



# T H E N E W J E R S E Y LIBERTARIAN

JANUARY

1991

## CALENDAR

1/5/91 - **State Committee Meeting** at the Karlan residence in Jamesburg, 2PM sharp. Call 201/444-2840 for directions.

1/11 - **Libertarians of Monmouth County** will meet at the Radder's home, 172 Smithburg Rd., Manalapan at 7:30PM. Call 201/780-2086 for directions.

1/14 - **Constitutionists** meet at the Union Hall on Locust St. & River Dr. in Elmwood Park at 8PM. Call 201/471-7591 for details.

2/2 - **Steering Committee Meeting** at the Karlan residence in Jamesburg, 2PM sharp. Call 201/444-2940 for directions.

3/9 - **State Convention** (details next month).

**Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians (SMAL)** meet at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1640 Amwell Rd., Somerset on the last Monday of the month. Call Howard Schoen 201/572-0207 for details.

**Mercer County Libertarians** hold meetings on the last Sunday of each month at 7 PM at a location to be determined. Call Carl Peters for info. 609/737-7667.

**Morris-Essex Libertarians** meet the last Tuesday of the month at Ronnie's Restaurant, 13 Hook Mountain Rd., off Rt.46, Pinebrook, at 8PM. Call Rich Bellush at his office 201/543-2515 for details.

**Nat'l Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)** holds regular monthly meetings. Call 201/968-8226 for details.

## 1990 Election Results

Here are final totals for Libertarian candidates in the U.S. House of Representatives race:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Cong. Dist.</u>	<u>Vote Total</u>
J. Zeldin	1st	2,558
Wm. Stewart	3rd	1,833
C. Peters	4th	2,181
H. Schoen	6th	1,387

## Go-Go Magazine Publisher Spices Up Morris/Essex Meeting

The newly formed Morris/Essex chapter of the NJLP had *Mentertainment* magazine publisher Sophie Ben-Shitta address their meeting on November 27, 1990. Instead of printing a report of that meeting alone, what follows is the meeting report and other correspondence relating to it which appeared in the December issue of *Mentertainment* and sent to us by State Committee Representative Rich Bellush.

<b>REPORT ON 11/27/90 MEETING—"Sophie-story" Bureaucratic skills may not be the strength of Libertarians in general, but there may be some virtue in cultivating them. Prob-</b>	<b>lems with our notices and meeting site contributed to light attendance. The group will endeavor to do better in the future. The guest for the evening</b>
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## COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

	<u>State Committee Representatives</u>	<u>County Chairs</u>	
Bergen County		Lee Altman	201/265-6249
Camden/Gloucester	John Hill	John Hill	609/468-9571
Hudson County	Don Meinshausen	Don Meinshausen	201/659-6786
Hunterdon County	Joe Kerr	Joe Kerr	609/397-8119
Mercer County	Carl Peters	Carl Peters	609/737-7667
Monmouth County	Claudia Montelione		201/583-8721
		Helen Radder	201/780-2086
Morris/Essex	Rich Bellush		201/543-2515
		George Foster	201/763-3476
Somerset/Middlesex	John Paff		201/873-1251
		Howard Schoen	201/572-0207
Warren County	Jim Agnew	Jim Agnew	201/475-4845

### NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE

State Chair:	Dan Karlan	201/444-2846
Vice-Chair:	Jerry Zeldin	609/783-4306
Secretary:	Len Flynn	201/591-1328
Treasurer:	Louis Stefanelli	201/751-8675

Members-at-Large:	Helen Radder	201/780-2086
	Sam Edelston	201/906-0766
	Ken Kaplan	201/992-3991
	Howard Schoen	201/572-0207

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Passaic County	Ken Kaplan	201/992-3991
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**NJLP PHONE: 201/781-6171**

## IS ABORTION AGGRESSION?

Libertarian arguments against abortion and for parental obligation. Literature packet, \$3. (For information only, please send SASE.)

*Libertarians for Life*

13424 Hathaway Drive, #18

Wheaton, MD 20906, 301/460-4141

Doris Gordon, National Coordinator

### N.J. LIBERTARIAN

Letters to the editor, articles, and commentary are welcome. Send to the Editor:

Claudia Montelione  
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Matawan, NJ 07747  
201/583-8721

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Advertising and editorial material must be received by the editor on or before the 24th of the month to be in the following issue.





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## ACTION ALERT

Immediate Action Required!

### Taxation Without Representation?

The State of New Jersey is attempting to sneak yet another tax hike past the taxpayers--to the tune of \$600 million!

A bond proposal to build and fix public schools is being actively considered in both houses of the Legislature and looks poised for easy passage--even though voters won't get an opportunity to vote on it as required by the New Jersey Constitution. The \$600 million bond issue is the single largest bond proposal since one in 1975 for transportation (which the taxpayers defeated) and is larger than all four bond issues on last November's ballot.

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#### **AT LAST! A LIBERTARIAN BUSINESS GROUP!**

Past NJLP chair, Rich Duprey, has generously inundated us with info. about the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey of which he is the director of government relations. With an executive staff composed of hard-core libertarians, the Association advocates a free-market, sponsors educational seminars, social events and networking opportunities, and keeps its members well-informed about pending legislation affecting the business community. The organization is affiliated with the Foundation for Free Enterprise, an educational group, and PENPAC, a political action committee. We've reprinted one of their "action alerts" here and have included some general information to encourage readers of the *N. J. Libertarian* to join. Call them for more info. at 201/261-4600.

#### **The Commerce and Industry Association Is:**

- The largest regional business organization of its kind in New Jersey with approximately 2,000 members.
- The networking forum for CEO's, partners and principals - firms are represented at the highest executive level.
- Working to increase prosperity by encouraging growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones.
- An open organization, eager for new members to participate in a variety of activities and in leadership positions.
- Headquartered in Mack Centre VII, Paramus with a full time professional staff of 14.
- The representative for all of the area's business - from fledgling enterprises to the largest corporate headquarters.
- Encouraging less government interference and more private sector initiative.
- Involving top-level volunteers to provide solutions to critical problems faced by the business community.
- Taking forthright positions in order to improve the state's business climate, encourage business opportunities and increase understanding of the free enterprise system.
- A multifaceted organization, designed and eager to serve the needs of the business community.

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DOESN'T COST  
— IT PAYS!**

In an unprecedented maneuver, the New Jersey Education Facilities Authority (NJEFA) would for the first time ever be empowered to issue bonds for public school projects. By giving the NJEFA the power to issue bonds, the Governor and Legislature would bypass the wrath of the taxpayers over their recent tax hikes.

According to the state constitution, the legislature may not create a debt (i.e., issue bonds) without first submitting it to the voters. NJEFA bonds would be Authority debt, not State debt, even though the legislation requires that the debt service be paid for by an appropriation from the state's general revenues. Thus, the taxpayers will foot the bill even though they did not get a chance to approve it.

Further, the cost of the bonds over their 20-year repayment schedule will be substantially higher than it otherwise would have been had the state issued the bonds as they will not earn New Jersey's triple "A" bond rating. That is the bond rating Governor Florio has been touting as one of the justifications for his tax increases. Only bonds with the "full faith and credit" of the state earn a triple "A" rating; moral obligations bonds, such as NJEFA-issued bonds, receive a lesser rating. The difference between a triple "A" rating and a double "A" rating can be as much as 5 percent.

Some 50 percent of the money raised from the bonds would be guaranteed to the 30 "poorest" school districts with the state Department of Education establishing a priorities list for distribution among the remaining districts. The so-called wealthier schools will get little or none of the money.

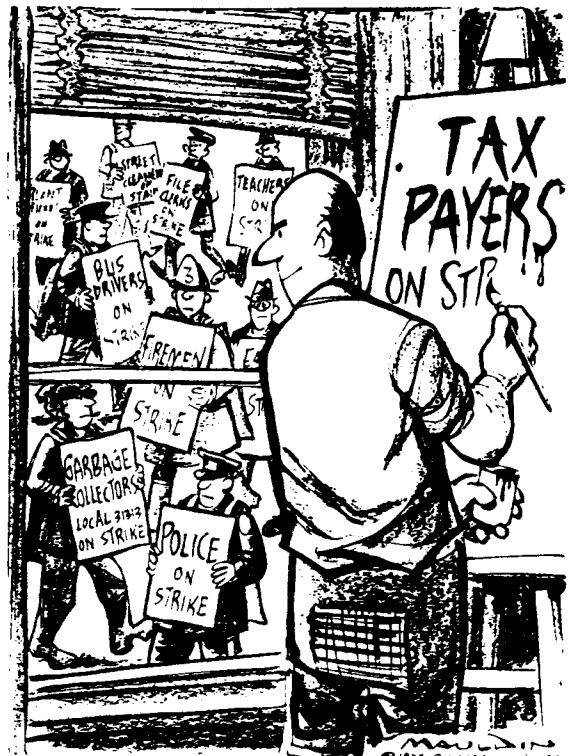
Assembly Bill 3604 can be stopped. But you must contact your local legislator today and voice your opposition. Contact Richard L. Duprey, Director of Government Relations, at (201) 261-4600 for more information or the address and telephone number of your local representative.



*A big THANK YOU to Monmouth County Libertarians for Lisa's baby shower. She certainly is the well-outfitted baby now!*

- Claudia

There is no meeting report as the Steering Committee Meeting did not take place on December 1 due to lack of a quorum. *Note to the State Representatives and Steering Committee members:* if you cannot make a scheduled meeting, please notify Dan Karlan so he can determine whether or not to call off the meeting. If there is no quorum, it will save those of us planning to attend from making a wasted trip.



## BETTER COMMUNICATION

Member John Paff is a subscriber to Prodigy on-line computer service. One of the features of the service is that a subscriber can correspond with other members by E-mail.

A California Libertarian, Al Date, has asked all Libertarian Subscribers to place their names on the nationwide membership list preceded by "LP-". (for example, I am listed as John LP-Paff)

Since the membership list is listed alphabetically, it is easy to identify and write to other Libertarians.

Additionally, Prodigy has a mailing list feature that allows a person to store several names in his list, and then e-mail a letter to all of them simultaneously. Of course, you always have the option of corresponding with any of the Libertarians privately.

What follows is a printout of one of Al's posts.

### READ A MESSAGE

From: (KKGM69C)            Subject:            08/24  
AL DATE                    RESPOND TO KKGM69F!

What troubles me is not so much the way it is right now in the US, but the direction it is headed. We are still free, but alot less free than we used to be. We are like a frog being slowly boiled who doesnt notice the slow rise in temperature.

We still havent had to pay the piper for all the deficit spending we been doing; we've been living on borrowed time. What happens when recession hits home? I look around at the wealthiest country that has ever existed, and I see almost noone who appreciates the historical rarity of that wealth except the immigrants who somehow manage to get in here.

I see a country that takes not only its wealth but its liberty for granted.

And it is now in the process of squandering its wealth on current consumption, and is willing to sacrifice its liberty for vague promises from politicians to do away with drugs, or do away with poverty, or just for whatever

Once in a while, campaigning libertarians get newspaper write-ups just as good as Republicrats (Demopublicans). Here are a couple of "our people" for members to get to know. Reprinted from the *News Tribune*, 11/4/90.



**HOWARD SCHOEN**

A microbiologist and Edison resident, Schoen is the Libertarian nominee for Congress in the 6th District.

Schoen, a 20-year member of the Libertarian Party, espouses the Libertarian view that less government is better government. He says that government is inept at fulfilling society's needs, that individuals and businesses can do it better themselves.

He advocates dismantling government programs for such services as education, welfare, and health care. The private sector should be responsible for these things, he says.

Schoen says he would have opposed a federal tax hike and an unbalanced budget if he had been in Congress during the recent budget fight.

The end of Prohibition should be made complete, he said, by legalizing drugs and ending the costly war to eradicate them.

He advocates cutting aid to foreign despots, and confining the American military role strictly to national defense, not to international policing.

On abortion, he is pro-choice. However, he opposes taxpayer-funded abortions.



**PETER HLADIK**

Hladik, of Piscataway is running for freeholder as a Libertarian Party candidate.

Hladik, a business administration major at Middlesex County College, endorses the Libertarian view that government should fulfill society's most basic needs, and not intrude in the lives of individuals.

He says that such government-provided services as education, public transportation, human services, and others ought to eventually be privatized.

Hladik has called for a 10 percent across-the-board cut in the county budget as a starting point for deeper future spending reductions.

He says municipalities should carry out an aggressive recycling campaign as a countywide waste disposal remedy, and he invites regional siting of future waste disposal facilities.

Hladik advocates limiting terms of elected public officials, and thinks that voters ought to have the option of recalling elected leaders by referendum. His goal is to be selected chairman of the freeholder board's education and welfare committee.

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was Sophie Ben-Shitta. A colorful character who prefers to be called simply "Sophie." She was born into a family prominent in the communist Hungarian government. She emigrated first to Israel and then to the US. Sophie now publishes *Mentertainment*, a magazine catering to go-go bars and their patrons. She began the publication both as a promising business venture and out of interest in the psychology of the men and women involved in the scene.

The initial focus for the evening was on the nature of censorship, both public and private but the discussion was wide ranging and often only peripherally political. Despite the substantial practical freedom in the US, Sophie noted with concern laws that no one can, does, or is expected to obey. The result (and perhaps the purpose) is selective enforcement.

As an example, the NY definition of pornography regularly is violated by magazines on any newsstand or, for that matter, in supermarkets. Yet *Mentertainment*, which is a mild publication with no actual nudity, must be on guard against the possibility of selective enforcement. Sophie also answered questions about the publishing business and

traded thoughts with group members on personal goals and motives. She argued that one obtains freedom by recognizing internal and external limitations, and then working within them. (Presumably, that which can be changed is not a limitation.) She then made an eloquent defense of freedom of expression, not only in the political sense but as a preferred approach to life. The exchange continued until the restaurant management told the group its time was up. It was an unusual and sometimes intriguing evening.

Dear Readers,

It is a little bit out of character for me to accept an invitation that has something to do with politics. This meeting with the Libertarians was fascinating and was an opportunity to think things over and put them in different perspective.

The opportunity for the invitation was my Pandora Box article and my editorial in the November issue, where I mention the need for self censorship in this magazine. Libertarians are against any kind of censorship. But it turned out they are not for stupidity, and as it has become increasingly clear to me saying everything I think is in fact stupid. Dear R.B.

# NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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and the Libertarians,  
Thank you for the opportunity. Sophie.

*If you do not fight for what is right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you do not fight when the victory will be easy and not too costly, the moment may come when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and with only a precarious chance of survival... You may even have to fight when there is no hope of victory, for it is better to perish than to live as slaves.*

Winston Churchill

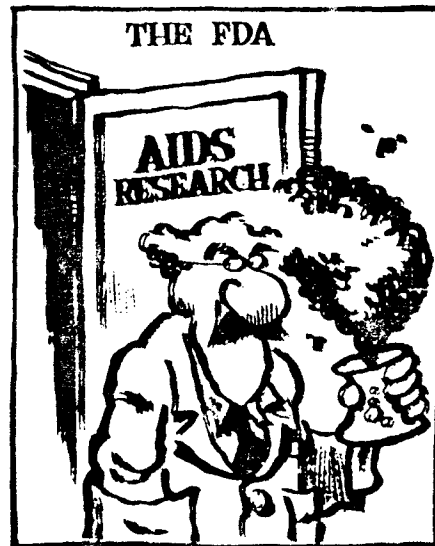
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other free ride people think they can get. Let the govt pay for it!

You optimists say not to worry. And I agree that pessimism can drag down a person as well as a country. But I am seeing my country dragged down before my own eyes in spite of the letters I write to my representatives, in spite of all the time and money I spend on political causes (like Proposition 140 coming up), and in spite of the blind optimism I have taken with me to the polls every election year since my 18th birthday.

Perhaps it is time to substitute some of that blind optimism for a little elbow grease and commitment. There is no optimism in a police state, and that is exactly where we are headed.

# Where Have We Done The Best Job Of Stopping Drugs From Entering Our Country ?



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