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Showing the Flag at the DuPage County Fair

by Steve Nelson

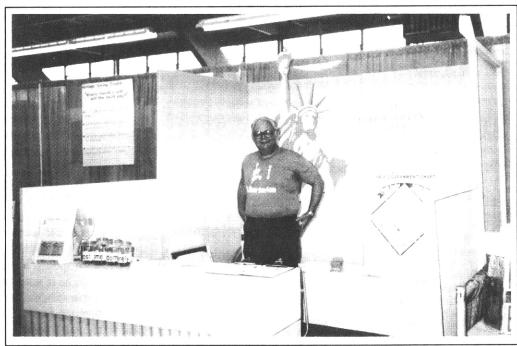
In DuPage County, the last week of July means another county fair—the 37th annual fair. If you're a member of the Libertarian Club of DuPage, it means another session of operating the Libertarian booth at the fair—the eighteenth annual Libertarian presentation.

1991 marked the second appearance of the LCD's new fair booth. This is the fourth booth design to appear under LCD auspices, and it is universally counted a striking and elegant thing. Blue and white, with a six-foot reproduction of the party's Statue of Liberty logo, it stands out very nicely among the commercial exhibits that surround it.

This is also the second time that the LCD has used the Advocates

for Self-Government's canned political pitch. Produced by Marshall Fritz, the kit consists of a "self-government chart", several packages of quiz cards, some banners, and a sizeable book giving detailed instructions on how to start total strangers thinking about political philosophy. The staggering fact is that it works!

Almost two thousand people have now gone through the booth; the quiz administrators agree that at least half of them showed unmistakable signs of doing serious thinking, and about



LCD Director Steve Nelson presiding at the DuPage Fair

a quarter discovered that they did indeed have serious libertarian sentiments. Mr. Fritz's technique does indeed get people thinking! About the only difficulty lies in finding people to operate the process; these must first of all be at least somewhat extroverted, and then must be available weekdays. A tall order for Libertarians!

In any case, the Dupagers can be said to have done it again, and to have done it well; five hectic days of solid and effective outreach!

Convention Volunteers Needed

The LPI needs volunteers to help man our table at the National Convention. If you would like to help, call State Chair Steve Reed at: 312-764-5828.

Chicago Libertarian Wins Award

Sam Venturella, Executive Director of the Henry George School of Social Science, and member of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, was recently honored by members of the Council of North American Georgist Organizations, as Georgist Educator of the Year. Sam was presented the award at the concluding banquet of the 1991 Council of North American Georgists Annual Meeting. The meeting was held June 14-17 at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. The award, given annually, left Sam totally speechless. However, it did not surprise Sam's wife, Dorothy, or other LPI members in attendance, Scott & Sue Walton. They concluded that the award was made for a job well done over 40 years. Sam, at this meeting, also completed a three year term as president of the council, an umbrella group of over twenty groups.

Judicial Committee Opening

Upon Christopher Maxwell's appointment as corresponding secretary, an opening has developed for a one-year appointment to the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee rules on any accusation of a pledge violation. Anyone interested in serving should contact State Chair, Steve Reed, 312-764-5828.

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Northwest Libertarian Club Report

On Tuesday July 16, Dave Walden spoke to 23 people on gun control at the regular Northwest Club meeting at the Silver Stallion Restaurant in DesPlaines. His presentation was witty, informative, and entertaining. He was especially good in demonstrating the ironies and inconsistencies of the "gun grabbers' position. Dave is an LPI member and a member of the NRA/ISRA.

On Tuesday, August 20, the Club will feature videotapes from the two candidates for the nomination of president of the United States for the Libertarian Party, Andre Marrou and Dick Boddie. Dinner is at 7:00 PM and the program begins at 8:00. Location is always the same—the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim, Des Plaines, IL.For more info call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565.

Canoeing on the Fox

The LPI held its second annual white water canoe outing on July 14 without the white water. The usually turbulent Vermillion River has been reduced to less the a trickle thanks to drought-like conditions. Where there were two-foot standing waves the previous year, a person could now walk across and not even get wet. So instead, we took the scenic lower Fox River canoe trail from Sheridan to Wedron with its white sandstone cliffs, springs, pine trees, and cliff jumping. There was one repeat from last year though. Attentive readers may recall that last year Roger Pope had a 19 inch spotted bass jump right in his boat. Well this year, and he insists he is not making this up, a small large-mouth bass jumped in his canoe. The fun-filled canoe trip was topped off with an inspiring libertarian discussion on educational choice at a local restaurant. Those participating were Helen Heyden and her friend Bob, Roger Pope and his friend Magella, Chris Maxwell, Dmitri the law school student, Scott Tillman, and Ken Prazak.

LCD Barbecue

Ralph Myron will throw a barbecue on Sunday, September 8 from 3:00 PM —, taking the place of the regular Libertarian Club of DuPage's meeting. All LPI members and friends are invited. Food and drink will be provided. Those attending may bring a side dish if you wish. Call Ralph to RSVP and for address and directions at: 708-668-7643, before Labor Day.

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The Discovery of Bureaucratium

The heaviest element known to science was recently discovered by a group of libertarian physicists initiating a study to be submitted to Reason magazine. The element, tentatively name Bureaucratium, has no protons or electrons and thus has an atomic number of 0.

However, it does have 1 neutron, 125 assistant neutrons, 75 vice neutrons and 111 assistant vice neutrons. This gives it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by a force that involves the continuous exchange of meson-lie particles called morons.

Since it has no electrons, Bureaucratium is inert. However, it can be detected chemically since it impedes every reaction it comes in contact with. According to the discoverers, a minute amount of Bureaucratium caused one reaction to take over four days to complete when it would have normally occurred in less than one second. Bureaucratium has a normal half-life of approximately two to four years, at which time it does not actually decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which assistant neutrons, vice neutrons and assistant vice neutrons exchange places or on rare occasion actually are replaced. Some studies have demonstrated that the atomic mass actually increases after each reorganization/replacement. Researchers at other laboratories indicate that Bureaucratium occurs naturally in the atmosphere. It tends to concentrate at certain points such as government agencies, large corporations, universities and healthcare institutions and can usually be found in the newest, best appointed, and best maintained buildings.

Another group has reported preliminary indications that Bureaucratium often has a crystalline structure, which may account for the large amounts of energy needed to displace any of its atoms from rest.

Scientists point out that Bureaucratium is known to be toxic at any level of concentration and can easily destroy any productive reaction where it is allowed to accumulate.

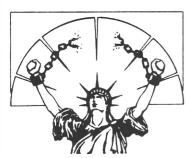
Attempts are being made to determine how Bureaucratium can be controlled or even eliminated from the environment to prevent irreversible damage, but results to date are not promising.

Drug Legalization Rally Planned During Convention Week

Libertarian Don Meinhausen has planned a rally on Friday, August 30 from 1:30 to 5:00 in Lincoln Park, just a few blocks from the national convention. Speakers include Timothy Leary, Karl Hess, Robert Anton Wilson, Robert Shea, Jack Herer, Dick Boddie, and Andre Marrou. The date marks the 23rd anniversary of the police riot during the 1968 Democratic National convention held in Chicago.

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Recollections on Coming Home

by Ken Prazak

My first Libertarian Party national convention was in Seattle, in 1987, a presidential nominating one featuring candidates Ron Paul, Russell Means, tax activist Jim Lewis, and the populist country singer Harry Glenn. There are many wondrous things about attending a first Libertarian convention, not the least of which is the exuberance and satisfaction from coming home after being politically homeless for so long. But the race for the presidential nomination was rivetting: an inspiring, energizing, exciting, intriguing, and fascinating feast for the mind and soul.

Harry Glenn shot from the hip and received little support but much entertainment. Some of the more stuff-shirted of the party were embarrassed, but Harry did represent what is in the gut of many a Libertarian.

Jim Lewis had recently been released from prison after serving time for a willful failure to file income tax charge. He received quite a warm reception of thanks from the delegation for his heroism in standing up against the state.

Russell Means stirred the soul. Standing majestic in full American Indian attire, he portrayed what an American leader and hero represents. The nuts-and-bolts of free market economics escaped Russell, but he sure could play to the heartstrings about the heart and soul of Libertarianism—freedom, tolerance, individuality, and the pride of a man with conviction. Russell Means freedom.

Ron Paul—at his best with considerable organization behind him. Within the past two years, Ron had resigned from the Republican Party. There was much an air of excitement and anticipation that here was a candidate who would break the voting barrier, who would really catapult the Libertarian Party into the national scene. The nominating and seconding speeches for Ron Paul were conceived brilliantly. Ron covered every view of the Libertarian spectrum with different types of individuals endorsing him, including Paul Jacob, who spoke highly of Ron for testifying for him when he was on trial for evasion of draft registration while Ron was still a Republican Congressman. But the stroke of brilliance which sewed up the nomination for Ron Paul was using the last eight minutes of seconding speech time to show a videotape that his organization had produced for television advertising purposes. Having watched bland TV ads for Libertarians in the past that included butterflies escaping from cages, and Kennedyesque poses, the eight minute video was indeed a sight for sore eyes. In no uncertain terms, the tape recounted the long train of abuses Americans have been handed by government—blasting the Federal Reserve; exposing IRS gestapo tactics; graphically portraying the mounting debt caused by an arrogant, hypocritical, and indifferent Congress. The tape brought tears to my eyes. I had been leading towards Ron Paul.

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Voluntary Education

by A. Nonymous

Why are youngsters in high school and college attracted to drugs, gangs, cults, or suicide? Are these weird activities more inviting to them than school?

From birth, a child learns freely and rapidly. In the early grades he learns his ABC's, writing, etc. These are interesting... By the middle grades, he has learned about "Rules" and to do what he is told. He doesn't know it but the natural and voluntary learning system he used before school has been scuttled by the edicts of the school establishment which actually is a part of a cartel. This cartel has resulted in dropouts, strikes, violence, illiteracy, and high taxes. It has failed to hold the attention of all the kids, forfeiting young minds to other interests such as drug pushers, gangs, cults, or suicide.

Abe Lincoln and early Americans learned voluntarily, as did the members of the longest lasting and most productive civilization the world has know prior to America. The Saracen civilization existed for nearly 900 years, extending from India to Gibraltar on both sides of the Mediterranean.

The Saracens developed modern medicine, surgery, local anaesthesia, and scientific agriculture. Their concept that zero is a number enabled them to develop arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, and astronomy. They deduced the shape, size and movement of the earth. They invented the sextant and magnetic compass which made navigation possible. They provided Columbus with the charts and instruments which enabled him to reach America.

The Saracen schools functioned on the principle of voluntary agreement between teacher and students. They had no standardized programs, no regular curriculum, no examinations. They gave no diplomas, no degrees. Students went to acquire knowledge, just as we go to grocery stores to buy food.

Voluntary learning will give the kids and parents a freedom of choice of subjects and teachers. To get that we will have to "make waves". The youngsters are not afraid to "make waves". They have the reason (their lives), the drive, and the imagination to render the cartel of administrators and boards helpless. Learning will become interesting and will reduce the attraction for abnormal ideas. Young individuals may be the only ones willing to solve the problems of learning and of drugs, gangs, cults, and suicide.

Politically Correct, Libertarian Style

by J.G. Spirit

It has become quite fashionable around libertarian circles lately to denounce educational vouchers and those that propose them as foolish, counterproductive, dangerous, etc. Usually, these people then proceed to promote the "real" libertarian solution to educational problems—a tuition-tax-credit system.

Those that advocate tax credits as the fundamental libertarian answer don't even realize there is an even purer answer—that of not paying the taxes that goes toward funding of education (or anything else, for that matter) in the first place. The very people who denounce voucher plans because vouchers just sanction the regulatory process, are deaf to the pleas of tax resisters who say that paying taxes just sanctions the process of theft by government and the subsequent regulation that goes along with it. But since the tax resisters approach is more radical than those who advocate tax credits, tax resistance is seen as impractical, too radical or kooky.

More radical than the tax resisters are the peaceful survivalists who eschew political activity altogether, pack up their bags, head for the mountains, and sacrifice material well-being for personal freedom. I'm sure that to them, tax resisters who still live within society are wasting time, and sanctioning the process of an evil civilization. They are a sell out to real libertarianism—living free.

Then there are those who believe that nothing less than armed revolution—reacting to the initiation of force by government—is the only way a true-blue libertarian should behave.

Excuse me for not being libertarianly politically correct, but the notion that everyone but thee and me is either a kook or a sell-out, is just so much hogwash.

The example of educational political correctness is just a symptom of a more fundamental process of denunciation of anyone who is less pure than he or she is in a given philosophical perspective. Those that are less pure than ourselves sell out, while those that are more pure, i.e. more radical, are kooks and nuts. This process is an endless litmus test given by people in order to feel good about themselves and where they stand.

In the spectrum described above, I am a middle-of-the-roader. I refuse to pay as many taxes as is survivably possible (including no state, federal income, or social security taxes for the past fifteen years). For those who don't want to sanction theft and regulation, and want to take a relatively pure approach to the matter, I say put up or... stop with the litmus tests. Allow those who work for gradual libertarian political solutions to do so without being impeded with endless denunciations by the "purist guardians" of our philosophy. They are acting according to what they perceive to be in their best interests. They are working on a plan that will actually show those who are not so well philosophically endowed as we are—the virtues of choice, the practicality of the market place, and the good feeling of empowerment. From these values, more libertarian, radical solutions stem.

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Outreach Report

Lincoln Ave. Tastes Outreach

Over 100 names were obtained by Libertarian outreach workers using the self-government diamond chart approach at the Taste of Lincoln Avenue on July 27 and 28 held at Lincoln Avenue and Fullerton in Chicago. Out of the four political quadrants, the largest quadrant by far was libertarian—mostly in the left libertarian side. One person expressed real interest in running for political office as a Libertarian. Those participating were Glenn Olofsen, Ted Beckman, Doug Wichman, Lenny Grom, and Neal Reynolds.

Peace and Music Festival

For the second year in a row, Libertarians participated in the Peace and Music Festival, held in Chicago on the Lakefront and Wilson Ave. at Cricket Hill on July 20 and 21. Thirty six people expressed interest in the LPI and/or the Fully Informed Jury Association while stopping at our table. We made many good contacts.

One in particular was with a member of the Independent Voters of Illinois (IVI), who expressed a strong desire for Libertarians running for office to go before IVI to get endorsements. She suggested that the Independents, Greens, and Libertarians coalesce politically. She also mentioned the possibility of helping the LPI in a law suit concerning the failure of Cook County to count Paul Salander's write-in votes for Treasurer. IVI is the organization that sued for the Harold Washington Party to get on the ballot that now is resting in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Also, Ken Prazak spoke for the second year in a row in front of approximately 350 people on the FIJA movement.

Those helping out man the booths were Ted Beckman, Glenn Olofsen, Doug Wichman, Ken Prazak, Milo Horn and his friend Mike.

Editor's Note

Because of Sue Walton's and my involvement in the national convention, the September *Illinois Libertarian* won't come out until mid September.

It would be a great help if those participating in various Libertarian functions would submit short reports on the upcoming activities and the activities themselves. Thank you.

Ken Prazak, editor

Cubs Tickets

The Walton's have tickets for sale for a September Cubs game. Proceeds go to LPI. If interested call Sue or Scott, 708-475-0391.

Media Letters

from *TV Guide* July 27, 1991 (edited from original copy)

They're Stormin' about Norman

Enough already! I am tired of the media's attempts to make Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf into some kind of hero ["TV Person of the Year—Norman Schwarzkopf: The Gutsy General Who Has Taken TV—and America—by Storm," June 29]. I don't have anything against the general personally, but I find it very sad that the media tells us we are supposed to take pride in our country because our Government has the ability to kill an estimated one hundred thousand soldiers of an impoverished Third-World country, while leaving virtually untouched that country's so-called modern-day "Hitler."

Neal S. Reynolds

Schaumburg, IL

Property Preservation Solution

The Reader, July 26

Contempt for private property virtually oozes from Ben Joravsky's account of the historic preservationists' assault against the owners of "architecturally valuable" buildings in Oak Park (Neighborhood News, July 5).

The right to own property is why this country's economic system has dramatically outperformed those which limit or outlaw private property ownership. Ownership does not simply "happen" as Joravsky appears to believe: It is the direct result of hard work and productive behavior. Property rights are <u>earned</u>, not given (or taken away) by neighbors, committees, or journalists.

Integral to the right to own property is the owner's right to do with the property as he pleases: sell it, "preserve" it, modify it, destroy it. If I owned an architecturally significant Frank Lloyd Wright home, I wouldn't paint it purple or cover it with vinyl siding. Doing so would reduce its value if I decide to sell or use the house as collateral for a loan. Nevertheless, if I did wish to change the house's appearance (perhaps to spite my neighbors, as the former director of the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission attempted to do), I clearly have a right to do so.

Property rights can work to the benefit of preservationists who believe that some buildings have more value to "the community" (i.e., the preservationists themselves) than to their private owners. Let the preservationists establish an Historic Preservation Corporation, buy the buildings, and lease them to responsible tenants willing to abide by the preservationists' terms. The corporation could thus preserve the buildings while at the same time preserving something far more valuable—property rights.

Diane Carol Bast

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Convention Recollections (con't)

The tape pushed me over. Ron Paul won the nomination by one vote on the first ballot.

I then nominated Russell Means for vice-president. I believed that such a ticket would bring true unity to the party. It wasn't meant to be. Russell didn't consider himself vice-presidential material. Yet the nomination gave Russell the chance to give a great emotionally-charged speech in declining the nomination. In the speech he declared that after a long weary search, he finally found a political home with Libertarians. Means received a tear-filled standing ovation from the delegation that went on until he left the floor.

The presidential race alone was truly worth the price of admission.

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

August 8

• North Cook County Libertarian Club meeting, "Women and the Libertarian Party," audio tape Thursday, 7:00 P.M. at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago; just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. More info: call Mike Woloshin, 312-525-0846.

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August 25

 La Salle County Libertarians meeting Sunday 7:00 PM, at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL. Meets here every last Sunday of month. More info: call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

August 28 through September 3

 National Libertarian Party Convention, "Liberty Triumphant" at the Marriott Hotel, Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL. Speakers include Karl Hess, Joseph Sobran, Richard Dennis, Jack Herer, Yuri Maltsev, Nadine Strossen, and Stacy Taylor as emcee. Contact LEI, Sue Walton: 708-475-0391

September 8

• **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Sunday 3:00 PM, party at Ralph Myron's house, RSVP to Ralph for directions, and address. 708-668-7643.

September 10

• North West Libertarian Club meeting, featured speaker—Joseph Bast, president of the Heartland Institute, speaking on educational choice. Dinner at 7:00 PM, speaker at 8:00 PM. Location: Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim St., (one quarter block south of Algonquin Rd.) Des Plaines, IL. Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 966-0565 for more information.

September 12

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