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On the Campaign Trail

Olofson is Up and Running

Regrettably, last month we reported that there was only one Libertarian race in the state this year. That is not true. Glenn Olofson will be the Libertarian candidate in the third state legislative district this year. Glenn turned in a little over a third of the signatures required to get on the ballot. However, no one challenged him, so he is on the ballot. Could we have done the same for the state slate this year? It is something to think about in the future.

Running against Lee Preston, Glenn already has received mention in the local newspaper, the *Rogers Park News Star*. Lamppost signs and brochures will soon be ready for distribution. Glenn intends to run ads in the local newspapers and can use some financing for that. If you would like to help Glenn's campaign, call him at 312-274-6695.

Salander for Treasurer – Write In

Paul Salander is not letting any discriminatory ballot-access law stop him in his quest to run for Treasurer for the state of Illinois. He is mounting an active "write-in" campaign. Contact Paul at 815-539-7839.

Marshall Campaign Rolling

The Marshall campaign for Congress against Rostenkowski has started phone canvassing. Preliminary results are very encouraging. There are as many dissatisfied voters who will vote against Rostenkowski as do support him, it appears. Canvassing the precincts is also planned. Making a campaign video is a real possibility. Bob will be in the Mexican Independence Day Parade on Saturday, September 15. Campaign brochures are available through Ken Prazak, at 708-810-1974.

A fund-raising dinner has been planned for Sunday, October 7, at 6:00 PM, at The Party House,

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Libertarian World Conference in San Francisco

by *Dave Hoscheidt*

A veritable feast for libertarians wishing to commune with like-minded people... It was gratifying to meet libertarians from other countries since it demonstrates that ours is truly an international.

The Soviet government allowed Ahto Lobjakas, a young Estonian, to come to the convention provided that all of his expenses were paid by the convention organizers. As

the convention's first speaker, Mr. Lobjakas told of the founding of the Liberal Democratic Party in March of 1990. This party is classical-liberal in orientation. The Estonians are very enthusiastic about free market ideas and are moving ahead with plans to privatize their economy.

There were several book vendors present at the convention, and convention participants were asked to purchase books and place them in a box in the rear of the hall. The books were to be shipped to



Estonia. The box was covered with a poster showing a boy chiseling a hole in the Berlin Wall. A faint image of Ludwig von Mises appears through the hole.

Robert Poole of the Reason Foundation gave an update on privatization around the world, and Frances Kendall gave a speech on the South African

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Groundswell movement, the movement to reorganize South Africa into a set of Swiss-style cantons in order to lessen racial tensions while abolishing apartheid. She also gave a speech on how to raise libertarian children.

Several environmentalists spoke at the convention. The general theme of their speeches indicated that there exists no evidence to state conclusively that ozone layer depletion, global warming, or acid rain are real problems. People who claim as much are being hysterical. The environmentalist movement is permeated with a quasi-religious aura that makes members accept certain things on faith rather than on scientific evidence.

These free-market environmentalists told about their efforts to expose non-libertarian environmentalists to free-market solutions for what all agree are environmental problems. Dr. John Baden, who spoke at the convention, heads an outreach organization called the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment (FREE). His most recent effort includes the detailing of government mismanagement of federal forests.

Two speakers gave their impressions on the fate of freedom in China. An angry exchange took place when a young Chinese woman in the audience took issue with a speaker's contention that the Chinese do not really understand the concept of individual freedom.

Is Christian doctrine inherently libertarian? Two libertarians — Marshall Fritz, an evangelical Christian; and George Smith, an atheist; debated this question. Both debaters knew their arguments well. A more interesting question, one which would affect the growth of the movement in the U.S., would be whether Christian doctrine is inherently unlibertarian. It was unfortunate that this question was not addressed.

Marshall Fritz announced that he was leaving Advocates for Self-Government in order to found a private school in Fresno. He is handing the reins over to Carol Ann Rand, a vivacious woman from Atlanta. She intends to move the organization from California to Georgia. Fritz' new private school will be a for-profit venture utilizing the teaching methods of Joseph Lancaster, an Englishman who taught many hundreds of poor children in the London slums before the advent of government schools. Lancaster's method involves children teaching other children various subjects. A unique Fritz twist is that children must pay "scholar dollars" for certain things and are paid in these dollars for certain achievements.

Enrique Gherzi from Peru related on how Mario Vargas Llosa, a libertarian Presidential candidate in that country, went from being the front runner, to losing by a wide margin to an unknown candidate. According to Gherzi, Vargas Llosa's defeat was due to three factors: first, he allied himself with the conservatives in an attempt to form a broad coalition. The Peruvian voters identified the conservatives with vested privilege and oligarchy, thus turning away from Vargas Llosa

with revulsion. Second, Hernando De Soto, author of the well-known Peruvian book, *The Other Path*, reacted to the alliance with the conservatives by defecting Llosa's camp and joining that of candidate Alberto Fujimori, the ultimate victor. He took a lot of free-market support with him. Third, Vargas Llosa promised to implement the "shock treatment" that had been implemented in Brazil. Candidate Fujimori rejected this plan. Although Fujimori ultimately ended up having to implement shock treatment anyway, the voters did not view this plan at election time as a pleasant prospect.

The executive director of an Argentinean think tank, Dr. Martin Krause, told on how Argentineans cope with excessive regulation. Compliance with tax laws is scanty, smuggling is rampant, and the informal economy is strong.

Dr. Peter Breggin revealed to libertarians that he is suffering from a "crisis of faith". He has been reading many of his wife's feminist books that have created in him a concern for economic equality. He has not yet found an answer to his dilemma. "I stand before you naked," said Dr. Breggin.

Libertarians are foolish to engage in political activity, claimed Jason Alexander. We are entering "the Fifth Revolution", a change in human consciousness in which government becomes irrelevant, thus making political activity useless. Mr. Alexander spoke with boundless optimism about the future. Although he admires Ayn Rand, her consciousness was stuck in "the Third Revolution", he claimed.

The head of the Norwegian Progress Party, libertarian Carl Hagen, told of his party's success (22 seats in parliament, 14% of the vote) and how they achieved it. The key is for libertarians to advance only those views which the electorate will readily accept, saving the more radical views for some future date. The Progress Party is controlled by libertarians, although it has some conservative and populist members.

Barbara Brandon has sold the movie rights to her book, *The Passion of Ayn Rand*. She will be collaborating closely on any movie project. Actress Anne Bancroft has shown great interest in playing the part of Ayn Rand.

An impromptu panel discussion was held on why there are so few women in the libertarian movement. Several women gave their views. Also, an attempt was made to organize libertarian lawyers into an association.

Dr. Milton Friedman was the speaker at the closing banquet. He reminded libertarians of the importance of tolerating differences of opinion within the movement. He stated that he prefers to remain associated with the Republican Party. The Freedom Torch Award was awarded to Karl Hess, who was not in attendance.

In addition to listening to the featured speakers, convention participants were able to meet and talk with libertarians from all parts of the U.S. and the world. This exchange of views was extremely enriching, and this, coupled with the many tourist activities available in San Francisco, made for a truly enjoyable experience.

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6112 W. Diversey, Chicago, IL. Cost is \$30. For tickets,

Make checks to Committee to Elect Robert Marshall, 3245 S. Grove, Berwyn, IL, 60402, or call 708-795-1655.

FIJA's 1990 Jury Rights Conference

The Fully Informed Jury Amendment Committee (FIJA) will hold a convention on the weekend of November 9-11 in St. Louis, Missouri. The weekend will include panel discussions and workshops including common law jury tradition, civil law, jury selection and Motions in Limine. Proposed FIJA Amendments will also be drafted. For more information, contact Don Doig, P.O. Box 59, Helmville, MT 59843; phone, 406-793-5550.

Steve Givot Excels on Talk Radio

Illinois LP and National Committee member, Steve Givot, appeared on the Stacy Taylor Talk Show on WLS radio on Tuesday, September 4th giving an excellent presentation of libertarian philosophy for the talk-show audience. Stacy was a featured speaker at the Illinois Libertarian Party convention last April and considers himself a small "I" libertarian. Steve tackled ballot access, the drug issue, crime, leadership, and marketing libertarian philosophy in a reasoned, non-threatening fashion that endeared him to those who called in. The state party has received over 50 inquiries from this show.

San Francisco Examiner: Legalize Drugs

Calling the war against drugs "a colossal waste of effort, money and human resources... All anti-drug laws should be repealed," stated the *San Francisco Examiner* on Sunday August 12. This is the first major city newspaper to call for legalization.

T-Shirts for Sale

Libertarian Party of Illinois T-shirts are for sale for \$10. Spread the word, and help the Party at the same time. Make checks out to Libertarian Party of Illinois and send to P.O. Box 313, Chicago, IL 60690.

At Issue – New Time New Station

"At Issue," the public policy program approaching issues from a standpoint of individual liberty and responsibility, with Ron Paul, is scheduled to air on the Channel America Television Network on Sundays, 10:30 AM Central Standard time. The program will air on Spacenet 2, Transponder 3 (Channel 5). Cable systems are able to receive "At Issue" at no charge as a service of the National Endowment for Liberty (NEFL), which produces the series. "At Issue" is looking for local sponsors to promote the viewing of the show on local cable-access channels. For more information, contact David James at NEFL, 713-333-1988, or write Channel America, LPTV Network, Inc., 24 West 57 St., Suite 804, New York, NY 10019.

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Local Club Activities

Libertarian interest is springing up throughout the state. Activists are forming new clubs; old clubs are establishing regular times.

The **Illinois Valley Libertarian Association (IVLA)** meets on the last Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at 1218 Henrietta, Pekin, IL 61554, 309-353-1500. The next meeting is set for September 24. The club is working on sponsoring the Ron Paul show, "At Issue."

The **Champaign Libertarian group** has just held its first meeting. Contact Mike Linksvayer at 217-344-1326.

Jim Lacher would like to start a new club. He lives in Sullivan, IL, which is 25 miles southwest of Decatur. Call him at 217-728-4001.

John Brendel is forming a club at the **University of Chicago**. Call him at 312-702-5638.

Dave Hoscheidt is still looking for activists in his area of **Belleville**: 618-235-7743.

A new club is forming in **Kenosha, WI**. Contact Ken Zollner, 414-545-0842.

Paul Salander and Al Blomquist are forming the **Hardee Libertarians** in the La Salle county area. Contact Paul at: 815-539-7839.

Notes from the Chair

A car accident in which I broke my left wrist, put me out of commission for several weeks in early August, so some things didn't get done — like **THANKING EVERY LIBERTARIAN** who got petition signatures (Glenn Olofson and Paul Salander got the most) and **EVERY LIBERTARIAN WHO GAVE A DONATION** to the ballot drive. Please accept my belated thanks!

Remember to **vote for Paul Salander for state Treasurer**, as a "write-in" candidate in November. Paul has been getting a lot of good press coverage, but needs help in mounting his campaign. If you would like to help Paul, write him at: 3647 9th Rd., Mendota, IL 61342; phone: 815-539-7839. Paul and Al Blomquist have formed a LaSalle Libertarian Group. If you live nearby and would like to know more about the "La Salle Hardee Libertarians", please contact Paul (at the number above) or Al at 815-883-3633.

The LPI has recently completed its third printing of 10,000 copies of our popular "**red, white, and blue**" brochure. This printing has updated area codes, new front page graphics and a new quiz. Our thanks to Eric Banfield for finding the new quiz and making Miss Liberty stand out", layout — Steve Reed, the California LP for the new quiz, and Quik Print — Oakbrook Terrace, for their printing contribution (Quik Print prints this newsletter). If you would like some brochures to distribute, call 708-299-7546.

I personally do not believe that Edgar or Hartigan will put the **Tax Accountability Amendment** into law. Therefore, I suggest that Libertarians vote for "**NOTA**" (none of the above) for every public office where a libertarian is not running. How do we do this? Party members must file "write-in" candidacies for NOTA, for each position, in 100+ election districts — every county plus the large cities. We have to file before November 2nd. I have the forms available, if you are interested. (This matter will be on the agenda of the State Central Committee's October 7th meeting.)

The 1991 State convention will be held on April 6th, with a banquet and April 7th, with a brunch at the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge, Elk Grove Village.

Rumor has it that Liberty Triumphant (Chicago '91) has begun its search for volunteer workers. If you would like to help, please write LEI, Ltd., P.O. Box 848, Chicago, IL, 60690-0848. Volunteers are needed for mailings, registration, making signs, special events etc. Tim Griffin has recently been appointed Convention Exhibits Manager for the convention.

By the time most of you have read this column, Marla Boutemiller, Libertarian National Field Director, will have come for a brief visit/brainstorming meeting on how to make "a tired state, more active". More on this next month.

Sue Walton

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- **North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist** meeting, Thursday, 7:00 P.M., at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. Location: just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. One and a half blocks north of the CTA Ravenswood line Montrose Station, one and a half blocks south of the CNW north line, Ravenswood. More info: Greg Bezdek, 708-251-2870 or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

September 15

- **Marshall for Congress Party**, Saturday, 5:30- 7:30 P.M., at the Rockery, 12 E. Division, Chicago, contact Maggie, 708-635-6441.

September 24

- **NCCLP Supper Club**, Monday, at Angelo's Restaurant & Lounge, 1418 West Morse, Chicago, one-half block west of the Morse EL. Angelo's serves alcohol; it's the Rogers Park equivalent to LCD's Minuette. 7 PM.

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