple majority of both houses of Congress, then must be ratified by 3/4 of the state legislatures.

Project Liberty exists to get the job of repealing the Sixteenth Amendment done. Their approach is market-oriented, not to build up another bureaucracy. The sole purpose of Project Liberty is working for individual rights, starting with a campaign to repeal the Sixteenth Amendment.

To obtain more information about this trail-blazing project, write Project Liberty, 1041 Cherokee Street, Denver, Colorado 80204. To get a copy of THE INCOME TAX MUST GO!, send \$3 plus \$1 for shipping.

Editor's note: Marji Kohls, past Secretary of LPI, is an Endorser of Project Liberty.



by Stephen C. Boydston

Robert Nozick noted in Anarchy, State, and Utopia (p. 34) that libertarian prohibitions of physical aggression do not entail prohibiting "the use of force in defense against another party who is a threat, even though he is innocent and deserves no retribution. An innocent threat is someone who innocently is a casual agent in a process such that he would be an aggressor had he chosen to become such an agent." Nozick went on to say (pp. 62-3) that the upper limit of defensive harm that may be inflicted on an innocent threat is proportionate to (and not less than) the harm threatened, provided the harm necessary to repel the attack is not exceeded. The bearing this has on the issue of abortion will come into focus in just the twinkling of an eye.

When should a member of our species be accorded the rights a person has against another? What rights ought to be accorded between a human fetus (embryo, blastocyst) and its mother? Pass over the idea that pregnant women have tacitly agreed (with anybody) to provide maternal care for potential persons that might arise within them---such agreements "are not worth the paper they are not written on." A more promising approach emerges from a circumstance dimly seen by John Finnis in "The Rights and Wrongs of Abortion", PHILOSOPHY & PUBLIC AFFAIRS (hereinafter PPA) 2, no. 1 (Winter 1972) pp. 141-2. The mother, like the fetus, is where she is because that is the world line in space-time on which she came into being. Neither the mother nor the fetus can have a claim-right against the presence of the other on that world line; nor is either in breach of a duty to the other to refrain from coming to be there.

Try to imagine how we might accord the rights of a person to a fetus at some time before it would be viable apart from the mother. The fetus not only resides on the same world line as the mother, it requires the mother's support in order to live. Judith Thomson has emphasized in "A Defense of Abortion", PPA 1, no. 1 (Fall 1971), that the right of the fetus against the omission of support by the mother would be a right that a person does not have against another. We do not have a coercive right to be treated as the Good Samaritan would treat us. In fine, the mother disclaiming guardianship may free herself of the fetus by dealing its death.

The fetus need not be a threat; it may be only an unwanted burden. If the mother and her agents end the life of this innocent, they do no political injustice since innocents have no

right to life at the involuntary expense of another. The defenders of the fetus would do injustice by compelling the mother to omit ending the life of the fetus because that would entail requiring her to render involuntary service. In compelling the mother to support the fetus, the defenders of the fetus would replace the disclaiming mother as guardian, and guardians may not impress others into their service.

In "Abortion and Infanticide", PPA 2, no. 1 (Fall 1972) pp. 52-3, Michael Tooley pointed out the possibility of preventive restraint of the disclaiming mother provided she is compensated for the imposed disadvantages. Such preventive restraint would, I think, be unjustified since the act prevented would not have imposed a risk of violation of a right had by persons.

Now suppose the time of viability has arrived. An adult has the right to render his services to a possible future person, and may now assert his guardianship at his own expense without impressment of the disclaiming mother. Reconsider the circumstances carefully: The mother, like the infant, is where she is because that is the world line on which she came into being. Neither the guardians nor the mother can have a claim-right against the other to these residencies on that world line; nor is either in breach of a duty to the other to refrain from coming to these residencies in this way.

Viability is reached when there is a reasonable chance of the fetus' "sustained survival outside the womb, with or without artificial support." Colautti v. Franklin, 439 U.S. 379 at 388 (1979). "Viability is usually placed at about seven months (28 weeks) but may occur earlier, even at 24 weeks." Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 at 160 (1973). The attending physician judges viability by considering the gestational age of the fetus, the approximate fetal weight, the woman's general health and nutrition, and the quality of the available medical facilities. The Supreme Court has required that statutory definitions of viability be flexible to allow the attending physician "the room he needs to make his best medical judgment." Doe v. Bolton, 410 U.S. 179 at 192 (1972). Furthermore, it was held in Wynn v. Scott, 449 F. Supp. 1302 (N.D. Ill. 1978) that the attending physician cannot be legally required to consult with other physicians in determining whether he will perform an abortion. The legal interests of both maternal health and fetal health can be more directly served by physician's standards of care requirements and by informed consent requirements.

Full-term infants are delivered after 40 weeks of gestation, give or take two weeks. The chances of the infant's survival usually increase from a small value at about 28 weeks to full-term chances at 36 weeks. Abortion, in the legal context, is the intentional termination of pregnancy with the expectation that live birth will be thereby preempted. In general, abortions become increasingly risky for the woman as the pregnancy advances. The common methods of abortion during the first trimester are dilation of the cervix accompanied with either curettage or aspiration. After the first trimester these methods are no longer relatively safe. The principal methods of abortion after the first trimester are saline amnio-infusion, abdominal amniocentesis with instillation of uterotonic solutions (oxytocin or prostaglandins), or hysterotomy. Recall now that it is sometime during this latter stage of pregnancy that the fetus will become viable. So it is in terms of these latter means of pregnancy termination that the permissible defensive harms to innocent threats need to be drawn.

The threats contemplated here are the risk of harm the separation procedure poses to the mother, and the risk of harm the separation procedure poses to the viable infant (over and above the risk the infant faces due to withdrawal of maternal support). Saline amnio-infusion is nearly always fatal to the fetus. The incidence of fetal survival of labor induced with oxytocin or with prostaglandins is significantly greater than with saline (unless the woman is unusually sensitive to these drugs). Fetal death is more likely with induction of labor than with hysterotomy. On the other hand, for the woman, induction of labor is usually considered safer than hysterotomy. Note, "Medical Responsibility of Fetal Survival Under Roe and Doe," 10 Harv. Civ. Lib.-Civ. Rt. Rev. 444 (1975). Hysterotomy is as safe for the woman as Ceasarean delivery, and the latter is more likely to result in live birth.

The development of legal provisions for pregnancy terminations, within the guidelines of the federal courts, has been greatly encumbered by state legislators opposed to abortion. Almost every statutory provision concerning termination of pregnancy has been used as a vehicle for the surreptitious prescription of pre-viability abortions. The courts are not deceived and the provisions are stricken for vagueness. The battle resumes with the next session of the legislature.

Recapitulation of the position expounded here: Those members of our species which are persons or potential persons should always be accorded the rights a person has against another. No

one may be compelled to be a guardian. Those disclaiming guardianship of a potential person must, so far as consistent with securing their own rights against persons, leave him be for other claimants.

It should be further observed that as the potential person matures, the rights it bears in its own stead also mature. Contemporary jurists have rightly mitigated the dictum that minors are entitled "not to liberty, but to custody." Indeed, the Supreme Court has accorded competent female minors "mature enough to have become pregnant" a constitutional right of privacy which empowers them to terminate pregnancy without concurrence of guardian. Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth, 428 U.S. 52 at 75 (1976).

The view taken in this article is generally consistent with the view of guardianship delineated by Williamson Evers in "The Law of Omissions and Neglect of Children", JOURNAL OF LIBERTARIAN STUDIES 2, no. 1 (Winter 1978). However, from the account given here, it is plain that we may arrive at this position without relying on Evers' implausible characterization of the unwanted fetus as an aggressor. The account given here also plainly permits the libertarian philosopher in one of the notable scenarios of Ross Overbeek's (see "The Pledge", ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN, F/M 1981) to rescue the starving infant from its parents house without violation of any property rights.

In researching the medical and legal aspects of this article I have been kindly assisted by David Stowe and Jerry Crawford.



'OK, kid! We know you're in there!  
Come out with your hands up!'



CALENDAR

KANE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7:30pm first Wednesday, St. Charles Savings and Loan, St. Charles--Pat Schultz 426-9187.

LIBERTARIAN CLUB OF DU PAGE--8pm first and second Mondays, College of DuPage, followed by Cafe Discussion at Alfie's Restaurant; 8pm last Wednesday, Don Parrish's house--Pat Peterson, H.830-8468, O.832-3130.

McHENRY COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7pm third Thursday, Branded Steak House, Crystal Lake--Joan Jarosz 658-6335 or Steve Garcia 639-8112.

NORTH SIDE STUDY GROUP--7pm fourth Sunday. January meeting at Ray Birks' house, 938 W. Wolfram, Chicago. Topic: Henry Hazlitt's ECONOMICS IN ONE LESSON--Stephen Boydston 883-5199.

NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN ORGANIZATION--January meetings combined with Johnson for Commissioner days. Work/fun sessions at Steve Johnson's--Noon January 15, 1pm January 23.--Rich Suter 736-9572.

He who controls the purse controls the life. --Ancient Chinese saying

from the EDITOR'S DESK

In this issue we have Gerry Walsh's front page article instead of his regular column--"from the Chair" will be back next issue.

Kris Warmoth tells us--anticipating moving to New Mexico in the spring, she has resigned as coordinator of the Northside Discussion Club. The job will be in the capable hands of Stephen Boydston beginning in January. See the Calendar for the listing of their next meeting and Stephen's phone number.

Three dozen Libertarians turned out October 23 to picket the League of Women Voters final debate. We had our pictures taken by TV cameras and Ed Roth's. Bea wasn't in the debate, but she was there to meet the press, who showed up in our press room in disappointingly small numbers.

Credits and thanks for the photos in this issue's montage go to Fran Holt, Mike Ray, Ed Roth, Brian Turton, and persons unknown.

Local Clubs...

The Local Club of the Year Award goes to the McHenry County Libertarian Club. Their big job in 1982 was getting votes for Joan Jarosz for Congress, and they did a bang up job.

The Lake County Libertarian Club met monthly throughout the year for pot luck suppers and discussion. Their biggest task in 1982 was staffing a booth at the County Fair. They had people at the booth twelve hours a day for five straight days, handing out literature and talking with the people who stopped

by. They celebrated with an October Fest attended by 25 members and guests in September. At their January meeting they will plan strategy for 1983, including a membership drive.

South Central VC Scott Tillman reports that an exchange student from the Peoples Republic of China asked to have his name put on the local and state Libertarian mailing lists after hearing Bea Armstrong speak at a meeting sponsored by the Bradley (University) Student Libertarians. The Illinois Valley Libertarians used some of the funds raised at a cocktail reception for Bea to pay part of the cost of a generic "Vote Libertarian" ad run in the PRAIRIE SUN, a youth-oriented newspaper with circulation in four states. Iowa Libertarian Diann Failor originated the idea and helped pay for the ad, which graphically showed the government as a "Monster Loose Upon the Land" and included local contact phone numbers for Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The IVLA has shown the films "We Hold These Truths" and "The Incredible Bread Machine," and had a program on "Tuition Tax Credits---Bureaucratic Trap?"

The Libertarian Club of DuPage is running a series of white paper talks. Gene Haschak and George Clowes, who wrote the white paper on public transportation for Bea Armstrong, spoke at a November LCD meeting. Joe Maxwell and Bob Jackson, authors of the education white paper, will speak the first Monday in February. Everyone is invited to the meetings and education is an excellent issue through which to introduce people to libertarian ideas. Invite your friends who are interested in and/or concerned about education and make the trek to the College of DuPage. It will be well worth the trip.

The Rockford Area Libertarians are planning their third outreach program for Friday, January 7. Steve Nelson will speak about the history of and current issues around gun control. Steve, a long-time activist and former LPI State Chair, lives in Downers Grove. His gun control talk is very well researched and very persuasive. The program will be at the Sweden House Inn, 4605 E. State St., Rockford at 7:30pm. Dinner before? Call Kathy Kelley.

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The Kane County Libertarian Club held its first official meeting in November with eight members attending. By December, they had moved their meeting place to a community room in the St. Charles Savings and Loan Association, welcomed their first invited speakers, and started a newsletter. By the end of the month, they had added a new member.

Lee Euchler is the Editor of the newsletter,

which will be published monthly. Secretary Pat Schultz is the local contact for Kane County. The Club will meet regularly on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

Dare Schaut and Bill Reich of the Mid America Commodity and Barter Association, a tax protest group, spoke at the December meeting. Their talk was well received and set off a lively discussion.

## IN THE MEDIA

### Libertarians 'ignored'

Now that the hubbub of elections and election results are over, I find it strange that I have yet to read in the Register Star's "complete election coverage" how most of the candidates for whom I and many others voted, fared on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

I am referring to the candidates from the Libertarian Party, especially the Armstrong/Kelley ticket for governor and lieutenant governor. The Register Star ignored the appearances and issues of the Libertarian Party candidates throughout the campaign. I wonder how many Reg-

ister Star readers knew Rockford resident David Kelley was the Libertarian Party candidate for lieutenant governor? Wouldn't this have made a newsworthy article, even though he was affiliated with a third party? Do Register Star readers know that Bea Armstrong, candidate for governor, made three campaign appearances in Rockford, including a visit to Woodward Governor and a fund-raising brunch at the Clock Tower Inn? Do Register Star readers know that the Libertarian Party is the only party that has practical solutions for unemployment and a plan for real tax reduction?

No, Rockford Register Star readers don't know any of these facts because the

paper won't cover a party whose set of principles are based on reason and logic; a party whose acceptance would upset the status quo of manipulation of taxpayers' money by politicians who merely argue the logistics of how much to spend and which favored group will get the next handout. The Register Star did not give "complete election coverage" but chose the news, issues and personalities it saw fit for its readers to consume.

I think the Rockford Register Star has its priorities mixed up, but I am ever thankful that the 852 citizens of Winnebago County who voted for the Armstrong/Kelley ticket of the Libertarian Party do not. — *Mary Dunkel*,

--Letter to the Editor, Rockford REGISTER STAR, published 11/25/82

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Kelley in the thick of it

Members of Rockford Area Libertarians have joined forces with the Winnebago County Tax-payers Association in a campaign to end Home Rule (HR) in the City of Rockford.

Dave Kelley arranged for the use of the public opinion booths at two local shopping malls on November 13 to kick off a petition drive to put a referendum on the April ballot which, if approved by a majority of the voters, will repeal HR in Rockford. Seven thousand signatures are required to qualify the referendum for the ballot. The deadline for filing the petition is January 17.

All municipalities with populations of 50,000 or more and Cook County were designated as HR units of government by the 1970 Illinois Constitution. Smaller municipalities and other counties may adopt HR by referendum, and it may be repealed by referendum. HR governing bodies have "the power to regulate for the protection of health, safety, morals and welfare; to license; to tax; and to incur debt" without a by-your-leave from the voters. The Constitution goes on to say that these powers are to be interpreted broadly.

The governments of non-HR municipalities are constrained by the Constitution and Illinois law from taking many actions HR governments may engage in freely. HR governments may add new taxes, increase taxes, and borrow money without asking for voter approval (which they would have to get sans HR authority). They are exempt from statutory maximums on the tax rates they may levy, and they are protected from voter-initiated tax-cut referenda. They may prohibit, ban, restrict, require, circumscribe, tax, or fine almost anything they want to.

In Rockford the situation is even worse than in many other HR municipalities. Attorney General Tyrone Fahner ruled that, because the Rockford Park District boundaries are contiguous with the boundaries of the City, the Park District also has HR powers! (Noblesse oblige to a whole set of would-be tyrants the Constitution authors neglected to include!) When the City's HR authority is repealed, the Park District's odious power piggybacking will fall with it.

Dave Kelley has high quality grist for his aldermanic campaign mill in the HR issue. It will, however, open him to an onslaught of scare tactics and smeary charges from his opponents. I think it's safe to predict the Rockford REGISTER STAR will deal itself into that game too.

The Rockford Libertarians have a real battle shaping up. We wish them well and hope Libertarians throughout the state who are not sticking their necks out this April will get out their best pens (the ones which write the largest numbers on checks) as soon as Dave's campaign becomes official.

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At press time we discovered there may be a Libertarian on the Palatine Township Board as early as January, 1983.

Randy Heidenfelder has announced that she is volunteering for an expected vacancy on that five-member anachronism of Illinois politics. Nothing official yet, but the story is this:

The present Township Assessor was elected to the General Assembly on November 2. It is anticipated that the Township Board of Trustees will appoint one of its members to the Assessor's job, thus leaving a vacancy on the Board (because of a recent court ruling, that person may not hold both jobs at the same time). When such a vacancy occurs, the Board must accept and consider applications from all persons within its jurisdiction who choose to apply, and appoint one of them to fill the unexpired term of the Trustee who has vacated the office.

The resignation of the Board member who will be Assessor is expected in January. As soon as it is formally done, Randy's application for the vacancy will go in. Because she holds a degree in law, her chances of being appointed are excellent. The term expires in 1985, when the whole Board will be up for election.

Township government in Illinois, while perhaps a useful unit of government when distances were measured by how far one could walk or ride horseback in a day, persists in the jet age. So far as your editor has been able to determine, Townships, as units of government, serve no useful function today. They apparently exist only to spend taxpayers money. It will be refreshing to see a Libertarian holding forth in just one of them.

"The Search for Stable Money," a policy conference sponsored by the Cato Institute, will be held in Washington, D.C., January 21-22. For info: Janet Nelson, Cato Institute, 224 Second St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003

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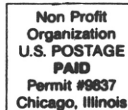
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The next State Central Committee meeting will be at 1pm Sunday, January 9, at Pat Natschke's house, 4011 W. Waveland, Chicago.

The SCC meets the first Sunday of every month. Although only State Representatives may vote, any LPI member is welcome to attend the meetings. Meeting places generally alternate between locations in Cook County and outside Cook County. In 1982 SCC meetings were held in Rockford, Lisle, Lake in the Hills, DeKalb, Wilmette, Bloomington, Roselle, and Chicago. When scheduling permits, SCC Reps and visitors help with preparing the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN for mailing. Come join the fun.



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