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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2-- NJLP HOLIDAY SOCIAL-- & GENERAL MEETING--dinner with Jim Lewis, LP candidate for Vice-President at Pfenninger's Hilltop Restaurant, Route 202-31, Flemington, NJ. Cocktail hour starts at 7:00 with general meeting at 7:30. See insert to last month's New Jersey Libertarian for details.

December 10-- Center for Libertarian Studies (CLS) symposium on "The Promise and Problems of Independent Scholars" to be held from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Loeb Student Center of New York Univ., West 4th St. & LaGuardia Place in Manhattan. For further info call CLS at 212/533-6600.

December 10-- New York City chapter of the Free Libertarian Party (FLP) will hold a "Banquet with Bergland" at the Bombay Palace 30 W. 52nd St. in Manhattan (between 5th & 6th Aves.). Cocktails (cash bar) starts at 5:30 and banquet at 6:45. LP candidates for President and Vice-President, David Bergland and Jim Lewis, will speak at 8:30. Cost at door is \$30. For further information call Ms. Siegie Kress at 212/927-9788 (h) or 212/490-8501 (w).

Second Thursday of each month-- Constitutional Freedom Committee meeting, 8 PM, Ollie's Restaurant, Route 9 and Tilton Rd., Northfield, NJ. Guest anti-tax speaker at each meeting. Call 609/927-2320 after 5 PM for details.

December 28-- NYC FLP Christmas Party at 6:00 pm at 225 Lafayette St. #911 in Manhattan.

January 15, 1984-- NYC FLP annual convention.

February 10-- CLS special seminar by Dr. Murray Rothbard on "Economic Thought from the Greeks through the 18th Century: A Reappraisal." Tuition is \$100 for the 10 consecutive Friday evenings. Admission is limited. For info. and an application contact CLS at 212/533-6600.

March 23-24, 1984-- NJLP annual convention at the Town & Campus Restaurant in Union, NJ. Info. to come in a future New Jersey Libertarian.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN by John S. Schafer

What went wrong? Why did LP candidate John Lutz lose his two-way race against Democrat Jim Ryan for Kingwood Township Committee? The vote went 185 (23%) for Lutz to 607 (77%) for Ryan, in a heavy turnout of 77% of the registered voters of Kingwood.

A slanderous letter, accusing the Libertarians of intending to double the number of houses in Kingwood, appeared in township mail boxes on the Monday before election. It was signed by 65 residents including Republican ex-mayor Janet Bainbridge.

Libertarians countered by delivering a clarifying letter from John Lutz by courier and car directly to homes on Monday afternoon and evening. One courier was badly bitten by dog.

What do you think was the key issue in this race? I think it was fear of the unknown. People figured it was probably safer to have a majority of two Democrats (the devil they knew), than two Libertarians (the devil

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they didn't know.) More than that, it represented the knee-jerk reaction of the "ins" who intend to keep the power over their fellow citizens, which they enjoy so much.

Libertarians intend to destroy that power, as demonstrated by Dick Siano's voting record. We Libertarians are learning, through trial and error, the perils of dismantling the power structure. I believe that the great issue of our time is freedom versus security. Are Americans ready to assume the individual responsibilities of freedom, or do Americans prefer the so-called "security" of the state? If the latter, then we shall certainly all end up as slaves of the state. Please write to the editor what you think.

ELECTION '83 RESULTS

By Steve Friedlander

The following list reports our NJLP candidates' results in the recent election. On the whole, it seems we made moderate gains over previous years.

The vote totals for other independent candidates are also interesting. The "Politicians are Crooks" label obtained among the best results, with its 3 candidates in the 32nd district (State Senate & Assembly seats) getting 3-3.5% of the total vote. The 2 "Beam the Bomb" candidates (State Senate & Assembly)--who advocate using laser beam technology to defend the country--got .84% and 1.05% of the vote, and the lone "Citizens Party" candidate garnered 1.58% for an Assembly seat.

Middlesex Freeholder--

Larry DeMatteo 3023 (2.17%)

Hunterdon Freeholder--

Frank Dominiani 541 (2.90%)

District 16 Assembly--

Steve Friedlander 920 (2.27%)

District 17 Assembly--

Rick Hoegberg 520 (1.73%)

By Len Flynn

On August 30, 1983 at the national LP convention in New York, a panel was held to discuss "Children's Rights in a Free Society." Ginny Flynn and three other panelists presented their views on the subject. There was substantial agreement on the need to amend the LP platform to better explain and defend children's rights. The other panelists were Dean Ahmad (Chairman of the Maryland LP), David Morris, M.D. of South Carolina (Familist Movement spokesman), and John Walker of Washington, DC (a member of Libertarians for Life), with Don Ernsberger of the Society for Individual Liberty functioning as moderator.

Most notable in the discussion was the divergent emphasis of the panelists. Ginny presented personal experience as a libertarian parent to support the feasibility of nourishing children's rights in our present, unfree society. The other three panelists, all nonparents, debated theoretical points concerning "parental obligation," particularly enforcement in the case of improper child care.

Ahmad said that children are neither "adults" nor "property." His guardianship/ward model states that children do not have the ability to exercise their rights, so a "trustee" is needed. Walker went further to state that a child is a negotiating partner who has the right to demand from his parents that they provide the means to secure the child's independence.

Morris rejected both these views by asking "how good must a parent be?" and "who should decide this question?" He favored changing guardians rather than trying to enforce parental obligations. To Morris natural rights are not a claim to anyone's resources, so any legal parental obligation allows the initiation of force.

Ginny told of her experiences in raising our children, emphasizing education without the coercive environment found in public or most

Libertarian Candidate Sees Party As Only Alternative

"There isn't any difference between the Republicans and Democrats," says Frank Dominiani of Raritan Township, Libertarian candidate for Hunterdon County freeholder. "The only second party is the Libertarian party."

Except for the basics, like law and public safety, the Libertarian party stands for the least government at the least cost with the fewest controls, he explains.

The Democratic candidate talks about "restoring two-party government" through her election, when in fact it hardly seems to matter whether Democrats or Republicans are in charge, Dominiani observes. The Republican candidate "talks a good line about economy, but the county budget keeps going up," he adds.

"George Melick's looked on as a fiscal conservative — but is he? His pitch is like Reagan's — how he'll make life 'cheaper' for you," Dominiani says.

Melick — and Democrats like former Freeholder Ben Kirkland — ardently supported the county farmland preservation program, Dominiani points out. But, he says, that program is really "a boondoggle," benefitting a few farmers at the expense of taxpayers in general, including other farmers who are trying to make a living despite high taxes. The program is a "county farm subsidy" that will wind up



Frank Dominiani

costing millions of dollars, he asserts.

"I don't want to pay for the development rights on land of someone in Kingwood Township," Dominiani declares. That also happens to be one of the least likely parts of Hunterdon County county to face development, he notes. Richard Siano, a Kingwood Township committeeman who was the first Libertarian to win local office in the continental United States, backs Dominiani in that contention.

Dominiani commends the majority of Republican freeholders on one issue — "the county-run bus

line last year. That was a "boondoggle," too, he believes. Such operations should be up to private enterprise. "If it was such a great idea, why didn't private enterprise do it?" he asks.

He cites solid waste "management" as another example. "Why should the county build a garbage transfer station?" he asks. "Like the bus line, if it's such a good idea, it should appeal to private enterprise."

In effect, Hunterdon people should "take care of their own," Dominiani feels. "Too long we've dumped our garbage in some other county, on somebody else's doorstep. We're creating ecological disasters by concentrating our waste," says Dominiani, a chemist with FMC Corporation's research and development center in Princeton.

He would like to see local "dump sites," privately established. "Nobody wants one in their back yard," he realizes, but the owners and the neighbors could be properly compensated for any resulting damage to their property values. "The man who creates it should be responsible for what he does to people's property."

The government's only role in this should be to establish and enforce "public health standards," for the operation of the dump and the "protection of aquifers," Dominiani says.

Dominiani says his viewpoint is not so narrow that he would take government out of everything, as some Libertarians are said to believe. Maintaining public roads and bridges — a major county responsibility — must continue, and after all, he notes, "it's been done by government since the Roman empire."

Government must also watch out for the public safety and provide courts, jails and police, he says. But, he says, inmates charged with drug sales and use are one of the reasons the county is building a big new jail. Libertarians believe that the use of drugs, or sale between responsible adults, should not be a crime. "Selling to minors, driving under the influence, in any way harming others, those are out. But adults using and selling to each other of their own free will should not be the government's business," Dominiani says, pointing out that it is legal to use and sell a recognized "drug of choice — alcohol."

Welfare, by and large, should be left to volunteer efforts, rather than adding to a steadily increasing tax burden, Dominiani feels.

Under Republicans and Democrats, recession or recovery, "we're virtually taxed to our limits. There's no indication the pressure is going to let up. And there's no apparent improvement in our services or life-style."

THE NEWS, FRENCHTOWN, N.J. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1983

Kingwood Mayor Quits Race; Backs Libertarian Candidate

By Chuck Mills

Kingwood Township's Republican mayor Allan Niebuhr has withdrawn his bid for re-election and endorsed Libertarian candidate John Lutz.

This move increases the possibility of Kingwood's committee becoming the first governing body in the U.S. to have a Libertarian majority.

Niebuhr said that he is moving to Alexandria Township, about a half mile from where he lives now, but he will not be selling his 90-acre farm in Kingwood.

Niebuhr said he felt that it was better to make the announcement now rather than have to resign in January when he expects to make the move.

He will finish out his current term on the committee; it expires at the end of December.

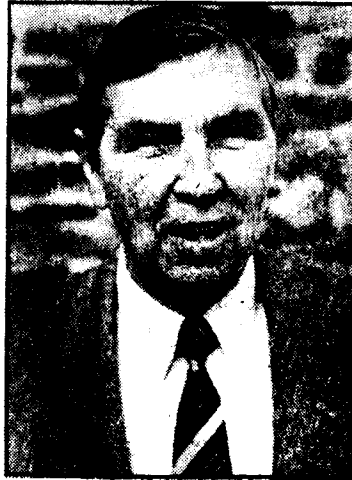
Although it's too late to remove Niebuhr's name from the ballot, the three-way race has narrowed to Democrat Jim Ryan and Libertarian Lutz.

Kingwood already has one Libertarian committeeman. The township drew national attention when Committeeman Dick Siano was elected; he was the first Libertarian to be elected in a contested race in the lower 48 states.

Both Joe Nagy of the Republican Party's executive committee in Kingwood and president of the Kingwood Republican Club Jack Haverstick said that there would be no party endorsement for either Lutz or Ryan.

Committeeman Bill Dietze said that Niebuhr's withdrawal and endorsement of Lutz does not surprise him. He said these actions were foretold by Niebuhr's lack of campaigning and recent cooperation with Libertarian Committeeman Dick Siano in working to relax certain zoning restrictions.

Dietze said he feels that Niebuhr should "back off from pushing to change Kingwood zoning" because Niebuhr is moving from the township.



Allan Niebuhr

Continuing Interest

Since Niebuhr will still be a land owner in Kingwood he feels that his interest in the township will remain strong. That is also why he is giving his support to Lutz. That decision, he said, is based on talks that he had with both Ryan and Lutz.

Niebuhr said that he would like to continue to see government and spending kept to a minimum in Kingwood and that Lutz is the candidate who could do that.

Lutz agrees. "My views aren't any different from Allan's," he said, adding that the difference between him and Niebuhr is that Lutz would be "more decisive than Allan." Niebuhr has admitted to being "on the fence" between Dietze and Siano over issues in the township.

Lutz reported that many voters who favored Niebuhr have approached him to express their support and feels that many more will do the same.

The issue for Lutz in this campaign is that the election of a Democrat will result in "rampant spending" and increased projects in the township. "Conservatism will go out the window," he added, the voter must take into account money and not party-line voting.

Ryan expressed concern over Niebuhr's support of Lutz and the possibility of another Libertarian on the committee. "The Libertarians have done a job on us" in Kingwood, said Ryan, by attacking zoning ordinances and attempting to keep the township's surplus money low. A low surplus increases the chance of having to go to the taxpayers for money in an emergency, Ryan said, and

doing that is a sure sign that the financial program isn't working.

Dietze stressed that "Democrats aren't big spenders" and that while the Libertarians "are playing super-conservative" the township can't put off projects like road and vehicle maintenance forever.

Dietze was puzzled about Lutz' allegations that rampant spending would result with the election of another Democrat. "I have no new ideas for big spending," he said,

adding, "People want Kingwood the way it is."

When Niebuhr announced his support of Lutz he also pointed out that he had appointed Ryan to the planning board because he thought that Ryan would support his actions on the committee. Instead, Niebuhr said, Ryan consistently opposed him.

Committee's Achievements

Niebuhr also noted a number of achievements "to the credit of Kingwood" that have come about during his three years on the committee. During that time, Niebuhr said, the committee has lowered the tax rate, brought efficiency to the government and maintained a surplus of money in the township's account. Kingwood was among the first to take an active part in the farmland preservation program and done much to preserve open space in the township, according to Niebuhr.

In addition the committee has helped to bring back a sense of history in the township and allotted \$500 from the budget to be used by township historian Ken Myers.

Asked if he plans to enter into Alexandria politics, Niebuhr said, "Not right away, unless some one asks me."

THE NEWS, FRENCHTOWN, N.J. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1983

Ryan Beats Lutz In Kingwood Race

By Peter Zirnite

Democrat Jim Ryan overwhelmed Libertarian John Lutz, 607-185, in the race for a three-year term on the Kingwood Township Committee Tuesday.

Lutz' defeat prevented Kingwood's committee from becoming the first governing body in the U.S. to have a Libertarian majority. Libertarian Dick Siano is currently serving the second year of a three-year committee term.

Incumbent Republican Allan Niebuhr, who withdrew from the race last week and endorsed Lutz, received 29 votes.

Ryan claimed Mayor Niebuhr's withdrawal from the race turned the election turned into a referendum on Libertarian politics, and that the results showed township voters "had enough."

Although the Libertarians said they were disappointed with the defeat and tactics used in the campaign, they maintain the election shows they have an increasingly strong base in the township and said they will continue to run candidates for township office.

Ryan, meanwhile, said when the result was known that "All I can do is thank the people of Kingwood Township for coming out and expressing how they felt about the Libertarian Party. They had enough of the Libertarian Party."

Ryan said Niebuhr's last-minute decision to withdraw from the race because he was moving from the township and to endorse Lutz helped his election bid. Many Republicans, he said, felt "betrayed" by Niebuhr's decision.

Lutz agreed he gained little, if anything, from Niebuhr's move. "It wasn't the shot in the arm we thought it would be," he said.

'Wasn't Optimistic'

"I wasn't real optimistic about winning," Lutz said. "I thought I'd get a lot more votes than last year, especially with Allan dropping out, but I ended up with less."

Lutz attributed his defeat to more than the adverse Republican reaction to Niebuhr's decision to withdraw from the race when it was too late for the party to name a new candidate.



Jim Ryan

Kingwood residents, he said, "are afraid of having a Libertarian majority on the committee." He claimed that fear "was unfounded," saying, "I'm not a radical by any means, and neither is Dick (Siano), although they may want to paint him as one."

Two-thirds of Kingwood's registered voters went to the polls.

A letter urging residents not to elect Lutz was received by most of the 1,260 voters Monday. The letter — which didn't mention Ryan — was signed by 65 residents, including former Republican Mayor Janet Bainbridge.

The Libertarians tried to counter the 11th-hour mailing by hand-delivering their reply to the charges to township residents Monday night.

Ryan denied knowing about the anti-Lutz letter until he received one in his mailbox. Lutz, however, charged that Ryan did know about the letter before it was mailed. He also accused Democrats in the township with vandalizing his campaign signs and posters.

"I know who has done it (the vandalism)," Lutz said. He said the vandals were "part of the Democratic group supporting Ryan," but he declined to identify them, saying "It's already a mess and I don't want to make it more of a mess."

Referring to the vandalism and anti-Libertarian letter, Siano said, "I'm really disappointed those tactics had to be used. We always addressed the issues. We never resorted to personal attacks."

Siano said the letter misrepresented the Libertarian position and exaggerated the effect a Libertarian majority would have on the township.

"I love Kingwood," Siano said. "There is nothing I would do that would hurt Kingwood. I have too big a stake here. This is my home."

Lutz, he said, "has even a bigger stake in Kingwood. He has brought his business here."

"I really don't look forward to the coming years as a result of what has happened in the campaign," Siano said. "Hard feelings have been created as a result of it and they're not going to be let go of quickly."

Siano said the Libertarians are "not discouraged."

"There has been tremendous growth over what we had even two years ago," he said. "We now have a large number of committed (Libertarian) voters."

Lutz said he was uncertain whether he would make a third attempt for election to the township committee. "This campaign has taken an awful lot out of us (his family)," he said. "I've neglected my business and I can't afford that."

Kingwood poll-watcher Mary Fedorko notes that for years Jim Ryan has been Kingwood's first voter on Election Day. "It's sort of a hobby of his," she said.

Freeholder Race

Township voters favored incumbent Republican George Melick, who won re-election, over Democrat Virginia Hook 397 to 310 in the race for county freeholder. Libertarian Frank Dominiani received 42 votes. Democrat Mario Badini edged Republican Warren Peterson, who was elected, in the race for sheriff 398 to 382.

In the race for state senate, incumbent Republican Walter Foran defeated Democrat William Martin 483-303. The state assembly race found incumbent Republicans Karl Weidel and Dick Zimmer defeating Democrats Barabara MacDonald and Claiborne Northrop. Weidel received 401 votes, Zimmer 483, MacDonald 328 and Northrop 249.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR 1984 NJLP CONVENTION!

Asbury Park Press/Tues., Nov. 22, 1983

Volunteers are urgently needed to work with the 1984 NJLP Convention Committee as speakers to introduce our guest speakers.

Your participation will help to make this our most successful state convention!

Also, we need 2 people to sell and check tickets at the convention. These positions will be paid by free convention admission.

Those interested in the volunteer and/or paid positions should contact NJLP Convention Chair Bill George at 201-233-4082 after 7 p.m. during weekdays.

Why subsidize non-productivity?

I read with amazement newspaper reports that the U.S. government, in order to reduce milk surpluses, has decided to pay dairy farmers not to milk cows! In other words, our elected representatives are going to tax all of us, including lower- and middle-income families, to pay rich dairymen not to produce milk.

As a matter of fact, Democrats and Republicans in Congress have refused to even put a limit on how much can be paid out, despite warnings that several large dairy farmers could enjoy huge windfalls of up to \$4.5 million.

If the problem is to reduce milk surpluses, why not tax rich dairy conglomerates and pay us to drink more milk?

No, the problem is the idea of subsidies and bailouts in general. The

"Republicrats" in Washington reward powerful lobbies such as the dairy farmers, tobacco growers, sugar industry, etc., by guaranteeing their profits out of taxes — taken by force from you and me.

The only political party opposed to government bailouts and subsidies is the Libertarian Party. They believe that the industries involved should stand or fall on their own merits, not have their profits guaranteed out of our paychecks.

Pay dairy farmers not to milk cows? — No thanks, I'd rather pay legislators not to pass bogus laws like this one.

PATRICK FALLON,
Belmar



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PANEL...

By Len Flynn

private schools. Ernsberger's introduction of Ginny stressed that our two children "had never set foot in a government school." This prompted enthusiastic applause from the highly partisan LP audience!

She went beyond the coercion of the state educational system, however, and urged libertarian parents to seek out educational alternatives which promote freedom. There are no tests or grades in our school, which stresses individual learning and initiative through self-directed educational projects.

Previously, our children attended Montessori schools. Ginny quoted Maria Montessori's philosophy of individual, ungraded learning as follows: "children are not receptacles to be filled." She concluded by recommending that libertarians read Summerhill by A. S. Neill to appreciate the value of freedom to children.

Ginny noted that many well-meaning parents are worried that their children may "fall behind" their classmates academically without being forced to study. She told the audience to keep faith in freedom, because our 10 year-old daughter does math problems on her own while our 7 year-old son writes his own stories--both without tests, grades, threats, homework assignments, or the rest of the oppression and coercion of most schools, public or private.

The packed room (over 100 people) appeared eager to hear more discussion, but the convention schedule limited the presentation to just one hour. For NJLP members who want more information, just ask us about our two young libertarians; we will be glad to suggest how (your) children's rights can be enhanced: now!

FREEDOM

They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think.
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.

First the U.S. government stole our gold (1933), then they robbed our coins of silver (1965). Now they are debasing the coinage again, but this time it's the lowly penny!

Take one of the now plentiful (remember the "penny shortage" just a few years ago?!) 1983 pennies and slice it in half. Then take a 1981 or earlier penny and slice it. Now compare the pure copper in the older coin with the copper PLATED 1983 version with its cheapo zinc alloy inside.

Don't miss out this time like I did in the 60's: HOARD those old pennies now! Their bullion value is almost a penny already, so they are the only U.S. "money" which has value close to their denomination. When the paper currency collapses (I needn't say "if"), your pennies will hold their value or may even appreciate!

And you don't have to be affluent to save them, just watch your change and never give back the lowly "coppers"--except for the 1982+ plated slugs. And you won't be alone, just try to get some "old" coins from your local bank; you will get those shiny new slugs!

You might also try saving quarters and dimes for the day the Feds debase the currency (further). This means those "sandwich" coins now in circulation, not the "junk silver" coins from 1964 and earlier, which were hoarded years ago by people a whole lot smarter than me.

In the event of a 10 to 1 replacement of paper money, for example, your coins immediately rise in value ten times, if the Feds choose not to try and replace old coins. This is a not unlikely event, since coinage takes years to mint and build up circulation, unlike the paper "greenies" which can be printed up and replaced overnight by fiat. If the Feds try to replace old coins, then you have the metal value of the quarters and dimes as a possible source of profit. In any case you have a no risk investment requiring only patience and "spare change."

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By Jon Steele

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 so I let you precede me.
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 so I celebrate your success.
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 so I praise you.
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 so I share mine.

I demand attention
 so I listen to you.
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 I'm your competition
 so I help you.
 I love me
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 If you want not to be outdone
 You'll repay all that and more.
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 Because I come first.

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