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NJLP member Liz Macron issues a challenge to libertarian parents.

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In a letter addressed "Dear Friend" and mailed to thousands of NJ senior citizens, Republican Governor Whitman announced the creation of a new DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES.

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A Delaware Libertarian has founded what he calls a "different kind of seniors organization".

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SOMERSET/MIDDLESEX LP FRONT PAGE NEWS AGAIN

The front page of the *Bound Brook Chronicle* of December 19 bore the following headline: LIBERTARIAN PARTY CALLS FOR HURLEY'S SUSPENSION.

The Hurley referred to is Bound Brook Municipal Prosecutor Richard K Hurley Jr., who was the subject of a Libertarian Party of Somerset & Middlesex Counties (LPSMC) request to Bound Brook's mayor and council, calling for Hurley's immediate suspension. The request was denied.

LPSMC objects to Hurley because of his role in the prosecution of *NJ vs Isaac Wright* in 1991. His client, Rhoda White, was originally a co-defendant in the case but accepted a plea bargain in exchange for testimony against Mr. Wright.

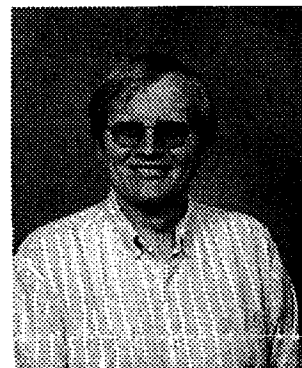
Wright's case was tried by Judge Michael Imbriani, and prosecuted by Nicholas Bissell, both of whom have since been convicted of an assortment of crimes, some related to prosecution of drug cases. Wright's conviction was overturned in December, partly because the deal Rhoda White and Richard Hurley made with prosecutors wasn't revealed to the court or jury.

A letter from LPSMC Vice Chair John Paff to Bound Brook Mayor Gilly was quoted in the front page story:

(testimony given by Mr Hurley during an evidentiary hearing in October) "calls into question his honesty, as well as his ability to faithfully and impartially carry out his duties as Bound Brook Prosecutor."

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NJLP member Isaac Wright has been released from prison, after a dramatic Appellate Court Reversal of his conviction.

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NJLP E-MAIL SUBSCRIBER LIST BANS SUBSCRIBER

NJLP e-mail subscriber administrator **John Paff** has removed one of the popular service's subscribers for repeatedly posting obscene messages.

Former subscriber **Dave Cinege** of Middlesex County lost his access to the NJLP@Westnet.com bulletin board on Monday, November 18, after a vigorous three-day debate among subscribers about the move. Cinege, whose e-mail persona was named "Dave-Kill-a-Cop-Cinege", was well known among the list's subscribers for making scathing attacks on individuals in notes sent to the entire audience. Cinege is not an LP member.

After a particularly harsh Cinege posting on Friday the fifteenth, Paff posted a warning that all messages other than simple announcements would be blocked from electronic publication. The warning was intended to solve another, more common problem as well: the bulletin board, intended to carry only short announcements, is frequently used for discussion and debate.

This larger purpose was quickly forgotten by the list's subscribers, who immediately launched a debate about Paff's action. NJLP Vice-Chair **Ed Wiessmann** ("edgewest@ptdprolog.net") posted an endorsement of Paff's move, and many other members chimed in. Most of the responses were favorable to Paff, but at least one subscriber views the episode as ironic -or worse.

That person, identified only as "**DocRog@sprynet.com**", deplored what he/she regarded as outright censorship on the part of those who claim to stand for freedom. "DocRog", who denies Wiessmann's contention that the Libertarian Party is a "private association" and that its bulletin board is therefore private property, declared that the LP is by its nature a "government organization", and as such must not thwart anyone's participation in its electronic forum. According to "DocRog", this sort of thing is precisely what he joined the LP to help end.

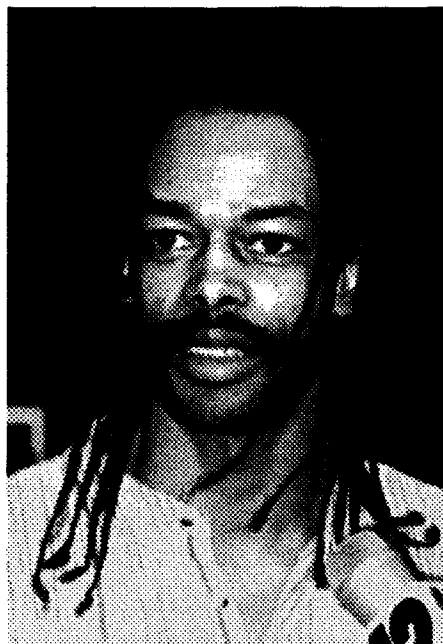
Paff indicated that the episode points to a possible additional, separate bulletin board for discussion and debate.

HIGH ON LIBERTY

High Times readers voted for items to be included in a review of the top 100 highlights of 1996, which appeared in the January 1997 issue. Number two on the list was this:

"Vote Libertarian Harry Browne for Prez"

Their web site: <http://www.hightimes.com>



Isaac Wright
WRIGHT AND WRONG

by John Paff

Isaac Wright was the first person to be convicted under New Jersey's "Drug Kingpin Law". In April 1991 Wright, then 29, was sentenced to life imprisonment with the proviso that he serve 30 years before parole eligibility.

More than 5 years later on December 17, 1996, after a tumultuous series of hearings, Wright's conviction was reversed and he was released on \$250,000 bail.

Those hearings revealed rampant corruption within the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office, including intentional suppression of evidence and official extortion of perjured testimony from witnesses. Judge Leonard Arnold, who presided over the hearings, ruled that the "pervasive pattern of disinformation" engineered by the Prosecutor's Office deprived Wright of a fair trial.

Wright's case was first brought to the party's attention by NJLP member Dan Maiullo in a letter published in the December 1991 *New Jersey Libertarian*.

The letter told of Judge Michael Imbriani's excommunication of a juror who questioned the fairness of the law. After reading Maiullo's letter, local NJLP member John Paff met with Wright, investigated his case, and helped Isaac get three of the prosecution witnesses on record to recant their perjured testimony. Wright was adopted as an Honorary Life Member of the NJLP at the party's July 3, 1992 general meeting after hearing of the unfair treatment he had endured.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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-Nguyen Co Thach,
Foreign Minister of Viet Nam

A SUPREME EVENT

1994 LP candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Georgia **Walker Chandler** has brought the first Libertarian Party-related suit to be granted certiorari by the US Supreme Court. The Supreme Court will hear Chandler, an attorney, argue his own case on January 14. His petition was one of only 100 chosen from 7000 submissions.

Chandler was furious that, in order to appear on the ballot in Georgia, he had to submit to a urine test for drugs. His suit seeks to overturn the 1990 Georgia law that required that test.

Chandler and his case were the subject of a *New York Times* story entitled *Countdown for a Libertarian Lawyer*, which appeared on December 16. The quarter page story included Walker's photo, biography, and colorful quotes.

WHITMAN CREATES NEW BUREAU

Republican Governor Christine Whitman likes to portray herself as an advocate of smaller government, so some may be surprised to know of a letter from her which begins "Dear Friend:", was dated "November" and was sent to many of the "more than one million men and women over the age of 60 who call New Jersey home".

The second paragraph reads:

"On July 1, 1996, I created a new department in state government that directly affects older adults. The new Department of Health and Senior Services will bring together the services that promote wellness, independence, dignity and choice for older adults in New Jersey. This consolidation will help to end the confusion and frustration experienced by many individuals and their families seeking assistance."

She continues:

"I've enclosed with this letter a quick reference card that lists the toll-free telephone numbers you may call for answers to your questions...."

NJLP members may obtain a copy of the Governor's letter by sending a SASE and written request to the Editor.

NAME THAT SAGE

"...yet every man has a 'property' in his own 'person.'"

Who said this?

The answer in the
February
NJ Libertarian.

EPA EXPANDS RULES

In late November, The Environmental Protection Agency announced a new plan to dramatically tighten its limits on various air pollutants, especially particulates and ozone, effective next June.

The brunt of the new compliance will fall on those who own or use "power plants, incinerators, and diesel engines".

This map shows which counties in New Jersey are among those whose air quality offends the EPA currently, and which will violate the new code next June.

COLOR CODING

Blackcurrently in violation
Gray.....will be in violation
Blank.....not in violation



NJLP PLATFORM

For hard copies of the NJLP Platform adopted in Convention March of 1996, send one dollar for each copy to:

Dan Karlan

97-A Manhattan Avenue

Waldwick, NJ 07463-2228

or find the Platform at the NJLP Web Site: <http://www.eclipse.net/~dimona>

Coming in February!

In February's *New Jersey Libertarian*, find out what local libertarians are doing about Franklin Township's gun permit policy. Libertarians get their day in court.

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WHAT TOM PAINE SAID ABOUT GUN RIGHTS

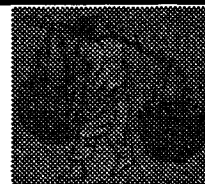
"The supposed quietude of a good man allures the ruffian; while on the other hand, arms, like laws, discourage and keep the invader and the plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property. The same balance would be preserved were all the world destitute of arms, for all the world would be alike; but since some will not, others dare not lay them aside...Horrid mischief would ensue were one half the world deprived the use of them..."

--Thomas Paine

PLATFORM REVISION

The NJLP Platform Committee will propose the deletion of six words in Section I of the NJLP Platform at the NJLP Convention in March.

The current wording is "Members of the New Jersey Libertarian Party do not necessarily advocate or condone any of the practices our policies would make legal." The proposed wording is "Libertarians do not necessarily advocate or condone any of the practices our policies would make legal"..



FORTUNE COOKIE

"The philosophy of one century is the common sense of the next"

MAGNA CARTA

Many have examined the famous *Magna Carta* ("Great Charter") wrested from King John of England in 1216, and decided that it is irrelevant to modern life, because the most pressing issues it dealt with were **scutage** (payment in lieu of military service), feudal **reliefs**, and **wardship** (custody of minor heirs). If the obscurity of these issues isn't enough to repel modern policy mavens, the popular impression of *Magna Carta's* beneficiaries as wealthy and powerful surely is.

Winston Churchill, however, appreciates its current applicability. He transcends the difference in issues between 1215 and now as easily as we transcend the difference in clothing between 1215 and now. His view of liberty's long term prospects will encourage libertarians. Both traits are evident in these comments regarding the significance of *Magna Carta*:

"Now for the first time the King himself is bound by the law. This root principle was destined to survive across the generations and rise paramount long after the feudal background of 1215 had faded in the past. The Charter (Magna Carta) became in the process of time an enduring witness that the power of the Crown was not absolute.

"...And when in subsequent ages the State, swollen with its own authority, has attempted to ride roughshod over the rights or liberties of the subject it is to this doctrine that appeal has again and again been made, and never, as yet, without success."

Source: HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLES, Volume 1; THE BIRTH OF
BRITAIN Pg 257; by Winston Churchill, Dorset Press, 1956, 1990

S.A.F.E.

SENIORS AGAINST FEDERAL EXTRAVAGANCE is a political action committee created by William E. "Bill" Morris, who also founded the Libertarian Party of Delaware in 1975.

S.A.F.E. calls itself a "different kind of seniors organization. Rather than trying to get all we can from younger taxpayers, we are willing to give up some of our entitlements to help pay off the debt."

SAFE is a non-partisan voice for cutting government spending, and has members from other parties. Anyone may join regardless of age or location, but the minimum age for holding office in the group is fifty.

That standard suggests that SAFE could serve as a counterweight to the AARP, which generally advocates more government spending.

For more information, contact

SAFE

206 Main Street

Odessa, Delaware 19730

302 475 7060

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

If you want to be one of those answering this question for the NJ Libertarian Party (NJLP), you should consider running for a post on the Steering Committee, either as an Officer (Chair, Vice-Chair, Etc.) or as an At-Large Member. The election of these officials will be among the first orders of business at the NJLP Convention on March 15, 1997.

The requirements for these offices are: membership in good standing in the NJLP, and the desire to help build a much bigger, more influential, Libertarian Party. The Steering Committee or its expanded version, the State Board, are the executive authority of the NJ Libertarian Party and make all policy decisions between conventions. Either Steering Committee or State Board meet monthly, usually in central NJ.

For information about qualifications, responsibilities, authority, privileges, etcetera entailed in any office, contact the Secretary, whose phone number appears on page 6.

NJLP OFFICERS Steering Committee

Chair	Len Flynn	(908) 591-1328
Vice Chair	Ed Wiessmann	(201) 579-7941
Secretary	Emerson Ellett	(908) 774-3684
Treasurer	Lou Stefanelli	(201) 751-8675
At-Large	Mike Buoncristiano	(201) 217-1060
	Jeff Pfeiffer	(908) 928-9093
	Howard Schoen	(908) 572-0207
By-Petition	Keith Quarles	(908) 280-9615

NJLP GENERAL MEETING

November 9, 1996 1pm

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1640 Amwell Road, Somerset

Officials Present: Steering Committee members Wiessmann, Ellett, Stefanelli, Buoncristiano, Pfeiffer, Schoen, and National Committee Alternate Karlan.

Officials Absent: Flynn, Quarles.

The meeting briefly reviewed the inquiry response system in use by AVANTI!, dues-sharing funds from the National Libertarian Party, the reballoting for NJLP State Board of Somerset and Hudson Counties, and holiday celebrations, but most of the meeting was spent hearing reports of their campaigns from NJLP candidates

Dino Toro and Mike Buoncristiano.

Toro got 41% of the vote in a two-way race for Committee of Commercial Township, in Cumberland County. He lost 18 pounds walking door-to-door campaigning, has been offered a seat on the Planning Board, and recruited five volunteers at the meeting to help his second try for office next year.

Buoncristiano got the highest percentage of the vote among NJLP candidates for Congress - 1.50%. He "had a ball" campaigning. He claims to have learned that the average American isn't yet ready for Harry Browne's message.

For a photocopy of the original minutes prepared by NJLP Secretary Emerson Ellett, members may send an SASE to the Editor, whose address appears on pg. 10

DEADLINE!

The deadline for filing petitions placing candidates on the ballot in the November General Election is 4pm, Thursday, April 10. The deadline for filing petitions placing candidates on the ballot in school board and non-partisan local elections varies, but is a month or two earlier in most cases.

NJLP DATES TO REMEMBER

-State Board meets Sunday 1/19/97 1pm
-Steering Committee meets Sunday 2/15/97 1pm
-NJLP CONVENTION 3/15/97 9am
see page 12 for location

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING

Elected countywide offices in NJ include:

-FREEHOLDERS, who act as a group of from three to nine members and make policies for their county. Most are elected 'at-large', but Atlantic, Essex, and Hudson Counties divide into districts.

-SHERIFFS, who have custody of prisoners. They house and transport inmates and are responsible for their security, safety, and health.

-CLERKS, who manage the recording and retrieval of vast quantities of legal documents including deeds, mortgages, maps, passports, jurors, voters, petitions etc. Clerks also serve ceremonial roles.

-SURROGATES, who act on behalf of others, either enforcing wills or representing the 'incompetent'.

In addition, some counties elect **ADMINISTRATORS** and **RECORDERS OF DEEDS**, but most do not, and those that do aren't up for election in 1997. This table shows which countywide offices in New Jersey ARE up for election in 1997. For more information about running for any of these offices as a Libertarian, contact any NJLP officer.

COUNTY	FREEHOLDER SEATS OTHER OFFICES
Atlantic	3 out of 9 Freeholder seats including one at-large seat, and the seats for : <u>District 2</u> , which includes the southern third of Atlantic City, Longport, Margate, Ventnor, Somers Pt., & part of Egg Harbor Twp; and <u>District 5</u> , which includes Buena Vista Twp., Buena Borough, Folsom Borough, Hammonton, Mullica Twp., Egg Harbor City, and part of Hamilton Twp.
Bergen	2 out of 6 Freeholder seats
Burlington	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats
Camden	3 out of 7 Freeholder seats Sheriff
Cape May	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats County Clerk, Surrogate
Cumberland	2 out of 7 Freeholder seats
Essex	0 out of 9 Freeholder seats Sheriff
Gloucester	2 out of 7 Freeholder seats Sheriff, County Clerk, Surrogate
Hudson	0 out of 9 Freeholder seats
Hunterdon	1 out of 3 Freeholder seats
Mercer	3 out of 7 Freeholder seats
Middlesex	2 out of 6 Freeholder seats Surrogate
Monmouth	1 out of 5 Freeholder seats
Morris	3 out of 7 Freeholder seats + 1 partial term seat
Ocean	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats Sheriff, Surrogate
Passaic	3 out of 7 Freeholders Surrogate
Salem	2 out of 7 Freeholder seats Sheriff
Somerset	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats County Clerk
Sussex	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats County Clerk
Union	3 out of 9 Freeholder seats Surrogate
Warren	1 out of 3 Freeholder seats

1996 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE ANALYSIS

STATE-BY-STATE RANKINGS

How did the NJLP fare in attracting votes for LP Presidential Nominee Harry Browne, compared to other states? This comparison is an important reflection of our state affiliate's strength and activity, relative to other states'. The top twenty states are listed here along with their sizes, LP Presidential votes in 1992 and 1996, and rates of LP vote growth.

The right four columns are rankings among the fifty-one states (this comparison counts the District of Columbia as a 'state'). For example, New Jersey has the ninth largest population, the tenth highest vote total for the LP's Presidential candidate in 1996 (up from sixteenth in 1992), the eighth largest increase over 1992's vote, and the fifteenth largest increase as a percentage of 1992's vote.

STATE	1992	1996	INCREASE	1996 PCT.	STATE RANKINGS			
	MARROU/ LORD	BROWNE/ JORGENSEN			STATE SIZE	LP SIZE	VOTE REASE	INC- PCT
California	44,390	66,482	22,092	150 %	1	1	1	38
Pennsylvania	21,315	29,061	7746	136 %	5	2	9	41
Michigan	10,115	27,105	16,990	268 %	8	3	2	7
Florida	14,756	24,185	9429	164 %	4	4	6	32
Illinois	9106	22,134	13,028	243 %	6	5	4	14
Massachusetts	7084	20,720	13,636	293 %	13	6	3	4
Texas	19,582	20,226	644	103 %	3	7	41	47
Georgia	7455	18,209	10,754	244 %	11	8	5	13
Indiana	7285	16,431	9146	226 %	14	9	7	16
New Jersey	6173	14,466	8293	234 %	9	10	8	15
Arizona	6579	13,458	6879	205 %	24	11	10	24
New York	16,386	12,547	-3839	77 %	2	12	51	51
Colorado	6827	12,380	5553	181 %	26	13	11	27
Ohio	7443	12,149	4706	163 %	7	14	14	33
Missouri	7924	10,511	2587	133 %	15	15	23	42
Washington	6422	9704	3282	151 %	18	16	18	37
Maryland	4603	9018	4415	196 %	19	17	15	25
North Carolina	5393	8890	3497	165 %	10	18	17	31
Virginia	5619	8887	3268	158 %	12	19	19	34
Minnesota	3287	8059	4772	245 %	20	20	13	11

Forty-seven states recorded more votes for the LP Presidential Nominee in 1996 than in 1992.

The other four are:

New York	16,386	12,547	-3839	77 %	2	12	51	51
New Hampshire	4576	3897	-679	85 %	40	33	50	50
Mississippi	2788	2750	-38	99 %	31	38	49	49
Alabama	5506	5504	-2	100 %	22	25	48	48

Three states more than tripled their 1992 vote totals:

Kentucky	977	4022	3045	412 %	23	32	21	1
Iowa	649	2177	1528	335 %	30	43	28	2
Vermont	390	1231	841	316 %	49	48	39	3

All vote totals are from the December 1996 *Libertarian Party News*.

State sizes per 1990 census are taken from the 1995 *American Almanac*.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

THREE REFINEMENTS TO BUILD THE PARTY FASTER

1) **Require the "Pledge" only from candidates for office**, and not for membership. The Pledge sounds too cult-like to those not steeped in libertarian philosophy. It is easily and frequently misconstrued, and probably turns away people we need.

2) **Lower the minimum dues from \$25 to \$10 annually**. 'Pay' for it in part by making the *Libertarian Party News* an optional extra, just as this (state) newsletter is.

That fifteen dollar difference would bring in lots of younger libertarians who take \$25 very seriously, and it would help our renewal rate as well..

Perhaps generous benefactors would buy subscriptions to state and national newsletters for the 'financially challenged'. Some other people simply don't want to read about the Party; they just want to be members if it's not too much money and hassle.

3) **Establish a shadow voter registry**. It could be a petition to allow us to register our voters, currently forbidden by New Jersey law. It may attract those who won't 'join' but will 'register to vote' - particularly if it's free. -EW

SAVE THE CHILDREN



Elizabeth Macron

Too often, libertarian ideas don't see action because our reform proposals are considered too idealistic or difficult to implement. You've heard it, I'm sure. "What about immigrants who would come here just to get on welfare?" "What about people who have always counted on getting Social Security?" "What about children who want to use drugs?" And so on.

Although some of our 'issues' may require further study or expert analysis before we can present workable reforms, I do have one idea for reform that is simple. It is also effective. My proposal offers a way for you to advance the cause of freedom now. It does nothing to alienate or offend anyone. It is not illegal. It is not confrontational. It will give you credibility with non-libertarians.

My proposal is directed to every libertarian who is a parent, aunt, uncle, or friend to a child. It is simply this: DARE to keep your kids away from the government. Use whatever energy, effort, wit, love or money it takes to remove your child from the government schools.

I ask you, in the name of liberty, to rescue your own children. The good news is that this is not a difficult thing to do. Despite all the laws in existence, it is not yet illegal to keep your kids away from the government. You already know that it is the right thing to do. Perhaps

what you don't know is how dangerous it is to leave them there.

I dare you to read *Government Nannies-The Cradle to Grave Agenda of Goals 2000 and Outcome Based Education*, by Cathy Duffy, and then read New Jersey's "Core Curriculum Content Standards". These standards, described as "an historic initiative", define the results government expects from its schools. I have read these standards. What is evident throughout is the presumption that our children are a state resource and that the purpose of education is to make efficient use of these resources.

The Social Studies standards tell the teachers to explain how every age has its ideas and every person thinks what is thought in his time. The Science standards abandon the traditional view of scientific inquiry as a quest for truth. It is suggested instead that scientific theories "reflect the social and political climate of their time." (Pg 5-7)

By the fourth grade, a child in the government school will be expected to know that "family, religion, and government" are three examples of "social institutions that function to meet individual and group needs." (Pg 6-11)

By the end of the eighth grade, a child in the government school will learn, -from his science teacher- "that individuals and groups may have differing points of view on environmental issues" (Pg 5-21). That same child will be expected to "evaluate the impact of personal and societal activities on the local and global environment" (Pg 5-21).

I realize that home schooling requires a commitment of time and that private schooling costs money. But stop and think about the cost of other things: car, health, life and business insurance. Compare annual tuition to annual income. Compare it to the cost of your last vacation, your next major purchase, your credit card balances, your mortgage payments, or, more to the point, compare it to your "available credit" if that is what it takes.

If your child's life were in danger, money would be almost irrelevant. Isn't danger to a child's mind and spirit just as important?

Elizabeth Macron, Brick Township

MY CAMPAIGN FOR CONGRESS

I got 2485 votes or a little over 1% of the vote for Congress in a non-campaign without spending a dime. I was given free time to tape two 5-minute TV spots for cable and appeared at three public forum/debates, and I was covered in several newspapers.

I spoke at two high schools. At Montville High, they held an election among the 750 students afterwards and Bill Clinton beat Harry Browne by only thirty votes! Dolt, Parrot, and Nadir followed. The student moderator called my house afterwards to ask for information about joining the LP.

I spoke out on talk radio on several occasions.

I filled out half a dozen questionnaires including a collector's item from the League of Women Voters where the Repocrats answered twenty-three questions in lock step. I disagreed with almost all of their positions. I had fun and carried the message.

Filling the ballot with LP names is important even if they are just shadow candidates. We get better ballot positions with more candidates. It makes us look credible.

All candidates get attention. The media will find you, even without your help. Our message is so clear and consistent that answering questions and public speaking is easy. It must be hard to pander to the public like Repocrats do and try to please everyone.

We should use the internet/e-mail more effectively; People who write well should publish letters for others to use, together with the e-mail addresses of local papers and other media. In other words, a no-brainer for dumb-bells like me. A list of all NJ Media address and phone nos. could be up on the NJLP Web Site, and a list of canned letters to the editor. We could make the ballot access petition forms available, too.

Maybe we could have all the public office qualifications, filing deadlines, and open offices listed on the Web Site along with the procedure for getting the NJLP endorsement.

Most people think running for office is hard. It's easy to do. It's only hard to do it well.

**Austin Lett
Chatham**



Austin Lett

IT PAYS TO AIM LOW; I KNOW

In 1981, I had the experience of running for Township Committee against both a Republican and Democrat in my town: Kingwood Township, in western Hunterdon County. I did something very few Libertarians had done up to that point; I Won!

I feel I was successful because I was able to match the efforts of both opponents in both time and money. As a ten-year resident, I was already fairly well known. In addition, I had founded the county Libertarian organization and had its resources to assist my campaign. These were the most important elements in my victory.

If Libertarians want to win elections, they will contest only those races where they can match the time and money spent by the DemoPublicans. For these reasons, I suggest that more Party effort be made to emphasize local elections on the very first level, Township Committee.*

**Dick Siano
Kingwood Township**

**Editor's Note: Your town may be a Township, a Town, a Borough, a City, or a Village in New Jersey. Its committee may be called a Committee, a Council, or a Board of Aldermen.*

SUCCESS IS HOME GROWN

I couldn't help but notice that where we had a legitimate local candidate, the head of the ticket (Harry Browne) did proportionately better. While one point in a survey does not a summer make, does it not make sense that the process of legitimizing the top of the ticket might come from the "Toro Process"?

I intend, next year, to recruit candidates for the other townships (in Cumberland County) who do not have Democratic candidates, as well as a Freeholder candidate and candidates for the state offices. That's seven people. I'll step in somewhere and Dino will no doubt return, so that leaves me with five to recruit. If I can't find five good people to run as Libertarians, I'll deserve what I get, which is high taxes and poor service.

That's the notion, and I'll appreciate any feedback.

Notice that this strategy doesn't require a statewide presence from the Party. It's locally geared. Notice also that the (Toro) Campaign cost under \$1500. That cost can go down when shared among candidates.

**Herb Roselle, Chair,
Cumberland County LP
Millville**

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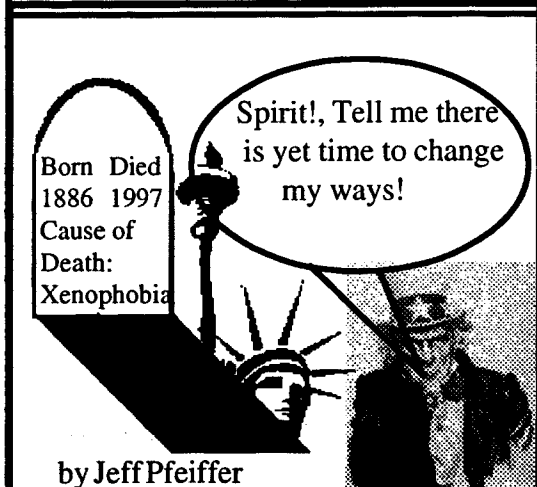
A MORE CONSIDERATE APPROACH

I wholeheartedly agree with the views and proposal Mike Pierone included in his December column, "What Price Freedom". The Libertarian Party is its own worst enemy. Too many members are actually supporting negative views of the LP by nonmembers who refuse to accept change. Yes, let's quit the (scary-sounding) jokes and be more considerate.

Time is of the essence, if we are to bring the Libertarian Party to this country's salvation.

Larry Ramirez
Hoboken

Uncle Sam Receives a Visit from the Ghost of Christmas yet to Come



by Jeff Pfeiffer

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