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## Parades, Floats and Parties

The LPI participated in two recent parades: in Roselle—Rose Parade, and Downers Grove—Independence Day, featuring a float with a weeping Statue of Liberty with “Bill Judson” signs on each side stating, “Bill of Rights, Void Where Prohibited By Law.” A graveyard was displayed with the First, Second, Fourth, and Ninth Amendments. Response was very good at both events.

After the Rose Parade, we came back to Helen Heyden’s house for a pot luck barbecue featuring Helen’s tasty prime roast beef.

On the Fourth of July, after the parade participants celebrated at Ken Prazak’s house for another pot luck barbecue featuring barbecued roast pork, and later went to observe Lisle’s excellent fireworks display.

About 25 people participated in both events and everyone seemed to have a great time. The float was conceived and designed by Jeanette Clinkunbroomer; without her participation, the float would not have been possible. Others that helped a great deal were Bill Judson, Michael and Toya Dixon, and Paul Koutnek.

The float is “modular” and will be used again in the future, improving on it each time.



“Lady Liberty” work in progress

### State Organizing Meeting

The next SOC meeting will take place at the Henry George School, on Monday, August 12, at 7:00 PM. Voting members of the SOC include state officers and club representatives. But any LPI member who would like to come to the meeting and participate is more than welcome.

### Correction

The *Illinois Libertarian* has listed incorrectly State Chair Steve Reed’s phone number. The correct phone number is 312-764-5828.

## LIFBAC Clarifies Ballot Access

by Steve Nelson and Sue Walton

The board of LIFBAC would like to clarify its announcement which appeared in the June issue of the *Illinois Libertarian* stating that LIFBAC would not pay for signatures in 1992.

The word 'LIFBAC' is an acronym for "Libertarian Free Ballot Access Committee." Every other year, this committee attempts to see that enough petition signatures are collected to get our state candidates on the ballot. LIFBAC is chaired by Sue Walton; Steve Nelson is Treasurer; and Steve Givot, Paul Salander, and Scott Walton serve on the board. It is a registered political action committee in Illinois.

In the past, the committee usually operated by raising funds with mail appeals and dinners and then hiring semi-professional petitioners to collect signatures on a "per signature" basis. In the campaign of 1988, the cost of signatures began to exceed the amount of money we could raise and we got on the ballot only with a last-minute grant from the (national) LP Ballot Access Fund. In 1990, economic conditions drastically reduced the amount of money people were willing to donate, and it became clear that we were not going to be able to raise the minimum number of signatures. At that point, the committee called a halt

to the campaign and the LP was off the Illinois ballot for the first time since 1976. Clearly, a new approach was needed.

The LIFBAC board met on May 18 of this year to consider the possibilities and concluded that the likeliest approach would be an 'all-volunteer' campaign or an approximation thereof. That is, LPI members would be asked to collect signatures, and little or no hired petitioning would be done. Some fund-raising would still have to be done to provide for printing, communications, and petitioner awards, etc., but compared to past campaigns, this could be relatively low-key. In general, the approach would be pretty decentralized, with ballot campaign headquarters doing a good deal less than in the burn-out producing campaigns of the past, and —hopefully—the local clubs and individual LPI'ers doing a good deal more. There is also some reason to hope that the over-all burden of ballot access may be lessened—the Harold Washington Party has a suit at the Supreme Court level calling for a reduction in requirements; the National Ballot Access Committee appears to be willing to help out again and it may even be that the Board of Elections will let us on the ballot with less than the required number of signatures (as they did with Glenn Olofsen in 1990). Taking everything into account, the volunteer campaign appears to the committee to be the likeliest to succeed.

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### Judicial Committee Opening

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### Improved Phone Service for LPI

LPI is purchasing a new phone answering machine that will call forward to corresponding Secretary Chris Maxwell's dwelling. Chris will be able to answer the phone personally a few hours per day. Presently, people who call the LPI number only get an answering machine. The same phone number will be retained.

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## Top Ten Worst Things About Joining the Libertarian Party

*by Tim Steil*

Joining a political movement of any kind means you're a person with strong ideals, but when those ideals meet reality in the form of an organization, there is often disappointment. The Libertarian Party is certainly not immune to this, and by acknowledging the downside of our cause we can work to increase our success. Whether you're a founding member of the Party or just an interested bystander considering joining, weighing this list against the possible good should make you believe without a doubt that your time, energy and money are well spent promoting libertarian principles.

- 10) Found out Reagan admires Milton Friedman.
- 9) "At Issue" now on at same time as Cisco Kid, no VCR, can't decide.
- 8) No comics or crossword puzzle in newsletters.
- 7) Communist friends stopped coming over.
- 6) Libertarian bowling teams frequently kicked off leagues for grouching about drink taxes.
- 5) No secret handshake
- 4) Find it impossible to enjoy football since signing pledge denouncing initiation of force to achieve social goals.
- 3) There's a chance we could win.
- 2) Market on sex scandals currently cornered by Democrats and Republicans.
- 1) Still have to pay taxes.

## Lincoln Avenue Taste

One of the more popular street fairs is coming up on the weekend of July 27 and 28. Glenn Olofsen is organizing a working table at the "Taste of Lincoln Ave." The fair will be located at Fullerton and Lincoln Ave. in Chicago from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. If you would like to help Glenn in this outreach event, contact him at 312-274-6895.

## Road Show Gets Trial Run at North Cook October Meeting

The LPI will begin a series of "road shows" beginning with a trial run in October at the North Cook Club meeting at the Henry George School. The purpose of the road show is to present the libertarian philosophy in an informative, entertaining fashion to interested parties and novices to the movement—especially downstate where most party members have little contact. The concept is being developed by Jeanette Clinkunbroomer. If anyone would like to help with the road show, contact her at 708-966-0565.

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## Jury Rights Day: 5 September 1991

The Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA), whose stated goal is to require that courts inform trial juries of their right to judge both law and fact in reaching a verdict, will proclaim and celebrate the nation's first annual "Jury Rights Day" on September 5, 1991.

Larry Dodge, FIJA National Field representative, will kick off the event with a news conference at the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. at 12:00 noon.

Invited speakers include: U.S. Rep. William Jefferson, D-Louisiana; Nadine Strossen, President, American Civil Liberties Union; Larry Pratt, Director, Gun Owners of America; Sam Smith, editor, The Progressive Review; M.L. "Red" Beckman, prominent tax resistance movement author and lecturer; Don Ernsberger, director, committee for the Bill of Rights; and Arnold Trebach, President, Drug Policy Foundation. Most of those invited have already agreed to speak.

Meanwhile, as 12:00 noon arrives in cities and towns across the nation, Fully Informed Jury Association activists will position themselves outside their local courthouses to address local media and to distribute FIJA brochures. FIJA estimates that one million brochures will be distributed on Jury Rights Day and the week which follows.

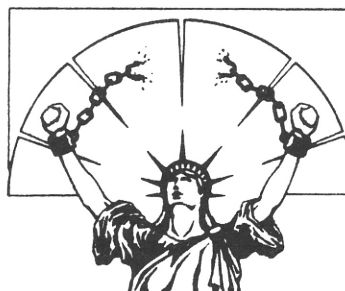
September 5 commemorates the anniversary of the day in 1670 when the jurors in the William Penn trial refused to convict him for preaching a Quaker sermon to a congregation assembled on a London street corner. They met there because they had been locked out of their church. The evidence was clear that Penn had violated the Conventicle Act, which made the church of England the only lawful religion in England, yet still the jurors refused to convict him.

The Court imprisoned Edward Bushell and three other jurors for nine weeks for refusing to convict Penn. They were finally released on a writ of habeas corpus by the Court of Common Pleas; the ruling was crucial in establishing English and American rights to freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and most importantly—but least remembered—the right of the jury to judge the law itself, as well as the facts of the case, voting according to conscience.

Anyone wishing to join in the celebration of Jury Rights day or wanting more information should contact FIJA National Coordinator Don Doig, at P.O. Box 59, Helmsville, MT 59843; phone (406) 793-5550.

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## Illinois Libertarian Calendar

### July 19-21

- **Peace and Music Festival**, Wilson Ave. and the lakefront in Chicago, 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM, an LPI booth and a FIJA booth, outreach, food, fun and music. For more info, call Ken Prazak, 708-810-1974.

### July 27-28

- **Taste of Lincoln Avenue**, outreach table, 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM, at the corner of Fullerton and Lincoln Avenues in Chicago. For more information, contact Glenn Olofsen, 312-274-6895.

### July 28

- **LaSalle County Libertarians**, meeting Sunday 8 P.M., at Hardees, I-39, Oglesby, IL, meets here every last Sunday of month. More info:, call Paul Salander, 815-539-7839.

### July 29

- **Illinois Valley Libertarian Association** meeting Monday, 7:00 P.M., at Scott Tillman's, 1218 Henrietta, Pekin, meets every last Monday of the month, call Scott Tillman for confirmation, 309-353-1500.

### August 5

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 P.M. 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.

### 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.

### August 28 through September 3

- National Libertarian Party Convention, "**Liberty Triumphant**" at the Marriott Hotel, Chicago, IL. Contact LEI, Sue Walton: 708-475-0391

### 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.

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