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Join the Freedom Train

Vote Libertarian in November

Andre Marrou for President

Nancy Lord for Vice-President

André Marrou: Profile

In 1984, André Marrou was elected to the Alaska state legislature. As an elected Libertarian legislator, Marrou fought government growth. He voted against every new tax and every tax increase. He was part of the successful initiative that abolished the Alaska state income tax. He co-sponsored and spearheaded the successful Alaska initiative that de-regulated transportation services.

In office, Marrou was called "the conscience of the legislature," according to Terry Martin, Republican minority leader of the state House of Representatives. "André has a revolutionary spirit...he can't get liberty off his mind." When asked the source of his legislative success, Marrou replied, "One elected Libertarian goes a long way."

Marrou was the 1988 Libertarian Vice-Presidential nominee and running mate of Congressman Ron Paul. During this time he campaigned in all 50 states plus D.C. and was interviewed by over 1000 television, radio and newspaper reporters.

André's major goal if elected president is to repeal the federal income tax and abolish the IRS. In conjunction with this, he would lower spending by one-third in three years through attrition. Another goal is to establish sunset legislation on all regulations, sharply reducing regulation by the federal government. André believes we can restore individual freedom and individual responsibility in this country by the year 2000, his projected date when the Libertarian Party will be the dominant party in this country.

Editor's Note

All topics covered in this issue are written by local libertarians except the drug and education planks of the Libertarian Party Program. The views in these articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the Libertarian Party.

The essence of libertarianism is a view that individuals should be left to their own devices directing their own lives while allowing other individuals the freedom to do likewise. Therefore, the only proper laws are those that prohibit force or fraud. It is a philosophy of individual freedom and individual responsibility.

Libertarians sometimes disagree on various applications of this fundamental principle. These essays in this issue are a reflection of that. Viva la difference!

Improving Health Care and its Costs

by Maggie Kohls

Despite the fact the United States has the best medical system in the world, pressure to "fix" it is mounting. Every politician seems to have his own health care proposal. With a few variations, they all call for socialized medicine as a cure for our "health care crisis."

Whose Recession Is It Anyway?

by Bob Franke

While all of the elected officials, from the lowliest county employee to the president of the United States, debate constantly on who should accept the responsibility for the current recession, there is little doubt in the minds of those who understand liberty of

One Step to Welfare Reform

by Lila Pifer

Government welfare programs tax the productive to support the non-productive. They should be abolished and the truly needy should be cared for by private charities. Most libertarians agree in principle with these two statements. The problem is for the Libertarian Party to translate this principal into a

IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD?

A Look at One Destructive Bureaucracy

by Jeanette
Clinkunbroomer

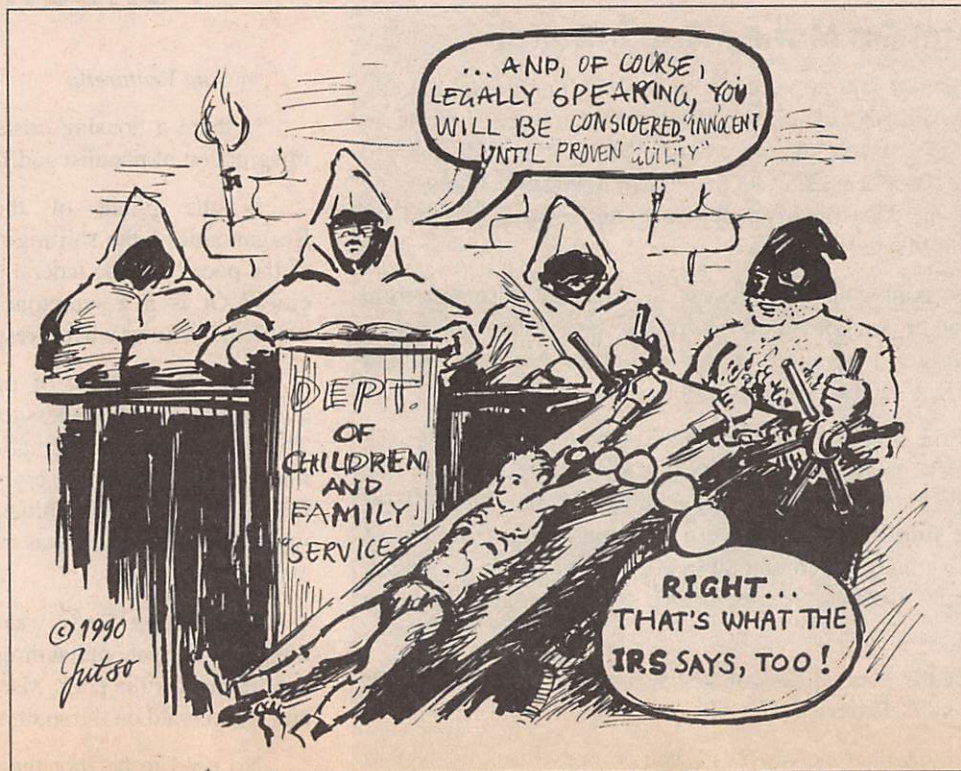
Thirty years ago, child abuse was rarely mentioned in public. Although physicians and social workers suspected that some parents and child guardians were deliberately neglecting and injuring the minors in their care, the family was sacrosanct, the rights of parents inviolable. In a peculiar reversal, now the opposite situation exists: parents have become so intimidated by child "rescue"

organizations—whose authority is state-supported and unchecked—that it is the parents and caretakers who dare not speak about the harm done to them.

Consider the case of Mrs. X. She's the mother of several children, all with symptoms of Sudden Infant

complained of pain when she urinated, and the child's mother took her to Christ Hospital for an examination.

The doctor on duty found what appeared to be evidence of sexual abuse, and notified DCFS. By law, physicians (as well as teachers, daycare workers, police,



A Prairie Fire

by Kenneth Prazak

Overgrown, resistant to change, American culture is dictated by reaction, inertia, and feeling, rather than guided by fundamental values and rational thought. Like overgrown scrub pines, stale ideas shadow the landscape of economic and political policy, preventing a sprouting renaissance of new ideas. Individuality, tolerance, and freedom, which can make each individual's life so much more rewarding, lie dormant.

These stale 'ideas' crowding the landscape are not really ideas at all, but are reactions, and unthinking feeling, brought on by inertia. They attempt to solve a problem by implementing a 'solution' that was the main cause of the problem in the first place, a 'solution' as old and primitive as man himself, a 'solution' that gives short-term results at best, one which spawns many more problems than it cures. The solution of force.

"The failed, tired, dried-out policies of force are well-seasoned for the flame of individual freedom and individual responsibility."

A Plea For An Honest Money

by Robert Pearson

"Blood running in the streets. Mobs of rioters and demonstrators threatening banks and legislatures. Looting of shops and homes. Credit ruined. Strikes and unemployment. Trade and distribution paralyzed. Bankruptcies everywhere. Court dockets overloaded. Sexual perversion, drunkenness, lawlessness rampant..."

"One distinguished politician writes to another: 'The wheels of government are clogged, and we are descending into the vale of confusion and darkness. No day was ever more clouded than the present. We are fast verging to anarchy and confusion.'"

Sound like today's headlines? The correspondence was from George Washington to James Madison in the year 1786, 10 years after signing the Declaration of Independence.

Quotations On Money And Inflation

"By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens. There is no subtler, no surer means of overturning the existing basis of society than to debauch the currency. The process engages all the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction, and does it in a manner which not one man in a million is able to diagnose."—John Maynard Keynes

"All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise not from defects in their constitution or confederation, not from a want of honor or virtue so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation." John Adams in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, in 1787

"It is apparent from the whole context of the Constitution as well as the history of the times which gave birth to it, that it was the purpose of the Convention to establish a currency consisting of the precious metals. These were adopted by a permanent rule excluding the use of a perishable medium of exchange such as certain agricultural commodities...or the still more pernicious expedient of paper currency."—Andrew Jackson, Dec. 5, 1836, Annual Message to Congress

"I deny the power of the general government to making paper money, or anything else a legal tender."—Thomas Jefferson

"The ultimate correction will come when we force our members of Congress to obey the law—they then could not print money nor give the power to the treasury or the Federal Reserve."—Former Congressman and Libertarian Presidential Candidate, Ron Paul

"Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. But thou shalt

HOUSING CRISIS, A PERSONAL VIEW

by Sam Venturella

Is there a housing crisis? Or is it a figment of the imagination of populist gadflies?

Is the plight of the homeless a result of Reaganomics—the shifting of responsibility for welfare of the poor from the federal government to the states and cities? Or is it a symptom of a greater, more serious problem? Who or what is responsible?

Isabel Wilkerson, of the New York Times, dates awareness of the homeless to the beginning of the 1980s. That may be true for journalists, but others were aware of the condition sooner, very much sooner. The City of Chicago, for example, initiated public housing way back when Edward J. Kelly was mayor. Kelly's reign began in 1933.

And, Mayor Kelly was a "Johnny come lately" in this game. Private philanthropists had already built rental apartments for the poor; Marshall Field on the north side and Rosenwald on the south side.

No need to belabor the point that this is a situation having a long history. It came with the industrial revolution.

What Wilkerson brings to our attention is that popular reaction is moving from empathy to intolerance. She might have said fear, for fear is the motivation for

The Law

by Kenneth Prazak

What is the law? Is it the myriad of codes, rules and regulations that swamp our daily lives? Is it the written law legislated by politicians who, many times, have no regard for any constitution? Ultimately, is the law what the United States Constitution says, or what the Supreme Court says it says? On all of the above, I think not. **The law is what twelve jurors says it is or one juror says it is not.**



The last check-and-balance of a free people on those that govern them (besides the Declaration of Independence option) is that of jury nullification,—the right and responsibility of individual jurors to decide if a law is just or unjust according to their conscience, irrespective of what “the law” may be. It only takes one juror of twelve not to convict, and twelve jurors voting their conscience to acquit and nullify the law in that particular case. The first Chief Justice of the Supreme

Gun Owners: Quit Voting For The Lesser Of Two Evils!

by Christopher Maxwell

Every four years another presidential campaign is held and the gun rights organizations gear up to try to protect the Second Amendment.

Letters are written, phone banks are established, pamphlets are mailed, donations are made, and candidates are endorsed or targeted for defeat.

In November the votes are cast, and victory is declared. Then we sit through another four grim years of watching gun rights being whittled away.

Why does this happen?

Too many politicians have learned how to play a two-faced game with gun owners. They know they can vote for some “moderate” anti-gun laws, some “compromise” legislation to get some favorable media coverage, and they can still count on votes and support from gun-rights people in the next election as long as their opponents are even more anti-gun.

This is why George Bush can ban imports of semi-automatic replicas of assault rifles by executive order. No Democrat has ever done anything so arrogant against the Second Amendment.

The largest and most powerful defender of the Second

“We oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense.”

“Plank 15. THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

The Bill of Rights recognizes that an armed citizenry is essential to a free society. We affirm the right to keep and bear arms and oppose all laws at any level of government restricting, regulating, or requiring the ownership, manufacture, transfer, or sale of firearms or ammunition. We oppose all laws requiring registration of firearms or ammunition. We also oppose any government efforts to ban or restrict the use of tear gas, ‘mace,’ or other self-protection devices. We further oppose all attempts to ban weapons or ammunition on the grounds that they are risky or unsafe.

“We support repeal of the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, and we demand the immediate abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

“We favor the repeal of laws banning the concealment of weapons or prohibiting pocket weapons. We also oppose the banning of inexpensive handguns (“Saturday night specials”).”

That is quite different from what we are used to hearing, even

“The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in the U.S. and is the only party

Moving Towards a Cleaner Environment

by Kenneth Prazak

Question: What do The Exxon-Valdez oil spill, the Chernobyl nuclear power disaster, and the formation of the "dust bowl" in the Great Plains have in common? Saying that these were all monumental environmental disasters is an incomplete answer.

In the latter part of the Nineteenth Century, the Great Plains were in large part, commonly owned by government. Cattle companies used the plains for the grazing of their herds. There was no thought to conserve, no thought to preserve. The land was there to be used, and used it was. By the 1930s, the Great Plains became agriculturally worthless and turned into a dustbowl. Why was no care given to this land? Why were cattle permitted to graze on the land until the land became barren?

The reason lies in the phrase, "tragedy of the commons." Under common ownership of property, no care is given to preservation of property. When one owns his own property, he has the incentive to take care of it. Pride in one's own things is a value unto itself. And more importantly, one preserves his own property because of economic incentive. If someone eventually wants to sell his property, in order to get a good return on the investment, he must at least maintain if not improve on the property. If maintenance is left undone, the property value drops accordingly.

The horrors of Chernobyl are legion. First reports informed that over 10,000 people died initially from the disaster. The effects of the disaster will be felt for a long time to come. There is a big increase in the incidence of cancer to those exposed to the radiation, especially children who were playing in the fallout two days after

"When everyone owns property, no one does. And no one cares for property that no one owns."

the disaster occurred—before the Soviet government acknowledged that such an accident even happened.

The Soviet government controlled and ran the nuclear power plant. Governments, especially totalitarian, ones are accountable to no one. There is no recourse to sue for damages against such governments.

Even in the "democratic" United States, the right to sue for damages against government or government officials is severely restricted. The result is an uncaring, unreliable and irresponsible mindset on the part of a typical bureaucratic employee. Their incentive is the reverse of those people in private enterprise who have to please their customers in order to stay in business and are subject to a law suit if they encroach on the rights of people or their property. The incentive of a bureaucrat is to maintain and even increase the problem they are working on—therefore ensuring their own employment.

The Valdez incident is a bit more complicated. Exxon is a private corporation. The fact remains, though, that no one owns the area of the oil spill. So governments assume jurisdiction and fine Exxon. Yet many people feel Exxon got off easily. If private individuals could have sued Exxon for damages, would have Exxon got off so easily? Would the incident even have occurred if they knew that they could be held fully liable in a common-law court system? This type of damage to the environment seems to happen more often on commonly-owned property.

The National Audubon Society owns a nature refuge in Louisiana. Yet they lease a small part of that land to oil companies for drilling purposes. To date, there has never been an environmental problem associated with the oil drilling. Since the Audubon Society is a private organization, they can set their own regulations that are far more strict than regulations by government, making it far less likely that any environmental accident will ever occur.

It may not be politically feasible or practically workable to privatize the oceans in order to assure accountability in case of an oil spill. The ownership of migrating fish would be very difficult to determine, for example. Nonetheless, it is a concept that should be studied further—for the sake of the environment. Let's face it, oil tankers are not going to be banned from the oceans. So it behooves us to set up a system of rights

Some Lessons from the Persian Gulf War

by Kenneth Prazak

As the Persian Gulf War drew down to a quick conclusion, America was in a state of euphoric bliss. Our weapons technology had proven vastly superior to that of Iraq, which received most of its weaponry from the Soviet Union. Americans quite justly take pride in this accomplishment. The war was short, our casualty list as well. The demonized Saddam Hussein has been embarrassed, beaten, and humiliated (if not captured and defeated). Many Iraqi soldiers had welcomed the opportunity to surrender to the coalition forces.

I must admit that I had thought the war would take much longer and cost many more American lives in the process than it did. Most "experts" also believed it would be a long ground war.

The total victory for the (mostly) American troops is beyond question. What was the main difference between Hussein's army and that of the Americans? It's not the

numbers; in fact, the Iraqi Army had the slight advantage on that score. Control of the air was certainly on the side of the coalition, yet that didn't stop the Viet Cong fighting ferociously and effectively in the Viet Nam War even though the United States obliterated the country side with carpet bombs and napalm. The jungle terrain was different in Viet Nam than the desert of

Despite the war's success (and for some Arabs—because of it), to the extent that America intervenes in the complex, historical problems (of biblical proportions) of the Middle East, we are going to increase resentment against the West thereby fostering even more fundamentalist dictatorships than already exist. More trade wars will result. And these developments could lead to an even greater war in the Middle East. We might not have the majority of Arab nations on our side in that one.

As Arab resentment increases, one can be sure that terrorism will also increase. And we can expect this terrorism to happen domestically this time. If the fanatics can't win a conventional war, they certainly will resort to even more terrorism. To combat this terrorism, we can fully expect the U.S. Government to react by

further eroding basic individual rights. We will declare a "War on Terrorism." Just like the domestic "wars" before, the "War on Poverty" and the

"War on Drugs," we will also lose the "War on Terrorism" and our Constitutional rights in the process.

One of the worst ramifications of this war is what I term shallow machismo. Easy victories in war breed more war, more hate, more prejudice, more us-vs.-them attitude, more "might makes right." Diminished are the values of cooperation, friendly competition, reasoned

"The victory of the Persian Gulf War is a victory for voluntarism (or freedom), the highest of American principles."

Savings & Loan Scenario

by Eric Banfield

Imagine you're an S&L owner and manager. Your loans are going bad because the community's businesses are suffering. The government won't let you invest in other areas, and won't let you compete for deposits. You have \$100 to invest, so you look at the remaining possible ways to invest your money. There are low-risk investments that earn low returns, and high-risk investments offering higher returns. Assume that a low risk investment gets you a sure \$110 when it matures, and a high-risk investment will get you either \$150 if it goes well (50% chance), or only \$70 if it goes badly (50% chance).

If you take the low-risk investment, you get a \$10 return, pay \$5 interest to your depositors, and keep \$5 to cover costs and a profit. If you take the high-risk investment, and it goes well, you get a \$50 return and pay only \$5 interest to depositors. If it doesn't go well, you lose \$30, and can't pay \$5 to your depositors—you can't even give them their full \$100 back! But the FSLIC has promised to bail you out. They'll take \$30 from the taxpayers, give it to the depositors, and you're in the clear! In effect, if the risky investment goes well, you get \$45, and if the investment goes badly, you don't lose anything! Form your standpoint, it's not really a risky investment anymore. And the FSLIC won't even increase your "insurance premiums" if you choose this riskier investment. What would YOU do?

Of course, you would choose the high-risk investment. It's a no-lose situation, a veritable free

from the Libertarian Party Program Choice in Education

Government-run public schools have failed our children. Their cost keeps rising while student performance drops. Today one out of five teenagers don't even read at a grade school level, and colleges must teach many students how to read and write.

Poor children suffer most because they attend the worst schools. Few families can afford tuition for private schools while paying taxes for public schools. Private schools provide better education for a much lower cost.

Most families have no choice but to send their children to the neighborhood public school, regardless of its quality. This makes public schools a protected monopoly. Like most monopolies, they do a poor job of serving the public. Education suffers.

This same lack of choice frequently compels families to send their children to problem schools. Youngsters are exposed to violence, drugs, and other threats. Without other choices, parents feel helpless to change this.

The libertarian approach to education is to let parents choose the education that is best for their child.

The following steps should be taken immediately to promote choice and return control of education to parent and students:

The Root of Crime

by Kenneth Prazak

Over 900 murders in Chicago this year—a near record. Yet we hear nothing different, nothing creative, nothing pertinent as to a solution to crime from the usual crowd of politicians. No, we hear more of the same—more laws, more police, more prisons, more drug wars, more gun control—fewer individual rights. Our founding fathers continue turning over in their graves.

As the noose tightens, the crime rate soars. More innocent people become victims—of drive-by shootings, of the theft of drug users who steal to afford black-market prices for drugs, and of the theft of government officials through confiscation, where probable cause and due process of law are a fast fading memory.

If a person suits an imaginary “drug profile,” he gets clipped. Charges are not necessarily filed. And to get his property back, the innocent victim must go to court, pay attorney fees, and sue—with the near-impossible dilemma of proving a negative—that he wasn't a drug dealer. Those with interest in history may recall the similarity of this to the Spanish Inquisition.

The U.S. Constitution was adopted to protect us from such excesses in government, but now it lies in a vegetative state. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and not enough U.S. citizens are vigilant.

theft through the tax system and backs its enforcement at the point of a gun.

There is no nice way to put this. Whether one steals wealth through his own effort, through a crime syndicate, or through the “democratic process” backed up by redistributive taxation enforced at the point of the gun, it is theft nonetheless.

When that theft is enforced by “law,” the immoral precedent has been laid. Property rights become as meaningless as government becomes criminal. The *method* of plundering private property becomes a pragmatic question.

Some people decide to use a gun themselves for stealing. Others directly lobby legislatures for largesse and get it, paid for by productive citizens from their confiscated property through the process of taxation. Still others are more insidious, stealing via an intricate order of privilege, helping themselves through a labyrinth of codes, regulations, and licensing that enrich themselves. Those established in and accustomed to this system, having friends in high places, do very well. The lone challenger who has built a better mousetrap has no one but tax collectors and bureaucratic regulators marking a path to his door.

Government has thus set the stage, in effect, legitimized the act of theft. When the government acts as a criminal does, will not the citizens of the government do likewise?

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"I Love The Smell of OPH In The Morning"

by Neal S. Reynolds

The sun had yet to rise on the cool Sunday morning of January 12th when the wheels of liberty left Chicago's near north side and cruised south on Lake Shore Drive. As the first faint blue light appeared in the sky above the water the crew became visible: Chris Maxwell, Doug Wichman, and Neal Reynolds. Their destination: Harvey's Expo Center, the site of this month's Cook County Gun Show. Their purpose: Operation Politically Homeless (OPH).

At 7:15 AM they arrived, and as others brought in thousands of guns and rifles, assembled a \$250 "Jim Lewis" display. The display, which is based on the Nolan Diamond Chart of the four possible political persuasions, had recently been purchased by Doug from Lewis, who sells them out of the Marrou

The LPI's annual state convention will be held during the first weekend in April, Friday through Sunday. This is a great time to meet new libertarians, renew old acquaintances, network with like-minded activists, hear some great speakers, recall old "war" stories, plot new "war" strategies, party with friends, energize with new resolve to fight for liberty, form new island countries...

Friday night is traditionally outreach night. There is no charge. Bring friends and acquaintances who have showed an interest in the Libertarian Party. A casual night with a cash bar. Carol Ann Rand, president

Activism: Now is the Time

Libertarian Party of Illinois State Convention, April 3-5

Canadian system. Those people who attended the banquet in December featuring Nancy Lord know the superb speaker and torch carrier for the Libertarian Party she is.

The LPI is honored to have two superb speakers on the environment for the convention. First John Baden, founder of the free market environmentalist movement and president of the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment will speak on the failure of the federal government to properly manage Yellowstone National Park from an environmentalist's viewpoint.

Kent Jeffreys of the Competitive

**Convention
Particulars**
**Full schedule and
registration form on page IV**

Speakers:

André Marrou

Dr. Nancy Lord

Dr. John Baden

Kent Jeffreys

Aaron Zelman

Eric Banfield

A Letter to:

Illinois Valley Libertarian Assoc.

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December 3, 1991

Dear Sir or Madam:

On October 1, 1991, I argued before Judge Jeffrey O'Connor, Chief Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit court of Illinois, that property tax is unconstitutional; that the expenditures of the tax dollars were being allocated to be spent in an unconstitutional manner and that the county's delinquent tax agent is acting outside the scope of his duties in the performance of his duties.

Two months have expired and I still have not received a decision of the court.

I need help in removing the censorship of this cause. The local news media did not cover this case and has not written anything about it.

Do you have a list of loyal American newspapers that may print something on this case? Do you have anyone that is newsworthy that would speak out on this matter? How about a mailing list of organizations?

Theatre of the Absurd

LIBERTARIAN CROSSES NIGHTLINE

by Eric Banfield

It was "live," but *unreal*.

On February 6, ABC-TV's Ted Koppel told the 1,000 people packed into Mandel Hall at the University of Chicago that he wanted audience members to go to the microphones and get a little controversy going on the health-care issue. At 10:30 p.m. CST, "Nightline's" 'Emergency! Health Care In America' started, and Ken Prazak went to a microphone. He was the first one there, but ended up standing and waiting for over two hours. It didn't take long to realize that "Nightline" had no intention of letting him speak. That didn't stop Ken.

Before the show, Mr. Koppel told the audience that, although it was impossible to get everyone's comments, he would go around and call on people from the five audience microphones. But once the show started, it became apparent almost every audience speaker was not spontaneously or randomly chosen. ABC staff determined when certain people, mostly with pre-approved comments, would go up to the

which has turned health and insurance into socialist systems, which the rest of the world is abandoning.

The "experts" deny our system was socialist, apparently because the government doesn't actually own it. They ignore, of course, that taxation, regulation, and other interventions, amount to de-facto control. After other weak challenges from the "experts," Ken referred to the new book published by the Heartland Institute in Chicago (*Why We Spend Too Much On Health Care*), and mentioned the idea of Individual Medical Accounts. Only light applause followed.

"Ted Koppel deserves maybe one handclap for letting Ken speak, but ABC gets a big thumbs down for the farcical ceremony it calls a 'town meeting.'"

Maybe "Nightline" means "standing in line all night"—waiting for a door that will never open. Congratulations go to Ken Prazak, and his persistence, for busting the door down. Ken's patience, and in the end, his fiery but tactically-sound outburst, however, doesn't surprise

members of the Libertarian Party who say Ken is one of their most energetic and dedicated workers.

Asked what made him finally run up to the stage, Ken said, "I got the idea that the only way to get attention is to act like a jerk." But once Ken started

Nancy Lord challenges Quayle to a debate!

Marrou/Lord Campaign Report

The campaign is going quite well. Through December, Andre Marrou ran 63 ads in New Hampshire. Another state legislator in New Hampshire, Finley Rothhaus, changed parties to the Libertarian Party. Watch André on John McLaughlin's "One on One" interview show in February. C-Span will carry André on its "Road to the White House" program. Also, WGTO, a local New Hampshire TV station, will cover the campaign on a thirty minute show.

The "900 number" TV ads have been run with very good results. The ad shows taxpayers upset over Republican/Democrat tax increases; it points out the fact that politicians give tax money to foreign dictators, farmers who grow no food, and schools that don't teach; it highlights Congressional check bouncing. The final shot contrasts the nearly 50% rate of taxation today versus the 3% tax the Founders rebelled against. André asks for contributions to cover the ad's expenses.

Dixville Notch, the sight of the traditionally first election returns, has 28 registered voters. André projects that he will get between four to eight votes from there. A recent *Boston Globe* article interviewed eight people from that town. Five are leaning Libertarian.

On January 24, André spoke to the Gun Owners of New Hampshire banquet. He received the loudest and most frequent applause of all speakers, which included Pat Buchanan and Senator Phil Gramm standing in for George Bush.

A major Republican fundraiser in Orange County, California, Randell Yung, has joined the Libertarian Party.

He will accompany André to a reception at T. Boone Pickens home on March 6. Some of the richest and most influential financiers in America will be there, including the Hunt brothers.

André recently appeared on CNN's "Newsmakers," and Dr. Nancy Lord recently appeared on CNN's "Crier and Company."

Television ads are aimed at the "Star Trek" audience. Market researchers term these people "early adopters."

Nancy Lord recently met Vice-President Quayle at a radio station and promptly challenged him to a debate. ... Don't hold your breath.

State Organizing Committee Notes

January 7 1992 Meeting

by Mike Dixon, Recording Secretary

This entry begins a new practice for me and the LPI. At the most recent State Organizing Committee meeting, it was proposed that I write a short summary of the meeting to be published in the *Illinois Libertarian*. I thought it was a great idea to provide all of the LPI members with current information on the doings of the SOC. The bi-quarterly meeting was held January 7th in Evanston at the home of Scott and Sue Walton.

The highlight of the meeting was the acceptance of two new affiliate clubs. These are independently organized groups of LPI members and colleagues who wish to formally coordinate activities with the State Party. They must petition to the SOC with bylaws, membership lists, and an elected representative who will sit as part of the State Organizing Committee for one year. The two new groups were the Activist Club,

State Organizing Committee (SOC) meetings are open to all the members. Call the State Chair for the time and location of the next meeting, if interested.

ACTIVISM: NOW IS THE TIME

The 1992 State Convention of the Libertarian Party of Illinois

April 3 to 5

O'Hare Plaza Hotel

Cumberland Avenue at Kennedy Expressway, Chicago

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

1:45 PM to 2:45 PM

"Take Your Pick": LPI's Annual Open House with Cash Bar

7 PM—?

Special Guest: **Carole Ann Rand**
Director of the Advocates for Self
Government, Atlanta

Come find out what YOU can do! This is a
showcase for different libertarian activities.

"The Ticking Taxpayer Time Bomb: Regulatory Fallout After the S&L Bailout"

Eric Banfield



Eric, a long-time LPI activist, holds degrees from Northern Illinois University and the University of Chicago. He was formerly at the Money Market Trading Desk of Swiss Bank.

"Stopping Smokey: America's Great Experiment in Sylvan Socialism"

Dr. John Baden



John is chairman of the Foundation for Research on Economics and the Environment (FREE) and is one

both Jews and Christians often ignore these lessons of both history and common law.

5:30 PM to 6:15 PM

“Campaigns for 1992: The Nuts and Bolts”

Many of the LPI Chicago activists have recently attended seminars on campaign issues. Come meet the candidates and find out how you can become one, too! Gather information from Scott Walton, LPI Treasurer, on campaign finance rules; Blaise Grenke, LPI's candidate for the 5th Congressional District; and many others.

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Cocktails (Cash Bar)

7:00 PM

Annual LPI Fundraising Banquet

André Marrou

**1992 LP Presidential Candidate:
“Abolishing the IRS”**

Yes, it's that time of year, so André will help us vent our frustrations two weeks early with style and spirit.



9:30 PM to ?

The Fifth Congressional District Regular Libertarian Party Organization Blaise Grenke for Congress Reception

“Blaise for Congress” promises a lot of fun—adult beverages, and maybe a band.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

LPI Sunday Brunch with Nancy Lord

**1992 Libertarian Party
Vice—Presidential Candidate**

**“The Case Against
Nationalized Health Care:
The Failure of the
Canadian System”**



What better person—both a medical doctor and

12:15 PM to 5:00 PM

1992 Annual Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois

This is where officers for the coming year are elected, changes are considered for the Bylaws (if submitted in advance), and candidates for statewide political office are approved and announced. Please make sure your membership is current before March 1 so that you will be able to vote at this meeting.

All speakers and subjects are subject to change. We suggest business attire for the Saturday night banquet.

Hotel Information

The O'Hare Plaza Hotel is at 5616 N. Cumberland, Chicago, on the southeast side of the Cumberland exit of the Kennedy Expressway. (I-90/94). It is located across the street from the Cumberland stop of the CTA's O'Hare rapid transit line. Lots of free parking.

Special room rates of \$59 per night for single and \$69 for double occupancy are available (mention “Libertarian Party of Illinois” when calling). Discount reservations should be made directly with the hotel by March 20. Call 312-693-5800.

Greetings from the LPI's Meeting

Club and Party Notes

Two New Libertarian Clubs Approved by the SOC

The State Organizing Committee approved the Libertarian Activist Club and the Better Cities Club as official clubs at its last meeting. This gives each club a vote on the State Organizing Committee. Also the state party helps official clubs with mailing and outreach efforts.

The Libertarian Activist Club plans to run cable broadcasts, help with the outreach newspaper, *Prairie Fire*, get involved with the Fully Informed Jury Amendment, as well as help with petitioning.

The Better Cities Club is dedicated to helping make Chicago a more liveable place by promoting libertarian solutions to city problems such as privatization.

New Libertarian Chapter Formed at the University of Chicago

Students at the University of Chicago are forming a new student libertarian club, organized by Gwen Payton. They will kick off their club activities with a catered reception on February 20, at 8:00 PM at the Ida Noyes Hall—the West Lounge, on 59th St., the north side of the midway. Eric Banfield will give a brief introductory “kickoff” speech. All who are interested are invited to come.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Libertarian Party of Illinois will take place on April 5, Sunday, noon to 5:00 PM, at the O'Hare Plaza Hotel, 5616 North Cumberland, Chicago, IL. Anyone proposing changes to the By-Laws should submit those proposed changes to the recording secretary, Mike Dixon (listed in the directory), 45 days before the annual meeting.

LIFBAC Paying for Signatures

The Libertarian Fair Ballot Access Committee (LIFBAC) is setting up an incentive program to maximize signature gathering for the upcoming state-slate petitioning drive. In order to encourage activists to collect signatures over and above the usual amount, LIFBAC will pay 37.5 cents for every signature with the stipulation that a threshold of at least one thousand signatures are collected. That means if anyone collects one thousand signatures, he or she will be paid \$375. If someone collects five thousand, then he or she will be paid five times that amount. If someone collects, 999 or less, the signatures collected will be a volunteer effort.

This program will help activists out by paying for their services, yet save LIFBAC money because the rate is one half the market rate for professional petitioners.

Campaign Notes

- Blaise Grenke is setting up an official party organization in the Fifth Congressional district. If you are in his district (Rostenkowski's), call Blaise to get involved at 312-252-0950.
- 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.

Candidate	Office
Andre Marrou	President of the U. S.
Nancy Lord	Vice-president of the U. S.
Glenn Olofson	State Representative
Ted Beckman	State Representative
Paul Salander	State Representative
Ken Wolin	State Representative
Neal Reynolds	State Representative
Steve Bergauer	State Representative
Steve Berman	State Representative

Libertarian Leanings

reprinted from the *Schaumburg Review*, December 19, 1991

Rally 'round Country not President

Schaumburg/ My hat's off to Ed Moltzan for expressing his views on the upcoming presidential election and opening the door to other partisan letters. Such exchange of ideas is essential to a free country. I also hope the American people will use sound judgment in their choice, but I definitely do not believe the best candidate is former secret police chief and admitted liar George "Read My Lips" Bush.

Eleven years under the Reagan/Bush cartel has caused our nation to go from being the largest creditor to the largest debtor. The government under Bush has grown at a rate of 10 percent a year and now fully 25 percent of the GNP is spent by the federal government. Yes, that's one in every four dollars (Federal, state, local property, and sales taxes) now cause half of the average worker's income to be confiscated by the government. If it seems you have to work twice as hard as you should have to make ends meet—you're right!

While much of the rest of the world is throwing off the shackles of oppressive governments, under Bush's **brave new world** not only has the government decided it has the right to seize the houses and cars of people merely suspected

victorious may have provided a temporary head rush for many but it has left us with one heck of a hangover. But you can be sure the military contractors that receive \$100 billion of your tax dollars will amply reward Bush at election time.

Hussein's argument was with the policies of the Emir of Kuwait, a fellow dictator, not the people of Kuwait. Besides, perhaps the economy of Texas wouldn't be so bad if its oil prices, which Kuwait undercuts, did not have to reflect the cost of the defense of the U.S., as well as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Japan and Europe.

So what's the alternative, the Democratic party? Of course not; they're just as bad. Instead of either, how about a president whose party platform vividly re-states the rights the founders of our country attempted to ensure for us through the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? Remember, for most of our nation's history there was no income tax! Presidential candidate André Marrou and VP candidate Nancy Lord, nominated Labor Day weekend at the Chicago Marriott Hotel during the Libertarian Party's national convention, represent a real choice, a chance to vote against the socialist policies of the Democrats and Republicans, and for the right of people to keep the money they earn.

More Club Notes

JANUARY NORTHWEST CLUB MEETING

Six new people joined about eighteen Northwest Club "regulars" for the third-Tuesday-of-the-month meeting at the Silver Stallion Restaurant, Des Plaines. The featured speaker was Blaise Grenke, club member who has volunteered for the Libertarian ballot slot for U.S. Congress in the 5th District, courageously opposing Dan Rostenkowski and Dick Simpson.

Blaise captured and held the crowd's attention for a good forty minutes, addressing such issues as the recent rash of proposals for socialized medicine, spurring the economy, and government's stranglehold on business, taxation, education. He also outlined his campaign strategy.

Blaise is not a candidate 'on paper only': He wants to win, and says he feels a kinship with political dropouts — those so discouraged by the status quo that they no longer vote. These

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

March 2

- **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.

March 8

- **La Salle County Libertarians**, meeting Sunday, 8 P.M., at the Waltham Curling Club, Triumph, IL. Meets 2cd Sunday of month here. More info: Call Paul Salander: 815-539-7839.

March 12

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:00 PM, showing a video tape on FBI spying on political dissidents called "The Price of Freedom," Narrated By Ed Asner, at the Henry George School, located at 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, Illinois 60626; phone 312-338-6698. More info: call Mike Woloshin, 312-525-0846, or Sue

The Diamond Chart: A More Accurate Political Spectrum

**Do you wonder if *any* political position today
really reflects *your* unique views?**

You may be neither "left" nor "right"! The old political labels make few real distinctions any more.

Try the questions below—you may find out where you really stand.

For each question, check off your best answer. (Government Decides — "There ought to be a law")

P E R S O N	Whose decision should it be whether or not you:	My Decision	Not Sure	Gov't Decides
	Wear a seatbelt or helmet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Own a gun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Become a soldier?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Help the needy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E C O N O M	Whose decision should it be whether or not you:	My Decision	Not Sure	Gov't Decides
	Work for \$2.00 an hour? ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Buy a Japanese car?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Play cards for money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hire an unlicensed contractor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Health Care (con't from page 2)

The majority of the American public is over-insured. Health insurance has become a pre-paid medical plan. Under this type of plan, there is no advantage to the consumer in making frugal choices. Experts estimate that 30 to 50% of the health care transactions in this country produce no discernible benefit to the patient. Under 100% coverage, there is no hesitation to order one more x-ray, or one more blood test, even after the patient is fully recovered.

Under current tax law, an individual would need an \$8,000 pay raise to purchase the same insurance his employer can purchase for \$4000. Tax laws reward over-spending for health care.

My proposal gives greater tax benefit to the individual than employers currently enjoy. This encourages health-care economy as the individual chooses his own coverage to suit his own needs. An 80% tax-credit limitation is necessary so that the taxpayer has an incentive to buy lower-cost coverage and restrict unnecessary medical expenses. With a 100% credit, there would be no incentive to seek the lowest cost treatment (also a 100% credit is not politically possible).

“Currently individuals with a low need for insurance are not receiving equivalent benefits from their employer. They are not reaping any benefit for not being sick or

another would buy a cheaper policy and bank the rest in his IMA. But it would be the individual's choice, not the employer's. Currently individuals with a low need for insurance are not receiving equivalent benefits from their employer. They are not reaping any benefit for not being sick or for not consuming optional services.

Reform number three—eliminate state mandates on health insurance. There are over 800 different state mandates on insurance coverage in this country, all of which raise our rates.

Let's compare health insurance to car insurance again. With car insurance, you can decide not to cover your own vehicles, you can add coverage for rental cars or towing. You can tailor the policy to fit your needs. You can't do that with health insurance, especially employer-provided health insurance. 30% of the hospital stays in Illinois last year were for alcoholism or substance abuse. As an employer, maybe I can afford to provide you with accident insurance, but I can't cover every employee's mammograms, therapy sessions, or in-vitro fertilization—a non-insurable event if there ever was one. I can't pick a no-frills policy so I decide not to provide insurance at all. If the first two tax-reform policies are adopted and people are buying their own insurance, they must be free to choose whether they really need maternity coverage, psychiatric care, etc.

Reform number four—eliminate medical licensing laws. There are many reasons you might want to see a

Seven Sensible Health Reforms

- 1) Establish an 80% tax credit for all medical expenses and health insurance costs.
- 2) Establish Individual Medical Accounts (IMAs). Contributions are made with pre-tax money. Withdrawals for medical expenses are tax-free.
- 3) Eliminate state mandates on health insurance.
- 4) Eliminate all medical licensing laws.
- 5) Abolish the FDA.
- 6) Eliminate all purchasing restrictions on drugs.
- 7) Allow patients to waive their right to sue.

more comfortable because it was not worth the time and expense of seeing a doctor. A politically feasible alternative to eliminating all drug restrictions is to allow pharmacists to dispense drugs without prescriptions.

Reform number six—abolish the FDA. No one knows how many people the FDA is killing or crippling

The Recession (con't from page 2)

ourselves to such a fate, perhaps we should examine some of the more obvious reasons why we are having serious economic problems.

Government regulations at all levels are strangling American business' ability to be competitive. Small business owners spend approximately one-half of one full-time employee man-hours complying with various tax laws and other regulatory nonsense. As a small business person when a sole proprietor, I could devote 100% of my efforts to creating revenue and improving the overall business climate in the United States. My business now employs four full-time people. One of them spends approximately half of her time complying with all of the government regulations relative to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, withholding taxes, social security taxes, etc., etc., etc. The amount of regulation in the United States today is increasing at a dizzying pace. The number of forms employed by the Internal Revenue Service has increased from 45 at its inception in 1914 to over 4,000 by 1975 and I shudder to think what the number is in 1992.

Taxation takes an enormous bite out of the productivity of this country. The other day, I overheard a close friend say in regard to a government spending program of several billion dollars, "Well that ought to give the economy a shot in the arm." I nearly fainted. I politely, but enthusiastically, pointed out to my friend that any government expenditure can add nothing to the economy because all it does is represent an interruption

bureaucracy where it is frittered away on programs and projects which unfortunately are not only worthless, but in many times, counterproductive to what freedom-loving Americans would really like to have accomplished. It is difficult for an economy to dig itself out when thirty-one cents of every productive dollar is siphoned off into projects that are of an extraordinarily questionable nature.

The third impact of government in our economy is lost productivity through regulation. Industry after industry is less productive than it could be because of the things government requires it to do or forbids it from doing. These situations do not involve criminal behavior but are actions that some bureaucrat has decided are inappropriate for this country. The unelected bureaucracy changes the nature of voluntary relationships throughout this country, making them more difficult and less profitable for both buyer and seller. One need only examine the activities of the FDA in its attempts to prevent life-sustaining drugs from being brought to market to this country. Some bureaucrat, unelected, decides what drugs shall and shall not be tried in this country. Obviously this has ramifications including: 1) increasing the cost of the drugs to the marketplace; 2) reducing the willingness of companies to put money into research and development; 3) reducing the choice available to patients attempting to treat the illness that ravishes their bodies; and 4) contributing to the recessionary environment by reducing the free flow of goods and services through the

in such a way that slow down the economic growth in our society.

The welfare state is another serious contributor to the economic slowdown. In the name of humanity we have been providing subsistence to many people who desperately need it over the last sixty-five years. Unfortunately, we also have been providing much beyond subsistence to that same group, and we have been providing all kinds of benefits to undeserving individuals who get it only because they have learned "how to play the game." This of course does not include the veritable army of bureaucrats who are maintained on government payrolls at all levels, and whose job it is to decide who gets the government goodies and who does not.

There is no attempt in this article to comprehensively list every cause of the recessionary environment. This is merely a warning to all who love liberty and cherish its economic benefits that unless we stop what's going on in this country soon, we will live out the prediction of Alexander Tytler. The ultimacy of dictatorship is in the hands of those of us who recognize what the fathers of our constitution had in mind when they passed the Bill of Rights.

We must persuade all we can touch to clearly understand that government is not the solution to the economic woes in our country, but indeed is the cause of most if not all of them. We must help people

Conventions, Outreach, and Social Events

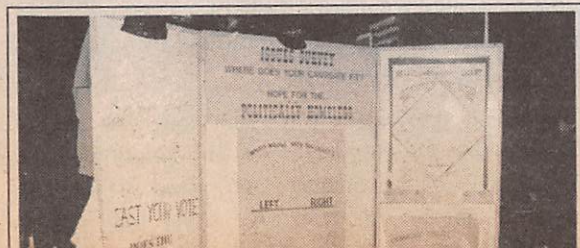
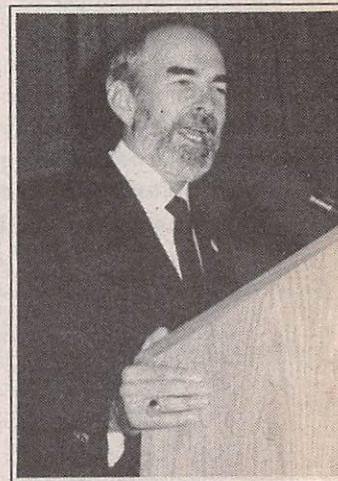


Former Libertarian Party presidential candidate, Ed Clark, addresses the LP National Convention, in Chicago, September 1991.



Heart and soul of the Libertarian Party, Karl Hess, speaks at the Chicago National LP Convention, September 1991.

Libertarian Party presidential nominee, André Marrou, thanks the delegates for their support at the National Convention in Chicago, September 1991.



Marrou wins the nomination, LP National Convention in Chicago.

1988 Libertarian Presidential nominee, Congressman Ron



Good as Gold (con't from page 4)

Reserve, you might have a workable system for a while. But electing good people to, in turn, appoint others who are not only smart, but virtuous as well, and immune from the influences of the "friends of paper money," flies in the face of history. Thomas Jefferson said, "Let us hear no more about faith in the men in government, but let us bind them down with the chains of the constitution."

But government has burst those chains. Wouldn't Jefferson prescribe the corrective solution for our current economic woes as one of forcing government back into those chains? Thus, wouldn't Jefferson view the DIP Movement (Dump Incumbent Politicians) with pessimism.

Our basic problem is not with our leaders; it is with ourselves. We have allowed our government to seduce us with the temporary elixir of easy money. We have also allowed our government to keep the American people ignorant of our great Constitutional heritage and the universal economic truths that it not only teaches but mandates our government obey. The ignorance of real money is widespread—deep. **We are all victims of a money-issue blackout.**

Examine a dollar bill. A dollar bill says on the top, Federal Reserve Note. Is there anything truthful about the name? Is there anything Federal about the credit creation of a private banking syndicate (Federal Reserve System)? Is there anything on "reserve" backing it up? Is it really a note since a note by banking definition is a promise to pay (in lawful money) that you formerly could redeem for gold or silver coin at par (exact weight). Is it really a dollar? What is a dollar? A dollar was defined by the coinage act

Consider the following, *some of which may or may not be imaginary*:

"Today, Congress passed a budget that would increase the national debt to 3 trillion *units of nothing*."

"Commercial bankers in the U.S. and abroad have reached an agreement with Brazil to continue "interest only" payments on 100 billion *units of nothing* to just 5 billion *units of nothing* in interest each year. In return for this concession, the bankers will provide Brazil with additional loans of 10 billion *units of nothing* to help Brazil pay the interest on previous loans and provide additional economic incentives."

"General Motors announced an average increase in price of automobiles to 300 *units of nothing* per car.

"Tax Protester Irwin Schiff has been convicted for refusing to pay taxes in *official units of nothing*" alleging that the Constitution prohibits such fraud.

Northwestern Economics Professor Robert Eisner, testifying before a recent House Ways And Means Committee hearings on the economy, stated that 3 trillion *units of nothing* debt is really nothing to worry about, because it is well within acceptable norms as a ratio to the Gross National Product, and besides, if we need more, we can always create more *units of nothing* from out of nothing in order to *jump start* the economy, etc., etc., etc.

In America's current economic malaise, the voices of honest money should be heard. They are the voices of the Jeffersons, the Washingtons, the Andrew Jacksons, the

Crime (con't from page 8)

definition of crime must take into account crime **perpetrated by government** as well as crime by private citizens.

The legacy of totalitarian communism has wrought untold misery to millions including over 50 million murdered by China, another 50 million or so murdered by the Soviet Union, 10 million murdered by Cambodia, to name just a few "low crime" countries. Totalitarian fascists have had their share in murder: over 5 million in Nazi

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master," said George Washington.'

Germany, hundreds of thousands tortured and killed in South and Central America.

And these are just the deaths done by governments to their own people. Consider the deaths caused by all the immoral wars advanced by governments through the ages. It boggles the mind.

Focusing on crime committed by private

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Social Security Ex-Head Admits Official Lies

by Bob Prazak

"We ought to call it Social Insecurity, not Social Security," says Dorcas R. Hardy, the former Social Security Commissioner—her new book appropriately entitled *Social Insecurity*. "In the next century, the United States will face a potentially devastating crisis: the retirement checks that should be sent to benefit millions of Americans will not be there," she writes. This position is in direct contrast to her official position as Commissioner, and she admits that this is not what she said as Commissioner for three years in the Reagan administration.

A Federal panel on Social Security recently reported that "Americans can be confident about the future of Social Security... The Trust Funds are actuarially sound 50 years into the future," reported the panel. But Hardy warns that the system is underfunded and will require new tax money or cuts in benefits to stay afloat. The situation may be actually worse than it looks. She explains that the calculations include large surpluses now being collected in the old-age and disability trust funds...the surpluses are "invested" in government bonds.

"When the Treasury is in deficit... it leads to a shell game... the Treasury siphons money off to pay for current government operations and in exchange it gives

DCFS Abuse (con't from page 3)

However, according to Marlene Hearn, head of the Aurora-based watchdog organization, Citizens Protecting Your Rights, Fabiano is still listed by DCFS as a known child abuser. Listing on the Central Registry is not subject to due judicial process.

Because of the truly heinous nature of child abuse, government agencies have met little public resistance to study and to "cure" it. In Illinois, this effort takes the form of the Abused and Neglected Child Act. Under terms of this law, DCFS has virtually unlimited authority to investigate and resolve reported instances of child abuse, with the bulk of the investigation and resolution left entirely in the hands of undertrained and overworked caseworkers.

Clearly, this law is a sincere attempt to give people who know about these things the power to act immediately "in the best interests of the child." But this same power can and has been abused by DCFS and other government officials as a surefire way to gain media attention, public acclaim, and evermore funding.

What the law does not provide is oversight of DCFS by the State Assembly or any legislative or executive committee. Apparently the only way the agency's activities are monitored at all is that DCFS, like other government bureaus, must occasionally submit its books for auditing. And, when DCFS is in the wrong, as in the case of Tarrie Lehmann, what results is often what Hearn calls a "settlement-for-silence" trade-off.

was ordered into a foster home where a double murder was committed while the child was living there. Nationally, VOCAL concentrates much of its energy on the increasing number of charges of child abuse in bitter child custody battles. The accusation of abuse is a frightening and powerful weapon, and it can and has been used irresponsibly.

Both of these organizations plead for greater accountability of DCFS, fair judicial procedures for reported abusers, and a clear and objective statement of the standards and criteria used by DCFS caseworkers and investigators. (For example, Hearn asks: If you leave your child with a 15-year-old babysitter, are you providing adequate care, or can you be charged with neglect? DCFS will not commit itself to an answer.)

All of these are valid and important demands, but such reforms may fall short of attending to the best interests of children. One significant reason for this is not a lack of resources or commitment to the problems of children and parents, but because child abuse has become such a hot political issue.

As a political issue, child abuse is irresistibly attractive. It is extremely inflammatory, and draws no end of media attention. Protecting children from abuse is not only a moral issue, but a moral imperative. Anyone who reveals or relentlessly investigates child abuse, or who passionately defends the rights of children instantly becomes a public hero.

For example: during the last election Roland Burris,

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The Libertarian Party believes in capital punishment—

We believe everybody in the Capitol ought to be punished....

Housing (con't from previous page)

Have any of the think-tank pundits ever asked what would happen if taxes were to be removed from improvement value and increased on land value? I

battalion of police. Less involuntary poverty means less taxes needed for welfare for the poor. We then can turn our attention to reducing welfare for the rich

Tapes available of Nancy Lord's excellent interview with Stacy Taylor

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Dr. Nancy Lord

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Individual Responsibility

Individual Freedom

There is no health care crisis. There is a health care cost problem that our esteemed congressmen only would make worse by voting for socialized medicine. The results would bring an increase in costs, a decrease in the quality and availability of medical care, and the elimination of choice.

"Under current tax law, an individual would need an \$8,000 pay raise to purchase the same insurance his employer can purchase for \$4000."

Let us seize the opportunity to improve the system the only effective way—the free market way.

Medical costs ARE high; insurance is unaffordable for many. I recommend seven policy changes for reducing the cost of health care and of health insurance while at the same time increasing access.

The first two changes, tax credits for medical costs and establishment of Individual Medical Accounts (IMAs) go together and represent the biggest step toward reducing cost and improving quality. We have to put control over medical decisions back in the hands of the consumer. Accountability is assured by this market method.

76% of health care costs in this country are paid for by a third party—43% by the government and 33% by insurance companies. As late as 1965, 61% of health care was paid for by the consumer. Costs have risen in proportion to the increase in third-party payer transactions. Doctors in conjunction with government or insurance companies negotiate the procedure to be used, the drugs to be dispensed, and the fees to be paid. The patient/consumer is out of the loop.

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where the recession comes from. The answer we don't have yet is where it is going.

In the Eighteenth Century, Alexander Fraser Tytler wrote a book called *The Decline and Fall of the Athenian Republic*. A quote from that book is instructive. "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy always followed by dictatorship." It is terrifying to believe that the only answer out of our current economic mess is dictatorship, and before we resign

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Libertarian Party to translate this principle into a realistic plan for action, and to persuade the American people to vote for such a plan.

The answer lies in attacking the problem in small steps while never losing sight of the principles underlying any proposed changes or cutbacks. These principles should be carefully communicated to the public.

The most detrimental welfare programs should be addressed first. After sixteen years as a welfare caseworker, of which the last two have been spent working with teenage parents, my personal candidate for this designation would be AFDC benefits for unmarried mothers.

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Dr. Nancy Lord: Profile

Nancy Lord is an incredibly talented, intelligent, and warm person to experience. She has doctorate degrees in both medicine—from the University of Maryland, and law—from Georgetown Law Center. She recently took third in the race for mayor of Washington D.C. running as a Libertarian. Nancy speaks with spirit, resolve, urgency, and determination. She has the credentials, class, and commitment to help the Libertarian Party "break through" in the '92 election.

Dr. Lord began her political activism with the anti-war and civil rights movements of the 1960s. (Allison F. Krause, who was killed at Kent State, was a childhood friend of hers.) Today, Lord remains committed to the ideals of peace and individual liberty.

Dr. Lord's decision to run for mayor of Washington, D.C. in 1990 was sparked by a number of

events. She saw the deteriorating quality of life in D.C., caused in large part by misguided government policies. As a small businesswoman, Lord could see first-hand how taxation and bureaucratic regulation were stifling entrepreneurship. Lord believes that her unique background of medical, legal, and business experience gives her a special insight into many of the problems facing America.

As the Libertarian Party's vice-presidential nominee, Lord is committed to removing government-imposed barriers to entrepreneurship and economic self-sufficiency, slashing the bureaucracy, reducing taxes, implementing comprehensive education reform, and ending the failed and counter-productive "War on Drugs."

Death Syndrome (SIDS). That her children have survived at all is largely the result of her diligent care, yet she is listed as a child abuser on the Central Registry of DCFS (Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services.) Once she slapped her child's face as a disciplinary measure. In a separate incident, she insisted another of her children walk to school after missing the bus while he was in the throes of a temper tantrum. Mrs. X walked along to make sure he arrived safely.

A neighbor reported Mrs. X's actions to the DCFS Child Abuse Hotline. After a single interview, a DCFS caseworker determined that Mrs. X's behavior is dangerous to the health and safety of her children. In three years, Mrs. X has been unsuccessful in scheduling a hearing with DCFS to change this judgment. Neither has she been able to get a more detailed explanation about how and why her behavior is so threatening.

In another recent case, a 14-year-old boy named Tarrie Lehmann was granted a \$1 million trust fund settlement from DCFS in trade for dismissal of a suit filed on his behalf by public guardian Patrick Murphy. DCFS had placed Tarrie and his sister, Tameka, in the home of Sylvester and Ann Phillips, who moved the children with them to North Carolina in 1987. As reported in the Chicago Sun-Times, the Phillipses "beat Tameka, forced her to eat hot peppers and garbage, drink from a toilet bowl, and have sexual intercourse with boys living in their home."

Tameka was found dead in June, 1987, and the Phillipses are both serving life sentences plus 10 years for her murder. DCFS admits neglect in the case, stating that apparently these foster parents were not properly screened.

Then there is the case of Sandra Fabiano, former owner/operator of Kids Stop Preschool. In April, 1987, Fabiano bought a second preschool, Mother Goose, in Palos Hills. A month later, one of her students

and a host of others) are required to do this. The little girl's grandmother notified the broadcast and print media, stating that the child had accused Sandra Fabiano of the deed.

In the October 1987 edition of the *Chicago Lawyer*, Fabiano says that DCFS investigators spoke to her for about five minutes, then never again. Fewer than half of Fabiano's 15 employees were interviewed, although DCFS commented, "We investigated them, we just didn't talk to them." Yet these same investigators—including representatives from the State's Attorney's office and the local police—apparently gleaned enough evidence to list Fabiano as a child abuser on DCFS's Central Registry, and to charge her with criminal sexual assault.

Investigators did speak to all the children at both of Fabiano's preschools, and could not find corroborating evidence for stories of abuse, nor even conclusive medical evidence of any abuse at either school. No objective documentation exists to prove exactly what was found. Interviews with children were not recorded on audio or video tape. The only records kept were handwritten notes prepared by an assistant state's attorney. DCFS investigators and the Palos Hills police officers simply copied these notes.

Fabiano was not granted the license necessary to continue to run Mother Goose, and her insurance carrier refused to continue liability coverage for Kids Stop. She eventually left the daycare industry entirely. And for three long years, she awaited trial on the criminal charges against her.

The case bounced from one court to another, was transferred from one judge to another for a variety of reasons. Fabiano finally stood trial in May, 1990. All charges against her were dropped for lack of evidence.

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To the extent that man has progressed throughout history, he has rejected force and opted for cooperation (free trade and contracts), ethical competition (free markets), and an objective judicial system (a government of law not men). This progressive man has focused on enlightened self-interest (the golden rule), thereby making life better not only for himself but for his fellow man. The guiding force of this progress has not been the gun, but reason.

The force of the gun can be that of a common thief holding up a bank. The force of the gun can be that of a common thief enlisting a crime syndicate to hold up a bank. The force of the gun can be that of a common thief enlisting a syndicate with a monopoly on force, enlisting a syndicate brought to power by majority rule (Thomas Jefferson's "tyranny of the majority"), a syndicate called government.

Thomas Jefferson stated that "government should be bound by the chains of the Constitution." Our government has burst those chains. The rampant growth of a public policy of force has choked many human values worth living for: freedom, individualism, creativity and challenge. In pursuing a culture of security, this public policy has fostered a more insecure culture. In the name of caring, loving, and sharing, politicians have used the force of the gun to redistribute wealth. By doing so, it has made the poor, poorer. It has made man less loving, pitting man against man, group against group, all vying for an ever-shrinking piece of government pie.

The failed, tired, dried-out policies of force are well-seasoned for the flame of individual freedom and individual responsibility. Prairie fires crack open seeds long lain dormant. May a prairie fire sweep the land, open the seeds of decent human values, and blossom into a flowering renaissance of the human spirit.

What went wrong? What forced this noble new country into conditions far worse than the tyranny against which it had declared its independence in the first place? Some historians suggest it was a complicated variety of interrelated forces, but hard money economists persuade that there really was only one underlying cause—the currency issued by the Continental Congress (not worth a Continental dime) and the states' banking houses, based on nothing but artificial credit that could not be *redeemed* for anything of real value. Inflation—that was what had sunk George Washington to the depths of despair.

The only defect in the Articles of Confederation was economic—they permitted the states to enforce irredeemable paper currency as a tender in payment of debt. The new Constitution of 1789 prohibited that in the clearest possible terms. Art. I. Sec. 10, which has never been amended, declares simply: "*No state shall...make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts.*"

Did the sudden shift to honest money in 1789 cause a great economic upheaval? The best source for the answer to this is again—George Washington. In a letter to Marquis de Lafayette on June 3rd, 1790, less than a year after the ratification of the Constitution, he shows quite dramatically what happens to an economy when it shifts to honest money: "You have doubtless been informed from time to time about the happy progress of our affairs. The principal difficulties seem in a great measure to have been surmounted. Our revenues have been considerably more productive than it was imagined they would be. I mention this to show the *spirit of enterprise* that prevails."

have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shall thou have. that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."
—Deuteronomy 25:13-15

Spirit of Enterprise? How 'bout that! Couldn't we use some **more productive revenues** and **spirit of enterprise** these days?

In the book, *The Miracle On Main Street*, Tupper Saussy explains, "Like so many people today, Washington had originally felt that the 'anarchy and confusion' was being caused by a great host of demons, paper money being just one of them. What he didn't realize... was that irredeemable paper money had been the *sole creator* of those demons. When it vanished, the demons vanished."

The 19th century historian George Bancroft, a man who knew and spoke with many of the founding fathers, said in reference to the 'money issue,' "What the great industrial class needs is a stable currency. *To quicken business under an artificial expansion of currency is to pull out the linchpins from the wheels of the car of industry before starting it on the race at full speed. The sudden increase of prosperity is followed by still greater decline, and the weight of sorrow must fall on the laborers, who with their families will be made wretched by the loss of employment...* A wavering currency or coin is most deadly to the interests of the poor; for they have the least power to protect themselves against it. They are the first to suffer from a decline in the value of the currency and the last to recover their rights when improvement begins." (from *A Plea For the Constitution* by George Bancroft.)

In theory, if you have leaders who are not only smart, but virtuous as well, who would in turn appoint the folks who run the credit machine at the Federal

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laws that ban panhandling in the subways, or can (homeless) sleeping in parks and other public places. It is disconcerting (frightening, even) to be confronted by a disheveled, smelly person asking for money.

The fact that homeless people are real enough and scary enough to cause politicians to enact laws keeping them out of sight doesn't faze the likes of Carl F. Horowitz of the Heritage Foundation.

Horowitz doesn't see people; he sees numbers, in this case, numbers from the Census Bureau and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. In two recent studies, Horowitz examines home ownership, and low-income rental units.

What do the numbers tell Horowitz? Why, housing has become more affordable, not less so. Not surprisingly, that is opposite to the Census Bureau's study.

Horowitz plays by interesting rules. One rule—the most important—is to limit the population he talks about. In this case, the population is home buyers. Hold it, now. Let me repeat that. The numbers Horowitz talks about are HOME BUYERS. The HOMELESS don't exist in his world.

If you limit your world to home buyers, isn't it just natural that there is an affordable home for everyone in that world? That is a verity by definition.

Horowitz plays to the prejudices of the smugly comfortable, but does nothing to address the problem: an increasing portion of the real-world population cannot afford housing.

Nowhere in his discussion of the affordability of homes for the home-buyer population does Mr. Horowitz discuss income or savings.

Court, John Jay, (and all one of the members of the Federalist Papers) charged the jury in the first jury case tried in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, "It may not be amiss, here gentlemen, to remind you of the good old rule, that on questions of fact, it is the province of the jury, on questions of law it is the province of the court to decide. But it must be observed that by the same law, which recognizes this reasonable distribution of jurisdiction, you have nevertheless a right to take upon yourselves to judge of both and to determine the law as well as the fact in controversy...both objects are lawfully within your power of decision." (Georgia v. Brailsford 3 Dalles 1—1792)

To inform people of this traditional right and responsibility is the purpose of the Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA). This initiative is a no-lose proposition for those who believe in individual rights. Jurors already have the right to nullify unjust laws according to conscience. But judges routinely instruct jurors that they should rule on the facts of the case alone. This amendment would force judges to instruct jurors properly on this right. Even if the amendment loses, freedom fighters still win. The educational process of proposing the amendment will inform countless prospective jurors of their right. If this initiative becomes national in prominence, judges no longer will be able to run roughshod on the values of freedom.

Consider all the people who would benefit from a fully informed jury—tax resisters, draft resisters, pro-choice groups, pro-life groups, those who support the right to bear arms, entrepreneurs stifled by regulation, alternative health practitioners, home educators, midwives, and countless others fighting for freedom. Coalescing on FIJA is the single most effective way to achieve individual freedom in our time.

To get involved in this national movement, write or call: Don Doig, P.O. Box 59, Helmville, MT 59843; 406-793-5550; or locally, Ken Prazak, 708-810-1974.

Amendment, the
National Rifle
Association, intends to
continue its policy of
encouraging that

attitude of compromise. The NRA leadership's policy of only supporting candidates who they it can win assures devious politicians that they can count on the contributions and endorsement of the NRA if they are less anti-gun than their major party opponent.

Whenever a piece of anti-gun* legislation is proposed in Congress, some "friend" of the NRA always proposes a substitute gun control bill, a "compromise," and gun rights slowly slip away.

Instead of "just saying no" and fighting against any infringement of the rights of the people, the NRA supported the Staggers bill as an alternative. That substitute bill still would have forced the citizens to ask the permission of the government to exercise one of their rights guaranteed in the Constitution. **The Staggers bill was a gun control bill.**

So politicians vote for the Staggers bill—a gun-control bill and an NRA approved bill at the same time, playing both sides of the fence, hence no accountability. What can we do about this revolting situation? How can we make politicians understand that they can't play both sides on the gun control issue?

My solution is that I am never going to vote for any candidate who votes for ANY gun control, NRA approved or not. This means I will not be voting for any Democrats or Republicans in 1992.

So what do we do? What other choice is there?

The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in the U.S. and is the only party which is unconditionally opposed to all gun control. Some quotes from the LP platform:

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from so called "pro-gun" politicians.

If gun owners quit voting for the lesser of

two evils, a few slightly more anti-gun candidates might win office. That might be a problem in the short term, but it would pay off later. Gun rights advocates need to start thinking long term instead of just thinking about what might happen next year.

Then again, the result of a few "moderate" anti-gun candidates being defeated by extreme anti-gun candidates could be less gun control laws actually being passed. They might grab for too much and end up getting nothing, and alarming the uncommitted gun owners. Remember, no major federal gun laws were passed during the Carter Administration!

It's the "moderates" who are doing in our rights, not the extremists. The anti-gunners aren't winning outright victories, our friends are giving them the game with "compromises".

The only opinion poll that counts will be held on November 3 this year. If you vote for George Bush in this election, you are telling him that it's okay for him to ban guns by Executive Order. If you vote for him you are telling him it's okay for him to make deals that compromise your rights away to get his own bills passed.

Like that job you never cared for until you got laid off, or the girlfriend you never knew how much you liked until she ran off, politicians won't care about gun owners until we vote for somebody else. Voting for the Libertarian Party candidates sends them a message they can't misunderstand, in the only opinion poll they can't ignore.

For example, no logging company in its right mind would cut down all the trees it owns. To do so would be financial suicide. But the clear-cutting of forests becomes very practical when it is done on leased federal land. In this instance, there is no economic incentive for the company to conserve. Tragedy of the commons.

When everyone owns property, no one does. And no one cares for property that no one owns.

When a bureaucracy does poorly in solving a problem, such as cleaning up the environment, the bureaucrats ask for money from the taxpayers and get it, perpetuating the problem. Is this the type of person or organization we want to be in charge of protecting the environment?

These first two examples obviously demonstrate governments' primary culpability in damaging the environment.

and responsibilities that maximizes accountability. The most polluted areas of the world are the ones under greatest government control. Russia and Eastern Europe are in an environmental shambles.

The Brazilian Rain Forest is being cut down at an alarming rate—not because of greedy capitalists, but because the government-run International Monetary fund and World Bank are supplying low-interest loans to

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THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

by Anne McCracken

Taxes are the cement that has shaped government into an immense, formidable and royal monolith that will continue to intrude into the life of every man, woman and child living within its shadow until the taxpayer has the freedom to choose how his tax dollars are spent, thus changing the government from one where "the King can do no wrong," to one that reflects the individual's inherent right to ALL of his life, liberty and property.

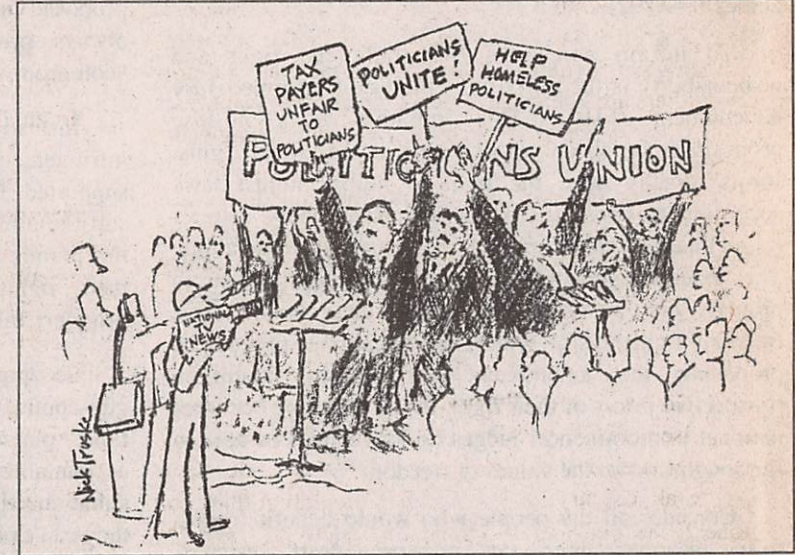
This would be simple to do if the Bill of Rights had given him life, liberty AND PROPERTY in the pursuit of happiness instead of limiting him only to life and liberty—which is meaningless, because without property rights, no other rights are possible.

At the time the Bill of Rights was adopted, our government permitted slavery, and since slave-owners considered slaves to be "property," the word was considered too inflammatory to be used at that time. With slavery no longer an issue, there is no reason why it cannot be inserted into the Bill of Rights now.

At the moment, the abyss that separates the political elite (who can decide how many tax dollars to take from the people and how to spend that money), is so far apart

from those who are forced to give them their hard-earned money, it would seem useless to bridge the gap—except that under all the political hoopla of lies and double talk, there is a faint glimmer of the only legitimate function of government—that of a judicial system meant to provide justice to the victim of a crime.

As a collective problem, crime has plagued society from time immemorial, but it is worse today because our politicians are able to insulate themselves from it as they travel our crime-ridden streets in tax-supported limousines with armed body guards. In the meantime they spend huge sums of our tax dollars on a judicial system that provides country-club prisons for criminals and lucrative jobs for the assortment of bureaucrats that are needed to process, feed and shelter them. I doubt that many taxpayers would support the system as it is if they had a choice on how their tax dollars were spent. No doubt there would be dramatic changes in the kinds of wanted and unwanted services the government provides.



As an example, when they vote salary increases for themselves, they would only get whatever portion the taxpayers were willing to allocate for that purpose. Just imagine, the government would be working for you—giving you the things you want, instead of using your money to give themselves the things they want!

Anne McCracken is the president of the Illinois Right to Work Committee.

1) Allow parents to send their children to the teacher and the 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 that pays for the education of any student, or any number of students, at any school, public or private.

4) Remove restrictions that limit such private educational choices as home schooling.

Welfare Reform (con't from page 2)

Charles Murray, in his 1984 book *Losing Ground*, presented a great deal of statistical evidence to support the idea that, in the case of AFDC benefits, the supply often creates its own demand. He and other researchers have shown that unwed motherhood, especially among teens, correlates positively with the availability of welfare benefits. Subsidizing out-of-wedlock births produces more of them.

AFDC benefits soften the economic impact of single parenthood. Consequently, more and more young women are choosing unmarried motherhood as an alternative lifestyle. They aren't just having one child either. From what I have seen among my clients, two children seems to be the average, and families of three and four children are not uncommon. The fathers of these children usually remain in the picture, but they stay in the background, many of them never bothering to enter the work force since they know their girlfriends and children will be supported by welfare.

If I were in a position to formulate federal welfare policy, I would set a date, say one or two years in the

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The usual crowd of politicians haven't a clue as to why crime grows even as they tighten the reigns. Why? Because they only know one answer to social problems. Force.

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master," said George Washington. George knew all too well the temptations and entrapments of government power. He could have been easily crowned king by the fledgling republic. But he renounced that opportunity for he had just led an armed revolution against the whole notion of a king, the whole notion of sovereign power.

It may seem paradoxical to some that as government increases its power, crime increases instead of decreases. There is a logical explanation.

Government's *legitimate* power extends from the fact that people would have to spend too much time fending for themselves to protect their assets and their lives. So they contract with each other for mutual protection through a police agency and a court system. The legitimate function of government power is to protect individual property rights and the ultimate property right, which is life.

When government goes beyond that natural mandate, that natural law, when instead of protecting property, it becomes the aggressor itself, it has lost its legitimate mandate to govern and has in effect, become a criminal government. All respect for the law is lost; rampant crime results.

How does government act criminally? Through the act of legalized plunder, government confiscates honestly obtained property, subverting its original intention. If a group of people wishes to take property away from another group of people, it can circumvent the natural law via the "democratic process" by voting that wealth for itself. The government carries out this

Theft through redistributive taxation is bad enough, but modern day government does not stop there. It also prevents otherwise lawfully abiding citizens from acting lawfully through a variety of victimless crime laws. These laws are supposed to protect us from ourselves, acting as parents, instead of guarantors of individual rights. These laws include: mandatory seat-belt laws, motorcycle helmet laws, laws prohibiting the act to contract freely, laws prohibiting engaging in certain types of commerce without permission from government or prohibiting the act entirely, laws prohibiting the right to waive a right (for example, waiving the right to sue), laws prohibiting gambling and prostitution, laws banning certain literature, laws against certain drug use.

All of these laws take precious time away from the police and the court system that could be used to apprehend, convict, and jail real criminals who lie, cheat, steal, rape, or murder.

For society to relearn the concept of natural law and accept its morality and practicality will take time. But there is one short term solution that would reduce crime by at least 70% today. End the drug war.

As alcohol prohibition caused rampant crime in the Roaring Twenties, drug prohibition is doing the same thing today. Legalizing drugs will take out all the black-market profit motive of drug running. People will not have to steal to support a habit. Disputes over market shares will be adjudicated in a court system instead of by a bullet in the streets. The sub-culture that naturally develops from an illicit market will diminish. Drug runners will look for real jobs.

For those people who suggest that government force reduces crime and point out the low level of crime in countries like China, consider this. Any objective

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campaign headquarters in Nevada.

At 8:00 AM hoards of early-rising gun enthusiasts swarmed the huge room, and as they rounded the OPH corner, Neal enticed them to take the ten-question political survey, pointing out that they would be rewarded with the presence of a colorful dot representing their views on the big chart. Over the course of the six hour day well over a hundred people did take "the world's smallest political quiz," such that at peak periods all four clipboards (the kind with a pen attached by a chain) were in use.

It became a virtual assembly line of proselytization: Neal enticing, Doug explaining the libertarian philosophy with regard to the result, and Chris engaging in further discussion with those who scored in the Libertarian quadrant—which about fifteen percent did. All were offered an assortment of free libertarian literature addressing the various topics of our day, from drugs to guns to taxes.

As a further measure of success, the team decided to try a new technique: Instead of asking

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Notes from the Editor

Putting together this special outreach edition of the *Illinois Libertarian* has taken some time and effort. I hope the anticipation was worth it. Consider this issue equivalent to three issues—January, February, and March. I will get back on a monthly schedule starting in April. Many thanks to all the contributors, especially to Eric Banfield and Jeanette Clinkunbroomer for helping in the editing process.

of the Advocates for Self-Government will speak.

The Annual Meeting of the LPI will occur on Sunday afternoon. We elect new officers, nominate electors for president of the U.S., vote on proposed By-Law changes, and approve state-wide candidates. The officers urge all members to get involved. The more participation we have, the stronger our Party will become. There is no charge to come for the annual meeting.

The officers have made an effort this year to hold costs down—even operating at a loss, possibly—to encourage all members to come to this year's convention. We recognize that the Illinois economy is in tough shape and so the convention has been priced accordingly. For only \$25, a person can attend all events at the convention. This basic package includes no meals.

The keynote speech for the Saturday night banquet will be by André Marrou, the Libertarian Party's candidate for president of the U.S. His theme, "Abolish the IRS" is also his key issue for the presidential campaign. A fundraising pitch will follow for Illinois ballot access. The LPI needs to get 25,000 valid signatures to get André on the ballot. This requires time, which requires money. Let's help achieve 50-state Libertarian ballot status this time around by contributing both signatures and money to assure ballot access.

Vice-presidential candidate Nancy Lord will speak for the Sunday morning brunch on the hot topic of the year—health care. She will illustrate the problems with nationalized health care by addressing the failure of the

Kenneth Prazak

Carol Ann Rand

Meals:

Saturday night
fund-raising banquet

Sunday morning brunch

Parties:

Nomos party on Friday night
5th Cong. District LP Org. party
on Saturday night

Prices:

Basic package: \$25

Student Package: \$15

Full package: \$99

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Enterprise Institute will speak on free market approaches to environmentalism. Both Jeffreys and Baden are excellent speakers on the environment.

Aaron Zelman gives an interesting perspective on gun ownership in America in relation to biblical mandate, following the speakers on the environment.

Zelman, Baden, and Jeffreys will all speak on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday morning will feature two local libertarians.

Eric Banfield kicks off the convention with his cogent appraisal of the whole savings and loan mess: "The Ticking Taxpayer Time Bomb: Regulatory Fallout After the S&L Bailout." Eric is starting to receive quite a reputation among free market circles as a public policy expert—especially concerning financial matters.

Long-time activist Kenneth Prazak will speak on libertarian activism—why activism is so important now, and how to go about becoming more active.

Of course the annual *Nomos* party will be happenin' on Friday night—always a great time.

Saturday night, the Fifth Congressional District Regular Libertarian Party Organization will hold a reception after the fund-raising banquet. Meet the candidate who is going to bury Rostenkowski: Blaise Grenke!

The best thing about Libertarian conventions is the kinship and comradery developed by talking and partying with like-minded libertarians. Don't miss this one. Our time is now.

I believe that this is a very important issue that should be brought to the attention of the public. There is no doubt, in my mind, that I proved my case, otherwise the court would have handed down a decision long ago.

If you have any thoughts that might help, I would appreciate hearing them.

Your prompt response will be appreciated.

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microphone. The start, by Ken's microphone repeatedly asked him to let those other audience participants speak first. Ken waited patiently.

For two hours ABC paraded a pathetic bunch of sob-story cases to the microphones (recall the overweight diabetic), all demanding that someone else pay for their problems. Mr. Koppel occasionally "balanced" those comments with banterings from special interest groups and lame responses from token targets like insurers, doctors, lawyers, and politicians. The game was obviously rigged. The unrepresentative audience invited by ABC was heavily skewed in favor of "National Health Insurance" or "Universal Health Care." No libertarian views would be discussed. No one wanted to consider where the money would come from. No spontaneous comments would be allowed, no new ideas permitted. Ken stood waiting, but started getting fed up.

The viewing audience at home missed the highlight of the evening. During the last intermission, Ken ran up to the stage and yelled, "What about the free market, Ted? What about small businesses? All you've been doing is pandering to liberal crybabies!" Mr. Koppel politely asked him to go the microphone, saying he would call on him.

To my great surprise, he did, and Ken said something to this effect: "I'm self-employed, I'm one of the uninsured, and I don't want Universal Health Care. If you want to see an example in action, look at any V.A. hospital. That's universal health care, government run and universally hated." (Maybe those scenes from the movie, "Born on the Fourth of July" made an impact; the crowd was silent.)

Ken said he didn't want to pay for others' drug abuse, alcoholism, and in-vitro fertilization. He pointed out the mistaken premise of both liberals and conservatives: that we're in any kind of free market system now, adding that the problem is government,

attention is to let the audience learn that the libertarians they ignore are intelligent, articulate, and passionate. The incident might, however, make the host even more wary of taking unplanned audience comments.

Ted Koppel deserves maybe one handclap for letting Ken speak, but ABC gets a big thumbs down for the farcical ceremony it calls a "town meeting." The whole event showed that "Nightline" has no intention of putting on a rational debate with diverse opinions, preferring instead to pander to the emotions of the audience and feed them pap.

"Nightline" also showed that you can have a debate at one of the world's finest schools and still set it up to go almost all night without an intelligent comment. "Emergency! Health Care in America" was an insult to the University of Chicago, as well as all Americans.

(Ken Prazak and I would like to thank the Heartland Institute, and especially their Public Affairs Director, Gary Miller, for getting us tickets to the show.)

Eric C. Banfield is a freelance writer, speaker, and policy analyst. He is also an active member of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, and a sponsor of the Heartland Institute.

News Flash!

☆ **Andre Marrou wins in Dixville Notch, in the New Hampshire primary with 11 votes. Bush takes second with 9.**

enthusiastic libertarian scorers to put their address on a mailing list (which was deemed of limited value since the literature contains the party addresses. Most people don't wish to give their address without some thought first, and, most of all, the ultimate goal is their vote, not their address), the team would instead ask for their signature on a sacred pledge to vote Libertarian in the November election. Some felt that not a single person would be willing to do this—but they were proven wrong, as at the end of the day the sheet contained no less than nine signatures (not counting those of the team at the top)! When last seen, the crew was preparing for next week's gun show in Lake County, hoping that soon dozens of OPHes would be happening every weekend of this election year. "I highly recommend that any Libertarian who has the means, purchase one of these displays," said Doug. "They're fantastic. People are naturally drawn to it, and with the addition of a simple card table it is completely self-contained and portable." He also said that anyone who wishes to help with OPHes should call him, and that anyone who wishes to form their own OPH group is welcome to use his display when he is not using it. "This is an election year!" Doug said. "Now is the time for action!"

Doug can be reached at (312) 248-5759.

Henry George School Begins Winter Term

The Henry George School began its Fundamental Economics and Social Philosophy classes on January 6 through 8. Registration fee is \$10. The local school is run primarily by Libertarians. For more information, call 312-338-6698.

Two January 25 items (tollbooth collection accounts and credit card bus fares) in your Science & Society section prompt me to write. Both items illustrate how technology is used by the government to eliminate personal privacy.

Technology that preserves privacy could easily have been implemented in both domains, but was not. Eagerly assisted by our country's scientific establishment, this tracking of a citizen's every car or bus trip is yet another assault on our few remaining shreds of privacy. To these large institutions, it is not the revenue that matters, but the power they accrue from amassing personal information.

To whom will these states and cities proffer my personal data? Their previous actions would indicate my employer, the IRS, insurance companies, credit bureaus, law enforcement officers on fishing expeditions, jealous lovers, and hucksters (individual and corporate) seeking a quick dollar. What individual cares about possessing a record of his/her bus trips? None. It is "Big America" who cares, the better to traffic in personal data.

Though I love science, I can only view our country's scientific enterprise with gloom. The government coercively takes my money to fund yet more ways of annihilating my privacy. Scientists and engineers, ever willing to spend this money, aid and abet it. Is American science a liberator of our citizenry, or the partner of totalitarian interests?

Sincerely,

Joseph Schreiner

Chicago, IL

intended to organize outreach and protest activities across the state with a minimum of formal meetings or structure. Their State Representative will be Bob Prazak. The other new affiliate club is the Better Cities Committee of Illinois. This organization is a twenty year old not-for-profit corporation within Illinois which is intended to serve the LPI as a conduit for banking and media activities. Their state representative will be former LPI chair, Sue Walton (anyone interested in contacting special interest or local clubs should check the Directory in this issue of the *Illinois Libertarian* for contact names).

Also at this meeting, the SOC certified the LPI candidate for Congress in the 5th District. His name is Blaise Grenke, and he is on the ballot to face U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski. Blaise is a truck driver for Custom Freight in Bensenville. He lives in Chicago with his wife and children. He has formed a committee to handle his campaign that will be headed by Jeanette Clinkunbroomer of Palatine. Blaise is committed to a high visibility campaign, doing as much as possible to gather media attention to our beliefs and the failures of the current system. The SOC is very excited about having a candidate as strong as Blaise and has placed its full support behind his efforts. Money was appropriated at this meeting to help Blaise get the basics together. You will be hearing from the Grenke for Congress Committee soon; we urge you to help in every way possible.

The SOC reviewed financial data from the December Nancy Lord Dinner and found that this was a genuine success. The admission price was kept down to the minimum intending to break even on the dinner (this allowed maximum attendance) and the fund-raising portion of the evening was handled separately by Steve Givot, National Committee member and Barrington Hills resident. Both goals were achieved. The dinner broke even and Givot led us to a successful fund-raiser. The proceeds are earmarked for ballot access and petitioning costs later this summer.

clubs. Libertarian-related organizations such as The Heartland Institute, Henry George School, *Prairie Fire*, and *Nomos* Magazine will have tables, to name just a few. A perfect time to network with other libertarians and to get involved in new activities.

After the Open House ...

Join the staff and directors of *Nomos* Magazine for their annual:

Hospitality Suite

Normally, this party lasts until participants either leave or fall asleep. World problems solved. Donation requested.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 AM to 9:45 AM

Registration

9:50 AM

Welcome to the Convention:

Steve Reed, 1991-92 LPI State Chair

11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

"Getting Politically Active: Why and How" Ken Prazak



Ken, an LPI activist since 1981, is an at-large member of the Libertarian National Committee and has been editor of the *Illinois Libertarian* for several years. He prefers to do his 50-plus hours a week of libertarian activism and fighting government on

Monday through Friday, but we persuaded him to share his experiences on a Saturday.

12:15 PM to 1:45 PM

Lunch on Your Own

We made an effort this year to save participants money. Several alternatives are available:

The hotel features its own Plaza Cafe where lunches run an average of \$6 to \$7 per person.

A short walk to the north side of the expressway leads to Denny's and Mr. Beef on Higgins, across from the Marriott O'Hare.

Bennigan's and Ditka's are across Cumberland Avenue in the Presidential Plaza.

Going south on Cumberland finds TCBY, White Hen Pantry, and others. Fast-food restaurants are about 1 mile south at Lawrence.



movement's most published experts on the environment (in *Forbes*, *Wall Street Journal*, and elsewhere).

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

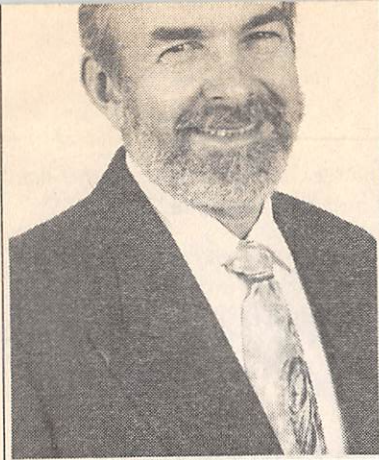
"Free Market Approaches to Environmentalism" Kent Jeffreys

Kent is with the Competitive Enterprise Institute; he holds a B.A. degree from Mississippi State University and a law degree from the University of Mississippi. He has appeared on the MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour, the Voice of America, and C-SPAN.

4:15 PM to 5:15 PM

"Minority Firearms Ownership and Liberty" Aaron Zelman

Aaron is executive director of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, based in Milwaukee. He contends that Jewish law demands people defend innocent life and have the means to do so. This heritage influenced the writers of America's Bill of Rights; yet



proceeds will go to LIFBAC, the Ballot Access PAC of the Illinois LP, in support of the Illinois ballot access petition drive that runs from May 1 to August 1. LIFBAC also raises money to help candidates with their campaigns. Please help support this most important

aspect of the Illinois 1992 campaign—if we are not on the ballot, we are disenfranchising ourselves.



comment on the failures of government control of your health care? Come hear our dynamic VP candidate dissect this hot topic for 1992.

Buffet will include French toast, cheese blintzes, bagels, salmon, scrod, scrambled

eggs, stir-fry chicken, breakfast pastries, juices, and coffee. We're famous for having good food. Join us!

Activism! That's what this annual convention is about. It's also about networking with other libertarians and making new friends. Enjoy!

What began as a lark five conventions ago (six, if you count the 1991 national convention in Chicago) has now proved to be both a habit and a profession, for me. So this is my last full planning venture for the LPI. We can use your help for future events—please let me know if you're interested. It's time to let someone else get the free lunches and other fun perks from interested hotel people ...

Yours for Liberty,

Sue Walton

Buffet will include Seafood Newburg, Pepper Steak, and Chicken Parmigiana as main courses, plus soup and several salads, an ice cream bar, assorted cakes and amaretto Mousse for dessert. (Start your diets now!)

Convention Prices

Postmarked by	March 22	After March 22
Full Package (all speakers and both meals):	\$99	\$120
Basic Package (all speakers; no meals)	\$25	\$25
Student Package (speakers only; student ID)	\$15	\$15
Saturday Banquet Only	\$45	\$55
Sunday Brunch Only	\$35	\$45

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South Suburban Local Club Planned

Frank Jannusch, Libertarian from the south suburban area, is forming a local Libertarian club. Anyone interested should contact him at 708-747-0413.

North Cook Libertarian Club

Upcoming meetings include:

February 13—Speaker Susan Udry from the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

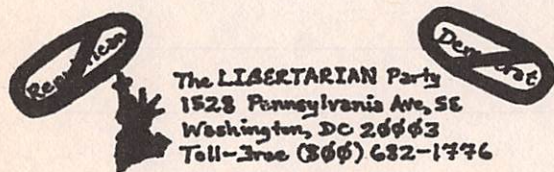
March 12—Showing a video tape on FBI spying on political dissidents called "The Price of Freedom," narrated By Ed Asner

April 9—Business meeting

All meetings start at 7:00 PM, at the Henry George School, 1772 West Greenleaf, Chicago, IL

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Thomas Jefferson



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PRESIDENTIAL TICKET '92

Presidential Electors Wanted

The LPI is looking for 22 electors to be listed on the petition for the state/presidential slate. An elector is the actual person who votes for president from a given state. The popular voters vote for electors not the president directly. In turn, the elector is honor bound to vote the preference of his state. In order to help with ballot access, we are asking those interested in being honored as a Libertarian elector to pledge obtaining 100 signatures, or donate \$75 to ballot access, or a combination of the two. For those interested, contact Steve Reed at 312-764-5828.

Blaise on Ballot

Garnering over 800 signatures, and with no one challenging, Blaise Grenke is now officially on the ballot for the March 22 primary for the new Fifth Congressional district. This is the district that Congressman Dan Rostenkowski is running in. It marks the first time that a Libertarian in Illinois is running in a primary. Blaise has no Libertarian opposition. He is asking for all the help—volunteer and financial—that he can get, running to win. Even though there is a Republican candidate, Governor Edgar has already virtually endorsed Rostenkowski for the election.

Wall Progress

Doug Wichman and Neal Reynolds report that they have garnered pledges of \$2500 for the Liberty Wall at North and Western, the amount required to paint and lease the wall for one year (through the November election). Doug and Neal thank all who are contributing. **The liberty sign will be painted!**

Lenny Grom	U.S. Congress
William Boland	U.S. Congress
Blaise Grenke	U.S. Congress

You should consider adding your name to this list.
You should consider being a candidate.

Please call one of the people on the following list to let them know of your interest in being a candidate and the office you are interested in.

You should consider being a candidate.

Libertarian Outreach the Grassroots Way

Every person that reads this has a sphere of influence—groups of friends, relatives, or co-workers who have some respect for your opinions. We all need to start "evangelizing to these people. We can double our membership if every one of us is successful in finding just one new member. And this would double our "evangelical" surface area! Think of all the new libertarian voters we might produce as a side effect of being so visible. I am convinced that the Marrou vote total will be 1,000 votes greater just from the contacts I have made.

This is a very simple thing to do, made easier by the fact this is an election year. Just be quick to identify a libertarian point when someone makes it, even when they are not speaking to you. More than likely, a conversation will ensue presenting many opportunities to make libertarian points and when the dust settles you may have a new member, and in the current political climate, almost assuredly a libertarian voter.

Paul Salander

South-Central Vice Chair

reported, over 80 percent of the property seized belonged to people who were never charged with a crime, much less convicted! Is this the kind of police state we want to live in, just so Bush always has some kind of "war going on to justify taking our money along with our once inalienable rights?

(Prohibition proved that spending tax money to try to prevent people from consuming certain substances simply results in more money ending up in the hands of organized criminals, which is then used to fund real crime.)

It is now clear the government's taking of American money (and lives) to decide which foreign dictator will be

free from government meddling in their lives.

If you're tired of being the welfare office and policeman to the world, or simply tired of the government deciding which domestic causes you should support with your earnings, I urge you to check out Marrou and Lord. Nancy Lord just gave a rousing speech at a Chicago banquet on Dec. 5, and she and Andre Marrou will be back in town in April.

Neal S. Reynolds

citizens are a target audience for Blaise's campaign, and if he can inspire their confidence, victory is a possibility. (Less than 60% of the 5th's registered voters turned out in 1990, and 21.5% of them voted Libertarian.) If you want to help, you can call Blaise at 312-252-0950.

Other 1992 "contenders" at the meeting were Neal Reynolds and Steve Berman, who have thrown their hats in the ring for state representative in their suburban districts. Lenny Grom stopped by briefly and hinted he may take on Phil Crane for Congress.

ABOUT THE PLEDGE

by Christopher Maxwell

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

This is the pledge that all members of the Libertarian Party are requested to sign on their membership applications.

Much ink has been spilled over this pledge, with objections that range from tactical to confused to downright silly.

Some newcomers read this and mistakenly think it means we are all pacifists. Some think it is just an attempt to convince the government that we aren't revolutionaries.

I have heard and read comments from several people who said they would join the party except for the pledge. I believe these people either misunderstand the pledge, or they misunderstand what it means to be a Libertarian.

Preventing a burglar from forcibly removing your property is not initiation of force. Resisting coercion is not

initiation of force. Self-defense is not initiation of force. Fighting tyranny is not initiation of force.

Coercive taxation for income redistribution is initiation of force. Conscription is initiation of force. Prohibition is initiation of force.

Allowing others to live their own lives in their own way and use their own money and property for their own purposes is the essential principle of Libertarianism. No one has the right to initiate force against anyone else for any reason, not us, not the government, not the Mafia, not the Crips.

I am for making the Libertarian Party as inclusive as we can. I would like as many people as possible to feel they can be part of the Libertarian Party. I won't argue with those who think we should drop or re-word the pledge for tactical reasons.

I will argue with those who object to the content of the pledge. Anybody who feels a need to preserve the option to force others to act the way they want them to is just not clear on the concept.

With these candidates and the many others who have accepted the challenge to run for office, the Demopublicans one day may look back at 1992 as the year Northern Illinois bolted from the fold!

Seriously, such commitment and talent deserve our support. The only way we're going to get good, viable candidates is to develop them through our own "farm system"—this is one method we can borrow from our competitors. All of our candidates need your support. Cash donations help, but giving a few hours of your time is often more effective and greatly appreciated.

COMING SOON. The February 18 meeting at the Northwest Club will focus on welfare. As Lenin said, "The quickest way to a man's head is through his stomach." How can Libertarians reverse this trend? PLEASE JOIN US!!

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Nancy Lord Tapes Available

An audio tape of Nancy Lord's excellent interview with (former) WLS talk-show host Stacy Taylor, is available. Nancy answered all of Stacy's questions with admirable skill. All calls into the station were positive, and the call-in board was fully lit the whole time. Nancy was so adroit at handling the questions and taking charge to make sure our 800 number was broadcast, Stacy at one point suggested seriously that she consider becoming a talk-show host. This tape is an excellent tool for outreach. To purchase, send a five-dollar check per tape to Lyn D. Tinsley, 822 Thacker, DesPlaines, IL 60016. Make the check out to the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Libertarian Activist Club member Jerry Ostry has finished editing the video tape of the Nancy Lord dinner. Cost and availability has yet to be determined, but if you are interested in a video tape of this excellent speech, call Ken Prazak, 708-810-1974.

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March 17

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM speech, Maggie Kohls on health care, at the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim (one quarter block south of Algonquin Rd.), DesPlaines, IL. This is also primary night. Celebrate Blaise Grenke's primary victory! Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 966-0565 for more information.

March 29

- **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.

April 5

- **Libertarian Party of Illinois Annual Meeting**, Sunday, 12:15 to 5:00 PM, at the O'Hare Plaza Hotel, Cumberland Ave. at the Kennedy Expressway, Chicago.

April 3-5

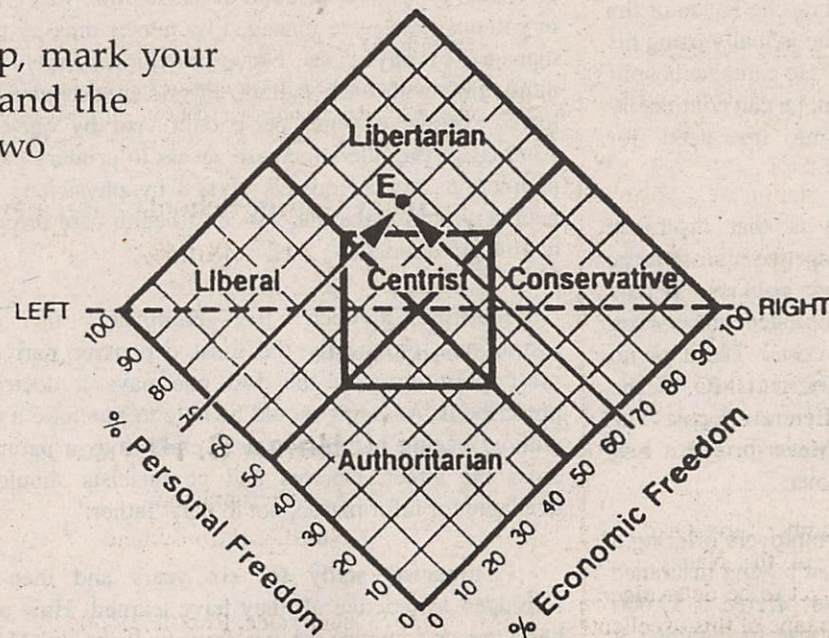
- **Libertarian Party of Illinois Annual Convention**, Friday through Sunday; speakers include André Marrou, Dr. Nancy Lord, Dr. John Baden, Kent Jeffreys, Aaron Zellman, Eric Banfield, Kenneth Prazak, and Carole Ann Rand. Location: the O'Hare Plaza Hotel, Cumberland Ave. at the Kennedy Expressway, Chicago. Call Sue Walton for more information, 708-475-0391.

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To find your home on the political map, mark your scores on the **Personal Freedom** scale and the **Economic Freedom** scale. From your two marked scores, follow the diagonal lines up and toward the center, to the point where they meet.

More alternatives exist than Left vs. Right! High scores on the scales show that you want people to run their own lives. And if they can't, you don't want them running yours!



Example:
Personal Freedom score 70, Economic Freedom score 65, locates at point "E."

This reform will encourage rational decisions by consumers. They will opt to pay for predictable expenses, like their yearly insulin supply or their annual cholesterol test, themselves. These are traditionally non-insurable events; they are predictable expenses. Without the 'benefit' of the current tax code, where insurance is 'free' to the employee and deductible to the employer, people would choose to reduce their insurance costs by buying no-frills insurance with higher deductibles, the same way they already do with car insurance.

The tax credit must be coupled with reform number two—the establishment of IMAs. Money would accumulate tax-free in an IMA, but it could be withdrawn—tax-free—at any time for medical expenses. The IMA gives even more control into the hands of the consumer than a tax credit because he is really using his own money to pay for medical care. He can also benefit by not using it. As his IMA builds up, he can continually increase his deductible, decreasing his need for insurance.

Another benefit of this plan is that insurance companies will become more competitive since they will be competing for individual policies. If the employer pays for all insurance, employees don't even know how much their insurance costs. There is no advantage to choosing the low-priced HMO if the employee doesn't get to keep the difference in cost. The HMO in turn has no reason to be lower-priced if low price is not an incentive to the consumer.

What I hope to see develop is employers offering a medical benefit allowance, rather than buying insurance for their employees. If the employer offered a \$3,000 allowance, one employee might choose to combine it with his own money and buy \$5,000 worth of insurance;

lower cost practitioner would do as well. You might want a mid-wife to deliver your baby; you might want a flu shot; you might want a broken arm set. These things could be done adequately by someone with less than 12 years of training.

"No one knows how many people the FDA is killing or crippling every year because it is impossible to estimate how many drugs are not being developed. Approximately 10,000 Americans died every year during the 1960s while waiting for the FDA to approve the propranolol drug for hypertension."

The Nurse Practitioner, published by the Illinois Nurses Association, reports that reduction in the degree of disability, discomfort, and dissatisfaction was greater in patients who were managed by nurses than by those managed by physicians. Nurse practitioners spent 50% more time with each patient. Physician extenders can lower average expense per-patient visit by one-third. Alternative providers increase access to primary care in populations not adequately served by physicians. The patient should make the choice of health care provider, not the government.

Reform number five—eliminate all drug restrictions. Frequently the most expensive part of a prescription drug is the \$40 one pays a doctor to prescribe it. An adult should be able to purchase a drug without asking permission as a child does a parent to cross the street. Doctors and pharmacists should be available for information, not to play 'father.'

Pharmacists study for six years and then are forbidden to practice all they have learned. How often has a person foregone the eye drops he knew would help or the hay fever medicine that would have made her

many drugs are not being developed. Approximately 10,000 Americans died every year during the 1960s while waiting for the FDA to approve the propranolol drug for hypertension. That's just one example. Patents on drugs run 17 years. After spending years in expensive research, a new drug is developed and patented. Now drug companies face eight more years of expensive testing before the FDA MIGHT approve it. If they finally get FDA approval, they have only nine years left to recover their years of development costs. Is it any wonder that drugs are so expensive?

But the cost is not the worst effect of the FDA. Today, no one is even looking for cures of diseases that affect only 500 people per year, because there is no way to recover the cost from so few patients and so much regulation.

Proper testing of drugs will continue without an FDA because of the threat of lawsuits. Meanwhile we will have access to drugs already used in Europe but illegal here, such as RU486 or dextran sulfate for AIDS patients.

Reform number seven—allow patients to waive their right to sue. As long as doctors are under the constant threat of malpractice suits, they are forced to practice medicine differently, defensively. A woman who wants a breast implant ought to be able to say, "I'm willing to take a 2% chance that something will go wrong, and I accept full responsibility for my decision." A patient dying of AIDS ought to be able to take any drug which promises some hope, whether it's fully tested or not.

Our medical system may not be perfect, but it is the best in the world. Increasing choice and reducing cost will make it better. Nationalizing it will not.

government expenditure nearly represents money confiscated from one productive citizen to another less so. How can I assert that people who receive government largesse are less productive than those from whom it is taken? One need only ask those people who get government grants or government subsidies how much time is involved in completing the necessary paperwork to qualify for those dollars, and it is easy to see they have little time left to be productive in whatever they are receiving the money to accomplish. Every tax dollar removed from the economy, where it could be spent voluntarily by the man or woman who earned it, is run through the ringer of government

our country.

The fourth government behavior contributing to the recession is the continual and growing use of government subsidies. The number of things that are subsidized in this country has grown at such a dizzying pace that in many cases, we are able to find things that are being subsidized on the one hand and lobbied against on the other by different parts of the government. Tobacco is only the most obvious example. Government subsidies, again, remove money from the hands of productive people who have earned it and put it in the hands of individuals who have not earned it. Those signals to the free market confuse market forces

with the problem, the chances are better than one hundred to one the problem will become worse once he has had his way. The Recession of 1991 (pray that it does not become the recession of the entire decade) is just one more example of how disastrous big government has become.

Occasionally, I sit back and wonder what Thomas Jefferson would think of his democracy today. The man who told us "that government is best which governs least" would not recognize the American Republic that he and his fellows created in the 18th Century. It is not a pretty sight but I always picture Thomas Jefferson with a tear in his eye. It is our job to wipe it away.

Welfare Reform (con't from page 2)

future, after which no new applications for AFDC would be accepted from unmarried mothers. I would see that this change in policy was well publicized before its implementation.

What would happen when this policy went into effect? Obviously there would be a great reduction in the amount of tax money needed for AFDC benefits, and lower taxes would be good for the economy. But, what about its effect on the people involved?

Would the country be haunted with the specter of homeless, hungry mothers and children? I don't think so. Remember that it is only new applications for benefits that are being eliminated. Benefits for mothers and children already on the rolls would remain until these people could be gradually weaned from welfare dependency.

Without welfare benefits, the prospect of unwed pregnancy becomes a serious problem for a woman as well as the father of her child, and their family. Fewer women would choose to let this happen to them and fewer men would be inclined to let this happen to their

partner. When it did happen, the man would be more likely to marry the mother of his child or at least to provide for the child's support. Teen pregnancy would put a financial burden on the teenagers' parents, so families would be more likely to encourage responsible sexual behavior in their children. The few unfortunate pregnant women who had no other resources or alternatives would be cared for in privately-funded homes for unwed mothers.

Working in the field as I do, I can anticipate the many objections that people would raise if such a change in welfare policy were implemented. It is not possible for me to list or to answer these objections in the space of this short article, but it is important that this be done. Any welfare reform measure will require broad support from the voters.

For now, I would recommend the following steps to promote a gradual reduction of welfare spending:

- 1) Oppose new government welfare programs by
 - (a) showing what the proposed benefits for one group would cost other groups in taxes and,

- (b) providing suggestions for private alternatives to them.

- 2) Propose and support changes in existing programs that would make them less likely to encourage irresponsible behavior in their recipients and to make them less costly to taxpayers.

- 3) Work toward establishing a dialogue with workers in the "helping" professions. Use reason and logic to persuade them that there are alternatives to government welfare programs. Make them our allies instead of our adversaries.

- 4) Use public-information campaigns to counteract the appalling economic illiteracy among American voters. Many of them never have taken an economics course, and most who have, have been indoctrinated with Keynesian fallacies. Begin to educate people in free-market principles so that they will be more likely to vote for sound economic policies.

These measures will enable the Libertarian Party to remain true to its principles while dealing with the political reality of an entrenched welfare system.



Operation Politically Homeless: the two-dimensional political chart, a more accurate way of analyzing the political spectrum.

LPI members march in the Independence Day Parade in Downers Grove, 1991. "Lady Liberty" was a big hit!



National LP Convention in the keynote speech.

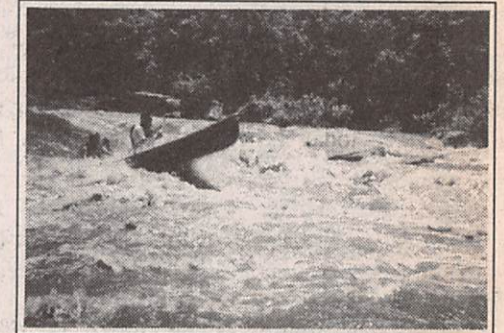


Local LPer Gary Shilts, looks on as presidential contender, Richard Boddie, talks to supporters at the national convention in Chicago.

Carpe diem!



Libertarian Party Vice-Presidential nominee Dr. Nancy Lord, speaks at a fund-raising banquet in December 1991.



Scott Tillman and Ken Prazak negotiate "Wildcat Rapids" during annual Vermillion River canoe trip.



Who needs fishing tackle? "Keeper" bass jumps in canoe during annual Vermillion River canoe trip.



DuPage clubber Steve Nelson, presides over the politically homeless display at the DuPage County Fair, July 1991.

Milo • Horn begins to set up LPI display at "Weedstock," a drug legalization fair in Black River Falls, WI.



or 1/92 as a unit of a specific weight of silver or its equivalent in gold. Is The Federal Reserve really a *private* banking syndicate?

Recently, House Banking Committee Chairman Henry Gonzales moved to require the first ever public audit of the Fed. He got only one vote (from Congressman Phil Crane) to even have hearings on the subject. So the master credit machine, incredibly, has never been audited.

In order to better understand how the system works, it is beneficial to reason by using honest terminology. For example, since a Federal Reserve Note (or a dollar) today, is an official monetary unit which consists of absolutely nothing (no intrinsic value), it would be better to call them Official Units of Nothing. Thus, understanding economics in terms of today's headlines becomes a lot easier.

George Bancrofts; today they speak through people like Jack Kemp, former Libertarian Presidential candidate Ron Paul, Congressman William Dannemeyer, Congressman Phil Crane, and economists Arthur Laffer, Murray Rothbard, and Harry Browne. Their voices *should* be heard...there *should* be an honest debate. But the news media blackout on the Money issue is deep—widespread.

What's to be done? Albert Schweitzer once said, "A new public opinion must be created privately and unobtrusively. The existing one is maintained by the press, by propaganda, by organization, and by financial influences which are at its disposal. The unnatural way of spreading ideas must be opposed by the natural one, which goes from man to man and relies solely on the truth of the thoughts and the hearer's receptiveness for new truth."

citizens while ignoring the holocaust of destruction by government is akin to standing in a lake being bothered by nipping bluegills while piranhas circle for the kill.

Yes, the nature of man includes the tendency of a few to commit crime. But most people know it is in their own self-interest as well as the right thing to do to behave in a lawful manner, respecting the rights of others as they would have others respecting theirs. When government is established to protect these natural rights, crime is held to a minimum. When it exceeds its natural mandate, and sanctions crime itself, the result is the holocaust of death and destruction that is the legacy of the Twentieth Century.

from the Libertarian Party Program

Libertarians want to see all Americans healthy and free of drug dependence. However, we recognize that criminal penalties for sale, transportation, possession, or use of drugs have not solved and cannot solve this problem. Similar penalties were tried when alcoholic beverages were outlawed over 60 years ago. The failure of this approach was recognized, and Prohibition was repealed.

Prohibition spawned organized crime. Today's drug laws keep it going. Criminal penalties for drug trafficking reduce supplies, force drug prices up, and make drug dealing very profitable. High prices lead to violent crimes committed by a small number of addicts who may steal or murder to feed their habit. Most victims of these crimes are innocent non-users.

Prohibition resulted in many deaths from "bathtub gin." Today we read of deaths from the use of

adulterated drugs. There is no difference. There is no consumer protection for impure, illegal drugs. Dead users cannot prosecute their suppliers.

The substance that causes the greatest problem is alcohol. The most physically damaging and most addictive is tobacco. For every death caused by the use of illegal drugs, there are almost 100 deaths caused by the use of alcohol or tobacco. Yet few suggest that either alcohol or tobacco should be banned.

The Libertarian Party does not advocate the use of drugs. The libertarian approach recognizes that the drug problem is worsened by the use of criminal law to attempt to halt drug use. However foolish people may be, they should have the right and the responsibility to determine for themselves what to put in their own bodies. The law should reflect that.

Solving the Drug Problem

The following reforms, which should be instituted immediately:

1) relegalize 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 that impede the establishment of private treatment drug programs.

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there will be no money in the Treasury to pay it off, so Congress will have to raise revenue (taxes)." Such a demand could be a painful burden for young working taxpayers and could push them to revolt concludes Spencer Rich in a Washington Post article reprinted in the Jan. 5 Chicago Sun Times.

So we finally have an admission of official fraud on the part of a high government official. Can an admission of official fraud on the income tax be next?...

Housing (con't from page 4)

Perhaps Horowitz can't help himself. He offers another dose of conventional wisdom: a war on unnecessary local-government regulations in housing construction. This is all well and good, but does not go far enough. Isn't it time to look elsewhere? Maybe building-site costs?

There is another dimension to the housing problem. It is the very real and present danger to continued widespread home ownership posed by the current form of the real property tax.

When either conservative or liberal pundits have broached this problem, they offer no better 'solutions' than do the populists and demagogues. They propose to 'freeze' or 'limit' either assessed values or tax rates, à la California's proposition 13.

Who among them, for example, has ever mentioned that the real estate tax is actually two taxes? That real estate consists of disparate components: land and improvements? That taxation affects each component differently? That the tax on improvements tends to inhibit improvement and maintenance, while the tax on the site tends to stimulate improvement?

Protecting Your Rights and nationwide VOCAL (Victims of Child Abuse Laws), headed in Illinois by Ken and Beverly Cooper, have gone about trying to collect their own information on DCFS. What these groups have learned—much of it unsubstantiated and from reluctant sources—is far from an endorsement of the agency's operations.

Citizens Protecting Your Rights charges that "DCFS does improper, shoddy or no investigations," and, "There is a failure to document and file timely reports." Hearn tells of cases where parents have been coerced into confessions of abuse and neglect under threat of having their children taken away from them. However, the names of the parents/victims are more often than not withheld by request.

Ken Cooper, father of seven children, became involved in VOCAL when one of his own daughters

Nor does he mention that an increasing number of home-buyers are singles and DINKs(Double Income—No Kids); nor that the number of home-buyers is decreasing.

Horowitz ought to read the letter from Douglas A. Benson of Waukegan (Illinois) in the Tribune's Voice of the People (9-2-91).

Benson advises, "Get out from behind your desk. Talk with people. Talk with wage earners trying to get by on the hourly rates of a factory job, a store clerk, or letter carrier. Talk with young marrieds with children trying to make ends meet on two paychecks; or retirees existing on Social Security, lifetime savings, and a part-time job."

Benson points out that first-time buyers need an income of \$45,000 a year to mortgage a \$106,000 house. How many families have incomes of \$45,000 a year?

program designed to grant even more power to the state in pursuit of child abusers, specifically, to stop abuse before it happens. Among other things, Burris suggested establishing "Crisis Nurseries" where children can be placed even before they are abused. (For what reason, if they have not been abused?)

Burris also wishes to distribute a Family Stress Checklist to obstetricians, pediatricians, and maternity room staffers. By means of this checklist, new and/or even expectant parents would be evaluated for their potential for child abuse. The day is approaching when being a parent will be allowed by permit only. The very last thing any moderately compassionate human being would do to an abused child is to toss him or her into the ruthless arena of power politics. Yet that is exactly what is happening. And not only children, but their parents, are feeling the sting of the state's abuse of this issue.

In her recitation of cities that have instituted anti-panhandling and anti-loitering laws, Ms. Wilkerson mentions only one—Santa Barbara—that has provided some place where the homeless can rest. If public officials were to use their smarts, they'd realize the need to provide a reservation for the homeless; a place where they can stay unmolested by the police.

One would imagine that think tanks would hire thinkers to find solutions to problems, rather than hire sophists to sweep problems under the rug.

As Wilkerson mentions, those with "conventional wisdom" haven't made a dent in solving the problem. Frustration has replaced the optimistic idea that more dollars for government programs would solve the problems of the poor. How unfortunate that this frustration does not lead to a demand to drop conventional wisdom.

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suggest such a change would increase employment, thus reducing the need for welfare for the poor. And further, I suggest that any city that dares to try this change will experience an increase in the number of housing units.

More jobs at better pay will do more to remove panhandlers and reduce homelessness than a whole

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