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## Libertarians Join Students, Teachers, and Citizens in Rally to Help Save the Arlington School of Music

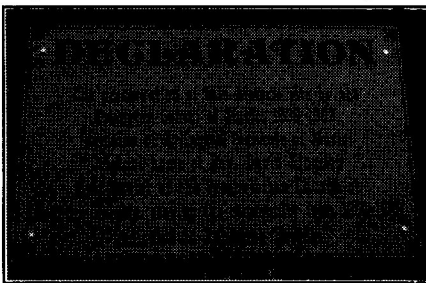
## Libertarian Party of Illinois Annual State Convention and Annual Meeting

### Don't Miss It!

Over 50 angry people met at the Arlington Heights Village Hall on the frigid evening of February 16 to protest the unconstitutional and immoral land grab by the Arlington Heights Village Board of the Arlington School of Music through the tax increment financing laws. The rally was organized by the Libertarian Activist Club.



Irate citizens protesting condemnation of Arlington School of Music in front of Village Hall.



Plaque on the side of the building of the Arlington School of Music.

Protestors carried signs, chanted, and distributed literature to communicate the plight that owner Nico Angel is in with the Village Board. After the rally, Nico Angel pleaded his case in front of the board at the regular Board meeting with an impassioned, pointed, and eloquent speech. Then, Andrew Spiegel, who was representing Nico for that evening, asked the Board to rescind their condemnation vote. The Board refuse to reconsider and even hid behind the fact that the matter

was in litigation and therefore would not address the issue.

"The fight has only begun," declared Angel, as he left the Board meeting room. Joseph Morris of the Lincoln Legal Foundation has agreed to take the case pro-bono. Their intent is to go all the way to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

Another rally is being planned. See adjacent article.

by *Kenneth Prazak*

I look forward to our annual state convention more than anything else throughout the year. It feels so good to get together with people who not only have ideas—and like to talk about them—but their ideas actually make sense.

I am confident that everyone reading this article has experienced on more than one occasion the uneasiness of being at a party among "normal" people when the conversation turns

to politics. You put in your two cents worth. Then come the stares, the indifference, sometimes the incredulity, and quickly the conversation reverts back to da Bulls. Very frustrating, isn't it.

Well, that won't happen during state convention weekend. I firmly believe that we have the best people, the best ideas and the best minds in the state. Conversation will be amazingly stimulating, provocative, and challenging. Yes, we may have our differences, but

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### Rally to Save the Arlington School of Music

The Libertarian Activist Club is planning another rally to save the Arlington School of Music. This one will take place on Saturday, 12:00 noon, on April 3, at the North School Park, downtown Arlington Heights, on Arlington Heights Rd. and Eastman Ave. At press time, the location is tentative, because we haven't got a permit yet. But the event will happen.

Please help support this worthy cause. The owner, Nico Angel, is determined to win this battle, and plans to go all the way to the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

These condemnations must stop, or private property rights are meaningless. If you would like to participate, contact either Dave Peerenboom at 708-438-7675, or Ken Prazak at 708-810-1974.

### George Myers Makes Case for Tax Reform at Northwest Club Meeting

"The personal income tax costs as much to collect the tax as the actual tax itself," stated Myers, a CPA, and Libertarian, as he was making the case to eliminate the income tax and replace it with a national sales tax as an interim move towards liberty. Presenting his case in a thorough and professional manner with overhead charts and graphs, Myers attempted to convince a somewhat skeptical Libertarian audience at the Northwest club meeting last February 16 to support a change in the tax system to eliminate the income tax, which levies such a burden on savings, and replace it with a national sales tax, which taxes consumption rather than savings and investment.

Myers made the point that a national sales tax could be implemented with far fewer costs than the income tax, so such a change would unleash economic activity that is now eaten up by resources ex-

pendent to comply with and enforce the federal income tax.

Savings and investment would be rewarded in this system, which would further spur on economic growth.

And personal liberty would be restored to a great degree, as the IRS would not be hassling as many people as it does now.

Myers emphasized that this would be an interim measure on the road to liberty, not an end but a means to the end. Some Libertarians were skeptical of this, wondering if adding a new tax to the government's disposal wouldn't just add to the already burdensome tax system in this country. Also, some questioned if a sales tax would have any different effect on investment than the income tax would, suggesting that one person's savings is another person's consumption.

Myers pointed out that our foreign competitors tax systems emphasize taxing consumption more than investment and their savings rates are a lot higher than in the United States.

One thing was clear from Mr. Myers presentation that no one argued with. If the present trend continues, by the year 1996, the personal income tax will pay for nothing but interest on the national debt. By the year 2000, all taxes collected by the federal government will pay for nothing more than interest on the national debt. Of course before that actually happened, the U.S. would have a severe financial breakdown. Myers points out that something must be done fast to reverse this trend, to escape international financial calamity. He makes a good case that replacing the income tax with a national sales tax would begin to solve the problem.

those differences will be at a level that only Libertarians could achieve.

The partying and the social atmosphere will be great.

But don't forget the great list of speakers we will have this year. **Dr. Mary Ruwart**, author of *Healing Our World*; **Larry Dodge**, founder of the Fully Informed Jury Association; **Patrick Rooney**, innovator of one effective answer to the health care "crisis", "Medisave Accounts"; **Bumper Hornberger**, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation; **Thomas Hetland**, educational choice advocate and Heartland Institute associate; **Tamara Clarke**, the feisty Nevada Libertarian who won her state senate race (even though it was stolen by the Democrats); and **Chuck Stewart**, successful property rights advocate.

We will also have a workshop on campaigning with Missouri media expert **Ken Bush**, **Andrew Spiegel**—LPI U.S. Senate candidate, and others.

And the Annual Meeting will be anything but boring. We will vote on whether or not to retain the pledge. We will elect delegates to the national convention, who will undoubtedly vote on

#### Convention (from page 1)

whether or not to retain the pledge on the national level, and whether or not to reorient the Libertarian Party Platform in a different direction. We will also elect new officers for the LPI.

If you are a libertarian and you have never been to our annual convention, do

yourself a favor; don't miss it. To others, it will be great to see some old faces, helping to bring about new ideas, in a more effective way here in Illinois. As the old curse goes, we live in a interesting times. Let's get together to help bring about a future of libertarian times.

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

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**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Ken,

Please accept my compliments on the December/January issue of the *Illinois Libertarian*. All of the articles were very interesting and well-written.

I do take issue with a suggestion made by Christopher Maxwell in his article "More Alternative Parties". He suggests that Libertarians work with Populists since "we have much more in common with them than we have separating us [sic]." I strongly disagree.

The Populists, while they agree with many libertarian positions, do not agree with or do not understand the libertarian political philosophy. Libertarians are freedom-lovers. Populists are conspiracy-haters. There is a difference. Without a deep, abiding love of individual liberty, a person cannot be expected to support individual freedom over the long run. I maintain of the Populists, just as I do of the conservatives, that their sharing of libertarian positions on some issues is due more to coincidence than to conviction.

A brief perusal of Populist literature will show you that they are very authoritarian, cultural collectivists. And where there is cultural collectivism, economic collectivism is sure to follow. Like conservatives, they feel that the US has gone "downhill" in recent decades and they yearn for the return of some supposedly long lost Golden Era. The decay and loss of greatness has come about due to the workings of a sinister band of people who have committed "betrayal". Libertarians, by contrast, favor individual freedom—even if it would mean a marked, even radical departure from some revered traditional practice. Even if it means committing "betrayal".

To be sure, in order to grow, Libertarians must reach out to other groups. Which groups are most appropriate? I would say the more tolerant Republicans and the more market-oriented Democrats. These people are moderates, and even though they do not understand the most radical of Libertarian positions, they are far more likely than socialists, nationalists, or populists to understand the value of individual liberty.

In Liberty,

Dave Hoscheidt

**Paul Salander's Candidacy: Correction**

Last month's *Illinois Libertarian* incorrectly reported that Paul Salander is running for Mendota County assessor. That is incorrect. He is running for Ophir-Meriden-Troy Grove Multi-Township Assessor in La Salle County.

"My campaign is centered around teaching people how to protest their taxes and how to look for corruption in their assessors and the assessment process."

**This is a condensation of a brochure Paul Salander is handing out for his campaign for Township Assessor.**

**Tips on**

Popular methods committing assessment trickery used by your local property tax assessor

"Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage, of any State . . . subjects, causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress . . ." (Book 42 United States Code sec. 1983 Civil Rights)

- 1. Assess similar items in a dissimilar manner.
- 2. Use old schedules of value from the Illinois Real Property Assessment Manual to favor friends.
- 3. Make mistakes in favor of friends.
- 4. Use the desirability factor. Example—your home is between two hog lots and given the highest assessment value.

- 5. Disregard the depreciation factor in calculating final value.
- 6. Reassess properties without using a common date and value basis.
- 7. Apply a multiplier to a skewed basis assessment at local level.
- 8. Fail to correct a[n] improper assessment.
- 9. Disregard requests for public information.
- 10. Give false information.
- 11. Form illegal classes of property to favor friends.
- 12. Calculate the proper fair cash value of property and then apply the advalorem tax method of 33 1/8% of the value to be used as the assessed value, but apply a lesser percentage to favored persons.

On the back of the brochure is a procedure to follow to appeal property taxes.

To help in Paul's campaign, call Paul at 1-815-539-7839.

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## Eliminate the Pledge as a Barrier for Membership

by Kenneth Prazak

The pledge has been a barrier to membership for a long time. It took me two years to join the party before I signed. I know one activist who took ten years. Some believe the pledge is pacifist. Others believe it is anarchistic. It doesn't serve its intended purpose. We are a political party, not a religious cult. Let's start acting like one and eliminate barriers to membership such as the pledge.

It's obstructionist on its face. One may argue that having obstructions to joining the LP is a good thing. I disagree. I have no problem with people joining our party or giving money to our party for whatever purpose. Now, if they want to be candidates, delegates, or party officers, that is an entirely different matter. I have no problem with a compromise that consists of those people signing a statement such as, "I have read, understand, and agree with the Statement of Principles."

It serves no useful purpose because it is innocuous. Anyone can read whatever they want into the meaning of "initiation of force." Is bombing the White House, the Supreme Court, or Capitol Hill initiation of force or a response to the force? Is driving on government-owned streets initiation of force, or is it getting back in service a small percentage of what has already been stolen by government. Anything between these extremes one can interpret in a variety of ways.

It's virtually unenforceable. If it were enforced, a difficulty would arise in defining the initiation of force, and very likely would be politicized in the implementation. A loose interpretation would be inadequate to do what was set out to be done in having a pledge. A strict interpretation would destroy the party because the party would be more concerned about violations of the pledge than the workings of the party. I can see the growing blacklist now. Denunciation, back-stabbing, the very intrigue that Marxist types are so famous for.

The very thought of signing a pledge turns off many activist libertarians who would otherwise join the party. The converse certainly is not true. "I'm not going to join your party until you give me a pledge to sign that succinctly defines your basic principles." Not. I have no problem with a statement similar to the pledge that is available for prospective members to see before joining. But they should not have to sign it as a pledge. For those who say that it was the non-aggression principle that

turned them on to the Libertarian Party, the statement as information only should suffice for likewise prospective members.

Some newcomers regard the pledge as a pacifist statement. Not everyone has read Ayn Rand. Therefore, they don't have as clear an understanding of "initiation of force" as we do. It doesn't matter that they might be wrong. We will never know how many prospective members turned away from us because he or she thought we were pacifists. (The seen versus the unseen.)

The signing of the pledge is not the heart and soul of the party. That would be tantamount to its being a sacrament. The phrase may be the best, most succinct one defining our philosophy. But as stated above, we don't need prospective members to pledge to that—only to read it and understand it to the best of their ability.

Liars of course have no problem signing anything.

One party founder says that the original purpose of the pledge was to put Libertarians on record that they weren't violent revolutionaries hell-bent on overthrowing the federal government—that it would be proof in court of our good intentions in case the government "goes after us" through some witch hunt. To those people who actually believe that the pledge would help stop witch hunts, and that the government would refrain from unconstitutionally rounding us up in camps, or whatever, and that the government wouldn't in actuality abolish jury trials in the process of this witch hunt, well, I have a plot of EPA-sanctioned swampland I'd like to sell you.

Some say that the burden of proof for change is on those who want to change . . . only true if we had been successful in the past. In my opinion the Libertarian Party is doing something wrong. We should have more members. We should be able to raise more money. We should be getting larger vote totals. It's broke; let's fix it. Those who favor the status quo have the burden of proof upon them to justify failure as the way to continue to do business. It is time to be inclusive rather than exclusive. It's time to admit this experiment with the pledge has failed.

*Editor's note: A leading proponent to retain the pledge was asked to write a counterpoint to this opinion piece. Unfortunately, he did not make the deadline.*

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## Join the Illinois Fully Informed Jury Association

**Mission:** To educate Illinois citizens on their already existing right and power to judge not only the facts of the case but the law itself while sitting on juries and grand juries.

### What are Fully Informed Juries?

The heritage of fully informed juries or the right to jury nullification as it is sometimes called, dates all the way back to the Magna Carta. It is our common law heritage that juries are the last arbiter of the law itself. Our founding fathers understood this and thus assured that right through the sixth and seventh amendments to the US Constitution.

Thomas Jefferson said it this way, "I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution." And John Adams, "It is not only his right, but his duty . . . to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment, and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court."

First US Supreme Court Chief Justice and author of the Federalist Papers, John Jay, charged the jury in the first jury trial in front of the US Supreme Court, "It may not be amiss, here gentlemen, to remind you of the good old rule, that on questions of fact, it is the province of the jury, on questions of law it is the province of the court to decide. But it must be observed that by the same law, which recognizes this reasonable distribution of jurisdiction, you have nevertheless a right to take upon yourselves to judge of both and to determine the law as well as the fact in controversy . . . both objects are lawfully within your power of decision."

Georgia v. Brailsford 3 Dalles 1 (1792)

**The right of jury nullification is a magic bullet for individual liberty.**

Has it been used in the past? Yes!

- Fully informed juries refused to convict defendants during the 1850s who harbored runaway slaves.
- Violators of the Prohibition Amendment in the 1920s.
- Draft resisters in the 1960s.
- Tax resisters in the 1970s and 80s.

**The problem:** Judges today routinely and mistakenly inform jurors that they must apply the law in a given case as the judge instructs them to, even though the Supreme Court has ruled that jurors do have the right of "jury lawlessness." The Court unfortunately ruled that jurors need not to be told of this power.

### The Solution: Education

Starting in February, to support its mission, Illinois FIJA will:

- distribute a monthly newsletter.
- print and help distribute brochures to inform prospective jurors of their nullification right.
- set up a speakers bureau to further educate Illinois citizens.
- issue periodic press releases concerning fully informed juries.
- lobby the state legislature to initiate an amendment to the Illinois Constitution that would instruct judges to inform jurors of this right.

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## Club Events and Party News

### SOC Appoints Five Area Managers

At the last State Organizing Committee on Sunday, February 28, the SOC appointed five people to manage five areas of concentration. Pat Franke, the present treasurer will head the Administration area. Andrew Spiegel will head the Campaign area. Dave Peerenboom is in charge of Communications. Bill Muench directs Finance. And Ken Prazak will manage Development.

The SOC approved action plans in those managing areas for the area managers to implement. These action plans are result of strategic planning sessions that have taken place over the past six months by the LPI leadership. The purpose of the plan is to redirect and focus energies on achievable goals for the LPI.

Details of the LPI business plan will be presented at the State Convention.

#### Development

- Convert 50% of the new names on the database into members.
- Monthly pledge program separate from LPI expenses.
- Find contact people in every congressional district.
- Starter kit for local clubs.
- Use the state convention to appeal to downstate members/voters.
- Determine process for telephone follow-up.
- Road shows state wide.
- Establish a development committee with the National Party.
- Manage membership—define a plan for acquisition and retention.

#### Administration

- Determine qualifications and procedures for accepting credit cards.
- Establish a permanent office.
- Job descriptions and responsibilities for officers and committee chairs.
- Coordinate legal research.
- Define a specific role for the clubs.
- Membership directory.
- Up-to-date media list.
- State convention.

### Libertarian Radio Ready for Second Round

“Rights and Insights”, a half-hour radio call-in and talk show in Peoria, with Scott Tillman and Greg James, is looking to go a second round. In the past two months they have covered topics such as health care, educational choice, taxes, and the drug war.

Greg reports that the show is a great success. They would like to go to an hour or an hour and a half format. To move to an hour and a half, they need to collect \$1900. They need \$1300 for an hour show. So far they have collected \$800. To help out, call the Coalition for a free America, which is helping to sponsor the show, at 309-689-1776.

“Rights and Insights” airs on WTAZ, on Saturdays at 2:00 PM.

### 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.

### Three Township Committeemen Picked at DuPage Organizational Meeting

Pat Cunningham : Downers Grove; 717-9150

Ralph Miron: Milton; 668-7643

Ken Prazak: Lisle; 810-1974

#### Campaign

- Ballot access chair (permanent).
- Set up a campaign committee (ongoing).
- Define the credentialing process for candidates.
- Assemble a file of willing candidates.
- Recruit more candidates for local positions.
- Candidate training.
- Endorsement research—determine opportunities.
- Research election districts.

#### Communication

- Press releases weekly that are issue oriented.
- Use newsletter more for outreach than internal communication.
- Weekly LP radio ads across the state (IL).
- Get on talk shows routinely.
- Use the Nolan Chart for ads, etc.
- Lecture series.
- Communications committee.
- Media relations coordinator.
- Reactivate the speakers club.
- Eliminate oath (must be voted on at State Convention).

#### Finance

- Budget process.
- Develop a five-year financial plan.

### 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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## Illinois Libertarian Calendar

### March 11

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 6:30 PM, at the Henry George School, 1772 W. Greenleaf, Chicago. Contact Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, for information.

### March 16

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, dinner, 8:00 PM. Program: National Committee members Maggie Kohls and Ken Prazak will report on the proposed changes to the Pledge and Platform. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL (1/2 block south of Algonquin). Call Jeanette Clinkumbroomer, 708-966-0565, for information.

### March 25

- **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.

### March 28

- **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.

### March 28

- **SOC** meeting, Sunday, 1:00 PM, at the Libertarian Party office, 1602 Colonial Parkway, Inverness. Call Pat Franke for directions: 934-3800.

### April 3

- Saturday, 12:00 noon. **Rally Against the Village of Arlington Heights** for condemning the Arlington School of Music, at the Arlington Village Board Meeting. Call Dave Peerenboom for more details, 708-438-7675.

### April 4

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

### April 8

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 6:30 PM, at the Las Palmas Restaurant, located on the corner of Maple & Church Streets, Evanston. Contact Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, for information.

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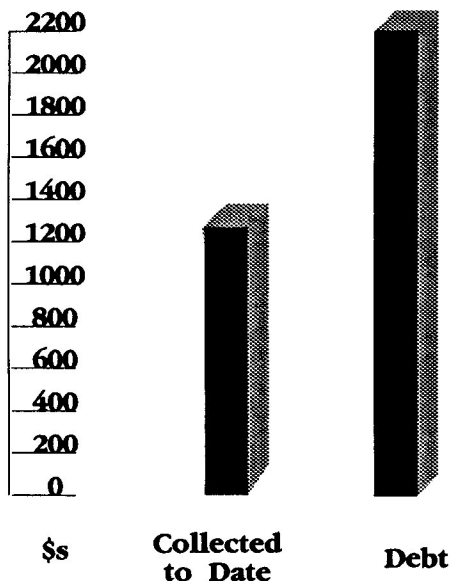
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## Spiegel for Senate Campaign Debt



Debt and funds collected to pay for debt accrued after the fall campaign

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