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Lett's Campaign Fund Raiser a Stunning Success!

This was the only political event that I had thoroughly enjoyed. The company was great, the food and service was excellent, the ambiance was more like a social gathering than a campaign event.

Austin Lett was a pleasure to listen to, lively, direct, cogent, intellectually and emotionally stimulating. These are all the traits we do not expect to find in political candidates and it was great to see someone with a working mind in the political arena deliver honest personal thoughts on the state of things.

Of course there was Gene Burns - extrodinaire!! It was an experience worth many times the price to hear such a mastery of oratory. This was

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a flawless delivery, and content pertinent to the qualitative aspects of our lives under today's government. Mr. Burns directed us through a continuum of the uniquely American experience pointing out the erosion and outright destruction that government has been and is now capable of. It was an ecstatic intellectual experience. For those of you who could not make this event, Don't miss it next time!

I hope Austin Lett has been elected by the time you read this newsletter. Thanks to him the Libertarian party has offered a candidate of substance, experience and courage. Certainly a much better choice than Howard Stern.

Pennsylvania Campaigns: Senate- Oct 14, 1994 - Don

Ernsberger was direct, credible, articulate and a candidate with the ability and forcefulness to make Libertarians believe in the real possibility of victory. He was specific on proposals, extrapolating ideological differences with the two major parties. Unfortunately there was an ill prepared Ms. Blough of the Patriot party who seemed to have an axe to grind with Libertarians and she diluted the

whole debate on issues with blurb type expressions even more hackneyed than the major parties. Libertarians owe candidates like Don Ernsberger a thank you for the best possible public representation. Bravo Don! ■

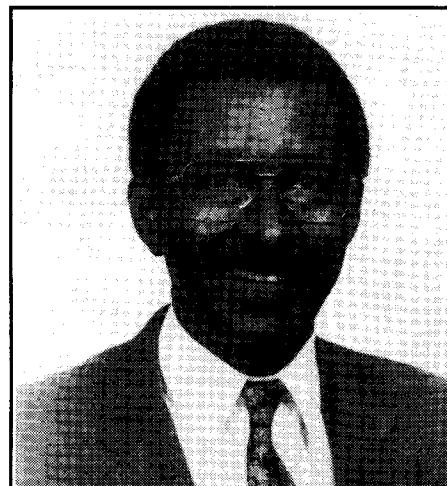
A Minority View. . .

Walter E. Williams

How about a few tidbits you're not likely to hear about elsewhere that raise costs, reduce choices and show how a foolish know it all congress interferes with our lives.

A Southern California dry cleaner was fined \$250 for not posting the number of employees injured in the previous twelve months. But there were no employee injuries. Thus,

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Editor Comments. . .

First, corrections; Glenn Campbell's phone # is 609-978-1361. This is in reference to contacting him to be of service in planning and executing the 1995 Convention.

Also Glenn is the author of *Grindlinger Strikes Pay Dirt* at Indian Rock in the October issue. This issue introduces the presence of Walter E. Williams Ph.D. Dr. Williams is a professor of Economics at George Mason University, a syndicated columnist with a libertarian vision and the author of over 50 Publications.

Examples: Wall Street Journal, Reader's Digest, Newsweek & American Economic Review; personal appearances on Crossfire, Nightline, Face the Nation and Firing Line - also sits in for Rush Limbaugh and some would prefer that. Look for his column "A Minority View" in many newspapers across the country and if you are interested in having this column in your local, regional or state newspaper contact Ed Wiessman or John Paff for assistance.

Dr. Williams also is on the advisory boards of: Review Bd. of Economic Studies, National Science Foundation, Reason Foundation, National Tax Limitation Committee, Taxpayer's Foundation and the Hoover Institution. Dr. Williams is

also a member of the prestigious Mount Pelerin Society and the American Economic Assoc. and a Distinguished Scholar of the Heritage Foundation.

Please feel free to send in your evaluations. ■

Dateline Haiti. . .

Caribbean Wonderland;
Available immediately vacation special at Bill & Hillary's down-home Inn. We all sleep in one bed and have lots of Tyson chicken for dinner. Drugs OK but no inhaling. Relatives must have served at least one third of their prison term and be on parole in good standing to participate in member activities. Paula Jones will not be here, but Jennifer Flowers could come down or go down for a week.

Member Activities:

Investment seminar by Hillary on commodity trading; Remember "If Hill can do it you can do it. Turn all your singles into hundreds overnight with the Hillary commodity plan and if you don't have the money we can find a brokerage firm to lend it to you! This is real investing.

Games with Billy Bob:

Battle strategies and world conflict, guess the outcome. Meddle in all the world affairs without the responsibility of a head of state, just the title. Great fun for the kids too! Educational.

Bill & Hillary's Business Ethics Roundtable: How to do land deals and look ethical. How to have a bank make unsecured campaign loans for hundreds of thousands to a poor working couple. Where to find staff that have not had long extra-marital affairs—have not tried to run testimonial dinners to raise money as personal gifts—will not commit suicide—do not have and sons or daughters with pending drug indictments or are not presently serving time for drug sales - Have not written embarrassing books with opinions completely foreign to the electorate—have not been tape recorded saying disparaging remarks about the President—have the same opinion two days in a row—will not allow US troops to be killed without an attempt to rescue them—can last in their appointed position more than nine months. This will be a very valuable discussion.

A fascinating video on the phenomena of unplanned Bimbo eruptions. Many people are of the opinion that these controversial events can be controlled in a like manner for unwanted pregnancies. The implications here are very exciting.

But don't forget the blue skies, gorgeous water necklacing parties and of course every New Yorker's dream—two or more Policeman on

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the business was fined for simply not posting a blank sheet of paper. The EPA fined a North Carolina subsidiary of the Marmon Group \$5,000 for inadvertently writing the company's name on line 17 rather than line 18 of a form. The EPA imposed \$600,000 in fines and legal fees on another subsidiary of the Marmon Group for failing to fill out a federal form, even though the company complied with the identical state law.

The FDA passed a new rule requiring McCurdy Fish Co. of Lubeck, Me., to gut freshly caught fish before immersing them in brine tanks. Unable to bear the additional cost, John McCurdy shut his plant down, laying off all 22 workers. This was after 20 years in business and not a single case of botulism reported against McCurdy.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fined a Minnesota Farmer \$45,000 for filling in a one acre glacial pothole that was making farming difficult on his property. Having fined him, the Corps made him dig the fill out.

A Maryland couple suffered devastating financial losses when the endangered puritan tiger beetle was found on their property. In order to protect the beetle, the couple was prohibited from taking

action to halt the soil erosion that was jeopardizing their home. During their fight with federal agents, 22 feet of their property plunged into the Chesapeake Bay.

Tuang Ming Lin, a Vietnam refugee, faces a one year imprisonment and a \$300,000 fine because federal agents accused him of running over "five suspected Tipton kangaroo rats" while tilling his 719 acre farm in Bakersfield, Ca. Federal agents have already seized his \$50,000 tractor.

If you think our only constitutional guarantee not yet usurped by congress is the Third Amendment protection against quartering of troops, think again. It is under siege. But it's animals and insects we must quarter instead of soldiers. There's a Western solution to this aspect of congressional heavy-handedness. If you spot an endangered species on your land, shoot, shovel and shut up.

Michael Rowe broke the law when he built a firebreak around his Riverside, Ca. house. His house was saved while most of his neighbors lost theirs in the fires that erupted in Southern California last year. It's that kangaroo rat again. Acting on the demands of environmentalist to protect the kangaroo rat, congress prevented homeowners from building firebreaks in or around the rat habitat. This is yet another example of invisible victims of congressional

policy: Devastated homeowners blamed the fires and winds instead of the environmentalists and congress.

That's on the California side. In 1993, \$500 million in construction was halted in Orange County, Ca. by the Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the 2 inch Pacific pocket mouse.

This is just a sampling of congressional folly compiled by the Washington-based Americans for Tax Reform Foundation. We can't just stop congress from doing stupid things; we must eliminate its capacity to do so. First, we must force congress to respect the Tenth Amendment and, second, reduce its financial resources by limiting what it can spend.

(Edited from:)

A Minority View

Walter E. Williams

The ethnic, regional, language and religious conflicts we've seen in Bosnia, Rwanda, Ireland, Quebec and numerous other places didn't crop up overnight. They resulted from decades, sometimes centuries, of one group of people using government force to impose their values, ways and visions of a good life on others.

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It would seem that we'd be a plausible candidate for ethnic, language and religious violence. After all, Americans represent virtually every ethnic, language and religious group in the world. Despite that, fact,... (we've) managed to live together with a fair amount of harmony and cooperation.

Civility is fragile, and civil societies can become uncivil. The seeds of incivility are rapidly being sown in many ways in our country. Just recently, Rep. Vic Fazio jumped on conservative Christians. His attack was followed up by Clinton's on the Reverend Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, alleging they had crossed the line of decency.

You don't have to be an evangelical Christian, crossing the line of decency, to object to and be offended by government distribution of condoms to your kid when you teach him chastity. Many people find abortion offensive, but insult is added when government takes their earnings to support it. Many Christians condemn homosexuality, as an abomination in the eyes of God, but they can civilly tolerate those who choose that lifestyle. How do you make them intolerant? It's easy. Use government schools and taxpayer money to teach such a person's child that homosexuality and heterosexuality are morally equivalent.

We've been sowing the seeds of incivility for decades... But we had better quickly reverse course and recognize that multi-religious and multi-ethnic societies are fragile at best and can blow up in our faces. ■

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every corner of various national origin for spice but mostly American for safety. You do not have to be a member to enjoy the sun or participate in necklacing. If you participate as a victim there will no charge for your room or medical expenses. However we cannot guarantee that the oversight board will think that necklacing injuries are a priority requiring medical treatment. See Clinton Health Plan for further explanation. ■

Soon to be announced; Seaside vacations in Kuwait!

Minutes of the N.J. Libertarian Party State Board Meeting of 9/18/94

The chairman called the meeting to order at John Paff's house, Somerset, at 1:21 PM. Present: Layman, Flynn, Ellett Stefanelli, Campbell, Paff, Quarles, J. Eden Girardeau, Glatter, E. Macron, Mehaffey, McInerney and Weissman. Absent: Grindlinger, Muentz, Peters and Savicky. Also

present were L. Eden and Ronald R. Tamburro.

The minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of August 21 were accepted, and the treasurer's report was received.

On-going business:

By-Laws implementation election of County Representatives.

Stefanelli reported that the changes authorized by the State Convention have been made. With the election of Terry McInerney as the Monmouth county representative the State hoard election process authorized by the Convention is complete. The old State Committee is defunct. This is the first meeting of its successor. The county representatives to the Board were nominated in writing by members residing or working in the counties; they were elected by ballot mailed from the NJLP. The hope was that members in unorganized counties would get to know each other during the nominating period and form a county party. Of the twenty-one counties in New Jersey nine are represented on the State Board Two of the organized counties are not represented because no one in those counties submitted a nomination to the Secretary, as required by the by law changes.

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Membership: Campbell requested that those planning to run an OPH booth contact him. **Fund raising.** Layman stated that an appeal for a specific purpose will be made after the November elections.

CATV show. Ellett reported that demonstration tapes are being circulated to CATV management's in Monmouth and Ocean counties. (Contact Emerson Ellett @ 908-774-3684 if you would like these tapes to air at your local access station)

Media relations. Paff and Wiessman RESOLVED, that the NJLP appropriate \$325 for the purchase of Prof. Walter Williams' weekly column. PASSED. (The column will run in the N.J. Libertarian for one year, the idea being that members will use it to convince their local paper to carry it.)

Electoral strategy. Layman will inquire of all members who live in towns that have winnable local races if they are interested in running for office in

Campaigns. Ben Grindlinger, U.S. Senate, raised \$2,300 at Freedom Day; he has also held a rally in Trenton opposing the Haiti intervention Robert Heitner, Sussex County Freeholder, has raised \$14,000 of his

\$20,000 budget; his *signs* blanket the county; he has been attacked by Republicans and has appeared at every "town day" where he has distributed blue spruce seedlings; he will take a leave of absence to *campaign* full time. Austin Lett, Chatham Township Council, has scheduled a fund raiser with Gene Burns as headliner; he has ten activists working, but more are needed; volunteers, please contact Stefanelli. There was no report on the Bacon (5th U.S. district) and Derby (Cumberland county clerk) campaigns.

Old business: 1995 convention. Stefanelli, E & J Macron, Campbell and Vicki Newman have volunteered to plan the convention. Others are welcome to join them. **NJLP Platform committee.** E. Macron, Dan Karlan, Flynn, J. Eden and Paff have gathered six state platforms to assist in the preparation of our platform, which will be available after the November elections.

State as Resource for the Counties; Flynn reported that 3,000 tip boards are available at a cost of 2 1/2 cents each, and that 100 bumper stickers are on order. RESOLVED, that the NJLP spend up to \$459 for the purchase of 5,000 LP "What Happened to Your Family Budget" leaflets with the NJLP's membership form on the back panel. PASSED.

Business return mail and other costs: Flynn reported on the cost of BRM, for the consideration of the fund raising committee. Ellett reported that he received a quote of \$175 for 5,000 #9 business return envelopes.

Relationship between the Steering Committee and the State Board:

The new by-laws committee of Campbell, chair, and Flynn, Paff, Glatter and McNerney will propose changes that will clarify which body makes policy, authorizes expenditures, approves candidates, sets objectives and determines what can be **done for the** counties, as for example, by providing candidate training classes. At Weissman's suggestion the ca committee will also address how the NJLP can be protected from takeover, perhaps by requiring the gubernatorial candidate to win delegates from the counties, or by requiring new members to wait 90 days before being eligible to vote for state candidates whose jurisdiction crosses county lines.

Operation Safe Streets: OSS is the LP's solution to crime. RESOLVED, that the NJLP purchase 5,000 OSS flyers modified with the NJLP's membership form at a price NTE \$250. FAILED (for lack of a distribution plan). RESOLVED, that the NJLP

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purchase 100 copies of Patient Power for \$125. FAILED (for lack of a distribution plan). RESOLVED. That the NJLP reimburse Paff for the OSS kits purchased for the State Board. PASSED. ■

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM. Respectfully submitted, Emerson Ellett, Secretary

Is Your Country or Town Breaking the Law?

by John Paff

Since 1987, the Somerset County Prosecutor's forfeiture accounts, containing millions of dollars in seized and forfeited cash and property, have been audited by Thomas C. Wagner. Wagner, a certified public accountant, is a former business partner of Nicholas L. Bissell, Jr., the Somerset County Prosecutor.

Over the years Bissell's forfeiture accounts have been the subject of controversy. In Nov. 1993, for example, Bissell admitted that he privately sold two forfeited cars—a 1984 Maserati Biturbo and a 1981 BMW—to a local car dealer for \$7,000 without the public auction required by state law. When asked to comment on this incident, Bissell said "It was a flat-out screw-up. I'm not going to put any window dressing on it. It was a screw-up."

At about the same time, a Courier News editorial railed against the inaccessibility to and the incompleteness of Bissell's forfeiture records. The editorial gave several examples of paper trails on seized cars vanishing and instances of record-keeping being incomplete. It also pointed out that the Somerset County Prosecutor had twice submitted all his quarterly forfeiture reports "all at once after the year ended." None of these deficiencies, however, were revealed in Wagner's audits.

Finally, in March 1994, the United States Attorney's office subpoenaed the bank records of Bissell's forfeiture accounts. The feds have a policy of not confirming or denying who the targets of their investigations are. Bissell assured the press, however, that the feds told him that he was not the target of this investigation. When asked, the feds refused to confirm or deny Bissell's statement.

Despite all this controversy, the county Freeholders did not change the auditor of the forfeiture accounts until September 1994. The Freeholders changed their minds only after I presented them with a ruling from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) that Wagner, who is not licensed as a Registered Municipal Accountant, was not qualified to audit government funds pursuant to the Local

Fiscal Affairs Law. According to Beth Gates, director of the DCA's Division of Local Government Services, Somerset County's "failure to have all forfeiture accounts held by the Prosecutor's office audited annually by a registered municipal accountant is clearly a violation of the Local Fiscal Affairs Law." Gates' ruling was in response to an inquiry that I filed with her office.

The day after I received Gates' ruling, the Freeholders hired a registered municipal accountant to audit the forfeiture funds, but only for the 1993-94 year. After I threatened to file a complaint against the county, the Freeholders grudgingly agreed to hire the new accounting firm to also audit the accounts for previous years.

My wrangling with the Freeholders on this issue generated no less than five headline stories in the local papers. It took me over two years get the County of Somerset to remove Wagner as auditor of the county's forfeiture accounts. Now that I have Gates' ruling on file, we can quickly correct similar illegal audits that exist in other towns and counties. Any person willing to spend an hour or so at the municipal and/or county building to check on these audits is invited to call me at 908/873-1251. ■

Somerset/Middlesex Libertarians

4th Monday of every Month @
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Mercer County Libertarians

2nd Sunday of each Month
@ 2:30PM. Call Ben Grindlinger 609-585-4128

Salem County Libertarians

Last Saturday of each Month
@ 2PM. Call Robert Dyson
609-678-8034

Monmouth County Libertarians

Liberty Brunch @ 11AM the 2nd Sunday of each Month.
Call 908-583-8721 for location.

Gloucester County Libertarians

Fourth Thursday of each Month. Guests are welcome.
Call John Hill @ 609-468-9571 or
Brian Waters @ 609-845-9581

Burlington County Libertarians

Second Thursday of each Month @ 7PM,
upstairs at Whistler's Inn, 901 Rte. 130,
HOTLINE 609-866-3535

Sussex County Libertarians

Each Month call Tony Federici @ 764-7289

Morris County Libertarians

Morris County Library, Whippany.
Nov. 15 at 7PM Call Lou Steffanelli @ 201-751-8675

Ocean County Libertarians

Nov. 8th (Ed. hope I made it) at the Bay Bridge Inn.
Directions call Betty Florentine @ 908-477-8496 or
Glenn @ 609-978-1361.

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***From the Middlesex Edition of
the Star Ledger***

by Dana Yvette George; Edited RRT

Four protesters had been arrested for burning their water bills in protest of a 90% rate hike. This was done at a gathering outside a public hearing held by the borough council.

The hearing was attended by 200 residents unhappy with this new tax increase. But only four burned their water bills. Al Arena, Kris Pfeifer, Genevieve van der Veken and Catherine Bradley.

The charges were based on "the states right to enforce safety". The state's position was that there needed to be a permit for this burning and "The state is allowed for safety reasons to control public expression".

This story bears notice to keep in the forefront of our thoughts the extremes the state can go to with the seemingly most innocuous power to arrest, detain and prosecute its citizens.

The judge has not rendered an opinion in this matter. My guess is the judge will make some statement about the necessity of obeying the law, and either fine these criminals and suspend the fine or find them guilty and not impose any penalty. I don't expect the judge to completely dismiss a state's claim to the right of enforcement of its laws.

The Libertarian Party was present at the courtroom along with 20 other supporters and Hands Across America. Members of the Somerset and Middlesex Chapters of the Libertarian Party handed out flyers which read: "These citizens shouldn't even be here today. They stand accused of no crime, or even failing to pay their sewer bills, but daring to speak out against theft of their money through taxation", said Ray Babecki, area chairman of the Libertarian Party. ■

***No daily newspaper in New Jersey carries
Professor Williams' column.***

***If you would like to see it in your daily paper
tell your editor and call***

John Paff at 908-873-1251

or Ed Wiessmann at 201-579-7941

for help and information.

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at the recent Lett Campaign Dinner.
Contribution \$18.00 Send a check payable to:
The Lett for Township Comm. Fund
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Belleville, N.J. 07109

OCEAN COUNTY SECOND ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Baybridge Inn
Highway 37, Tom's River, NJ
December 10, 1994 at 7 PM

\$23.00 per person

Cash Bar • Dancing • Sumptuous Buffet
(609) 978-1361

NJLP Meeting

General Membership

Saturday, November 19, 1994 at 1PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1640 Amwell Road, Somerset, NJ

Directions: from North & Central; I-287 to Exit 6
(Rte 527) Signs to New Brunswick to Easton Ave. Turn
right onto De Mott Lane - 3 or 4 traffic lights to dead end
at Amwell - turn right on Amwell quarter mile.

From South: Turnpike to Exit 9 onto Route 18 North into
New Brunswick and exit onto Rt. 27 South (Albany
Street) 3 blocks turn right at train station onto Easton
Ave. 2nd light left onto Hamilton Street. Go approx. 3.5
miles street changes to Amwell and church is on the left
1 mile past JFK Blvd. intersection.



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