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"FEAR" SPREADS ACROSS COUNTRY

Like the cancer upon property rights which it is trying to kill, "FEAR" is slowly, but methodically, extending its reach nationwide.

Forfeiture Endangers American Rights (FEAR) has announced that seven chapters of this fledgling organization are currently being formed in California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Tennessee, Vermont and Washington, DC. What first appeared to be a local reaction to overzealous application of forfeiture laws is now on its way to becoming a national movement for reform.

New Jersey FEAR Chairman and NJLP activist *John Paff* reports that reaction to FEAR has been exceedingly positive and that, primarily because of the efforts of NJLP's *Kathy Schrama*, several national organizations are lending their support as is a local media personality.

Sussex County Candidates File for Office

One of the NJLP's most active county organizations, the Sussex County Area LP (SCALP), recently announced that three more candidates had filed for office, in addition to their congressional candidate.

Bill Dundas, of Vernon, announced that he was seeking a seat on the Sussex County Freeholder Board; *Jason Healy*,

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Paff pointed to two Washington, DC-based groups which are lending their assistance. The Institute for Justice has offered to set up FEAR's tax-free status at no cost, and the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, an organization that had been advocating similar reforms, was excited about the idea of a single-purpose organization dedicated to this cause.

FIJA, the Fully Informed Jury Association, has also agreed to give FEAR the one-time use of its 5,000-name mailing list. Additionally, local radio and TV personality *Bob Cerutti*, who provides commentary on WSUS 102.3 FM and cable TV station Video 8, has donated a filing cabinet to FEAR's efforts.

Fundraising for FEAR has also gotten off to a promising start with an initial letter having raised about \$1000 in contributions. With such encouraging news being reported, it appears that the only thing forfeiture will have to fear is FEAR itself.

Individuals or organizations desiring more information or wishing to assist FEAR's efforts, see page 7.

NJLP SET TO SKEWER KARLAN IN "ROAST"

In what is building up to be a night of fun and frivolity (not to mention a small profit for the party), the NJLP's scheduled "roast" of its immediate past chair has been finalized. Libertarians are urged to make their reservations right away!

Dan Karlan, the NJLP's chairman for the past four years has graciously accepted the invitation to be the subject of good-natured jokes--and to be able to return the favor--that will focus upon his tenure as the party's leader.

Three speakers have been lined up to date to hurl their barbs at Dan.

Len Flynn, who currently serves as NJLP vice chairman, but who was the party's secretary for 12 years prior to that, is sharpening his pen and tongue.

Michael Pierone, the current party chair, also leapt at the opportunity to

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By MICHAEL PIERONE

Does anybody remember the Bill of Rights, or how many lives were given to secure them? More and more of our rights are being taken away from us. Has anyone altered or repealed any of the first ten amendments to the Constitution? NO!

Nowadays we don't bother; you see, it's much easier and safer to mess around with people's rights by reinterpreting them.

Remember the words, "Congress shall make NO LAW respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof?" Ask the Mormons or an American Indian if they are free to exercise this right.

How about "The right of the people to keep and bear arms will not be infringed?" We now have over 20,000 laws about guns and gun ownership that apply to us in New Jersey.

Regardless of whether you think these interpretations of our rights are for the good or not, the REAL danger is the very IDEA of reinterpreting the law. When alcohol was prohibited, it was thought necessary to amend

the constitution. Not so for marijuana.

Now we simply ignore the laws. Now that it is impossible for any one person to know them all, how much more impossible if they can change on a day-to-day basis, without one word of the law being rewritten. The paradox of our times is that with more laws than ever in history, we are becoming a lawless society.

Patriots gave their lives to secure these rights, and we are losing them because of our inaction. Why? We give our vote to people who are not committed to the Bill of Rights; these people are more concerned with doing what is safe than what is right.

Remember the words of Patrick Henry? "Give me Liberty or give me Death." Doing the "safe" thing was simply considered cowardice back then, now it is just politically "shrewd."

Editor's Note: Michael Pierone and John Paff have compiled a humorous look at the Bill of Rights as they stand today. To obtain a copy of the "new" first 10 amendments to the Constitution, send \$1.00 and an SASE to the NJLP, Attn. Bill of Rights, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763.

What You Can Do

Write to the chairmen of the Senate Law & Public Safety Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee and express your support for greater privatization of state services.

Hon. Louis F. Kosco
Senate Law & Public
Safety Committee
5 Samson St.
Saddle Brook, NJ 07662

Hon. Rodney P.
Frelinghuysen
Assembly Appropriations
Committee
10 Park Pl., Room 312
Morristown, NJ 07960

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LIBERTARIANS CAN AFFECT PRIVATIZATION EFFORTS

It could suffer the fate of similar attempts in the past to privatize state government services, but momentum seems to be building to divest New Jersey of a number of costly, inefficient bureaucracies.

At a hearing of the Senate Law & Public Safety Committee, chairman Louis F. Kosco (R-38) claimed as "excellent" a citizens' policy group's call for privatizing state prisons. Kosco also called motor vehicle agencies "a prime target for privatization."

New Jersey Citizens for a Sound Economy (NJCSE) said that the state should turn over to the private sector all sorts of government entities, including the prison system, the Meadowlands sports complex, stadiums and convention centers.

Privatization, said NJCSE Director Cynthia Povich, could be "one of the keys to solving New Jersey's fiscal woes." It was noted that the state's corrections budget has skyrocketed over the past decade and that privatization of just one prison, the maximum-security New Jersey State Prison in Trenton, could save taxpayers \$3.4 million to \$10 million a year.

The Assembly Appropriations Committee held a follow-up hearing on privatization where bureaucrats from the agencies that would ultimately be affected, denounced the concept.

"We're at the point that privatization could cost us more money than it saves," charged Transportation Commissioner

Thomas Downs.

Of course, the state employee unions opposed the idea and many in attendance at the hearing wore black and yellow buttons that read "No privatization--CWA." The CWA, or Communications Workers of America, is the state's largest public employee union.

Recognizing it as self-interested objections, the Republican-dominated committee turned aside such protests. Assemblyman John Gibson (R-2) stated, "I think the more privatization you do, the more it improves your control."

When the Secretary of State cautioned that his office's commercial recording section should not be privatized because it was "a money-maker for us," Assemblyman Dick Kamin (R-23) shot back: "I don't know if we should look at any of your services as profit centers, because that money comes out of the private sector and into the public sector. The public sector does not create wealth; the private sector does. So it's negative for the overall economic health of the state."

As mentioned earlier, studies of various privatization projects have been held over the years in New Jersey, and all have come to nought. It remains to be seen what can be achieved in the current session of the legislature.

For information on NJ Citizens for a Sound Economy, see page 7.

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LOCAL I&R ADVANCES

State Senator **Randy Corman** (R-19), a former NJLP member, has won committee approval of a bill to allow New Jersey residents the right to a "localized" version of initiative and referendum.

Under Corman's bill (S.239), residents in nearly all municipalities would have the right to local I&R as well as recall elections.

"A majority of the citizens in New Jersey already have those powers," said Corman, noting that 154 of the state's 567 municipalities allow residents to place a proposed ordinance on the

ballot if they obtain a prescribed number of signatures. "The rights of citizens shouldn't depend on where you live."

Corman further stated that 163 municipalities allow voters to initiate recall elections and his bill would extend such powers to all but a handful of towns. Those excluded have special charters.

S.239 would permit an issue to be placed on the ballot as soon as possible if signatures from at least 15 percent of the voters in the last general election were obtained. If only 10 percent were obtained, then the issue would be on the next municipal or general election ballot, whichever is sooner.

PIERONE TO ARGUE FOR DRUG RELEGALIZATION

NJLP Chair **Mike Pierone** will be debating drug relegalization with Fred Martens, professor of criminology at Upsala College, on April 30.

The debate will be held at the Wantage House at 7:30 p.m. Call SCALP Chair Tony Federici at (201) 764-7289 for more details or directions.

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MARIJUANA "LEGALIZED" IN STARKS

The Gestapo-like tactics being employed by the drug warriors in Maine have upset the locals so much that in one town, Starks, the people voted to "legalize" marijuana as a sign of protest.

"The standard operating procedure is to come in with battering rams, weapons out and cocked, shouting profanities," said David Wilkinson, a local businessman. "They've patterned these raids after the ones at Brooklyn crack houses, and that's outraged a lot of people."

Wilkinson heads up Maine People for Hemp. Starks voted 45-42 at the March town meeting to legalize marijuana, even though it has no effect on federal or state laws. "It makes politicians sit up and take notice," said activist Michael Ezzy.

"It's anti-prohibition far more than pro-pot. People just want to be left alone," said Wilkinson.

Starks' 800 residents are reported to be a combination of families that have lived in the area for generations and "back-to-the-land" settlers who have moved in over the past 20 years.

Starks was outraged when the Maine Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement (BIDE), spurred on by federal funds, raided the farm of a 70-year old man who was arrested and charged with growing 2,600 marijuana plants. He stated he needed to sell marijuana because he didn't get Social Security.

"The most serious, distressing and dangerous aspect of the drug war," says Wilkinson, "is the fear and intimidation that the presence of this very aggressive law enforcement agency produces in ordinary people."

Since the crackdown began five years ago, residents have been complaining about low-flying helicopters that come in at tree-top level and boisterous night raids. Those who have spoken out in favor of legalization find themselves targets of the helicopter surveillance.

The biggest concern of Starks' residents is that now they have voted in favor of legalization, the rest of the country will look at them as "the drug capital of the world."

STUDENTS OF LIBERTY!

Now high school and college students can join the Libertarian Party at less than half the cost of Regular membership. For just \$15 a year, students are entitled to full voting rights in the NJLP and a full year's subscription to both the LP News and our own *The New Jersey Libertarian*.

Send your check indicating the school you attend to: NJLP, Attn. Student Membership, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763.

CONGRESS UPSET WITH VOTERS

Finally revealing the contempt in which our "representatives" actually hold us, a political scientist recently reported that politicians in Washington are ticked off at the public.

One politician stated "A lot of people say, 'I like a politician who takes a position and stands by it.' That's baloney!

"People want you to tell them what they want to hear. If you tell them what they don't want to hear, you don't get much credit for courage."

Lawrence N. Hansen received funding from the

Joyce Foundation and Centel Corp., a Chicago-based telecommunications company. On the condition of anonymity, 16 members of Congress--10 Democrats and six Republicans, 12 representatives and four senators--spoke with Hansen on the reasons why they believed the government always seemed to be deadlocked. They blamed the people.

"I think most of us are frustrated with the cynicism we find out there," said one. "It's frustrating to call town meetings and have very little attendance...to see that only 40-50 percent of the electorate is actually voting, as if they do not

care, and to have to face an angry mob of people who demand that the budget deficit and their taxes be reduced but who won't give up their favorite programs."

Yet Congress was assuredly not a bastion of truth-speakers. According to Hansen, "the members with whom we talked admit they are reluctant to give their constituents the unvarnished truth."

So, the next time your representative is kissing babies and glad-handing you and your neighbors seeking votes, remember his utter disdain at having to deal with the great unwashed masses.

Quote of the Month

Facing an angry crowd voicing its displeasure over his attempt to ban gas and electric utilities from providing homeowners with appliance repair services, Assm. John E. Rooney (R-39) declared:

"If free speech curtails the workings of government, then perhaps it's time to curtail free speech."

Have an item for "Quote of the Month?" Send your recommendation to: *The New Jersey Libertarian*, 330 Willow St., Teaneck, NJ 07666.

LETTERS

EDITOR:

At the convention this past March 7, the members voted to amend the NJLP bylaws to include as members anyone who pays dues to the National LP. Article 13, Section A of the NJLP bylaws requires prior notice before bylaws amendments may be considered at a general meeting: "These bylaws may be amended...with notice of the proposed amendments given in the notice for the meeting."

Although some mention of the amendment was sent on the back of the notice of the Convention mailed with the newsletter, it was buried in a long treatise on dues changes and was obviously not part of the notice of the meeting. Further, the language of the suggested amendment was not stated. I hope in the future proposed amendments will be clearly stated and unambi-

guously part of the notice of the meeting. We demand that the government follow its rules; we should at least follow our own.

HOWARD SCHOEN
Edison

Editor's Reply: It is understood that Mr. Schoen opposed adoption of the amendment, but he is incorrect in implying that the method of advertising it improperly violated the bylaws. The bylaws simply require "notice" to be given, which it was. And rather than a "long treatise on dues changes," the wording Mr. Schoen objects to was the proposed amendment itself; it described exactly what was being sought. Nor do the by-laws specify the location in which any proposed notice be published. Simply because it was on the reverse side should not invalidate its adoption. Thus, the procedure that was followed was that which was required and no improprieties should be inferred or suggested.

LIBERTARIANS FILE SLATE FOR CONGRESS

April 10 saw thirteen Libertarians file their petitions with the secretary of state's office in Trenton, cementing the voters ability to have a real choice this November.

In the 1st district, NJLP at-large member **Jerry Zeldin**, of Laurel Springs, filed to challenge incumbent Democrat Rob Andrews; in the 2d district, **Roger Bacon**, of Phillipsburg, filed to oppose Democrat Rep. William Hughes; NJLP Trustee **Helen Radder**, of Farmingdale, will run for the 3rd district seat currently held by Democrat Frank Pallone; in the 4th, **Benjamin Grindlinger**, of Hamilton, will take on Republican incumbent Christopher Smith; in the 5th, NJLP Chairman **Mike Pierone**, of Vernon, will oppose Republican Rep. Marge Roukema.

In the 6th district, **Bill Stewart**, of Keyport, faces no incumbent; the 7th district has NJLP at-large member **Spencer Layman**, of Matawan, opposing Republican Rep. Matthew Rinaldo; the 8th district also has no incumbent, and NJLP Treasurer **Lou Stefanelli**, of Belleville, has filed to run; immediate past chair **Dan Karlan**, will run against incumbent Democrat Bob Torricelli in the 9th district; in the 10th, a newcomer to the NJLP, **Roberto Caraballo**, of Newark, will take on Democratic Rep. Donald Payne;

The 10th will see **Richard Roth** oppose Republican Rep. Dean Gallo; **Carl Peters**, of Washington Crossing, will take on the freshman Republican Rep. Dick Zimmer; and NJLP Vice Chair **Len Flynn**, of Morganville, will have no incumbent to challenge in the 13th district.

NJLP LENDING LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW

Many thanks to **Bob Steiner**, a founder and first Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, and to **Chris White** for their donations to the NJLP's Lending Library.

- "Denationalization of Money," F.A. Hayek, 1976.
- "Paper Aristocracy, The," Howard S. Katz, 1976.
- "High Cost of Farm Welfare, The," Clifton B. Luttrell, 1989.
- "In Pursuit of Happiness and Good Government," Charles Murray, 1988.
- "America's Great Depression," 3d ed., Murray

- Rothbard, 1975.
- "Libertarian Political Activism: Pro and Con," R. Steiner & R. Taylor-Bradford, 1980.
- "Top Secret: Essential Government Economic Controls, Regulations and Guidelines," 2d ed., Robert A. Steiner, 1977.
- "Way the World Works, The," Jude Wanniski, 1978.

LIBERTARIANS TO MARCH IN VERNON CELEBRATION

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of Vernon will be the Sussex County Area LP (SCALP) which will be making a big showing at the festival schedule for Saturday, May 9, in Vernon.

SCALP Chair **Tony Federici** reports that local libertarians will be part of the Vernon Bicentennial Day parade and he encourages Libertarians from outside the county to attend and participate as well.

In addition to the parade, SCALP will also be sponsoring an Opera-

tion: Politically Homeless (OPH) booth for which volunteers are also needed.

"This is an opportunity for the Libertarian Party to build upon the recent gains we've been making," said Tony. "We'll be identifying individuals who are libertarian, or close, through OPH and showing them are place where they can 'live' during the parade."

Tony is seeking a strong contingent of Libertarians and anyone who is available for a day of fun and fellowship is encouraged to contact him at (201) 764-7289 for more information and directions.

KNOW YOUR COUNTY COORDINATOR

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<i>Sussex County:</i> Tony Federici	(201) 764-7289

Karlan to be subject of "roast"

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comment upon Dan's masterful statesmanship.

Last is **Richard Duprey**, a former NJLP chair himself and the editor of *The New Jersey Libertarian*, who noted that he had had the distinct pleasure of seeking office as Dan's running mate one year.

The "roast" has been scheduled for Saturday, May 30, at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St., in Bloomfield. Reservations are only \$15 per person.

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner being served at 6:30. The program will get under way by 7:30 p.m. and end no later than 9:00 p.m.

For more information,



Dan Karlan

reservations or directions, call Richard Duprey at (201) 836-2019.

The program offers a fun way to socialize and help the party's efforts. Join us today!

GARBAGE COLLECTION PROJECT NEARS SUCCESS

A three-year campaign for pay-per-bag garbage collection system in Metuchen is approaching a successful conclusion.

NJLP Development Coordinator **Sam Edelston**, who has worked single-handedly to end the cross-subsidization inherent in the traditional method of trash collection, was elated when a borough council hearing in March found most of the council to be in favor as well as most of the public.

Several people remarked that their minds had been changed by information presented at the hearing or by Sam's letter that had appeared in three newspapers the week before. The *Central Jersey Home News* named Sam's missal "Letter of the

Week."

A hearing on the same issue two years ago found, by a show of hands, that public opinion was running *against* the pay-per-bag proposal at a rate of 5 to 1. Sam is to be congratulated for this astounding reversal.

Assuming the council can work out an acceptable plan, they are targeting the third quarter for implementation.

While the pure libertarian position would be to get government out of garbage pickup altogether, Metuchen residents have indicated they are not ready to go so far.

Pay-per-bag, notes Sam, at least introduces the notion that people should not be forced to subsidize those who use a service more heavily or wastefully.

If there's a vacancy in your county, why not volunteer to be your area's representative? Call the NJLP today!

LIBERTARIANS IN THE NEWS

A Sampling of Recent Newspaper Clippings

Fred Stein, an NJLP founder who was recognized recently at the state convention for his dedication to liberty, had a letter in the *Central Post* criticizing local zoning ordinances that had prevented a property owner from selling his land to a developer.

"The Gaylords are victims of the political system... The purpose of zoning is to keep an area homogeneous, and to keep property values artificially high. Having minimum lot sizes and the prohibition of two-to four-family houses keeps the working class locked out of home ownership... Small-family farming and socialism are 19th century concepts that have drifted into the sunset. The new day that awaits for America and South Brunswick is one that is based on technology, free markets and life in suburbia."

NJLP Treasurer Lou Stefanelli recently had the lead letter published in the state's largest newspaper, *The Star-Ledger*.

The Governor had proposed that business in the state could save jobs during the recession if they shared positions.

In his letter, Lou proposed a novel solution to New Jersey's fiscal problems:

"Since approximately 60 percent of the state's \$16 billion budget goes for payroll and benefits, fully implementing the (Governor's) plan could save the state \$4.8 billion. A partial use of this plan reducing only 1.41 jobs to one instead of the full two for one would be all we would need to completely reverse the Governor's \$2.8 billion tax increase... Sounds pretty good to me. Damn the critics, Governor... show 'em how it's done!"

Thomas O'Reilly, commenting upon an earlier letter written by Lou about the Bill of Rights in the *Mount Olive Chronicle*, wrote:

"The idea that an individual... which does not promote a particular concept by public speech or action is promoting an antithetical concept without public speech or action is blatantly incorrect... not advocating a specific idea does not mean you are advocating another specific idea."

Corrections

The following addresses were incorrectly listed in the April issue. We apologize for the error.

Operation: Politically Homeless
c/o Laura Stewart
147 Broadway
Keyport, NJ 07735
(908) 264-4492

Elijah's Promise Project
c/o Diane Adler
P.O. Box 552
Dayton, NJ 08810

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Sussex Libertarians file for office

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of Hopatcong, was running for County Sheriff; and Ed Weissman, also of Vernon, was filing for the County Clerk's position. NJLP Chairman Mike Pierone, another Vernon resident, was seeking a seat in the US House of Representatives from the 5th District. SCALP has been experiencing phenomenal success of late, bringing in scores of new libertarians. Their formula is to hold meetings on issues of

topical importance, host qualified speakers, and encourage individuals to "test" the LP by joining at the new "budget" rate of \$25. They then get them involved in local activities.

Each recent meeting has seen two, three or more people accept the test.

As the general election nears, this November, watch these pages for updates on the campaigns of these local Libertarian candidates.

Tax Freedom Day is May 5!

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reports: the *Wall Street Journal* ran a story on the unhappy life of an IRS agent, reporting that IRS officers suffer more assaults than any other law enforcement group--more than the FBI and five times more than the DEA, the second most assaulted group. Surprisingly, one one IRS agent has ever been killed in the line of duty.

Other taxpayers have used more creative, less violent means of revenge. One agent who tried to sell his house found that an angry taxpayer had filed a false lien against his property which took two years to clear. The same taxpayer then filed a phony 1099 form saying that he had paid the agent \$166,104, a problem that was eventually sorted out.

So despised is the IRS agent that they keep their phone numbers unlisted; register their cars at their office address; and virtually refuse to let anyone know where they work. They also carry on an almost incestuous ritual of marrying one another

since apparently no one else can stand to be in their company. Yet according to the article, the agents really like their jobs and stay on for years and years.

Despite their success at prosecuting individuals like Irwin Schiff, the *Journal* article concludes, "there are about 160 million other taxpayers still at large."

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(See Page 1)

NJLP Lending Library
c/o Emerson Ellett
1308 Spruce Ave.
Ocean, NJ 07712
(908) 774-3684
(See Page 5)

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Tax Foundation
470 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
East Building
Washington, DC 20024
(See Page 8)

NJ Citizens for a Sound Economy
Cynthia Povich, director
160 W. State St., Ste. 301
Trenton, NJ 07608
(See Page 2)

FORFEITURE'S "TAKE" EXCEEDS \$643 MILLION!

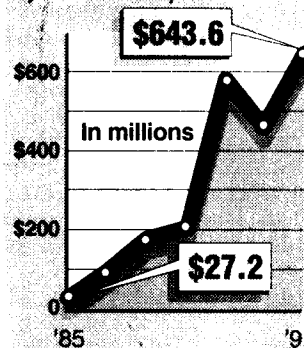
In an article that appeared recently in *USA Today*, the federal government has seized through forfeiture more than \$643 million.

Submitted by former NJLP Chair *John Schafer*, the article noted that deposed "junk bond" mogul Michael Milken holds the unfortunate record for having the most assets seized--some \$176 million worth!

The Justice Department reports that two-thirds of the 31,087 seizures last year involved the DEA.

Property seizures

Value of the assets forfeited to the federal government by criminal suspects:



Source: U.S. Justice Department

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Doris Gordon, National Coordinator

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Ginny Flynn *Rita Zeldin* *Jean Drake*
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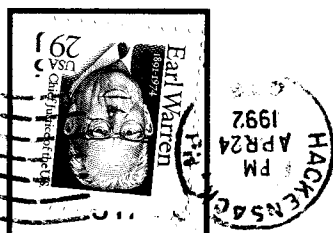
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(908) 572-0207 or Ray at
(908) 878-7998.

Monday, April 27
SMAL present "The Legis-
lative Process: Demystified"
with Donald Margeson of
OLS. Holy Trinity Luth-
eran Church, 1640 Amwell
Rd., Somerset at 7:30 p.m.
Also election of officers.
Refreshments will be avail-
able. Call Howard Schoen
at (201) 731-9252 (d) or
(908) 572-0207 (n).

Tuesday, May 5
Morris-Essex Libertarians
will be holding a "Candi-
date's Night" and will
feature a presentation on
FIJA at the County Line
Pub, 100 Bloomfield Ave.
in Pine Brook (@ Rt. 46).
8:00 p.m. Call Jonathon
Shanoian at (201) 694-
0664 for details.

Saturday, May 9
Vernon Bicentennial Day.
See story on page 5 for
complete details.

Saturday, May 16
Libertarian Candidate's
Workshop at John Hill's
home. Call John at (609)
468-9571 for time and di-
rections.

Monday, May 18
SMAL's May meeting has
been changed to avoid
conflicts with Memorial
Day. See above for details
on time and location.

Tuesday, May 19
Libertarians of Monmouth
County will present "The
Home Schooling Alterna-
tive" featuring Michele
Maloney at 7:30 p.m. at
the Morganville First Aid
Bldg., Tennent Rd. Call
Helen Radder at (908)
938-2784 for details.

TAX FREEDOM DAY: MAY 5!

After having filed your
tax returns last month
(assuming you are one
of those "required" to
file), you may have felt
the burden to be a
little heavier this year.
Your feelings are
right.

According to the Tax
Foundation, a
Washington, DC-based
watchdog organization,
Tax Freedom Day will
come on May 10. Tax
Freedom Day is the mythi-
cal date on which the
average person has earned
enough to pay all tax
obligations for the year.

As recently as the
Orwellian year of 1984,
Tax Freedom Day fell on
April 28--the same as in
1970. And in 1930, the first
year for which economists
have made the calculation,
workers would have
earned enough on Febru-
ary 13 to pay the tax

collector and begun
working for themselves
the rest of the year.

To underscore the
absolute intolerability of
the whole tax mess, noted
tax patriot Irwin Schiff
had the book thrown at
him by the US Tax Court.
The IRS said Schiff had
earned \$141,952 in 1979,
and billed him for \$68,148
in back taxes and penal-
ties.

When Schiff exercised
his constitutional rights to
appeal the decision, Judge
Charles E. Clapp 2d not
only dismissed Schiff's
"stale and long-discredited
tax protester arguments,"
but also ordered him to
pay everything the IRS
wanted, plus interest
compounded daily. Then
he fined Schiff \$25,000,
the maximum fine the
court could impose!

Yet there is a silver
lining to these dismal

See "Tax Freedom" Page 6