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Stop the Pork



Ithaca Libertarians came out October 29th to support the New Yorkers to Change Albany, a group that brought the Pig to Ithaca and opposed Proposition 1, under which the NY Legislature would have gained control over the state budget and future spending. The Pig traveled all over the state to raise the importance of the vote to change the state's constitution. The Proposition went down to defeat with [63% of New Yorkers voting NO!](#)



Calendar of Events – 2005/2006

January 17	Tuesday	IL annual convention and monthly meeting – see below
February 21	Tuesday	IL monthly meeting 7:00pm
March 21	Tuesday	IL monthly meeting 7:00pm
April 18	Tuesday	IL monthly meeting 7:00pm

*All monthly meetings above held at Bool's Flower Shop 209 N. Aurora St., Ithaca at 7:00pm
If you have suggestions for the calendar, the meeting agendas or anything else, [contact Christa](#)*

Ithaca Libertarian's Annual Convention

Join us for our second annual convention on January 17th at Bool's Flower Shop, 7:00pm. We will be electing officers as required by the NYLP and we'll be discussing events and activities for 2006. If you are interested in helping out with the Ithaca Libertarians organization, meetings, events and planning, please come. There is plenty of room for your activism and enthusiasm!

National ID a Danger to All

Ithaca Journal - Letter to the Editor, November 11, 2005

In May of 2005, congress made a law, clearly violating our Fourth and 10th Amendment rights. It will set up federal guidelines and mandate that all 50 states standardize their drivers' license by 2008 to include much of a citizen's private information, which will be made available to government agencies, (and to businesses on a supposed limited basis). This data would include Social Security numbers, driver's records and probably fingerprints and maybe even retinal scans and DNA. If you do not have this new license, you will not be able to board a plane, open a federal reserve bank account, collect Social Security, shop at a store, buy beer or wine, etc. This makes the Real ID a "de facto" national ID. And worse; all your movements could, and presumably would be monitored.

This ID will not curtail identity theft or terrorism; we will just have supplied them with an enormous database to hack into. It will be costly and time consuming. You will have to stand in line personally with the proper papers at the DMV, and the cost for this license would be \$60. If you agree that a national ID is a good idea, why not leave out the inconvenience of always having to produce this documentation, which could be stolen. Then, all you have to do to live, drive, travel, work and shop in America, is have someone scan your neck. The ACLU provides a form letter, available online, to ask your congressmen to repeal this law. I agree with Benjamin Franklin, who said, "Those who give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

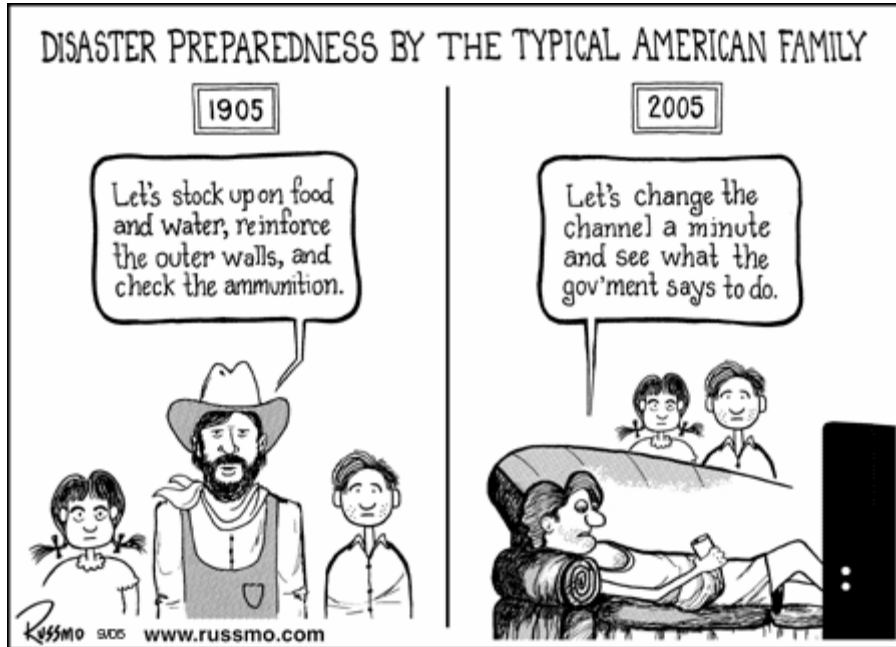
Issues for 2006

There are a couple of issues that we have talked about in the past that have come up again for our consideration.

- there has been very recent renewed energy among key area individuals to create a local taxpayer's organization. If you are interested in working on this in its early stages, please [contact Brian](#).
- there was discussion at the December 2005 IL monthly meeting about making efforts to organize a "[Denver-style](#)" legalization of marijuana in Ithaca. The new Denver law allows for the private use and

possession of less than an ounce of marijuana within the city of Denver by people who are older than 21.

For more information about these two activism opportunities, please come to the convention and monthly meeting on January 17th (see above).



Lights of Liberty Awards 2005

"Lights of Liberty is an Advocates for Self-Government program to recognize and reward outstanding libertarian grassroots volunteer work -- and to stimulate much more such vital work." We are pleased to nominate the following local members for the annual Advocates For Self-Government's [Lights of Liberty award](#).

Christa Siering
Carl Ricketson
Marshall Stocker

Brian Sullivan
Ellen Ricketson

Curry Taylor
Andrew Gardner

If you think you qualify for 2005, please let Christa know. Follow the Advocates link above for qualifications and full award information.

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