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# 344 NOW Conventioneers take OPH Quiz

# As many find themselves in the libertarian as the liberal quadrant

Free-market feminists of the LPI handed out over 1100 packets containing libertarian literature to participants of the 1992 National Organization of Women (NOW) National Convention on the weekend of June 26-28. Literature included red-white-and-blue brochures, the state and national outreach newsletters, Marrou/Lord campaign literature, diamond charts, Maggie Kohls health-care paper, FIJA literature, and free-market feminists brochures. "The response was wonderful," stated Helen Heyden, who spear-headed the effort along with Lyn Tinsley.

Other booths at the convention included one for the Communists and one for the Socialists. The Libertarian booth was by far the most popular. The primary hook drawing them in was the Operation Politically Homeless Quiz, in which 344 participants took part. The OPH quiz plots individuals on a two-dimensional political chart. The overwhelming majority scored in the liberal or libertarian quadrant and there were as many libertarians as liberals! Many people had never heard of the Libertarian Party and were glad they did. Many of those had considered themselves liberals until taking the quiz and found out they were really libertarians.

One week later, at the Independence Day celebration in Evanston, local NOW members were ecstatic at seeing a presence of the Libertarian Party at the celebration, a quick indication of the success of the NOW outreach effort.

Others participating in this successful outreach event included Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, Carrie Belt, Lila Pifer, Maggie Kohls, Anne Wagner, Toi Dixon, Marla Bottemiller who came in from Seattle, and Neal Reynolds.

Helen and Lyn are planning to have a booth at the state NOW convention on September 19. All interested, should contact Helen at 529-1551, or Lyn at 297-8219.

- Springfield Outreach at State Fair
- See Party News for details

# Survey Reveals Unhappy Electorate

## Desire for new political parties

More than half of registered voters surveyed at the three-day Downers Grove Heritage Fest on the weekend of June 26-28 said the government rarely or never does a good job. Less than 8% said the government does a good job always or most of the time. The remainder of the 1,273 surveyed said it does a good job sometimes or seldom.

The poll, in which Fest-goers dropped pennies in the jar of their choice, was conducted by the Activist Club of the LPI.

In another show of voter discontent, 1,710 registered voters signed petitions to put Libertarian Party candidates on the November election ballot. The Libertarian Party, formed in 1971, has been on the Illinois ballot in every presidential election since then.

Reacting to the survey, Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate, Andrew Spiegel said, "It is clear the Americans are fed up with government today. It's time they had a real choice to vote for a change in November. The Libertarian Party gives them that choice."

Citizens signed petitions for several libertarian candidates: Presidential hopeful Andre Marrou (and vice-presidential candidate Dr. Nancy Lord); Andrew Spiegel of Wheaton, running for the U.S. Senate against Democrat Carol Mosely Braun and Republican Rich Williamson; Ralph Miron of Wheaton, running for U.S. Congress in the 13th district against

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## **Illinois Libertarian New Additions**

The *Illinois Libertarian* is pleased to announced four new editors to its staff. Jeanette Muench will take care of all club and party business. Jeanette Clinkunbroomer will take care of the calendar section. Eric Banfield and Christopher Maxwell are contributing editors. The editor welcomes this much needed and very talented help in producing this newsletter. Note the publishing block for submissions for club and party news, and calendar announcements on the back page.

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# **Taxpayers' List Reveals Top** Illinois Spending Sponsors

by Eric C. Banfield

The National Taxpayers Union Foundation recently reported the list of members of Congress who sponsored the most expensive legislation ("The Billions Congress Wants to Spend," The Wall Street Journal, June 15, p. A12). That list starred ten Illinois Democrats, all of whom were in the top 65, two of whom were in the top ten. The list also claimed that most or all of them opposed the amendment to balance the budget. Small wonder.

National rank	Member	Net cost of Projects Sponsored
5	Hayes, Charles A.	\$344 billion
8	Savage, Gus	339
18	Collins, Cardiss	315
33	Poshard, Glenn	289
37	Evans, Lane	286
38	Lipinski, William	286
39	Yates, Sidney	286
43	Annunzio, Frank	279
58	Sangmeister, George	270
65	Russo, Marty	263

The Republicans seem unwilling to battle these big spenders. We Libertarians will be glad to do the job for them.

# **Campaign Code Words: Common Sense or Betrayal?**

by Eric C. Banfield

Here's Republican Senator Newt Gingrich's list of code words to use in a political campaign:

#### When talking about yourself:

Common Sense	Courage	Crusade
Dreams	Duty	Family
Flag	Freedom	Liberty
Light	Pro-Environment	Vision
When talking about your opponent:		

Anti-child Anti-flag Betray

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# **Campaign Notes**

- Petition coordinator, Paul Salander would like all petitioners to report once a week on Monday or Tuesday. Call him at 1-800-484-7942.
- The following is a growing list of candidacies. If you would like to run for political office, contact Campaign Chair, Glenn Olofson, at 312-274-6895.
- Blaise Grenke has opened an office for the regular Fifth District Libertarian Party. It is located at 5440 N. Cumberland Rd., Suite 222, Chicago, IL 60656. Phone number: 312-399-9313.

Candidate	Office
Andre Marrou	President of the U.S.
Nancy Lord	Vice-president of the U.S.
Andrew B. Spiegel	U.S. Senate
Larry Cepek	State Representative
Glenn Olofson	State Representative
Ted Beckman	State Representative
Paul Salander	State Representative
Steve Berman	State Representative
Ken McCracken	State Representative
Neal Reynolds	State Senate
Kenneth Prazak	State Senate
Dr. Michael Rosing	State Senate
Christopher Maxwell	State Senate
Ralph Miron	U.S. Congress
Lenny Grom	U.S. Congress
Blaise Grenke	U.S. Congress

You should consider adding your name to this list. You should consider being a candidate.

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# Polls Ignore Marrou, But So Do Odds-Making Markets

by Eric C. Banfield

Libertarians know that the polls, usually run by the news media, ignore our presidential candidate Andre Marrou. Some have tried in vain to call or write the pollsters to urge them to include Marrou. Now they have another option.

Odds-making markets on the U.S. presidential election have evolved in London and even in Iowa. Economists say, and as one would expect, markets are better predictors than polls.

So far the bookmakers report no demand for market quotes on the odds that Marrou will win the election. But if enough requests for odds quotes come in, the market-makers will make quotes on Marrou. Forrest Nelson, professor of economics at the Iowa Political Stock Market (IPSM) says, "Who knows? There may be something there." Though reluctant, they recently added independent (but undeclared) candidate Ross Perot due to increased demand for quotes.

Ladbroke's, a "bookie" in London, quotes odds against Bush, Perot, Clinton, and other Democrat contenders. They've heard of Marrou, but report no demand yet for market quotes. If enough requests start coming in, they might quote odds on Marrou, or anybody. Ladbroke's can be reached at 011-44-81-868-8899. William Hill in London also makes odds.

The economics department at The University of Iowa in Iowa City runs IPSM. Their quote markets are not for bets, but rather for actual "securities" which can be re-sold. But the principle is similar. IPSM's number is 1-319-335-0881. Another British firm, I.G. Index, trades futures contracts on the elections.

Obviously markets on Marrou would have light trading, and wide spreads between the bid and ask quotes, Nelson says. And since election tallies are delayed, payoffs would be also be delayed.

David Ranson, president of Wainwright Economics in Boston, wrote a *Wall Street Journal* editorial in February revealing that odds-making markets, discouraged or illegal in the U.S., have a far-better record at predicting elections than do polls. The main reason is that poll respondents have no vested interest in their replies; bettors do.

David Shribman, a Wall Street Journal reporter, said he would ask the NBC/Wall Street Journal pollsters if they would consider running polls with Marrou included.

#### 18,000 signatures collected to date

Total needed: 25,000 valid

20,000 signatures to go in the next 3 weeks

# Heritage Fest, (con't)

incumbent Harris Fawell; Ken Prazak of Downers Grove, running in the 20th legislative district against Republican Beverly Fawell; and Ken McCracken, running in the 39th representative district against Republican Vince Persico.

The three day fest in Downers Grove pulls in about a quarter-million people. The response libertarians received was very positive. "Where have you guys been." "All right, libertarians!" "You are the only party that makes any sense any more," were typical responses.

Ken Prazak would like to thank all who helped run the table, which included Paul Koutnek, Christopher Maxwell, Ken McCracken, Andy Spiegel, Bob Prazak, Steve Nelson, and especially Eric Banfield and Ralph Miron who spent many hours running and also helped set up the table.

# "How Often Does Government Do a Good Job?"

Response	Number	Percent
Always or most of the time	94	7.4
Sometimes	293	23.0
Seldom	214	16.8
Rarely	299	23.8
Never	357	29.0
Total	1,273	100.0

#### Code Words (continued)

Bizarre	Collapse	Crisis
Pathetic	Radical	Sick
Steal	Taxes	Traitors

Welfare

(Anne Groer, National Correspondent, The Orlando Sentinel, on Channel 11, WTTW-TV, Chicago, "Listening To America," Tuesday, May 12, 1992, 10:00PM)

Democrats use a similar tactic of "code words."

Should a Libertarian candidate take that approach? That depends on the strategy he chooses: Try to play the game like the established parties, or try to distinguish himself from it.

I know. It's a tough call.

It will take courage and vision to make this bold decision, for if we fail, we will betray our children and become traitors to our heritage of freedom.

#### Yecch!

I'm sure our fine slate of candidates can do better. At least I know when they say "liberty," they know what it means.

# Club Events

# Gay and Lesbian Caucus Being Formed

Joe Schreiner is in the process of forming a gay and lesbian caucus for the Libertarian Party of Illinois. He recently organized participation in the Gay Pride Parade held on Sunday, June 28. Joe, Blaise Grenke, and Ted Beckman passed out literature and obtained signatures for Libertarian petitions.

All of those interest in the caucus should contact Joe at 312-929-9538, or write him at 3023 N. Clark St., #149, Chicago, IL 60657.

# **McHenry Libertarians**

A new Libertarian club is being formed in McHenry County. Doug Temple, owner of the Little Professor's Book Center in Crystal Lake, will provide the facilities. Doug's book store features a Libertarian petition right on the counter next to the special *Illinois Libertarian* outreach issue. Doug also carries *Reason* magazine as well as Bergland books prominently displayed in the book store. His store is located at 5613 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, in the Crystal Court shopping mall next to Cub Foods. All interested in help forming this new club, contact Doug at 815-477-0985, or Lenny Grom at 815-455-5660.

# **Petitioning Party in Ottawa**

Paul Salander and Lisa Amesday are organizing a petitioning party at the Ottawa Riverfront Festival on July 25. The event includes a parade, carnival, food and beverages. This should be a great place to get signatures. If you would like to help get signatures to get the Libertarian Party on the ballot and have fun in the process, call Paul at 1-800-484-7942-2037.

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# **Party News**

## **Help Wanted**

The LPI is looking for a new fund-raising chair. This is a paying position. Anyone interested should contact State Chair Michael Dixon at 708-409-1044.

We need a volunteer to help with the mailings that go out to the Downers Grove Post Office, which include the *Illinois Libertarian*. We also need volunteers on a regular basis to help with mailings in general.

Volunteer petitioners are needed to help get the state slate on the ballot in Illinois. Our deadline is August 3. Don't hesitate. Help now. Let's not come up short.

#### **Illinois State Fair**

The Libertarian Party of Illinois is planning a major outreach effort downstate at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, August 22, at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Springfield. Dinner will be across the street from the Howard Johnson's, at the Maverick Steak House, 3165 S. Dirksen Pkwy, at 5:30 PM. Entrees range from \$4.99 to \$7.99. Dinners include a salad bar, potato bar, and a dessert bar. The keynote speaker will begin at 7:00 PM at the hotel. This is a great time for downstaters to get together to meet those upstate. LPI officers will be present. For more information, call Jeanette Muench at 708-381-2369.

## 1993 State Convention Date Annouced

The 1993 Libertarian Party of Illinois State Convention will be held on the weekend of April 17 and 18. The site has yet to be determined.

The next State Organizing Committee meeting will be held on July 15 at the Mancini's Restaurant, on 5245 St. Charles Rd., two blocks east of Wolf Rd., Berkeley, at 7:00 PM.

All LPI members are invited to attend.

# Speaker Available On S&L Crisis

Former Markets Editor, Futures Magazine

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#### July 21

Northwest Libertarian Club, Tuesday, 7:00 PM dinner; 8:00 PM Karl Hess and Robert Anton Wilson solve all the problems of the world (videotape). At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim (one quarter block south of Algonquin Rd.), DesPlaines, IL. Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565 for more information.

#### July 22-27

DuPage County Fair, Wednesday & Thursday, 10AM-10PM;
 Friday & Saturday, 10AM-11PM; Sunday, 10AM-9PM. Come on down and see how to manage a fair booth—Steve Nelson has built the best in the state, and is looking for volunteers to man it during fair hours. Call him at 708-969-1088.

#### July 25

 Ottawa Riverfront Festival, Ottawa, IL, petitioning and partying. Contact Paul Salander for more information at 1-800-484-7942-2037.

#### August 2

Lollapolloosa in Tinley Park, World Music Theatre, Sunday. It's
a music festival—and an opportunity to make friends and gather
more signatures. Contact Lyn Tinsley for the details,
708-297-8219.

#### August 3

 DuPage Libertarian Club, Monday, 6:30 PM, at the Fox Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, IL. Meets first Monday of every month same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708-969-1088.

#### August 13

North Cook County Libertarian Club, Thursday, 7:00 PM. Here's your chance to meet Libertarian candidates running for State Senate and State Representative. At the Henry George School, 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626, 312-338-6698. More info: call Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

#### August 18

Northwest Libertarian Club, Tuesday, 7:00 PM dinner; 8:00 PM program TBA. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim (one quarter block south of Algonquin Rd.), DesPlaines, IL. Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565 for more information.

#### August 22

Springfield State Fair, Saturday, downstate outreach event. We will distribute literature at the fair and hold a rally at the Howard Johnson Hotel in downtown Springfield. Call Jeanette Muench at 708-381-2369 for more information.

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