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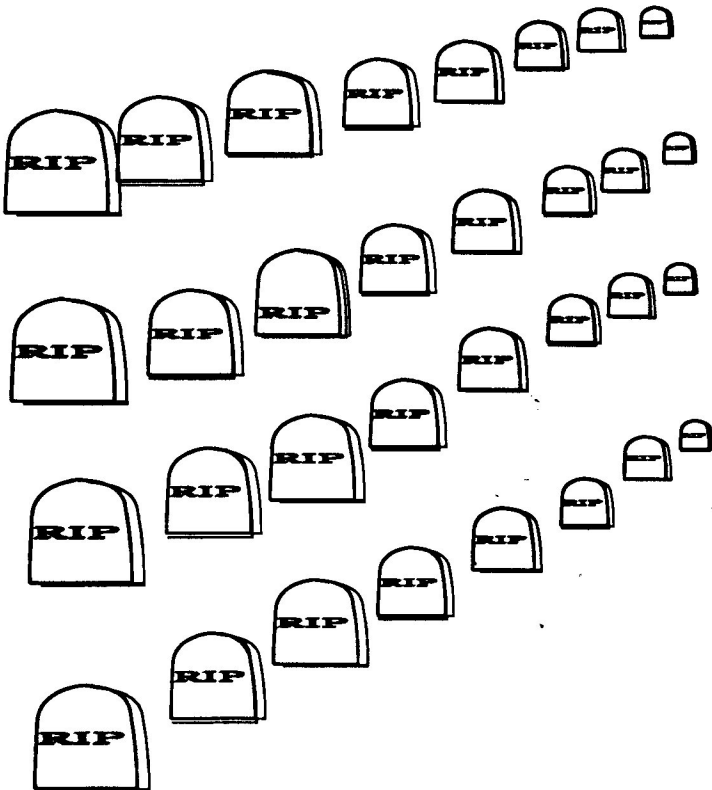
February 1991

"We shall never stop war, whatever machinery we may devise, until we have learned to think always, with a sort of desperate urgency and an utter self-identification of single human beings."



Victor Gollancz

from *Darkness to Light*



Local Tax Resister John Cheek Wins Major Victory in U.S. Supreme Court

You can't fight city hall, so they say, but one American hero thinks differently and has proved it with his actions. After a long arduous appeals process, Cheek has brought back a modicum of justice to this region.

The American Airlines pilot didn't file a tax return from 1980 to 1986. After much study, he became convinced that wages and salary didn't constitute taxable income. The federal government prosecuted, and convicted him of "Willful Failure to File" and "Tax Evasion". In all federal jurisdictions except the seventh district here in Illinois, a jury could take into consideration sincerity of belief as a defense against tax charges.

In Cheek's case, the jury had been hopelessly deadlocked and so the judge charged them to ignore sincerity of belief as a defense because of its "irrational basis." The jury then quickly convicted him. The Supreme Court ruled six to two that the judge erred in this charge, and remanded the case back for retrial. Sincerity of belief concerning tax cases is now the law of the land. The two dissenters on the Court were Blackmon and Marshall. Byron White wrote for the majority. Scalia voted with the majority but dissented that the Court didn't even go far enough in protecting the rights of citizens to a fair trial.

For those people interested in the validity of Cheek's argument in and of itself that wages and incomes are not taxable income, refer to a case in which the Supreme Court defines income (no where in the voluminous IRS code is income defined. Gross income is defined by using the word income in the definition, so it is up to the standing Eisner case to define income), *Eisner v. Macomber*, 252 U.S. 189, 207. "Income may be defined as the gain derived from capital, from labor, or from both combined."

Why Libertarians Should Support Tax Credits, Not Vouchers

from *The Voucher Book*, forthcoming from
The Heartland Institute

(see order form in this issue of the *Illinois Libertarian*)

Proponents of tuition tax credits and vouchers are close allies and must work together if either plan is to win legislative or voter approval. Both plans are based on the premise that more competition is needed among schools, and both would treat nongovernment schools more fairly. The principal differences are that, under a tax credit plan, parents would have to pay tuition *before* applying for a credit, taxpayers rather than schools would petition the government agency for the refund, and the *amount* of the credit would not be equal for all participants in the program. Individual reactions to these three differences will determine whether a person supports tax credits or vouchers.

Tax credit proponents tend to consider these differences to be advantages, while voucher proponents consider them disadvantages. Here, in brief, is the debate:

1. Making Parents Pay First

Because vouchers take away some of the sacrifice in choosing a school for a child, tax credit proponents fear they may vitiate one of the strongest forces behind the success of nongovernment schools. Having to save money or help raise money at school functions are actions that create and reinforce parental interest in children's education. Tuition tax credits keep some of the element of sacrifice intact by requiring parents (or other persons) to pay tuition or make a contribution to a school *before* claiming a refund.

Requiring parents to pay first and only then receive a tax credit or refund, voucher proponents reply, makes it more difficult for low- and middle-income parents to choose nongovernment schools. These are the very families that need help the most. Making the tax credit refundable does not resolve the "cash flow" problem that a poor household will face.

Tax credit proponents point to multiple contributions, contend that tuition levels at many nongovernment schools are low enough to allow students to work their way through school, and maintain that scholarship programs and loans can ease the burden on low-income families. Voucher advocates fear that making it difficult for poor families to participate will lead to the effort being labeled "elitist" or perceived as a subsidy to the wealthy.

2. Taxpayers, not schools, petition for the refund

Tax credit plans may make it more difficult for the state to impose regulations,¹ and restrictions on the schools. The schools never receive funds from the government under a tax credit plan. Donors are responsible for applying for the tax benefit after they contribute to a school or pay a tuition bill. A ready precedent for such an arrangement is the treatment of contributions to nonprofit charitable organizations. Voucher plans necessarily bring nongovernment schools into closer contact with government agents than do tax credit plans.

Voucher proponents counter by saying that the federal courts have shown an increasing willingness to deny tax-exempt status to organizations that do not comply with broadly applicable

regulations, making the difference smaller in practice than it appears to be in theory. In particular, if a tax credit plan has a refundability clause, it is not clear that the courts would view it any differently than an outright voucher program. If all else were equal, it would be easier for schools to handle the paperwork than individual parents.

3. Children would benefit unequally

Under a tuition tax credit plan, the amount of public funds that would be used to support each child's education would depend on the amount spent on tuition (and/or other school-related expenses), the tax liability of the parents, and the voluntary decisions of other taxpayers to contribute to the child's education. The amount would therefore vary from child to child depending on a wide range of factors, including the family's wealth, willingness to sacrifice, the value of their home, and their access to nonfamily taxpayers.

Tax credit proponents are not convinced that spending levels are related to student achievement, so equal spending is not needed to provide equal opportunity. Hence, there is no injustice in giving unequal credits to children who come from different families. Related to this is the view that government spending on education is likely to decline over time under a tuition tax credit plan, while it would probably rise under a voucher plan. The reason is that a tax credit plan creates incentives to compete with other schools for the voluntary giving of individuals, while a voucher plan gives parents and professional educators incentives to lobby legislators for a higher voucher amount.

Tuition tax credit proponents are uncomfortable with the notion that every family has a "right" to a certain level of funding for the education of their children. The notion of entitlement — that every family is entitled to an education at the general public's expense — is at odds with at least two other principles that are widely held. These are the special value of individual liberty, which is compromised by compulsory taxation for services not used, and of reward for merit or hard work, which is denied when the lazy or unproductive are given the same rewards as the hard-working and talented. Reconciling these competing values is probably an impossible task, and one that sits at the base of many other public policy debates.

The notion of entitlement also comes under fire for its practical consequences. Entitlements take away the reasons people work hard, enter challenging careers, or take risks. If the ability to enroll one's child in a high-quality institution need not be earned, where are the incentives to work hard, innovate, or take risks? Moreover, the disincentives against work or sacrifice do not affect only individuals. Why should a community tolerate the inconveniences of power plants, industry of any sort, or noisy retail strips if the *sacrifice* of tolerating them is not *rewarded* by more tax revenues with which to fund better schools?

Liberals are often more comfortable with the notion of entitlement than are conservatives and libertarians. Because vouchers do not challenge the entitlement theory of education, they are more acceptable to liberals than are tuition tax credits. Conservatives and libertarians who understand the nature of vouchers as entitlements view vouchers as a second best solution, an easier sell, or a step toward eventually confronting the notion of entitlement head-on.

1. In the Bob Jones case, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the authority of the Internal Revenue Service to deny tax-exempt status to a private, religious university because it did not allow interracial dating on campus. See *Bob Jones University v. United States and Goldsboro Christian Schools v. United States*, 461 U. S. 574, 103 S. Ct. 2017, 76 L.Ed. 2d 157 (1983).

New Club in LaSalle County

by *Tim Steil*

A small group of LPI members and friends who have been meeting informally for several months have elected officers and formed an official Libertarian Club. The LaSalle County Libertarians have named LPI Vice-Chair and former candidate for state Treasurer Paul Salander as Chair; longtime Libertarian activist Al Blomquist as Treasurer, and Tim Steil as Secretary. The club, growing out of a coalition to gather petition signatures for Paul, has a core of five LPI members, and a floating group of five to ten friends who attend meetings when possible.

Recent club activities include writing state legislators in opposition to the proposed "McDome" project, as well as sponsoring informal discussions exploring Libertarian options in the areas of education, taxation, and drug policy. Topics slated for upcoming discussion include ballot access, the LEI in April, and abortion.

The LaSalle County Libertarians meet on the second and last Sunday of each month at the Waltham Curling Club in Triumph, and Hardees in Oglesby respectively. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting or knowing of someone in our area who would be interested in doing so is encouraged to call Paul Salander at (815) 539-7839 for times and directions.

Upcoming Meetings

Feb 10 8PM Waltham Curling Club, Triumph, IL

Feb 24 8PM Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL

March 10 WCC Triumph

March 31 8PM Hardees, Oglesby

April 7, 8PM WCC, Triumph

April 28 8PM Hardees, Oglesby

Every second and last Sunday

LPI on the Road to Professionalism

The State Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Illinois passed a motion to form a committee on fund raising that would pay fund raisers on a commission basis. Jeanette Clinkunbroomer and Ken Prazak were named co-directors of fund raising. It was felt by the majority of the SCC that to improve the effectiveness of the LPI, a mechanism was needed to provide incentives to improve the Party's performance. The major drawback to serious political and educational involvement over the past eight years by the LPI has been a lack of funds. With this incentive system in place, LPI effectiveness should improve dramatically. At this time a fund-raising letter is being mailed out to 2000 life members of the Illinois State Rifle Association. If this mailing is successful, then more fund-raising activities will occur on a regular basis, and staff will also then begin to be paid, (subject to SCC approval) (such as an executive director, data base coordinator and newsletter editor). Voting in the majority were Eric Banfield, Scott Walton, Paul Salander, and Jeanette Clinkunbroomer. Dissenting were Steve Nelson and Steve Reed.

Marrou Makes Page One in Las Vegas

Libertarian presidential hopeful Andre Marrou was recently featured in the *Las Vegas Sun* with a nice color picture on page one. The newspaper quotes Andre, "Saddam Hussein is an idiot but he is not a direct threat to the United States." According to the Marrou campaign, this is the first time a Libertarian presidential candidate has made the first page of a major daily since Ed Clark in 1980.

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Letters

Dear editor,

Everyone will be the loser in this senseless war, and the Palestinians in the territories occupied by Israel will probably be the biggest losers. It has been suggested that for those people who now send books to mideast countries and collect and send a variety of articles to soldiers, another worthwhile project would be to solicit funds for, and send gas masks to those Palestinians who are not receiving them from Israel. This action would serve several purposes: It would provide Palestinians with the protection they need and want, it would focus attention upon a beleaguered people who are caught in the middle of this conflict, and it would expose yet another example of Israeli duplicity. An Israeli spokesman said that masks were not provided to these people because it was felt that they were not a target, and yet Israeli settlers in these same areas received masks. It is not anti-Semitic to criticize Israel's policies. Many Israeli citizens and Jews worldwide themselves criticize these policies.

Jean Baker

Dear editor,

You have an Honor Roll for those who support Drug Legalization. Why not have an Honor Roll for 1) Privatization 2) Educational choice?

I'd like to nominate golfer ChiChi Rodriguez to the Privatization Honor Roll. ChiChi commented that he established a foundation to help under-privileged kids because "After they leave my foundation, we want them to be taxpayers instead of tax burdens," from the *Chicago Tribune* 1/22/91 sports section.

I think libertarians should pay more attention to sports! Former pro athletes are often successful entrepreneurs who give a lot to private charity and at least publicly don't support big government. Potential examples: Walter Payton and Gary Fencik, Chicago Bears, and Ryne Sandberg of the Cubs. Unfortunately "Iron Mike" likes Richie Daley and wants a state funded Bear dome. What about the late Joe Robie of Miami's privately funded stadium? And Milwaukee's new efforts for a privately built sports facility?

Yours for liberty,

a sporty fan

A letter to Sue Walton, State Chair:

No doubt you are aware, concerned and outraged, of and about, the unconstitutional meddling that the government is doing in the Middle East. There is a brave person who needs our help. He is right but he does not realize why. I am speaking of LCpl. Eric Hayes USMCR. He is being Court-Martialed for nothing more than obeying his oath and refusing to obey an illegal order. [I] feel a particular kinship with him as he is a fellow Marine. Earlier this year I dared to criticize the "War on Drugs" in the media, so I know what he is going through. There is another reason why you should be concerned: he is a Marine reservist from your state. What I need from you is to contact him, and provide him moral support, publicize his case in your state newsletter. I am writing to Paul Jacob—our [former] National Director who was prosecuted for refusing to register for the draft, and the North Carolina LP State Chair about this, asking for other action. I am sure that they know of a top-notch Libertarian lawyer that LCpl. Hayes can hire. Of course I would not dream of asking the Party to commit any money; we have more direct needs for our limited resources. But the Libertarian Party can generate needed publicity, both for us, and for LCpl. Hayes.

Here is the address for LCpl. Hayes:

LCpl. Eric Hayes USMCR
Correctional Facility
MCB Camp Le Juene, NC 28542

I am writing to him too. He has to know why he is right. Hopefully he will find the means by which to establish a legal defense fund, and we can publicize it.

Marrou in '92,

Sgt. Thomas A. Caldwell Jr. USMC
Laguna Hills, CA

Re: Drug Parade Harassment

A letter, in part, from the Internal Affairs division of the Chicago Police Dept. to Ken Prazak

The Internal Affairs Division has completed its investigation into the allegations that a member(s) of the Chicago Police Dept. was guilty of misconduct. I want to thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

...After having conducted a thorough review of all of the evidence available in this particular case, we have concluded that the allegations cannot be sustained. This does not mean, however, that we have dismissed your allegation as untrue. It means that we were unable to uncover or acquire sufficient evidence for a sustained finding...

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Illinois' Phil Crane Most Libertarian in Congress

According to a new index prepared by Don Emsberger, National Task Force Coordinator of the Libertarian Party, and reported in the January *LP News*, Congressman Phil Crane received a 91% on economic issues and 45% on personal liberty issues to top the index, reflecting what seems to be a growing authoritarian mood in the country. Emsberger identified the twelve most important votes in both areas of concern and made a concerted effort to choose the identifying vote on the issue, which may have been a vote on an amendment rather than a vote on final passage. The most surprising result of the index is that it explodes the misconception that "Republicans are generally concerned more about economic liberties and Democrats more concerned about personal liberties." The index discovers that the Republicans scored relatively better (albeit poorly) on both dimensions.

Clint Eastwood—Libertarian

Movie critic Roger Ebert reported in the Albuquerque Journal last fall that Clint Eastwood declared himself a libertarian. Responding to Pauline Kael's celebrated review of "Dirty Harry" in which she said the film was fascist, "Eastwood said that he doubted he was a fascist, and then declared himself a libertarian—'kind of a liberal and conservative, a man who believes people should be left alone to lead their own lives as much as possible.'"

How about it Clint, make my day; run for president.

Novel Restoration

Chicago Tribune book reviewer, David E. Jones reports that Robert Heinlein's science fiction classic, *Stranger in a Strange Land*, has been restored to its pre-publisher-censored state. Originally published in 1961, "Stranger" was toned down, the publisher removing some of the biting satire directed at religion and prevalent sexual mores of the time. A new copyright law permits contracts made by a dead author null and void, so the result is the new unabridged published version. This version as told by Heinlein himself in his memoirs, "makes the style more graceful and readable."

Heinlein is the author of the phrase, "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch" (TANSTAAFL). As some have considered Ayn Rand epitomizing the brain of the libertarian movement, many consider Heinlein the heart.

* * * Winter Party * * *

Steve and Jo Ann Nelson will host a party for all members of the Libertarian Party of Illinois and guests on March 3, at 3:00 P.M. Beverages and food will be provided including a lobster bisque prepared by Jo Ann. Sue and Scott Walton have won 50 pounds of lobster, donating them for the party. For those palettes adverse to lobster, other main courses will be provided. There is a skating pond a half block from the Nelsons' home. Those interested should bring their skates, weather permitting.

This is a great opportunity to renew friendships and acquaintances, have fun and solve the world's problems. Newer members are especially welcome and are encouraged to come and meet some of the older members. Libertarian Party parties are always great fun and the only place where one can congregate with others in a party atmosphere without having to put up with so much statist-collectivist-establishment nonsense.

"The political parties that I style great are those which cling to principles rather than to their consequences; to general and not to special cases; to ideas and not to men. These parties are usually distinguished by nobler features, more generous passions, more genuine convictions, and a more bold and open conduct than the others.

Minor parties, on the other hand, are generally deficient in political good faith. As they are not sustained or dignified by lofty purposes, they ostensibly display the selfishness of their character in their actions. They glow with a factitious zeal; their language is vehement, but their conduct is timid and irresolute. The means which they employ are as wretched as the end at which they aim. Society is convulsed by great parties, it is only agitated by minor ones, it is torn by the former, by the latter it is degraded; and if the fit sometimes save it by a salutary perturbation, the last invariably disturb it to no good end."

Alex de Tocqueville
Democracy in America

Tax Freedom Act Proposed

National Taxpayers United of Illinois is spearheading a drive to pass legislation that would roll back property taxes to their 1988 levels. Democrat Jim Caparelli is introducing the bill in the House, and Republican Walter Dudycz, in the Senate. The bill would also allow local voters to raise or lower property taxes via referendum. It would take a 60 % majority to raise taxes. The best part of all is that this bill would require property taxes be due in April and November, on Primary and Election day.

In other tax news, the Tax Accountability Amendment will be reintroduced in the state legislature. Governor Edgar has already promised to adhere to the provisions of the Tax Accountability Amendment.

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February 14

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

February 24

- **LaSalle County Libertarians**, meeting Sunday 8 P.M., at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL, meets here every last Sunday of month. More info: call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

February 25

- **Illinois Valley Libertarian Association**, meeting Monday, 7:00 P.M., at Scott Tillman's, 1218 Henrietta, Pekin, meets every last Monday of the month, call Scott Tillman for confirmation, 309-353-1500.

February 25

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

March 3

- **Party at the Nelson's**, time: 3:00 P.M. All LPI members invited, 4825 Linscott, Downers Grove., 708-969-1088.

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April 6, 7

- **Annual Convention and Meeting, Libertarian Party of Illinois**, at the Midway Motor Lodge, 1600 E. Oakton, Elk Grove Village, IL. For more information, call Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

Honor Roll

The Illinois Libertarian Party salutes those leaders who have shown the courage to speak out for decriminalization of drugs.

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