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More Petitioning Tips

by Kenneth Prazak

I discovered a great method of obtaining 60 signatures an hour for the Libertarian Party. This method can't miss. Please try it.

You must hawk for a local candidate first. (If you have no local candidates, run yourself, or recruit someone. It's worth it to get our slate on the ballot this year.)

"Excuse me ma'am, are you a registered voter in Illinois? ...How would you like to help me get a friend on the ballot who is running for Congress. His name is Ralph Miron. He needs 5,000 signatures to get him on the ballot."

At this point, most people will sign. Some will want more information. You can tell this by their hesitancy. "He believes that government which governs least governs best." This usually works. You can continue. "Individual freedom, individual responsibility." If they ask what party affiliation, state proudly, "The Libertarian Party!" If the person then looks at you like you have the plague, remind her that we have no affiliation with Lyndon Larouche. "He's a Demo-

Annual Rose Parade—Another Great Time

Once again the LPI participated in the Rose Festival in Helen Heyden's home town of Roselle on Sunday, June 7. Volunteer petitioners gathered about 370 signatures at the festival. We entered a weeping statue-of-liberty float for the second year in a row. Lady Liberty looks on a graveyard of dead individual rights. She aroused quite a bit of attention, almost all of it positive.

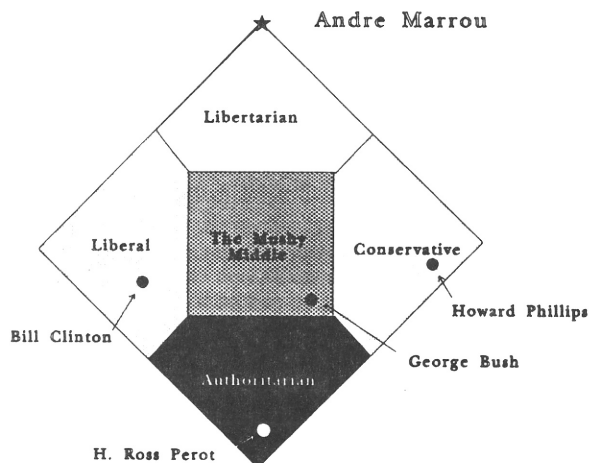
Sue Walton organized the party afterward at Helen's house. One guest showed up after taking the operation-politically-homeless quiz and scoring 100%. The OPH set-up was run by Lyn Tinsley, Ted Beckman, and Neal Reynolds.

Ken Prazak organized the float-building and would like to thank the following people for their help on the float: Bill Judson for making the wonderful "tombstone" signs, and the following for helping to build the float—Wayne Nosel, Stephen Berman, Neal Reynolds, Jim Waldron, Maggie Kohls, and Andy Spiegel.

crat, and a fascist. We're Libertarian and believe in freedom."

Once you get the person to sign for the local candidate, getting her to sign for the state slate is a snap. Right when they are finished signing the local petition, say, as you hand them the other clipboard, "And one more time for our state slate please." This almost always works without further discussion.

This approach avoids all talk about Perot or LaRouche. They have already committed, so they do sign again. It works! I get about 30 signatures an hour for the local candidate and 30 an hour for the state slate.



Special guest from North Carolina, Jo, and U.S. Senate candidate Andy Spiegel carried the LPI banner to lead the float in the parade.

Everyone had a great time. Petitions were signed, literature handed out, and a good impression was made by the LPI.

Good locations to petition include the K-Marts, Cub Foods, festivals, the Taste of Chicago, train and "el" stops. Get together to petition with a few people, then have a party afterwards. This does not have to be drudgery. It can be a lot of fun. Please let Paul Salander know every week how many signatures you have. Call him at 1-800-484-7942-2037. And send the petitions in weekly to LIFBAC, P.O. Box 67, Evanston, IL 60204.

Remember, the more volunteer signatures we get, the less we have to pay for.

Let's shoot for 10,000 volunteer signatures by July 1.

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- The sanitary conditions of V.A. hospitals, and
- The high-quality output of the Public School System.

Compiled by Eric C. Banfield

State Director Discusses New Laws

by Eric C. Banfield

Jim McDonough, chief deputy director of the Vehicle Services Department, spoke in May to the Oak Brook Association of Insurance Women about upcoming legislation. Speaking in place of George Ryan, who could not attend, McDonough said the secretary of state had to attend an emergency meeting, and was definitely "earning his keep."

McDonough predicts that "agencies will be cut" in the ongoing Illinois state budget battle, which requires \$380 million in spending cuts to get the budget to its 1990 level. Even Aid for Families with Dependent Children is not exempt. Despite tax rate hikes, dollar revenues are flat or down a bit.

Upcoming legislation complicates matters. Bills for "Universal Health Insurance" and mandatory motorcycle helmets will re-emerge. The permissible blood-alcohol level for drivers might even drop to 0.08% from the current 0.10%.

Mandatory auto insurance might be dropped. When enacted, it was put on "sunset" for December 1993; without new legislation, it expires. One reason is that 6.8% of drivers simply cannot get insurance. In comes House Bill 3270 (opposed by the Secretary's Office) which would create a "key" policy for uninsured drivers. No insurance company could refuse to insure anyone licensed 3 years in Illinois who had no major violations.

Another bill called "up-front verification" would require that drivers present an insurance certificate in order to get or renew their driver's license.

Rothschild Introduces Bionomics:

Bringing Life to "The Dismal Science"

by Eric C. Banfield

Most libertarians sense that economies are like ecosystems. Now Michael Rothschild has formalized that theory in his new book, *Bionomics: The Inevitability of Capitalism*. He recently presented those basic ideas at a Heartland Institute event.

Rothschild points out that looking at economies as machines, engines, or pies is a flawed approach—those things don't grow. A new paradigm is needed to explain economics.

His models yield insights similar to Austrian approaches, but he manages to establish his concepts without their help. He focuses extensively on the role of information, comparing it to coded DNA genetic structure, which provides information for organisms to act in certain effective and efficient ways to perpetuate the species in a continuing competitive world of nature. He uses the concepts of niche and competition to relate specialization and learning to the evolution of species. He even compares chicken-egg production to telecommunications. And the evidence suggests the analogy is right.

The author argues that capitalism is like a rain-forest, and reports that environmentalists applaud his analogy, even when he says that some of their command-and-control proposals make them "the dam-builders of the 1990s."

Rothschild says the old machine analogy also makes people wonder, "why not try to fix it?" An environmental paradigm, on the other hand, suggests a hands-off approach due to unforeseen ricochet effects. It shifts the burden of proof, forcing interventionists to justify taking action. "Don't manipulate; *cultivate*," he says.

If you're unsure about buying the book, an article on *Bionomics* appeared in *Liberty* magazine, January 1992.

Corrections and Omissions:

Eric Banfield points out that his article last month entitled "Testifying Against Universal Health Insurance in Illinois" did a great disservice to two other active libertarians. Maggie Kohls and Dyanne Petersen also took the time and trouble to go to Springfield to testify, and were not mentioned in the article.

Although the event did not permit them to speak, they were armed with many additional arguments against UHI. Ms. Petersen would have pointed out that the plan resembles the failed wage-and-price controls of the Nixon administration. Ms. Kohls, noting that the plan would have been partly financed by "sin" taxes on tobacco and alcohol, commented wryly that "I can't smoke or drink that much!"

The author extends his sincerest apologies for the omission.

Club Events

Independence Day

Ken Prazak will hold his third annual Independence Day barbecue in conjunction with participating in the Downers Grove parade. We will again have a float using a 27 foot trailer. Andy Spiegel, the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate, will ride in the parade. We will also do petitioning for the state slate along the parade route. For those interested in helping make this event a success, call Ken at 708-810-1974.

Stephen Bermen, candidate for State Representative in the 56th district, will be participating in an Independence Day parade in Arlington Heights on July Fourth. He will be entering a float. To help out and for more information, call Steve at 708-255-4563.

Ted Beckman, candidate for State Representative in the 18th district will participate in the Evanston Independence Day parade. To help and for more information, call Ted at 312-262-3525.

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.

Peoria Outreach

Greg James is holding meetings every other Wednesday night in Peoria to educate and convert people to the Libertarian Party. Call him for more information at 309-691-9382.

Better Cities

The Better Cities Libertarian Club testified on behalf of better use of resources and the privatization of government at a recent Northwest Illinois Planning Commission hearing. The club and its national affiliate, Common Ground, U.S.A., a Georgist political lobby, have begun to lobby against HR. 429, which subsidizes water to farms. For more information on the club lobby efforts, call Sue Walton at 708-475-0391.

NOW Convention Outreach

Libertarian Party free-market feminists will be representing the LPI at the upcoming NOW convention in Chicago on June 26-28. Helen Heyden and Lyn D. Tinsley will operate the Operation Politically Homeless quiz as well as hand out FIJA and LP literature. Three thousand activists will attend this convention. It may cost up to \$3000 to fund the literature. If you would like to help out financially with this important outreach effort, send a check to Helen Heyden, 357 Countryside Dr., Roselle, 60172, or call Lyn at 708-297-8219,

Activist Club Petitioning Party

The Libertarian Activist Club will hold a petitioning party during the Downers Grove Heritage Fest on Sunday, June 28. We will petition for about 6 hours and then come back to Ken Prazak's house in Downers Grove for a party. Activist club members and all libertarian activists are welcome to attend. Call Ken, 708-810-1974.

North Cook Libertarian Club Announces Upcoming Meetings

July 9: Annual Summer Picnic—site to be determined.

July 11 and 12: Lakeview Festival on Broadway between Belmont and Diversey in Chicago--petitioning and outreach with OPH table. Call Glenn Olofson to help and for more info. at 312-337-0561

August 13: Campaign for Victory—a celebration of Illinois's ballot status, featuring local North Cook candidates.

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Please call me, Greg Harms—309-682-8186.

Party News

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.

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 310-0262.

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. LPI senatorial candidate Andy Spiegel is tentatively slated to speak. For more information, call Jeanette Muench at 708-381-2369.

Notice of late Mailing

The May issue of the *Illinois Libertarian* took 4 weeks to arrive for some people. We regret the snail pace of the US Mail. Please be patient as we try to rectify the problem with the Post Office. In the mean time, please submit event notices a month ahead of time or more. Thanks.

The editor

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- 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.
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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We need your signatures now! Please mail your signatures immediately to: P.O. Box 57, Evanston, IL 60204

Speaker Available On S&L Crisis

- Former Markets Editor, *Futures Magazine*
- Former Assistant Treasurer, Sanwa Bank, Chicago
- Member, Chicago Assoc. of Business Economists
- Author, forthcoming Cato Institute Policy Analysis on S&Ls

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June 26-28

- **1992 NOW National Convention outreach**, call Lyn D. Tinsley for details, 708-297-8219.

June 28

- **Activist Club** petitioning party, Sunday, 10:00 AM, at the Downers Grove Heritage Festival. Meet at Ken Prazak's house, 4420 Wilson Ave., Downers Grove. Party afterwards. Call Ken for more information, 708-810-1974.

June 28

- **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.

July 4

- **Activist Club** Independence Day parade and barbecue, Saturday, 9:00 AM at Ken Prazak's house, 4420 Wilson Ave., Downers Grove, IL. Participating in Downers Grove parade, petitioning along parade route, and partying after. Call Ken, 708-810-1974.

July 4

- **Arlington Heights Independence Day parade.** State Rep candidate Steve Berman is organizing a float for the parade. Contact him at 708-255-4563.

July 4

- **Evanston Independence Day parade.** Ted Beckman is organizing appearance. Call Ted at 312-262-3525.

July 6

- **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.

July 9

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:00 PM, Annual picnic. Location to be announced. Usual meeting location at the Henry George School, at 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626; phone 312-338-6698. More info: call Mike Woloshin, 312-525-0846, or Sue Walton, 475-0391.

July 11 and 12: Lakeview Festival on Broadway between Belmont and Diversey in Chicago—petitioning and outreach with OPH table. Call Glenn Olofson to help and for more info. at 312-337-0561.

July 21

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

July 25

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

So far the LPI has **10,000** signatures collected. We need **35,000** more to assure us ballot status in Illinois. Quite a few events have been planned to help with signature gathering. Please attend those events and help us get on the ballot in 1992.

★ Rockin' the Fourth ★

Need some music to enhance your Independence Day spirit? Here's our 21-song salute to the Fourth of July:

- "Revolution" ***** The Beatles
"Back In the U.S.A" ***** Chuck Berry, Linda Ronstadt
"Fortunate Son" ***** Creedence Clearwater Revival
"Liberty" ***** Duran
"Johnny Come Lately" ***** Steve Earle
"U.S. Blues" ***** The Grateful Dead
"Declaration of Independence" ***** Arlo Guthrie
"Star Spangled Banner" ***** Jimi Hendrix
"Defenders of the Flag" ***** Bruce Hornsby and the Range
"Song for America" ***** Kansas
"Freebird" ***** Lynyrd Skynyrd
"R.O.C.K in the U.S.A" ***** John Cougar Mellencamp
"God Save the Queen" ***** The Sex Pistols
"Livin' in the U.S.A" ***** Steve Miller Band
"People Got to be Free" ***** The Rascals
"Fourth of July, Asbury Park" ***** Bruce Springsteen
"Fourth of July" ***** U2
"Declaration of Independence" ***** We the People
"Nation's Gonna Have a Birthday" *** Loudon Wainwright III
"Won't Get Fooled Again" ***** The Who
"(It's the) Fourth of July" ***** X

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