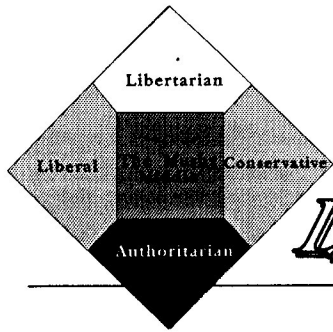


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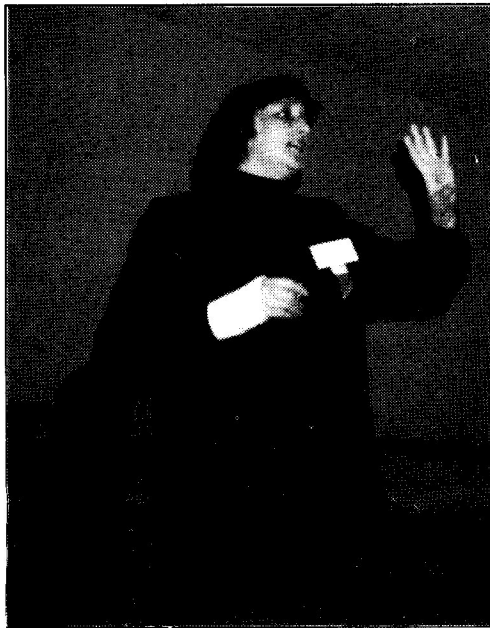
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Tamara Clark makes a point as she describes the massive election fraud that went on in her bid for state senate.

LPI Removes Pledge as Condition of Membership at Annual Meeting

By a vote of thirty-five to ten, the Libertarian Party of Illinois removed from its Bylaws the pledge as a condition of membership to the party. The vote far exceeded its required two-thirds majority. The pledge had read as follows: "I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means to achieve social or political goals."

Voters in favor of the change stated that they did not want to water down principles in voting for the change, but felt that the pledge was an unnecessary and confusing barrier to growth of the Libertarian Party. Some also questioned whether only anarchists could honestly sign such a pledge.

Opponents of the change, virtually all veteran members of the party, felt that removal of such a pledge

A Libertarian Victory!

By *Koren Grizzell*

On April 20, 1993, Mike Krech, a 27 year old member of the Libertarian Party, won the municipal election in Lake-in-the-Hills and became one of the town's newest trustees.

According to Mr. Krech there were six candidates for trustee along with six candidates for village president. The name Mike Krech appeared on various yard signs along with Tina Thornrose, newly

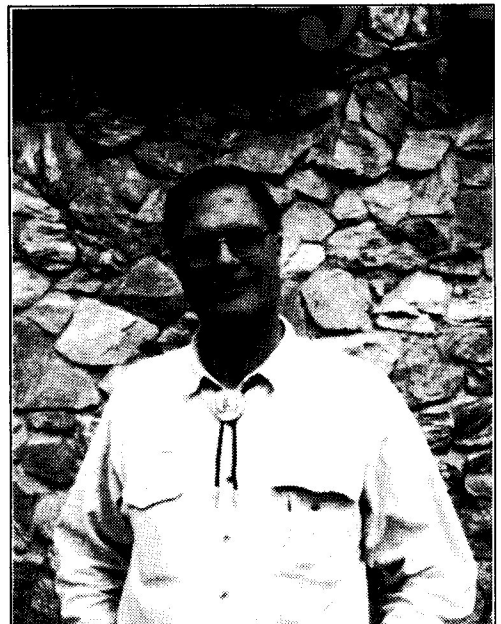
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Annual Convention for the Libertarian Party of Illinois a Huge Success

The Libertarian Party of Illinois held its annual state convention on the weekend of April 16-18, at the Quality Hotel in Palatine and was treated to a great array of speakers highlighted by the account of Libertarian Tamara Clark in her bid for the state senate seat in the Las Vegas, Nevada area.

Ms. Clark, who is also an at-large member of the Libertarian National Committee, told a story of election fraud so extraordinary as to make a Chicago politician blush.

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FIJA National Field Coordinator Larry Dodge, outside of LPI convention in Palatine.

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elected village president, and Scott Berg also a trustee. Krech says this really helped his campaign. However, that was just the tip of the iceberg.

One of Krech's campaign strategies was to go door-to-door and ask the residents what they liked and disliked about the way the current village board was running things. However, Krech did not go to every door; this would obviously be much too time consuming and costly. Hence, Krech obtained a list of registered voters in the town and focused his energy accordingly. "Hitting the doors really helped; that's what did it," said Krech. "Some people actually thanked me for running."

Krech also sent out pamphlets to voters. Krech claims they were nothing extravagant, however, he personally dated and signed each and every one. If that wasn't enough, each voter was given a written guarantee, by Krech, that he will not raise fees or taxes and that if he did, he would resign. Krech calls this strategy an election guarantee or real representation guarantee.

Mr. Krech's platform that he distributed consisted of the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution.

Krech said that after reviewing the village's past budget records, he found that at the end of each year there was a substantial surplus. Krech feels these surplus monies can be cut, leaving 1/5 for emergency purposes, therefore the remaining 4/5 could be used for village renovations. These findings enabled Krech to make and keep these campaign promises.

Mr. Krech participated in one "candidates night". The forum gave each candidate the opportunity to speak for two minutes at a time on various issues presented to them. Krech did not have a prepared speech, but simply an outline. He got the audience involved by asking questions and using humor. "You have to talk to people like they're your neighbors, because, that's what they are", said Krech. Krech did not evade issues but addressed them directly.

Not only is this a personal victory for Krech, but, a victory for the village of Lake-in-the-Hills and Libertarianism as a whole.

New Officers Elected

At the LPI Annual Meeting on April 17 at the Quality Hotel in Palatine, Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, former Data-base Coordinator, and Northwest Libertarian Club president, was elected new State Chair. She is editor for a printing trade publication and resides in Niles. Advocates for Self-Government Associate Milan Vydareny, of Chicago, was elected Northern Vice Chair. Bob Moldenhauer of Rock Island, self-employed and a hemp legalization activist, was elected Southern Vice-chair. National Committee Representative, Maggie Kohls, of Des Plaines, was elected recording secretary. She is a heating engineer. Pat Cunningham, a therapist from Clarendon Hills, was elected corresponding secretary. Pat Pepin Franke, a banking consultant from Inverness, was retained as treasurer.

Voicing her philosophical approach to her job, State Chair Jeanette Clinkunbroomer stated, "I believe in a decentralized approach. Libertarians are all mature adults, and working with the State Organizing Committee, they should be able to carry on the bulk of their work independently."

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would take away a beneficial barrier—that of keeping non-libertarians out of the party. They also stated that this would be the beginning movement of a watering down of libertarian principles.

Proponents have stated that this approach was one that was time to try. If it failed to attract new members in sufficient numbers, the party could always restore the pledge as a condition of membership.

Other action taken was a resolution that passed by the slimmest majority, to report to the Libertarian Party National Convention a resolution that the LPI supports changes in the platform that

1-800-Bosnia

by Eric-Charles Banfield

America is once again split over an old question: whether or not to intervene militarily to stop the aggression in Bosnia. The president, followed by the media, anguishes over this decision. The goal is to ease "our collective conscience" without committing our money and lives to an unwinnable war. Has anyone considered a "voluntary" approach?

Consider both sides of the issue. Some individuals would rather risk death (and even taxes) than let the aggression go on in Bosnia-Hercegovina. Some individuals would rather go to jail than be pulled into a war they opposed. All these people are our neighbors, friends, and relatives. How can we come up with a decision that satisfies both of them, that respects their rights, that honors their respective choices?

The obstacle is the "all-for-one and one-for-all" mentality that accompanies most wars, and indeed most government decisions. Either everyone must go along with it, or no one may participate. If "America" intervenes, the war is fought in the name of the entire U.S. If "America" does not intervene, then no one in America is allowed to help. In effect, either we all must support something, or we all must oppose it.

Another problem is that if "we" intervene, we force those who oppose war

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would make it more topical, with interim action plans along the lines of the "Atlanta" proposal.

Bill Muench, Finance Director for the LPI, was elected to be LPI's representative on the platform committee at the national convention. He ran on the promise to help eliminate those aspects of the platform that are irrelevant to most voters. Mr. Muench advocates changes to the platform along the lines of the "Atlanta" proposal. He was contested by Helen Heyden, membership chair. She expressed great support for the present platform. Mr. Muench won by a vote of twenty-five to sixteen.

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Tamara began her amazing speech recounting how four years ago, she lived her life "as a couch potato eating bon-bons and watching Oprah Winfrey" as her only source as to what was going on in the world. She became involved in the pro-choice movement and was a liberal Democrat until she heard a leader from NOW say, "The most moral thing a person can do is to pay taxes." "That didn't sound quite right to me," recalled Tamara. From that point on she developed into a Libertarian.

Tamara Clark should be the first Libertarian state senator in the country, but the election was stolen, beyond a shadow of a doubt. "Dogs, cats and parakeets voted in the election," Tamara exclaimed. She went on to describe how this was possible. Nevada allows voters to register to vote through the mail. Just to prove how open this was to fraud, some people purposefully registered their pets. Tamara warned that the Motor Voter Bill now being debated in the U.S. Congress is similar to what they have in Nevada, and is a blueprint for election fraud.

The major election fraud in Ms. Clark's race involved the fraudulent use of absentee ballots of people who either did not exist, had moved, or never vote. She has affidavits from people who stated that they did not vote in the election, although their votes were tabulated. Also, many people lost their right to vote on election day, when, going to vote, they were told they had already voted absentee, despite their insistence that they hadn't. Some citizens waited over three hours at the polling place to clear up the situation. Many left discouraged at the "democratic" process.

The day before the election, a national poll had Ms. Clark receiving 64% of the vote. On the day of the election, Tamara was leading with the same 64% of the vote—until the computers went down. When they were turned back on at 11:30 PM on election night, Tamara was losing with only 35% of the vote. In the next hour her totals increased to 44% and then stayed at the same level the rest of the night. But the Clark investigative team has discovered that there was another secret computer still running, while the main one had "gone down," which was hooked up via a modem to the main vote-tabulating computer. On this computer, votes were tabulated from fraudulent absentee ballots and other fraudulent ballots. Phone records prove the fact that this secret computer was connected to and turned on via a phone-line modem. The number of absentee ballots counted exceeded by a 50 to 60% margin the normal amount of absentee ballots cast.

Ms. Clark is appealing her case to the courts.

Another extraordinary speaker who keynoted the convention following the Saturday night banquet, was Dr. Mary Ruwart. She is a pharmaceutical researcher working on a cure for Aids in Michigan. Dr. Ruwart is a past vice-presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party and the

author of the new, highly acclaimed book, *Healing Our World*.

For thirty minutes, one could have heard a pin drop while Dr. Ruwart recounted her recent ex-

perience with her sister who had terminal cancer. Her sister decided to end her life with the assistance of Dr. Kevorkian, and as it turned out, was Dr. Kevorkian's last legally assisted suicide.

Ruwart's main theme of her speech was one of love, tolerance, and personal responsibility. She pointed out that people who have type A (aggressive) personalities tend to have heart attacks and live shorter lives; people who have type C (those that regard themselves as victims) tend to get cancer and have shorter lives; those who believe that they are responsible for their own happiness (a libertarian mindset), tend to live longer lives. She concluded that it is in the self-interest of those who either feel they must be de-

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Keynote speaker Dr. Mary Ruwart addresses convention. Jeanette Muench, convention chair, listens intently.

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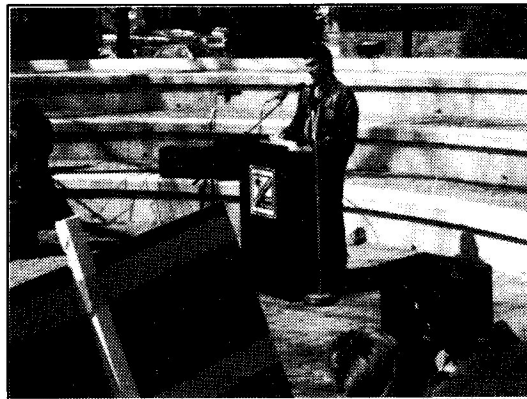
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Activists Gather to Protest the Condemnation of the Arlington School of Music

Forty people gathered in protest to the proposed taking of the Arlington School of Music on a beautiful spring Saturday afternoon on April 3 at the North School Park in Arlington Heights. A majority of Libertarians and others heard speeches from the owner — Nico Angel, Andrew Spiegel — who is helping Nico on the legal end, Ken Prazak — organizer, Rick Gellert — a candidate for mayor in Arlington Heights, and a surprise visitor — Rita Driscoll, whose family has suffered twelve condemnations at the hand of government over the past 100 years in the Palos area. Her family used to own 1000 acres of farmland back in 1875. Now, government wants to condemn their last twelve acres to put up a parking lot.

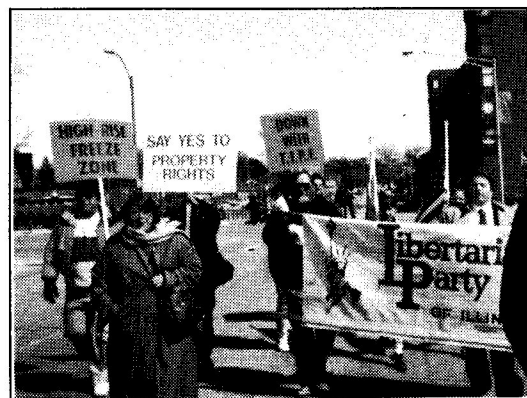
The *Daily Herald* and the *Chicago Tribune* covered the event. Folk singing was also provided. After the rally, the group marched back to the Arlington School of Music. Nico's hearing date on the condemnation is set for June 4. His previous hearing was cancelled two hours before the set time when the judge up and died of pneumonia.



Nico Angel, owner of the school, speaks passionately on freedom at rally to save the Arlington School.



Rita Driscoll tells her story. Government wants the last 12 acres.



Libertarians march to Arlington School of Music in support for property rights.

The Evils of the Welfare State

by David Peerenboom

The Ludwig von Mises Institute of Auburn University sponsored a symposium with the above title, held in Lake Bluff over the April 30 — May 2 weekend. The speakers included Murray Rothbard, Allan Carlson (Rockford Institute), Hans-Hermann Hoppe (University of Nevada Las Vegas), Sam Francis (Washington Times), and others. Present also was Lew Rockwell, president of the Institute.

Allan Carlson's talk on "The Internal Contradictions of the Modern Welfare State" included descriptions of welfare state problems even more advanced than those of the U.S., namely Sweden and Denmark. In those countries, welfare dependency has risen to the level where the politics and government finance of it has become unmanageable. The political party currently in power is wrestling with budget deficits, which translated to the American scene, are equivalent to \$800-\$900 billion. He described sociological breakdowns associated with welfare dependency.

Treating welfare as a form of public insurance, Dr. Hoppe described the problems of the government's usurping the roles formerly played by private insurance companies in covering 'insurable' risks. 'Insurable' risks are those which are random (unpredictable) and put at risk some particular group or class of people. 'Un-insurable' risks are by contrast are those over which in-

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'I's and 'L's—An Editorial Opinion

David Peerenboom

My recent attendance at the von Mises conference on "The Evils of the Welfare State", presented an opportunity for me to explore the divergence between libertarian and Libertarian, a problem which continues to puzzle me. [I]ibertarian is an adjective referring to a body of beliefs based in the rights of the individual as contrasted to the rights of the state. [L]ibertarian is an adjective referring to the Libertarian Party, which was dedicated to the pursuance, politically, of the above stated beliefs.

For purposes of this text, I'll refer to 'I' and 'L'. The LPI experience with 'Operation Politically Homeless', and the use of the Nolan chart, lends credence to the view that a sizeable percentage of Americans are 'I' in their political values. Let's say it's 1/3, with the other 2/3 going to the usual liberal and conservative-authoritarian persuasions. Why, after 20 years, has the LP converted so few 'I's to 'L's? After all, the LP should be their political home.

A number of free market and libertarian public policy groups are decidedly distanced from the LP. Ludwig von Mises Institute is one of them for sure. Their distance borders on antagonism. So I confronted Murray Rothbard, a professor of Economics at UNLV, and former student of von Mises, with that question. He said he was happy to elaborate. So for 10 or 15 minutes he responded.

I admit to being less than satisfied with some of his response. It seemed to me personal and embroiled in past conflicts over some policy decisions of the National LP. He and Lew Rockwell, President of LvM Institute, were formerly 'L's. For example, he characterized Andre Marrou as a business failure who was disreputable in certain personal respects, and that he profited handsomely during his presidential bid for the LP. Yet, Rothbard stated that he agreed with Marrou's political positions, not even mentioning one with which he disagreed!

So what about these guys? Are they just conservative-authoritarians who rebel at true 'I'ism? I'm convinced not. The Institute sponsors and guest speakers used the 'I' word often, and in its correct context. When they used the term *conservative*, I got the sense of 'classical liberal', which to me is the same thing, or a nuance too small to bother with. (A fellow manager at my company calls such differentiations "Picking lint with the chickens"). Furthermore, the major butt of criticisms and scorn

were reserved for the 'neo-cons' (neo-conservatives), such as Buckley and Kemp, whose accommodations to the welfare state are well documented.

And they are not 'I' merely on economic issues. Rockwell made critical references to the government's role in the Branch Davidian debacle.

On a more objective note, Dr. Rothbard said that 'L's are too non-receptive to newcomers, and as a result, drive off potential members. I will dub this the "**Libertarian Litmus Test Syndrome**", and the criticism rings true to me. New, potential adherents to 'I'ism come to the LP for a variety reasons. To be assaulted by a new body of beliefs, however consistent that body might be, is jarring to anyone used to the *non-'I'* world we live in. The turnover over of membership is very high, perhaps partly as a result of this. And finally, Dr. Rothbard said that the LP peaked in '80, and has been on a downhill slide ever since.

Another former 'L' was present, and I chatted briefly with her. She had been an active member of LPI and LP, but no longer. I overheard her respond to a person who asked her about the LP. She responded that the LP "wasn't what it used to be." (Incidentally, this was the only mention of 'L' all weekend, except for my question to Rothbard).

If the LP were a commercial business, it would be in big trouble. Its potential, natural market, all those 'I's out there, are for whatever reason not responding to the product. As Director of Communications for the LPI, I intend to study this attitude issue. Especially, I want to quiz disenchanted former 'L's as to the reasons for their disaffection. I welcome any views by current 'L's as to a proper approach for this kind of project.

**"No man is so hopelessly enslaved
than one who thinks he is free."**

Goethe

April 15 Tax Protests

LPI member and founder of the Coalition for a Free America, Greg James from the Peoria area reports that twenty people showed up at their annual tax protest. They carried protest signs and handed out literature. The local news media covered the event.

In Chicago, Milan Vydareny, Wayne Nosal, and Ken Prazak passed out 1500 flyers for the Advocates for Self-Government and the LPI. Many motorists expressed their thankfulness for the Libertarians and their approach to taxation. "I've been voting for you guys for the past twenty years," said one motorist. Now if some of those people would only get active, in the future we could hear, "Yeah, I helped elect your guy last election."

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Editorial

Actions Speak Louder than Words

by Kenneth Prazak

Now that the LPI has overwhelmingly voted to remove the pledge as a condition of membership, I would like to address the concerns of those who honestly believe that such an act is one which will destroy the party and our principles.

One person has renounced his life membership without even giving this new strategy a chance. He states elsewhere in this newsletter that he is serious about principles. Yet, the pledge was so important to him that he didn't even bother to attend the Annual Meeting to plead his position. He hasn't been active in the Party for years. A few weeks ago, when I asked him about being active, he said that his action was to think for the Libertarian Party. Whether or not we will miss his insight remains to be seen. But I appeal to others who opposed the change to give this strategy a try. If the party does waiver from principle, I hope you will be the first to speak up. No one wants to "trash" our principles.

In fact, the Statement of Principles remains. No one is changing it. No one is discarding it. All of us active in the libertarian movement believe in that set of principles. The day those principles become watered down would be the day I would leave the party.

Among some people there is a mistaken notion that principle and pragmatism are mutually exclusive terms. I disagree. I believe they go hand-in-hand. In fact, I believe that is one of the fine legacies of objectivism and the libertarian movement—that principle and pragmatism go together.

I believe that where most of the conflict arises is out of the notion from the pro-pledge people that the act of signing a pledge has some significance to adherence to principle. Some of us on the other side of the issue think that signing a pledge is a symbolic act, and really doesn't do anything active to restore individual liberty in this country.

To my knowledge, all of the supporters to retain the pledge as a condition of membership in Illinois have been in the party for a relatively long time—ten years or more. Generally, they believe that the existence of the Libertarian Party has been a success.

Those of us newer, not privy to the founding of the party, joined at a point where party growth has remained stagnant. We haven't experienced the joy of founding the party, so we have nothing to look back on as a success, where the old-timers do, i.e., they founded the party. We newer members want to see the country move in a libertarian direction in our lifetime. We are not content with only putting our beliefs on paper or vowing to adhere to them. We want to act to make the country more libertarian.

The pledge is one road-block, we believe, in preventing that from happening. It is not that we are against the spirit of the non-aggression principle. Because libertarian principles are so

strong, they stand alone as a defense against watering them down. They do not need a symbolic act to prop them up. By removing the barrier, we will be able to move this country more towards the goal of the non-aggression principle. We will focus on real action to move towards that goal, not symbolic action. We will work with people who do not "see the whole nine yards" yet, but agree with the direction we are moving. We will not condemn them for their inconsistency, but will work with them in areas where they are consistent with us, and hopefully, that arrangement will enable us to show them where they are inconsistent, and move them in the direction of consistent libertarianism. With this approach, we get their help; we get their attention; we open up the opportunity in helping them understand the indivisibility of freedom.

We are removing the sign barrier, "No inconsistent thinking allowed!" Not so that we, too, become inconsistent thinkers, but so that we open up the engagement of dialogue with these folks, so that they can see the efficacy and the morality to consistent thinking.

The first time I heard about the Libertarian Party, I was ecstatic that I found a political home. But then I read past the statement of principles, looked at the platform, and discovered that there were areas with which I disagreed. At first, I wasn't sure about legalizing drugs. I had a hard time with the notion of a government set up with **no** taxes to support it. I still have a problem with our position on abortion and children's rights.

I did not receive the attitude from the party regulars that I should join the LP's freedom train on whatever philosophical car I felt comfortable with, and get off the train when it ran contrary to my beliefs. No, I was met with almost constant, and severe argument on how my position was wrong, and if I wanted to become a libertarian, well, I'd better toe the line and believe in every aspect presented in the platform. Now, mind you, these weren't the exact words used, but that was the overall feeling I got from those in the party "recruiting" me.

I eventually joined nonetheless, not because of the morally superior attitude that confronted me, but despite that attitude. I consider myself having a very strong personality. I have been told that about myself from many others—for good or bad. I conclude, then, that it was only the force of my personality that enabled me to join and stay with the party.

It has been my observation that most people I have come in contact with—those that have strong political opinions, tend not to be as strong about them as I do. So I ask myself, how does this "purer than thou" attitude that many libertarians have (and I plead guilty to this myself) affect recruitment of membership and voters to the Libertarian Party. I think it is reasonable to conclude that it affects recruitment greatly—in a negative way. The move to change the platform and remove the pledge as a condition of membership is a move to get away from this destructive attitude. It is a move to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Now, does that mean signing up Nazis or Communists?

Editorial

Of course not. But that may mean that we welcome new members who might believe in a minimal tax for defense . . . or believe that children are children and should be treated differently before the law than adults, or might believe that human life begins at conception and therefore is opposed to abortion . . . or might believe that every other aspect of libertarian philosophy is correct, but just can't understand permitting the building of nuclear weapons by a next door neighbor, or permitting gun ownership by known criminals . . . or might not understand the concept of open borders tomorrow without wreaking havoc on our economic and social structure.

The Libertarian Party is a political party. To be successful as a political party we need to act like one. That means forming coalitions, presenting reasonable approaches for change, becoming more inclusive. We are not a debating society. We are not a philosophical cult. We are not a think tank. There are other organizations that fulfill those needs. I am active in the Libertarian Party because I believe at this time that the political process can be a positive force for change in this country.

The Libertarian think tanks fulfill a vital educational need in the movement. Some address local concerns, others national. Some take a "purist" approach, others gradualist. We need all of the above. We need the objectivists to lay out a principled, consistent philosophical foundation. We need tax protesters that challenge statism in their everyday life. We need survivalists who prepare for a day no one wants to happen. We need the Fully Informed Jury Association to educate jurors and promote legislation that will enable us to affect positive change on the jury. And we need a Libertarian Party to act politically in moving this country in a more libertarian direction. But to do so effectively, we must become an effective political party. And to do that we must do things political: persuade, coalesce, include.

If this strategy fails, we can always go back to the strategy of the past. But

by a vote of thirty-five to ten, the voting members of the LPI want to give this new approach a try. I urge the older members to join us in implementing the new strategy, in trying to make the LPI a success. After all, we newer members stuck with the party through a difficult period in the past when we weren't in the driver seat. Together, we can make the Libertarian philosophy not only the best thing on paper, but a reality in our daily lives.

David Bergland is famous in libertarian circles for categorizing people into four personality groups. The four types: intellectual, action-oriented, human potential, and organizational. For the most part, the intellectuals have laid the philosophical groundwork for the Libertarian Party. They have been in control of the party in the past. They have succeeded in laying out a consistent philosophy based on individual freedom. They haven't been successful in selling this philosophy to the masses.

I believe that is where the action-oriented types fit in. They have the ability to sell our principles, not to water them down, but to present them in a more palatable manner — yes to market our principles.

We are starting to attract organizational types to the LP here in Illinois. They bring necessary direction, organization and accountability for the action-oriented and human potential Libertarians.

The intellectuals will continue to play a vital role in drafting position papers, responding to intellectual trends, and as a philosophical guard for adherence to principle.

Obviously, when grouping people in this manner, one runs the risk of over-generalizing and pigeon-holing. Obviously, individuals are a combination of all personality types. But most of us do have a dominant aspect to our personality that fit in one of these four groups.

At any rate, we all need each other in order achieve the goals we all believe in — individual liberty in our time. Let's go to work.

Letter to the Editor

Principled Stand

I am extremely disappointed, saddened, and angered by the news of the discarding member's certification not to "believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals" (the so-called "pledge"). To me it is a distinguishing principle that I take very seriously. Now a small band of party activists have voted to trash (discard) this certification, giving unreasonable arguments that are unprincipled and proclaimed-to-be "pragmatic."

In protest, I am withdrawing my name as a "Life Member" of the Libertarian Party of Illinois (LPI), until such time as the certification is restored and once again held high, distinguishing "The Party of Principle" (not "The Party of Pragmatism-as-usual"). This "non-initiation principle", as it has come to be called, was the primary motivator for my joining in founding the LPI; its dismissal is my primary motivator in withdrawing from the current LPI.

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

Richard S. Latimer

New Members in April

Jeffrey L. Glaser

Jason Allington

Adam McCabe

Johne Crane

William Frank

David Passaglia

Mark Sutter

New Life Member

Larry Cagle

The Libertarian Party of Illinois welcomes all of you.

Thanks to Larry Cagle for his generous support.

Convention Report (from page 3)

pendent on government (type C), or those who use government to aggress on others (type A) to change their personality to one that recognizes that individuals are responsible for themselves and their own happiness. She also gently admonished those libertarians who talk a good game of tolerance but act in a different manner. "What goes around comes around."

Other excellent speakers included Larry Dodge, of the Fully Informed Jury Association, who talked on the fundamental rights of jurors to judge not only the facts of the case while on a jury, but also the law itself. He pointed out that this basic jury right is being violated every day.

Dodge gave a brief history on the development of jury rights including the William Penn case in England where Penn was tried for practicing an illegal religion. His jurors refused to convict. They were imprisoned for six days without food and little water. The appeals court eventually upheld the jury's right to judge the law. Another case involved Peter Zenger who printed the truth (illegal at the time) about the colonial governor of New York. The jury refused to convict in this case and it was upheld.

Jurors were routinely instructed of their right to judge the law in America up until 1893, when a judge refused to tell a jury of their right. The defense appealed on this issue and the Supreme Court held that although jurors do have this right, the judge doesn't have to tell them.

Dodge then recounted how the movement to restore rights in various states is coming along. FIJA legislation is being introduced in Colorado. Vermont, New Jersey and Iowa proclaimed Jury Rights Day last September 5th.

J. Patrick Rooney, president of the Golden Rule Insurance Co., discussed a plan to lower health care spending and increase coverage called "Medisave Accounts," which would allow people to save money in an account similar to an Individual Retirement Account for medi-

ventionist foreign policy. He discussed how Libertarians must never waiver from fundamental beliefs.

Chuck Stuart, a representative from STOP (Stop Taking Our Property), St. Charles, talked on the nuts-and-bolts of forming a group to be effective in stopping the increasing government appetite to take private property away from individual citizens. Property was being targeted for condemnation to make way for a bicycle path. STOP's effort included pooling \$2000 per affected property

owner to hire an attorney, do legal research, and even buy out one property owner willing to sell to the Kane County Forest Preserve District. The members attended numerous meetings, state and local, and eventually got state legislation passed to stop the condemnation.

On Sunday of the convention, a forum was held on "Making Libertarianism a Household Word." Participants included the Spiegel for

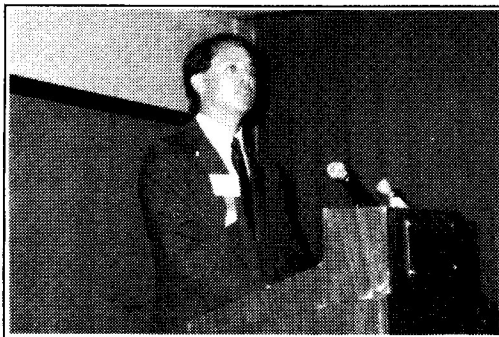
Senate campaign committee — Andrew Spiegel, Helen Heyden, and Ken Prazak; Ralph Miron, candidate for U.S. Congress; Ken Bush, media expert for the Missouri Libertarian Party, who had creative ideas on how to get the news media's attention; and a rousing speech by Tom Birkhalter, who extolled the virtues of letter writing to newspapers and public officials.

All of the speakers at the LPI state convention were excellent, entertaining, and well-informed. Many attendees commented that it was the best LPI convention they had ever attended.

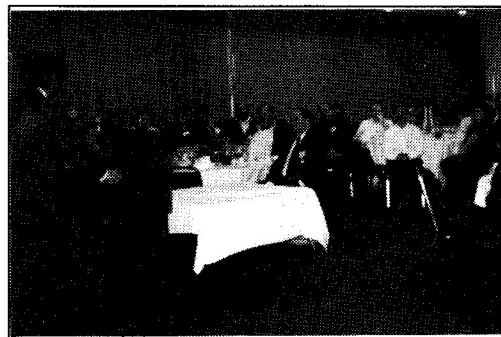
cal purposes. The plan would be consumer driven in the market place instead of third-party payer driven as it is now, which has increased spending on health care tremendously.

Thomas Hetland, an advisor for The Heartland Institute, discussed the viability of reviving educational choice, and how reform in that direction would increase the quality of education in Illinois while decreasing the cost.

Bumper Hornberger, president of The Future of Freedom Foundation, discussed basic libertarian principles of free markets, personal rights and a non-inter-



Bumper Hornberger, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation, talks fundamentals.



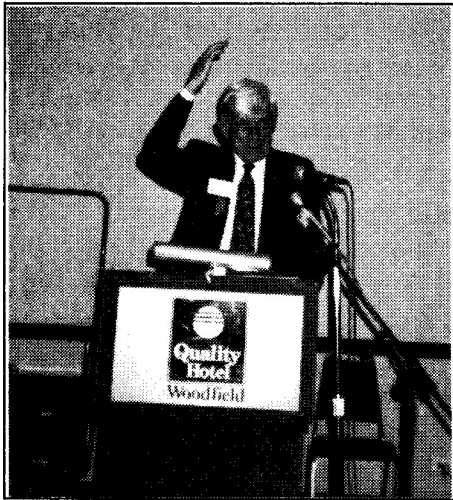
Saturday brunch crowd listens in interest as Bumper Hornberger speaks.



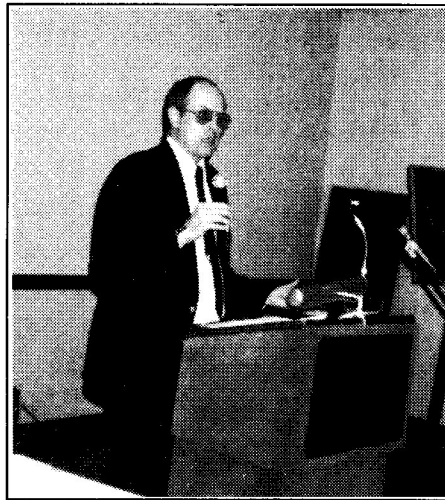
Steve Givot, National Committee member, during debate: "Pledge vs. no pledge."



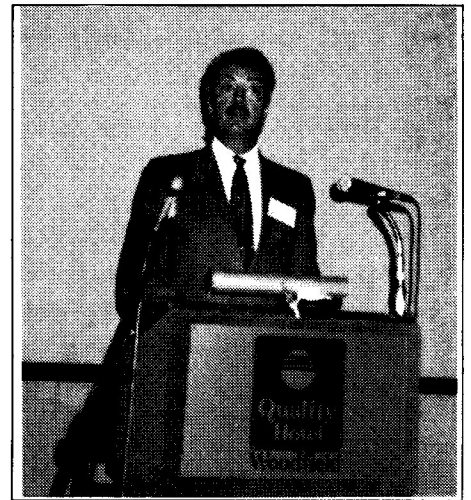
Spiegel Campaign Treasurer Helen Heyden pushes radio ads.



Patrick Rooney, president of Golden Rule Insurance Co., presents medical IRA plan.



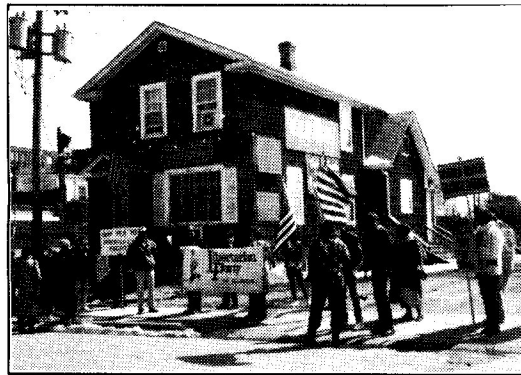
Thomas Hetland of the Heartland Institute on the benefits of educational choice.



Chuck Stuart relates his group's success on stopping condemnations.



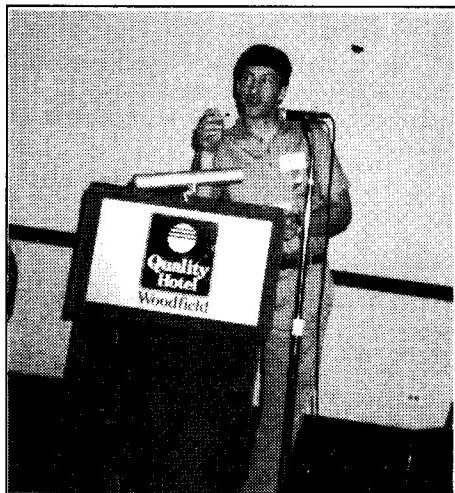
A student displays the colors proudly at the Arlington School of Music rally.



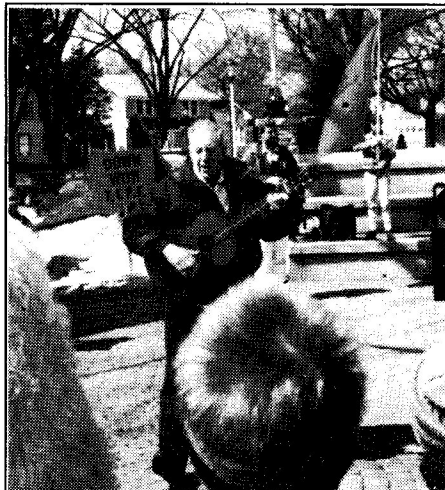
Protesters in front of Arlington School of Music.



Andrew Spiegel addresses rally for Arlington School of Music.



Paul Salander, former LPI southern vice-chair, addresses LPI convention.



Old-fashioned protest songs at Arlington School of Music Rally.



Steve Alexander, of California, supports the pledge in The Debate.

Ministry of Truth Dept.**Clinton vs. Clinton****Promises not to run for President**

"I told you when I announced for governor . . . I'm gonna serve four years. I made that decision when I decided to run . . . I'm being considered a candidate for governor. That's the job I want—that's the job I'll do for the next four years."

KHOS/KHOG-TV Gubernatorial Debate, 10/15/90.

Pledges to Balance the Budget

"I would present a five-year plan to balance the budget."

CNN's "Larry King Live," 6/4/92

Middle Class Tax Cut "Central"

"I want to make it very clear that this middle-class tax cut, in my view, is central to any attempt we're going to make to have a short-term economic strategy and a long-term fairness strategy, which is part of getting this country going again."

ABC News, Primary Debate, Manchester, 1/19/92

Productivity Down

"Every one of us would agree that America's productivity has been going downhill for well over a decade . . ."

ABC News report on Democratic Presidential Candidates Debate, Dallas, 3/5/92

Open on Term Limits

"I think it's a decision that people ought to make. . . I wouldn't rule out term limits."

"Meet the Press," 1/5/92

Restrain Spending

"We need to give the people a sense that there's some discipline and some restraint in spending."

NBC Nightly News, 3/18/92

Would not Sign Welfare Waiver

"I would not sign that bill," Clinton said referring to a New Jersey bill that prevents women from collecting extra benefits if they have additional children."

New York Times, 1/22/92

Supports 45 mpg CAFE

"We'll accelerate our progress toward fuel-efficient cars and seek to raise the average goal for automakers to 40 miles per gallon by the year 2000, 45 miles per gallon by 2020."

Drexel University Speech, 4/22/92.

Never Opposed the Draft System

"Clinton said that he never was opposed to the draft."

Arkansas Democrat, 6/4/92

Gun Rights

"I'm not for gun control."

Arkansas Gazette, 11/2/90

Runs for President

"Today I proudly announce my candidacy for president of the United States of America."

Clinton Announcement speech, Little Rock, Arkansas, 10/3/91

Abandons Balanced Budget

"My plan will cut the deficit in half within four years."

Putting People First, 6/20/92

Middle Class Tax Cut Not "Central"

"But to say that this middle class tax cut, . . . is the center of anybody's economic package, is wrong."

ABC News, Democratic Candidate's Debate, Dallas, 3/5/92

" . . . I would emphasize to you that the press and my opponents always made more of the middle class tax cut than I did."

ABC "Good Morning America," 6/6/92

Productivity Up

"If you look at our trade deficit, its been coming down steadily because manufacturing productivity has increased."

Speech at Georgetown University, 12/12/91

Closed to Term Limits

"I'm against term limits because I think that it takes choices away from voters."

Boston Globe, 7/27/92

Spend

Proposes \$219.52 billion in new spending.

Putting People First, page 19 6/20/92

Would Sign Welfare Waiver

"Clinton said that, as president, he would sign a federal waiver allowing the state to impose the law . . . My position is that no one knows whether it will work for sure . . . I would not deprive them of the right to try this . . ."

Philadelphia Inquirer, 5/23/92

CAFE Unfair

" . . . I think we should be very flexible about imposing standards on the overall fleet as opposed to different sized vehicles, . . . I don't think it's fair to impose a burden on an American fleet that has bigger cars in it than foreign competitors do . . ."

Speech to Detroit Economic Club, 8/21/92

Opposed the Draft

Clinton: "From my work [at Georgetown] I came to believe that the draft system itself is illegitimate . . ."

Letter to Col. Holmes, 12/3/69

Gun Control

"I was an early and strong supporter of the Brady bill."

NBC's "Today" show, 10/17/91

Clinton vs. Clinton

Proposes Payroll Tax for Health Care

"There will be—there will be a buy in tax, which they can call a payroll tax."

USA Today editorial meeting, 8/12/92

Committed to Free Trade

"... I think it is imperative that we make alliances with Mexico."

Southwest Times Record, 6/2/91

Agrees with Opponents of Gulf War

"I agree with the arguments of the people in the minority on the resolution—that we should give sanctions more time and maybe even explore a full-scale embargo... before we go to war."

AP story in the *Pine Bluff Commercial*, 1/15/91

Opposes Taxpayer Funded Abortions

"I am opposed to abortion and to government funding of abortions. We should not spend state funds on abortions because so many people believe abortion is wrong."

Letter to Arkansas Right to Life, 9/26/86

"There's a big difference between being pro-choice and being for spending tax dollars for any kind of abortion. I don't think that's appropriate."

AP, 10/11/91

Supports Litmus Test for Judges

"It is [a litmus test], and it makes me uncomfortable, [but] I would want the first judge I appointed to believe in the right to privacy and the right to choose."

Bill Moyers Interview, 7/9/92

Not Deferred

"Clinton said the agreement [with the ROTC] was never sent to Washington and he was not deferred."

Arkansas Gazette, 10/28/78

Never Drafted

Clinton: "As it happened, I told the [draft board] I expected to be called while I was over there [in England] the first year, but they never did."

Washington Post, 4/6/92

Will Release Personal Files

Clinton: "I have found some things that I want to share with you... But I have asked for some more records because I don't want to get in a position of where somebody, says, 'you didn't give us everything you had.'"

AP, 4/17/92

Gave Up Deferment

Clinton: "I gave back an ROTC student deferment and placed myself in the draft."

Statement, 2/12/92

Clinton: "I gave up a deferment and put myself back into the draft."

Nightline, 2/12/92

Clinton: "I asked to be put back into the draft because I did not think I should have a four-year deferment."

ABC "This Week with David Brinkley," 2/26/92

Clinton: "I decided I should put myself back in the draft."

"The Brokaw Report: 58 Days," 9/6/92

Opposes Tax for Health Care

"We don't need to lead with a tax increase that asks hard-working people who already pay too much for health care to pay even more..."

Bill Clinton for President Primary Committee,

"American Health Care Plan," Issue Paper

Flirts with Protectionists

"I am reviewing it carefully and when I have a definitive opinion I will say so."

Speech to Detroit Economic Club, 8/21/92

Supports Gulf War

"I supported the Persian Gulf War because I thought it was right and in our national interest..."

U.S. News & World Report, 3/23/92

Supports Taxpayer Funded Abortions

"Clinton's innovative and comprehensive health care plan would cover pregnancy-related medical procedures, including abortions."

Bill Clinton for President Committee, Women's Issues Paper

Opposes Litmus Test for Judges

"I have said that I would do my best, in the next appointment of the Supreme Court, to appoint someone who believes in the general rule of *Roe vs. Wade*. That does not mean—I have no intention of giving somebody a test..."

As reported on CBS, 7/20/92, Wheeling, WVA, 7/19/92

Deferred

Clinton: "I gave up the deferment."

Nightline, 2/12/92

Drafted

Clinton: "In 1969 while studying at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, I received a draft notice which arrived late."

Speech to American Legion, 8/25/92

Will not Release Personal Files

"On Saturday, [Betsey Wright] of Clinton-Gore released correspondence between the campaign and public agencies in an attempt to show Clinton came up empty-handed in his effort to confirm his account of the events in 1969. She did not release any documents found in his search of personal records, and refused Tuesday to comment about what Clinton had found, if anything."

AP, 9/2/92

Deferment Withdrawn

Clinton: "I had lost my draft deferment several weeks before [December 3, 1969]."

Nightline, 2/12/92

Clinton: "[M]y deferment was withdrawn in October; I was put back in the draft pool."

Nightline, 2/12/92

A letter from a friend to Bob and Pat Franke

Conditions in Russia—First-hand Account

Church Resource Ministries

Dear friends,

How is it possible to minister to a people you don't love? Since our first days here we have struggled with learning to love these people. Though comforted by the discovery that this is common among the missionary community, it was still very unsettling that our initial response to Russian attitudes and behaviors was so negative.

Why the acrimony? On a macro-level the Russian government now threatens all foreigners with a new 40% income tax. On a micro-level as soon as a foreign accent or appearance is detected the price of something increases by five times its normal value. Almost daily our experience is exploitation and deceit.

From decisions made at top levels of government to the services rendered by Nicklulai the Plumber there is no concept of building goodwill and relationships of trust. The Russian people have been cheated for so long that they have no understanding of "If I treat this person fairly today, it will build business for tomorrow." A friend and professor of psychology explains it this way: "Communism made promises and didn't deliver. Now, the people think they have the right to collect on these promises. How this is done is of little consequence to them . . . They were promised!" This is Communism's legacy . . . a middle class dominated by thieves.

What's more, honesty and integrity are virtues which work to one's disadvantage. Russians find it impossible to abide by the law and still survive. As one frustrated foreign legal expert told us, "This is the only country I've ever seen where the laws are designed to work against you, instead of for you."

Most Russians are entirely apathetic towards changing all of this. As a society—even within the Christian community—Russians are looking for help, but refusing to help themselves. We have ended many days in frustration, resentment, and even anger. Such feelings make love difficult.

However, compassion is replacing the anger as God is beginning to answer our prayers for increased compassion. This has come through very unique and God-given people encounters over the past three months. One such encounter is Olga, Melinda's Russian tutor and friend.

One day while browsing at our pictures of Danielle's birth, Olga burst into tears. After hiding in the bathroom from her embarrassment, Olga said, "I live behind a mask of dreams. We Russians pretend that things are not really so bad. But, your words and life force me to see the reality of my Russian life . . . that our lives are bad. It is good for me to remove the mask and face the harshness of my reality. But, I cannot do this for long or I could not function through my day. Still, it is good for me. I feel something good when I am with you, and I leave asking

myself questions that have been buried deep within me for many years."

Olga's "reality" is "harshness." She works four jobs to keep her parents and three-year-old twin sons financially afloat. Six days a week Olga sees her sons only at breakfast and bed-time. It's a common scenario here among the multitude of unwed mothers.

In 1984 Olga witnessed the KGB's killing of her dissident fiancé, and she still grieves over their aborted child (women average seven to nine abortions). The beauty of childbirth itself is non-existent. It's performed on cold metal tables with five to seven women per room. Every Russian mother we know has a nightmare to tell . . . infection, not sewn-up for hours, no medications, screams of other women, mothers being slapped because, in the words of the doctor, "When women are in labor they are like children, if you give a little compassion, they only want more."

Abortions and births are performed side by side. During Olga's abortion the woman next to her delivered twins. After looking at them, she said, "I don't want them. Throw them away." And, the doctor did.

These are the realities of this society. There is little regard for human life, young or old. It's expressed and experienced in many forms and it fills us with anger and tears. Please, pray with us for the compassion to win out over the animosity. Only love and compassion can empower us to stay and minister to the spiritual needs of these people.

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Bosnia (from page 2)

to pay for it with their taxes (or even their lives). If "we" don't intervene, we deny the choice of those who would be willing to risk their lives and money in Bosnia to help the victims' aggression.

The usual response is that the solution requires a compromise, the kind that "the democratic process" provides. But half-of-one plus half-of-the-other adds up to no more than all-of-one or all-of-the-other. Why settle for a middle ground? We need an answer that stands on the high ground.

If we want to allow a decision that respects the rights and choices of all citizens, then let's just make the intervention voluntary.

The president could say, "I cannot stand by and let the aggression go on, but I cannot in good conscience force Americans to pay for and participate in 'another Vietnam.' Therefore, I am setting up a voluntary fund for people to contribute a share of the taxes they have paid, and any additional funds they want to contribute, to the Bosnian effort."

The intervention could then be done in the name of "concerned American citizens," instead of "the United States." The organization could buy or lease equipment from the U.S. military or from contractors. Technical details and tactical decisions can be worked out by contract, the way any firm or charity decides the best use of its money.

A voluntary-contribution war at least would be better than the typical extreme choices: forcing everyone into war, including many against their will, versus denying any American the right to participate in a foreign war. We would no longer have to force isolationists to support war against their will, nor would we have to deny interventionists their right to follow their consciences and help the victims of aggression in other countries.

Indeed, a voluntary approach would allow us all to "live and let live."

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Welfare (from page 4)

dividuals or classes of people do have control, such as substance abuse, for example. Lawmakers, unwilling or unable to distinguish the difference, have made taxpayers liable for a host of the latter.

Joseph Salerno in "Problems of Economic Calculation in the Welfare State", got into the evolution of the basis in economic teaching for welfarism. He particularly singled out the "Chicago School of Economics" of the University of Chicago as culpable in supplying an economic basis for welfarism. This 'attack' was directed at targets which included Milton Friedman and his teachers—Prof. Frank Knight for example. The Chicago School is internationally understood to be a seat of

free-market teaching, and during the Q-and-A session, Pat Peterson (Heartland Institute) felt compelled, justifiably in my view, to defend Friedman's contributions. Pat acquitted himself and Friedman well.

Other speakers had numerous interesting, informative things to say, but it is worth noting that no 'grand strategy' evolved. However, as for illuminating


the problems and issues of welfare-state government, it was a success.

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Campaigns, Club Events and Party News

Salander Upset in Bid for Tri-Township Assessor

Fully expecting to beat 83 year-old incumbent Florence Dewey, Paul Salander came up short by 59 votes to unseat Dewey in the Ophir-Meriden-Troy Grove race. Paul garnered 194 votes, Dewey received 253, and a third challenger had 90. One precinct that Paul felt was solidly in his camp didn't come through. He expected 100 votes from there that he didn't get.

Spiegel for Senate: Debt is Paid!

Thank you to all the fine people who helped us pay our debt. We collected \$475 at the state convention, \$60 came through the mail, and a very generous Libertarian sent us a check for \$450 to bring our balance down to zero. Now I can send my last and FINAL report to the FEC. Yeah—

Helen Heyden

Treasurer, Spiegel for Senate

"Custer's Last Stand" Outreach Planned

For the fourth year in a row, Libertarians will have a table at Evanston's popular street fair, "Custer's Last Stand", held this year from June 19-20. Attendance each year runs at about 60,000 people. Hours are from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The fair is located in the vicinity of Main and Chicago Avenue. We will distribute literature and have an Operation Politically Homeless booth available. To help out, call the organizer, Glenn Olofson at 312-274-6895.

Annual Independence Day Parade and BBQ

The LPI will march for the third year in a row in the Downers Grove Independence Day Parade on July 4. A BBQ will follow at Ken Prazak's house. Call Ken for more information, 708-810-1974.

Help Wanted: Social Chairman

The development area of the LPI is looking for a social chairman for the coming year starting immediately. This person would plan and execute four social events per year working with the development director. This position includes a monetary incentive. All persons interested in this position should contact Development Director Ken Prazak, at 708-810-1974.

Annual Vermillion River Canoe Trip

The Libertarian Activist Club will host its annual canoe trip down the wild Vermillion River (near Starved Rock State Park) on Sunday, June 13. We will meet at the put-in point of the river at 8:00 AM. The river features class one and two rapids for much of the trip. The scenery is excellent—waterfalls, springs, bluffs, white water. And the fishing can be very good at times. In fact, on one trip, a 19 inch small-mouth bass jumped into one of our canoes. Who needs fishing tackle!?! We will picnic at the mid-point of the trip, a scenic spot overlooking class-two rapids. Experience in canoeing not required, but advised. For more info, call Ken Prazak at 708-810-1974.

Libertarian Activist Club Sponsors Booth at Heritage Fest in Downers Grove

For the second year in a row, the Libertarian Activist Club will host an outreach booth at the Downers Grove fair. One of the most successful street fairs in the state, hundreds of thousands of people come to this three-day event each year. This year the fair will take place from June 25-27. The fair's hours are from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. We need volunteers to man the booth. If you would like to help (and have a great time in the process), call Ken Prazak at 708-810-1974.

LPI to Participate in Rose Parade

Illinois Libertarians will display a float and march in the Rose Parade in Roselle, on Sunday June 6, as we have for the past ten years. Last year we took first place in the float competition for best theme float. As in years' past, we will also have an Operation Politically Homeless Booth at the festival, in cooperation with the Advocates for Self Government. This event is a great way for Libertarians to outreach to the community and have a lot of fun in the process. Call Helen Heyden for more information and to participate.

Meet at Helen Heyden's house, 357 Countryside, in Roselle. Call Helen at 529-1551 for directions.

- 10:00 AM Build float
- 10:00 AM Man the OPH booth in the park
- 1:00 PM Assemble in parade line-up
- 4:30 PM Picnic

LPI will provide drinks and meat for the picnic. Everyone please bring a dish to share (appetizers, salad, vegetable, dessert, etc). \$2 per person to cover the costs. Don't forget to wear your Libertarian T-shirt.

Northwest Libertarian Club Elects New Officers

At the regular April meeting, NLC elected Lyn D. Tinsley new Chair. Dave Peerenboom was retained as SOC Representative. Wayne Nosal was elected Secretary.

Gay Pride Parade Participation

Milan Vydareny, northern vice chair and Advocates for Self-Government Associate will set up an Operation Politically Homeless table for the Gay Pride Parade, on Sunday, June 27. If you would like to help, contact Milan at 312-271-3192.

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

May 27

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

May 30

- **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.

June 6

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

June 6

- **Rose Parade**, in Roselle, Sunday, float, parade, outreach and OPH. tenth year participating. Begins 10:00 AM for float building. Call Helen Heyden for more information: 708-529-1551.

June 7

- **Libertarian Club of DuPage**, Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Fox Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle. Meets first Monday of every month. Call Steve Nelson for more details at 708-969-1088.

June 13

- **Vermillion River Canoe Trip**, The Libertarian Activist Club hosts. Sunday. Meet at the put-in point of the river at 8:00 AM. For more info, call Ken Prazak at 708-810-1974.

June 15

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM, dinner, 8:00 PM, program. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL (1/2 block south of Algonquin). Call Lyn D. Tinsley at 708-297-8219 for information.

June 16

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Planning meeting for cable access TV show, at the Evanston Community Television Station, 1286 Hartrey, 2 blocks west of the Dempster/Dodge Mall, Evanston. Contact Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, for information.

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- **"Custer's Last Stand"**, Evanston street fair, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Location: vicinity of Main and Chicago Avenue. Literature distribution and Operation Politically Homeless booth. To help out, call the organizer, Glenn Olofson at 312-274-6895.

June 25-27

- **Downers Grove Heritage Fest**, Libertarian Activist Club outreach table, 10:00 AM-10:30 PM. Three day festival—we will hand out literature and operate Operation Politically Homeless table. Location: Downtown Downers Grove, just south of RR tracks on Main St. Call Ken Prazak for more information: 708-810-1974.

June 27

- **Gay Pride Parade**, Sunday. Milan Vydareny is organizing an Operation Politically Homeless table along the parade route. If you would like to help, contact Milan at 312-271-3192.

July 4

- **Independence Day Parade**, Sunday. Float, Parade, BBQ, Fireworks, assemble and party at Ken Prazak's house. Call Ken for more info: 708-810-1974.

Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relationships among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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