



New Jersey Libertarian

What are the Chances?

by John Paff

Notice of Bylaws Change to be Considered at November General Meeting

At the May 18, 2003 meeting of the State Board, a motion was proposed and passed regarding a change to the Bylaws. The motion was not heard at the July General Meeting and carried to the November General Meeting.

The motion contained the following bylaws amendment:

4. a. Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the state of New Jersey who certifies in writing that he or she opposes the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals. Thereafter, such a person shall become a member upon payment of dues to the NJLP or to the National Libertarian Party, or upon declaration of party affiliation as 'Libertarian' as provided by law.

Discussion: The proposed change alters the last sentence of section 4.a. which currently reads: "Thereafter, such a person shall become a member upon payment of dues to the NJLP or to the National Libertarian Party." The change would extend membership to those people who choose to affiliate (register) as Libertarian without the payment of dues. The purpose of this amendment is to include those people as members who might not otherwise join because of fiscal reasons.

While getting stopped for a traffic violation is bad enough, it is really, really unlucky if marijuana just happens to fall out of your pocket--in the presence of the police officer--when you're stepping out of your car.

Incredibly, however, this exact scenario played out twice in just two years in Readington Township, Hunterton County.

The first instance of this extreme bad luck was reported in the July 25, 1998 Star Ledger. According to the article, Patrolwoman Grace Fumero pulled over Eric Snyder, 24, of Lexington, North Carolina for a tail light being out. According to the news item, Fumero said that that a pipe and bag of marijuana fell out of his shorts "as Snyder walked from his car to the the police car."

Then on October 11, 2000, the Star Ledger reported that the same officer, Grace Fumero, pulled over twenty-year-old Jason Recino of Whitehouse Station. Incredibly, Recino had the same bad luck as Snyder. According to the report, "when Recino stepped out of the vehicle, a pipe and marijuana fell out of his pants."

Just think of all the time and trouble these misfortunes saved Officer Fumero. If not for these defendants' carelessness, she might have needed a search warrant.

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My name is Richard Rider. For 25 years I've been a California Libertarian Party activist. I've run for office several times, including as the 1994 Libertarian Party candidate for governor of California (another 48% and I would have WON that sucker!).

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Got a Minute?

There was a discussion at the June meeting of the Steering Committee regarding ways to convert prospects into members of the NJLP. Currently, anyone expressing an interest the NJLP receives a Welcome Pack and a free three-month subscription to the *New Jersey Libertarian*. The committee agreed it would be nice if a prospective member could receive more outreach material that would better represent what a great group the NJLP really is. They decided to compile a "Best of NJL" edition that would select past articles that could be particularly of interest to new members.

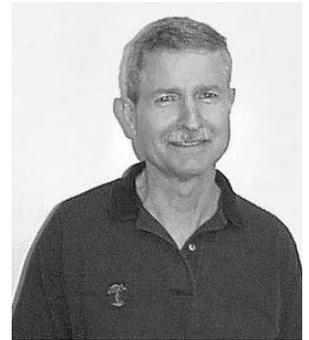
What can you do?

Do you have a favorite article from a past issue of NJL? Was there that one article that you gave to a non-Libertarian to read? You can help the NJLP by taking a minute to send an email to bestofnjlp@njlp.org. It would be most helpful if you know the issue and page number of the article. If you have the time, visit the archive at <http://www.njlp.org/newsletters> and click "archive" to browse past issues. Even if you can't locate the article you remember, please send your suggestion with as much information as you recall, and we will try to find your "best" and include it in the next "Welcome Pack".

From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Listen up, people, it's only 14 months till the next Congressional election and we're looking for 13 good Libertarians to fill the slate in every district! Potential candidates, and everyone else concerned about overweening federal power, be sure to get a copy of the Cato Institute's "Handbook for Congress." It's full of ideas on how to return the federal government to the size and scope envisioned by the Founding Fathers. It covers every major area of federal involvement in our lives, from Social Security, domestic spending, farm subsidies, Internet regulation, corporate governance, financial sector regulations, the war on drugs, civil liberties, foreign affairs, to the dramatic expansion of federal power since 9/11. Available from Cato, 1000 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, DC 20001, for \$25 plus \$6 shipping. Or call 800 767-1241.



The Handbook is also available on line in PDF format (<http://www.cato.org/pubs/handbook/handbook108.html>). The table of contents is detailed enough so that each entry downloads quickly and is available to print. Thanks to Cato for this marvelous resource (and to George Smith, LP Delaware, for the information.)

Phase II of the Council of Alternative Political Parties' action against New Jersey's discriminatory Title 19 "Election Law" is getting underway. (You may recall that Phase I of CAPP's lawsuit enables voters to register Libertarian, Reform etc) NJLP Steering Committee stalwarts Len Flynn and Ken Kaplan both represented the party at the latest CAPP conference, which was also attended by CAPP founder Albert LaRotunda and Constitution, Natural Law, Green and Conservative party representatives. CAPP's attorney, Renee Steinhagen, is considering a challenge to the \$300 lobbying fee imposed by statute on alternative political parties but not on the Republicrat parties. (If CAPP prevails we may get back about \$900.) The NJLP's Phase II litigation expense probably will be limited to a pro rata share of the court filing fees, since Steinhagen herself is being compensated by the Appleseed Foundation. But not all CAPP challenges will involve litigation. Some will be made through administrative channels. For example Steinhagen will try to convince State election officials to stop reporting all non-Republicrat votes as votes for "independents", a practice the Division of Elections currently follows in reporting election results to the U.S. House and Senate clerks in federal elections. She also has in mind some objective criteria to qualify alternative political parties for the State's voter affiliation form. In particular, the Reform Party should be removed because it no longer exists and the Conservative Party should be included. Flynn reports that Steinhagen is of the opinion the N.J. Law Revision Commission report on Election Law changes will not be implemented this year. She has monitored the NJLRC meetings and pressed the Commission for changes to accommodate alternative parties. (Ellett and Flynn have provided written official comments to the NJLRC which have never been acknowledged.) The next step in the pending CAPP lawsuit is the signing of retainer letters pledging the CAPP parties to cover the filing fees. Many thanks to Len and Ken for covering the conference! Len gave up the evening of his 36th wedding anniversary to attend.

Volunteers needed Thursday through Saturday November 6 – 8, to staff our booth at the Drug Policy Alliance conference in the Sheraton Meadowlands. The conference bills itself as the world's principal gathering of people who believe the war on drugs is doing more harm than good. Pick your time and contact chair@njlp.org . Conference hours: Thursday 8:30 am (booth set up) - 5 pm. Friday 9 am – 5 pm. Saturday 9 am – 5 pm.

Last June the "Citizens Coalition for the Public Good" called for delegates to a September "Citizens' Assembly on Tax Reform" at the Trenton Marriott "meals and accommodations provided." Self nominations were permitted and your esteemed chair nominated himself as an LP member. Delegates were to be selected by a "project coordinating committee" and had to be "representative of the state geographically and by gender...to ensure that no particular interests or regions are overrepresented."

There must be a slew of male Libertarians from central Jersey in the Citizens' Assembly because I was not chosen to be a delegate. An Internet search, however, revealed that the founder of the "Citizens Coalition" was Rep. Rush Holt's finance committee chairman who managed a \$1000 a person fundraiser with Pres. Clinton in Hunterdon County. The Coalition founder is also on the Board of Trustees, New Jersey Future which is "a leader in the crusade for smarter land use." He also owns a public affairs consultancy which conducts "national, statewide and local area surveys throughout the United States. International research conducted in Europe and Russia." Did these revelations raise even a single cynical thought? No way. I'm waiting for an invite to Russia. I never did want to stay in the Trenton Marriott.

Contact your county chair, any Steering Committee member or myself (chair@njlp.org; 732 774-3684) if you are willing to help the party.

Spreading the Word

Want a different way to spread the word? The boxed items below are perfect to run as small ads in your local paper, or even to print out on labels and use on envelopes, put on the back of business cards, etc.

Just another way to get the libertarian message out.

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Former officer jailed for shooting into crowd

Newark (AP) – A former Irvington policewoman has been sentenced to 364 days in jail and stripped of her badge for firing her service weapon at a crowd after she fought with a neighbor outside her home.

Lakizzy Carson, 26, was sentenced Friday by Superior Court Judge Paul Vichness, who noted Carson's otherwise unblemished record, but said the offense's seriousness dictated incarceration.

Carson also was ordered to serve three years' probation and prohibited from holding public employment in New Jersey.

She pleaded guilty in June to official misconduct in the 2002 incident in which no one was injured. She was off-duty at the time.

Carson was indicted on attempted murder and other charges, but they were dropped in exchange for her guilty plea.

Carson joined Irvington's force in December 2001. About six months into her rookie year, she got into a dispute with a neighbor over a car parked in her driveway during the Memorial Day weekend.

Essex County authorities said Carson argued with the neighbor and attempted to strike him. The neighbor wrestled her down and she struck her face on the ground, suffering cuts in the process, the prosecutor's office said.

She went into her home, called 911 and then came back outside with her service weapon and fired eight times toward the crowd of holiday revelers.

During sentencing on Friday, her attorney said Carson exited her home with the pistol because she feared for her father's safety. Attorney Michael Mitzner said Carson maintains she fired only after coming under fire.

Editor's note: We have to wonder how many typical citizens would receive such a light sentence for the same crime? And how, once in her home, Officer Carson could feel a threat from her neighbors outside sufficient to warrant her return outdoors with her pistol? Further, that the judge felt that an "unblemished" record 6 months long mitigated the situation is heartening. We can hope that the next time a homeowner shoots an intruder, they'll get a judge like Judge Vichness... but we doubt it.



LPSMC member Joseph Dunsay of Highland Park, NJ addressing the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders at the Board's September 15, 2003 meeting. He is asking the Board, on behalf of the LPSMC, to post its meeting agendas and minutes on the Internet. Currently, the Board only furnishes these documents in paper format.

Calendar

General Meeting – November 8 or 9 (to be determined); note that we will select delegates to the 2004 National Convention at this meeting

Steering Committee – December 9, Kaplan residence, 7 PM

State Board – January 18, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1PM

Steering Committee – February 17, Ellett residence, 7 PM

Annual Convention – March 26/27, Atlantic City area; there will be a Friday evening reception to facilitate meeting the candidates for the Presidential nomination, with convention business the following day; the agenda is being developed.

Show your true colors in NJ

At long last, you can register as a Libertarian. Fill out the form below and mail it to your county election board.

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Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reform Party | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Constitution Party |
| OR | |
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| <small>*If you are a registered member of the Green Party, Libertarian Party, Natural Law Party, Reform Party, U.S. Constitution Party or an Independent, you cannot vote in either the Democratic or Republican Primary. Declaration must be filed no later than 50 days preceding the primary in which the voter wishes to vote. A newly registered voter or a voter who has never voted in a primary election, can affiliate with the Democratic or Republican Party on the day of the Primary.</small> | |
|  LPS New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety | |
|  Division of Elections www.NJElections.org | |

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New Jersey Libertarian 2004 Annual Convention

March 26th and 27th, 2004
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