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37,500 Signatures turned In State Slate on Ballot



Clockwise from 7:00— Jeanette Muench, Ralph Miron, Mike Rosing, Andrew Spiegel, Ken Prazak, and Lenny Grom on Capital steps in Springfield.

A caravan of Libertarian candidates pulled into Springfield on August 3 and registered signed petitions to get on the ballot for the November election. 37,500 signatures were turned in for the state slate, which includes Andre Marrou and Dr. Nancy Lord for president and vice president; Andrew Spiegel for U.S. Senate; Kathy Kelley, Steve Givot, and Mike Linksvayer for University of Illinois Trustees; and the presidential electors. 25,000 valid signatures were needed to put the Libertarian Party on the ballot.

In a rather strange move, someone has challenged Kathy Kelley on a technicality. Her statement of candidacy form was a fax form and was challenged for that reason. Our attorney in this matter, Andy Spiegel, is confident that the challenge will be thrown out. Even if it is not, there is legal precedent for replacing

than the Democrats or Republicans need (500) to get on the ballot. Ralph is in the process of challenging this unfair law based on equal protection of the laws. If you would like to help financially with his lawsuit, call him at 708-668-7643.

State Senate candidates Dr. Michael Rosing and Kenneth Prazak filed their petitions without challenge and are on the ballot in November. Rosing is running for the 41st district and Prazak the 20th.

Kathy Kelley for U of I Trustee is Challenged on Technicality

Kathy with another person. Marrou, Lord, and Spiegel's candidacies will not be affected.

Our two congressional candidates, Ralph Miron and Lenny Grom, turned in petitions, but both were challenged. Ralph turned in 3,900, 1,100 less than required for a "minor" party, but plenty more

State Representative candidates who filed without challenge are Paul Salander, 76th district; Stephen Berman, 56th district; Ted Beckman, 18th district; and Ken McCracken, 39th district.

Christopher Maxwell (for state senate) and Glenn Olofson, 17th district state rep., were challenged. As Glenn filed more than the required amount of signatures that the Democrats and Republicans have to, he will challenge along with Ralph based on equal protection of the laws. Again, to help out Glenn or Ralph Miron, call Ralph at 708-668-7643.

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Illinois Congressman Supports Individual Medical Accounts

by Eric C. Banfield

The idea of Individual Medical Accounts, a health-insurance solution proposed by the Heartland Institute and others, is getting some attention in Congress. Illinois Congressman Robert Michel (R) is sponsoring HR 5325, allowing individuals a tax-free way to keep and save money they do not spend on health care. That earns him one point in libertarian policy circles.

And that's one of six similar bills, two of which are the House and Senate version of the Medical Cost Containment Act of 1992 (HR 5250 and SB 2873). Voters should ask their representatives to support these bills, including HR 4130, HR 4280, and SB 2540, unless they add ridiculous amendments or riders.

Maybe not the purest Libertarian proposal, IMAs do focus directly on a key problem and solve it by promoting individual autonomy. Also known as MediSave Accounts or Medical IRAs, these accounts would reduce bidding for needless services, provide for financial resources to cover medical expenses, and provide a portable account in case of job loss.

Tax policy is the only reason employers offer health insurance. They get a tax break individuals don't. That tax break means the firm takes what would otherwise have been an employee's wages and buys instead an expensive, low-deductible insurance policy that an individual would never choose if she had to pay the premium directly.

IMAs would allow employees to select a higher deductible, say \$1000 instead of \$200, and put the premium savings of about \$800 into a tax-free, interest-bearing account immediately-available to cover health costs up to the deductible. Insurance would kick in as usual for amounts over the deductible.

IMAs would have a "use-it-or-keep-it" feature, allowing individuals to accumulate any savings (from not using the account in a given year) over time. The insured would then have new incentive to be frugal with health care, shop more carefully, compare prices, and not use it to cover needless trips to the doctor for minor ailments or frivolous services. That would in turn reduce the bidding-up of prices at the routine-care level and reduce the administrative costs associated with small claims.

Best of all, if the employee loses her job, she can carry the account with her and use it to pay for medical expenses or buy interim or individual insurance coverage.

The cost would be the same to employers and employees, and consumers would have more freedom and responsibility to choose.

Chicago Economist Supports Marrou

by Eric C. Banfield

Jeffrey S. Given, economist at a major Chicago economics firm, has mentioned Libertarian presidential candidate Andre Marrou twice in his one-page weekly market commentary.

In his February 21 letter, writing about the New Hampshire primary, Given added, "And don't forget that Libertarian Andre Marrou won Dixville Notch, narrowly beating President Bush."

On May 15, discussing the balanced budget amendment, Given wrote "there ought to be a law, alright: a law against Congress," and suggested, "After all, we've already fought one revolution over taxation without representation; why not another one?"

Given's July 31 commentary suggested, "Perhaps some attention should go to the plans of Libertarian candidate Andre Marrou, who wants drastic reductions in three major areas: taxes, regulation on business, and federal spending. He also wants to privatize Social Security, move toward a Medical IRA system, and quickly implement a school voucher program."

Given also pointed out that the media ignored Marrou and focused on Ross Perot (before he quit his presidential bid) because Perot is rich and Marrou is not. As Marrou said on C-Span, "We libertarians have all the ideas and no money, while Perot has lots of money and no ideas."

The Libertarian Party of Illinois welcomes Mr. Given's support, which also included contributions and petition signatures to support the ballot-access effort.

Quote

"If there ever was a time to question every type of institution and authority figure, now is the time."

Susan Sarandon on "Entertainment Tonight"

September 2, 1992.

Correction

On page one of the August issue, it was mistakenly stated that the Libertarian Party had been in existence since 1991. It should have read 1971. We regret the error.

Book Review

Ruwart's Breakthrough Outreach Book

Healing our World, The Other Piece of the Puzzle, by Dr. Mary Ruwart, 279 pp., SunStar Press, P.O. Box 342, Kalamazoo, MI 49005, \$14.95

Reviewed by Lyn D. Tinsley

After reading libertarian literature for many years, I often find that my mind wanders or I doze off while reading yet another piece.

Not so with *Healing Our World, the Other Piece of the Puzzle!* As an outreach tool, it stands right beside David Bergland's masterworks, *America's Libertarian Heritage* and *Libertarianism in One Lesson*. As a refresher for Libertarians, it's a book to clear the mind and to inspire. Dr. Ruwart's incisive handling of a vast amount of information washes away a lot of the clutter in which we so often get bogged down.

She limns out the natural harmony of our "marketplace ecosystem" and its unlimited potential for nurturing life, for enabling every one of us to increase our individual and collective well being. She shows how, without exception, aggression disrupts the harmony and blocks us from realizing our dreams. And if we're poor, she shows how the resultant harm can destroy our capacity for dreaming.

Although she writes with the clarity of a scientist, the book's greatest strength is her artistry. *Healing our World* is composed like a great symphony. The overture is the first two chapters: "The Golden Rule" and "Wealth Is Unlimited."

The theme, the principle of non-aggression with its corollary, restitution (the other piece of the puzzle), rings out again and again. Upon it she weaves a highly articulated tapestry that reveals the interconnections of all our world's ills and illuminates their cause—our failure to live by the principle of non-aggression.

Building, chapter by chapter, Dr. Ruwart amply illustrates the effects of aggression-by-government, i.e., licensure,

monopoly, subsidies, and forced use; and never lets us forget that we allow government to aggress in our name.

Her approach is totally benevolent. Condemning no one, she constantly appeals to all to "honor our neighbor's choice," and to see justice as the aggressor making the victim whole rather than being punished.

She entices with glimpses of what the world would look like without aggression—buttressed by historical evidence of the happy results of non-aggression when and where it prevailed for a time.

This is a book that will speak to many people who are not interested in or are disgusted by politics, people who would not be drawn to a book about "libertarianism" or "right public policy." It speaks to the heart, to our common sense, to the basic morality that we were all taught as children—Do no harm, and if perchance you harm another, make it right. It can reach those who know there is something very wrong in our country but who have no idea what it is. Mary Ruwart has spelled it out for them, and she has clarified the message for us.

The l-word isn't mentioned until the last chapter, but there the reader is referred to the Libertarian Party and many other organizations that advocate non-aggression.

To this old warrior in the ideological/political wars of the past two decades, Mary Ruwart's clear simple message of love and respect for all people is a very big breath of fresh air.

Get the book. Order several copies. Read, enjoy, be inspired, and give copies to friends.

Lyn D. Tinsley was a founder of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, has been editor of the *Illinois Libertarian*, and past LPI State Chair.

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ERIC BANFIELD has addressed The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, The University of Chicago, and Libertarian Party Conventions; testified at Health Insurance Public Hearings and the Illinois State Legislature; and has appeared on "Business Newsmakers" on WCIU-TV, "Equal Time" on WBEZ-FM, and other radio shows.

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Let's Get Serious

by Kenneth Prazak, Spiegel for Senate Campaign Manager

Now the real campaign begins. We've gone through three months of ballot-access nonsense. We've spent countless hours petitioning and even more countless dollars paying petitioners. I, for one, although confessing to a perverse joy of petitioning, must admit I wish we didn't have to go through such nonsense. Hopefully we won't have to again.

It is up to all of us to ensure that this is the last time for ballot-access petitioning.

Yes, we've been working hard to date, but alas, that energy is nothing compared to what is needed to get the five percent of the vote statewide that is needed to make the Libertarian Party of Illinois an official party in the state's eyes—an official party that no longer has to go through the ballot-access blues.

We need to commit. With time and money.

The Spiegel for Senate campaign needs volunteers. The direct mail firm, Mail Managers, Inc. has agreed to do our mailings at cost. So that frees direct mail volunteers to help in more direct ways with the campaign. We need people to distribute literature—in their precincts, at fairs, parties, gatherings. At coffeees that they host for family and friends.

We need people to write letters to the editor. We need help in writing position papers. We need people helping line up radio talk shows and television public affairs programs.

We need people displaying bumper stickers, buttons, and yard signs.


We would like to run television and radio ads downstate where we believe our greatest strength lies.

Andrew Spiegel resides in Glen Ellyn with his wife, Roxanne, and two children, Bradley and Emily. He is an attorney with an office in Wheaton. Andy has defended many people against the slings and arrows of the IRS. Andy obtained a black belt in Tae Kwon Do in 1986. As part of the discipline, he is sworn to be a champion of freedom and justice.

Andy is concerned with the growing encroachment of government power and believes government is the problem not the solution to the problems of today.

"The Republicrats are directly responsible for the growth of government and the warfare/welfare state," says Andy. This growth has brought our country to the brink of economic ruin."

"I am running to help restore liberty by reviving individual rights and responsibilities. This can only be achieved by reducing the size and control of government over our lives."



We need to get the word out. Andrew Spiegel is the only viable candidate for U.S. Senate in Illinois who would lower taxes and government influence in our lives.

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Spiegel Appearances and Press

- The Lisle Sun*, April 9
- We, the People**—Sauk Village May 21
- Roselle Rose Parade**, June 7
- Korean Times*, interview—June 10
- Downers Grove Heritage Fest**, June 28
- Downers Grove Independence Day Parade**, July 4
- DuPage County Fair**, July 24, 26
- Springfield Press Conference**, August 3
- Illinois Public Radio**, carries press conference numerous times throughout the state the week of August 3
- St. Louis Post Dispatch*, Aug 4
- Springfield Journal*, Aug 4
- Peoria Journal Star*, August 7
- Wheaton Journal*, August 5
- Mendota Corn Festival**, August 9
- Kane County Chronicle*, August 29
- Daily Illini*, Urbana, interview, September 1
- Mendota Tri-County Fair**, September 6
- Serbian Labor Day Picnic**, 6,000 people, September 7
- North Cook Libertarian Club**, September 10
- Studio 202 radio program**, 1330 AM, September 13
- Northwest Libertarian Club**, September 15
- Meeting with potential donors**, September 16, 17
- Radio interview with Rollye James**, WROK Rockford, September 22
- Urbana/Champaign appearance**, October 10

Serious Campaigning (con't from previous page)

I do believe this campaign can take off. Way beyond the five percent. Way beyond our wildest dreams. But we have little time to accomplish such a goal. We need to act now. We need to support the campaign now.

To support all of this campaign activity takes money. Lots of it. Although our cost-per-vote historically is a lot less than the Republicans and Democrats, they have access to a lot more money. So we must make up for it with a higher commitment.

When Ralph Miron, Helen Heyden, and I approached Andrew Spiegel to run for U.S. Senate, we were merely looking for a candidate to do the bare minimum. Respond to the questionnaires and go to the candidate forums. Andy agreed to the minimum and to my pleasant surprise, has delivered a maximum effort. Andy is running a full-fledged campaign. As you can see from the adjacent block, even during the ballot-access process, Andy has already made many appearances. But that was just cruising speed. Now that Labor Day is arriving, we intend to charge in to the campaign full speed ahead.

I have watched Andrew Spiegel for years. I always knew he had courage. He has defended tax resisters where no other lawyer has dared to tread. He has stood up to the federal prosecutors and the federal judges. He has fearlessly stood up for the Libertarian Party on the Oprah Winfrey Show and the Aaron Freeman Show—before he was even a member.

Andy is defending our candidates who were challenged because of the unfair ballot-access laws. He is taking on other cases for Libertarians at a fraction of what he would normally charge.

So Andy is not only courageous but is also steadfast and hardworking.

And he does all this with an engaging, youthful smile.

To top it off, Andy is one smart cookie. Many times I have come across an impasse in communication that he deftly transforms into plain, clear, rational, and convincing English.

We are quite lucky to have Andrew Spiegel run for Senate under the Libertarian banner.

Opportunity knocks. Please respond.

Spiegel for Senate 10-Point Plan

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| 1) Reduce Federal government 45%
Repeal the income tax. | 6) Cultivation not manipulation of the economy. |
| 2) End Prohibition Now! | 7) Privatize education; charitize welfare. |
| 3) Bring our troops home including all POW/MIAs | 8) Enact the Fully Informed Jury Amendment. |
| 4) Protect the environment through strict property rights. | 9) Abolish the Federal Reserve System |
| 5) Limit congressional terms. | 10) Restore the right to keep and bear arms. |

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Register and vote Libertarian in 1992

Join the freedom movement today!

“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence—it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”

George Washington

Letters in other Publications

Kane County Chronicle August 29, 1992

Libertarians Offer an Alternative

Instead of continuing to report on a non-candidate who insists he doesn't want to be president (Ross Perot), the Chronicle should start covering the candidates who represent a real choice and a real voice for individual rights and personal responsibility—Libertarian Party nominees Andre Marrou for president and Andrew Spiegel for U.S. Senator from Illinois.

Former Alaska representative Marrou and his running mate, Dr. Nancy Lord, are conducting an active, national campaign, and will appear on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Spiegel, a Glen Ellyn resident with a Wheaton-based law practice, specializes in defending taxpayers against the Internal Revenue Service.

The Libertarian Party and its candidates offer us a consistent and principled platform, based on individual liberty, which calls for reduction of government intrusion in nearly every sphere of American life.

Libertarians take seriously the "self-evident truths" of the Declaration of Independence; that is, we are all endowed with unalienable rights and "that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Libertarians offer a program that will help us build and preserve a peaceful, prosperous and just society based on respect for individual rights and commitment to personal responsibility—a society in which the government's only proper role is to guarantee and secure our natural rights to life, liberty and property.

Our current government at every level monopolizes a vast variety of activities that would be better provided by the private sector through the voluntary cooperation of the free market rather than through the coercive methods of government.

George Washington was right when he observed: "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence. It is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

More information of Libertarian candidates and their ideas is available by calling the Spiegel for U.S. Senate Campaign at 510-8444.

Mark Smith

St. Charles

Peoria Journal Star August 15, 1992

Fringe Politics? JS did a great party and good journalism a grave disservice

Lumping the Libertarian Party—the third-largest and fastest-growing political party in the United States since its inception in 1971—in a derisive, opinionated article on fringe politics does a great party and good journalism a grave disservice.

Toby Eckert is either unaware or unwilling to admit that Republican state representatives have switched their party affiliation to Libertarian. Or that Andre Marrou, the Libertarian's 1992 presidential candidate, outpolled all challengers in Dixville Notch, N.H., the first poll in the nation—during a primary contest in which he didn't have to run. Or that the Journal Star itself endorsed Ed Clark, the 1980 Libertarian candidate for president! (Why, then, aren't Libertarian Party candidates and Libertarian positions listed as options to the *Journal Star* Voters' Forum?)

Evidently the principles of reduced government intervention in our wallets and our lives were valid in 1980 but not today, in the face of soaring deficits, broken pledges on taxes, burgeoning regulation and increased harassment of citizens.

On a level playing field, the Libertarian principles of economic justice and personal responsibility will win.

However, the reason why "the two-party system appears unshakable" is that the aforementioned two parties have stacked ballot-access laws against third parties. Third parties are thus forced to spend their meager resources merely to get on the ballot rather than in challenging the status-quo candidates and tired rhetoric of entrenched Demopublicans and Repubocrats.

I, for one, have had quite enough of these "bland, predictable politicians" whose predictable duplicity Eckert evidently prefers. I shall vote Libertarian this year, and I encourage those who know me to do so as well. It will not be a wasted vote, or a fool's errand. When my children see the economic and regulatory mess we have left for them, and ask me, "Daddy, why didn't you do something about this?" I will be able to look them in the eye and say, "I did."

Robin J. Miller

Peoria

More Letters

Downers Grove Reporter August 19, 1992

Law Victimizes Property Owners

Well, I see the Downers Grove Village Council has joined the ranks of the insane in this topsy-turvy world. Where there's a crime, blame the victim.

The unanimously approved new ordinance that makes a victim of graffiti liable for clean-up is totally absurd, practically unworkable, and completely unconstitutional.

What kind of message are we sending to the punks that deface property? Go ahead; keep it up; you're not responsible.

It is no wonder that this once great country of ours continues to deteriorate—from our dwindling economy to the collapse of respect for the rights of others. Instead of punishing the wrongdoers, politicians punish the victim.

If people don't want to work for a living, reward them with welfare, and tax the producer of wealth to ever greater amounts.

If people are ignorant enough to abuse drugs such as alcohol or tobacco, instead of holding them accountable, sue the tavern owner or hold the tobacco company liable.

If some punk defaces someone's property, ignore the tort, and fine the victimized property owner.

What's next?

Maybe we should take away the right to vote from citizens who mistakenly vote for Bozos like the members of the Downers Grove Village Council.

Should not abused wives be beaten for encouraging abuse from their husbands?

And certainly rape victims should where the letter "A" for allowing their attacker to rape them.

To the extent that individual responsibility becomes a waning value in America, America itself will degrade accordingly. It's time to renew the values of individual freedom and individual responsibility. There is no chance that the present political leadership at any government level will do this. The Republicrats don't have a clue. It's time for real change. It's time for the Libertarian alternative.

Kenneth Prazak

Libertarian Party candidate for State Senate, 20th district
Downers Grove

Springfield Filing, (con't from page 1)

After filing, the candidates held a joint news conference at the Capital building press room. AP, the Springfield Journal Star, and the St. Louis Post Dispatch covered the conference along with Illinois Public Radio, which rebroadcast the press conference numerous times throughout Illinois. A reporter from the Peoria Journal Star also covered the event and subsequently trashed us, but was followed up by a good letter-to-the-editor by Robin Miller (See letter in "Letters in Other Publications").

The candidates presented the libertarian philosophy in a well-rounded fashion, with each candidate covering a different area. (This wasn't planned—"spontaneous order" was in operation.) Andrew Spiegel covered taxes and the New World Order; Ralph Miron covered taxes, fundamental values, and pro-life; Michael Rosing covered legalization of hemp; Ken Prazak talked about what it means to live free and how the government prevents it through taxation and regulation; Paul Salander talked about the unfair ballot access laws, and Lenny Grom talked about the welfare/warfare state.

The candidates enjoyed an interesting and productive trip. Many thanks go to Jeanette Muench for organizing the trip and press conference. As an added plus, Jeanette managed to get the LPI registered as a civic organization. That means that we can now become deputy registrars and register people to vote.

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CONCERT CROWD ADORES LIBERTARIANS

Hundreds of rock fans at the "Lollapalooza '92" concert, held August 2 at the World Music Theater in Tinley Park, fought for space at the Libertarian Party of Illinois table.

"They were practically tearing the surveys out of our hands," noted Maggie Kohls, one of the table managers. The table was packed for a solid seven hours.

"At least three out of five came out as solid libertarians when we plotted their responses on the diamond chart, and at least five percent got perfect libertarian scores," reports Eric Banfield. "And when they saw they were at the top of the chart, they cheered, 'All right! I'm a libertarian!'" About one-eighth of the 275 people surveyed came out as liberal, another eighth as centrists. Three came out as authoritarians, and one poor soul came out as conservative, rare in that type of crowd.

The audience, upset by recent government efforts to censor music, was thrilled to learn of the Libertarian Party's strong stance against censorship, acknowledging that Democrats are no longer on their side and Republicans never were. The Libertarian flyer warned that Washington State already has formal legislation against free musical expression, that Illinois is considering similar moves, and that Democrat vice-presidential candidate Al Gore's wife, Tipper, supports a pro-censorship group called the Parent's Music Resource Center. Young music fans consider the PMRC one of their worst enemies.

Working in the "political and social awareness" tent, the table managers report that they passed out about a thousand anti-



Lollapalooza concert goer fascinated by Maggie's explanation of the diamond chart.

censorship flyers, and about as many brochures and outreach newsletters. Other groups, such as Amnesty International and People for the American Way, also ran tables in the tent.

The LPI shared a quarter of its table with the Illinois Marijuana Initiative, a state pro-hemp legalization group. That's another issue very popular with rock fans. Angela Farris of IMI collected names and addresses of people who wanted more information, and Wendy Allen said IMI will share the list with LPI. The LPI table was also lucky enough to be situated right next to the table set up by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, and right across from the "Rock the Vote" table, a group that registers voters at concerts.

A surprising number of the fans, mostly aged 15 to 35, were aware of the LP and our presidential candidate Andre Marrou, and wished us good luck in the coming election.

Answering another survey, 208 concert-goers gave the following responses to the question, "How often does the government do a good job?" Forty-two percent said "never," 45% said "once in a while," 11% said "half the time," and 2% said "most of the time" or "always."

LPI sent news releases on the event to WXRT Chicago (93.1 FM), one of the show's main sponsors, and to *The Illinois Entertainer*, a monthly music publication whose editorials often mention some libertarian principles.

Mendota Corn Festival

Local Libertarian candidate for state representative, Paul Salander and Libertarian U.S. Senatorial candidate, Andy Spiegel, marched in the Mendota Corn Festival parade on August 9. Libertarians were greeted warmly, especially local favorite, Paul Salander. Paul is an elected official in La Salle County as a township supervisor. He is very popular, his opponents for state representative are not. It looks like Paul has a great chance of winning this race if he gets the support he deserves.

Others helping distribute literature during the parade were Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, Karen Myers, Helen Heyden, and Ken Prazak.

10 Ways to Get Active

- 1) Write Letters to the editor
- 2) Distribute literature
- 3) Display bumper stickers, buttons, or yard signs
- 4) Write position papers
- 5) Organize and attend protests
- 6) Participate in fair booths
- 7) Contact talk shows
- 8) Line up talk shows for candidates
- 9) Help out with mailings
- 10) Support candidates and the Libertarian Party financially

The Health Police

On the morning of May 6, 1992, the FDA with support from the King County Policy in Washington state, raided the office of Dr. Jonathan V. Wright, M.D., the world's foremost practicing physician in nutritional medicine. The FDA busted down his door, despite the landlord's willingness to open the door with his key. Or they could have knocked on the door and nursing staff would have let them in. Further they came in with guns drawn, escorting out both patients and staff. No one, including Dr. Wright or his attorney were allowed in. (By 10 PM, the FDA had completely cleaned out his office, essentially placing four doctors out of work)

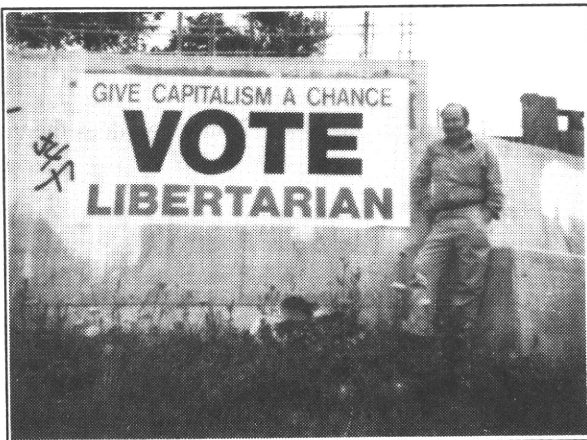
The operable warrant gave the FDA the authority to seize twelve specific brands of injectable vitamins, including "B-Complex Vitamin." They also seized a galvanic skin machine. That's it. Yet they took all of his records, computers, rolodex,

patient fields, anything that was not nailed down, even medical equipment that patients rely on to stay alive.

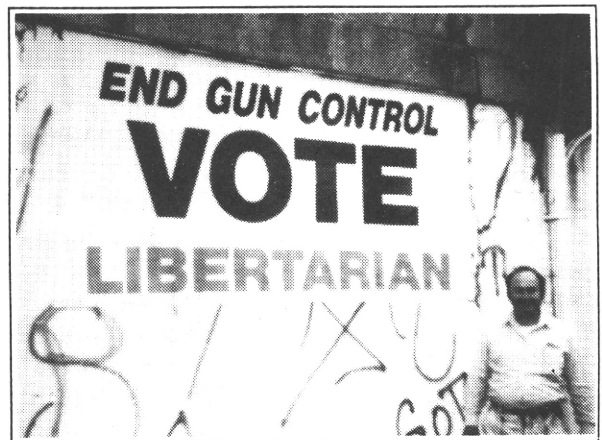
Within hours, news spread like wildfire. The same day, as the news spread, Dr. Wright was in the studio of one of the top talk shows in the U.S., from 4 to 7 PM on the Mike Segal Show.

Dr Wright has a medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1969, and pre-med at Harvard Medical School. He was licensed since 1970, and practiced in Kent, Washington since 1972.

Concerned citizens are urged to contact your Congressmen protesting such action and to urge opposition to a bill that would give the FDA even broader police powers, H.R. 3642/S2135.



Irving Park Rd. by the Kennedy Expressway



Grand and Homan

Spreading the Message

Professional sign painter David Travis and Lila Pifer are busy peppering the Chicago neighborhoods (on "public property" of course) with Libertarian signs.

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Club Events and Party News

CLUB NEWS

Better Cities in August discussed joining the activist group IVI (Independent Voters of Illinois). They will be holding a meeting in St. Louis, October 10, 1992. They have agreed to sponsor a "student" club at Loyola University. What a great project and commitment for a club to undertake!!! Congratulations Better Cities.

North Cook needs to leave its permanent home at the Henry George School because they are growing and need a larger place. Their next meeting will be at Carmen's Pizza and then they will try the Holiday Inn in Evanston. What a terrific problem to have.

The Illinois Libertarian Business Alliance keeps growing in their membership as well.

The Northwest Chapter members are starting to plan their Christmas Party. Some clubs are just too organized.

Free-Market Feminists of the Libertarian Party is a new statewide support group that has been organized. If you are interested, contact Helen Heyden (708)529-1551 or Lyn Tinsley (708)297-8219.

There is some interest in forming a **Lake County for Libertarians Club**. If you live in Lake County and would like more information contact Jeanette Muench(708)381-2369.

STATE OFFICERS recently went down state to Springfield to meet with downstaters. Eric Banfield joined Mike and Toy Dixon, Jeanette and Bill Muench, and Helen Heyden in greeting downstate members on August 22nd. One of the main points featured speaker Eric Banfield made at the gathering was that one does not need the permission of anyone on the organizing committee of the Libertarian Party of Illinois to get active. Writing articles, letter to the editor, or publishing a position paper; placing ads; wearing a t-shirt, pin, or jacket; putting a bumper sticker on your car; having a meeting; working a fair booth, street sale, or passing out literature; conducting a survey and publishing the results in the local newspaper; talking on a talk show; putting up a sign in your front yard—these are all effective ways of activism. JUST DO IT! The more we can get the word Libertarian in front of the public the better our chance to get over 5% of the vote. YOU CAN DO IT!! Now is the time for all of us to push our party as much as we can.

Eric also discussed how state health insurance regulations explain half of the uninsured population.

VOTER REGISTRATION is a possibility for members of the Libertarian Party of Illinois. We are now certified as a bona fide State Civic Organization for voter registration purposes with the State Board of Elections. But as we all know, the state workers thrive on forms and procedures as well as regulations, so the next steps involve contacting people who wish to serve as Deputy Registrars in their County. They then must take the required training. So if you are interested in registering people to vote, please call Jeanette Muench(708) 381-2369 and she will help you become a certified deputy registrar.

SOC Votes to Back Defeat of Berman Amendment

The State Organizing Committee of the Libertarian Party of Illinois voted unanimously to work for the defeat of the Berman Amendment, which would raise state income taxes, and take local control away from the government school system. The Amendment mandates that state government be responsible for over 50% of the funding of education in Illinois. Governor Edgar estimates that if passed, it will cost the taxpayers of Illinois 1.8 billion dollars per year more in taxes.

Voters will vote on this amendment in the November election. National Taxpayers United of Illinois is spearheading the effort for defeat. If you would like to help, contact NTUI at 223 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1202, Chicago, IL 60606 or call at 312-427-5128.

First Lesbian & Gay Caucus Meeting

The Libertarian Party's Lesbian & Gay Caucus will hold its first public meeting Thursday, September 17, 7:30 PM, at Ann Sather's Restaurant, 929 W. Belmont, Chicago. Food and drink may be optionally ordered during the meeting.

The meeting's agenda will include discussion on how the Libertarian Party's advocacy of personal freedom supports lesbians and gay men; support for Libertarian presidential & vice presidential candidates Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord, and local Libertarian legislative candidates; and future caucus meetings.

The Libertarian Party advocates maximizing individual liberty and responsibility, and minimizing government intrusion into both personal and economic freedoms. This advocacy enlarges the traditional political spectrum by creating a new dimension, Libertarian vs. Authoritarian. In contrast, the traditional Left supports personal freedom, but opposes economic freedom. The traditional Right supports economic freedom, but opposes personal freedom.

For more information regarding the Lesbian & Gay Caucus, contact Joseph Schreiner at 3023 N. Clark St., #149, Chicago, IL 60657, or call 312-929-9538.

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

September 10

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:00 pm, at Carmen's Pizzeria, 1012 Church St., Evanston, IL. Andy Spiegel, Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate is speaker. Call Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391, for more information.

September 14

- **DuPage Libertarian Club**, Monday, 6:30 pm, at the Fox Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, IL. Meets the second Monday of this month due to the Labor Day holiday. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708-969-1088.

September 15

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 pm dinner, 8:00 pm, speaker — Andy Spiegel, Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd, Des Plaines (1/2 block south of Algonquin Rd.) Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565 for details.

September 19

- **Illinois Convention of the National Organization for Women**, Saturday. The LPI will have a booth at this gathering in Peoria, IL, and needs help "womanning" it (although we don't discriminate.) Contact Dr. Helen Heyden, 708-529-1551, or Lyn Tinsley, 708-297-8219 to volunteer.

October 5

- **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.

October 8

- **North Cook County Libertarian Club**, Thursday, 7:00 pm, Carmen's Pizzeria, 1012 Church St., Evanston, IL. Precinct work for State Rep candidate, Ted Beckman. Call Bill Judson, 708-475-3746, or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391 for more information.

October 17

- **Tax Protest**, Saturday, 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Daley Center, Chicago, IL, sponsored by "Citizens Against Government Waste." For more info, call Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

October 20

- **Northwest Libertarian Club**, Tuesday, 7:00 pm dinner, 8:00 pm, speaker. A representative from National Taxpayers United of Illinois will discuss the proposed Berman Amendment, which would increase state income tax to fund public schools. At the Silver Stallion Restaurant, 1275 Lee/Mannheim Rd., Des Plaines, IL (1/2 block south of Algonquin Rd.) Call Jeanette Clinkunbroomer, 708-966-0565 for information.

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