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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM at Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St. in New Brunswick. All NJLP members invited and welcome to attend.

September 2-6-- Libertarian Presidential Nominating Convention, Seattle Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, Washington. For information call 206/329-5669.

September 16-- NJLP State Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM at Patti's Restaurant, 37 Bartlett St. in New Brunswick. Agenda includes NJLP delegate's report from National LP Convention. All NJLP members are invited and welcome to attend.

NATIONAL LP BALLOT STATUS

The LP is now qualified to appear on the ballot without further need of petitioning in 14 states: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, South Carolina, Texas, and Vermont. Only two more states need to be completed before National's spring target goal is reached. Remember, New Jersey only needs 800 signatures to get our Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates on the ballot. Prepare to help out in the upcoming "Operation: John Hancock" effort.

Welcome new NJL advertisers The Pragmatist and LGLC! NJLP members are urged to support NJL advertisers. They help make this newsletter possible.

NJLP GENERAL MEETING

by Len Flynn

The NJLP membership held a general meeting during the summer picnic on July 25, 1987 from 5:15 to 6:00 PM. After the minutes of the 6/17/87 State Committee meeting were read, county activity questionnaires were circulated throughout the attending members so they could evaluate local activity in their respective counties.

James Agnew was approved unanimously as Warren County Representative by the membership. Jim is a former National LP Committee member from Louisiana who moved to NJ in 1984. Jim ran for Congress in Louisiana in 1982 getting 22.8% (!) of the vote against an incumbent Republican. Jim believes this may be a record percentage for a Libertarian running for Congress. Jim lives in Belvidere and can be reached at 201/475-4845 (H) or 785-0700 (O). The Warren County group will have full recognition according to sec. 9.A of the NJLP Bylaws upon subsequent approval by the NJLP Steering Committee.

The membership then unanimously approved Dan Karlan as the NJLP designee on the National LP Convention's platform committee. Dan has been a Libertarian Party member since 1975 when he joined the New York LP. Dan was a 1985 candidate for Waldwick Town Council and he is very familiar with libertarian issues.

Steve Friedlander reported the very good news that LIBPAC has grown considerably. After the June 27 fundraising party at Jerry Zeldin's, more than \$300 is available in the

account to aid NJLP candidates and election activity. Thanks for your effort Jerry!

Len Flynn was told to send the same listing of NJLP delegates and alternates to the Russell Means for President campaign that had already been sent to National LP and the Ron Paul campaign. Other candidates will get the same mailing on their request. The membership expressed no objections to selling the NJLP membership addresses to Nomos Press (a libertarian publication) for their one time use.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday August 19, 1987 at Patti's Restaurant in New Brunswick. The NJLP State Committee will meet at the same time and place on Wednesday September 16, 1987. NJLP members are encouraged and welcome to attend both meetings.

During the picnic the Monmouth County libertarians unanimously elected Laura Stewart to be their county chair replacing Pat Fallon, who had moved to Pennsylvania. Laura and her husband Bill live in Keyport where she can be reached at 201/264-4492.

The Alabama LP, perhaps one of most interesting state parties around these days, designed a unique way to get people to sign petitions. A helium tank with a string of imprinted balloons is placed in a public park, festival, or other suitable gathering. Small children erally drag their parents into the grasp of busy volunteer petitioners distributing a free balloon with every petition signature. The resourcefulness of some LP members never ceases to amaze! RLD

LP ACTIVIST NETWORK NEWS

A new LP publication will be making the rounds soon--for just \$10 a year you will be able to receive Activist Network News. The LP feature "what works, doesn't, how long it takes, how much it costs--who's where doing what and what they need to keep this movement moving!" You'll receive not only the newsletter, but NatCom meeting minutes, Libertarian National Committee Resolutions, updates, and FYI reports. Subscribe to LP Headquarters, 301 West 21st, Houston, TX 77008. RLD

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August 2, 1987

Dear NJ Libertarian:

Though the new drug bill has been signed by Governor Kean, it has not been put into law yet. The Comprehensive Drug Reform Act (A-3270) will not take effect if a companion bill, which would authorize a \$198 million bond issue to build prisons does not pass in the November election.

Voting down the bond issue and its additional debt which the New Jersey taxpayer will have to assume, may restore again some measure of liberty in our state.

Jason Lapidus

Libertarian runs for Assembly

By JAN RUBIN
MAHWAH
—
Borough resident
Michael Harris, a 25year-old waiter and
part-time student, is
making his maiden bid
for office as the Liberterian Party's candidate
for the District 40 seat
in the state Assembly.

A graduate of Don Bosco High School in Ramsey, Harris works at Jimmy Reid's Restaurant on Route 17, Ramsey, and attends St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, N.Y., where he is a sophomore studying history.

With no primary battle to face, he said he has not given much thought to his campaign. "It might be quiet and I'll just be on the hallot," he said, adding the state party might decide to put out position papers to let people know where its candidates stand on issues.

Harris said he does not expect to win a seat on the Assembly.

"My running is part of being an active Libertarian," he said. "In order to speak to government, we need to use the elections. We need to appear to be legitimate and not just some fringe group and to use the system and be a part of in."

Harris said he was attracted to the Libertarian party rather than either major party because both Republicans and Democrats "tend to compromise them selves" in their efforts to be diverse and broader their appeal.

"Both stand for some things I believe in but neither stands for all I believe in," he said.

RIDGEWOOD NEWS

A solution for toxic waste

By Phyllis Avery

The current government programs and solutions for toxic-waste materials, which involve regulations, fines and in some instances, limitations on liability, are ineffective. Illegal wastes are continuously dumped or stored in areas that are unsafe for people and animals in the vicinity.

Often the damage or danger is not discovered until years after the dumping or storage began, and the taxpayers are then forced to assume financial liability for cleaning up the toxins, while those actually responsible are given small fines or probation when and if they are even found.

The solution to the toxic-waste issue, (which applied equally to waste-burning facilities and nuclear power plants) is the concept of individual or corporate liability, which requires restitution to the victim for acts that endanger or damage his life or property. This requires individual or corporate insurance.

In a free marketplace, insurance companies act as economic inhibitors to the development of hazardous industries. Whenever any business engages in an activity that has the potential for endangering the lives and property of others, investors are naturally concerned about protecting their investment against any possible tort claims. The rates of free-market insurance companies accurately reflect the risk.

Many people apparently are not

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aware that the state fixes insurance rates and profits. This price fixing is one of the results of PAC donations to our elected politicians. The independent agent is prohibited by law from delivering insurance at less than the state-mandated rate. Thus, the insurance companies enjoy a quasi-monopoly.

In a free market, hazardous-business operators would protect themselves by purchasing liability insurance in an amount sufficient to pay for all foreseeable damages. The higher the premium, the greater would be the incentive for the proprietor(s) to reduce any hazardous operations. If the risk were deemed to be too great by the insurance company, the processing plant would not be built.

Insurance companies would have a greater interest in controlling toxic pollution more than government, because no personal liability is involved in government programs. Insurance companies would have to provide the manpower to monitor all phases of toxic handling in three areas of possible problems:

- 1. Production monitoring.
- 2. Temporary storage.
- 3. Transfer to permanent storage or disposal.

This would make it very difficult for illegal dumping to occur, because the precise amount of toxic material created would have to be accounted for.

Requiring businesses that use, transport or store materials to assume full responsibility for such activity would also relieve the already overburdened taxpayer. Government regulation, and legislation that limits the liability of these companies, is not only wrong, but ineffective, and must be ended.

Such legally imposed limited liability represents an illegitimate award of special privilege on one group, at the expense of another. This is a violation of the basic principle of equality under the law.

As we have seen, over and over again, government is not simply a part of the problem, it is the problem. By conferring special privileges on certain corporations, government has caused the proliferation of toxic materials. It has enabled certain industries to profit from their hazardous-materials processing investments while the American taxpayer subsidizes the risk.

It is now time for a separation of economy and state! Only by requiring toxic-material users to assume full financial responsibility for their activities will we be able to eliminate industry-caused toxic-waste pollution.

The antior is a resident of Ocean-

THE SAN DIEGO UNION December 31, 1986 Phyllis Avery is Dan Maiullo's cousin. If you are planning on attending the 1987 LP Presidential Nominating Convention in Seattle, WA this September 2-6, here is some information you may find useful:

There will be babysitting services available each day from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Rates are: 1 child - \$12/day; 2 children - \$18/day; 3 children \$22/day. There is also an hourly drop-in rate of \$1.50/hour for one child; \$2.00/hour for 2 children. For more information call Mitzie Booth at (206) 752-0883.

There are four breakfasts scheduled with David Bergland, Alicia Clark, Karl Hess and Ken Schooland. Only enough room for 350 people at each one with pre-registered guests receiving priority seating.

An Electronic Bulletin Board will be available which will cover Convention related news. The Board is set for 300-2400 BAUD-8 bits, 1-stop bit, with no parity. The bulletin board will be open from midnight to 5:00 pm, each day, Pacific Time. David Jones, who will be making his computer available for this service, says to leave a message with SYSOP and he will get back to you with complete access information within 24 hrs. His phone number is (206) 271-4236.

Main Street World Travel has installed a toll-free number-- (800) 338-6798--to take reservations for our official Convention airlines: Continental and Eastern. These airlines are offering a discount to all Convention attendees. The discount is only available through MSWT.

Greyline Co. operates an airport shuttle service from Sea-Tac Airport to the Sheraton Hotel. Regular cost is \$5, but you will receive 10% discount coupons with your registration confirmation.

Two Libertarians in Oregon are offering bed and breakfast accom dations to Convention attendees travelling by car. Both request a one-week advance notice. Contact Kerry Ringwald at (503) 963-7429 or Rhoda Mozorosky at (503) 459-4700 for rates and more info.

The Steel Bank Group "Caribbean Super Stars" will be providing entertainment on the cruise scheduled for Friday night.

Tonie Nathan, the LP's VP candidate in 1972, is handling media relations for the convention. Contact reporters in your own area and tell them about the convention asking them to attend. All we hear otday are that the Demopublicans are promoting boring candidates. Well let's show the media that we have several very exciting candidates to offer and it will be worth their while to attend.

There will be an art exhibit at the Convention entitled "A Celebration of Freedom in Art." Selection of works will be decided from slide entries (\$5/slide entry fee; limit 4/artist). Slides must be marked with the artists name, title of work, size, and price. A self-addressed stamped envelope must be included for return of slides. The deadline for submission of slides is Aug. 10 and entrants will be notified by Aug 15 of the committee's choices. Artwork is due at the Convention site Wed. Sept. 2 12:00 pm and must remain on display through Sat. nite Sept. 5. For more info call (206)328-6509.

by Rich Duprey

With the Convention just a short time away, there has been a flurry of activity and all of it positive. New, plastic membership cards have been mailed out so national LP members can expect to receive theirs shortly. (If you are not a nat'l LP member, why not consider becoming one: dues is only \$15/year—you can renew your NJLP membership and join national at the same time. Call Dan Maiullo for details).

The LP reported that more than \$27,000 was raised in May with June looking just as promising. Monthly pledges accounted for nearly 28 percent of the total. If you are not a monthly pledger, consider sending \$50, \$25, or \$10 a month for the next year. It actually helps both you and the party: you do not have to come up with a large donation all at once and the LP knows how much to expect each month. For more information on the monthly pledge program, contact the LP at (800) 682-1776.

Colorado LPer Doug Anderson won a seat on the Denver election board after having spent just \$50 on his campaign and pledging to fight to include "None of the Above" on all ballots. Doug won the non-partisan race with 28.6% of the vote, placing second behind a Republican who garnered 30.1%. NJLPers should consider running in such races themselves, as they are often uncontested or appointed because no one wants them. A Libertarian on the inside could have considerable influence. At any rate, good going Doug!

Final updated figures from the LP show that the NJLP has retained its position as the 10m largest state party with 144 national LP members, barely edging out Washington with 142. NJLPers take note: if you are not a national LP member please join. We need you!

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the LP's 1986 party platform (most recent edition) or the Bylaws and Convention Rules, should submit their request to the NJLP, ... A fee of \$1.00 is asked for the purpose of copying expenses.

The most recent edition of the LP News (July/August 1987) reports that there are now 7 candidates for the presidential numination. Besides the more highly publicized campaigns of Russ Means and Ron Paul, also in the running are James Libertarian Burns, 1984 VP candidate Jim Lewis, Carol Newman (a CA LP attorney general candidate who gathered 126,000 votes! It is rumored that she has since withdrawn her candidacy), Ed Roth, and Harry Glenn.

The National Taxpayers Union has reported their annual summary of how much you'd owe if government spending and indebtedness were evenly divided among the 85 million taxpayers. The total is 13 trillion dollars! It amounts to \$154,995 for each and every taxpayer. Asks the LP News: "Can you really afford it?"

From: SANDHILLS LIBERTARIAN GAZETTE

July 1987

Social Security or lies?

by Walter Williams

Millions of Americans have looked into their pay envelopes to find a pamphlet, "Your 1987 Social Security Deduction," published by the Social Security Administra-tion (SSA). If the Federal Trade Commission was doing its job, it would seek a court injunction against the SSA's use of this document.

The pamphlet starts off by letting us know that the Social Security tax rate has not increased (it remains at 7.15 percent) but the wage base - the wages on which taxes are levied - has increased from \$42,000 in 1986 to \$43,800 in 1987. That announcement is supposed to

soften us up for the lies that follow.

The first is: "Although workers in the higher income brackets pay more in Social Security taxes, they can count on higher benefits when they become eligible for Social Security." The inference is that the money you pay into Social Security is placed into some actuarially sound investment program where the total yield depends on the contribution. The fact is that liability is completely unfunded. Its ability to pay beneficiaries depends solely on the willingness of the current workforce to pay higher and higher taxes. In other words, your Social Security deduction does not go into a trust fund; it goes immediately to some retiree. So your higher benefits depend on future workers' willingness to allow themselves to be taxed at rates estimated to go as high as 25 to 30 percent by the year 2025. You can speculate on how palatable that

will be to those future taxpayers.

The second lie is: "Employers also will pay more into Social Security in 1987 since they match, dollar for dollar, the Social Security taxes paid by employees." Let's assume your salary is \$100 a day. The employer is going to take \$7.15 out of your pay, add \$7.15 to it, and send the \$14.50 off to SSA. The employer's cost to hire you is \$100 plus \$7.15 (the so-called employer's contribution) which adds up to \$107.15. Now I ask: If you cost the employer \$107.15 a day, how much do you think he expects you to produce for him to hire you? You got it: at least \$107.15 worth of output each day.

RON PAUL CAMPAIGN NEWS

---Ron Paul appeared on the C-SPAN program "On the Road to the White House" where the potential viewers was in the millions. A tape of this program is available from Rich Duprey.

---As of May 25th, Ron Paul's campaign had already raised more than \$200,000 from 2200 contributors! ---Campaign materials--bumper stickers, press releases, newsletters, Murray Rothbard's booklet on Paul, etc.--are available from Ron Paul's Houston office--1120 Blvd., #104, Houston, TX 77058, 713/333-1988. RLD

The next question is: Who pays the Social Security tax? You do! The employer is merely a tax collector. The employer-pays-half lie is an act of political expediency to trick people into accepting the system.

Because of lies, tricks, and myths, Americans have little idea of the amount of taxes they actually pay. I have long argued that employers should pay workers all their earnings at window A, then let federal, state, and local revenuers stand at another window to take it away. That way we would be fully aware of the full costs of government.

Aside from lies, Social Security is a fraud. Ask your congressman, lawyer, or all those government agencies that are supposed to protect us, whether a private retirement program can operate on the same basis as Social Security. If they are honest, they will tell you that any director of a private agency which had the characteristics of Social Security would be put underneath the jail, if not shot.

Now the good news: The Social Security Administration used to call both the employee's and employer's payments contributions. In this publication they finally call it a tax. Evidently someone told them that the word *contribution* has something to do with

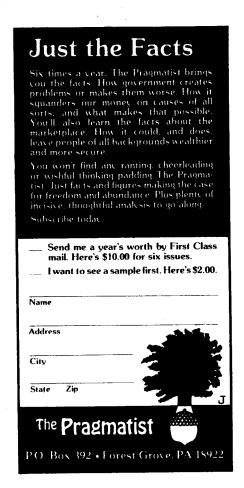
the concept of voluntary.
On top of Social Security myths, lies, and fraud, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that Congress is under NO obligation to make payments; the court says there is no contract between you and government. How do you like them apples?

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RUSSELL MEANS CAMPAIGN NEWS

Russell Means is employing interesting concept to raise money for his bid for the presidential nomination. He is circulating Yourself Letter." "Un-Chain concept is similar to the infamous Social Security chain letter except that this is voluntary! A letter is copied and sent to as many individuals as you can think of while you donate money to the Means campaign. Each person who receives the letter is then asked to copy it and pass it on while also donating money. Anyone interested in the Russull Means Freedom Campaign should write President, 444 Castro Means for Street, Suite 301, Mountain View, CA, 94041. RLD



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A reminder of history

As long as we maintain allegiances to political and religious institutions rather than to our own adult ethical standard, we will continue to have covert and overt slaughter and atrocities which could never be committed in the name of an individual.

Josef Goebbels lied and distorted facts better than Col. North, and Heinrich Himmler was perhaps even more of a patriotic zealot. Both of these brilliant officers did one heck of a job in carrying out their assignments for the fatherland, which still doesn't make them worth a spit.

TOM PALVEN, **Farmingdale**

NEW YORK TIMES July 23, 1987

It's Time to Drop **Draft Registration**

By Doug Bandow

WASHINGTON - Jimmy Carter has been out of office for more than six years, but his legacy lives on. Gillam Kerley of Madison, Wis., has become the latest young man to be conyicted for failing to register for the draft. And Mr. Kerley's sentence - a three-year prison term with a mandatory year before parole and a \$10,000 fine - is the harshest yet.

. This punishment is grossly disproportionate to the "crime" of publicly refusing to fill out a one page form. His sentence also highlights the Reagan Administration's scattershot enforcement policy. Though at least 450,000 young men annually commit the same crime as Mr. Kerley, fewer than two dozen have been prosecuted.

Mr. Carter proposed draft registration in early 1980 after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Under the blah, 18 year old men must register for the draft, although they will not actually be drafted unless Congress

How about reserve volunteers?

approves conscription. While the offi-∘cial justification was to increase emergency readiness, the program's real purpose - which proved ineffective - was to show toughness in the

'fate of Soviet aggression.

n. During the 1980 Presidential cambaign, Mr. Reagan criticized the Carter program, arguing that registration "destroys the very values that our society is committed to defending," Once in office, however, he accepted the sign-up as his own, citing national security concerns. But the President was embarrassed when his manpower task force's report on registration was leaked to the press. The study showed not only that a postmobilization sign-up could bring in men almost as quickly as the current program, but also that the Pentagon's training camps would be filled to overflowing with volunteers and other military personnel even without peacetime registration.

In fact, Mr. Reagan maintained the

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program for the same reason that Mr. Carter created it -- to demonstrate national resolve, this time after the Polish military's crackdown on Solidarity. Unfortunately, though, registration had no more impact on events in Poland than in Afghanistan.

Today, with prosecutions continuing, a program that was supposed to help free Polish Solidarity members has instead been used to jail young Americans. And a system intended to accelerate mobilization in the event of war has made both the defense establishment and the public complacent about a future conflict.

President Reagan should simply drop registration and end the persecution of vocal nonregistrants. But Pentagon planners like the illusion of security that the peacetime sign-up provides. Thus, a registration analogue of the All-Volunteer Force is needed, something that provides a sure source of emergency manpower but is consistent with America's tradition of individual liberty

Consider a reserve volunteer force, a pool of untrained volunteers who would be subject to immediate callup in a mobilization. Using the most pessimistic Pentagon estimates, 130,000 men would be needed for sufficient untrained manpower in the first two months after mobilization.

Reserve volunteers would sign up for a set term, during which they would enter the military only during national emergency. Members would receive a modest financial stipend and would be invited to become part of the "military family" through involvement with the active forces, reserves and service associations.

Reserve volunteers would provide a better source of emergency manpower than does the current system. Members would automatically report when called up; because of exemption claims, Selective Service would have to issue 600,000 draft notices to assure 100,000 inductions.

Are there at least 130,000 young men ready to serve? Today's young people are patriotic; qualified recruits are flocking to the active duty forces. Moreover, draft registrations soared after the bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon and the Grenada invasion.

With some Democrats calling for a return to a peacetime draft, there would be no better way for the Administration to demonstrate its commitment to the volunteer military than to abolish registration. Let's raise America's entire armed forces in a manner consistent with our principles of freedom, which the military is sworn to ur hold.

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