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A Time for Mourning and Solidarity

Libertarian Policeman Among Heroes Lost

Submitted by Len Flynn

From an Email from Murray Sabrin

On Friday I received the following email about New York police detective John Perry, who I met several years ago at a speaker's club, Junto, in New York.

John was filing retirement papers at police headquarters downtown when the first plane struck the World Trade Towers. He and the captain on duty rushed to the scene to help evacuate people. The building was dark, and John and the captain were leading people out by having them follow the sound of their voices. When the building began to collapse, the captain warned John to evacuate, but John insisted on staying as long as there were people still inside. The captain barely got out in time and saw John disappear into the dust as the building fell. John was a great humanitarian, a dedicated libertarian, and a rare human being. He will be missed.

On Friday night George Clooney recounted Det. Perry's story to the national audience watching the telethon for the victims of September 11's massacre. All of America knows the heroism of John Perry, a libertarian police officer.

Hittner Headline

The Atlantic Highlands Herald ran one of Diane Hittner's press releases under the headline:

Libertarian candidate Hittner says poll on pot shows voters changing

OLD BRIDGE, NJ — A recent poll showing increased support for legalizing marijuana shows that voters are coming around to the Libertarian position, according to Diane Hittner, the Libertarian Party's 13th District State Assembly candidate. The USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll, taken Aug. 3-5, found that 34% favored legalizing marijuana, the highest level of support since such polling began in 1969.

"Voters are beginning to realize that the War on Drugs has failed as completely as alcohol prohibition did in the Twenties," Hittner said. "And there is growing understanding that its ill effects are no worse than is the case with alcohol."

Hittner adds that unlike alcohol marijuana is actually a medical benefit for those suffering from such diseases as cancer and AIDS where it can be used to combat nausea and relieve pain.

"New Jersey should join the other eight states where voters have passed initiatives allowing for medical marijuana," she stated, noting she would introduce appropriate legislation if elected. Over 70% of voters support medical marijuana according to polls.

Hittner, an Old Bridge resident, has called for an end to the War on Drugs and the immediate re-legalization of marijuana. The 26-year-old mother of one is making her first run for public office.

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From The Chair



By Emerson Ellett
NJLP State Chair

Our hearts go out to the survivors of the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and we extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to the families, friends and co-workers of those who perished. Hatred breeds hatred and it is my hope that our government will deal with the perpetrators as criminals rather than soldiers, and not wreak destruction on innocent people. At the same time the underlying cause of the hatred of America must be understood and dealt with so that the young boys who cheered the slaughter will resist the impulse to become the next generation of terrorists.

Amidst such a calamity it seems almost inappropriate to mention good news but in fact the NJLP and other alternative political parties won a victory September 10 when the appellate court unanimously affirmed Judge Parillo's order of April 25, 2000. He decided that the inability of a registered voter to declare an affiliation with an alternative political party infringes his or her First Amendment rights of expression, association and equal protection. Thus county election boards must permit us to register as Libertarian voters.

Parrillo held that the five plaintiff organizations comprising the Council of Alternative Political Parties were entitled to be designated as "political parties" for purposes of inclusion on party declaration forms and access to state-compiled voter registration lists. Further, he declared N.J.S.A. 19:23-45 and 19:31-18.1 unconstitutional because the law denies us equal protection by "unnecessarily burdening" our First and Fourteenth Amendment right to political association.

Parillo based his decision in part on the Republican and Democrat state chairpersons' admission that the ability to identify voters sympathetic to their cause is significant because the list of registered voters is a primary source for canvassing, fund-raising and other party-building activities.

"The State is not free, particularly at State expense, to enhance or to subsidize the party-building activities of the statutorily recognized parties [Democrat and Republican] by stifling political discussion and association of alternative political parties. "Accordingly, Judge Parrillo's order is affirmed."

The Attorney General has ten days to file petition for review with the State Supreme Court.

In my note of thanks to CAPP attorneys Frank Askin and Renee Steinhagen I noted that the appellate court's ruling would open the windows a crack on fusty New Jersey politics. Hopefully, I said, the ten percent rule (requiring us to garner 10 percent of the vote cast statewide in Assembly races in order to be fully recognized as a political party) will also fall sometime soon. Maybe they will take up the challenge.

Please contact me at chair@njlp.org or 732 774-3684 with suggestions about how to advance our cause.

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Libertarian National Committee Passes Motions Related to "Willis Matter"

From the September State Chairs' Report

Three Motions Were Passed by the LNC Relating to the "Willis Matter"

(LNC member Joe Dehn notes: These wordings are not "official" since the minutes have not yet been prepared, but they accurately represent the sense of what was passed. The first two were discussed and amended formally, and have been checked against a recording -- they should not differ from what will appear in the minutes except in a very minor way, such as punctuation. The last one might differ in the style used to reference the previous action.)

[Motion concerning Perry Willis]

Whereas John Famularo has presented evidence to the Libertarian National Committee that Perry Willis, while National Director of the Libertarian Party, performed work for the 1996 Harry Browne for President campaign in violation of LNC rules, and whereas Perry Willis subsequently admitted that he had indeed performed such work, in contradiction to his previous statements, therefore, the Libertarian National Committee hereby censures Perry Willis for performing said work on the 1996 Harry Browne for President campaign while employed as Libertarian National Director, and for denying to his employer that he had done so.

We also resolve that neither the Libertarian National Committee nor the National Director shall engage Perry Willis or any business owned or controlled by him (collectively "Willis organizations") directly as either an employee or a contractor for a minimum period of five (5) years. Willis organizations may not directly advertise in LP News and/or rent the Libertarian national mailing list during such time period.

We further resolve that organizations (other than Willis organizations) with which Willis organizations may be affiliated or act as campaign manager may only purchase advertising in LP News and/or rent the Libertarian national mailing list subject to the terms and conditions required in the LNC policy manual for external customers.

The Libertarian National Committee further resolves that this issue is closed, and no further action shall be taken unless additional credible evidence is presented to the Committee.

Passed 11:3:3

YES: Bisson, Dixon, Hoch, Israel, Karlan, Lieberman, Martin, Milsted, Nelson, Rutherford, Turney

NO: Gaztanaga, Kaneshiki, Scherrey

ABSTAIN: Dehn, Givot, Lark

[Motion concerning others]

Whereas, Harry Browne acted to and did finally achieve the nomination by the Libertarian Party for President of the United States in 1996; Whereas, Mr. Browne contracted for the services of the National Director, Perry Willis at that time, for purposes of his campaign and against LNC policy; Whereas, it appears from the evidence submitted to this committee that when said violation of policy was made public in late 1995 Mr. Browne then may have cooperated with Mr. Willis to hide further such violations by funneling further contracts with Mr. Willis through Jack Dean's company; Whereas, when asked to respond to inquiries by our Chair for purposes of investigating this matter, Mr. Browne refused to cooperate with said investigation; It is ordered that Harry Browne and Jack Dean are hereby admonished for their participation in aiding Mr. Willis to violate LNC policy and willfully seeking to impede said investigation; and call upon Mr. Browne, fellow campaign staff and committee members Sharon Ayres, David Bergland, Michael Cloud, and contractor Jack Dean to publicly denounce this violation of LNC policy by Perry Willis and specifically his declaring "the best interests of the LP" as justification for the violation.

Passed 10:6:1

YES: Dehn, Dixon, Gaztanaga, Givot, Kaneshiki, Karlan, Milsted, Nelson, Scherrey, Turney

NO: Bisson, Hoch, Israel, Lieberman, Martin, Rutherford

ABSTAIN: Lark

[Motion concerning FEC suit]

To rescind the agreement of 21 April to be a plaintiff in the proposed Harry Browne lawsuit against the FEC.

Passed on a voice vote.

The Second Amendment in a New Millennium

A Private Militia?

By Richard Altrath

Today there are frequent news reports of various "militias" around the country. One example with which most people are familiar is the "Michigan Militia." In essence, these folks assemble to drill in military tactics and study various aspects of United States history and politics.

There is a group here in New Jersey that calls itself the New Jersey Militia too.

There is nothing wrong or illegal about donning camouflage and shooting at targets on a range. The question arises, however, as to whether or not these organizations are, in fact, the "militia" of the country's founders.

For the answer to that question, we must turn to Presser v. Illinois, which was decided in 1886 by the U.S. Supreme Court.

It seems that Presser, a supporter of physical health and with a patriotic demeanor, was indicted in 1879 for being in violation of Article XI of the Military Code of the State of Illinois. This law made it illegal for any group of people to associate together as a military unit in public without the direct permission of the Governor.

The Supreme Court's decision, heard on appeal, included the following passages, which make clear the court's intent with respect to both the meaning of the Second Amendment and the nature of the militia:

The provision in the Second Amendment of the Constitution, that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed," is a limitation only on the power of Congress and the national government, and not of the States. But in view of the fact that all citizens capable of bearing arms constitute the reserve military force of the national government as well as in view of its general powers, the State cannot prohibit the people from keeping and bearing arms, so as to deprive the United States of their rightful resource for maintaining the public security.

The provision of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution that "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," does not prevent a State from passing such laws to regulate the privileges and immunities of its own citizens as do not abridge their privileges and immunities as citizens of the United States.

Unless restrained by their own Constitution, State legislatures may enact statutes to control and regulate all organizations, drilling and parading of military bodies and associations, except those which are authorized by the Militia laws of the United States.

So there we have it. If a particular state has addressed the issue of functioning in the capacity of a militia as a private entity, either directly or indirectly, then all concerned must abide by those laws.

The right to "keep and bear arms" was left essentially intact, subject only to regulation by the states (which should be mentioned to the New Jersey legislature: it IS a right and NOT a privilege).

Rest assured that in New Jersey, your organization may call itself anything it wants. Just don't "parade" them in public with arms, or there will be a quick trip to the nearest courtroom for you and yours.

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Many of you have noticed that, by the time you get your hard copy NJL each month, some of the events mentioned have passed.

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If you have Internet access, check out the NJL each month on our state web site, www.njlp.org. Even if you choose to keep receiving the hard copy version, the ezine becomes available nearly three weeks before the paper NJL is delivered.

So why not enjoy the best of both worlds? Get your snazzy, full color NJL in a timely manner, simply by going to the web site, and still get your hard copy, which many members like to pass along or simply archive for themselves.



Diane Hittner meets with a Comcast cable system production assistant before taping a Newsmakers segment on Sept. 5 at Brookdale College. Hittner spoke out in favor of legalizing marijuana, same-sex marriage and DYFS reform.

Comcast Segment and Press Releases Fill Busy Candidate's Time

Diane Hittner, Libertarian Assembly Candidate, is making an energetic showing in her first run at office. She spoke to the NJL about her campaign, stating the "worst moment" was the Republican challenge and the best was overcoming it. Her press release about DYFS Reform is an excellent example of this dedicated and resourceful candidate's scope of knowledge:

Press Release: ASSEMBLY HOPEFUL WANTS REFORMS TO CURB DYFS

The state Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) requires serious reform, according to Diane Hittner, the Libertarian Party's 13th District Assembly candidate, who says its policies too often result in children being improperly taken from their parents. Hittner cited the recent example of a child that accidentally fell out of its crib. When the mother brought the child to a Trenton hospital a doctor reported it as a possible case of child abuse.

"Because it was the Labor Day weekend, the child was kept in the hospital separated from its mother pending a state investigation," she explained. "Such a policy does nothing to help families though it does make parents fearful of seeking proper help."

Hittner, the mother of a 4-year-old son, says current DYFS policy does not serve to preserve families. In fact, she contends it's underlying philosophy seems to be an assumption that a child is better off in the hands of the government than of parents. "For starters we must eliminate the policy of anonymous reporting of cases of child abuse," she stated. "Too often it's an angry neighbor or vindictive relative, such as a spouse during a marital dispute, who is seeking to harm a parent. In such cases the child becomes a victim." Also, "no child should be removed from its home without a court order," she added. "Poorly trained bureaucrats should not be allowed to break up a family. In addition cases should be decided upon by a judge whose ruling would be final unless new evidence surfaces."

Hittner, a stay-at-home mom making her first run for public office, says in all cases the burden should be on the State, not the parents. "The goal of DYFS should be to preserve families," she says. "But with the federal government offering what amounts to a bounty reward to states for every child adopted out, it's no wonder that DYFS adoptions and termination of parental rights have risen in the last few years."

The 26-year-old Old Bridge resident has stated she is running to highlight family issues such as this where parental rights are challenged. She has previously come out in opposition to mandatory vaccinations of school children over parents' objections.

On the Lighter Side... Libertarian Louise

By Libertarian Louise

From this, We need Protecting?

As a fan entranced by the "4th Grade Years" South Park season (Comedy Central, Wednesdays, 10 pm) I found the "Towlie" episode in August particularly charming.

In it, "Towlie", an animated towel (and "the worst character, ever", according to Stan) keeps asking the kids if they "wanna get high?" They decline and he smokes it alone, and is then capable of amazing feats that get the children out of trouble. He takes a drag, his eyes instantly turn red, and either his memory returns, or he becomes incredibly insightful, or he's able to relax and stretch himself just long enough to reach and rescue the kids. That kind of thing.

The episode was interesting for a couple of reasons. For once, the benefits of the wicked weed were spotlighted; my boyfriend likes the occasional beer, and always bitches that if "they're going to put a warning about the possible bad side effects on the can... they should also put the possible good ones on there." Alcohol can be beneficial in moderation, as can marijuana. Good for the South Park creators for showing viewers that.

The other reason I found the episode interesting was that it reminded me of hearing, early this year, that traces of cannabis were found in clay pipes belonging to Shakespeare. Herbally inspired creativity and verbosity? No kidding.

I wonder how many artists and writers and philosophers and inventors had access to drugs - especially during times and in places where laws against drugs didn't exist, or were laxly enforced. And now that the risk just isn't worth taking anymore, I wonder how many Shakespeares never write, and how many Towlie-type heroes the South Park kids and the rest of us never get to meet.

I'm not promising that with the legalization of marijuana we'd have more artists, more writers, another Shakespeare. Or even more heroes like "Towlie". The vast majority of indulgers in drugs accomplish nothing more than extremely high scores on video games - but compared to the fatalities, the medical costs, and the very real law enforcement costs from domestic and other assaults, all related to alcohol - is that so very bad?

Back before US politicians decided drug use was a crime instead of an indulgence or even an addiction, marijuana in particular was a social drug, very much on a par with beer or wine. One difference is, drunks drive, while stoners can rarely muster the ambition to go anywhere. If I get to pick the type of partiers living next door, please don't let them be drinkers. I'd rather have vidiots who occasionally blare their Zeppelin than screaming matches on the lawn next door.

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Libertarian Louise

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Before it became so very punishable, marijuana was considered good for giggles, harmless and cheerful. Some of the people I knew became creative, some got the munchies, and others became chatty. Eventually, everyone wanted a nap. Compared to my friends who drank, the marijuana users made for far better acquaintances. They never got in trouble, never started fights, and never called me from the police station.

So, I was always pro-legalization, and always felt that marijuana would be the most painless way to begin. At least, for crying out loud, for people like Peter McWilliams, who needed the drug in order to live.

I've heard, many times, that in arguing legalization, "don't compare it to alcohol... stick to the constitutional argument". Well, I don't think it hurts to reinforce the party line with any outrageous inconsistencies the law itself contains. In a country like ours, of course everything should be legal.

But Jack Daniels is, and pot isn't. Like the poor, drunks will always be with us. And, legal or illegal, so will their tokin' cousins - until they're thrown in jail. Do the gigglers pose such a threat and do so terribly amongst us? Weren't both "Towlie" and Shakespeare entertaining, at least?

From this, we need protecting?

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Liberty Slate Committee

Contact: J.R. Graham
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Libertarian Victory Fund

Contact: Chris Azzaro
<http://www.libertarianvictoryfund.com/>

Washington Liberty Project

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Books:

"Winning Political Campaigns"

by: William S. Bike

"How to Win a Local Campaign"

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<http://www.angelfire.com/pa/private/solutions/>

- *From the Libertarian Mainstream
Caucus, <http://users.ez2.net/lmc/>*

LP Committees Deadline Approaching

Want to be considered for the Platform committee, Credentials committee or Bylaws committee at next year's National Convention? Know anyone who does? The deadline for name submissions is coming up fast.

At the December 8 - 9, 2001 LNC meeting, LNC members will consider and choose committee members to the Platform, Credentials and Bylaws Committees for our national convention next July in Indianapolis.

There are 20 Platform Committee members: 10 chosen by the LNC, and 1 chosen by each of the 10 largest states.

There are 10 Credentials Committee members: 5 chosen by the LNC, and 1 chosen by each of the 5 largest states.

There are 10 Bylaws Committee members: all 10 chosen by the LNC.

The 5 and 10 largest states are determined by membership totals on Monday, December 31, 2001.

All members to be determined by the LNC at the December meeting can be submitted up until the actual December LNC meeting. HOWEVER, if you would like to have your Bio & Qualifications copied and distributed in the formal agenda package for that meeting, it must be submitted to our national headquarters by Monday, November 19, 2001. Please keep information to one page. Please snail-mail to: 2600 Virginia Ave. NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20037 (attention: Steve Dasbach). Or you may e-mail it to Steve Dasbach at: SteveDasbach@hq.lp.org.

More information may be found at: <http://www.lp.org/organization/bylaws/#pagetop>

Announcements

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Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

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**Sun, Oct 21st, 1 PM
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**Sun, Nov 11th, 1 PM
General Meeting
Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick**

Mark Edgerton Attempts Trenton Testimony

By Kenny Kaplan

Mark Edgerton, Libertarian Party candidate for Governor, traveled to Trenton on Thursday, September 6th, for the purpose of testifying before the Assembly Appropriations Committee in opposition to the one billion dollar funding bill for a new arena in Newark. Accompanied by campaign manager, Ken Kaplan, Edgerton spoke to numerous members of the press, and distributed a press release containing remarks he would have delivered, had the hearing not been cancelled forty-five minutes after it was scheduled to start. Apparently, the meeting was cancelled because the Chairman realized he did not have the support to vote this pork barrel bill out of committee and pass it on to the full Assembly. It is expected that a revised bill will be discussed after the November election, but for the moment, tax dollars have not been committed to this project. Following is an excerpt from his press release:

"The current proposal for moving the Nets and Devils to a new facility in Newark presents us with an opportunity to sell the existing state-owned Meadowlands Arena to private developers and businesses, who have already expressed interest in purchasing the property and converting it to a shopping mall and other privately owned enterprises. It's a great location for myriad uses, with the transportation and parking infrastructure already in place.

"I applaud and heartily endorse the proposal to build a more modern, privately owned facility for the Devils and Nets in Newark; however, I believe that the YankeeNets corporation should seek funding for the enterprise from the traditional, private capital and credit markets and not seek grants and loans for that purpose from the State of New Jersey. The taxpayers of this state should not be forced to shoulder business risks, and should not be forced to subsidize wealthy corporations in the sports business. Private entrepreneurs, banks, and other traditional sources of credit and capital can and should be sold on the idea of financing the project, motivated by the potential for profit. It's past time for the State of New Jersey to get out of that business and let the experts run it at their own risk and to their own benefit."

As this newsletter goes to press, Mark is preparing to do a taping for Comcast, the cable service. These "Newsmakers" segments will be aired during October at 25 and 55 minutes after the hour on CNN Headline News. He has also been invited to appear on other television programs.

Simply getting to a taping or a hearing creates an expense for the candidate and his staff. Photocopying press releases, making toll calls to set up these events, doing the many things that any campaign entails all require money. It is hoped that the members of this party can put aside their differences with the candidate and recognize that the time and effort he has put into this campaign over a four year span deserves your financial support. Please contact the Edgerton Campaign to contribute as generously as you can.

Government Chaos

By Garry Reed

“Libertarians are always bashing government. If it wasn't for government we'd have nothing but chaos.”

Fair enough. Maybe it's time for us libertarian types to take another look at this government vs. chaos thing.

Let's say that you possess some actively engaged brain cells and they tell you about the need to plan ahead for that Day of Retirement lurking somewhere in your distant future. A major component of that plan is to buy a house and have it paid off by the time you're ready to extract your nose from the grindstone. The idea is that you can afford to live on a reduced income sans monthly house payments. But what if you end up sans house as well? While your savings are being munched by the Pac-Man of inflation (one of Uncle's favorite hidden taxes) your property taxes are feeding the Hungry Hippo. Your city, county, fire, hospital, school, parks and recreation, metro planning, special crime fighting, rapid transit, stadium, water, sewer, recycling and garbage collection tax assessment boards all need money so they can hire more civil servants to figure out more ways to tax your property until your tax bill becomes as bloated as this sentence.

Once you retire you'll discover that your property taxes are higher than that first house payment you made thirty years ago. If you're lucky you'll be able to sell the house for enough to cover the taxes and still be able to move into the back of your grandson's '82 Ford Econoline.

That's economic chaos courtesy of your various friendly homegrown governments.

Of course, the wrecking ball of eminent domain could get you first. Eminent domain is a governmental legal term that means “We can take any house anywhere any time and give you whatever price we say is fair.” This ain't your Grandfather's eminent domain, which was used only for public works like highways and airports and various rights-of-way. Today it's a tool of the infamous public/private partnership ploy. BigBox Inc. wants to build a Superstore? Condemn your property! MammothMall wants to expand? Bulldoze your whole neighborhood! You're gonna hafta move. Period. But how do you box up a lifetime of memories? How do you pack the doorframe with your children's penciled-in growth marks? Politicians take “campaign contributions” from corporations to condemn your property so they can get reelected so they can get more “campaign contributions” to condemn more property.

That's government property rights chaos for you.

Or would you prefer asset forfeiture? If the narcs get an anonymous tip that might even conceivably associate you in any way with officially disapproved chemical compounds you're a goner. Based solely on suspicion – not charged, not arrested, not convicted – everything you own can be seized. Your house, your cars, your furnishings, your bass boat, your Pac-Man-nibbled retirement account, your boxer shorts with the little red hearts and cupids. They need to seize your property and auction it off so they can afford to hire more cops to seize more assets.

Welcome to the government's Right-to-a-Fair-Trial chaos.

And I haven't even gotten to the government's War on Private Health Care, or their War Against Educational Freedom, or their War against Handguns, or their War against Everything in the Bill Of Rights Except Quartering British Troops in Your Home, which may not even interest you since you don't have a home anymore.

But let's say you're lucky. You've somehow managed to keep your house. And you're cozied up snug and warm in your bed. It's after midnight. You don't know there's a dozen very large men gathered on your front lawn, trampling your petunias. They're festooned in paramilitary Kevlar from jackboot to tinted helmet visor and they're stoned on adrenaline and testosterone. They bash in your door with a custom door basher. They scream letters from a Post Alpha-Bits cereal box like “FBI!” and “DEA!” and “BATF!” and challenge you to the children's tag game of “Freeze!” They point muzzles of seriously lethal weaponry in your face. They drag you out of bed, dressed only in your boxer shorts with the little red hearts and cupids, and cuff your wrists behind your back. Then they spend the next three hours ransacking your house from soap dish to breadbox. Eventually, someone with keys and bad breath removes your handcuffs with a muttered, “Oops, wrong house.”

It's at this precise moment that I want you to turn to your partner in home ownership and say, “Libertarians are always bashing government. If it wasn't for government we'd have nothing but chaos.”

Columnist Garry Reed writes "a twice monthly e-column of political and social issues with a hardcore Libertarian attitude". His columns are available at his website, www.freecannon.com, and his website is the NJL's latest recommended site in our ezine's "Libertarian Links and Lists"

A Special Message

The recent terrorist attacks on our nation have brought death and suffering, shock and grief. We join all Americans in feeling pain and outrage, especially since the toll has been so high for Monmouth County. And we share in the renewed sense of unity and purpose that has swept our country.

As events unfold libertarians will have opportunities to aid in immediate relief as well as the long term rebuilding and healing. And as our nation responds, as it must, we'll have a special role to play. As patriotic Americans we must add our voice to the political discourse to insure that America's response effectively defeats this new enemy to our homeland without damaging the very civil liberties that are at the heart of our country.

America will meet this crisis and triumph. And when we do we must move on to build a peaceful world founded on the principles of nonintervention in other nations and free trade. The terrorists struck at more than the American nation. They struck at the heart of capitalism. Both will survive and flourish if we stick together as individuals and recommit ourselves to creating a world of free men, free minds and free markets interacting in peace and mutual respect."

Pat Bontempo, Chairman
Libertarians of Monmouth County



Victor Aponte

"The reason that the LP had never succeeded as a political party is that it had never tried to be an effective political party. 'During its 30 years the LP has never really tried to be an effective political party,' I said. 'Real political parties focus on winning elections and implementing policy. They learn which strategies, which tactics, and which tools actually win votes.' The LP has done none of these things and has learned nothing about how to accomplish them. The only skills it has developed are how to raise money from libertarians and how to hire firms to collect the signatures needed to get the party on the ballot. The LP is overwhelmingly oriented toward fundraising. Even the analyses of election returns it offers are really fundraisers.

- R. W. Bradford
Editor, Liberty Magazine



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Libertarians in Print

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We Should Rethink Expansion of Library

I listened to some of the library expansion presentation last night and was yet again stunned by what I heard.

While I realize that my political views are currently in the minority, I would call your attention to the fact that the Township Council is the steward of the public treasury. That treasury is extracted by threat of force from the taxpayers of the township. The Township Council's duty to the taxpayers of the township is to spend the minimum of the taxpayer's money to accomplish those things that are legally required.

If you the Township Council are legally required to provide a library, are you also required to expand it? If not, don't!

To summarize the Austrian economist Murray Rothbard: Anything that can be provided by a market will be provided better than by the government, and there is nothing that has not been provided by a market.

The government - if it has any purpose beyond thuggery - serves no purpose other than to enforce what F.A. Hayek termed, in "Law, Legislation, and Liberty," "the rules of just conduct," i.e., the basic, societal ground rules which allow for free citizens to go about their private affairs.

If the library board, the Township Council, or any concerned citizen would like to expand the library, then don't ask me to fund it. The proper way is to form a non-profit corporation and ask for voluntary contributions.

Not one nickel of my tax dollars should be used for anything that is not absolutely required by law. If we have to have a library, then it should be a single room in the temple of government - the municipal office building - with some paperbacks. Let those who want something pay for it.

Over and over I hear the same discussion. The public wants, the public needs, this group wants that, this group needs this. The Township Council should not be in business for itself. Its mission should be very, very limited. Do the peoples' business as cheaply as possible.

Throughout the United States, public officials are looking for innovative ways to cut the cost of government. Budgets are tight and demand for services is at an all-time high.

Let's start here in South Brunswick with the Library. When a good is "free," as in the library, then it is overused. People have to make hard choices in life. Trading off one good for another usually denominated in money. If Fords were free, then of course the Ford plants would need expansion. That doesn't make it right.

Look at movie theaters. The Kendall Park movie theater died. People did not support it. They charged money for admission.

If the library wasn't free, then how "overused" would it facilitate be? Tell the Township Committee to lower our taxes and minimize all government activities. If the library expansion is a good idea, then zero South Brunswick funds should be committed to the project. Remember those in the township who won't be able to afford to stay here if the price keeps rising.

John Reinke

Published in the South Brunswick Post,
8/23/01

Government coerces taxpayers on library

To the editor,

I applaud writer John Reinke in his courage and rational thought concerning the matter of the expansion of the tax-supported government library.

Mr. Reinke goes into the taboo area when he seeks personal responsibility. Doesn't he know that in our collectivist society there is no such thing as personal responsibility?

If you want something you organize politically and demand the government to fulfill your wishes. Those wishes become very expensive items. For the government to pay for all the free programs they just tax and borrow money. If one brave soul or a minority protest, it is too bad. The majority wins and you lose.

One letter writer criticizes Mr. Reinke for having a belief held by a small minority. At one time the majority of people thought the world was flat, and that the sun revolved around the earth.

People who believe in individual freedom and personal responsibility are in a minority. Almost half the population refuses to vote. The reason is not apathy. The reason is that they know the political government system is corrupt.

There are millions of people in our society who share Mr. Reinke's philosophy. We are out there everyday questioning the foundation of political coercion. To take from one to give to another without their consent is theft.

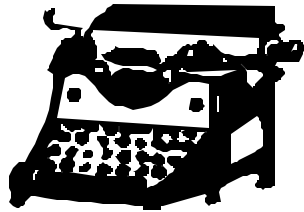
The government is supported by force. If the majority of voters want an expansion of the library or a government pool all the taxpayers will have to pay for it. If you try to withhold payment of your taxes the police powers of the government will take your property.

In a free market if you don't want something you don't pay for it. The choice is clear. Do you want a society based on political coercion or one that believes in voluntary trade and peaceful interaction?

Fred Stein
Dayton

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Letters To the Editor



Dear Editor:

Your September, 2001 editorial revisits the question of running local candidates vs. contesting high-profile offices such as US Senator or Governor. That's always an interesting debate, but 90% of the time at least it's also a meaningless one.

To be blunt about it: Most of the time we can't find a candidate to run for anything. What should we do if someone offers to run for Congress? Say, "Oh, I'm sorry. We don't want you. It's municipal council at most or nothing."

Guess what -- it will most likely (almost certainly) be nothing.

As for credibility, odds are a member is more credible running for a federal office than a local one. He'll be far more likely able to speak intelligently about a national issue such as the War on Drugs than a municipal one such as traffic. There's no sense in running even a trademark candidate who has never attended a municipal council meeting, for example.

Nor are local races easier if you're running to win. It's actually harder in that the candidate would have to go door-to-door, attend every debate and meeting, and be willing to make enemies out of neighbors. Very few members seem willing to volunteer for such an assignment. And the amount of publicity the LP would garner from a losing local race is miniscule.

In contrast a high-profile race can generate at least some meaningful publicity over a wider area. It can also draw on broader resources and serve as a training ground for activists over a broader area. At the very least a larger number of voters would see at least one LP candidate on the ballot.

Yes, if we could realistically expect to win something somewhere we should concentrate on that race. And yes, every member should be encouraged to get involved in local politics and/or serve in an appointed office when appropriate and possible.

But right now, as a rule, it makes more sense to go with one statewide candidate, or 13 Congressional ones, or even 21 Freeholder candidates than two or three municipal ones. First and foremost, we have to get the Libertarian Party name -- and a Libertarian Party candidate -- in front of the voters.

Pat Bontempo

A surprise attack, that wasn't

Dear Editor,

My sympathies go out to the families, relatives, and friends of the dead. But while I grieve for the lost lives of this terrible tragedy, I have one question to ask for the US Government officials: "When will you learn?"

I have asked this question after the WTC bombing in 93, after Koblai Towers bombing in 96, after Embassy bombings in 98, after USS Cole bombing in 00, and the answer appeared to be the same-"Never!" "Never, would we give up on supporting the decade long policy of bombing Iraq and killing civilians in the process, never would we stop the arming of Israel and the Saudi government." Never mind that US troops in Saudi Arabia are obviously not welcome by Saudi government's enemies, including Bin Laden. Never mind that daily bombings in Iraq where civilians die is seen as anti-Arab. Never mind that we are provoking Israel's enemies into making US as Israel's staunchest military ally, safe for terrorism like it already is in Israel. No, the pride of a world superpower is so important for the nation's leaders to keep, that any risks that are posed to the safety of the American people as a priority is replaced with a "moral obligation to aid Israel and its allies".

This message kept coming out of Washington after every terrorist attack. But there was no change in foreign policy then, I do have some hope that some change may finally occur, because the alternative is too difficult to even consider. Of course, when I have been raising this issue for years, people accused me of being an alarmist, an isolationist. A few months ago, a known analyst who will remain nameless here, said to others and me in public that an unprecedented attack was going to take place on the US soil within months. He blamed it on the current foreign policy of the US. Of course, no one at the top listened. And that's a tragedy. I only wish that a serious reconsideration of the US foreign policy would take place. A genie has been let out of the bottle, with Arab-Americans being targeted by angry individuals and violent mobs. Some Americans are calling for the nuclear destruction of Afghanistan, as well as Sudan and Iran. Potential deaths of perhaps millions of men, women, and children who have happened to be born outside of the US is not seen as even problematic, nor is there any consideration to the obvious response from other countries or from the afflicted countries to such an attack. I hope that cooler heads at the top, as misguided as their foreign policy is would prevail, and that after a proper response; a serious reconsideration of our foreign policy would take place.

Vic Kaplan

More Letters, Next Page

Monmouth Open House Offers Chance to Meet Candidates

Libertarians of Monmouth County will hold an Open House on Friday, October 26 starting at 7 p.m. at the Flynn Farm, 254 Tennent Rd, Morganville, to acquaint county residents with the Libertarian Party and give them an opportunity to meet this year's county candidates.

LMC has successfully hosted similar open houses in the past. They're attractive for people who avoid formal talks and business meetings. In addition to meeting candidates, those attending will be able to share coffee, light refreshments and informal conversation in a relaxed setting. Members are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors.

On Sept. 8 LMC had an information table and OPH at the Ocean Grove Community Flea Market. For the longest time it looked like it had been shut out by a surprisingly strong demand for vendor spaces. They were also scheduled to have one at Marlboro Day on Sept. 16.

Those who missed Danny Maiullo's recent talk on the FDA, which had been sponsored by LMC, can view a video of it on the county website: www.MonmouthLP.org.

The more you observe
politics, the more
you've got to admit
that each
party is worse than the
other.

-- Will Rogers

Letters to the Editor

Continued

Deb,

I have watched in horror today as Americas foreign policy chickens came home to roost. Four big fat explosive chickens, landing on hundreds, maybe thousands, of innocent people.

We need to re-examine the arrogant, condescending foreign policy that our country has followed for the past half century. The foreign policy that has allowed us to interfere with other nations internal affairs to such an extent that we would bribe officials, rig elections, casually invade, or just directly assassinate the leader of a nation that we found disagreeable to our desires.

And when we re-examine that foreign policy, I hope that we look to our founders for inspiration. Specifically to George Washington. We should maintain friendly relations with all nations, entangling alliances with none.

Today we have seen what all of our entangling alliances have brought us, as those entanglements have reformed themselves into a giant target that was pasted on those two towers in New York City, The Pentagon in Washington DC and a distant field in rural Pennsylvania.

Targets that were used in a turkey shoot by monsters that have no regard for reason or life.

However, we must first hunt down and retaliate against those that murdered these unknown hundreds or thousands of innocent men, women and, likely, children. We should not make the same mistake a third time, that we made with Germany after WWI or with Iraq. So when we do this, do it completely, as we did in WWII.

Yes, I know all the arguments and controversies about how we got into WWII, and I know we should not have been in WWI or Iraq. But that does not mean we should ignore the lessons they can teach us.

In this case we were attacked, innocents were killed. This would be a justifiable use of government force.

End it completely, end it now.

Tom Wright

Your friendly local Libertarian Atheist

The mystery of
government is not how
Washington works but
how to make it stop.
-- P. J. O'Rourke



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Calendar of County Meetings

The public is invited and guests are very welcome.

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Mercer County: Call David Trend at 609 466 2469

Middlesex/Somerset Counties: For information, join the LPSMC announce list (LPSMC-Announce-subscribe@yahoo.com) or contact Howard Schoen at 732-572-0207..

Monmouth County, Regular county meetings are held the second Sunday of every month at the New School, 301 Middle Rd, Holmdel at noon. For information call (732) 775-7263 or check the website for changes, www.MonmouthLP.org.

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- www.cjnj.org. Citizens for Justice in NJ's homepage, including John Paff's Bartender List.
- www.lp2000.com Libertarian Strategy Caucus
- www.politicsnj.com The New Jersey Political scene. Great site!
- www.freemarket.net. The starting point for libertarianism on the web.
- www.cato.org. The premier libertarian think tank.
- www.reason.com Homepage of the Reason Foundation and Reason magazine.
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