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Tom & George Win !

GEORGE CLOWES and TOM HEIDENFELDER were both elected in the municipal elections on April 2. Both of them were victors in nonpartisan elections, which actually were nonpartisan in that there was no party machine involved in backing their opponents, and both of them ran on solidly libertarian transition platforms.

Tom, running in a field of four candidates for two seats was elected to a six-year term on the Palatine Library Board. He received 2,466 votes, 311 more than the third ranking candidate and only 6 fewer than the top vote getter. His platform was: 1) no tax increase; 2) more reliance on user fees -- for example, charging for the use of expensive resource materials and computers, and for borrowing sculpture, paintings, and video tapes and equipment; 3) the creation of a permanent Income Fund, into which donations, user fees, and late fines would go, making it possible eventually to eliminate Library taxes completely.

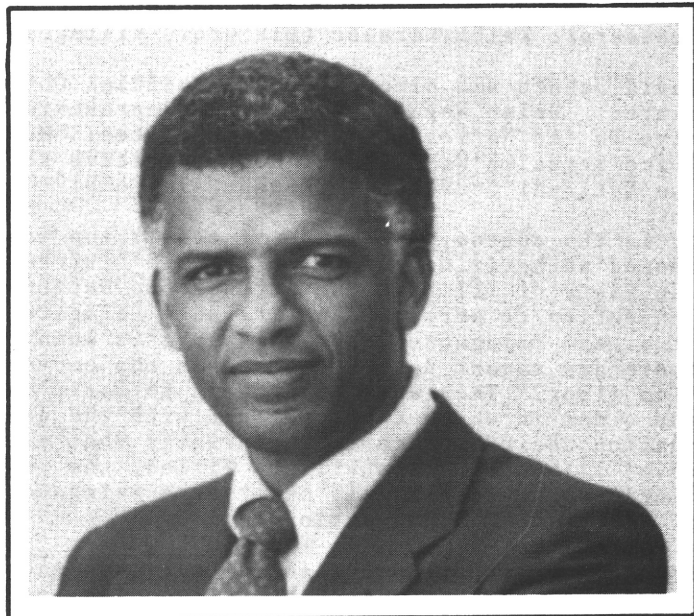
George was elected Trustee of the Mt. Prospect Park District, winning one of three seats contested for by five candidates. He received 96 and 60 votes fewer than the top two winners and 288 more than the top loser. His platform was: lower taxes, set limits to what the Park District does, privatize services, and make the Board more open about what it does. He promised to represent the taxpayers who do not use the parks.

The other five Libertarians who ran for local offices did not win their elections, but in most instances, did relatively well. They were: Jim Young, candidate for City Councilman in Normal; Randy Heidenfelder, candidate for Township Trustee in Palatine Township; Marji Kohls, candidate for Library Board in Niles Library District; Gerry Walsh, candidate for Village Board President in Roselle; and Steve Givot, candidate for Village Trustee in Barrington Hills. All agreed that they enjoyed campaigning and, most importantly, that they learned a great deal about how to organize and run a political campaign on the local level. The hardest news about the campaigns is that several of our candidates who lost could have won if only there had been more people helping to distribute their literature door to door.

There will be more about the local election campaigns in a future issue.

LPI CONVENTION '85

The 1985 Libertarian Party of Illinois State Convention was held at the Clocktower Inn in Rockford May 3, 4, and 5. The convention opened with a Friday evening cocktail party that went on well into Saturday morning.



Richard B. (Dick) Boddie, advocate of free market economics and positive mental attitude, was the keynote speaker at the State Convention in Rockford.

On Saturday there was a full day of speeches, panel presentations, and discussions, featuring LPI candidates and officeholders as well as special guest speakers with a variety of points of view. And, of course there were lots of old fashioned seven-sided libertarian conversations among three or four members at a time. Dick Boddie (see article on page 2) was the keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Nomos Press hosted an after-the-banquet party, which also went on...

On Sunday, a brunch was scheduled at the civilized hour of ten o'clock. The guest speaker Sunday morning was Philip E. Fixler, Jr., Director of the Local Government Center of the Reason Foundation. The next issue of the

ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN will carry reports of the Saturday day-long program and of Dick Boddie's and Phil Fixler's speeches.

LETTERS

Although less well attended than recent previous state conventions, held in the Chicago area, this year's gathering was a lot of fun and provided food for thought for the participants. It also provided visibility for the Party in the Rockford area. One of the local TV stations covered the convention and ran an interview with 1984 LPI's U.S. Senate candidate Steve Givot on the evening news.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting was held from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday, May 5. For a change, there were no proposals for amending the Constitution and Bylaws. The major business of the meeting was the election of LPI officers and National Convention Delegates and representatives to national committees.

New LPI Officers

Chair: Lyn D. Tinsley (Des Plaines)
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V. Chair, South/Central: Gene Bourke (Peoria)
Recording Secretary: Helen Heyden (Roselle)
Corresponding Secretary: Carol Warne (Wheaton)
Treasurer: Keith Karasec (Elk Grove Village)

David Jahntz was elected to the Judicial Committee. Helen Heyden was elected Representative to the National Platform Committee. Mary Alice Strzalka was elected Representative to the National Convention Credentials Committee.

As is the custom, a continuing resolution was passed authorizing any member of the Libertarian Party of Illinois who attends the National Convention to serve as an Alternate Delegate. Alternate Delegates serve as Delegates when there are vacant delegate seats on the convention floor. They are called upon to serve in the order in which they register with the delegation Chair. Since it is unlikely that all 26 of Illinois' seats will be filled, the resolution, in effect, will make you a Delegate if you go to the convention.

For the names of those elected Delegates and other business transacted at the meeting, you can get a copy of the minutes from outgoing Recording Secretary Bert Stunkard. Write to him at: 4315 Azalia #321, Lisle, IL 60532. Preparation of the 1985 annual business meeting minutes will be Bert's last official duty as Recording Secretary.

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CHALLENGE TO LP

So, Libertarians with a capital el, your biennial orgy to educate the public is over. The all-consuming effort to accomplish a change in public sentiment, relative to individual liberty, in a few weeks (with two minutes here and there on radio and television) which properly should take a decade of steady application of elucidative pressure, is not too cost-effective. The cool-off period is two years!

The Illinois Constitution states that by 1990 the question of whether to hold a constitutional convention shall be put to the voters. With the damage that individual liberty has suffered from the 1970 Constitution, we'd better stop spinning our wheels and become serious in suasion of the public toward the freedom ideas contained in the Declaration of Independence. We no longer celebrate Independence Day---it's the neutered Fourth of July! It may soon be celebrated on Mondays as Fireworks Day.

I hope the organizers and other creative people among us have some practical ideas on attracting the minds of the street people, the workaday individuals, to thoughts of liberty instead of turning them off with pedantry.

If the futility of state efforts at manufacturing a free society by way of the powers of coercion in education, trade, and support of the state is to be proved to the general public, there is a big job to be done here in Illinois---and only five years in which to do it. There shouldn't be a single statist elected to the next constitutional convention. A giant void exists and it must be filled. A major contamination pollutes the Constitution and it must be expunged. Ponder that!

---Bernard Irving Sommer

FORMER LPI CHAIR
THRIVING IN ARIZONA

Thanks for the most recent edition of the ILLINOIS LIBERTARIAN. It's always good to know any publication you once had a hand in is still thriving; and it looks even better now than it did in the "old" days---1976-77.

My thanks for the article on the Heartland Institute. Several of us here in Arizona are in the preliminary stages of putting together a similar operation with a local/regional emphasis, Frontiers Institute.

In mid-December, a weekly business/real estate newspaper new to Phoenix with a circulation of about 5,000, asked if I'd write a column for them. The invitation was based on a news conference statement I'd made in October about the construction and operation of the three Palo Verde nuclear reactors 50 miles west of Phoenix.

In two months, the column has been quoted in

at least two other newspapers, and resulted in at least seven radio interviews and two classroom (junior college) speaking engagements.

I've enclosed copies of the column not dealing with specifically Arizona issues. Your readers may be interested to know Illinois' former State Chair (1978-79) has actually found honest work out here in the desert.

My regards to all...

Ken Sturzenacker
ALP Vice Chair

Editor's note: Ken is with Coldwell Banker in Scottsdale. Space permitting, we will reprint some of his columns.

DICK BODDIE TO SPEAK AT CONVENTION

Richard B. Boddie was the featured speaker at the Saturday evening banquet at the LPI State Convention May 3, 4, & 5. Dick joined the Bergland for President Campaign as fundraiser in August of 1984 and traveled with David Bergland for the last two months of the campaign. Accompanying David when he visited Illinois in September, Dick won the hearts of LPIers with his quick and sparkling wit. The following is excerpted from the Special Campaign Issue of LP NEWS.

"He...is the president of his own firm, The Motivators, Inc., of Huntington Beach, which is a private network which produces and sponsors speakers, seminars, workshops, videos, books and publications on motivation, distributed nationwide.

Dick is one a a growing number of black libertarian activists, and is a great-grandson, grandson, and son of Baptist ministers. Despite this heritage, Dick Boddie chose instead to become an attorney, with degrees from Bucknell University and a law degree from Syracuse University.

He has an impressive list of credentials, starting with his Eagle Scout rank (he's still active in scouting), and over the years has been involved in banking, insurance, private arbitration and the legal profession...

He is also a published author and is currently workin on THE BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR SUCCESS and FREEDOM VS. SLAVERY, The Confessions of an Afroamerican Libertarian, due out later this year [1984]. He also has experience with several television public interest programs, and currently lives in Huntington Beach, California with his wife, Ann, and their three daughters."

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* The man who says, "It can't be done." *
* should get out of the way of the man *
* who's doing it. ---Richard De Voss *
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THE ILLINOIS BLUE LEMON

by Michael B. Huston

Legislatures are endowed with enormous power. When legislators forget that their function is to protect the citizens, the laws they make can be destructive. The Illinois General Assembly's ban on Sunday car sales is an example of such legislative forgetfulness.

There is no religious basis for the Sunday closing law, as there was for the Puritan blue laws that proliferated in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Had such a basis been asserted, it would have rendered the law unconstitutional. Neither is there any argument that the law is needed to uphold community standards, an argument recently advanced by a Nebraska church group opposing the operation of a race track on Sundays.

Many of the Sunday closing laws of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries were enacted to provide employees with at least one day of rest each week. If that motive influenced the Illinois legislature, it was a legislature with wool over its eyes. While car salesmen do work long hours, most of them already had one day a week off prior to passage of the law. The only effect of the Sunday ban on car sales is that all car salesmen now have the same day off---no doubt convenient for golf outings, but hardly a concern of legislators. Few, if any, salesmen work fewer hours under the new law.

The proponents of the Sunday closing law were those dealers who believed it would be in their economic interest to force other dealers to close on Sundays. By outlawing competition on Sundays, they could lower their own labor and utilities costs and sell the same number of cars in six days as they had in seven. Perhaps they were right. The Regional Director of the Federal Trade Commission, William MacLeod, said the winners "are the dealers who normally would suffer when their goods and services are compared with those of others." Everyone else loses.

The law is unfair both to consumers and to many car dealers. It reduces the number of hours available to the consumer for shopping. Comparison shopping is the consumer's safeguard against uncompetitive prices and sales practices, so the typical consumer can now expect to purchase less car for more money. The law also discriminates against consumers with few weekday hours for shopping; this means that lower and middle income groups will be hardest hit by the ban. Consumers must also pay for the enforcement of this law. This payment will be either direct, for more police officers, or indirect, through decreased law enforcement in other areas---a substantial cost in either case.

The dealers who are adversely affected by the law are those who previously had large Sunday sales, and those who are competitive enough to attract consumers from other dealers. Big

suburban dealers, for example, are likely to lose sales as a result of the ban. Nick Celozzi of Celozzi-Ettleson Chevrolet in Elmhurst said he did 25% of his business on Sunday. These dealers realize that the law deliberately favors some and hurts others.

If there were a sound reason for the law and it merely coincidentally had this impact, we might say that some dealers are luckier than others. But the purpose of the law is to create this skewed impact. The dealers who lobbied for the ban might just as well have gone to the General Assembly and asked for a direct subsidy---paid for by certain competitors and their customers.

The passage of this law might well lead the Illinois consumer to wonder what other businesses will be distorted in this way. Will he see some gas station owners asking the legislature to outlaw weekend gasoline sales? some realtors asking for a mandated Sunday closing? If higher profits can be made by legally limiting store hours, will the General Assembly, at the behest of some grocers, forbid grocery stores to open their doors except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between three and five pm?---They could call it the "Produce Freshness Bill."

There is no good reason why the legislature should discriminate in this way against certain car dealers but not against dealers in other products. The General Assembly has the power to enact such silliness, and as long as it exercises that power, Illinois will be a very unattractive place for prospective dealers and employers to come to do business.

The Sunday closing law can best be described as Illinois' blue lemon.

Michael B. Huston is a labor arbitrator practicing in western Michigan. "The Illinois Blue Lemon" was published as A Heartland Perspective by the Heartland Institute, February, 1985.

NATCOM REPORT

by Gerry Walsh

Salt Lake City, Utah, December, 1984---
The 1985 LP National Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, August 14-18....The "Libertarian Party of the United States" filed suit against the State of California to obtain a list of licensed drivers in that state. However, this suit was not authorized by any member of the National Committee, nor by the National Headquarters staff, nor by the California Party. National and the California Party are suing the individuals who misused our name....the National Party's budget for 1985 is \$470,000, which includes the hiring of an in-house fundraiser/finance director....Steve Givot has joined the Finance Committee of the National Party.

The Bergland/Lewis team garnered about a quarter of a million votes and spent about \$600,000. Ballot Drive expense was \$180,000

to get on the ballot in forty states. In 1980, \$500,000 was spent to get on all fifty state ballots. Unfortunately, there wasn't a Vice-Presidential candidate this year with \$2.2 million to spend on the campaign.... There are now fifty Libertarians in public office in the U.S.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY GOALS for 1985

A national task force of Libertarian Party leaders met in Los Angeles the week end after the November election and again in Salt Lake City November 30 to December 2 to formulate goals for the Party in 1985. Gerry Walsh and Steve Givot represented Illinois in these meetings. Below is Gerry's summary of the ten-page report that resulted from the meetings.

1. Maintain the Party as a consistent libertarian organization.
2. Create adequate funding sources (an in-house fundraiser has been authorized in the 1985 budget).
3. Take a survey to determine our true strength.
4. Hire a political consultant to advise the LP on how to market our principles.
5. Gain low-cost permanent ballot status in as many states as possible.
6. Devise a program to develop fifty strong state parties.
7. Appoint an enthusiastic Campaign '85 Chair (Steve Dasbach of Indiana has been appointed).
8. Encourage state parties to develop campus organizations.
9. Organize seminars for state and local LP leaders.
10. Increase membership at least ten percent.
11. Develop leadership in the LP.
12. Increase the number of politically active, knowledgeable Libertarians.
13. Elect an adequate number of candidates.
14. Run a large number of qualified, persuasive candidates.
15. Encourage and assist local parties to become active in initiatives and referenda.
16. Appoint a Chair national coordinated activities, e.g. Tax Protest Day, Fourth of July celebrations.
17. Develop a program of continuous, persuasive Libertarian communication with the public.
18. Develop a strong, positive relationship with the national media.
19. Establish a resource and data base available to all state parties.
20. Obtain endorsements from outside the movement.
21. Change the public's perception of the role of government (government is the problem, not the solution).
22. Start to destroy the "two-party" myth.

As you can see, there are both short-term and long-term goals. I expect this report will be up-dated annually, so we can chart our progress and change emphasis or direction as needed.

---Gerry

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SATURDAY

9:00 to 9:30 Registration
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 9:45 to 12:00 Defining a Strong State Party (Internal)
 e.g., membership, finances, data
 base management, etc.
 12:00 to 1:15 Lunch Break
 1:15 to 5:00 Defining a Strong State Party (Outreach)
 e.g., candidates, contacts with other
 organizations, the media, the public,
 etc.
 7:15 to 8:15 Cocktail Hour
 8:15 to 10:15 Dinner and Speakers
 (Speakers: Randy Ver Hagen, Alicia Clark)

SUNDAY

9:15 to 10:30 Our Assets and Liabilities
 10:30 to 12:30 Building a Strong State Party -
 Implementation
 12:30 to 2:00 Lunch with Speaker (Mark Hinkle)
 2:00 to 3:00 Wrap-up and Summary

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If you have any questions, please call Gerry at 312/3811980 ext. 2136, or 894-8680.

from the SOUTH SIDE

The University of Chicago Libertarians are having one of the most successful years in recent memory. The first meeting of the year, held in January, was attended by nearly 30 people. The speaker was British libertarian David Ramsay Steele, whose lecture on "The Argument for Libertarianism" was well received.

Subsequent meetings have included University of Chicago Professor Roger Weiss, explaining his objections to libertarianism, and Seth Tillman, a recent graduate of the University, discussing the libertarian and anarchistic aspects of the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien, and a panel of graduate students discussing the relevance to libertarianism of theoretical and applied economics. Professor Randy Barnett of Chicago-Kent College of Law discussed the application of restitution to the problem of the exclusionary rule. After the meeting there was a splendid wine and cheese reception for Professor Barnett at the home of M. L. Rantala, organizer of the UC Libertarians. At the most recent meeting, Anne McCracken spoke on gun control. The presence at that meeting of a staunch gun control advocate made for an especially lively discussion, giving the Libertarians present a good intellectual workout.

The South Side Libertarian Club meets with the UC Libertarians. The meetings are open to the

public. They are attended by students, Hyde Park residents, and LP members from the South Side and elsewhere, which makes for a diverse and interesting group.

Leonard P. Liggio will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the UC Libertarians on Friday, May 24. Professor Liggio is a pioneer of the American libertarian movement and an early associate of Murray Rothbard. A leading critic of the cold war, he wrote the foreign policy pamphlet "Why the Futile Crusade?" He is President of the Institute for Humane Studies and will also be Professor at George Mason University beginning in September.

Rantala and David Ramsay Steele will host a reception after the meeting. All who are interested are warmly invited to attend (please bring your own beer, wine, or soft drinks).

For further information about the UC Libertarians, ring Miss Rantala at 363-7032.

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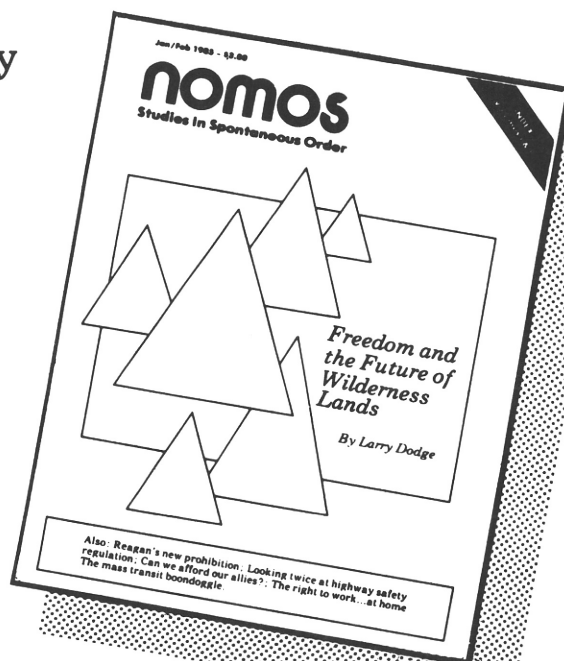
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 * LIBERTARIAN ACTIVISTS CONFERENCE *
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Illinois NatCom Rep Gerry Walsh has set up an Activists Conference for the week end of June 7-9. Gerry said, "The purpose of the conference is to take some time to think about where do we want to go and how do we get there. Libertarians from all over the country have been invited. This is a participitative conference where we can learn from each other, and is open to anyone."

If you don't think of yourself as an "activist," you might be surprised. If you have spent or are willing to spend any time at all working for the Libertarian cause, you are an activist. Come, share, learn, think with us.

At press time the Friday evening reception is being expanded to an outreach event. Several of the scheduled speakers will be on hand and arrangements are being made to show a film from World Research, Inc., the makers of "The Incredible Bread Machine." WRI films offer scenarios of real-life problems, treat them with style and imagination, and give the status quo, statist-styled "solutions" a thorough raking. A logical and provoking analysis, with a free market, laissez faire bent is offered instead. Bring some friends for a first class introduction to Libertarianism. And see an inspiring film yourself.

Register for the conference now! (see page 5) Let Gerry know you will be bringing a friend to the Friday evening reception. If you can't make to the whole conference, come for part of it. If you can't come at all, take a few minutes to write down your ideas and send them to Gerry. And/or send a check to the LPI.

SUPPER CLUB SEES RAND PLAY

Three dozen Libertarian Supper Clubbers went to see Ayn Rand's play, "The Night of January 16th," on Friday, February 8. The group met at Blend's restaurant in Oak Park and enjoyed a convivial cocktail hour, and a fine dinner to start the evening off, then to The Village Theatre, for the performance. After the play, about half of the group wound up the evening with munchies and good ol' libertarian discussion (otherwise known as a bull session) far into the night.

The Village Players, of Oak Park, is a community theatre group, which means that everyone associated with the company is an amateur. They all earn their living doing something else---everything from accounting to medicine --and they work in the theatre group as a labor of love. And work they do. Last year, after losing the space they had rented for a number of years, the Players bought and began renovating their new theatre. In addition to all the other tasks involved with producing, publicising, and presenting plays, just about everyone in the company has been, and contin-

ues to be involved in carpentry, plastering, painting, etc. The lobby and some spots in the house still have an unfinished look, but not the stage!

The stage setting was stunning. "The Night of January 16th" is a courtroom drama, set entirely in the one scene. Designed in the art deco style of the thirties, the set provided a perfect background for the fine acting of most of the cast. Ayn Rand herself surely would have approved of the haughty grandeur of the lead actress.

The producer tacked on a fillip of his own at the end of the play that would have been better left out, but it did no serious harm. The live jury, selected from the audience and seated on the stage just before the performance began, voted 7-5 for a verdict of guilty. Rand buff Bert Stunkard said it is highly unusual for juries to do that.

CALENDAR

Friday, May 24: U C LIBERTARIANS--Leonard P. Liggio will discuss "Two Theories of Foreign Policy." Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59 Street, 7:00pm. M.L. Rantala--363-7032

Sunday, June 2: SCC MEETING. See back page.

Sunday, June 2: ROSE PARADE. Libertarian literature distribution to parade viewers (not marching). 2:00pm at Helen Heyden's house. See SCC MEETING, back page.

Sunday, June 2: NORTH SIDE Study Group--WEAPON SHOPS OF ISHER, by A.E. Van Vogt. Jim Henderson's, 829 W. Aldine, 3rd floor, 7:00pm. Jim--281-5625.

Monday, June 3: Gerry Walsh must have in hand your reservation (and check for meals) for the ACTIVISTS CONFERENCE. Mail it EARLY.

Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9: LP ACTIVISTS CONFERENCE. See article this page, page 5.

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