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## LPI ON BALLOT

Steve Givot filed 41,000 petition signatures on Monday, August 6, to place the Libertarian Party slate on the ballot for the November 6 general election. Jeanne Kipp, Bob Vitt, and Pat Peterson accompanied Steve to Springfield to file the petition with the Board of Election Commissioners.

More than a dozen representatives of radio and television stations and newspapers attended a news conference Steve held to announce the filing. The media people responded very favorably to Steve and his candidacy. "They are taking us seriously," he said.

Three Springfield area Libertarians were on hand for the filing and the news conference. They had lunch with the candidate afterward.

### THE GIVOT CAMPAIGN

At the time Steve Givot was nominated by the Libertarian Party in April, it was announced that his campaign had already had more media coverage than any previous Libertarian campaign had had in Illinois that early in the campaign. Thanks to the dedicated and effective full time efforts of Jeanne Kipp and Grant Cooper during the summer months, media coverage of the campaign had reached phenomenal (for LPI) proportions by the end of August.

There have been more than a hundred articles and reports about Givot, Candidate for U.S. Senator, in the media statewide. Eight of these have been on TV. Steve has appeared on more than a dozen radio talk shows as well.

Because the Campaign cannot monitor all of the media in the state, your cooperation will be appreciated. If you hear a report on radio (or TV!), make a note of it and drop a postcard to Campaign Headquarters with the station call letters, the city, and the time & date. If you see a report (or a letter to the editor) in a newspaper, clip it and clip the name and date of the newspaper, and send them to Campaign Headquarters.

During the first week in September, Steve was a guest on the two-hour Milt Rosenberg show on WGN radio in Chicago, along with Dave Padden, Chairman of the Givot Campaign, and Anne McCracken, LPI Education Director.

### THE BERGLAND CAMPAIGN

Presidential Candidate David Bergland and Vice Presidential Candidate Jim Lewis have been traveling the length and breadth of the land during the campaign. By election day, David will have visited 59 cities in 29 states, just during the last three months of the campaign, with a grand finale tour of California. Jim, who has campaigned in 48 states will also end the campaign with a swing through California and will join David for an election night party in Costa Mesa.

David will be in Illinois on Wednesday September 19. He will be in Rockford for media appearances during the daytime and will be in the Chicago area in the evening. The Illinois BERGLAND for President Committee will host a reception for him in Roselle at 7:30 in the evening. All of the Chicago area media have been invited.

David co-authored two ballot arguments which have been approved by the California Secretary of State to be published in the Voter Handbook for the November election. The arguments are in opposition to Safe Drinking Water Bonds and Veterans Bonds; they link the bond controversies to the tax revolt by pointing out that government borrowing is backed by the power to tax. The campaign against the bond issues coordinates very well with David's Presidential campaign.

The Bergland for President campaign has been getting excellent media coverage nationwide. David has been on more than 150 radio talk shows and has been interviewed by more than 170 newspapers and 150 television stations. The newspaper articles "go far beyond the 'laundry list' pieces we have seen in the past," and there is much more TV coverage.

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OLOFSON TOP PETITIONER

Glenn Olofson of Chicago was the top petitioner in the state. He turned in 2000 signatures. Unfortunately, there were not enough Glenns working on the petition drive. As in previous election years, much too much of the campaign funds had to be spent paying professional petitioners.

As someone once said, "Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their Party." If you didn't give Glenn any competition as a signature gatherer---or even if you did, now is the time to reach deep into your pocket and support the candidate who has been working full time for us for over four months.

Steve is an eloquent spokesman for the Libertarian cause. Quick on his feet, he answers the toughest questions interviewers can throw at him with concise, cogent statements that the average person can understand. However, despite Steve's outstanding performance in the campaign so far, there is a serious problem. The average voter does not consider a candidate to be credible unless they see that candidate on television!

To buy TV air time, \$10,000 is needed NOW. Steve and a handful of others have worked incredibly hard to bring the campaign to the point where media people are beginning to call HIM to ask what he thinks about Percy's or Simon's latest statement. It cannot be emphasized strongly enough---this momentum cannot be maintained nor THE VOTERS IMPRESSED unless television commercials go on the air throughout the state SOON.

Never before have Libertarians in Illinois -ad such an opportunity to further the cause of Freedom in Our Time.

Everyone's financial resources are limited. But almost everyone can come up with some money when a great opportunity presents itself. We have a great opportunity now. Will you rise to the challenge? Will you forgo a few dinners out or evenings at the theatre, or postpone buying something you are salivating for---or persuade your landlord to 'accept half a month's rent this month, and the balance next month? We will only turn this country around if all of us are willing to give. We will not do it if we allow our candidates and a few activists to burn themselves out without our support.

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you not to make a sacrifice. Putting your money where your mouth is, in a campaign where it will do some good, is a rational act in the present which will further your ultimate goal; putting your money, in this historic moment, on some lesser, short-term goal would be a sacrifice. If you don't want to compromise your principles, check your premises.

Pragmatists note: Every dollar invested in the Givot Campaign will bring that much sooner the day when YOU will pay less in taxes, enjoy greater opportunities to prosper in a healthy economy, and live in a safer world---that's what's in it for you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Although the most urgent need right now is for money so TV air time can be scheduled (the stations require cash up front), workers are also needed. Jeanne has returned to her teaching position and Grant has returned to college. They will continue to work on the campaign, but Steve is now the only full time worker. If you can help, please call Campaign Headquarters and volunteer. No special skills are needed, just two hands, two brain cells to rub together, and a willing heart.

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NATIONAL BALLOT DRIVE

As of mid August, David and Jim were officially on the ballot in 27 states. In five, including Illinois, petitions had been filed and were awaiting final certification by the Secretaries of State.

Successful lawsuits had won ballot status in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Wyoming, while lawsuits were pending in Georgia, Maine, South Dakota, and Texas.

Petition drives are still underway in ten states and the Distict of Columbia.

JIM LEWIS WRITES BOOK

Jim Lewis has written a new book which Libertarians can use during the campaign, and after too, to help them to explain to their friends that Libertarians are the mainstream of America's philosophical heritage. Jim's book, LIBERTY RECLAIMED, is available from Free Forum Books, P.O Box 119, Meriden, CN 06450. One copy is \$3.00, including postage and handling. Discount prices are: 10 for

## DOUG BANDOW TALKS ON POLITICAL POWER

By Joseph Bast and Ken Prazak

Characterizing operations in the nation's White House as "frustrating, complex, and difficult to change," Doug Bandow brought a taste of political reality to Libertarians attending his breakfast talk Sunday morning. Bandow, editor of Inquiry Magazine and a former Reagan White House aid, spoke in place of scheduled speaker Murray Rothbard to an audience of about 70 people.

Bandow repeatedly stressed that the object of the game in Washington is power and not principle. Power in Washington, according to Bandow, is not monolithic but is deeply divided among warring branches, departments, and even divisions within departments. Such unity of vision as exists in Washington arises from the shared interests of the army of bureaucrats that form "the permanent government." It is this government that poses the greatest challenge to libertarians; unfortunately, this kind of government is also the least responsive to appeals to principles.

Relying on anecdotes drawn from his brief experience in the Reagan Administration, Bandow described a bizarre world of "ideological eunuchs" (career bureaucrats), "parasites on power" (lobbyists), and political appointees who measure their status by the shape of their waste baskets and the size of the wooden ship models adorning their offices. In this world of constant infighting and fragmented power, devotion to principles becomes a strategic liability. Those who succeed in the power game are the unprincipled, the "perennial camp followers," who change their beliefs as frequently as most people change their briefs. This unsavory crowd controls the flow of information to elected and appointed officials and frustrates all reforms that threaten its moss-covered burrows.

Having raised the issue of the intransigence of power in Washington, Bandow unfortunately had little advice to offer to LPers. Is the kind of wholesale house-cleaning required for real change beyond the reach of any elected or appointed official? Perhaps the real lesson of Bandow's talk is that real reductions in the scope of government will not

come from politicians promising small reforms or balanced budgets. Libertarianism has to be abolitionism on a grand scale, a political movement that rejects business-as-usual and once and for all puts an end to the kind of atmosphere that breeds eunuchs, parasites, and all the other strange beasts that presently inhabit Washington.

## IN THE MEDIA

WBBM-Radio Editorial Reply  
Mandatory Seat Belt Legislation

WBBM may believe it was performing a noble public service by expressing its support for mandatory seat belt legislation. Frankly, that's a public service the citizens of Illinois can do without.

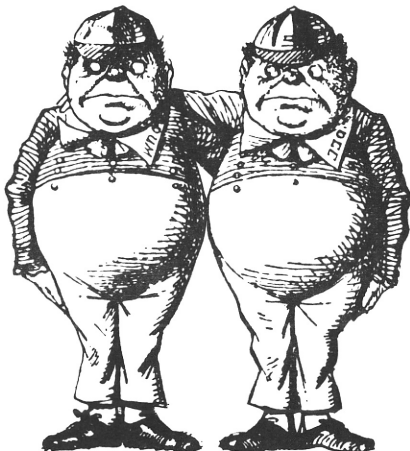
The proposed law, which would require Illinois drivers and their front seat passengers to wear seat belts, is more than mere "harassment." It's one more instance of unnecessary government coercion--another law we must obey..."for our own good."

Requiring seat belts is a form of protectionism that goes far beyond the realm of legitimate government authority. Do we really need law enforcement officials to protect us from ourselves? Can we tolerate mandatory annual inspections--to see if our seat belts work? Will we tolerate police roadblocks, set up to spot check whether the law is being obeyed?

WBBM cites statistics as to the number of lives which could have been saved last year if the victims had worn seat belts. Providing that information is a valid public service--but must we pass a law to force people to pay attention to that information? What of statistics showing more accidents in older cars, or foreign cars, or red cars? Shall we pass a law requiring everyone to drive blue 1983 Chevrolets?

It's time we realized that these so-called "minor" violations of our freedom of choice add up, and can quickly lead to violations far more dangerous. WBBM and our state legislators must be encouraged to respect the intelligence of Illinois drivers, and respect the individual's right to take responsibility for his own life.

--Diane Carol Bast



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A resolution was passed at the LPI Convention authorizing the creation of a special fund to compensate those individuals who spent personal funds defending themselves and the Party from Rich Suter's \$100,000 lawsuit. The Party's decision to re-instate Suter's Life Membership frustrated many of these people; contributions to at least partly cover their legal expenses is a decent and proper gesture of appreciation of their efforts. Regardless of whether or not you favored Rich Suter's return to the Party, your donation to this fund will make a significant contribution to party unity. Direct inquiries and make checks payable to Joseph Bast, 5464 S. Cornell, #3R, Chicago, IL 60615 (312) 947-9064.

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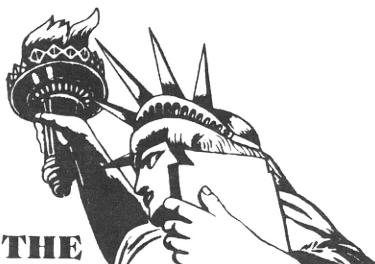
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