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Chair's Message

It's my privilege to serve as the new Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. Thanks again to Jay Edgar for his years of hard work and leadership. I'm confident 2014 will be an exciting year for liberty in New Jersey.

Not only is the Libertarian Party the fastest-growing party in America, since 2012 we're actually the only growing party in America. While the other two parties shrank we grew by 11% nationwide. Here in New Jersey the number of registered Libertarian voters increased by 21% in 2013 alone. We are the party of the future.

I am especially pleased to congratulate our excellent 2014 NJLP candidates on their recent placement on the November ballot. They include:

- Joe Baratelli - US Senate
- Dorit Goikhman - US House (6th District)
- Jim Gawron - US House (7th District)
- Steven Uccio - Mercer County Freeholder
- Brian Pizza - Ocean County Freeholder

Let's keep the momentum going in 2014 by supporting our candidates. Please consider volunteering to help one or more of our campaigns. Our candidates are not career politicians. They are citizen-statesmen donating their time and energy to stand up for freedom.

I look forward to working with you to spread the message of liberty. Our next meeting is the annual NJLP Summer Picnic July 12th in Morganville. I hope to see you there.

There has never been a more exciting time to be a Libertarian. Let's make history together in 2014.

Patrick McKnight
Chair, NJ Libertarian Party

Convention News - NJLP Elects New Officers

At our annual convention on March 29th we elected a new state board. Patrick McKnight was elected Chair, Dorit Goikhman and Joe Siano were both re-elected Vice Chair and Treasurer. Kevin Ferrizzi rejoins the board as Secretary. Jay Edgar, Ken Kaplan, Tony Federici, and Christopher Feeney were elected to Member At Large positions on the board.

Also during the business meeting we nominated ten delegates to represent New Jersey at the National Libertarian Convention and approved Joe Baratelli to run for U.S. Senate under the Libertarian banner.

After a delicious lunch we were treated to excellent talks by author and research scientist, Mary Ruwart, libertarian radio personality Dmitri Vassilaros, Montana State Representative Daniel Zolnikov, and prison whistleblower Sean Turzanski.

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Press Release: Goikhman Kicks Off Congressional Campaign

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26-Year-Old Libertarian Attorney Joins Race Against Pallone in NJ's 6th Congressional District

TRENTON, NJ – Libertarian candidate for United States House of Representatives Dorit Goikhman filed a petition last week entering her into the race against incumbent Frank Pallone.

The 26-year-old Morganville attorney and Brooklyn Law School graduate hopes to connect with a younger demographic that is traditionally targeted in a low turnout mid-term election.

“Frank Pallone has been in office since 1988. That’s the year I was born. It’s about time that young people get some representation in Washington, because we are the ones who are suffering due to the financially irresponsible decisions of our predecessors.”

Goikhman believes she will connect with the youth demographic in a manner that has eluded decades of Republicans in this district.

“Young people believe in me. Yes, I want to make massive cuts, but I want to do it compassionately. I’m not out there fighting against the minimum wage. I’m talking about cuts to federal drug enforcement and bringing our troops home. I’m talking about putting an end to mass incarceration. These are issues that resonate with the young people of New Jersey.”

“The last thing we need in Washington is experience. What we need are fresh new ideas - people who aren’t afraid to shift the two party paradigm and come up with creative solutions to the dire economic troubles we are facing as a nation.”

To learn more about Dorit Goikhman’s platform, visit www.doritfornj.com.

Dorit Goikhman is running for U.S. House of Representatives with a message of “Better government, and less of it.” Visit www.doritforNJ.com for more information or email the campaign at press@doritfornj.com. ♦

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Donald, Adam, Milton, & Will

By Joe Siano

Unlike [Will Rogers](#), I have met a number of men who I did not like. Perhaps Will did not get out much.

If stupidity got us into this mess then why can't it get us out?
- Will Rogers



I’ve never met Donald Sterling but I get it. He’s a jerk. He’s said some nasty and objectionable things.

Nonetheless Donald Sterling, as an NBA owner, has run a business that has turned dozens of African Americans into millionaires. Despite what he may or may not really feel about people of African ancestry, he realizes that to run a credible basketball enterprise he must employ top notch talent. In the basketball business that talent is overwhelmingly Black. Sir Charles is correct when he says that [the NBA “is a Black league”](#).

Donald’s case is a sterling example of [Adam Smith’s “invisible hand”](#). By selfishly pursuing his own interest, Sterling inadvertently helped many Black men become rich. He wasn’t dumb enough to staff his roster with a bunch of suckey white stiffs. Smith discovered that while an individual strives for his own enrichment,

"He generally neither intends to promote the public interest, nor knows how much he is promoting it ... He intends only his own gain, and he is in this, as in many other cases, led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part of his intention. Nor is it always the worse for society that it was no part of his intention. By pursuing his own interest he frequently promotes that of the society more effectually than when he really intends to promote it."

Let's consider the reverse situation. The apparatchiks of the American welfare state have lots of warm and fuzzy things to say about minorities. Yet nearly fifty years ago the liberal Democrat, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, sounded the alarms that [the welfare system was destroying African American families and communities](#). And even under the auspices of America's first Black President, the fortunes of Americans have continued to erode. This was [forcefully pointed out](#) NAACP president, Benjamin Jealous. Nearly 250 years ago Smith saw that government meddling caused nothing but hardship. "I have never known much good done by those who affected to trade for the public good."

This does not excuse Sterling's gaffs. However, it begs the question of who would you prefer to have in your corner – the a-hole who makes you millions or the nice guy who bankrupts you?

[Milton Friedman](#) nailed it when he wrote that, "One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions rather than their results." Our supposedly compassionate welfare state only aggravates the plight of the economic underclass. In addition it stokes resentment among taxpayers and recipients alike.

After elections and marriage people rarely get what they expect
- Will Rogers



The market brings people together who may not like each other. However they soon learn to cooperate and make exchanges for mutual benefit.

We can never know what is in a man's soul. That's between him and his Maker or his shrink. However, we do know that the free market rewards those who

serve their neighbors well and who do the best job of creating satisfaction for customers.

A nation of happy consumers and prosperous pleasers is good enough for me. To return to Mr. Smith, "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest."

Unlike Will Rogers, these merchants need not like us nor we them. Businesses sell to us because they want our money. We give them money because we want meat, bread and brewskies.

The collectivist, however, wants much more than burgers, bread and brew. He wants your heart, you mind and your soul. He cares little for your material well being.

Recognition of our interdependence is what enables flawed, limited and even stupid men, such as this writer, and women to cooperate freely and prosper harmoniously. ♦

Memorial Day & Government Lies

By Mark Richards

Dear Editor:

As I write this, another Memorial Day has come and gone and the politicians and their media allies have mouthed the usual high-sounding platitudes about the "service" and "sacrifice" of our armed forces. Nice, lofty sounding stuff but sadly it is a blatant lie! There is an old saying that "Truth is the first casualty in war."

For nearly a century now, the globalists and other assorted international interventionists have lied, tricked, and maneuvered us into two world wars plus a seemingly never-ending string of unconstitutional, undeclared "no-win" police-action "interventions" around the world.

Our so-called leaders don't give a damn about our armed forces; they view them as expendable, cheap "cannon-fodder" to be used to prop up foreign regimes around the world that we happen to be allied with at any given moment. Our veterans have been lied to; they have fought, bled, and died for nothing and no one seems to want to "rock the boat" and point this out to the American people.

The U.S. government "creates" its own "enemies." During Korea and Vietnam, for example, the Feds are extending trade credits guaranteed by the federal Export-Import Bank to Communist nations in

Eastern Europe that supplied munitions to help kill American soldiers. During the 1980s, the so-called "Conservative Republican" Ronald Reagan Administration was arming Saddam-Hussein so he could fight neighboring Iran. Once Iraq won, Saddam suddenly was the new "enemy" in the region. Both George Bushes lied to the American people about Saddam's "weapons of mass destruction" – which have yet to be produced!

It is an insult to our armed forces to say they fight to protect "freedom." Our government is the one curtailing our liberties, not foreign dictators!

We used to be known as the "Land of the free and the home of the brave," a more accurate description of contemporary America would be "Land of servile, regulated, controlled citizens, and home of the intimidated."

Instead of blindly "waving the flag" like the rest of our lemming-like population, one might wish to study and review the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and see what we've lost already.

A real "patriot" will think for themselves and stop swallowing all the government and media distortions of news and history. When 2016 rolls around in two years, you might also want to consider supporting the Libertarian Party candidates for president, U.S. Senate, and Congress.

Mark Richards,
West Milford ♦

2014 NJLP candidates

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Dorit Goikhman of Morganville for U.S. Congress (6th District)

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Brian Pizza of Forked River for Ocean County Freeholder

NJ Civil Settlements

By Jay Edgar

John Paff, the Chair of the NJ Open Government Advocacy Project, tracks down and publicizes settlements paid by New Jersey government agencies and their insurers as a result of suits

brought against the government. Many of these settlements are settled without any admission of wrong doing. These settlements are often hidden from the public under confidentiality clauses.

The existence of these settlements do not prove any wrongdoing, they show that the government body has decided that it would be better to pay the plaintiff than to take the issue to court. Perhaps the defendants' decision to settle was done to save further legal expense and the costs of trying what were in fact exaggerated or meritless claims. Or, perhaps the claims were true and the defendants wanted to avoid being embarrassed at trial. This is the problem when cases settle before trial--it is impossible to know the truth of what really happened.

Below is a small sampling of the settlements that have been published. More examples and case documents for the below settlements can be found at <http://njcivilsettlements.blogspot.com/>.

Ewing pays \$155,000 to settle police excessive force suit

On January 13, 2014, the Township of Ewing (Mercer County) agreed to pay \$155,000 to a Trenton woman who sued members of the Ewing Police Department for allegedly beating her.

In her suit, Portia Freeman said that on March 5, 2012 Ewing Township Health Inspector Carol Martin, Animal Control Officer Rick Moore came to her home with police to serve a warrant. According to the complaint, the officials were there to investigate a complaint that Plaintiff's sister, who the officials believed was a mentally handicapped juvenile, was being left alone in the home without a working heater.

Freeman claimed that as she was calling her lawyer, Police Officer Jeffrey Caldwell told her "If you don't let us in three minutes we're going to burst the door in." When she attempted to unlock the door, Freeman claimed that she asked Caldwell, who was holding the screen door open fully, to close it a bit to prevent a dog inside of the house from running out when the interior door was opened. She claimed that Caldwell refused and dragged her down the three cement steps to the yard.

She claimed that she "could feel her head and face hit each one until [her] head hit the pavement of the walkway." She claimed that she was then kicked and punched, sprayed with mace and thrown into

the back of a patrol car. She said she spent five days in the Mercer County Workhouse, the last four days in the infirmary.

Also named in the suit were Officers Christopher Boller, Jeffrey Galant, Sergeant Karl Bartowski, Officers Morris and Tetterer and Mayor Jack Ball.

The case is captioned Freeman v. Ewing, Federal Case No. 3:12-cv-01366 and Freeman's attorney was Thomas J. Mallon of Freehold.

None of Freeman's allegations have been proven or disproven in court. The settlement agreement resolution expressly states that the \$155,000 payment does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing by Ewing or any of its officials. All that is known for sure is that Ewing or its insurer, for whatever reason, decided that it would rather pay Freeman \$155,000 than take the matter to trial.

Atlantic City pays \$50,000 to settle police improper search lawsuit

On January 28, 2014, the City of Atlantic City (Atlantic County) agreed to pay \$50,000 to a local man who sued members of the Atlantic City Police Department for allegedly stopping and detaining him without probable cause.

In his suit, Jonathan Preston said that on June 16, 2011, he was driving a car in which three other African American men were passengers when he was pulled over by Atlantic City Police Officer Michele Zanes, who is Caucasian. He claims Zanes told all four men to drop what [they] were doing and put [their] hands up" when she approached the car and accused Preston of "getting smart with her" and threatened to take him to jail.

Zanes then allegedly asked Preston for his social security number. Instead of speaking it in front of the others, Preston opted to write it down on a piece of paper and give it to Zanes. According to Preston's lawsuit, "at this point, approximately 12 back-up officers in cars and on motorcycles had arrived at the scene of the stop."

Zanes then allegedly accused Preston of giving her the wrong social security number and asked him to leave his vehicle with his hands up. Zanes then patted Preston down and handcuffed him, allegedly "for her protection, and that of the other officers."

According to the complaint, Howard Mason, another officer who knew Preston's mother, said

that Preston did not belong in handcuffs and released him.

When Preston asked Zanes why he had pulled him over, she allegedly "laughed and responded that he had a dim tail light." Yet, he claimed that he was never issued a summons or warning during his ninety-minute detention.

Preston alleged that he filed an Internal Affairs complaint against Zanes which resulted in her being disciplined.

The case is captioned Preston v. Atlantic City, Federal Case No. 1:13-cv-03695 and Preston's attorney was David J. Azotea of Atlantic City.

Hackensack pays \$50,000 to settle Muslim father's claim that police beat him in front of family and called him a "f*ing terrorist."**

On April 15, 2014, the City of Hackensack (Bergen County) agreed to pay \$50,000 to a local businessman and his family who sued members of the Hackensack Police Department for excessive force and hate crime violations.

In his suit, Fouad Dakka said that on April 7, 2007, he brought his 11 year old daughter to the Hackensack Police Department at the direction of Detective Tina M. Clouse in order to be processed under a complaint "that some other girl filed against her in retaliation for plaintiff's daughter having filed a complaint against this girl." He said that because he was Muslim and of Arab descent, he was nervous and arranged to have an attorney be with him during this encounter with police. Dakka claimed that when he arrived at the police station, he advised Clouse that his attorney was parking his car and would be in the station to accompany them in a moment.

Clouse allegedly "became extremely irate, indicated that she refused to wait even a second for any attorney or for any reason . . . [because] it is Saturday and she was already late for her personal plans for that day." Dakka alleged that Clouse "lunged forward at" the 11-year-old, grabbed her arm and attempted to pull her into the police department. Dakka said that he and his daughter were hugging each other protectively while she was being pulled by Clouse.

At this point, Dakka claimed that Officer Allen Borntreger and Lieutenant Donald J. Lee, Jr. grabbed him and "threw him to the ground in a

violent manner, in front of his two minor daughters, his 5 year old son, and his wife." The officers then allegedly "beat him with arms, knees and legs, forcing his face and body into the ground" and "then picked him up, shoved him into the wall of the outside of the police station and searched him."

Various police officers then allegedly taunted him with statements such as that he was a "typical Arab" and a "f***ing terrorist" and said things such as "this is my house, and we are the boss in our house. This is not no cave in the desert."

Dakka said that he was charged with Aggravated Assault but was eventually acquitted of the charge.

Also named in the suit was Hackensack Police Captain David B. Walsh.

The case is captioned Dakka v. Hackensack, Federal Case No. 2:09-cv-04564 and Dakka's attorney was Douglas C. Anton of Hackensack.

The settlement agreement contains a confidentiality clause, which prevents the parties to the suit from publicly disclosing the settlement terms. Fortunately, however, these confidentiality clauses do not trump the public's right to obtain copies of settlement agreements that arise out of lawsuits in which a government agency or official is a defendant. ♦

From the Archives: 25 Years Ago NJLP Reaffirms Position on Gun Control

Originally published July 1989 in The NJ Libertarian

The primary duty of government should be to protect individuals from those who initiate the use of force against others: muggers, rapists, murderers, etc. Reduction of violent crime requires swift and

effective punishment of anyone who uses a weapon to harm peaceful persons and their property. In addition, the right of the citizens of our State to resist violent attacks must be protected. No laws regulating the peaceful and private use of guns can be tolerated. We also affirm the right of self defense.

The New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP) advocates the following actions:

- The NJLP absolutely opposes so-called "gun control" legislation like N.J. Senate bill S.3285 and similar laws, including all licensing, registration, permits, etc. The ownership of a gun by an individual does not violate the rights of another person.
- The NJLP calls for the repeal of all federal, state, and local prohibitions and restrictions on the possession, carrying, ownership, manufacture, sale, and transfer of handguns and other firearms. Such laws include the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act of 1934, and the equivalent New Jersey statutes.
- The NJLP supports any peaceful person who chooses to disobey gun control laws – such as a person who resists criminal assault, possesses unlicensed guns, or carries a weapon without a permit.

To implement resistance to gun laws, the NJLP will distribute educational materials to notify NJ residents of their rights, including the Right to Bear Arms and the principle of jury nullification of unjust laws. ♦

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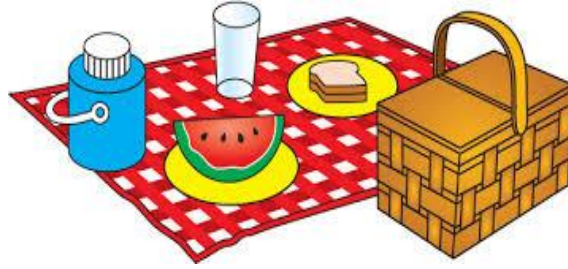
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Liberty picnic and NJLP regular meeting



Saturday, July 12, 2014 12:00 PM
Len Flynn's House
254 Tennent Road, Morganville, NJ

The NJLP Summer General Membership Meeting will be on Saturday July 12th starting at 12:00 Noon at Len Flynn's home in Morganville. The general membership meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:00 PM and the picnic will start around 1:30 PM.

Come hang out with fellow freedom lovers and meet our 2014 candidates for office.

Gas grill and tubs of ice with cold soft drinks will be provided along with snacks and picnic utensils. Extra lawn chairs would help.

Admission is free, but \$10 donations are happily accepted to help us pay our expenses.

Call 732-591-1328 or 848-525-0578 if you get lost. The picnic is one mile EAST of Routes 18 and 520 on Tennent Road. From Route 18 South (leaving New Brunswick), take the second ramp (Morganville exit) at the first exit AFTER you pass over U.S. Route 9. This exits directly onto Tennent Rd., just go 1/2 mile to Flynn's.

Going north on Route 18 from the Jersey shore take the Morganville exit, which is about 3 miles past the Route 79 exit. After the jughandle, turn LEFT onto Tennent Rd. and go 1/2 mile.

The Flynn abode is the blue colonial farmhouse on the left in front of "Tires to Go." Park up the hill in the lot in front of the tire company and walk down to the house.

<http://njlp.org>



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