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COOK COUNTY LAWSUIT

LPC Chairman Matt Beauchamp's lawsuit against Cook County Michael Sheahan hit another milestone when a status hearing was held on June 5th. Unsurprisingly, lawyers for the Sheriff failed to show. Again. The repercussions for failure to meet yet another deadline? Another hearing....on August 29th! Rather than wait another 12 weeks of legal foot-dragging, Beauchamp will file a motion for summary judgment. He is confident that the merits of the case will prevail and the whereabouts of those 10 guns will be discovered. For those of you new to the saga, go to www.LPChicago.org for more information. **LPC News**

QUICK-TAKE POWERS URGED FOR RIVERCITY AURORA SEEKS HELP IN BUYING PARCEL

Special to the Tribune

The Aurora City Council on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, asked the General Assembly to approve quick-take condemnation powers that

ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN WINS PARTIAL VICTORY IN ALASKA CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWSUIT

Scott Kohlhaas: "The major parties know that campaign finance reform is just a euphemism for outlawing speech."

Libertarian State Chair Austin Hough guest stars on Kenneth John's FREEDOM RINGS



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would allow the city to acquire a key piece of land needed for the proposed \$450 million RiverCity Aurora downtown redevelopment project.

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An LP activist and two other plaintiffs have won a lawsuit overturning an Alaska law that put a \$5,000 limit on contributions that individuals can
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A LESSON IN ENERGY ECONOMICS

Those who attended the May meeting of the Fox Valley Libertarian Party were treated to a thorough and convincing presentation on energy economics by Jim Johnston, a life member of the Libertarian Party of Illinois. Jim, who is now retired, was an economist for Amoco Corporation and is one of the foremost experts on energy economics from a free market perspective in the country.

Mr. Johnston began his presentation over-viewing the causes of the California energy crisis. He pointed out that while the California legislature decontrolled the prices at the generation level, they regulated prices at the retail level by rolling back the prices 10% and then fixing those prices. Power companies were forced to divest their interest in generating power. Stricter controls were put on new generation. Long term contracts were not allowed, so that power companies had to pay for energy on the spot market.



California. In Illinois, the state legislature has decontrolled wholesale prices but has rolled back retail prices by 15% and fixed them. There are more strict controls on new generation. However, with a large nuclear presence in Illinois, the neighboring states are even worse off than Illinois.

Mr. Johnston pointed out the efficacy of market mechanisms in energy economics. Markets reveal prices which sends out signals to producers, investors and consumers to produce or conserve, consume or curtail production, invest or divest. Markets also accommodate risk thorough futures markets, long-term contracts, hedging, and derivatives. When asked to define a derivative in 25 words or less, Jim responded, "A derivative is a financial instrument coming from another financial instrument." Markets also insure contract compliance, Johnston pointed out.

Political "solutions" stated Johnston, will not help the energy market or the poor. He observed that those with political power are those who have money to wield the power and then of course get the political benefits tied to that political power. The poor don't have the money to wield the power and thus don't get the benefits. If the poor had the political power, they wouldn't be poor.

Concerning the viability of conservation, Johnston said, "The Sacrifice is borne by the people who cut back by and large. However, the benefit goes to the people who don't cut back because they get energy at a little lower price because of the people who do conserve. There is no price guide

Jim then pointed out that Illinois could potentially be in even worse shape than



to the correct amount of conservation."

Mr. Johnston pointed out that oil refining companies are now making record profits that amount to about 2 cents per gallon of gasoline. On the other hand, governments at all level take in about 67 cents per gallon? Who is making the windfall profits?

Jim Johnston closed by wondering out loud where were the Congressional investigations and television exposes into how consumers were price-gouging the oil companies in early 1999 when the country saw the lowest real oil prices in 50 years.

Ken Prazak
Director of Activism

STATE CONVENTION

The dates for the next Libertarian Party of Illinois State Convention will be Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24, 2002.

The convention will take place at the Holiday Inn on Algonquin Rd. in Rolling Meadows. Details will follow by e-mail, special mailing, and/or in the LPI newsletter, as they develop.

Julie Fox & Kathy Kelley

LPI Special Events Co-coordinators

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Life, liberty and the pursuit of riding a motorcycle without a helmet

Published in the Peoria Journal Star

Before I got to your punch line, "We know the arguments," I knew what your argument was going to be. Higher insurance rates. You say that everyone has the right to be free. Free not to pay for people that create higher costs for the rest of us. Thank God we don't use your argument very often.

Imagine the laws we could create.

Take the war on drugs, for example, which has given us more people in prison than Russia or China, and Peoria the state's highest crime rate. These are not good reasons for setting aside liberty.

You say Peoria County has had five deaths this year. How many have died from simply driving?

Forget helmets and seat belts. How about smoking, eating red meat or anything that raises cholesterol? Swimming and flying a plane would be illegal. I could go on and on.

We're either free or we're not. Look for other ways, like increased insurance costs for those who take extra risks. We must get back to what made this country great and that is the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The constitution gives power to the government to protect our rights, not to restrict them.

Greg James Dunlap



Want to fight for freedom at your school?

If you are a highschool or college student or perhaps a teacher or professor, and would like to start a libertarian organization at your school please contact: Matt Lonergan, Director of Student director-schools@il.lp.org or (773) 404-4637

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 18 **Potluck family picnic**

The LPI will be sponsoring a potluck family picnic on Saturday, August 18, at the home of Kathleen Polizzi, 8600 Howe Rd. in Wonder Lake. The picnic will start at noon, and lunch will be served at 1 pm. Kathleen has a beautiful seven-acre piece of property in McHenry County, most of which is accessible. There is a pond that can be used for swimming and fishing. Alongside the large deck there is a swimming pool, a hot tub, and a gazebo. There is a swing set and slide in the backyard for smaller children. Feel free to bring bathing suits, towels, and fishing poles. Volleyball will also be available.

This is a potluck affair. We ask that everyone bring a dish or beverage, and a contribution of \$5 to \$10 dollars. Please contact Julie Fox at 847-836-0531 or at special-events@il.lp.org if you are interested in attending or need more information.

Directions:

From I-90 westbound: Exit North on Rt. 47. Proceed through the towns of Huntley and Woodstock. Approx. 5 miles north of the Woodstock, turn right on Allendale Rd. Turn left where Allendale dead-ends at Greenwood Rd. (Galt Airport will be on your right just after you turn.) Turn right on Howe Rd. 8600 Howe Rd. is past Giant Oak Rd. and before West Wonder Lake Rd. on the left side. Parking is on the street.

From Northwest suburbs: Take Rt. 68 west to Rt. 72. Take Rt. 72 west to Rt. 31. Proceed north (turn right) on Rt. 31. Go through the towns of Algonquin, Crystal Lake, and McHenry. Turn left on Rt. 120 in McHenry, and follow that west to Ringwood Rd.

Go north (right) on Ringwood, cross McCollum Lake Rd, turn left on Barnard Mill Rd. Go through town of Wonder Lake. Take a soft left on Howe Rd. just after crossing Nippersink Creek. You will pass West Wonder Lake Rd. on the left. If you go past Giant Oak Rd. you have gone too far.

From Rockford: Take Rt. 20 east to Rt. 23 north. Go through town of Marengo. Approx. 4-4.5 miles north of Marengo, turn right (east) on Kishwaukee Valley Rd. Go into town of Woodstock. Kishwaukee Valley Rd. curves to the south (right) in Marengo, and turns into Jackson St. Take Jackson to Seminary Ave./Rt. 47. Turn left (north) on Seminary/47. Take 47 To Allendale Rd., and proceed as with directions from I-90 (above).

Julie Fox

Event Planning co-Director

October 20 **Hiking at Starved Rock State Park**

The LPI will sponsor a hiking event at Starved Rock State Park on Saturday, October 20. Those attending should meet at the lodge at 11 am. Starved Rock State Park offers many activities and spectacu-

lar overlooks along the Illinois River. It should be especially beautiful in October. In addition to hiking, boating, fishing, horseback riding and camping are also available. There is also a lodge, offering rooms and cabins, plus a restaurant or two on the premises. Although the LPI is sponsoring a day event, individuals may want to camp or room at the lodge overnight and enjoy the park the next day as well. Nearby Matthiessen State Park also offers bluffs and hiking trails.

We will meet at 11 am outside the lodge. You can either bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch outside the lodge. Plans are continuing to develop, and your input is certainly welcome. Details will follow in upcoming newsletters and by mail. This event is free of charge.

Directions from Chicago: Take I-294 or I-355 south to I-55. Take I-55 south to I-80. Go west on I-80 45 miles to Exit #81 (Rt. 178 in Utica). Go south (left) three miles on Rt. 178 and follow the signs to the park.

For more information about Starved Rock call 815-667-4726 or go to dnr.state.il.us on the internet.

For more information on special events please contact Julie Fox at 847-836-0531 or at special-events@il.lp.org.

Julie Fox

Event Planning co-Director

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My name is Garry Reed and I need all libertarians to support my new on-line column.

"The Loose Cannon Libertarian" appears twice monthly on newsguy.com. I'm writing an opinion column that takes on political and social issues from a hardcore libertarian viewpoint. The goal of my column is to arouse curiosity, stir controversy and spark debate with the web site's otherwise general interest readership. For some people, this may be their first encounter with libertarianism.

But the column may not survive beyond its infancy without your help. The purpose of my column, after all, is to attract traffic to the Newsguy.com web site in the hope that you'll like what you see and sign up as a member. That makes it a win-win proposition for us and for them. They get increased exposure to their web site and we get another outreach venue for libertarianism.

This is a perfect opportunity for armchair activists. If you hate campaigning, petitioning or demonstrating and can't afford to donate money you can still support the libertarian cause by simply pointing and clicking your mouse. Go to www.newsguy.com, scroll down to the cannon icon and click it. Read the column. Click "View article archives" and read my earlier efforts. Click "Email the author" and send me your comments and suggestions.

Then check out the whole site and sign up for a membership if you like

what they offer. And visit the other features, too. They're all free, just like mine. But most of all, bookmark the site and become a regular reader of "The Loose Cannon Libertarian" and help keep it alive. I submit new articles on the 14th and 29th of each month and they're posted soon after that.

Remember: in the war of ideas, every mouse click (and loose cannon shot) counts.

Garry Reed

FVLP News

The Fox Valley Libertarian Party (FVLP) has been busy this spring and early summer. We've adopted a section of Rt. 72 just west of Rt. 31 in West Dundee, and have had two very successful clean-ups so far. Once we got the road clean on our initial clean-up, the second clean-up went very quickly. I recommend this to other Libertarian groups -- it's great advertising, and it shows that we don't just preach volunteerism, but we also practice it. Ken Prazak held a fund-raising barbecue for Jim Young's State Rep. campaign after the second clean-up.

Jim Johnston, a retired economist and life member of the LPI, spoke on energy economics at our May meeting. Jim worked as an economist for Amoco Corporation, and is considered one of the foremost experts on energy economics from a free market perspective in the country. With wit and charm, Jim delivered an informative economics lecture that shed quite a bit of light (more so than they have

in California now) on the current energy crisis and what to do about it.

Tim Wingate, the new Fully Informed Jury Association coordinator for Illinois, spoke at our June meeting. Tim is also the president of ARM, American Rights Movement, a Constitutional patriot organization out of Elmhurst. We are planning to coalesce with Tim's group whenever possible.

The FVLP participated in the Independence Day Parade held on July 1 in Crystal Lake. Jim Young appeared in the parade as a candidate for State Representative. We also had a float featuring George Ryan in jail, with a jailor (the taxpayer) holding the key, "The Key to Liberty." Kathleen Polizzi walked in the parade as the Statue of Liberty and Ken Prazak, as Uncle Sam, played patriotic songs the trumpet throughout the parade. Parade officials were not pleased with the party's selection of the float theme, and in fact had to be threatened with a lawsuit as some parade officials tried to eliminate our float from the parade, but the people in the sidelines cheered for us. Ken



Fox Valley L



Libertarians keep their community clean

Prazak held a barbecue at his home in East Dundee following the parade.

The FVLP will be hosting a Kane County Cougars baseball game at 7 pm on August 22. Tickets are \$7. For more information contact Scott Kohlhaas at 847-836-5618, or Ken Prazak, 847-428-1974..

FVLP meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at the Gasthaus Linde German Restaurant, 15 N. Grove St., Elgin, new 7:00 PM start. Our next meeting will be on July 25. For more information contact Ken Prazak at 847-426-1974, or at ken@freedomrings.net.

Julie Fox

Event Planning co-Director

NICKLED, DIMED TO DEATH

*Published in Star Newspapers
(South Suburban Chicago)*

Much was made in the media regarding the Brooklyn Art Museum displaying "Yo Mama's Last Supper."

The issue of whether or not this piece of art is obscene is irrelevant. Art is supposed to evoke emotion, whether it is sadness, joy, anger or even disgust. The real point and what is more obscene than the work itself is the fact that American tax dollars continually fund useless government programs like the one that helped produce this work.

Now, this is not an attack on the National Endowment for the Arts. This is an attack on useless government programs, using the NEA as the example.

According to a recent report, the NEA has an annual budget of approximately \$100 million funded by the American taxpayers. Now, there is no annual \$100 million pool to help me with my profession. Why is there one for artists?

For the greater good of America? They chose their livelihood as I have chosen mine. If they need government (read American-taxpayer) dollars to help them get by, then they need to make art their hobby and find a better paying job.

I, as a father of three children, married and a homeowner, am wondering how many people do I have to support financially? I've only chosen to support the five who live in my house. But the government, through programs like these, are telling me I have to support more, even though it is not through my choosing.

My philosophy is, if I want to support an artist, I'll go buy a painting.

Now in it's defense, people point out that the NEA only costs taxpayers about 37 cents per individual per year. And in the grand scheme of things, that's not a lot of money. Thirty-seven cents doesn't even buy a cup of coffee or a candy bar anymore.

But, if you look at the big picture, the average American family of four pays around \$10,000 a year in income tax alone. If my calculations are correct, that is roughly 27,000 37-cent programs. To paraphrase the late Sen.

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A PRICE FOR FREEDOM

Published in the Daily Herald

The Supreme Court of the United States recently had the opportunity to decide what kind of nation our citizens would live in. Would it be an America where the police run roughshod over our right to choose in the name of a "War on Victimless Crimes"? Or, would it be an America where law-abiding people could live where the Bill of Rights protects them and their choices?

On April 25th their answer was loud and clear. Americans learned that they would continue living in a land where they live in fear of police power. The ruling handed down, in a 5-4 majority, gave police broad authority to arrest and handcuff offenders for minor crimes -- "victimless" crimes -- punishable by fines. In this case, a Texas woman was arrested for not wearing her seatbelt.

Who really is the victim in violating the seatbelt law? The only possible victim could be the driver and that's only if they were hurt in a collision. No other person could be affected by their lack of common sense. And it has been proven time and again, that no government can legislate common sense.

A law that mandates seatbelts be worn, not only allows the government to take away our freedom to choose, but creates one more offense a police officer can issue a fine for. Instead of protecting victims, and supporting individual freedoms, the law punishes freedom of choice and becomes a revenue-generating machine for government.

Are these the kinds of laws our forefa-

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thers fought for?
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like
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fought against

In the Supreme Court case in question, the actual victim was indeed the driver of the car. She was not victimized by a collision, though. She was victimized through her mistreatment by a police officer. The arresting officer was actually cited by the Court to have "exercised extremely poor judgment" in his handling of the situation. The officer handcuffed Atwater and hauled her off to jail while her two young children looked on. It was all worth it though. The city of Lago Vista collected a \$50 fine and in the process stomped all over Atwater's civil rights.

By passing "victimless crime" legislation, the government has taken away our right to choose and has put a price on our freedom. They have found a way to make money off of our own personal choices. If somebody does not want to wear a seatbelt, then there should be no law that states they must. Once the government steps in and starts passing these "victimless crime laws" based on common sense (and in many cases morality) it only gives them more power over our lives. Just ask Gail Atwater.

Ironically, if Atwater were getting an abortion -- where arguably there is a victim -- the government would be championing her "right to choose." But since she decided to not wear a seatbelt, they handcuffed her and hauled her away to jail. If the law is going to be pro-choice on such a sensitive issue like abortion, how can it not be pro-choice about wearing a

seatbelt?

Only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed crimes. Americans must encourage the repeal of all laws creating "crimes" without victims and bring back freedom of choice < on everything!

Austin Hough

State Chair

Hemp in Illinois

Hemp has a very recent and interesting history in the Rockford, Illinois area.

The story starts in 1937 when marijuana was outlawed. Since American law enforcement was unable to tell the difference between hemp and marijuana hemp growing was outlawed.

Let jump forward to 1942. America is in a war with Japan and Japan has cut the US off from Asian hemp supplies from the Philippines and Java. Hemp was essential at that time for making naval ropes because of its long fibers, strength, and strength when wet. In addition it resisted rot and mildew making it relatively long lasting in a very harsh environment ranging from the frozen Arctic to the tropical Pacific.

The American response was to forget about hemp/marijuana prohibition and grant special licenses to mid-west farmers to grow hemp. In addition to educate and encourage farmers a film "Hemp for Victory" was made by the agriculture department to explain how important hemp was to the war

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effort and to encourage farmers to plant it.

Now we get closer to Rockford. A pilot plant built in Polo, Illinois in Ogle County was to serve as a center for hemp production in the surrounding area. It was expected that 42 hemp mills would be needed in the mid-west and 11 in Illinois.

The first harvest was in 1943. Because much of the machinery was untested and the hemp tangled the machinery started breaking down. Production suffered and yet had to be completed before the end of harvest season. With a war on and labor at peak demand where could the Agriculture Department turn to fill its labor needs?

It turns out that Camp Grant in Rockford had quite a few German prisoners of war from the African campaign who were brought in by bus to help harvest the hemp. By January 6th of 1944 fifty-two truck loads of hemp had been brought to the hemp mill. One hundred and fifty one tons of fiber total were delivered to spinning mills on the East coast. The hemp brought a little over ninety-three dollars an acre.

By 1944 the government started closing the hemp plants because of the availability of alternate supplies from Central America and the Mediterranean region. By 1945 the Hemp for Victory Program was over.

If you would like to find out more about this story you can go to:

http://www.globalhemp.com/Archives/History/polo_il_hemp_mill.shtml

And if you want to help free E.J. go to:

<http://sites.netscape.net/ejpagel/freeej>

M. L. Simon is an industrial controls designer and Libertarian activist

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Senator Everett Dirksen, "\$100 million here, \$100 million there. Pretty soon you're talking real money."

The bottom line is the American taxpayer is being nickel and dimed to death by so many useless programs while we sit around and let it happen. We have distanced ourselves so much from the government that we see it as a separate entity. News flash: The government is still "of the people, by the people and for the people." We cannot lose sight of that.

So, next time you find yourself saying, "The government should pay for that," substitute the phrase "American-taxpayer money" in place of "the government" and then see how badly you want or need that program.

Austin Hough
State Chair

ALASKA *continued from page 1*
make to political parties.

Declaring some provision of the state's campaign finance law to be unconstitutional, U.S. District Judge James Singleton ruled on April 10 that individual Alaskans may volunteer as much time and contribute as much money as they want to political parties -- as long as no more than \$5,000 is earmarked for any one candidate.

Longtime LP activist Scott Kohlhaas, who was a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said the ruling was a victory for "ordinary" people who want their voices heard in the political arena.

"This law handicapped people from being involved in the political process, so the judge made a good decision in striking it down," he said.

However, Alaska LP State Chair Len Karpinski said the state party is unlikely to immediately benefit financially from the ruling.

"The Alaska Political Oppression Commission, as we call [the Alaska Public Offices Commission], is still very much alive," he said -- and other restrictive regulations are still in place which limit how political parties can raise money.

Kohlhaas said he helped file the lawsuit in 1997 when he realized the campaign finance law had been enacted by Democrats and Republicans to further solidify their "duopoly" in the state.

At that time, the Libertarian Party wasn't even recognized in the state as a "party," he said. Instead, the LP was classified as a political "group," and individual contributions were limited to an even more restrictive level -- just \$250 per year.

"I contributed that amount to the state party each month," said the former Alaska LP member, who moved to Illinois in 2000. "And I also bought about 250 copies of LP News to distribute at local libraries, so I was technically in violation of the law."

Kohlhaas filed the lawsuit with co-plaintiffs Ken Jacobus, a Republican lawyer, and Wayne Ross, a former Republican gubernatorial candidate.

His goal with the lawsuit, said Kohlhaas, was to regain the right to "make my voice heard and contribute my money to causes and candidates I believe in. The major parties know that campaign finance reform is just a euphemism for outlawing speech."

During the trial, state government
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"The Federal Mafia"

75,000 copies of this blockbuster have been sold, and if those buyers have implemented what it introduces, some \$600,000,000 every year is being denied the Federal Government.

Six hundred million dollars' worth a year, of personal devastation and economic distortion and other government havoc and mayhem that is not taking place, thanks to the work of one extraordinary man: its author, Irwin Schiff. We might each compare our own achievements with that!

"The Federal Mafia" enables proponents of liberty to do what Etienne de la Boetie advised: "I do not ask that you place hands upon the tyrant to topple him over, but simply that you support him no longer..." It provides us with our opportunity to *turn off the money spigot.*

I doubt that any reader can read the "Mafia" and fail to be convinced of three astonishing facts:

1. The Federal Income Tax has never been enacted into Law
2. The Federal judiciary is profoundly corrupt, but
3. There is a well-proven, safe, practical method not to pay the tax.

The second of those gives the key to the title: the referenced "Mafia" is not particularly the IRS, everybody's most-detested government agency, but the Congress also and most particularly the Courts. That "justice" in America is so thoroughly engaged in a deliberate plot to steal nearly a trillion dollars a year from productive Americans is a tough thing to accept, but this book makes a case that's hard

to answer.

No Law

The opening chapters of the "Mafia" demonstrate the absence of any law to make the income "tax" compulsory, or even to define the "income" it purports to tax! and the first of them can be read free of charge on-line at www.paynoincome.com.

Schiff has been protesting this illegal "tax" for a quarter of a century; he is known as the Grandfather of the illegal-tax protest movement, which has spawned many rivals. Those brave pioneers thought then that the laws compelled it but were unconstitutional; what Schiff later found was that the laws do NOT compel it at all, and so are perfectly constitutional. Deceptive, yes - but constitutional.

Example: he shows in "The Federal Mafia" that no law has been written to compel the filing of a 1040 tax return. The reader can check for himself, from the 2000 1040 Instruction Booklet itself; Page 55, paragraph 3 specifies that anyone "liable" for the tax must file a return. Indeed he must; Code Section 6011 declares it. *But there is no Code Section to make anyone liable!* Spend a day in a law library, and confirm that for yourself! So the 5th Amendment protection against being compelled to bear witness against oneself is left intact.

The book shows that the entire system is sustained on the basis of innuendo, intimidation and the very active participation of totally corrupt judges - 48% of whose salaries is paid from the money collected.

Corrupt Judges

Since there is no law compelling the filing of a 1040, nobody can be properly convicted of a charge of "wilful failure to file." Obvious, to anyone with more than sawdust between his ears. So in the early 80s, Schiff and others supposed that law-courts existed to administer the Law, and he openly refused to file - but within 3 years was on trial for doing so. A large part of the "Mafia" presents a blow-by-blow account of what is obviously the most traumatic period of Irwin Schiff's life.

He was convicted, and did time; but those chapters detail how the conviction was obtained, despite the complete absence of relevant law. He found that he faced not one prosecutor, but two; the one that mattered was disguised as an impartial judge.

Schiff used his confinement well. Knowing then that the Courts were part of the conspiracy - an integral part of the Federal Mafia - he devised a way to bypass the courts, and wrote "The Federal Mafia."

The Method

Schiff released it in 1992 as the "Zero Return" method, used since by many thousands of students including myself, and has never resulted in a single prosecution, let alone conviction.

Courts have never jailed anyone on tax charges but on two pretexts: wil-

Writers

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email the Editor directly at editor@lpi.org

ful failure to file, and wilful evasion. Schiff's zero-return method prevents both - in both theory and practice.

Buyers of the Federal Mafia are shown what to do, and furnished with a copy of a statement of law, to verify at the law library and then to attach to their 1040s, each April 15th. The result is that we pay no income tax, and suffer no prosecution.

Major book chains stock "The Federal Mafia" for \$38, or it can be obtained direct from Freedom Books via (800) TAX-NOMO, or through Schiff's Internet site, <http://www.paynoincometax.com>.

Jim Davies

A Guide to Libertarian Film

Palo Alto (CA). The title says it all: "Miss Liberty's Guide to Film and Video: Movies for the Libertarian Millennium." This remarkable new book, the first guide ever to libertarian-themed films, was just published in May.

If you've ever wandered the aisles of Blockbuster trying to find something worth renting, this book is the answer.

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Party at the listed address, or
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It contains over 250 reviews of films and videos touching upon such subjects as free speech, the draft, drug laws, taxation, regulation, sexual liberty, immigration, and many more.

Says author Jon Osborne, "About five years ago, I started what I thought would be a short list of libertarian-themed films, based on recommendations from fellow libertarians. Later, I greatly expanded that list through my own research. Then I hit upon the idea of starting an e-newsletter on the subject. Hundreds of my newsletter subscribers started writing in, suggesting even more films. I ended up with an unparalleled list of libertarian-themed films, which I spent the last two years reviewing."

Osborne's book, while a fun read, is more than just a source of inspiration and pleasure. It's also a useful outreach tool. Libertarian activists will find a gold mine of films suitable for showing at outreach meetings, and the book itself would be a good way for newcomers to libertarianism to become familiar with freedom-oriented ideas.

"One of the reasons I think this guide is important," Osborne continues, "is that the visual arts have become the dominant media through which people adopt values, form opinions, and gather information about the world. The average person watches literally hundreds of films for every book read. Hopefully, by identifying libertarian-themed films, this book will help to promote them."

More information on libertarian films and television is available through the author's web site at <http://www.missliberty.com>. "Miss Liberty's Guide to Film and Video: Movies for the Libertarian Millennium" is available through Laissez-Faire Books (1-800-326-0996) or <http://www.laissezfairebooks.com/product.cfm?op=view&pid=LI8472&aid=10288>).

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lawyers urged the court to uphold the

individual contribution cap to parties and groups, arguing that it was nearly impossible to discern which contributions to a political party would be used to elect an individual candidate and which would be used for other purposes.

But in his 16-page decision, Singleton said the law went too far.

"It is clear that restricting donations to political parties for purposes unrelated to nominating or electing candidates...significantly interferes with the protected rights of speech and association," he wrote.

The judge also ruled that contributions to political parties could be earmarked for "party-building purposes" --such as administrative costs, issue advocacy, and voter registration drives -- which don't benefit a particular candidate.

However, Singleton did uphold contribution limits for candidates, arguing that such a limitation is an acceptable means to guard against "political corruption."

This lawsuit wasn't the only challenge mounted against the campaign contribution statute. The American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska had previously lost their attempt in state court to have the entire law ruled unconstitutional.

Although Kohlhaas said his legal victory is important, he warned that celebration might be premature.

"The state is currently appealing the ruling," he said. "So it ain't over yet. I just hope the verdict is upheld and this is a final victory." **

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approved the request after two officials of the Illinois Libertarian Party spoke against quick-take powers, calling them unconstitutional.

Holding a public hearing and making a formal request are required under a Illinois Senate resolution. The House already has approved the bill containing Aurora's quick-take provision, but the Senate has yet to act.

The legislation would allow Aurora to acquire 5.4 acres just south of Clark Street on Baje Industrial Drive at the south end of the city's downtown. It is the home of Baje Machinery, also known as Steere Equipment Corp., owned by the family of Gerald Fridkin of Northbrook.

If the city and developers agree to proceed with RiverCity, the Baje property, along with 27 adjacent acres on which the city has put down earnest money, would be the site of a combination convention center and multipurpose arena. That facility would be the first RiverCity structure to be built.

Under quick-take condemnation, a judge sets a price for the property and the government immediately takes control of it. If either side contests the price set by the judge, the normal condemnation process, which includes the setting a price by a jury, starts.

Mayor David Stover has said quick-take condemnation would be used only as a last resort. The city and Fridkin have been negotiating for more than a year, but the city has rejected Fridkin's offer to sell for \$1.5 million. The property is assessed at \$315,447, but Fridkin said it is worth far more because of its development potential.

Hal Dardick

Ruling is CRUEL to most vulnerable

Published in the Chicago Tribune

By rejecting a "medical necessity" defense for marijuana, the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday sentenced AIDS and cancer victims to certain slow and painful deaths.

In an 8-0 ruling, the nation's high court approved a Justice Department injunction against a California cannabis cooperative that supplied medical marijuana to patients. The court rejected any medical necessity exemption to federal marijuana laws, ruling that "marijuana has no medical benefits worthy of an exception." Even if a state has legalized medical marijuana, the court ruled the federal government could continue to prosecute people who violate federal marijuana laws.

With this ruling, the federal government has officially turned its War on Drugs into a war on life-saving medicine. It should now be obvious to Americans that the government feels that handcuffs and prison cells are the best medication for terminally ill patients.

Medical uses for marijuana have been proven to help ease the pain for those suffering from AIDS, cancer and multiple sclerosis. Marijuana can even reduce feelings of nausea and give back an appetite to ill people who have lost theirs.

But, the government says it knows better. The government feels that it would be better for America to let these sick people continue to suffer

than to make an exception.

That's not just cruelty - that's cruelty directed at our most vulnerable citizens.

For compassionate Americans who reject the argument that marijuana is more dangerous than prison, we need to work harder to guarantee AIDS, cancer, and multiple sclerosis patients access to life-saving medicines. And that includes electing people to office who will repeal these laws that restrict our freedom to choose.

Allowing the federal government to continue to arrest and imprison people suffering from AIDS, cancer, and multiple sclerosis -- for the 'crime' of trying to save their own lives, is not just tragic, it is repugnant.

Austin Hough
State Chair



**Check out the LPC site for local college groups at:
<http://www.lpchicago.org/collegecontacts.htm>**

CONCEAL CARRY AT THE TASTE OF CHICAGO

This article was written per the request of the Chicago Tribune but was never published

Independence Day in Chicago is traditionally void of controversy. In the memory of our forefathers, hundreds of thousands of people habitually flock to the annual Taste of Chicago; attend local parades; and try their best to keep cool in the mid-summer heat as they celebrate their most absolute right -- freedom.

This July 4, though, was slightly different. It was still a day of celebrations throughout Chicagoland, but it was not without controversy.

Concealed Carry, Inc., a Libertarian organization that advocates gun-owner rights, planned their own celebration of freedom: a protest "in the tradition of peaceful civil rights demonstrations" at the Taste of Chicago in Grant Park.

The protest centers on the state of Illinois' lack of a "conceal carry" law allowing its citizens to carry a firearm concealed on their person for self-defense. More than forty other states have laws that allow their citizens to carry firearms.

After looking closely at the current Illinois law, the folks at Concealed Carry found something very interesting. For transportation purposes, the law actually allows citizens to legally conceal and carry a firearm as long as it is unloaded, enclosed in a case and the person has a Firearm Owners Identification Card (FOID).

By this definition, a fanny pack and a purse could be considered cases in which to carry the gun. (For a purse, the gun must be stored within a box, container, or case placed within the purse.)

State's Attorney Dick Devine disagrees and threatened to arrest any citizen caught carrying an unloaded firearm in their fanny pack. No arrests were reported.

Subsequently, Concealed Carry, Inc. encouraged their members, fellow gun rights advocates, and all Chicagoans to wear fanny packs on July 4th at this year's Taste. Contrary to Mayor Daley's opinion, the point of this is not to have a bunch of people toting handguns in their fanny packs in Grant Park. The law in Chicago strictly prohibits even owning a handgun and Concealed Carry does not advocate carrying a firearm to the Taste.

Their point of wearing the fanny pack here is two-fold. First, the fanny pack is a visual symbol of Illinois' "conceal carry" movement. The whole theory behind "conceal carry" is that if a would-be attacker knows that you may be carrying a firearm, they are less likely to attack. With the fanny pack revelation, any potential victim wearing a pack will make their attacker think twice about what they may be carrying in that fanny pack.

Second, with so many people wearing these packs (in protest and other-

wise), how far are Mayor Daley, the State's Attorney and the police willing to go to see who is carrying a firearm? Are they willing to institute a police state at the Taste of Chicago to inspect everyone's fanny pack? Will they have metal detectors setup at various points and insist on people with fanny packs walk through them?

Furthermore, how sadly ironic would it be if the law-abiding citizens of Chicagoland allow a police state to happen on the day we celebrate our independence from the tyrannical rule of England?

The hard-line that Mayor Daley and the City of Chicago have taken against its law-abiding citizens and their right to bear arms brings to mind one word. Gestapo. Remember them? They were the only ones allowed to have guns and look what happened in that situation.

As a grassroots group of law abiding citizens who are concerned about crime, the Libertarian-minded Concealed Carry, Inc. does not condone the unlawful possession or carrying of firearms by criminals. They just want the right to have the ability to defend themselves from those criminals. And according to those who signed the Declaration of Independence 225 years ago that is not too much to ask for.

Austin Hough
State Chair

PUBLIC speakers needed. The LPI is interested in locating talented public speakers to help spread the word to young high school and college students. If you fit the bill, PLEASE contact Matt Beauchamp at vice-chair-membership@il.lp.org

LETTER FROM THE STATE CHAIR



As a group that receives very little media attention, getting our name “out there” is a challenging task. But if the media won’t come to us; then we will go to the media.

Since taking office in March I have had much success landing commentary pieces, bylined editorials and letters to the editor in the major Chicago and suburban newspapers. I even had a letter printed in the Sports section (of all places!) of the Chicago Tribune discussing the Major League baseball Umpires Union.

I have not accomplished this because I am a better writer than anyone else is. I have accomplished this because I have been aggressive in my approach, and I encourage you all to do the same.

Understand this: the Chicago Tribune, for example, receives between 800 and 1000 letters to the editor per week. Statistically speaking, if yours is one of those letters, your chance of getting in is one-tenth of one percent (or a snowball’s chance in you-know-where.) So how do I beat the odds? I get myself noticed. Here is my secret.

When I have an opinion I want to be published, whether it is a short two-sentence letter or a 500 word bylined editorial, I call the editor first and inform them of my intent to send in an essay. This simple phone call does

a couple of very important things.

First, it lets the editor know that you are indeed a real person. The “letters to the editor” editor never puts a voice or a face to a name on a letter. The people who write in could all sound alike and look alike for all they know. But, a phone call makes you real.

Secondly, the editor now has a reason to look for your letter. Instead of just being another letter discussing the same old topic, yours will be noticed. “Hey, there’s that letter from Austin Hough. He called me yesterday about it.” Having your name on the editor’s mind gives you an advantage over all the others.

Thirdly, you might just strike up a relationship with the editor and discover that they are also a real person, just like you. In my conversations with various print media folks, I have found a few that admit to being “small L” Libertarians. Who would have thought that anyone in the media would admit that? You will never know until you call.

Even if you only get their voice mail, leave a message. Provide them with your name, party affiliation and phone number and inform them of your intent to send them a letter regarding the topic you wish to discuss.

Sending letters via email has always been the best avenue for me. When you have that editor on the phone, ask them for their personal email. Most newspapers have a generic email address for letters to the editor, such as letters@newspaper.com. Get the editor’s personal email address and use it to send them every letter and put “Letter to the Editor: (Topic)” in the Subject line. This way is more personal.

Lastly, always, always, always, include Libertarian Party of Illinois under your name. If you are a title-holder in the state party or in a club affiliate, include that. The reason behind this is for the benefit of the person who reads the letter. They may unequivocally agree with what you say and by providing them with our party affiliation, they now know where to go to find like-minded people.

Use this technique and chances are you will have more success getting published. You will also find that most of these newspaper editors are just regular people like you and me.

Austin Hough
State Chair

DEADLINE

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Champaign Libertarians meet the second Sunday of the month, at Woodsy's Gearhead City in Champaign. Contact Dave Wood for further information (217) 367-4700

Chicago Libertarians meet the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm at Mia Torre Restaurant on the 2nd floor of the Sear's Tower. Contact Matt Beauchamp for further information (312) 409-2223

Fox Valley Libertarians meet the last Wednesday of the month at Gasthaus Zur Linde, 15 North Grove Ave., Elgin. Contact Ken Prazak for further information (847) 426-1974

Libertarians of Illinois Valley (LIV) meet the last Sunday of the month in the Peoria area. Contact Jeff Trigg for further information (309) 693-3402

Libertarian Club of DuPage County meets the 1st Monday of every month at Z's restaurant in Glen Ellyn . Contact Elizabeth Quaintance for further information (630) 963-3813

Northwest Libertarian Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Silver Stallion, 1275 Lee St/Mannheim Rd in Des Plaines. Contact Lyn Tinsley for further information (847) 297-8219

Rockford Libertarian Club meets the 1st Thursday of the month at Kegel's Diner, corner of Harrison and Perryville in Rockford. Call Kathy Kelley for further information (815)874-6345

Southern Illinois Libertarians meet the 2nd Sunday at 12:30PM at the Longbranch Coffee House, 100 E. Jackson St., Carbondale, Illinois 62901. Contact David Clarke (618) 529-2699 or visit www.moted.org/sil

Will County Libertarian Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at Cheddar's restaurant in Bolngbrook on route 53 just north of I-55. Contact Eric Ferguson (875) 838-0772

The State Organizing Committee -- call (815) 874-6345 for time and location.