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Unilateral Free Trade The Trade Deficit

By Ronald R. Tamburro

One of Bubba's great shows of strength and leadership is the appearance of making the Japanese submit to his view of fair trade, a non sequitur, by rattling the bugaboo of the "trade deficit." Bubba's motive is the political and monetary campaign support that is to be forthcoming from some in the automotive industry who are looking for some easy profits and excuses for their past failures.

In truth the Japanese people are subsidizing the American consumer. Isn't that nice? The American consumer can buy products at a cheaper price because of the Japanese government's ignorant trade policies. This is a policy that subsidizes Japanese industries (similar in principle to the Chrysler and Lockheed bailouts) causing the Japanese citizen to pay more for products by restricting their choices. The Japanese citizen must pay the price for their government's trade policies, not the US. Citizen.

We have new industrial capacity, Toyota, Honda, Kawasaki, all manufactured here, and we have someone to buy NYC real estate, although the recent bankruptcy at Rockefeller center may have let the cat out of the bag. We have a new importing and distribution industry, auto and motorcycle manufacturing and a steady flow of cash from Japanese investments and their thirst for oil. We

also are the pre-eminent nation for innovation, which the Japanese cannot keep up with, but readily copy for a price. We have had a huge influx of money into our entertainment industry from the Japanese. Yet they are not the biggest foreign investors in the USA. Maybe third or fourth.

The trade deficit cannot tell us anything in this age of monetary manipulation and monetary expansion. Where will American currency go, into a Japanese shoebox? No it must return to its place of origin. This whole argument is centered around the not too bright American car companies determination to get into the Japanese market, while the Japanese are already turning their heads in the direction of Asia looking for less mature and more profitable markets. The American manufacturers in their shortsightedness see a narrow market for high priced fat margin products and they seek to use the force of government and the moron in the white house to make a few bucks, but this is immaterial to American consumers, who make their choices in the market place every day. Choices Japanese do not enjoy. We have no significant excess capacity and no interest in the trade policies of Japan or any other country as long as we enjoy unilateral free trade. Freer trade, even if one sided benefits the practitioner and ensures the free trader's prosperity.

Our production and industrial level have to do with regulation, social engi-

neering tax policy, and the instability caused by the ever present threat of government mandates. Add to this the foolish litigation, such as the latest judicial moron who ruled that Prodigy may be responsible for the actions of someone who read something by some other author, but happened to read it on Prodigy.

Fair Trade is meaningless. Bill Clinton is desperate. The trade deficit is meaningless. The Japanese are not going to conquer the United States. We benefit from the industry and quality of the Japanese worker. The Japanese suffer from the same ignorant, protectionist trade policies of their government that all other governments practice, only more so. I would rather shop in the USA and am not interested in whether or not the Japanese can buy luxury cars or will have to keep paying more for their products so their industrialist can live easier.

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A Minority View

Prof. Walter E. Williams, Phd.



STATES' RIGHTS REBELLION

Citing prosecutorial threats against federal workers, the U.S. Justice Department has filed suit against Nye County, Nev. The Justice Department seeks court affirmation that the federal government owns and controls 87 percent of Nevada land.

Brave Nye County Citizens, weary of federal dictates, passed a 1993 resolution saying that "the state of Nevada, not the United States, owns national forests and other lands, and that Nye County, therefore, has the authority to manage these lands." Their position is fully supported by Article 1, Section 8, of our Constitution, which only permits the federal government to exercise "authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the state ... for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings." By virtue of our Constitution and a recently enacted Nevada statute, Nye County officials have full authority to arrest and prosecute federal Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and Fish and Wildlife officials acting

outside their jurisdiction.

The U.S. Justice Department claims the government does have the right to own and control Nevada, based on the Nevada Statehood Act of 1864, whereby Nevada "forever disclaims all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within said territory, and that the same shall be and remain at the sole and entire disposition of the United States." The Justice Department's claim is weak and would not be upheld in any court except one of a kangaroo variety. John Schmidt, associate U.S. attorney general, said he hopes that the suit will "put to rest the idea that any county has the right to enact laws to override the Constitution." That shows the Justice Department's understanding of the Constitution. The Constitution is the law of the land. Article 1, Section 8, has not been amended to make it subservient to the Nevada Statehood Act of 1864. Nevada had the right to be admitted to the union on the same footing as other states.

But let's look at this issue in another light and in a way Congress can diffuse the conflict. Congress wants to restructure the federal government in an effort to restore fiscal sanity. In order to do this intelligently, it shouldn't just look at its "income statement" showing taxes and spending and make a few changes here and there. Prudent restructuring also requires examining non-performing and under-performing assets. There are no federal assets that are more non-performing than federal land claims that amount to a land surface six times the size

of France. Most of these land claims serve no purpose other than creating bureaucratic empires and political payoffs. Congress should ask the question: Can these assets be more profitably employed if owned by somebody else? If so, sell and use the revenues to reduce the national debt.

Even if Congress simply gave these federal land claims to the states, we'd be better off. States would ultimately privatize much of the land, generating a new federal, state and local tax base. The federal government is treating Nevadans just as King George treated our founding fathers. Do what I say because I own the land. But the founding fathers had a return message for Georgie Boy: Get lost, and while you're at it, get out of our country. They were brave men and knew that if their resistance failed they'd be hung for treason. There's a streak of that kind of patriotism in Nye County citizens. That's why liberals love gun control and maybe that's why our military has become increasingly interested in asking our soldiers how they'd feel about shooting a fellow American if ordered to do so. Copyright 1995 Creator's Syndicate, Inc.

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NJLP State Board Meeting !

General Meeting: July 9, 1995 @Len & Ginny Flynn's Home, 254 Yennent Rd., Morganville, NJ Tel #908-591-1328.

State Board: Aug. 12, 1995 @John Paff's Home, 1605 Amwell Rd. Somerset, NJ Tel#908-873-1251

NJLP General Membership Meeting and Annual Picnic

Location: Len & Ginny Flynn's home, 254 Tennent Rd in Morganville (Marlboro Twp.) N.J.

Sunday, July 9, 1995

Picnic 1 PM General Meeting 3 PM

PLEASE BRING Your own meat plus one dish to share. Grills and tubs of ice with cold soft drinks will be provided along with typical picnic supplies (e.g., mustard, napkins, plates, etc.). Extra lawn chairs would help.

Directions (Call 908/591-1328 if you get lost.)

We are one mile EAST of Routes 18 and 520 on Tennent Road. If you are on Route 18 South (leaving New Brunswick), take the second ramp (Morganville exit) at the first exit AFTER you pass over U.S. Route 9. This exits directly onto Tennent Rd., just go 1/2 mile to Flynn's. Going north on Route 18 from the Jersey shore take the Morganville exit, which is about 3 miles past the Route 79 exit. After the jughandle, turn LEFT onto Tennent Rd. We are 1/2 mile down the road. The Flynn abode is the blue colonial farmhouse on the left in front of "Tires to Go." Park up the hill in front of the tire company and walk down to our house.

Seminar Dates

Sal Guzzetta

National Campaign Institute

Aug. 18,19,20	Cleveland OH
Sept. 8, 9, 10	Albany NY
Sept. 22,23,24	Boston MA

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Sec'ty:	Em. Ellett	908/774-3684
Trsr.:	Lou Stefanelli	201/751-8675

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Randy Mehaffey	609/935-0472
Jeff Pfeiffer	908/928-9093
Keith Quarles	908/280-8615
Ben Grindlinger	908/585-4128
Tim Konek	908-723-0334

State Board

Glouc.	A.J. Savicky	609-881-8838
Hudson	Joan Eden	201-795-0173
Mercer	Carl Peters	609-737-7667
Mid.	Fred Glatter	908-819-9696
Mon.	T. McInerney	908-458-0497
Ocean	E. Macron	908-458-5823
Salem	M. Mehaffey	609-935-0472
Somerset	F. Girardeau	908-873-2847
Sussex	Ed. Wiessmann	201-579-7941

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Mon.	Keith Quarles	908-280-8615
Mo./Ess.	Lou Stefanelli	201-751-8675
Ocean	Glenn Campbell	609-978-1361
Som/Mid	Ray Babecki	908-878-7998
Salem	Bob Dyson	609-678-8034
Sussex	Tony Federici	201-764-7298

County Organizer

Cape May	Larry Muentz	609-884-2555
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Historian	Ray Babecki	908-878-7998
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Nat Com. Rep.	Dan Karlan	201-444-2846
News Ed.	R.R. Tamburro	201-857-3144

Somerset/Middlesex Officers

Elected

LPSMC

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Minutes of the NJLP, State Board, May 21, 1995

The Chairman called the meeting to order at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, at 1:17 PM. Present; Flynn, Wiessmann, Ellett, Stefanelli, Konek, Pfeiffer, Quarles and Girardeau. Absent; Grindlinger, Mehaffey, J. Eden, E. Macron, McNereney, Glatter and Savicky. Also present was Ron Tamburro.

The minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of April; 8 were accepted as amended, and the Treasurer's report on the General Fund was received. In addition, there is \$1,497.00 in the State Fund: Ellett will send the names of contributors who requested an Amerivox Card to Grindlinger. Membership is at a new high of 551.

Standing Committee: No Report-Wiessmann

Recruitment & membership: The chair will seek a volunteer from the membership to head this committee.

Fund Raising: The chair will seek a volunteer from the membership to head this committee.

Public Relations: Pfeiffer has composed a letter for the Chairman's signature honoring Veterans on the fiftieth anniversary of Victory in Europe day; he will obtain the addresses of all American Legion and VFW posts in the state, to which the letter will be mailed. The committee also plans to draft letters to the editor to be signed by the chairman throughout the year.

County committee reports: (Pfeiffer & Co. Reps) Pfeiffer liaison to the county parties, attended the Burlington meeting. Candidates Presser and Howley are engaged in a letter writing campaign; they and Figueroa (mercer) plan a summer fund raiser. Mercer has not held a meeting recently. Gloucester: Pfeiffer will attend the next meeting. Somerset/Middlesex: 81 yr. old man served 17 hours of a two day sentence for not shoveling his sidewalk; he will address the group May 22. Flynn will award him a membership in the NJLP, to be paid out of the Chairman's discretionary fund. Sussex; there are three active members, Pierone and Heitner having decided to devote their efforts to running for Freeholder as Republicans. Wiessmann has volunteered

for the Community Dispute Resolution Committee. He highly recommends that we become active in our local CDRC., and will write an article for the newsletter explaining why. Monmouth: Quarles is the new chairman of the Libertarians for Monmouth Co. LMC leafleted 4 of the 5 post offices open late on Tax Day, and ran an OPH booth at the Peace Fair. The group is now contacting people who provided their names. Panella is mailing America's Libertarian Heritage to everyone whose OPH score was 170 or higher. Morris-Essex: Lett and Konners are running for office. Ocean: a forfeiture victim who lost his car and pistol to the Long Branch Police will address the party May 22. **RESOLVED;** that the NJLP share the names of qualified prospects with the Advocates for Self-Government for the purpose of providing them with mailings from FEE, Reason, etc.

Ongoing Business & ad hoc committee reports:

1995 Candidates: We have 5 candidates: Presser & Figueroa, Assembly 8th & 15th district respectively; Howley, Burlington Co. Freeholder; Lett and Konners, Chatham Twp. Committee. Morris/Essex will consider hosting a General Meeting Sept. 3 for the purpose of assisting the Chatham candidates.

By-Laws: (Flynn) Any proposed changes will be sent to the newsletter editor by May 26, in order to provide the membership 30 days notice prior to the July General Meeting.

Platform Committee: (E. Macron) The committee is circulating the state platforms of AK, CA, LA, SC, & TX for comment. The first draft of the NJ platform will be discussed in June.

CATV Show: (Ellett) Three shows on the NJ militia were taped May 11, bringing the total number, including 13 Nat'l Endowment for Liberty Shows, to 99. They are being aired in Monmouth & Mercer Counties. Call 908-774-3684 if interested in having them shown on your local CATV station.

Newsletter: The May issue will be mailed by May 31. The June issue by June 20th.

State Board Elections: To date three individuals have been nominated. Howley/Burlington, Dondes/Middlesex, and Vose/Morris. Nominations are due to the Sec'y by May 31. Flynn will call the current members to remind them of the deadline.

Tax Protest Day: April 17; Ocean and Somerset/Middlesex received favorable and somewhat negative press coverage respectively. See Co. Committee report concerning Monmouth.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hostile Takeover: **RESOLVED,** that the issue of protecting the NJLP from a hostile takeover be committed to the BY-Laws committee for the proposed resolution. **PASSED**

Phone follow-up: Pfeiffer will call people in Camden Co. who have phoned the toll free #.

County-Sate contribution share: **RESOLVED,** that the NJLP remit to the counties 90% of all donations received on NJLP literature approved for dues sharing. **PASSED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Harvey Michelman is a member of the Lenape Valley HS Bd. of Ed.. Virginia Goldberger is a member of the Belle Mead Bd. of Ed.

The NJ Public Interest Research Gp. and other are hoping to pass a law requiring public funding of campaigns and restrictions on campaign contributions.

Scott Becker, MD LP, urges members to oppose S1015 which would require the licensing of orthotists and prosthetists.

Wiessmann attended the final meeting of the UWSA in Sussex Co. Though they declined to join the NJLP, they will work with Sussex to defeat the proposed county government complex.

Future Meetings: The Sept. 17 Steering Committee meeting might be held Sept. 3rd prior to a General Meeting in Chatham. (See 1995 Candidates) Wiessmann will host the Dec 17 Steering Committee meeting in Sparta. The Jan 21, 1996 Sate Bd. meeting will be held in Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted, Emerson Ellett, Sec'y

An Elected Libertarian's secrets of grassroots political success

By Mark Seiler

Editor's Note: This essay was written in response to Daniel Walker's "A newly elected Libertarian asks: What next?" which appeared in the November/December 1994 issue of the Libertarian Volunteer.

Congratulations to Daniel Walker on his election to the Ochlockonee River Soil & Water Conservation Board. I support his excellent case for local (grass roots) activism. There are, however, even more ways to get involved locally.

First you need to get involved in non-libertarian groups and inject a libertarian viewpoint. Tax groups such as Citizens Against Government Waste and unaffiliated groups can also be a good source of government machinations that go unreported in the media.

Second, decide whether you want to be more involved in city or county government and start going to the meetings regularly. Arrive early for the meetings dressed for a business function. This will give you a chance to chat with your representatives. As with any sales presentation, start with the general and work towards the specific. Talk about frugal government then privatization of roads. You may, on your first meeting, just want to introduce yourself as someone who wants to get more involved in your community. (How altruistic of you!)

After you have gotten to know them, and visa versa, let them know you would be willing to serve on an appointed board. These [positions come up regularly and are often vacant due to the lack of people willing to serve. If you have an area of interest, let your representative know that, too. Get what appointment you can and get seriously involved.

Third, most meetings have a time when citizens can address elected bodies on any issue. Sometimes comments are limited to agenda items and/or you

must schedule your presentation in advance. Use this time to weigh in on current issues and hone your public speaking skills. You may want to join Toastmasters to expand your local contacts.

Recently, the county health and school boards were trying to implement school based health clinics with private (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) grant money that would have increased county spending by \$5 to \$20- million annually. While addressing the board on my concerns about these agencies obligating the county in this way, a board member interrupted me. He instructed the county manager to draw up a resolution to force bureaucrats and others to come before the board for approval with the stipulation that once the grant money runs out, "that's it." This effectively shot down socialized medicine for our schools, and should have a chilling ef-

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fect on future bureaucratic growth.

Fourth, get to know the recording clerk. They can be very helpful in running the government maze, and are a wealth of information.

Also get to know the folks in the media. They will remember you (it's their job), despite what may appear on the air or in print.

Don't be shy about praising the random acts of libertarianism that are committed by Republicrats. If we encourage that type of behavior, we will see more of it.

I see real opportunity in the 1998 and 2000 U.S. House races. The GOP will have had several years of control of two

of the three branches of government, and will have shown their inability to stop the growth of government. We must be ready with a network of people that mean it when they say they vote for the individual, not the party. They are legion.

Mark Seiler is a member of the Gaston Planning and Zoning Board and the LP of North Carolina Executive Committee.

Presidential Candidates

As of mid-February there are only two formally announced candidates for President of the USA and one for VP. Here is the contact information.

Harry Browne for President

1500 Adams Ave. Suite 105
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
714-437-7911
714-432-1468 FAX

Irwin Schiff for President

P.O. Box 221440
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216-248-9995
216-248-9994 FAX

Vice Presidential Candidate

Jo Jorgenson
1270 Woodruff Rd Suite 101
Greenville, SC 29607
803-242-0753

BALLOT FOR NJLP STATE BOARD

INSTRUCTIONS: This is your ballot to elect County Representatives to the NJLP State Board. To vote, find your county on this page and circle the name of the person you want to be your County Representative. If you don't want a Representative to the State Board, circle NOTA, which stands for "None of the Above." Don't want the nominated person? Write in the name of the person you do want. And if your county is not listed, write it in along with a name on the line provided.

Then take the ballot and fold it so your selection is not visible. Seal it by stapling or taping it shut and place it the voting envelope provided. Make sure that the county indicated on the label of the envelope agrees with the county you selected on the ballot. If it does not agree, change the county on the label so it does agree. This is a secret ballot, so the envelope will be used to validate the ballot for each county before they are opened and counted. Any ballot marked for a county different from its envelope will be disqualified when the votes for that county are counted.

Send the voting envelope and ballot to the NJLP, PO. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07703, by July 31, 1995. It must be received by then in order to be counted. Results of this election will be announced in August.

BURLINGTON	Michael Howley	NOTA(write in)
HUDSON	Michael T. Buoncristiano	NOTA (write in)
MERCER	Carl Peters	NOTA (write in)
MIDDLESEX	Richard B. Dondes	NOTA (write in)
OCEAN	Elizabeth Macron	NOTA (write in)
SALEM	William Mecum	NOTA (write in)
SOMERSET	Paula C. Brown	NOTA (write in)
MORRIS	Howard James Vose	NOTA (write in)

(write in County and Name)_____

Please note: 'This election is for members of the NJLP only. If you are not a member you may not vote in this election. To become a member and vote, send a membership form and payment along with your ballot. In that instance, you do not need an official voting envelope to vote. Your membership form will be substituted for validation purposes.

The Teacher's Guide to the U.S. Department of Education

by Ronald R. Tamburro

Abstracted from the opening remarks of Terry Knecht Dozier, Special Advisor to the Secretary of Education, in the Guide: The mission of the U.S. Department of Education is to "ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the Nation."

I don't know who this "teacher" is quoting, but it is revealing that the purpose of education is to **ensure equal access** and secondarily to merely **promote** educational excellence. But this is no surprise if you have been conscious for most of your life. It is nice to see it stated plainly and have our position validated by the opposition.

The Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation reported in American Demographics, (127 W. State St., Ithaca, NY 14850):vocabularies have dropped sharply among college bound 18 year olds? In 1940, such youths typically knew the meaning of 80% of the words on a standardized test. By 1992, the typical youth scored only 30% on words of comparable difficulty-----which is little better than random guessing.

Possibly someone in the field of public education has noticed this personally or may have read some data about it. But that is only if they have been awake for the last 55 years. Then again they only mean to **ensure** equal access not education.

NJLP LEADERS NEEDED

By Len Flynn, NJLP Chair

Two key NJLP standing committees need volunteers to coordinate these activities: Recruitment/Membership and Fund Raising. Each committee needs a chair to report monthly to the NJLP Steering Committee or State Board about the respective functions. Reports may be by E-mail, in writing, in person, or by phone. That's right, no meeting attendance is required! The NJLP State Board and Steering Committee have both met since elections at the March 1995 NJLP Convention, but these two key leadership positions have yet to be filled. Can you help? Will you volunteer? Call me at 908/591-1328 or contact your nearest Steering Committee member to help. Thank you.

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Calendar of Events

Somerset/Middlesex LP invites the public to its monthly meeting at 7pm on the 4th Monday of every month at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mercer County LP meets on the second Sunday of each Month at 2:30PM. Location will vary. Call Ben Grindlinger @609-585-4128 for info.

Salem County LP meets regularly on the last Saturday of each month at 2 PM. For locations call Robert Dyson @609-678-8034.

Morris / Essex LP meets at Sir Speedy, E. Hanover, 7 PM on the last Tuesday of each month. Call 201-884-0220 for information.

Gloucester County LP holds its regular meeting the fourth Thursday of each month. Guests are welcome. Call John Hill @609-468-9571 or Brian Waters @609-845-9581 for info.

Burlington County LP meets the second Wednesday of each Month at 7 PM upstairs at the Whistler's Inn, 901 Rte. 130, Cinnaminson. All are welcome. Call 908-273-3253.

Sussex County LP: call Tony Federici @201-764-7289 for meeting info.

Monmouth County LP: meets the second Sunday of each month. Liberty Brunch at 11Am, meeting at Noon. Call Keith Quarles @908-280-9615 for location and details.

Ocean County LP: meets the second Wed. of each month @ Betty Florentine's house. Call 908-477-8496 for info or contact Chairman Glenn Campbell @ 609-978-1361

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