



## "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 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.

## Activism: Now is the Time

### Libertarian Party of Illinois State Convention, April 3-5

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 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

### 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  
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

#### Annual Meeting: Sunday afternoon

More info: call, 708-475-0391  
or fax, 708-475-3776

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 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.



**A Letter to:**

Illinois Valley Libertarian Assoc.

1218 Henrietta

Pekin, Ill. 61554

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?

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.

Respectfully,

Richard M. Boalbey

512-23rd Street

Rock Island, Illinois 61201

**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 microphone. The staffer 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,

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.

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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 talking on the air, Ted Koppel and his audience learned 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.)

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**News Flash!**

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

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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.

## Operation Politically Homeless (con't)

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.

## To the editor, *Science News*

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.



# 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

### "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, such as ballot access, street fairs, and local 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**

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### "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 Sanwa Bank, Chicago Branch.

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.

1:45 PM to 2:45 PM

### "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 of the libertarian 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



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)

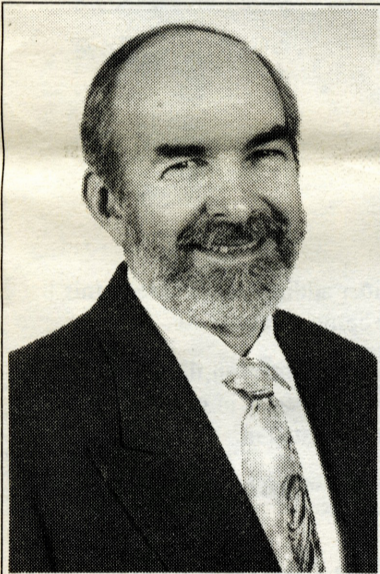
7:00 PM

**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.



All fundraising 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.

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!)

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 a lawyer—to 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!

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 Planner ...**

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

**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	\$35

Please make your checks payable to: the Libertarian Party of Illinois. No confirmations will be sent; your cancelled check is your receipt. Mail to: Libertarian Party of Illinois, P.O. Box 313, Chicago, IL 60690. For more information, please call (708) 475-0391 between 7:00 am and 9:30 pm daily, or fax us at (708) 475-3776.

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## 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.

### 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

### 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.

### 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!**

### 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
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.

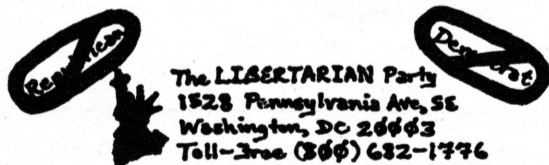
This is a very simple thing to do, made easier by the fact this is an election year. Just be quick to identify a libertarian point when someone makes it, even when they are not speaking to you. More than likely, a conversation will ensue presenting many opportunities to make libertarian points and when 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

**THAT GOVERNMENT IS BEST WHICH GOVERNS LEAST**

Thomas Jefferson



Andre MARROU / Nancy LORD

PRESIDENTIAL TICKET '92



## Libertarian Leanings

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### 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 of being involved in drugs, but as a recent newspaper article 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

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 and 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

## 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.

## 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 they no longer vote. These 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.

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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**Illinois Libertarian  
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**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 Walton, 475-0391.

**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.