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Tillman fourth candidate

Scott Tillman, LPI South Central Vice Chair, became the fourth Libertarian candidate for local office in the April 12 election when he filed his petition for ballot status as a candidate for Alderman in Marquette Heights. He filed five times the number of signatures required to qualify for the ballot in the non partisan race. With only 350 registered voters in his ward, the number of signatures required was ten.

Marquette Heights, in Tazewell County, across the Illinois River from Peoria, has a population of approximately 3400, and is "governed" by eight aldermen. The residents generally complain that their elected officials are arrogant, according to Scott.

The biggest issue in Scott's campaign will be the Town's recent purchases of land. "They keep acquiring land on a buy-now-pay-later basis," Scott said, "and the voters want to know why." He says the other issues are small, but basic. There are too many policemen and too much money is spent. It's the standard issue of government providing services the taxpayers don't need or want. During the past year, the Council moved to restrict people's freedom to do what they want to do with their own property. They passed an ordinance regulating the type of fences residents may put up.

Currently, a voluntary group in town is asking for tax money to pay for what they have been doing for a number of years--voluntarily. The local Men's Club has been putting on Fourth of July fireworks displays, raising the money to pay for them on their own. This year they want \$600 of the taxpayers' money to buy the fireworks. As Scott says, the issues in the Marquette Heights election are not big issues, like Social Security and disarmament, but they involve principles.

Scott, an employee of Caterpillar Tractor, is presently a victim of coerced unemployment because the union at his plant, in true ATLAS SHRUGGED fashion, has declared that its members deserve to be paid more even though the company is in dire straits. They are out on strike.

A Libertarian Party member for the past four years, Scott has been South Central Vice

Chair since 1980. He worked on the Clark for President campaign and the Armstrong for Governor campaign. For Bea Armstrong's campaign he raised money for radio ads and stumped door to door in Marquette Heights. He is the Chair of the Illinois Valley Libertarian Association and Editor of the IVLA newsletter, THE MESSENGER, which recently received national notice (see "Bouquets").

Scott is campaigning door to door, talking to the voters. He plans to talk with every registered voter in his ward at least once between now and April 12.

To contribute to the Tillman for Alderman campaign, send your check to 218 Algonquin, Marquette Heights, IL 61554. To volunteer time, call 309/382-2892.

ARGUING THE CAUSE OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

A Hyde Park group has launched a new quarterly publication called "NOMOS: studies in spontaneous order" to fill the gap left by current libertarian periodical literature. Editors Diane and Joe Bast and Greg Sechler say they plan to provide a journal which will appeal to students and single-issue activists who do not identify themselves as libertarians--people who are turned off by publications which grind political axes. They have put out a call for papers and will begin publication this month.

Cook County South SCC Rep Tim Griffin is president of the board of directors of Nomos Press, Inc., publisher of NOMOS.

The NOMOS statement of purpose is very clear: "Individual liberty is a rare and delicate thing. Constantly under attack, it is always in need of people who are able to clearly and persuasively argue its cause to as wide an audience as possible. NOMOS, an independent journal not affiliated with any political party, seeks to provide a forum for just such people. We believe that liberty is best served by people who speak from the humanitarian perspective of respect for the individual and his rights. According to this view, justice and human well-being depend on the recognition of human uniqueness and the need

for self-determination; a free or open society is the best guarantee of every individual's right to self fulfillment. We shun the conventional categories of 'right' and 'left,' and stand firmly committed to the attainment of a genuinely liberal society."

For a copy of NOMOS' writers guidelines, write to Diane at 5254 S. Dorchester #310, Chicago, IL 60615. To order a year's subscription, send \$6 (payable to Nomos Press, Inc.) to the same address. Financial contributions in support of the project are also welcome.

LETTERS

CLARK/O'KEEFE

Count me as another who lightly dismisses the firing of unelected bureaucrat Eric O'Keefe by elected official Alicia Clark--as lightly as Jim Johnston dismissed my formal charges of anti-Semitism and political dirty tricks against former Illinois State Chair Cissy Webb.

Johnston not only condoned her actions, he maneuvered her elevation to the L.P. National Judicial Committee.

With L.P. political action becoming more and more imitative of the Demopublicans, it would not surprise me if Jim proposed civil service protection for bureaucrats like O'Keefe and life-time tenure for judges like Cissy Webb.

L.P. Representative Johnston and Senator Charles Percy are so alike in their passionate defense of political burocacies, someone should give them identical medals.

--Anne McCracken

I do not know Eric, but if Alicia is the CEO, then why should she not take actions considered beneficial to the progress of our Party?

The one issue notably absent from Jim Johnston's article is "performance." Did statistics improve or decline under O'Keefe? We cannot reward down statistics or that is what we will get more of. That's why our society is such a mess. Government rewards down statistics with handouts and destroys the meaning of money by giving it out for "no performance."

I favor individualism and responsibility. To me that means Alicia has the job and should be supported in the actions she takes. After all, she is just as bound by the law of performance as the rest of us. I say let's judge by statistics like membership increases, responsiveness, and positive cash flow!

--Frederick W. Harvey

I see all this petty dissension--and do not intend to renew my membership.

There is something fundamentally wrong with a group of people who are involved in internal power plays. They've lost sight of what they started out with.

--Name withheld

TOO HARSH ON HAYDEN

I was surprised to see the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN react so strongly to the election of Tom Hayden to the California legislature. It is true that Hayden's economic policies are by no means Libertarian, but they are nothing that we haven't heard before under a different name. From a Libertarian standpoint, Hayden leaves a lot to be desired. It must be remembered, however, that Tom Hayden was a big fighter against the Viet Nam war. It was his agitation which helped to create in the minds of Americans a distaste for foreign adventurism, and was partly responsible for the military draft being ended.

Yes, perhaps the election of Tom Hayden is a little disheartening. What makes me a little angry, however, is what such an expression of horror at Hayden's election says by implication. It implies that all the other politicians are somehow more dedicated to liberty than Hayden is. The Republicans owe us a debt of gratitude. We constantly play party to their little game of pretending that they are devoted to individual liberty. Howard Baker, the king of pork barrel, and Jesse Helms, the gentle, smiling crypto-fascist, do not deserve our support, whether it be direct or implied.

--David Hoscheidt
Memphis, Tenn.

Editor's note: The symbolism was of mourning, not horror. Mourned was the fact that a candidate openly advocating "economic democracy" persuaded a majority of the voters in his district to choose him. Other socialist/fascist candidates lie about their intentions. Sorrow over one candidate's success in no way implies support for other candidates or elected officials, although Hayden's anti-war activities did seem to be motivated more by support for the Hanoi regime than by concern for human rights. If Mr. Hoscheidt can cite a single instance of a Libertarian pretending Republicans are devoted to individual liberty, I would like to see it.

Genie Bauman, after serving seven months as a congressional page under the sponsorship of Rep. Edward L. Derwinski, concluded, "Congress is 90 percent drones walking around doing nothing and 10 percent hard workers."--
Now, if we could only get the "workers" to take a long vacation...

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SOLIDARNOŚĆ Z WOLNOŚCIA

SOLIDARITY WITH LIBERTY is the title of a book the Cato Institute plans to mass-distribute in Poland. Roy A. Childs, Jr., writes:

"For more than a year now, those of us working on what we call 'the Polish Project' have been convinced that the one thing the Solidarity movement lacked was a clear-cut vision of Poland's future, a positive goal that would be the ultimate source of strength for the freedom fighters. It is not enough, in our view, to want to throw off the yoke of Soviet domination or even the direct political control of the Polish Communist Party. Solidarity has popular support, heroic and courageous leadership, and a well-defined enemy. What it does not have is a well-defined alternative to the totalitarian status quo.

"There is nothing more crucial to a movement for social and political change than ideas. We aim--with your help-- to set forth the ideas and principles that underlie a free society. In a sense we are going to provide--with your help--the 'intellectual ammunition' that Poland's freedom fighters must have if they are going to win."

The book, according to Childs, is a collection of "the most persuasive, insightful, and powerful essays ever written to defend a free society and point out the fallacies of central planning." It includes chapters by Hayek, von Mises, and M. Friedman, three essays specifically directed to the current situation in Poland, and an introduction by Zdzislaw Rurarz, Polish Ambassador to Japan who defected to the U.S. when Poland's government imposed martial law in December, 1981.

All work on the book, except the printing, is finished. It is typeset in Polish and awaits the money to print and ship 25,000 copies. Friends of liberty in several European countries stand ready to help with distribution through the Polish underground.

Cato asks for your most generous contribution toward the completion of the Polish Project. A \$20 gift will pay for printing and shipping ten books. Send contributions to: Polish Project, Cato Institute, 224 Second Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20003.

LOCAL GROUP PROGRAMS

At Kane County's February meeting, Steve Nelson spoke on "The Origins of Libertarianism." For their March meeting, tax activist Earl Smith will do a video presentation.

Lake County Libertarians will discuss IMF, World Bank, and "Third World" financing at their February meeting and, in March, will discuss the extension of rights to other forms of life.

In January, the North Side Study Group discussed Henry Hazlitt's ECONOMICS IN ONE LESSON. Their February topic will be nuclear

disarmament, and in March, Ayn Rand's THE VIRTUE OF SELFISHNESS.

An outreach program at Elmhurst College resulted from a student's request that libertarian theory be included in the course "Contemporary Democratic Theory." On January 24, Anne McCracken, Don Parrish, and Pat Peterson gave the class a two-hour presentation on libertarian political philosophy, including a showing of the film "The Incredible Bread Machine."

The Study Group in Bolingbrook will finish Nathaniel Branden's "Principles of Objectivism" this month. In March they will begin the series "Principles of Grammar" by Leonard Peikoff.

1983 ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

Tim Griffin, LPI State Convention Committee Chair, announced the featured speakers for the 1983 LPI Convention. Roger McBride, 1976 Libertarian candidate for president, will be the keynote speaker and Dave Padden, long-time Chicago Libertarian activist, will speak at a Sunday brunch.

The Convention at the Bismark Hotel in Chicago will start off with an outreach cocktail party at 5:30 Friday evening, May 13. Friday evening speakers have not yet been announced. Saturday's schedule will include panel discussions and workshops during the day, and a cocktail party and banquet with Roger McBride in the evening. Sunday's schedule will include brunch with Dave Padden and the Libertarian Party of Illinois annual business meeting. New officers for the coming year will be elected and proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes will be considered and voted on.

FREE ENTERPRISE AND THE FAMILY

Loyola University's Free Enterprise Activities Program is offering a series of free lectures on "The Business and the Family." On March 15 Dr. Froma Walsh will discuss "Family Contributions to Success (In Business)." The final program in the series, "Models for Building Successful, Enterprising Families," will be presented by a panel of five speakers on April 12. Jane Gerber, family life educator and family therapist, will be one of the panelists. Anything Jane has to say is worth hearing--and worth going out of one's way to hear. For more information, call Dr. John L. Ward at 312/670-2892.

****LIBERTARIAN SUPPER CLUB****

HOT OFF THE WIRE! Joe David, author of THE FIRE WITHIN, a novel about education and freedom of the mind, will be the special guest at the Libertarian Supper Club Sunday, March 11. Arrangements are not yet completed but we will probably dine and discuss near the Loop at 6:00pm. Call the Editor for details and to make a reservation. 297-8219.

BOUQUETS

Two Illinois Libertarian publications were awarded "Bouquets" by the LIBERTARIAN VANGUARD, newsletter of the Libertarian Party Radical Caucus. The Kane County Libertarians NEWSLETTER, edited by Lee Euchler, was lauded for "demonstrating that even a small newsletter can have political content...food for thought...the kind of writing that ought to be in every newsletter" and appearing regularly. The Illinois Valley Libertarian Association's THE MESSENGER, edited by Scott Tillman, received its "Bouquet" for the article "Sell the Roads," which appeared in the first issue for 1983.

CANDIDATES WANTED

Candidates for office in the Libertarian Party of Illinois are wanted. Election of officers will be held at the State Convention May 14-15. Candidates for the following offices are being sought.

Chair
Vice Chair (two openings: one in Northern Illinois, one in South Central Illinois)
Secretary (possibly two)
Treasurer

Persons interested in running for office must notify Pat Natschke, LPI Secretary, by April 12. Write to her c/o the Libertarian Party, P.O. Box 313, Chicago, IL 60690.

All the positions require hard work and dedication but, with one exception, the duties are not overwhelming. The exception is the job of Secretary. So many responsibilities are heaped on the person who holds that position that good people get burned out fast. There is, therefore, a movement afoot to amend the LPI Constitution and Bylaws to change the office of Secretary to two offices. They would be Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

REAL LIBERTARIANS DON'T DRIVE 55

by Gerry Walsh

Real libertarians swear on ATLAS SHRUGGED.
Real libertarians tell the Census taker, "Nobody lives here."
Real libertarians never registered for the Draft or Social Security.
Real libertarians belong to the NRA, even if they never shot a gun.
Real libertarians think the ACLU is conservative.
Real libertarians don't buckle their seat belts when the airplane takes off.
Real libertarians buy Cuban cigars, even if they don't smoke.
As a matter of principle, real libertarians lie on their tax forms. They're never caught, though, because real libertarians don't file tax forms.
Real libertarians smoke grass, but only in areas reserved for smokers.

from the CHAIR

SYNERGY

The ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN recently reported that I single-handedly fought the Roselle utility tax (about 200 others fought it and we still lost) and then organized R.O.S.E. (Residents Organized to Serve and Enlighten). Unfortunately, I can't claim credit for being Superman. I fought the dual library tax single-handedly, and the village's 30% budget increase with three other people. I didn't have much energy left for another fight. Some people had seen my name in the paper, and asked if I was interested in helping to organize a civic group. I didn't have the time or inclination to tackle the project alone, but I was willing to help.

The Village Trustees expected us to break up within six months. We've survived due to dedication and synergy; if there's a job to be done, we know we'll have help. There's a tax-cut referendum on the April ballot in Roselle because of the efforts of a dozen R.O.S.E. members.

TOM VERKUILEN, WHERE ARE YOU?

Rumor has it that Tom Verkuilen, former ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN editor, LP activist, Radical Caucus state coordinator, and tax protester extraordinaire, is now in prison, serving nine months for failure to file his Eternal Revenue form.

POT LUCK

NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, is planning a regional conference to be held in Chicago in June. Details are not yet available.

"BUT THE CAPABLE WILL TRAMPLE THE LITTLE PEOPLE"

by John Hospers

"Libertarianism is all right for you capable people," I heard a secretary say to her libertarian employer. "But you never think of us little people who don't have as much ability as you do. We would have nothing."

She apparently thought of libertarianism as some kind of Nietzschean Superman doctrine, in which those who are "capable" trample ruthlessly over the "little people" who have less ability or less clout. She did not seem to realize that whatever there is of a Nietzschean flavor in libertarianism is tempered by a most important doctrine, that of individual rights. In a libertarian society, others might compete with her for jobs and other peaceful activities, but they could not trample over her, coerce her, or control her life without her consent. Her failure to perceive this is one of the most common fallacies concerning what libertarians believe.

Even had she perceived this important feature of libertarianism, however, she would still

have been dissatisfied with it. "We would have nothing." She would have felt insecure in attempting to survive on her own; she would feel, and perhaps actually be, less capable than many others. She might have to be satisfied with a lesser-paying job than some of her peers. She would not like this, of course, and she would feel that she needed help. Indeed, she would gladly vote to take a portion of others' paychecks in order to have the money go to her and to countless others of the "less capable" group.

What she did not realize was that only to the extent that individuals have freedom of production and trade, would she "have something" and that, in inhibiting production via the ballot box, she was cutting off the very source of such affluence as she herself enjoyed. As she sat there, she was operating a typewriter. Did she ever consider how such things as typewriters came to be invented and distributed so that countless persons such as herself could use them and have jobs based on their use? She was able to buy shoes for a portion of a day's wage, as opposed to her grandmother, who had to work for many hours or pay many days' wages for one pair of shoes --as citizens of the Soviet Union still have to do. Her apartment was adorned with countless accoutrements of mass production, whose presence and availability she owed to the free enterprise system which she despised. She lived in a heated apartment, complaining about the rent she had to pay but living in comfort unknown to her forbears.

Whence came these benefits? She had done little, if anything, to make them possible; left to herself, she would have produced virtually nothing. To what, then, did she owe the fact that she was the beneficiary of so many things she valued in life, which she did nothing to bring about and which she would have been unable even to conceive of until someone else had thought of them? She owed it to the very same "capable people" whose income (and motivation to continue) she wanted to tap.

"Stand on an empty stretch of soil in a wilderness unexplored by men," wrote Ayn Rand, "and ask yourself what manner of survival you would achieve and how long you would last if you refused to think, with no one around to teach you the motions or, if you chose to think, how much your mind would be able to discover. Ask yourself how many independent conclusions you have reached in the course of your life and how much of your time was spent performing the actions you learned from others. Ask yourself whether you would be able to discover how to till the soil and grow your food; whether you would be able to invent a wheel, a lever, an induction coil, a generator, an electronic tube--and then decide whether men of ability are exploiters who live by the fruit of your labor and rob you of the wealth that you produce." (ATLAS SHRUGGED, pp. 1048-9)

(Dr. Hospers was the Libertarian candidate for President in 1972. He and his running mate, Toni Nathan, received one Electoral College vote.)

CALENDAR

BOLINGBROOK STUDY GROUP--7pm alternate Sundays--Anne McCracken 312/739-6240.

COOK COUNTY SOUTH--8pm every Tuesday, Ida Noyes Hall, 1414 E.59th St., Chicago--Tim Griffin 445-5296.

ILLINOIS VALLEY LIBERTARIAN ASSOCIATION--3pm second Sunday, 725 E. Kansas, Peoria--Scott Tillman 382-2892.

KANE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7:30pm first Wednesday, St. Charles Savings and Loan, St. Charles--Pat Schultz 426-9187.

LAKE COUNTY LIBERTARIANS--fourth Sunday, 6pm pot luck supper, 7:30pm discussion--Bill King 312/662-3959.

LIBERTARIAN CLUB OF DU PAGE--8pm first and second Mondays, College of DuPage, followed by Cafe Discussion at Alfie's Restaurant; 8pm last Wednesday, Don Parrish's house--Pat Peterson H.830-8468, O.832-3130.

McHENRY COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CLUB--7pm third Thursday, Branded Steak House, Crystal Lake--Joan Jarosz 658-6335 or Steve Garcia 639-8112

NORTH COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY--7pm second Sunday; STUDY GROUP--7pm fourth Sunday--Ray 472-1536 or Stephen 883-5199.

NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY LIBERTARIAN ORGANIZATION--meeting dates vary; meetings and parties are combined with political activity--Rich Suter 736-9572.

PRAIRIELANDS LIBERTARIAN ASSOCIATION--4pm first Sunday, 1501 N. School, Normal--Bob Johnston 452-1219.

ROCKFORD AREA LIBERTARIANS--7:30pm first Friday--Shaune Stork 885-3014.

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NEXT SCC MEETING MARCH 6

The next State Central Committee meeting will be at 1:00pm in Chicago. Call the LPI number for directions. The SCC meets every month. Although only State Representatives may vote, any LPI member is welcome at the meetings.

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