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NLP INITIAL PROGRAM DRAFTED

Steve Givot is circulating a draft copy of the proposed Libertarian Party program to national convention delegates and alternates. It will be presented at the National Convention in Philadelphia. The National Committee voted overwhelmingly to recommend adoption by the delegates in Philadelphia.

The draft Program planks present both long-term and interim short-term steps to move toward the LP objectives. The issues are ten of the most news-covered as required by the Bylaws.

The Preamble to the document is as follows:

• The Libertarian Party wants all Americans to be able to plan their own futures. Libertarians believe that individuals, families, associations, and businesses have the right and the ability to deal with their own problems by working with other people in a peaceful and honest way. We reject the idea that the aggressive use of force, whether

by criminals or government, is either a moral or practical means for achieving positive ends.

Libertarians seek a world in which voluntary cooperation replaces force in human relationships. Toward that end, we offer the following ten-point Program.

(the following points are excerpts. ed)

Defending Americans in America

1. Notify our allies that they must plan for their own defense needs and take responsibility for paying for them. Provide allies with a timetable for the return of

American military personnel to America in order to defend America.

- 2. Negotiate arms reduction treaties which do not compromise our national defense.
- 3. Adopt a policy that Americans who travel abroad and companies which invest abroad do so at their own risk and are subject to the laws and customs of other countries while abroad. The United States will no longer use gunboat diplomacy on their behalf at taxpayers' expense.
- 4. Reject the "Reagan Doctrine," which engages the

United States around the globe and risks the security of all Americans by increasing the possibility that the U.S. will become embroiled in a foreign civil war.

Federal Spending Must Be Cut

- 1. Place the federal budget under a "cap" at current levels. Any increase in spending on any project must be accompanied by an equal or greater reduction in other spending.
- 2. Phase out spending on aid to foreign governments and international organizations such as
- the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.
- 3. Phase out federal subsidies to all businesses such as the tobacco industry, the maritime industry, agriculture, or the military-industrial complex.
- 4. End federal subsidy programs to state and local governments. These programs merely take taxes out of the community and then send the money back, minus the amounts consumed by the government bureaucrats who administer them.
- 5. End all federally mandated programs forced on individuals, organizations, and businesses.



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Choice in Education

- 1. Allow parents to send their children to the teacher and school of their choice by implementing a voucher system.
- 2. Eliminate the U.S. Department of Education, which spends billions on administration and educates no one.
- 3. Institute tax credits for any person or company which pays for the education of any student, or any number of students, at any school, public or private.
- 4. Remove restrictions which limit such private educational choices as home schooling.

Free Trade and Neutrality

- 1. The United States should return to its historical foreign policy of free trade and neutrality.
- 2. The United States government should repeal all laws which hamper trade with people in other countries.
- 3. The United States government should repeal all laws which restrict the right of Americans to travel to other countries.

Aids

- 1. Remove all impediments to research or testing regarding AIDS.
- 2. Allow any person who has AIDS or carries the virus to try any treatment or medicine, regardless of whether that treatment or medicine meets any other government regulations.
- 3. Federal Communications Commission and Postal Service regulations currently prevent people from getting information they need about AIDS research, treatment, and prevention. These regulations should be eliminated.
- 4. Public schools and universities should suspend any regulations which prevent teachers, administrators, or student newspapers from distributing information about AIDS research, treatment, or prevention.

Taxes: The Cruelest Burden

- 1. Neither Congress nor any state legislature should create any new tax or increase any tax rate from this day forward.
- 2. A "sunset" provision should be added to every tax statute. Such a provision would end the particular tax after two years unless it is re-enacted.
- 3. The U.S. Constitution and the state constitutions should be amended to provide for a binding initiative process where the voters can repeal any tax by majority vote.

4. Tax money should no longer subsidize any government service which can possibly be provided in the private sector.

Pollution is Trespassing

- 1. Clearly establish the legal right of individuals or groups to claim that pollution of their body, their property, the water on or under it, and the air above it is a trespass. This would include adoption of a broad definition of property rights to include air and water.
- 2. End all regulatory attempts to define an acceptable level of pollution or pollutants. Setting such standards has the effect of legally sanctioning that amount of pollution, event when it might be reduced below that level. It also deprives citizens of the right to successfully claim damages from lesser levels of pollution.

Solving the Drug Problem

- 1. Decriminalize the possession of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and other controlled substances for personal use. Alaska and the Netherlands have already done this for marijuana and experienced no problems. The British have done this for heroin with similar results.
- 2. Hold people who commit crimes or cause accidents while under the influence of any drug (including alcohol) fully liable for their actions.
- 3. Repeal all laws and regulations which impede the establishment of private drug programs.

Immigration

- 1. Amend all welfare and benefit programs to exclude coverage and service for anyone who is not a U.S. citizen.
- 2. Repeal all laws and regulations which require a work permit or other form of government approval for a foreign citizen to work in the United States.
- 3. Eliminate all immigration quotas.

Health Care and Health Costs

- 1. Return decision making regarding medication and treatment to patients and health care professionals. Eliminate government interference in these important decisions.
- 2. Return all medical research to the private sector where scarce resource can be focussed on life-saving results rather than bureaucracy.
- 3. End government medical insurance and subsidy programs. Return these functions to private insurance companies and charitable organizations.

"There is only one answer to social harm and chaos: declare a State of Freedom."

Rev. Fred Foldvary in Soul of Liberty

GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

At the LPI State Convention a forum was held, chaired by Paul Jacob on adopting goals for the next few years. Twenty-four goals were listed. Now we need to get moving to accomplish those goals. Therefore we ask you the membership to fill out this survey assigning yourself to category "A", "B", or "C" in regards to each goal.

"A" means you would be willing to devote two hours per week toward the accomplishment of this goal.

"B" means you would be willing to devote some time toward this

goal, but cannot specify how much time.
"C" means you think the named goal is a good idea, but you cannot make a commitment of time towards it's accomplishment. Naturally if you don't check off any of the three categories we are left to presume that you don't agree with that goal.

LISTED GOALS

1.	"Prarie Fire" outreach newspaper	A)	B)	C)	
2.	Win 3 non-partisan races	A)	B)	C)	
3.	Form a campaign organization	A)	B)	C)	
	Run state-wide candidates	A)	B)	C)	
5.	Run state-wide candidates Target one Flagship race	A)	B)	C)	
6.	Target certain U.S. House races	A)	B)	C)	
7.	Gain ability to do our own TV	A)	B)	C)	
8	Target 1-3 issues per year	Δ)	B)	C)	
9.	Do weekly newspaper ads	A)	B)	C)	
			B)	C)	
11.	Raise \$100,000	A)	B)	C)	
12.	Increase membership by 50%	A)	B)	C)	
	Form two new local clubs		B)	C)	
14.	Find a leader of student groups	A)	B)	C)	
15.	Obtain 100% publication of letters			_,	
	to the editor	A)	B)	C)	
	Follow up letters to the editor				
	(from non-LP members)	A)	B)	C)	
1/.	(from non-LP members) Develop a telephone tree	··A)	B)	C)	
18.	Recruit one well-known person		D.\	(1)	
10	for membership	A)	B)	C)	
19.	Award and promote "people skills"		B)	C)	
20.	Legislative watch	A)	B)	C)	
21.	Student education outreach	··A)—	B)	c)—	
22.	Award system within the LP	A)	— B)——	c)—	
	Award system for non-LP members Do 5 public events	A)—	— B)——	c)——	
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The Economics of Force vs. Consumer Choice-- The Education Dilemma

by Kenneth Prazak

The dearth of education quality in this state has been the focal point of the latest political infighting. The politics of tax, spend, and divide the spoils is now in high gear. Politicians know no other means of solving problems than by this method, the economics of force. There is a better way to solve problems. When will they ever learn?

Governor Thompson proposes a 40% state income tax increase. House Speaker Michael Madigan opposes. Richie Daley gets elected. Michael Madigan proposes a 20% increase for two years— a "temporary" tax. Yea, just like the unwanted relative "just staying the weekend." Thompson opposes.

"Downstate" doesn't want to "give" a disproportionate share to Chicago. Chicago just wants its "fair share". DuPage County complains that under the Madigan plan, they will receive only 33% of the tax instead of 37%.

The trouble with the economics of force is that there is no "fair share". This problem is inherent in a system where politicians decide how to divide a finite amount of spoils. No one is ever happy with the result, and the pie that they cut from is an ever-shrinking one. This is the economy of the command system, a socialist system, the system that is bringing the communist world to its knees.

Compare that system with one that is consumer oriented. A consumer earns his own money through productive effort. He spends his money on goods and services that he chooses. When trading, both the buyer and seller benefit from the trade, or it wouldn't happen in the first place. The resultant economic pie is an ever-expanding one. This is the system that made America the envy of the world, a system which is now under attack by the cancerous growth of the economics of force, the economics of politicians like Thompson and Madigan.

"But, "you say, "the state income tax increase will help fund education, a worthy cause indeed." Over the past twenty years, spending on public

education has gone up 351% adjusted for inflation. Virtually every one agrees that the quality of education has gone down. Forty-five per cent of the people in this country are functional illiterates. At the birth of this nation, the literacy rate was 92%, reading was a national past-time, and a public education system was nearly non-existent.

Throwing more money to the government education system is not the answer to encourage better quality education for our young people. That "solution" has been tried and has failed miserably.

It is high time to give choice a chance. We, as consumers, have a choice as to where we live, where we work, where we recreate. To the extent that choice is unencumbered by regulations and taxation, this system of choice works well. Why do politicians and apparently so many consumers themselves opt not to choose a system of choice when it comes to so important an issue as educating their children? Why do they choose instead the economics of the barbarian, fighting over the spoils of the latest kill from an overly hunted jungle where the supply of game is being depleted rapidly?

I believe part of the answer is that we have always done it this way. When things are going well, no one wants to rock the boat. But by not reacting to the storms of educational crises, our boat has become swamped. It is time to bail out.

Give choice a chance. What does choice in education mean? It means consumers choosing where their children go to school-- not burdened by paying double if the option is private (This especially benefits the poorthe more well-heeled can afford to pay twice). It means the establishing of a wider variety of schools that are better equipped to meet the individual needs of individual students and parents. It means the elevation of good teachers and good schools, and the elimination of bad teachers and bad schools. It means that parasitic administrative and union bureaucrats will have to go out and try to find an honest job. It means the savings of millions if not billions of dollars which can be spent or invested by consumers in other areas to increase the quality of life. And it means saying "No" to the proposed state income tax increase.

Choice is the mode by which free men live. And it works. All I am saying, is give choice a chance...

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Fourth of July Parade & Picnic

The members of the North Cook C o u n t y Libertarian Club invite everyone to participate in their first annual



r'ourth of July Parade Watch & Picnic to be held on 7/4/89. Watch the E v a n s t o n Fourth of July Parade, time:

1:45 PM. Gathering Spot: One Block west of Green Bay Road on Central Street; we will have a sign. Bring your own lawn chair and or blanket to sit on. Potluck Picnic & Fireworks Display, Elliott Park, Greenleaf & Sheridan, Evanston, time: 5PM-9PM officially, but we'll be staying until the fireworks are over.

Gathering Spot: Tables 12 & 13; we will have a Sign.

Food & Drink: Potluck. IMPORTANT NOTE: EVANSTON PARKS PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. If you'd liked to participate in an "organized potluck", you may call Sue or Scott at 312/475-0391, before 7/4/89 at 1 PM, to see what you can bring; after 1 PM; no guarantees are made.

Additions and Corrections

This is becoming a permanent fixture of the newsletter. My apologies to Lenny Grom and others for abbreviating his letter last month. The last paragraph should have read:

There is an opening on the District 300 school board that I am going to take out a petition for, for the upcoming election on November 7th. It is for a 4-yr term trustee. The problem with LITH is the lack of education. Although there are many people who are reasonably intelligent there is a majority of them who still live in the Neanderthal era. There is an elementary school here that is abundant with brilliant teachers who are met daily with hostility and ignorance from the natives. My head tells me to pack up my family and move to Oregon, but my heart tells me to stay and fight.

Letters to the editor are welcome

National Libertarian Party

Member Memorandum, May 30, 1989.

To: Mr. Dave Walter

From: Chris Barker,. Springfield, Il.

I would like to see a series of 15-second television ads created that could be run at anytime. These ads would be used to expand membership and increase public awareness of the Party. They would be to the point and emphasize a position that we hold that has broad public support. They could be sold to state and local groups and run nationally. Here are my ideas for a couple of these ads.

Libertarian Advertisement #1

A paneled library with several shelves of books is the backdrop for a distinguished, but attractive-looking man. He is about forty with greying temples. As he stands in front of the shelves, he looking through a book that he is holding in his hands. He is facing partially away from the viewer. As the camera focuses on him, he turns his head slightly, looks up and states matter-of-factly, "The Libertarian Party is the only party in the United States that wants to reduce your taxes." Cut. Dark blue, solid background is the backdrop for the Libertarian Party Statue-of-Liberty logo in white on the left third of the screen. On the right two-thirds are a toll-free number and the address for the Libertarian Party in very light blue. As this is shown, a pleasant female voice says, "For further information, call 1-800-682-1776 or write Libertarian Party National Headquarters, etc."

Libertarian Advertisement #2

A middle management business office is the backdrop for a competent, but attractive-looking woman. She is about thirty-eight with dark hair and eyes. She sits straight up at her desk and is writing something with a beautiful gold Cross pen. As the camera focuses on her, she lifts her head and declares authoritatively, "The Libertarian Party is the only party in the United States that wants to reduce your taxes." Cut. Dark blue, solid background,...

More Parties

The consensus on the SCC is that we should have a lot more parties. For fun and outreach, how about hosting an outreach party!

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If you'd like tourist information concerning PROCLAIM LIBERTY, dial toll-free:1-800-321-WKND, ask for: "Info to Go" and "21 Wonderful Weeks"—two very interesting pamphiets. If you are going and need to find a roommate, please contact Steve Reed at 312/764-5828. I, as Chair of the delegation, need to know if you are going, and if possible, would like to know where you plan to stay, ASAPII

DELEGATES & ALTERNATES are cordially invited for DESSERT, on Sunday, August 13th, 1989 at 2PM, at my home at 1111 Church Street, Evanston. We'll briefly discuss LPI STRATEGIES for the 1989 NATIONAL CONVENTION. (It will be brief, as I've scheduled an SCC meeting to be begin at 3PM, that same afternoon.)

Robert Coolidge, Chair of LIFBAC, will be contacting the New Alliance Party to ask their help in getting the signature requirement for our ballot access petitions lowered.

Did you know that Charlie Manhart of Florida has announced his candidacy for National Vice Chair of the LP? Charlie's address is Rt.3, Box 720, Callahan, Florida, if you'd like to write him.

Chartie's a good guy, says, LPI members Sue DeBusk & Howard McConnell. Sue & Howard, who now live in Miami; are active in the Piorida LP.

Speaking of Miami, Dade County Libertarians are running, former Chicagoan Marton Migala for Congress in the Special Election to replace the late Claude Pepper. Marton is a card carrying Libertarian from way back; he was active politically in 1960's. The campaign needs all the help it can get; if you can contribute, write Dade County

Libertarian Club, c/o DeBusk, 6202 SW 56th St., Miami, Florida 33155.

New Hampshire's June, 1989 issue of LIBERTARIAN LINES, contains a column that talked about a problem, which Illinois (and other states and the National LP share), "the politics of community". LPNH Chair, Bill Winter, states, "To succeed, any community needs the support of its members-not because they have been coerced, but because they think that the community is important. Unfortunately, in New Hampshire, Libertarians have not been acting much like a community recently." Bill states that the LPNH has received a lukewarm response to its recent fundraising activities and requests for volunteer help. He further states, "Without money, the LPNH cannot continue. Without volunteers, we can achieve little. And without a sense of community, we're just another political party scrambling for power."

I could not agree more with Bill Winter's statements. Unfortunately, I know that the 190:10 rule works even in political parties-10% of the membership does 90% of the work. In election years, we get more volunteers; but we need them in non-election years as well. In both the May & June issue of the Illinois Libertarian, the State Central Committee has asked for help on projects, which those attending the 1989 State Convention deemed to be IMPORTANT. To date, NO ONE ELSE HAS CALLED TO VOLUNTEER THEREFORE CHALLENGE MEMBERS READING THIS COLUMN TO RESPOND TO THE WAYNER WAYNER OF THE STATE OF THE STA FROM MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS, I BET THAT I WILL ONLY HEAR FROM THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED. To those loyalists, I thank you for your support, but INSTEAD, GET ME ANOTHER NEW VOLUNTEER

Yours for Liberty.

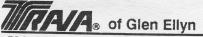
Libertarian Booths Planned for Neighborhood Fairs

Neighborhood Fair Committee Chairman Glen OLofson is planning for the Illinois Libertarian Party to man booths for numerous fairs throughout the Chicago area. He needs people to help man these booths. Please call him at home, 274-6895, or at work, 337-0561.

Tentative schedule:

- July 4, Tuesday, 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Greenleaf and Sheridan, one block south of Dempster
- July 14-16, Lakeview East Mile Long Festival, Diversey and Broadway, Chicago. 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- July 16, Razz-Ma-Tazz II, Lincoln Ave. and Montrose Ave., Chicago, 12:00 p.m. TO 9:00 P.M.
- July 23, Dearborn Garden Walk and Heritage Festival, Dearborn Parkway between Division and North Aves., Chicago. Noon to 5:00 P.M.

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

July 4

 NCCLP Independence Day Picnic, Tuesday, 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Elliot Park, table 12 and 13, Greenleaf at Lake Michigan, Evanston. No alcohol, watch fireworks.

July 10

 DuPage Libertarian Club, Monday, 6:30 P.M. at the Minuette Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, Il. Meets first Monday of every month (different this month), same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 969-1088.

July 13

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 station. More info: Greg Bezdek, 251-2870 or Sue Walton, 475-0391.

July 21

Friday, July 21--NORTHWEST LIBERTARIAN CLUB. "Should Drugs Be Legalized?" a tape of Marshall Fritz and Ray Ransberger debating two articulate opponents of relegalization at Fresno State University. SILVER STALLION restaurant, 1275 Lee St., Mannheim Road (3 blocks north of Oakton St.) Des Plaines. Dutch Treat dinner at 6:45, program at 8:00. Please call Dan Coit, 803-8855, to reserve a place for dinner.

July 24

 NCCLP Supper Club, Monday, 7:00 P.M., at the Golden Nugget, Clark and Devon, approx. 6 blocks west and 1 block south of the CTA Howard North line, Loyola station, Chicago.

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August 29

• National Libertarian Party Convention... Wednesday.-Sunday, August 29th.-September 3rd, biennial convention, at Wynham Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. More info: write-Preclaim Liberty, P.O. Box 338, Warminster, Pa. 18974.

Committees and Chairmen

This is the up-to-date listing of committee chairmen for the purpose of reaching goals set at the State Convention.

Campaign Committee: Anne McCracken, and Mike Burns

Awards Committee: Scott Walton

Neighborhood Fairs, etc.: Glenn Olofsen

Prairie Fire: Ken Prazak Membership: Helen Heyden

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