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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28-- Libertarians of Monmouth County meet at 8:00 PM at Claudia Montelione's home, 185 Washington Ave., Matawan. Call Claudia (583-8721) or Laura Stewart (264-4492) for directions.

July 23-29-- Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) Summer Seminar with lectures and discussions on economics, government, and a free society at FEE, Irvington-on-Hudson, New York 10533--914/591-7230.

August 8-- NJLP State Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South (Brunswick Square Mall) in East Brunswick. Meeting begins after dinner (no later than 8 PM). All NJLP members are welcome and invited.

August 8-12-- Middlesex County Fair at East Brunswick Fairgrounds. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to man NJLP booth. Call Howard Schoen at 201/572-0207.

August 13-19-- FEE 2nd Summer Seminar (see above for details).

August 31-September 3-- Libertarian Party 1989 Convention--"Proclaim Liberty" in Philadelphia.

September 5-- NJLP Steering Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South (Brunswick Square Mall) in East Brunswick.

October 10-- NJLP State Committee Meeting 6:30 PM at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Route 18 South (Brunswick Square Mall) in East Brunswick.

November 7-- NJLP General Meeting at location to be determined.

NJLP MEETINGS

By Len Flynn

On June 6, 1989 the NJLP Steering Committee met at Farrell's in East Brunswick. Present were Karlan, Flynn, Stewart, Edelston, and Kaplan. Zeldin, Maiullo, and Swirsky were absent. Chairman Karlan called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Dan mentioned he was ordering the 1989 Legislative District Data Book for \$20 which supposedly has 3rd party election returns. (Later this was found to be a lie and the book was returned for a refund.) The National LP membership incentive plan was passed on to Sam Edelston, NJLP Development Coordinator, who will work for NJLP memberships first, with National LP to follow.

John Hill reported that Delaware Valley Libertarians were working on outreach literature with Karl Hess. Coordinated newspaper/radio/possible TV advertising is planned. Sam Edelston will follow up with

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow Libertarians:

As mentioned in Len Flynn's report on NJLP Meetings which begins on the preceding page, Ginny Flynn is retiring as newsletter editor and I will be taking over that position. For more info on who I am, see the article reprinted on page 5. Ignore the photo. The photographer was obviously an amateur. ☺

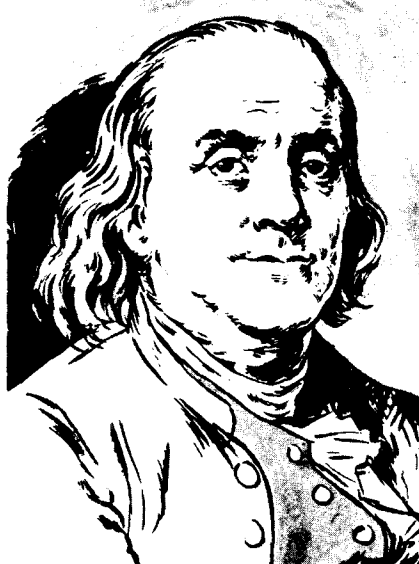
Please feel welcome to send me articles, either original or clipped from the news media, and other items that may be of libertarian interest. Consider this newsletter a forum in which libertarians (both large "L" and little "l") can exchange ideas, express opinions and notify the rest of us of upcoming events or special projects with which others may want to become involved. The only material which will not even be considered for publication are slanderous attacks on others or on the party itself.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter. If there are any suggestions you'd like to make concerning its format or contents, just send them along. I make no promises your suggestions will be implemented, but it's helpful to know how we're coming across to our audience.

For Liberty,

Claudia

Claudia Montelione



"If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed."

NJLP MEETINGS

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John Famularo of DVL and the New York City LP for the NJLP. The plan for future recruiting efforts is \$9.00 for each membership to the NJLP and the rest to the recruiter. (This plan was already authorized at last July's General Meeting for South Jersey recruiting efforts.)

The committee unanimously approved a motion to reimburse up to \$150 to purchase "Operation Political Homeless" for use as an outreach tool. The Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians (SMAL) expect to use the kit at their booth at the Middlesex County Fair on August 8-12, 1989. Sam Edelston and Activities Coordinator Lou Stefanelli will handle the kit.

By general consent the committee agreed to a combined June/July 1989 issue of the New Jersey Libertarian. Extra copies of the NJL may be printed for use by SMAL at their booth.

The committee unanimously approved a statement supporting voluntary relief efforts to Chinese students and opposing repression by the Chinese government. The group collected \$66.00 to be sent to the Office for China, c/o Chen Jun, 4155 Denman St.; Elmhurst, NY 11373. (Sent 6/8/89 by Dan Karlan.)

The Steering Committee unanimously approved a motion to authorize a \$3.00 discount from National LP dues for people joining the NJLP and National LP together in future promotions or outreach efforts. The group adjourned at 10:10 PM.

On July 2, 1989 the NJLP held a General Meeting during the annual picnic at Flynn's home in Morganville, NJ. Chairman Dan Karlan called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

The NJLP finances have improved with the recent fundraising raising \$645 from 17 contributors, according to Sam Edelston. The NJLP treasury balance is now about \$850.

The NJLP members elected Laura Stewart 11-7 over Dan Karlan as NJLP representative on the National LP

Platform Committee. Len Flynn announced that expired NJLP members would be removed from the delegates and alternates list for the National LP Convention.

Ginny Flynn announced her intention to retire as newsletter editor after the next issue. Dan thanked her for 8 years service to the NJLP as NJL Editor and the members applauded. Claudia Montelione volunteered to take over the task. The NJLP Steering Committee will handle the contractual arrangements for the party.

The members gave the Chairman discretion to sell NJLP mailing labels at two cents each or a comparable trade with the Free Press Association. Doug Swirsky announced his resignation as At-large Representative to the NJLP Steering Committee because he is going to school in Massachusetts.

Howard Schoen announced final SMAL plans for the Middlesex County Fair on Tuesday August 8 to Saturday August 12. Volunteers are needed 1-11 PM Tuesday to Friday and 10 AM-11 PM Saturday. Please call Howard at 201/572-0207 to help.

The members discussed then reaffirmed the 1981 NJLP position on gun control laws. See the statement as approved elsewhere herein.

Sam Edelston gave a campaign committee report and noted that "Operation Political Homeless" is available to all NJLP organizations. Hosts for Marshall Fritz-like seminars are needed. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.



"That's the trouble with a truly enlightened electorate."

JOURNALISTS ANNOUNCE MENCKEN FINALISTS FOR BEST BOOK

Fourth National Conference Set for New York

The Free Press Association has selected five Best Book finalists for its eighth annual Mencken Awards for outstanding writing in defense of individual rights:

* "Freedom at Risk: Secrecy, Censorship & Repression in the 1980s" edited by Richard Currey

* "Liability: The Legal Revolution & Its Consequences" by Peter Huber

* "The Third Century: America's Resurgence in the Asian Era" by Joel Kotkin & Yoriko Kishimoto

* "In Pursuit of Happiness & Good Government" by Charles Murray

* "The Suicidal Corporation: How Big Business Fails America" by Paul Weaver

Finalists and winners -- including soon-to-be announced finalists for Best Editorial, Cartoon, Feature Story and News Story -- will be honored at a Mencken Awards banquet ceremony Saturday, Oct. 28, during the Free Press Association's fourth annual conference in New York.

For the first time, the FPA will cosponsor its conference with a college: the journalism department at Long Island University, the country's ninth largest private university. That's also where conference events will take place, just minutes from Manhattan at the Downtown Brooklyn campus. Other cosponsors include Laissez Faire Books and the National Coalition Against Censorship.

Besides the invited Mencken finalists, more than two dozen prominent writers are expected to debate First Amendment frontiers, other civil liberties controversies and the War on Drugs. A special focus of "Free Media, Free Minds IV: Questioning Authority" will be probing critiques of media coverage of minority issues, the economy and American foreign policy.

Conference/banquet registrations are \$75, or \$65 until Sept. 1. For a free conference brochure with the latest program update, send SASE to FPA, Box 15548, Columbus, OH 43215, or leave a detailed message at 614/236-1908.

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PANELISTS WANTED FOR EVENT AT LP NATIONAL CONVENTION

Currently, the "Children's Rights" plank in the Libertarian Party platform implicitly raises but does not address an important issue: Under libertarian principles, do parents owe their dependent children care and protection? (Or do they have a right to choose to abandon them on Mt. Everest?)

Libertarians for Life has tentative plans for an extra-curricular panel on this issue at the LP convention in Philadelphia, Thursday evening, Aug. 31. We would like to make participation in this panel as broad as possible, not just an LFL event. For this reason, we are looking for a panelist to speak in favor of the right of abandonment and for others with an in-between position. LFL supports parental obligation.

If you can suggest good panelists, please contact LFL at 13424 Hathaway Drive, Wheaton, MD 20906, 301/460-4141. Please include their addresses and telephone numbers, indicate where they stand on the issue (some reasoning supporting their stand would be appreciated), and include any other information you think pertinent. Prompt replies would be helpful.

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Candidate puts Libertarian platform before voters

Montelione seeking seat in state Assembly

By Kathleen McGrane Horan

MATAWAN — Opposing government interference in the lives of constituents as well as the marketplace is the central theme of a Libertarian candidate for state Assembly.

Claudia Montelione, a Matawan resident who is seeking a 13th District seat in the state Assembly, said her political stand follows the principles on which the United States was founded: individual rights.



"As a homeowner in Matawan, and as Claudia Montelione a working person, I am sensitive to the growing power that government exerts," said Montelione. "I say I am a homeowner, and we think we are homeowners, but how can we say we own our homes, when the government can tell us what we can and cannot do with our property?"

Montelione, 43, moved to Matawan from Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1986. She belonged to the Libertarian party in New York before joining the local party in New Jersey. As a Libertarian candidate, Montelione said she espouses the tenet of her party: less government.

"There are too many rules and regulations that bind our daily lives," Montelione said. "America has come full-circle to the kind of oppressive government our forefathers tried to escape from."

As a third party candidate, Montelione said she is offering 13th district voters a chance to get away from "politics as usual," as she said both Republican and Democratic candidates offer only more of the same.

Montelione is facing Republican incumbents Joann Smith and Joseph Kyrillos Jr., and Democratic challengers Irving Beaver, a retired Middletown policeman, and Richard Cooper, a lawyer from Old Bridge.

A part of the drive to eliminate bureaucracy would include the cessation of tolls on the Garden State Parkway, according to Montelione.

"This is bureaucracy that is entrenched generation after generation," Montelione said. "The parkway was paid for a long time ago, and paying to drive on that road is no longer necessary."

In the area of education, Montelione said she believes the local community should have control over its own school district, adding that this control can be achieved if federal and state funding for education is ceased. She said if municipalities tightened their belts where money is being wasted, there would be money for education, and local control could be maintained.

Automobile insurance, a primary focus for all candidates for state government, should not be mandatory, according to Montelione.

"The government should not be able to make insurance mandatory; if an individual wants to take the risk of driving without insurance, that should be that individual's responsibility," Montelione said. "All over New Jersey, the cost of automobile insurance is completely out of hand."

"People should have insurance if they drive because it is safer; but for those who choose not to, it should be their responsibility," she said.

Montelione called the fact that insurance companies are working "hand in glove" with the state government, through the Joint Underwriters Association, one of the

great evils of the insurance industry.

"The strength that the automobile industry has because of the JUA allows them to have a very cavalier attitude toward their customers," Montelione said, "and people find that when calling for a minor claim, they are not satisfied."

State involvement in the automobile insurance industry and the mandatory nature of the insurance has allowed for it to get out of control, according to Montelione. A cessation of this involvement, along with a return to the non-mandatory insurance age, will allow for automobile insurance to again be affordable to the average person, Montelione said.

An issue that Montelione said is a growing concern is mandatory vaccination of children, which she opposes.

"I personally don't believe in vaccination,

and I am strongly opposed to mandatory vaccination," Montelione said.

Montelione said she was required to get a religious exemption before her child, who has not been vaccinated, was allowed to attend school.

"Vaccinations are damaging, and the idea that they prevent disease is only a theory, which many medical authorities dispute," Montelione said.

"I have been apolitical most of my life, but when I found the Libertarian party I found a party that thinks the way I do," Montelione said. "People should be responsible for themselves. We in the Libertarian party do not want government telling us what to do."

Montelione, who has never sought an elected office before, said she was asked to run by the Libertarian Party, which needed

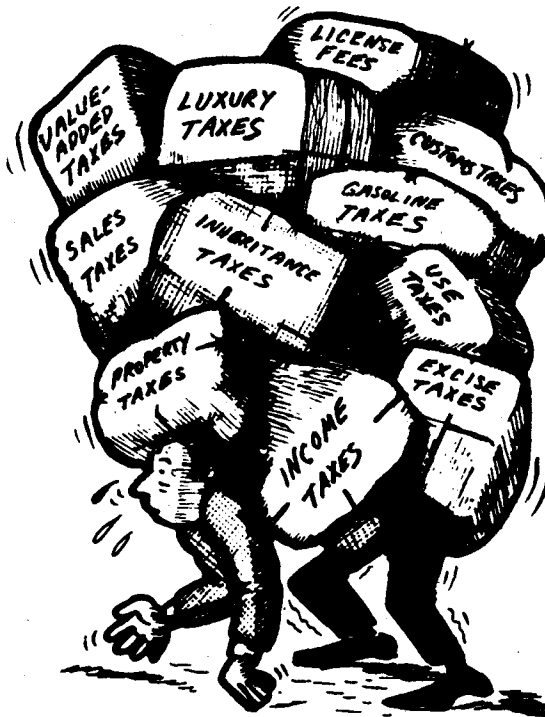
a candidate for the 13th district.

"Having a Libertarian candidate on the ballot is an educational exercise to get the party platform before the voters," Montelione said. "I figured this was a good way to get my feet wet politically."

The Libertarian party is growing in Monmouth County, according to Montelione, who said that as government grows increasingly larger, more people are turning to the Libertarian party. She said there are many more government regulations than most people are aware of, and only through experience, being hindered by a regulation, do residents discover the scope of government power.

"More and more people are discovering, as I did, that there is a political party that shares their views," Montelione said. "The goal of the Libertarian party at this stage is to let people know we are here."

Is This What Our Ancestors Fought A Revolution For?



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Gun ownership mandatory for homeowners in Ga. town

By JIM NESBITT
Newhouse News Service

KENNESAW, Ga. — This isn't Dodge City or Tombstone, there isn't the smoke and flash of gunplay in the streets and locals don't pack a pistol on their hip when they go to town.

None except for Dent "Wildman" Myers, an unreconstructed Civil War buff who wears a brace of Colt .45 automatics as he prowls his store specializing in books and memorabilia from the strife between the states.

Myers' sidearms, long hair and beard project the image outsiders expect of Kennesaw, the town that garnered national attention seven years ago by passing a law requiring every homeowner to keep a gun.

"We stressed an underlying feeling of most of the American populace," Myers said. "Only a small percentage of people don't like guns. I get letters from all over the world where they say 'I wish my town was like this.'"

Myers' view reflects America's enduring fascination with guns, a deadly love affair that is being re-examined nationwide in the face of

growing urban drug violence and random mayhem like the slayings of five schoolchildren last January in Stockton, Calif.

Americans are a gun-toting people. More than 70 million citizens own 140 million rifles and 60 million handguns — enough weaponry for every man, woman and child in the country. A Harris survey shows that nearly half of all households own a gun.

Yet a recent Gallup poll shows that 70 percent of the public wants stricter regulation of gun sales, while 72 percent favor a ban on assault weapons such as the AK-47 that Patrick Edward Purdy used to kill five children and wound 30 others in his California rampage.

THE NATIONAL debate hasn't budged the citizens of Kennesaw, an Atlanta suburb that was the scene of one of the grisliest battles of the Civil War.

Town leaders say their ordinance has deterred crime, especially home burglaries. Before the law was passed in 1982, there were 11 burglaries for every 1,000 residents. Today the rate is 2.6 for every 1,000.

"People thought we were idiots until they stopped and saw there was a good side to this law," said Mayor J.O. Stephenson.

Police Chief Dwaine Wilson said a car thief once told him: "I ain't dumb enough to burglarize no house over here. Not with them guns."

There have been no accidental deaths involving handguns since the ordinance passed seven years ago, said Wilson. Nor has a handgun been stolen from a residence and used in a crime. There has been one fatal shooting — two drunken construction workers had an argument

at a nearby hotel two years ago; one killed the other.

"We're not crime-free," said Wilson, 43. "But we have lower crime with the ordinance than if we didn't have it."

Not everyone agrees.

"This gun ordinance hasn't made a hill of beans in the fight against crime in Kennesaw," said the Rev. Leo Patrick Herbert, pastor of the St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. "It's just a sad chapter in the history of the town."

The gun ordinance assures a frequent splash of media limelight whenever gun control issues come to the fore, but it doesn't have much impact on day-to-day life.

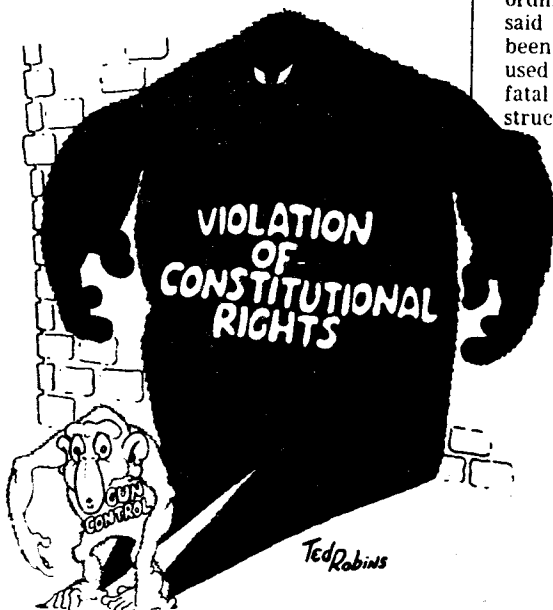
"I don't think folks think about it twice," said Arlene Thomas, owner of the By Gone Treasures antique store. "It's the most peaceful town that could possibly be. It's still a small town and I hope it stays that way."

Not likely. Kennesaw used to be semi-rural, a classic whistle stop and market town. When the ordinance passed, about 5,000 people lived here. Now subdivisions have been cut where cattle once grazed, and the area is home to nearly 40,000.

WITH THE tide of suburbanization comes a change in lifestyle that many residents have feared for years.

"The main threat to us is the exploding population," said Myers. "That will bring outsiders and crime."

To them, Atlanta is the source of big-city headaches and big-city crime. This attitude often has a racial tint, unvarnished in Myers, who has a Ku Klux Klan cartoon on one of his display cases, and unvoiced among other residents.



"Everybody thinks that I'll obey any gun control law . . . put your hands up!"

POSITION STATEMENT ON GUN CONTROL LAWS

The primary duty of government should be to protect individuals from those who initiate the use of force against others: muggers, rapists, murderers, etc. Reduction of violent crime requires swift and effective punishment of anyone who uses a weapon to harm peaceful persons and their property. In addition, the right of the citizens of our State to resist violent attacks must be protected. No laws regulating the peaceful and private use of guns can be tolerated. We also affirm the right of self defense.

The New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP) advocates the following actions:

- I. The NJLP absolutely opposes so-called "gun control" legislation like N.J. Senate bill S.3285 and similar laws, including all licensing, registration, permits, etc. The ownership of a gun by an individual does not violate the rights of another person.
- II. The NJLP calls for the repeal of all federal, state, and local prohibitions and restrictions on the possession, carrying, ownership, manufacture, sale, and transfer of handguns and other firearms. Such laws include the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act of 1934, and the equivalent New Jersey statutes.
- III. The NJLP supports any peaceful person who chooses to disobey gun control laws -- such as a person who resists criminal assault, possesses unlicensed guns, or carries a weapon without a permit.
- IV. To implement resistance to gun laws, the NJLP will distribute educational materials to notify N.J. residents of their rights including the *Right to Bear Arms* and the principle of jury nullification of unjust laws.

Reaffirmed by the NJLP at its July 2, 1989 meeting

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Why is law needed?

To the Editor:

An article in the Review ("Law may require house renumbering," April 21) informs us that the Metuchen Borough Council is considering a law to require all borough residents to display house numbers. Councilwoman Brown says that proper house numbers are something Metuchen residents "want" and "need," and a law is therefore "sensible."

Perhaps we all need to be reminded of what is normally meant by a "law" (or ordinance). It means that if you don't obey, the police will be sent, if necessary, to force you to go to court. There, you may be fined or

jailed. Although I haven't read this particular proposed law, I would expect that if you refused to pay the fine, your house would be taken from you. That is what is meant by the term law.

My question is, if proper house numbers are so desirable, why is a law needed? Do Metuchenites really want, or need, a law that requires them to do something that they supposedly "want" and "need," something that is supposedly "sensible"?

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