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## On Being a Libertarian Candidate in 1992

by Glenn Olofson

Once again an election year is rapidly approaching. During an election year most people pay very little attention to political ideas unless those ideas are coming from a candidate for public office. The Libertarian Party is an organization that advocates a specific set of political ideas. If these ideas are to be heard during the coming election year, we must have some candidates for public office. The greater the number of candidates that we run, the more likely our candidates and our ideas will be heard and taken seriously. The following is a response to some of the reasons given for not being a candidate. They include: 1) I do not have the time, 2) I would not be a good candidate, 3) Anything less than a full time "run to win" campaign is a waste of time, and 4) Ballot access requirements are difficult enough to prevent me from getting on the ballot.

The amount of time involved in being a candidate depends on what type of candidate you choose to be. If you are a "ballot line" candidate, you will spend only about five or ten minutes filling out a few forms. If you are a "run to win" candidate, you will spend several hours a day on your campaign. If you are an "educational" candidate, the amount of time you spend will be somewhere between these two extremes. The amount of time that you spend on your campaign is almost entirely up to you. "I do not have the time," is not a valid reason not to be a candidate. **You should consider being a candidate.**

If you have any doubts as to how good or active a candidate you would be, the Party can arrange training sessions. At these sessions, you would have an opportunity to learn from previous candidates what questions they were asked and what answers they gave. You would also have an opportunity to prepare and give your answers to an audience, and to incorporate other responses into your own. You could also learn (among other things) how to prepare and distribute brochures, press releases, newspaper ads, etc. "I would not be a good candidate," or "I would not be an active candidate" are not valid reasons for not being a candidate. **You should consider being a candidate.**

### Campaign Notes

- Libertarian Vice-Presidential Candidate **Nancy Lord** will speak at a banquet in Chicago on December 5. See calendar for details
- **The LPI is an official political party** in Congressman Rostenkowski's district. We need a candidate and precinct committeemen.
- **Ron Paul** is thinking of running in some Republican primaries to give non-libertarians a chance to vote against Bush. Good or bad idea?

If we have only a few candidates, the probability that they will be regarded as kooks that can be safely ignored is very high. As the number of candidates increase, that probability decreases. If we have enough candidates (at least several dozen) and if every active candidate advertises the existence of every other candidate (probably by including a list of other Libertarian Party candidates in their brochures); they might even be taken seriously. "Anything less than a full time 'run to win' campaign is a waste of time," is a false statement and is not a valid reason not to be a candidate. **You should consider being a candidate.**

The state election board requires the following number of signatures for new party candidates to get on the ballot: statewide office—25,000, representative in Congress—5,000, state senator—3,000, representative in the general assembly—1,500, all other offices—the lessor of 5% of the total vote cast in the district in the last election or 25,000. However, Chapter 46 section 10-8 of the Illinois Revised statutes states in part that "nomination papers... shall be deemed valid unless  
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## Urgent Action Needed to Stop "Crime Bill"

Libertarian Robert Baum reports that a vote is expected very soon on a "crime bill" package that takes away a few more remnants left of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. HR-3371, the House version of a bill already passed by the U.S. Senate would increase the number of federal crimes that could impose the death penalty to **fifty**. It would reduce appeals for inmates on death row. It would allow prosecutors to use evidence that was obtained in violation of the traditional standard of due process enunciated in the Fourth Amendment. It would restrict the use of firearms to those that carry a maximum of seven rounds.

Contact your Congressman now to stop this scary legislation.

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### Candidates, (con't from pp.1)

objection thereto is duly made in writing within five business days after the last day for filing the ...nomination papers." This means that if the petition signatures that you turn in are not challenged you are on the ballot regardless of the number of signatures that you turn in, even if **your signature** is the only one that you turn in. The size of the ballot access requirement is not a valid reason not to be a candidate. **You should consider being a candidate.**

The following offices are being contested in 1992: president and vice-president of the United States, United States senator, representative in Congress, state senator, representative in the General Assembly, various county offices, University of Illinois Trustee, and presidential electors. **You should consider being a candidate.**

The following people have indicated an interest in being candidates for the offices listed below:

Candidate	Office
Andre Marrou	President of the United States
Nancy Lord	Vice-president of the United States
Glenn Olofson	State Representative
Ted Beckman	State Representative
Paul Salander	State Representative

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

Please call one of the people on the following list to let them know of your interest in being a candidate and the office you are interested in.

**You should consider being a candidate.**

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## New Libertarian Club Formed

by *Kenneth Prazak*

"Less talk, more action" has been my motto for activism in the Libertarian Party ever since I joined the party and discovered many libertarians peculiar appetite for education, indoctrination, education, more indoctrination, study, debate on the pressing issues of the day such as— should government activism in people's lives be .001 or .000, talk, forming committees, more talk, challenging of libertarian credentials, more education, more committees, organizing, more talk, and then maybe some action will naturally result from the above through the process of "nomos". All of this may possibly boil down to a reluctance or a fear by some Libertarians to succeed.

Over the passed few years I have done my best to help promote more action in the LPI and I think we have done that. But there is quite a bit more to go to become a really effective activist party. After all, we are a political party not a philosophical debating society.

That is why I am forming a new club that will ask to be recognized as an official club by the LPI. The Libertarian Activist Club will be for all people that want to *do* more to promote liberty and *talk* less. Give me your tired and bored yearning to act free, the brash, the philosophically undisciplined, those who eschew litmus tests, those with the libertarian spirit wanting to break out of the confining organizational chains that limit libertarian action.

The first thing we will do is to develop a telephone tree of activists so that when an event happens that requires quick action, we will be ready to respond. Activities that we will participate in, but are not limited to, include: tax protests, the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) movement, petitioning

and leafletting for political candidates, public speaking to whomever will listen, and outreach in a variety of ways including gun shows, drug legalization rallies, alternative health fairs, and cable television. Telephone and letter campaigning to legislators is another viable possibility for concentrating on action.

One of the main reasons newcomers join the party is to do something to promote liberty. They have a high activist energy level and hopefully this club will help them channel this energy in a constructive way. One of the main complaints from individuals who do not renew their membership with the LPI is that the LPI doesn't do enough; it is not visible enough to the public at large. We hope to change that perception with this new activist club.

Another purpose in the formation of this club is to get another activist vote on the State Organizing Committee. This will help promote more activism by the Party as a whole.

The following is a beginning list of those who have already agreed to join. We welcome all activists.

Christopher Maxwell

Eric Banfield

Roger Pope

Kenneth Prazak

Bob Prazak

Doug Wichman

If you would like to join, please call Ken Prazak at 708-810-1974.

## National Tax Protest Day

Alan Keyes' **Citizens Against Government Waste** is planning its second annual National Tax Protest Day on Saturday, October 19, at 2:00 PM. The Chicago location will be at the Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn. There will be a coalition of various anti-tax groups participating. Last year the event drew over 500 people in Chicago. The LPI had its banner shown on the evening news.

Participating in this event is a great way to display our anger over the tax and spending situation in Washington, and to make our presence known both to other anti-tax groups and also to the public at large. We should especially point out the outright hypocrisy of House members that want to control our own finances when they can't even control their own as is evidenced by the check kiting scandal in the House.

Bring signs. Ken Prazak has a small supply of signs that can be used. Call him at 708-810-1974.

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Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Thomas Paine, 1789

## Natural Law Applied

by Larry D. Cepek

Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas believes that natural law or a higher law should take precedence over constitutional law. The fundamental rights of the individual over any man made law or constitution is not a new idea. The belief in the natural rights of a person are as old as mankind and are described in scores of writings including our own Declaration of Independence. Thomas has the god given right, not constitutional right, to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The year is now 2023. Red hair, green-eyed people catch a new virus called Misery. They become seriously ill within a week of contact and are only kept alive in intensive care units at a cost of thousands of dollars per day. There is no cure for Misery and only red hair, green-eyed people contact this disease. The victims do not lose their mental capacity and do not die from the illness in less than ten years. The cost to the nation to care for these red hair, green-eyed people is several hundred-billion dollars per year.

The public and the politicians in turn are demanding that action be taken as the country can not afford the cost, and the standard of living is declining at a high rate. The solution, after angry debate and riots, is reached to enact a constitutional amendment that would allow, after due process of law, that every red hair, green-eyed person be executed.

The Senate and House by the required two-thirds majority and three-quarters of the states approve this constitutional amendment. The law of the land now requires that every red hair, green-eyed human, young and old alike, be executed.

The first case is brought in federal court in Washington D.C. against Mary, age 54, as Mary is the longest living victim of Misery. Mary is lawfully convicted of being a red hair, green eyed person and condemned to death by lethal injection. Mary's lawyer appeals her conviction and after several expedited hearings, her case arrives at the United States Supreme Court. The question that the attorneys and judges debate is: Should the very clear intent of the constitution be followed or should a higher law apply?

If you think this example is pure fantasy, please remember that this same constitution required that black-skinned, brown-eyed people be condemned to slavery for life. During World War II, persons with yellow skin and Japanese heritage, young and old, were imprisoned and the law and the constitution ignored. Would you, if you were red hair, green-eyed or of black or yellow skin color, want a justice deciding your fate who held strict constitutional views or a justice who believes in a higher law. I believe that we need more justices that understand that the natural right to life and liberty for every human is sacred as the last defense against the constitutional tyranny of the majority.

## Ken Wollin Running for Wheeling School District

Libertarian Ken Wollin, from the Northwest Club, is running for school board in District 21 of Wheeling Township. The district includes grades kindergarten through eighth grade. The election is November 5th.

Although the election race is nonpartisan, Ken is running on libertarian principles. His main campaign themes are school choice, reducing a bloated bureaucracy, and lowering taxes.

Ken believes he has an excellent chance of winning. He is using his vast experience in politicking from his younger days when he worked for the Chicago Democratic machine. He has evaluated the voting patterns of the various voting precincts and is concentrating on the important ones.

The key to winning this race is to make sure that literature is passed out in all the important precincts. Ken can use all help available in this regard. The election is less than a month away. Please call him to help in this important campaign. Phone: 708-398-6492.

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## LEI Says, 'Thanks'

Just a note of thanks to all the members of the LP of Illinois who helped make *Liberty Triumphant* a huge success!

But especially—

**Tim Steil**—LEI Psychologist

**Bill Judson**—Logo & Signs, Signs, Signs

**Ken Prazak & Pat Peterson**—Speakers

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**Harvey Gould**—the man who got LEI its first donation

Congratulations on a job well done!

Yours for *Liberty Triumphant*,

The members of the Board of Directors of the Libertarian Education Institute, Ltd. (LEI):  
*Robert Coolidge, Sue Debusk, Tim Griffin, Mary Alice Strzalka, Scott Walton, and Sue Walton.*

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Effective October 1, 1991, the Henry George School will be located at 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626; phone 312-338-6698.

Beginning with its October 10th meeting, the North Cook County Libertarian Club will be meeting at the new HGS location. Come join us in the heart of Rogers Park—50 yards from the Rogers Park NW Train station, 50 yards from the Clark Street Bus' Greenleaf stop.

## Illinois Libertarian Calendar

### October 15

- **Northwest Libertarian Club** meeting, tape on ex-CIA agent, Phillip Agee. 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.

### October 27

- **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.

### November 4

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

### November 14

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club** meeting, Video and Audio tapes of the 1991 National LP Convention, 7:00 PM., Thursday, at the Henry George School, located at 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626; phone 312-338-6698. More info: call Mike Woloshin, 312-525-0846.

### November 19

- **Northwest Libertarian Club** meeting, Eric Banfield will speak on the S&L crisis. 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.

### December 5

- Libertarian Vice Presidential candidate, **Nancy Lord** will speak at a banquet on Thursday night, at Zum Deutschen Eck Restaurant, 2924 N. Southport Avenue, Chicago, Dinner at 7:00 PM. Cost of \$30 per person includes a family style dinner, choice of roast beef or roast pork. We are holding the cost down so everybody will have an opportunity to see this singularly talented person in action. After her speech, we will hold a fund-raiser to finance the campaign in New Hampshire and Illinois. To purchase tickets, call Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

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- C-SPAN . . . . . cable television

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