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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14-- 3 hour Introductory Seminar on Home Schooling, to be held in Farmingdale by Nancy Plent of New Jersey Unschoolers Network. Legal facts, reasons for home schooling, dealing with your school system, and how to teach at home are some topics to be covered. For details and registration call 800/982-0153.

February 25-27-- Foundation for Economic Education, Inc. weekend seminar at Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. 5 PM Friday through Sunday morning. Board, room tuition-- \$100. Call 914/591-7230 for info.

March 26-- 11th ANNUAL NJLP STATE CONVENTION at The Old Mill Inn, Bernardsville--right at the Route 202 exit of Interstate 287. For room reservations call 201/221-1100. For details call Jane Rehmke at 201/234-2911.

April 25-- Andrew Melechinsky head of Constitutional Revival will speak at the BQF Restaurant, Route 51, Chippewa, PA. For details call 412/573-9624.

FRITZ DAVIS ON CHANNEL 5 TV

NJLP member Fritz Davis of Lambertville can be seen on "Saturday Morning Live," a weekly TV show on WNEW, New York Channel 5. Fritz, author of the book, The Jersey Devil's Official Flea Marketeer's Manual, has appeared on a number of TV programs to talk about antiques and flea markets. His next appearance on the Channel 5 program is February 12, and he will be on the show every other Saturday thereafter. The live show airs from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday.

LET'S DEMYSTICIZE ECONOMICS - A LIBERTARIAN PERSPECTIVE

by the Central Jersey
Libertarian Alliance

If an individual were to mine, smelt, and shape iron, copper, and lead ore, it might take several lifetimes to build a battery or a generator, much less a car. The efficiency of mass production and trading can create abundance. Specializing in one thing, a person can trade his or her labor for more cars, food, and other goods than he or she could ever produce. Barriers to trade reduce specialization, mass production, and efficiency.

Some say that an "unfavorable balance of trade" exists if a state gets more than it exports. The argument is that when "they" dump their goods on America at below cost, "they" get the jobs and we get unemployment. But America is getting goods and services for paper money and/or bank balances that are only good for eventually buying American goods produced by Americans. Boycotting foreign goods or setting up trade barriers again decreases specialization, and thus reduces abundance and prosperity.

Prosperity is a condition wherein goods and services are inexpensive in terms of hours of work needed to earn them. Prosperity allows leisure time to enjoy nature, hobbies, and so forth. It allows, in essence, the "good life." Politicians love to shout "Jobs, jobs, and more jobs!" but the bottom line is prosperity, not jobs. More Americans have jobs than ever before because more women are

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working, but prosperity is declining. Providing every man, woman, and child with two make-work government jobs would not increase prosperity. Sixty years of full employment in Russia has created only chronic shortages of food and consumer goods.

We might wish to blame Japanese businessmen, Arab oil barons, or "capitalists" for our economic decline, but closer inspection will show an explosion of bureaucracy since World War II in the U.S., England, France, Italy, and Spain causing a decrease in prosperity despite technological advances. The "free world," like the rest of the world, no longer allows much economic freedom. Producers are licensed, regulated, taxed, subsidized, and bailed out by repressive, authoritarian bureaucracies.

The Gross National Product (GNP) supposedly reflects the amount of goods and services produced in a nation. It includes the total expenditures of consumers AND GOVERNMENT. Money paid to bureaucrats to formulate counterproductive regulations is valued the same as money paid to producers. And an expenditure for a nuclear missile incapable of improving living standards would be valued the same as a new soup cannery of the same price. Thus, the announced slump in the U.S. GNP is more significant when vast increases in government spending--federal, state and local--are taken into account.

Due to the tendency of special interest groups to proliferate and to accumulate power, reversing the trend toward ever larger and more intrusive governments has been historically impossible until after total collapse. Communist countries in a state of collapse now experiment with free enterprise, while the West increases controls and taxes on the private sector.

What can we do? Before we can change the situation we must understand it. This statement is presented as a basis for discussion in an effort to understand the current

trend. Our premise is that it is natural for humans to attempt to better their condition, but that arbitrary government involvement interferes with this process; that only by severely curtailing the size and scope of government and creating a climate of freedom, can stifled human action be released in an explosion of creativity and prosperity.

Omitted are the reasons how and why governments are counterproductive, and what might constitute the proper functions of government. Also omitted are the effects of population growth, credit, crime, education, paper money, unions, wars, and other factors which may influence prosperity.

Criticism of this premise and the facts presented is encouraged.

CANDIDATES APPRECIATION NIGHT by Ginny Flynn

The Tempe Wick Society hosted a "Candidates Appreciation Night" on January 29th at the home of Jane Rehmke and Lee Schubert in Far Hills. The TWS planned the evening to thank those NJ Libertarians who ran for office in 1982, and it was a great success. Almost 40 people turned out to honor the candidates and have a good time.

In addition to nearly the entire NJLP Steering Committee (minus JH), I talked to '82 Congressional candidates Jerry Zeldin, Sid Pope, and Harold Leiendecker. Other candidates present were Lou Sicilia (Congress), Joe Kerr and Steve Friedlander (Freeholder), Dan Maiullo (New Brunswick Mayor), and John Lutz (Kingwood Twp. Committee).

Jane's and Lee's home provided a lovely setting and the TWS contributed inviting hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and drinks. Good conversation, good food, and good libertarian friends all combined to make a very enjoyable evening. Thanks should go to Jane and Lee and the Tempe Wick Society.

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NATIONWIDE LIBERTARIAN SURVEY

For each of the following, please check the answer that is the closest to your views.

1. Abortion

- Abortion is wrong and should be prohibited by government
- Abortion is a private matter; government should neither regulate it nor subsidize it
- Abortion is a private matter until that stage of fetal development when the fetus develops human-type brain waves
- Abortion should be legal, and as long as the government pays for other medical services, it should pay for abortions as well

2. "Recreational" Drugs

- All drugs should be decriminalized (i.e. penalties against use and sale removed)
- "Soft" (i.e. nonaddictive) drugs should be decriminalized
- All drugs should be legalized (i.e. regulated and taxed like tobacco and alcohol)

3. Children's Rights

- Children have the same rights as adults and the laws should be changed to reflect this
- Children are inherently dependent; present laws correctly take this into account
- Children have rights that are not adequately protected by current law — but not the same rights as adults

4. Conscription

- Any form of conscription is a violation of rights
- Conscription is unjustified except during wartime
- Conscription is just a form of taxation and is a necessary evil under present circumstances

5. Nuclear Power

- Nuclear power plants violate rights and should be closed down
- Nuclear power should be neither regulated nor subsidized by government
- Nuclear power is safe and economical; government R&D and liability limits are realistic measures to support this technology

6. Intelligence Agencies

- The FBI and CIA are threats to liberty and should be abolished
- The FBI and CIA are important and legitimate defenses against domestic and foreign threats to liberty and should be maintained essentially intact
- Both the FBI and CIA have violated people's rights, but agencies of this sort are necessary; the agencies should be reformed, not abolished

7. Immigration

- All restrictions on immigration should be abolished; we should have open borders
- Immigration controls should only be lifted if noncitizens are made ineligible for welfare programs
- Controls on immigration must remain until the United States achieves a free-market economy
- Some limits on immigration are necessary and proper for any society

8. Government Debt

- Government debts are illegitimate and should be repudiated
- Government must honor existing obligations to its creditors, but should do so only by selling off assets
- Government must honor its obligations to creditors, even if this requires use of tax funds

9. Nuclear Weapons

- Nuclear weapons are immoral, per se, and their use can never be condoned
- Nuclear weapons are completely legitimate; present arsenals should be maintained or expanded
- Nuclear weapons should be used only against specific military targets; they should be made smaller and more accurate

10. Strategic Defense

- The US should work to preserve stable mutual deterrence by not building ABM systems or engaging in civil defense
- Mutual assured destruction is immoral; the US should build defenses against nuclear attack

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FRONTLINES NATIONWIDE LIBERTARIAN SURVEY

11. Nuclear Disarmament

- Arms limitation treaties have seldom worked; mutual disarmament is unrealistic
- We should pursue disarmament negotiations, but strictly on a mutual basis
- The United States should disarm unilaterally

12. Alliances

- Military alliances violate libertarian principle; the US should therefore withdraw from all alliances
- Military alliances are proper under some circumstances, but present US military alliances (NATO, Japan, etc.) are unwise and should be terminated
- The United States must maintain its alliances and continue as leader of the free world

13. Foreign/Defense Policy

- US defense forces should be restricted to US territory
- US defense forces should operate in the oceans and outer space, as well as on US soil
- US defense forces should be used to defend non-communist countries from communist attack

14. Transition Measures. For this question, please check off all of the proposals listed which you would support as transition steps toward a fully free-market society.

- Education vouchers
- Education tax credits
- Balanced budget amendment
- Flat-rate income tax
- Contracting out of public services to private firms
- User fees instead of taxes to pay for public services
- Mandatory private retirement accounts (IRAs) and paying off Social Security's existing obligations with general revenues
- Negative income tax to replace all present welfare
- Housing vouchers for the poor instead of construction and rent subsidies

15. What is your:

- Age _____
- Sex _____
- Ethnic group _____
- Household income _____
- Highest level of formal education _____
- Marital status _____
- Occupation _____
- Religion _____

16. How many years have you identified yourself as a libertarian? _____

17. What was your ideological position before you became a libertarian?

- Conservative
- Liberal
- Middle-of-Road
- Other (_____)

18. As a libertarian, do you consider yourself an advocate of:

- Anarchism/anarchocapitalism
- Limited government

19. In general, do you favor a strategy of:

- Gradualism
- Abolitionism

20. Which of the following activities are you personally willing to engage in (check all that apply):

- Participation in LP politics
- Educational activities
- Participation in Republican or Democratic politics
- Civil disobedience

21. What one writer or thinker has most influenced your development as a libertarian?

- Harry Browne
- Andrew Galambos
- Ludwig von Mises
- F. A. Hayek
- Robert Ringer
- Robert Heinlein
- Ed Clark
- Ayn Rand
- Murray Rothbard
- Robert Le Fevre
- Milton Friedman
- Roger MacBride
- Other (_____)

22. Who is your first choice for 1984 LP presidential candidate?

23. Are there any positions that you recognize as based on libertarian principle, but which you personally find difficult to accept? If so, what?

Please return this survey form to FRONTLINES, Box 40105, Santa Barbara, California, 93103. All individual responses will be kept confidential. The results of this survey will be published in an upcoming issue of FRONTLINES.

Another family restaurant with no liquor license which is one of my favorites when I don't have a lot of handy cash is Rusty's (Rt. 28, Garwood).

Recently, I dined at Rusty's when the blackboard featured chicken murphy (or is it Chicken Murphy?). For \$5.25, which included spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert, I figured, what the heck. The plate arrived with the juiciest chicken breast I've ever eaten in a restaurant (why is it that chicken breast is usually so dry?). It was covered with a peppery sauce -- green pepper, that is. Spaghetti had a marinara sauce, appropriately enough, so that the two toppings didn't clash when eaten together. Rusty's salad comes two ways -- oil-and-vinegar and plain -- and there's room for improvement there, but the garlic bread, which is heated on the same plate as the entree, is always fine. A homemade bread pudding was the dessert de jour, but sometimes a tasty rice pudding is offered.

The weekly dinner specials start on Wednesdays, but the regular menu has many interesting items on it as well. Cavatelli and broccoli for \$4.50 features al dente macaroni with broccoli, cauliflower and parsley anointed with garlic and olive oil. Baked ziti (\$4.50) and ravioli (\$4.25) are quite satisfying. A large cheese pizza is offered for \$3.50, which is a good bargain, and strombolis (sort of an inside-out pizza) go for \$3 each. Toppings (or fillings, as the case might be) cost extra.

Another place to go when low on dough is Ichabod's (Rt. 36, Sea Bright). A hot dog -- not the kind you buy in the grocer's, 10 to a pack, but a foot-long wurst with your choice of cheese sauce topping -- for \$1.75 plus a tossed salad for another \$1.75 makes a quite inexpensive, but filling, meal. Especially with the generous platter of crackers and cheddar cheese they serve you beforehand! I ordered a diet soda for \$1 (well, it's a bar, what do you expect?), making it \$4.50 for dinner that night. I hadn't cashed my paycheck, so that was about my limit.

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EATING...

If you're into hamburgers but can't stand the mass-produced kind, you might drop in at Burger Towne (Rt. 33, Freehold) if you're in that area. The prices are competitive with Burger King, but each item is handled individually (you'll be given a number, which is called when your order's ready). Watch the lighted board out front for specials. The first time I went, they had two-for-the-price-of-one on bacon cheeseburgers, but other burgers and chicken are offered from time to time at reduced rates. The owner is a Lebanese immigrant who's trying to make it in America. He's doing fine -- check this place out!

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