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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 28-July 2-- "Summit 86" Word Skill Workshop in Bethesda, Maryland. One dozen top Libertarian communicators reveal their communication secrets. For more info. call 1-800/932-1776. If interested in carpooling or sharing hotel accommodations, call Steve Friedlander at 201/874-8492.

July 4-- Anyone interested in joining a rally being organized for the Statue of Liberty Rededication in Jersey City should contact Rich Duprey at 201/445-6098.

July 16-- Self-Government Advocates seminar by Marshall Fritz 7:30 PM at the Fugle Hummer Post no. 65 American Legion Hall in Metuchen-- Lake Street (Route 27) and Holly Ave. Call Rich Duprey at 201/445-6098 for further details.

July 27-- PICNIC '86--First Annual Bergen County Libertarian Party Convention from 9 AM to dark at Waldwick Boro Park, Waldwick, NJ. Fun, guest speakers and all you can eat and drink for \$10 (\$5 for children under 12). See enclosed flyer for details and registration form.

July 27-- NJLP GENERAL MEETING, 2 PM at Picnic '86 (no charge to those only attending the meeting).

Every Wednesday-- Libertarian Discussion Club, 6:30 PM, Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St., New Brunswick. For directions call 201/249-7649 (Rick).

Every Tuesday-- NJ Americans for Constitutional Taxation (ACT) free public meeting, 7 PM, Moffa's Farm Restaurant, Almonesson Rd., Blenheim. Call 609/HAD-ENUF for info.

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

By Len Flynn

The NJLP Steering Committee met from 10:10 to 10:50 PM on June 4, 1986 in New Brunswick after viewing the Marshall Fritz videotape. Present were Duprey, Flynn, Peters, Brazil, and Hoegberg (part time). Friedlander and Swirsky were absent.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to decide if the NJLP should sponsor the Self Government Advocates (SGA) program. After viewing the Marshall Fritz videotape and discussing it, the committee unanimously approved a motion to allocate another \$300 to support the program.

Fritz is scheduled to speak at 7:30 PM on Wednesday July 16, 1986 at the Fugle Hummer Post no. 65 American Legion Hall in Metuchen. The hall is located at Lake Street (Route 27) and Holly Avenue.

The admission charge will be \$10.00 for NJLP members with \$1.00 deducted for each guest the member brings along. The SGA program is intended for outreach, so all nonlibertarian (potential libertarian?) guests are admitted without charge. Rich Duprey will coordinate the program.

The next NJLP meeting will be a general meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday July 27, 1986 at the Waldwick Borough Park on Pennington Ave. & Pine Street in Waldwick. This meeting will be in conjunction with the "Picnic '86" first annual convention of the Bergen County LP. All NJLP members are invited to the meeting and the convention. (See form for convention registration information.)

LAISSEZ FAIRE!!

HALLMARKS OF A FREE SOCIETY

David Nolan, who may justly claim to be the founder of the modern Libertarian Party, once described what he believed to be the "Hallmarks of a Free Society." Nolan wrote, "To the extent that the following conditions are approached in any given society, the people of that society are free. To the extent that these conditions are absent, the people are oppressed." His "Hallmarks" are as follows:

- No Conscription
- No Taxation
- No Censorship
- No Spying
- No Restraint of Trade
- No Registration of Citizens
- No Travel Restrictions
- No Laws Against Victimless Acts
- A Hard Currency
- Citizens Have a Right to Keep and Bear Arms

It is worth noting that these are the conditions the Libertarian Party is dedicated to. Our competition is constantly inching away from these positions, these hallmarks of a free society. This is the reason there must be a Libertarian Party and this is the reason it's worth working for.

From FREE VERMONT
August-September 1985

Terrorist Escalation?

The American invasion of Libya will be debated for years. Libertarian Party members undoubtedly will join that debate.

If they do, along with their particular views of armed strategy, they also should take with them a far better understanding of the status of terrorism than that displayed by the officials justifying the invasion as the result of Libya's "escalation" of terrorism.

The fact is that terrorism has remained a fairly stable element of world unrest throughout the decade. And the facts should influence the debate. Here are some, from recent news reports.

- More Americans died as the result of terrorist attacks in 1972 than in the past year. There were 42 killed in 1972; 23 in 1985.

- American businessmen, and not diplomats or military personnel, are the main targets of terrorist attacks.

- Airline bombings have not been increasing. There were 44 explosions during the 70's; 11 from 1980 to 1984.

- Bombings of all sorts have remained fairly constant. There were 104 bombings last year, according to the State Department itself. But there were 452 in 1972.

- Non-Americans have been hit harder than Americans. Since 1981, Americans have been less than 10 percent of the 7,260 casualties blamed on terrorist actions.

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Libertarian wants repeal of drug laws

Editor,

Recently R.B. Wilk has had two letters dealing with the legalization of marijuana. Praise and comment are, I think, warranted. For the record let me state I'm not a "pot" smoker; my reasons for agreeing with Wilk has to do with freedom.

As a Libertarian, I find any laws dictating to the individual what substances they may or may not ingest into their system to be utterly repugnant and at odds with our heritage of individualism!

R.B. Wilk may not be aware that the federal government via the Federal Railroad Administration is forcing railroad companies

to test rail employees for possible drug use. Our conservative friends who are usually griping about government intervention in business (and rightly so) are strangely silent this time around. Perhaps they, like their hero, King Ronald and his queen, only pay lip service to free enterprise!

Now if a company in any field of business wants to test its employees, that is their right and they should be allowed to do so. If certain employees don't like the policy they can quit since we are still free enough to change occupations without government permission! However, the idea of the state interfering and setting em-

ployment practices with regard to drug tests or anything else is simply another milepost on our counties tragic slide down the highway towards socialism and slavery.

On top of all this, drug tests don't necessarily prove use of drugs on the job. Suppose one was at a party the night before and the air was thick with "reefer" smoke; you wouldn't have to smoke yourself and still you would fail the test!

We Libertarians demand the complete repeal of all drug laws and the release of all those confined for violating such "laws."

MARK RICHARDS

West Milford

Paterson NJ News
March 3, 1986

WATER BLUES

By Emerson Ellett

Does your drinking water taste funny? It would if you are a customer of the Monmouth Consolidated Water Company (MCW) and your senses could detect coliform bacteria.

In a startling series of admissions MCW acknowledged that the water purveyed by the company has exceeded the maximum contaminant level for coliform bacteria intermittently since June, 1984 and incessantly since February, 1985.

The villain, which at present levels does not constitute a health hazard according to MCW, seems to be Escherichia coli, an organism of fecal and non-fecal origin found in the intestines of normal vertebrates. Though usually not pathogenic for man the bacterium may pass from the digestive tract into the blood and thence invade the gall-bladder and bile ducts. It can produce toxins leading to diarrhea. In newborns it can cause serious infection. There are other species of bacteria in E. coli's family, and their significance in water is still under investigation.

MCW is aware of the dictum that no coliform bacteria of any kind should be tolerated in treated water. The company has added more chlorine to the water but the problem apparently is not one of treatment but of bacterial regrowth in the mains. The mains have been flushed but the problem persists.

The hapless MCW customer determined not to ingest coliform bacteria has several choices. He or she can buy bottled water, can boil tapwater, or run tapwater through a water purifier that kills bacteria, keeping in mind that most purifiers are not designed for that purpose but rather to remove sediment or reduce chlorine and odor from potable water.

One of the most interesting, though perhaps predictable, reactions to the problem of contaminated water is that of the N.J. Board of Public Utilities (NJBPUP). With the April water bill and an accompanying

notice to the effect that recent test results have averaged 7.7 coliform bacteria colonies per 100 milliliters, MCW informed its customers that the NJBPUP granted a 5.4% rate increase to the company effective January 31, 1986. The last increase, 8.1%, was effective September 1, 1984 three months after the coliform contamination was first confirmed.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Potable Water Standards of the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection state that: "In a series of samples the arithmetical mean density of organisms of the Coliform group shall not exceed one (1) colony per 100 ml." Anyone with a personal well that exceeded this standard would be forced for their own good to dig a new, deeper well.

Remember the homeowners in Jackson Township whose wells were contaminated by the township's landfill? They were coerced into hooking up to the township's water system--even those who had already corrected their problem by digging deeper wells and had clean water were compelled to join the town's system and cap their wells.

All of this comes as no surprise to libertarians who understand that government protected monopolies do not assure their customers of service or safety. On the contrary, the officials of such operations can expect to be shielded from their errors and incompetence by the compulsory hold they have on their customers (victims?).

Monmouth Consolidated Water Company customers have no choice about who supplies their water and are forced to get and pay for this public water system even if they have wells. MCW's water has been unsafe by federal and state standards for two years and their customers are paying 13.5% more for the "privilege" of coliform contaminated water.

DON'T MISS THESE NJLP EVENTS!**NJLP NEWSPAPER HELP NEEDED NOW**

By Len Flynn

Marshall Fritz Self Government Advocates seminar at 7:30 PM on Wednesday July 16, 1986 at the Fugle Hummer Post no. 65 American Legion Hall in Metuchen. Admission \$10.00 with \$1.00 discount for each guest at this outreach program (no charge for guests).

Fritz is a dynamic speaker who has explained libertarianism to the public through his Self Government Advocates program. He specializes in simple explanations for newcomers to the libertarian philosophy. Come and hear Marshall-- and be sure to bring your friends!

PICNIC '86 the Bergen County LP convention from 9:00 AM to dark on Sunday July 27, 1986 at the Walduick Borough Park in Walduick. Speakers scheduled include David Corcoran, editorial page editor for The Record; Michael J. Talmo, public relations director for MOBILE (Motorists Opposed to Bureaucracy and Intrusive Law Enforcement); George Willis, Executive Director of the Bergen County Medical Society; and Murray Sabrin, professor at Ramapo College and founder of the Alliance for Monetary Education (AME).

Admission of \$10.00 (\$5.00 for children under 12) includes all you can eat and drink with beer, soda, hamburgers and hot dogs provided. An NJLP general meeting will be held at 2:00 PM (no charge for those attending only this meeting).

For information about either event, contact NJLP Chairman Rich Duprey at 201/445-6098. Have a good time!


From The SOUTHERN LIBERTARIAN MESSENGER
March, 1986

Roger Headrick, a born-again Christian who ran for Governor of NJ in 1985 as candidate of True Light Independent Party, drew the attention of his second wife, who did not know they were divorced and found out about his third wife. He faces bigamy charges. He ran on a pro-family platform.

(Headrick came in third in the election ahead of NJLP candidate Virginia Flynn.--Ed.)

Writers and contributors to the new NJLP newspaper are needed. Have you written a special article that might be particularly suited to an outreach publication? Is there such an article you would nominate for inclusion that someone else has written? Would you like to advertise to about 10,000 potential customers? If so, please call Rich Duprey right away (201/445-6098).

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Seatbelt Surprise

In the year since it enacted a seatbelt law, New Jersey has experienced:

1. An increase in traffic deaths. The death rate had been going down for four years prior to the seatbelt law.
2. An increase, specifically, in the deaths of drivers and front seat passengers, the very ones required by law to buckle up.
3. An absolutely unexpected and significant increase in pedestrian deaths. (At least one commentator has brought up the possibility that seatbelt use may provide a strong sense of security for drivers and could lead to increased carelessness generally and decreased alertness in situations involving pedestrians and cyclists.)

A report on the unexpected figures, in *The Boston Globe*, warned, however, that there is no way to know what the death rate would be without the seatbelt law. With the statistics indeterminate, the Libertarian Party position questioning only the principle of official coercion of personal behavior remains as valid as ever.

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May/June 1986

JULY 27TH

Picnic-'86

FIRST ANNUAL BERGEN COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION--LIBER-T-Q!

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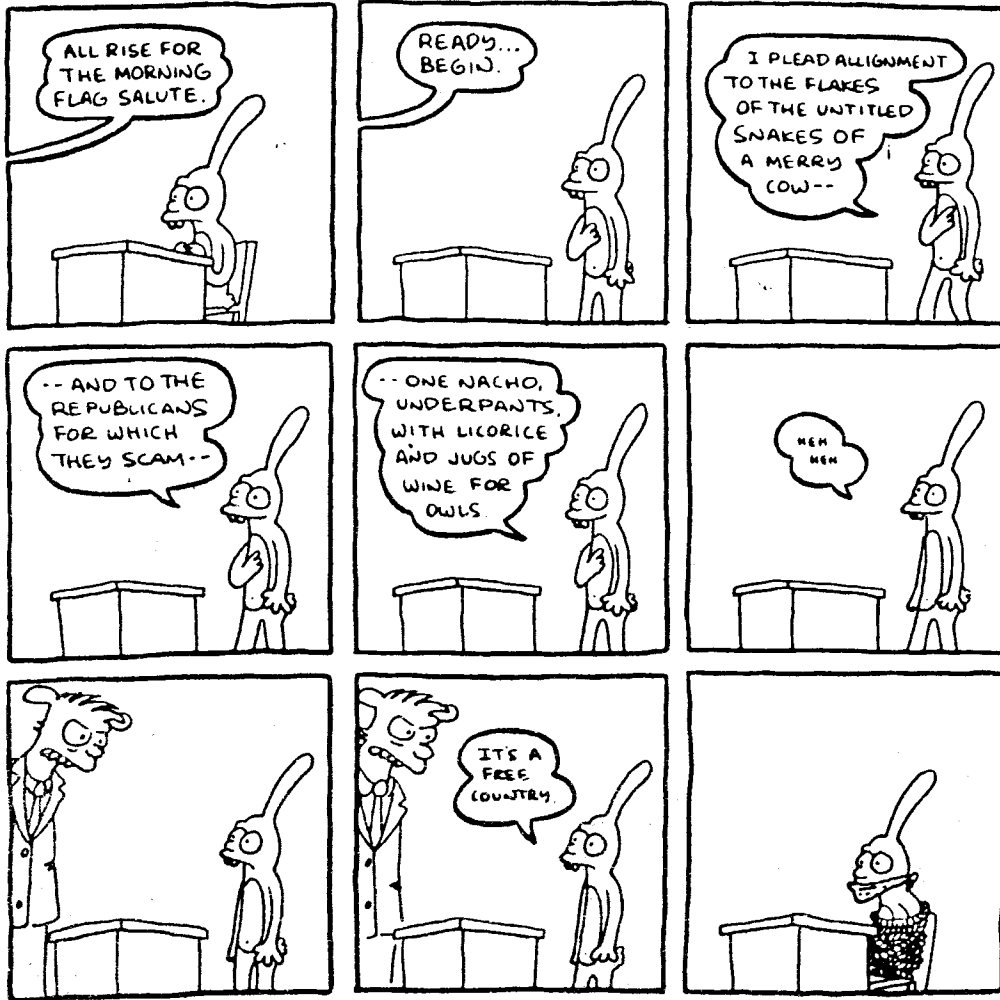
GUEST SPEAKERS

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- * Michael J. Talmo --Public Relations Director, MOBILE (Motorists
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- *George Willis -- Executive Director, Bergen County Medical Society
- *Murray Sabrin -- Professor, Ramapo College, Founder of Alliance for
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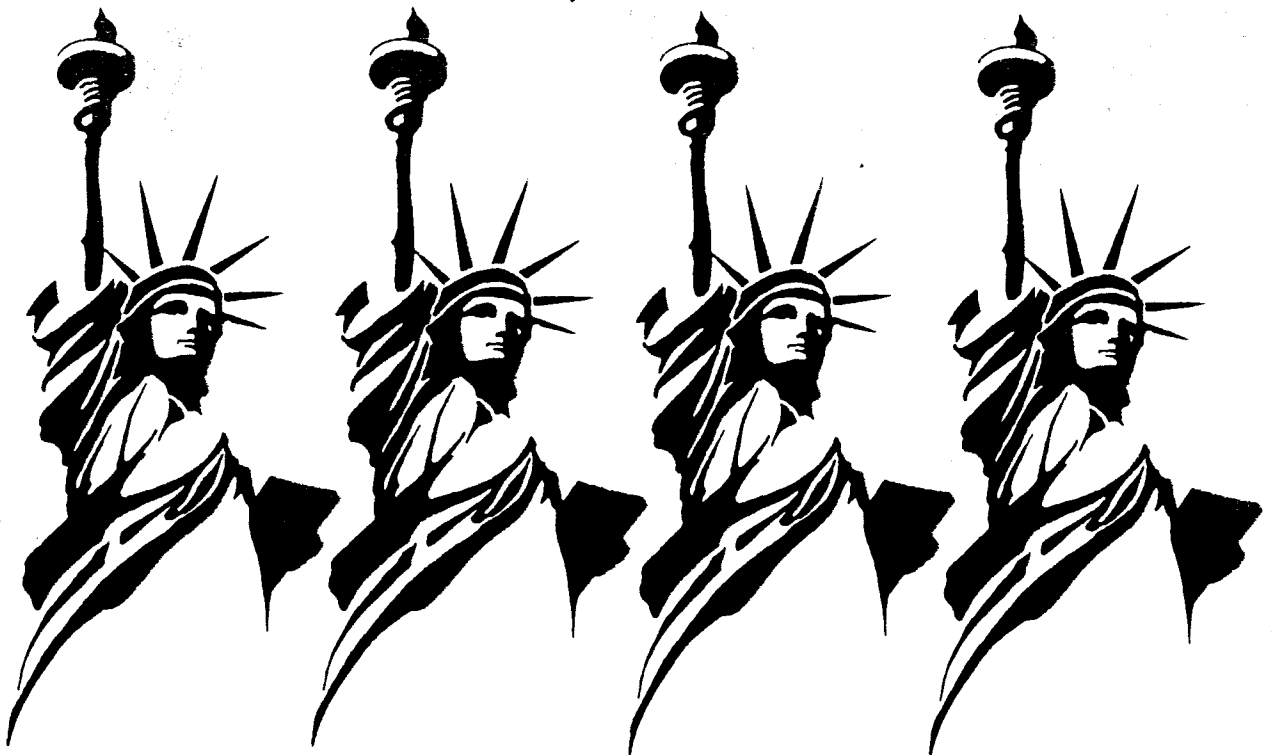
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the "Waldwick" exit
and follow signs to
Waldwick. At the
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left at the fourth
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CARTOON BY MATT GROENING



Vietnam protester memorial draws flak

By SCOTT MCCARTNEY
The Associated Press

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Terry Choate wants the red and yellow flag of Vietnam hoisted beside the stars and stripes on an acre of desert wedged between a highway and a state prison on the west side of town.

Then, he hopes, a giant peace symbol will be lifted atop a column etched with names of people who died in anti-war demonstrations.

After that, with the addition of lights, parking and rest rooms, the Vietnam War Protesters Memorial will be complete.

To no one's surprise, veterans groups are outraged. One spokesman has suggested Choate build his monument in Hanoi.

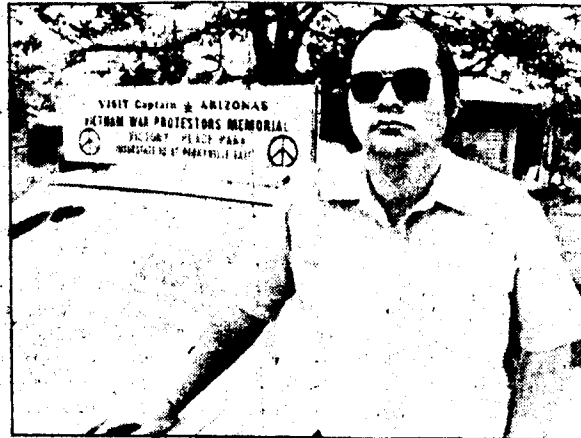
But Choate, a pudgy, balding, bespectacled, 37-year-old cab driver who has also driven a garbage truck, worked as a radio talk show host named "Captain Arizona" and ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature in 1982, persists.

He vows he will spend his savings and liquidate other assets to achieve his goal.

"In April last year, on the 10th anniversary (of the end of the Vietnam War) it seemed like the war protesters were left out. This seemed like the right thing to do," says Choate, a protester who registered with Selective Service but was never drafted. "The Vietnam Veterans Memorial basically has 50,000 names to a defeat. Ours is a memorial to a victory."

Choate has only six definite names on his list: the four students killed at Kent State University on May 4, 1970, and the two young blacks killed at Jackson State University 11 days later when police and Mississippi troopers sought to quell rioting sparked in part by President Richard Nixon's decision to send troops into Cambodia.

Choate runs the 85 Cents A Mile Cab Co., a three-car operation offering the cheapest and likely the most politicized taxi service in



"They're trying to intervene again in Central America. This does more than question authority. It says, 'Authority: you threw 50,000 lives away for nothing and these are the people who died trying to stop you.'"

— Terry Choate

Phoenix. A sign on the back of his battered black cab reads in part: "Visit Vietnam War Protesters Memorial — Victory Peace Park — Interstate 10 at Perryville Exit."

He admits it sometimes draws obscene gestures from motorists.

Last August, Choate paid \$7,000 for his single scrubby acre. He announced plans for a "Jane Fonda Hero-of-the-Nation Park," applied for the proper county permits and waited for donations to pour in.

He received only \$100, and Miss Fonda demanded that her name be removed from the project.

Choate says he paid \$1,000 for an architect's blueprints he spreads over his cluttered

desk. The monument — a 26-foot concrete column crowned by a 4-foot-high peace symbol — will cost \$10,000. Add in the toilets, lights, parking lots, surveys and the requirement that he set up a private, endowed foundation to qualify for a park permit, and the cost grows to \$50,000, Choate says.

He plans to pay for it by withdrawing his \$10,000 savings and selling property his grandparents gave him in 1965.

The proposed monument "is a symbol of the defeat of intervention," Choate says. "They're trying to intervene again in Central America. This does more than question authority. It says, 'Authority: you threw 50,000 lives away for nothing and these are the people

who died trying to stop you.'"

Veterans groups at first ignored Choate, believing he would never raise the money and a response would only give him more attention. Now, they fear, he may be just crazy enough to pull it off.

"I suggest that Choate build his monument in Hanoi," says Gil La Montagne, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "I find it reprehensible that anyone would even consider the building of a monument to the Vietnam protesters and specifically flying an enemy flag... The protesters may be heroes to some, but to American Vietnam veterans, they were nothing but sources of pain, despair and death."

After the Maricopa County attorney's office ruled that Choate's plans met the definition of a park and issued a permit, the American Legion began circulating petitions against Choate.

Legislators introduced a bill making it illegal to display the Vietnamese flag, but it was declared unconstitutional.

Some veterans predict if the monument does go up, it won't stay up long.

Choate keeps a grocery bag of hate mail by his desk. One, an unsigned mimeographed newsletter, says, "We anticipate a real firefight in Phoenix on the eve of May Day, if you know what we mean."

But Choate relishes the fray. He responds to threatening letters with an outlandish letter of his own, asserting that "unlike the memorial for war criminals in Washington, this memorial will honor the true American patriots who died fighting the fascistic imperialist war-mongers of the right wing."

He's ordered extra flags to replace any torn down and plans to enclose his park with fences to discourage vandals.

"I'm prepared to push this thing through to the end," Choate says. "Some Americans want it and some Americans don't. That could be said about the Revolution. There are probably more against this than for it. But when we started in the '60s protesting the Vietnam War, we were a tiny minority."

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