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Givot Running for Governor

This is Our Year

Steve Givot, of Barrington Hills, has agreed to run as the Libertarian Party of Illinois candidate for Governor. Steve has great name recognition with the news media, and good recognition with the politically aware in the state of Illinois. Robert Coolidge has agreed to run the financial arm of the campaign, LIFBAC.

Steve ran for U.S. Senator in 1984 against Chuck Percy and Paul Simon and was successful in garnering a lot of media attention. An ar-

the LPI should very easily become an "official" political party here in Illinois by receiving more than 5% of the vote in the gubernatorial election.

ticulate spokesman for libertarianism, Steve will make a fine candidate.

In the March Republican primary, Steve Baer and Robert Marshall received a combined 38% of the Republican vote, much of that vote represented an anti-tax sentiment in this state. If Givot is able to reach some of these people, the LPI should very easily become an "official" political party here in Illinois by receiving more than 5% of the vote in the gubernatorial election.

We need 25,000 + signatures to get Steve on the ballot. If we can get most of these signatures through voluntary efforts, then we can save ballot access money for ads in the campaign. We have a golden opportunity. Anti-tax sentiment runs high. Let's take advantage.

Tax Protest Planned

The Libertarian Party of Illinois, as long-time representatives of all Illinois taxpayers, will join and support the Annual Tax Protest sponsored by the National Taxpayers United of Illinois. The event will be held Monday, April 16, 1990, in front of the Chicago Main Post Office on Van Buren Street from 5:30 to 10:00 P.M.

Evidence from recent tax studies show that the state government's 1989 tax increase will put Illinois residents 10,000 lost job opportunities and \$400 million each year in lost personal income. Contact Ken Prazak. 708-810-1974 for more information.

The Census

"Do you have a flush toilet?"

"What is your racial and ethnic background?"

"Did you raise and sell any crops on your land in 1989?"

"What is your total income in 1989?"

These are four of fifty-nine questions that 20% of U.S. citizens will be asked on the 1990 census form. The rest of the people will be asked fourteen questions, many of which violate the right to privacy.

The purpose of a census is to get a head count for the purpose of apportionment. The Constitution mandates nothing else.

If these meddling questions rub you the wrong way, you are not alone. The Committee for Census Privacy has organized a census protest nationwide.

The committee recommends:

- Write your Congressman to urge him to vote for bills already introduced to make all but the head count questions strictly voluntary. Urge friends to do the same.
- Answer only the Constitutionally mandated questions involving a head count.
- Contribute to the committee which will take any protest case all the way to the Supreme Court.

For more information, write to:

Committee for Census Privacy,

1528 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Washington D.C. 20003

A Libertarian Party Project

* * * * * * * * * * NOTICE * * * * * * * * * Because it's the right thing to do, and it'll help give our Party some much-needed credibility, each member SHOULD - NOW - call Elaine Simpson at 1-708-298-9660 \$

Mention Code JB50 and she'll arrange a location, and time, convenient to your home or work so donating can be easy.

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Socialist Fallure!

According to George Milonas, socialist Information Secretary: Eastern Europe never had socialism because it can only exist when a class-divided society and its political state are abolished.

Haven't we witnessed socialists abolish many of these political societies by murdering millions of people while sending millions more to concentration camps to be retrained in their socialist ideology?

How many more people would Mr. Milonas want 'abolished" to achieve his "real" socialism?

It's inherent Marxist/Socialist ideology to breed despotic governments - Engels promoted despotism when he said: "For a pure Marxist society to long endure, voluntary exchange between individuals must be abolished."

"The Marxian revolution was intended to abolish capital ownership by private individuals.

A hundred years later it has become all too painfully clear that it was Marx and Engels whose ideas led to the perfection of slavery and inhumanity, from the Gulag archipelago to the extermination camps of Cambodia."

quote by Thomas Sowell

Slaves have no property rights, and the Marxists are experts at making slaves to operate the means of production and distribution for their "industrial" government.

"Having experienced applied socialism in a country where it has been realized, I certainly will not speak for it. Socialism of any type leads to a total destruction of the human spirit and to a leveling of mankind unto death."

quote by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Nicholas Truske, P.O. Box 1551, Lisle, IL 60532

Let's Target our Races

26 state representatives out of 118 ran unopposed in November 1988.

Running candidates for governor and his henchmen may be a noble idea, but it seems to me, running libertarian candidates against traditionally unopposed incumbents may be more productive.

Let's face it, our first goal should be to gain established party status in a district. Running ONE of ours against ONE of theirs (Republican or Democrat - remembering they are one and the same party in Illinois) raises the chance of receiving over 5% of the total votes cast, which in turn, makes it easier to run in 1992. More money, time, and effort can be spent on local campaigning in 1992, than spending it on gathering petition signatures.

What are the chances of receiving more than 5% in every legislative and representative district in this state, even with legitimate executive branch candidates?

It seems to me, concentrating on specific representative districts where we have a chance of getting double-figures-percentage is the ticket. Below is a list of incumbents who traditionally run unopposed and did in 1988.

5th- Ellis B Levin-Dem. 9th- Miguel A. Santiago- Dem. 19th Shirley M. Jones- Dem. 21st- John P. Daly- Dem. 23rd Lovanna S. Jones-Dem. 31st- Mary Flowers-Dem. 41st- Mary Lou Cowlishaw Rep.

> 45th Kathleen Wojcik Rep. 58th Grace Mary Stern Dem. 59th Virginia Frederick Rep. 63rd Dick Klemm Rep. 64th Ronald Wait Rep. 65th Deloris Doederlein Rep. 66th James Kirkland Rep.

68th E. J. Giorgi Dem. 70th Myron Olson Rep. 74th Richard Martino Dem. 91st Thomas J. Homer Dem. 98th Gary Hannig Dem. 103rd Helen Satterthwaite Dem.

104th Tim Johnson Rep. 105th William B. Black Rep. 108th Larry W. Hicks Dem. 113th Wyvette H. Younge Dem.

> 115th Charles Goforth Rep. 117th james F. Rea Dem.

Yours in freedom and liberty, Lenny Grom

Illinois Larouche Candidates

from Ballot Access News February 12, 1990

On January 24, the Illinois Elections Board removed the names of the five statewide LaRouche candidates from the Democratic Party ballot. The candidates needed 5,000 signatures and submitted 10,010. The Board ruled that only 3,865 were valid. The Board further held that all the signatures (even the ones considered valid) which had been obtained by three particular circulators should be stricken because these three particular circulators were "emotional," "argumentative" and "unresponsive" during the hearing. This resulted in subtracting another 708 signatures from those previously held valid.

The candidates have attempted to file a lawsuit in state court, but it appears unlikely that the lawsuit can be heard before the ballots are printed. According to the candidates, Neil Hartigan, the Attorney General of Illinois and the leading Democratic candidate for Governor this year, dispatched state agents who knocked on the doors of people who had signed the petition, flashed badges, asked if the signers had understood what they were signing, and asked the signers to fill in blank affidavits attesting that they had been deceived by the petitioners. 300 such affidavits were submitted to the Board of Elections by members of Hartigan's campaign staff. They formed the basis for disqualifying all of the signatures submitted by three particular petitioners.

Illinois is a "challenge" state, which means that all petitions are deemed sufficient, unless someone files objections to them. The challenge to the petitions had originally challenged 6,088 of the 10,010 signatures. Before the hearing, the candidates combed through a list of challenged signatures and re-confirmed that at least 1,078 were valid, and could be defended at the hearing. However at the hearing, the hearing officer surprised them by ruling that all of the petitions, not just those originally challenged, should be opened for review. Consequently, the LaRouche candidates lost additional signatures.

The Democratic Party ought to pass a bylaw, openly stating that LaRouche followers are not bona-fide Democrats, if the party wants to keep such candidates out of its primary. This would be far better than using government agents to question voters about their intentions in having signed a petition. In many states, petitions are private, and no one is permitted to know which voters signed any particular petitions (other than election officials who must check the facial validity of signatures).

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Privatize Welfare

Let's let every dollar contributed to a private, not-for-profit, non-government-funded charitable organization qualify for a 120% tax credit, up to a maximum 25% of the pre-credit tax liability. At the same time (this is very important), the government would be statutorily required to reduce it's social welfare spending by 150% in constant dollars.

Where does this get us? First, we have just re-privatized charity. Why would anyone not actively seek out and contribute to truly worthy causes — they're being "paid" a 20% "commission" for simply writing their check to, say, the Salvation Army — instead welfarecrats and Phd's in Grant-Writing out of the system — organizations will have to earn resources based on actually reducing suffering rather than the ability to lobby the politicos!

In addition, if we accept that the government spends a for more of the tax dollar in administration costs (65%?) before dribbling a little out to the alleged beneficiaries, and private organizations are more efficiently administered (35%? — if you spend more, some congressmen call it stealing!), we see that my one dollar to the local soup kitchen produces (at least) 65 cents of actual service while replacing (at most) 52 cents of what the government would have provided with it's \$1.50 of coerced tax money. This, without even comparing the actual results of government vs. private programs!

Notice also that we're forcing government spending to drop to 125% of the rate-of-revenue reduction — goodbye deficit!! And we're putting all those dollars back into the free marketplace to pursue real goods and services, instead of ladling it out to the various bureaucracies, consultants, and programs of the political elite and terminally inept.

Bear in mind that we're also completely removing social welfare from the influence of the political system — large and powerful special interests groups would naturally fight it tooth and nail, but we can unequivocally seize the moral high ground on this one and put the truth of their naked self-interest right there in the open — "If YOU'RE SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE POOR INSTEAD OF YOU OWN BUTT, MR/MS. SPECIAL INTEREST SPOKES-HACK-PERSON, WHY DO YOU OBJECT TO ME GIVING 65 CENTS WORTH OF FOOD TO SOMEONE IN NEED INSTEAD OF YOUR SPENDING \$1.50 TO PASS OUT 40 CENTS WORTH OF FOOD STAMPS — IT WOULDN'T BE YOUR TIDY LITTLE 90-CENT PROFIT ON THE TRANSACTION, WOULD IT!!!"

What do you think — is this kinder and gentler, or what? Libertarians on the offensive to improve social service at the expense of big
government, instead of just pointing out the ineffectiveness of the
government programs. How many "Ya-butz" could this answer for you,
as in "YEAH, the government wastes money, and it's full of corruption,
and it increases the problem rather than solves it, BUT, what about the
poor people who can't work, I mean, you can't expect all those selfish
American taxpayers to contribute money if we don't do it through taxation, I mean, we have to do SOMETHING, don't we" Well, we just did!

I'm anxious to hear feedback on this from fellow Libertanans before trying to run it up the Statist's flagpole — anyone?

Por liberty,

Jerry Naughton

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Cutting-Edge Theatre

Fresh. That is the word that best describes Aaron Freeman's and Rob Kolson's comedy revue, Do the White Thing. For decades, I have enjoyed going to Second City, the comedy troupe that put Chicago on the map as the premier training ground for comedy, especially the improvisational type. While always excellent, lately they have become somewhat predictable. In contrast, Kolson and Freeman have entered the nineties with something refreshingly new.

The Heartland Institute held its first annual benefit and auction with Do the White Thing the featured event, on March 23, at the Organic Theatre in Chicago. The comedy revue was received extremely warmly, as Kolson and Freeman received their first standing ovation to date.

Do the White Thing is explicitly libertarian. Aaron Freeman is a political satirist of Council Wars fame and "satirizes politicians." Rob Kolson has done financial "trade shows," is a financial satirist, (with an economics degree from the University of Chicago) and "satirizes the people who own politicians." Kolson is the libertarian off which Freeman plays. At one point Freeman asks Kolson if libertarians would be in favor of a (mind-expanding) drug stand existing right outside a school. The libertarian answer is neither "yes" nor "no," claims Kolson; "Is it government owned or privately owned? It depends on who owns the store."

Skits include a "We Are the World" parody, "It's a Wonderful Bailout," George Bailey in the Seventies and Eighties, and a bluesy showstopper, "I'm a Bureaucrat, Baby, I'm Gonna Roll Over You." Do the White Thing plays Thursdays through Sundays at the Organic Theatre, 3319 N. Clark, in Chicago. Phone: 312-327-5588.

Let's Grow First

The Illinois Libertarian Party should sit out the coming fall elections. Getting on the ballot would be just too difficult. There are simply not enough libertarians in this state. If there were at least 2000 LP members in Illinois, approximately 10% or 200 people would be activists. Each of these activists would have to get only 200 signatures apiece - a feat involving only 2 or 3 Saturday afternoons at the area shopping mall. The rest of the members need only donate a small amount of money. As it stands now, there are simply too few people and money resources to launch such an effort during a non-presidential election year.

What should we do instead? Recruit new libertarians by doing the following things:

- sending the outreach newspaper "Liberty Today" to people who are thought to be good prospects
- sending Nolan Charts (nice large ones photocopied from Liberty Today) to people who write letters to local newspapers expressing libertarian-oriented views
- airing the new LP commercial from the national LP on local TV
- forming and promoting more student libertarian organizations on college campuses

If we bring new people to the LP, then we will be better able to run a good campaign in 1992.

David Hoscheidt, Belleville, IL

FROM THE CHAIR:

... March Thoughts...

Now that Steve Givot has agreed to run for Governor, and Robert Coolidge has agreed to head LIFBAC, we have cleared two major hurdles in running a successful state political campaign. I can now confidently support the concept of running a state political race. The one question remaining is funding. LIFBAC has approximately \$1500 in its treasury and needs to raise more money for the campaign.

The Affiliate Party Committee of the National LP has developed a phone tree for emergencies, which in its first application on March 15th worked exceedingly well! Can Illinois have such a tree? I need to involve people other than the same old guard to prevent burn-out.

HERE'S A PUBLIC THANK YOU FOR LIBERTARIAN PUBLIC SERVICE TO:

- CELESTE NEUMANN-Downstate Surveyor of Events
- JERRY NAUGHTON, CHRIS BARKER & the entire Libertarian Club of Springfield for their independent activism.
- GREGG BRINNER & GLEN OLOFSON for their researching and committing to do both Metro Chicago & Downstate Fairs.
- HARVEY GOULD for his humanitarian ideas.
- PHIL CLARK, DAVE HOSCHEIDT, SCOTT TILLMAN, JEAN BAKER, TED SEMON & MAGGIE KOHLS for their consistent letter writing.
- ERIC BANFIELD & HELEN HEYDEN for their special projects — Eric's poll of members and Helen's work on tax issues.
- LYN TINSLEY, STEVE REED, ROBERT ČOOLIDGE & STEVE NELSON — my favorite historical sounding boards.
- KEN PRAZAK for his consistent GOOD TASTE in editing this newsletter.
- SCOTT WALTON, the man who keeps the LPI financially sound and who understands me best of all libertarians.

LUV,

Sue Walton

THE HISTORY OF THE HAT

A FREE MARKET ADVERTISEMENT

Every year for the past 12 years around May 1st, I've helped organize a

FREE MARKET EVENT

(A RUMMAGE SALE EXTRAORDINAIRE)

at my local Unitarian Church in Evanston. For the past 2 years, Scott & I have served as co-chairpersons. Last year, one of my volunteers found me a symbol of my job — a blue captain's hat with the name "BOSS" inscribed on it. At the sale, if people had questions and/or problems, they were told to look for the lady with the "boss hat."

Based on this experience, I began to wear the hat at SCC meetings. At the 1989 National Convention, the Florida State Chair, Paula Zimmer, had a Mickey Mouse Club "Ears" Hat and I had my "Blue Boss". Some people didn't have a sense of humor or realize that Boss meant Mayor Daley which meant Chicago meaning '91. Don't libertarians believe in analogies and connotations?

I find a lot of neat things at the sale. So if you want to find me on May 3rd from 5-8PM or May 4th from 9AM-2PM, I'll be in residence at 1330 Ridge, Evanston, where, although unsuspecting Unitarians don't realize it, I will be trying to teach indirect libertarianism via the free market. Want to help me?

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Illinois Libertarian Calendar

April 6-8

 Libertarian Party of Illinois Annual State Convention and Annual Meeting, Best Western Midway Mator Ladge, Elk Grove Village, IL. Info: Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

April 12

North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist meeting Thursday, 7:00 P.M., Annual Business Meeting at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. Location: just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. One and a half blocks north of the CTA Ravenswood line Montrose Station, one and a half blocks south of the CNW north line, Ravenswood. More info: Greg Bezdek, 708-251-2870 or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.

April 15

• Tax Protest, contact Sue Walton, 708-475-0391

April 23

 NCCLP Supper Club, Monday, at Angelo's Restaurant & Lounge, 1418 West Morse, Chicago, one-half block west of the Morse EL. Angelo's serves alcohol; it's the Rogers Park equivalent to LCD's Minuette. 7 PM.

May 7

 DuPage Libertarian Club, Monday, 6:30 P.M. at the Minuette Restaurant, Ogden and Main St., Lisle, II. Meets first Monday of every month same place and time. For more info: Steve Nelson, 708-969-1088.

May 10

- North Cook County Libertarian Club, and North Shore Individualist meeting Thursday, 7:00 P.M., at the Henry George School, 4536 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. Location: just south of Wilson on Ravenswood on the west side of the tracks. One and a half blocks north of the CTA Ravenswood line Montrose Station, one and a half blocks south of the CNW north line, Ravenswood. More info: Greg Bezdek, 708-251-2870 or Sue Walton, 708-475-0391.
- April Northwest Libertarian Club, Call Dan Coit for more info, (708-803-8855)



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| | Mike Royko Chicago Tribune |
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| | science, Princeton |
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| Russell Baker journalist |
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