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Perot Coordinators Flocking to the Libertarian Party

Coordinators from Four Regions Join Campaign

Upon the quick exiting of Ross Perot from the presidential race, many Perot coordinators have found a new political home with the Libertarian Party.

In Peoria, two coordinators were given the diamond-chart quiz and scored 100% in the libertarian quadrant. They are going to help with the Marrou/Lord/Spiegel campaign.

In Rockford, a previous Perot coordinator is busy collecting signatures for Marrou and handing out outreach newsletters.

In Barrington, a Perot coordinator publicly apologized to Perot supporters for Perot's abrupt exit and stated that he is supporting Andre Marrou, the Libertarian candidate.

In Kendall county, a Perot coordinator has moved in to the Libertarian camp.

Corresponding Secretary Christopher Maxwell reports that inquiries are way up. After the Perot exit, the LPI got 40 calls per day.

With the Libertarian Party, former Perot supporters can rest assured that we are not a flash in the pan. We have been around since 1991, and will stay active in U.S. politics until we succeed in transforming America into a libertarian country. We promise no quick fixes. In order to truly transform politics in America, it takes a long concentrated, organized effort. It is now very realistic to anticipate that the Libertarian Party will get 5% of the vote nationwide. This is significant because it would give major-party status to the LP nationwide. Then, at the next election, we can concentrate on campaigning instead of obtaining signatures.

To all Perot supporters, we welcome you in our fight to achieve individual freedom in our time.

The LPI Parades on Independence Day in Downers Grove

For the third year in a row the LPI participated in the Downers Grove Independence Day Parade—with a float of a weeping statue of liberty looking down on a graveyard of the fallen Bill of Rights. Libertarian U.S. senatorial candidate, Andy Spiegel marched in the parade. Towards the end of the parade, Andy spotted his opponent, Rich Williamson, and chided him about seeing him in the debates in the fall. Williamson, in a rather unfriendly



Lady liberty and lady Maggie (Kohls), triumphant after Downers Grove parade

manner, suggested that he has to get on the ballot first. (Getting on the ballot shouldn't be a problem—to date we have collected 37,000 signatures, needing 25,000 valid ones.)

Afterwards, about 35 people attended a barbecue hosted by Ken Prazak. A good time was had by all. It was especially gratifying to see many new members in attendance having a good time.

For helping assemble the float, special thanks goes to Wayne Nosel, Eric Banfield, Bob Prazak, Paul Koutnek, and Lenny Grom.

The 1994 Campaign Starts on November 4th

by Christopher Maxwell

I voted Libertarian for the first time in 1980. I read a magazine article about the party, and liked what I read.

Nobody ever told me how many votes Ed Clark got. Nobody ever told me I hadn't wasted my vote. Nobody told me that Ed Clark's campaign had gained major-party ballot status for the Libertarian Party in some states. I never knew that Libertarians had been elected to some state and local offices in other states.

I voted Libertarian for the next ten years out of spite. I didn't think it was doing any good. I just wanted the statist-sons-of-b****s to know I was still out here and I still hated them.

The budget follies of 1990 finally drove me sane. I joined the LP. After I became a member and started reading the party newsletters I was amazed to learn that Ed Clark had received almost a million votes. Even more surprising to me was the fact that the 1984 and 1988 candidates for president had received less than that.

I think I understand some of the reasons for this now. Of course, the propaganda campaign to convince the American people that there were major cuts in the government during the Reagan years was part of it and that was completely out of the control of Libertarians.

But Libertarians did not follow up on the successes of the Clark campaign. Not many who voted for Ed Clark would continue to vote Libertarians for a decade out of spite. Most people have to feel their vote is having some effect.

Somehow, we need to let the people who vote Libertarian know that they aren't wasting their votes, that their votes do make a difference.

I know my first impulse on going into an election campaign is to spend everything in the treasury in October, and hope we get enough votes to make the news. But this just isn't realistic. We need to be prepared to spend some more money in mid-November.

After we figure out the score, we should buy advertising, send out press releases, and write letters to the editors, thanking those who voted for us, announcing our vote totals, and announcing in how many states we either gained or retained major party ballot status.

We can't expect the news media to do this for us. Given their "horserace" mentality, they will only be covering the people who are elected. If you aren't elected, you aren't news. If you aren't elected, you aren't news. IF YOU AREN'T ELECTED, YOU AREN'T NEWS!

LIFBAC & CAMPAIGN NOTES

A big thank you to all those who collected signatures for us! The September *Illinois Libertarian* will carry details of our submission count. To date we have 37,000 collected for the state slate.

On Tuesday, September 8th, **Andre Marrou & Nancy Lord** will do a "Fly-Around" in Illinois. Steve Givot, national campaign manager & former US Senate Candidate, and Bruce Green (a pilot for United Airlines), will fly Nancy & Andre around the state.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- 9 AM-12 Noon Nancy visits the Quad Cities. Bob Moldenhauer-advance man.
- 10 AM-6 PM Andre visits Peoria. Greg James & Scott Tillman—advance men. Newspaper interviews, press conference & speaking engagement already set up.

1 PM-5 PM Nancy stops in Springfield for a press conference. Jerry Naughton will be the advance man.

7 PM—Andre & Nancy arrive back in Chicago.

9 PM—Andre & Nancy appear on WGN-RADIO-AM 720, THE MILT ROSENBERG SHOW, which can be heard in over 17 states.

If you would like to help or would like more information on these events, please call the advance men in your area or Sue Walton at 708-475-0391.

Even if you are elected to a local or state office, you are only news in a that state or locality. It's time we learned this and acted accordingly, instead of whining about how unfair the news media is.

We also need to contact our entire mailing lists, to share the good news of our progress, and to ask for help in letting those who voted for us, and those who might have voted for us but didn't, know that we are making progress.

We need to make mistakes, and to learn the lessons from our mistakes. We've made the mistake over and over. Are we finally ready to learn the lesson? The Libertarian Party lost over half a million voters between 1980 and 1984. The work and successes of the 1980 campaign will not be wasted if we can learn how to prevent this from happening again.

Once a voter makes the decision to vote Libertarian, we should never lose them. Those who vote Libertarian and then think they wasted their vote have to be reached. Ed Clark's million voters are still out there, and millions more.

37,000 petition signatures collected to date

25,000 valid signatures needed

Congratulations LPI and LIFBAC!

Stick 'em up!

by Eric C. Banfield

The Federal Budget for 1993 reports the estimated costs of federal credit and insurance programs. Remember the S&L bailout? Well, get ready to pay for the items listed below. The dollar figures are the present value of future costs as estimated by the Office of Management and Budget. They were reported at a recent meeting of the Chicago Association of Business Economists.

Present Value of Future Costs, 1993, in billions of dollars

Program	Midpoint	Range
Thrift Insurance	\$57.5	\$55-60
Pension benefit guar.	\$45	\$30-60
Bank Insurance	\$42.5	\$34-51
Guar. Stud. Loans	\$40	\$38-42
Farmers Home loans	\$13	\$11-15
24 other programs	\$50.5	\$35-66
Total	\$248.5	\$203-294

Using the midpoint, that's \$1,000 each person "owes" right now, or \$4,000 for a family of four. And if they don't take it from us now, interest accrues. And each year they continue these money-losing programs will probably add more to the total bill.

Have a nice day!

DuPage County Sends Homemade Cigarette Market Up in Smoke

by Eric C. Banfield

DuPage County is cracking down on tobacco stores, preventing them from selling any "paraphernalia" that people might use for marijuana.

For example, one area store reports that it will no longer carry one inexpensive but ingenious little German-made machine that fills tobacco into pre-rolled cigarette tubes with filters. The proprietor reports that the county fears that "kids might use it to make marijuana cigarettes." The store sold its last machine in June, and says it will no longer order them from its distributor.

Home-rolling is a popular way to save money on cigarettes, whose prices are jacked up tremendously by federal, state, and local taxes.

Governments favor the ban not only to expand their prohibition of drugs but more likely to boost revenues from conventional cigarette sales. Proprietors who don't comply would lose their licenses.

Libertarians, of course, argue that the state has no right to tell store owners what products they can sell or consumers what products they can buy.

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Remember that Grand Old Party, that party of supposed limited government, and economic freedom? Here it is for your reading pleasure, the DuPage Young Republicans questionnaire circulated at the DuPage County Fair. I have tried to typeset it as closely as it appeared, misspellings and all. Robert Taft continues to turn over in his grave.

**Central DuPage Young Republicans
1992 County Fair Questions**

1) Which method would you support to improve the air transportation system in Illinois?

- A. Building additional runways at O'Hare and Midway.
- B. Building a third airport in Lake Calumet.
- C. Building a third airport at a Green grass site, such as Peotone in Kankakee.
- D. Building a third airport in Gary, Indiana.
- E. Other _____

2) To fund Illinois schools I would support:

- A. higher income tax and lower property taxes.
- B. the current system based on property taxes
- C. higher income tax and no property taxes.

3) If the General Election were held today, who would you support in the following races? (listed in alphabetical order)

—U.S. President

- A. George Bush (R)
- B. Bill Clinton (D)

—U.S. Senate

- A. Carol Mosely Braun (D)
- B. Richard Williamson (R)

4) Projects that I would like to see in DuPage County: (Choose 2)

- A. Convention Center
- B. Monorail Train System (between towns)
- C. Major League Sports Stadium (outdoor or indoor)
- D. Fox Valley Expressway (on the west side of the County, N-S)
- E. Other

5) I believe that Gangs in DuPage County are:

- A. Decreasing in members.
- B. Increasing in members.
- C. There are no "real" gangs in DuPage, only "Copy-Cats".
- D. Gang members that commit crimes in DuPage are all residents of other counties.
- E. Not a problem for DuPage County residents.

6) The current law requiring motorists to wear seat belts is something I (AGREE or DISAGREE) with. I (DO or DO NOT) ride motorcycles.

7) Would you support an expansion of the DuPage County Airport?

(YES or NO). Please state your reasons: _____

THE TOWN I AM FROM IS: _____

SOC Meeting Highlights

The last State Organizing Committee meeting took place on July 15, at Mancini's Restaurant in Berkeley. Treasurer Pat Franke reported a cash balance of a little over \$2900. LIFBAC

Chair Sue Walton reported that a recent fundraising letter grossed \$2,969.92, which would help pay for ballot access.

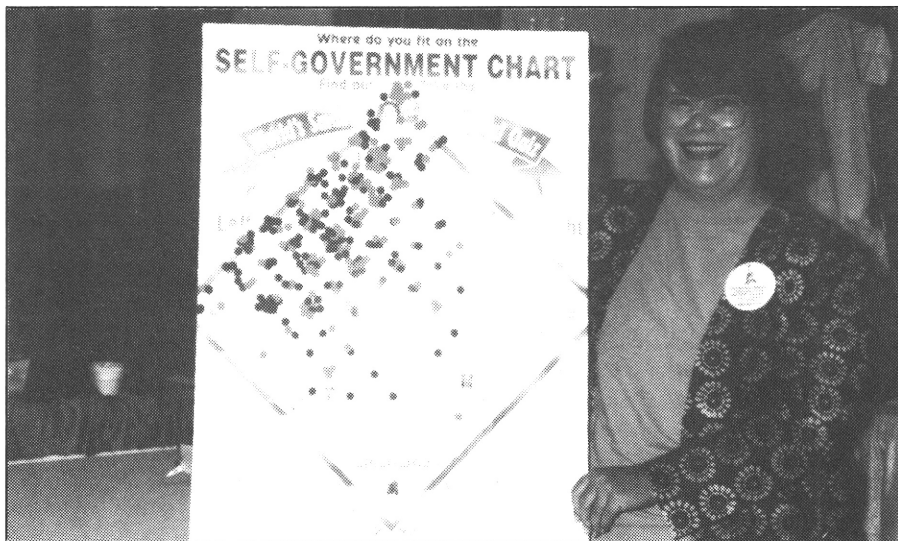
Jeanette Muench reported on the organizing of the next state convention. The date is set for April 17-18, 1993. The search for a site has been narrowed to the Quality Inn, Woodfield; Best Western, Midway; Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows; and Wyndham Gardens, Naperville. The Quality Inn manager has libertarian leanings and is a personal friend of Robert Ringer.

The State Fair event was discussed. Eric Banfield will be the keynote speaker.

Eric is also suggesting that we inquire about endorsements, especially with the *Illinois Entertainer* magazine, which is becoming interested in the Libertarian Party.

LPI Float Update

We recently learned that the Libertarian Party float of lady liberty looking over a graveyard of the Bill of Rights took first prize (!) in the political division at the Roselle Rose Parade.



Jeanette Clinkunbroomer displays where the NOW national convention delegates fit on the diamond chart—half liberal and half libertarian

Letters in other Publications

Chicago Sun Times July 17, 1992

Not Kooks

George Will states clearly his philosophical position ["Libertarians? No, U.S. Needs A Legitimate Fourth Choice," column July 9,] where he laments the lack of "serious third parties—Bob LaFollette's Progressives, Norman Thomas' Socialists—which, by working at the margins, expanded political discussion and then the nation's agenda."

The progressive/socialist mentality has gotten the world and this country in the mess we're in and it appears he wants more of the same.

Will blasts the Libertarian Party for being anti-everything and frivolous. At least libertarians aren't dangerous. The reigning authoritarian/socialist mentality of the 20th century has brought mankind its worst holocausts of recorded history.

Government has systematically murdered over 100 million people this century, and that doesn't count the young boys forced to go to numerous wars to be killed trying to rectify their fathers' mistakes.

Yes, the Libertarian Party is against many things the government does that it has no legitimate business doing.

The Libertarian Party believes as our founding fathers did that government that governs least governs best. We believe in individual freedom and individual responsibility as our founding fathers intended, but for everyone, not just white Anglo-Saxon protestant males as Mr. Will happens to be.

The libertarians look to no less than five Nobel prize winners in economics as their own: F. A. Hayek, Milton Friedman, George Stigler, James Buchanan, and Ronald Coase. If Mr. Will intends to portray libertarians as kooks he must include these brilliant individuals in his sweeping brush.

Ken Prazak, member, Libertarian National Committee, Downers Grove

Crain's Chicago Business

Libertarians Love Hornung

Mark Hornung's May 11 opinion piece, "Wake-up call from flood goes to wrong number" was right on target. His analysis of bureaucratic ineptitude, 'perverse' incentives in city employment and the mismanagement of 'valuable assets' such as the tunnel system described perfectly the illness we are suffering. Government control of any organization leads to these conditions. I, for one, do not believe that identifying problems and prescribing the fine-tuning of a failed system is sufficient. Reducing the level of perverse incentives, as you advocate, is not enough. I have been shocked throughout this incident that *Crain's*, a respected business publication, did not identify the only way to protect assets: Own them.

Let's stop trying to get City Hall to act like a business. This is something that bureaucracies cannot do. Let businesses that use the tunnels own the tunnels. Sell the assets to someone who cares and preserve them for the common good.

Mike Dixon, Chair

Libertarian Party of Illinois, Chicago

Chicago Tribune July 22, 1992

Government land

Chicago—Someone obviously needs to teach the poor deprived bureaucrats and politicians behind the marble curtain in Washington about the benefits of a free market economy.

Abandoned military bases should be sold, and the money use to reduce the deficit. Rantoul's Chanute Air Force Base, 300 buildings on 2,500 acres, would make a nice enterprise zone/industrial park if the prices were right.

This would be a much greater "public benefit" than having the government maintain ownership and loan it out to whatever bogus educational or scientific organization can figure out how to file the paperwork correctly first.

There is no good reason for the government to keep every piece of land it has ever acquired.

If free markets, free enterprise and private property are a good idea for Eastern Europe, why can't we give it a try here?

Christopher Maxwell

Government Incentives for Industry

Sunday, April 5, 1992 *Chicago Tribune*

Though certainly a management genius with sound ideas that most American workers would agree with, W. Edwards Deming's flaw was not realizing the *reason* he had trouble getting "anyone in the U.S." to listen to him.

The lucrative contracts of the great "wars to end all wars" during the first half of this century and the giant "cold war" military-industrial complex that followed made it clear to businessmen that the way to succeed was to kiss up to

government, not to serve the needs of consumers.

Deming failed to realize that it was not working Americans who wouldn't listen to him but managers who had been taught, through lucrative government contracts or government-accredited and -funded colleges, what was really important.

Neal S. Reynolds

Schaumburg

Club Events

Better Cities Finds Dominican Libertarian

The Better Cities Libertarian Club is please to announced that they have found a natural libertarian in the Dominican Republic. Scott & Sue Walton have recently returned from the Dominican Republic where they were Consultants to the 1992 Council of Georgists Organizations Annual Meeting. Sue always carries "Fritz Quizzes" with her and during a conversation with Ligia Pereyra, the lead translator for the Conference, she & Scott discovered that Ligia was a natural libertarian. The club has referred her to a Spanish libertarian Group in Guatemala and the International Society for Individual Liberty.

Dominicans are generally passive, but Ligia is a "born anarchist" and being an active Georgist-she's already familiar with many libertarian ideas. Ligia hates taxes and the controls the government puts on her life.

The next meeting of BCC will be on September 12th. For more information call: 708-475-0391.

DuPage Libertarians Outreach at DuPage County Fair


More than three out of four registered voters surveyed at the five-day DuPage County Fair said the government does a good job once in a while or never. Less than 8% said the government does a good job always or most of the time. The remainder of the 1,232 surveyed between July 22 and July 26 said the government does a good job about half of the time.

The poll, in which fair-goers dropped pennies in the jar of their choice, was conducted by the Libertarian Club of DuPage on behalf of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

"The results of our survey at the Dupage County Fair confirm the results we obtained at the Downers Grove Heritage Festival. The American people are fed up with the Democrats and the Republicans. They have controlled the government of this country for over 100 years. If Americans truly want change, they should support the Libertarian Party, the fastest growing party in the United States."

In another show of voter discontent, over 1,000 registered voters signed petitions to put Libertarian Party candidates on the November election ballot.

Steve Nelson, the director of the Libertarian Club of DuPage, would like to thank the following for their help in making the LCD booth a success: Eric Banfield, Ralph Miron, Ken Prazak, Steve Kraus, Mike Rosing, Carol and Paul Warne, and John Spizzeri.

The results of the survey are shown to the right. 

Party News

Eric Banfield to Keynote at Illinois State Fair

Illinois' own Eric Banfield will keynote at the outreach dinner at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday August 22. His Speech is entitled "Getting Active downstate: and State Health Insurance Regulations." Eric is president of Banfield Analytical Services and is past editor of Futures Magazine. Eric has been published in numerous venues and is an expert in financial matters.

The Libertarian Party of Illinois is hosting this major outreach effort downstate at the Illinois State Fair on Saturday, August 22, at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Springfield. Dinner will be across the street from the Howard Johnson's, at the Maverick Steak House, 3165 S. Dirksen Pkwy, at 5:30 PM. Entrees range from \$4.99 to \$7.99. Dinners include a salad bar, potato bar, and a dessert bar. The keynote speaker will begin at 7:00 PM at the hotel. This is a great time for downstaters to get together to meet those upstate. LPI officers will be present. For more information, call Jeanette Muench at 708-381-2369.

New Mailing Coordinators

Michael and Nancy Shaffer of Lockport have agreed to handle the mailing for the *Illinois Libertarian*. The Shaffers are new members to the LPI. Many thanks from the editor.

SOC Meeting

The next State Organizing Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at 7 PM at the Quality Hotel, at Woodfield —at the intersection of Route 14 and 53.

Help Wanted

The LPI is looking for a new fundraising chair. This is a paying position. Anyone interested should contact State Chair Michael Dixon at 708-409-1044.

"How Often Does Government Do a Good Job?"

Response	Number	Percent
Always	30	2.4%
Most of the time	63	5.1
Half of the time	181	14.7
Once in a while	502	40.8
Never	456	37.0
Total	1,232	100.0

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

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- **Lollapalloosa in Tinley Park**, World Music Theatre, Sunday. It's a music festival—and an opportunity to make friends and gather more signatures. Contact Lyn Tinsley for the details, 708-297-8219.

August 3

- **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.

August 13

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:00 PM. Here's your chance to meet Libertarian candidates running for State Senate and State Representative. At the Henry George School, 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626, 312-338-6698. More info: call Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

August 18

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM dinner; 8:00 PM program TBA. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim (one quarter block south of Algonquin Rd.), DesPlaines, IL. Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565 for more information.

August 22

- **Springfield State Fair**, Saturday, downstate outreach event. We will distribute literature at the fair and hold a rally at the Howard Johnson Hotel in downtown Springfield. Call Jeanette Muench at 708-381-2369 for more information.

September 8

- **Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord Fly-Around**, Tuesday. Visit will include an interview on the Milt Rosenberg talk show, "Extension 720," WGN radio 720 AM, at 9:00 PM.

September 10

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September 12

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