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Great News from the Statehouse

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It's not often a Libertarian gets to say those words, and even less frequently that the general public hears the echoes. But on January 17, Mark Edgerton made what may prove to be the most significant step that's been taken in a long time toward our quest for liberty. More than nine months before the 2001 election, with New Jersey and the country concentrating on changes of leadership both in Washington and in Trenton, media across the state—print, radio, and television—took notice of the NJLP.

That day at 11:00am, Mark Edgerton made the official public announcement of his candidacy for governor.



Associated Press photo
Carol Thomas, 44, of Millville, stands by her 1960 Ford Thunderbird which was the subject of a civil forfeiture after her son was caught selling marijuana from it. A judge ordered the car returned to Thomas on Friday, but she is suing the state anyway, claiming forfeiture laws are unconstitutional.

The *Asbury Park Press* is just one of many NJ papers following Carol Thomas' forfeiture case victory.

Read the interview with her on page 4.

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Room 319 of the Statehouse in Trenton was full, boasting a crowd of some 20 supportive Libertarians as well as six or eight members of the media.

Mark began the event by giving a speech outlining his background, the need for his campaign in New Jersey, and some of the issues that his campaign will concentrate on. He then introduced Doug Friedline, his campaign manager, who discussed his strategy and goals for the campaign. Finally, Ron Crickenberger, the national LP's political director, spoke briefly.

Mark's speech emphasized several topics that his campaign will focus on: high taxes in New Jersey (both statewide and local); the spiraling debt the state is assuming; and poor quality of education that we're paying so much for. He also mentioned a few other issues, such as the war on drugs, racial profiling, auto insurance, crime, and the need for separation of powers by implementing a "lieutenant governor" office. He also discussed the "Donald DiFrancesco Non-competition Act", S1985, and how it threatens to stifle all opposition parties in the state.

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Doug reminded the media of his remarkable success in getting Jesse Ventura elected as Governor of Minnesota. He pointed out that Mark Edgerton's campaign has many qualities that can be just as successful, and that the Ventura campaign taught them lessons that can be leveraged to greater success here in New Jersey.

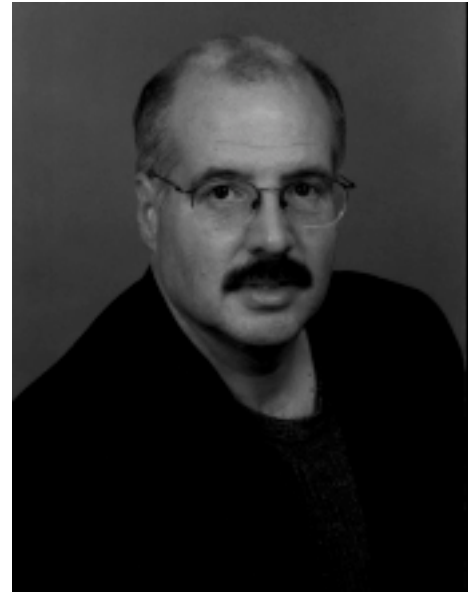
The press showed clear interest in the campaign. Between the impact that Sabrin made four years ago, and the expectation of Doug Friedline bringing the campaign to a new level, reporters seemed ready to take the Edgerton 2001 campaign seriously. There were plenty of difficult questions asked, though. Mark was pressed on the War on Drugs, replying that marijuana should be decriminalized and that other policy changes will be investigated. Other questions asked how Mark could be more successful than Murray Sabrin, who earned more votes than any opposition candidate in history. Mark answered that the trend from the first NJLP candidate in the early 70s through Sabrin in 1997 need only continue.

By 3:00 that afternoon, NJ 101.5 radio was covering the press conference as their lead story, saying that the Edgerton campaign is likely to surprise New Jersey. Major area newspapers in their next edition, including *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Bergen Record*, *The Home News Tribune*, and *The Star.Ledger*, picked up the story.

The Inquirer's article quoted Charlie Smith (DiFrancesco's campaign manager), responding to Edgerton's claims that S1985 would shut out opposition candidates, saying "It does not prohibit out-of-state fundraising. Serious candidates should get their facts straight and not kick off their campaign on a fairy tale". He also claimed that the bill would save taxpayers money. Interestingly, Smith may be living in a fairy tale: Edgerton never claimed that out-of-state fundraising was prohibited; just that refusing to match it would handicap other parties. Smith's claim about fiscal savings seems absurd, since this bill *raises* the caps on matching funds, likely costing taxpayers an **additional \$10 million**.

Most telling, though, is that DiFrancesco's campaign feels that Edgerton is important enough to require a refuting statement. This may indicate that the entrenched parties are starting to feel the nervous about the message of the NJLP.

Doug Friedline Joins Edgerton Campaign Team



Best known for managing Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura's Campaign, Doug Friedline has joined the Edgerton Campaign as Campaign Manager.

Doug began his political career in 1992 working on the "Perot for President" campaign in Minnesota. He has worked with alternative party candidates throughout the United States, and is newsworthy all by himself, having been interviewed by Newsweek, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time Magazine, and USA Today among other print publications. He's also been interviewed by Fox News, CNN, CBS and PBS. His strategic abilities and name recognition bode well for the Edgerton campaign.

When I talked to him about Mark's run for Governor, Doug stressed the importance of NJLP member contributions of time and labor. "Hal Shute has been good enough to step forward as Volunteer Coordinator. Finding someone to take on that big job is half the battle. We're less than nine months from the election, and there's a lot of help that members can give us in getting Mark elected."

To reach Hal about volunteering to help with the Edgerton campaign, you can email him at shute@blast.net.



New Jersey Libertarian Party Annual Convention 24 March 2001

Location: The National Conference Center at the RAMADA® INN
379 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520

Schedule*: Business session, 09:00AM - 12:00 noon; Luncheon, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Speakers * :

Doug Badow: Senior Fellow of the CATO institute.

Topic: Washington's Politics of Envy

Sharon Harris: President of the Advocates for Self Government.

Topic: To be announced

Roy Innis: National Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Topic: To be announced

Doug Friedline: Mark Edgerton's campaign manager.

Topic: To be announced

James Lark: Chair of the Libertarian Party.

Topic: "The Libertarian Movement: Where We Are, Where We Are Going"

* Speaker list, topics and schedule subject to change

Vendors: Vendor room, tables available. Contact Robert Jacobs at 908-534-6764 for information.

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Contact phone number: (_____) _____ [] number of members [] number of non-members

number for luncheon and all speakers @ \$50.00 each. [] number for speakers only, no luncheon @ \$20.00 each

number for luncheon and speakers STUDENT RATE, @ \$25.00 each. (valid student ID required at registration). All above reservations are additional \$5.00 at the door, (luncheon choice not guaranteed without reservation by 10 March 2001)

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Luncheon choice: [] BEEF [] CHICKEN [] VEGETARIAN

Dietary restrictions, (religious, health, etc.) we will try to accommodate, but can not guarantee: _____

Vendor tables: [] quantity @ \$20.00, Company or organization name: _____

Speakers and luncheon not included. Please fill in contact info using fields at top of form. If a vendor wishes to attend any part of the rest of the convention, please include the appropriate additional charges.

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NJLP Convention, PO Box 56, Tennent, New Jersey, 07763

Forfeiture Case Victor Says Battle has just Begun

By Deb Sackett

When I called South Jersey resident Carol Thomas about her January 19th victory in court, she told me "We've just started fighting. I got my car back, but I've really had my eyes opened about what goes on in this state."

As you've probably read in NJ papers, the 44-year-old Millville resident and Sheriff's department narcotics task force officer had her car seized in 1999, after her son was caught selling marijuana to an undercover officer of that same task force.

On Friday, January 19th, Judge G. Thomas Bowen restored Carol's \$1,500 bond (that she'd posted in order to get her car back, pending the case) and ruled that a constitutional challenge to the law could proceed.

Carol is understandably elated by her victory. She's determined to continue her own crusade against forfeiture laws. But, she told me, winning her case and being able to proceed with her constitutional challenge in no way undoes an almost two year-long ordeal that resulted in having to leave her job due to the stress of working with the very law enforcement officers who had seized her property. "I'm angry, and I guess that in that sense, this will never be over," she told me. "I've really learned a lot."

For instance, she learned that the war on drugs she'd been fighting as a narcotics task force officer doesn't exist.

She learned, first hand, that in New Jersey property owners could lose title to their property even if they were not involved in any criminal activity.

Her story began in 1999 when she got a late night visit from the Millville police department. As a seven-year veteran of the Sheriff department's narcotics task force, the cops she was dealing with were people she knew. So, she believed them when they told her that her son was in trouble for selling marijuana to an undercover officer of the very task force she worked on, and the way to keep him out of jail was to cooperate with their investigation. She believed them when they told her that, since the car he was arrested in was in fact titled to her, she'd have it returned.

"This has been a nightmare," she told me. "There is no war on drugs. They know people can't afford to fight these cases. They know that after paying thousands of dollars in fines (\$8,000.00, in the case of Carol's son) people won't have any money to sue to get their property back. After all, these seizures are legal. It's taken me almost two years in court to get back the bond money I posted for my car. The process is just like bailing someone out of jail; who's got two years and the patience to stick with it? The government counts on us giving up."

Thomas hasn't stopped with getting her bond money back. When Deputy Attorney General Ronald Epstein told Cumberland County Judge G. Thomas Bowen that the state wanted to drop its case against Thomas because of the low value of the car (about \$1,500) he said, "it's not worthwhile for the state to continue with this case."

It's interesting that after two years of pursuing the case, Deputy Attorney General Epstein suddenly found it "not worthwhile." It's even more interesting that he went on to urge Judge Bowen to dismiss the countersuit as well, saying that since the state was dropping its forfeiture case against Thomas, she had no legal standing to challenge the constitutionality of the statute.

"The Judge saw right through that," a relieved Carol told me. "We were really worried that he'd figure I was getting my car back, and leave it at that." Instead, Judge Bowen let her challenge stand, saying, "The question presented is a substantial question, which ought to be decided and ought to be addressed."

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- Former Narcotics Enforcement Task Force Officer Carol Thomas***

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Carol credits the Institute for Justice with her victory. "When this first happened, and I realized that law enforcement isn't interested in busting dealers... that they make more money from nickel and dime arrests and seizures, I went half crazy. I got on the web and found John Paff through the Forfeiture Endangers American's Rights Foundation website (www.fear.org) and he hooked me up with the Institute for Justice. I was really lucky that they took my case. They can only take about one in a thousand, though. What about all the other people out there?"

It's very attractive for law enforcement to, instead of impartially enforcing laws, become wolves tending sheep. It's very attractive to prosecutors' offices, instead of punishing the big fish in the so-called war on drugs, to focus on the smallest fish in the pond. What behooves a local police department more; cracking a statewide ring and letting the state reap the reward, or catching individuals who are forced to surrender their vehicles because they have no other choice? What pays local law enforcement better, one big bust with the spoils divided between different agencies, or lots of small arrests of individual customers resulting in lots of local seizures?

Prior to a statutory amendment in the 1980's, all forfeiture proceeds went to the government's general operating fund. Therefore, there was no direct incentive for police and prosecutors to pursue forfeiture. The statutory change channeled the forfeiture booty into special "law enforcement trust funds" that are expended at the direction of law enforcement agencies, outside of the normal budgetary process. After this change, forfeiture cases mushroomed because the police and prosecutors could, in effect, keep what they seize.

That's left NJ residents at the mercy of law enforcement. Let's face facts: Say Police department A busts a kid or adult, and through their "cooperation" learns all about the local big dealer. How much in combined drugs, currency and property will one drug dealer bust net law enforcement? How much is a dealer going to have in assets that can be seized in a one-time raid? Enough to equal what the cops make by **allowing** them to continue selling drugs, and hitting his customers one by one? If, in fact, the war on drugs is truly motivated by the official line (protecting our children, protecting our citizens) why are individual dealers allowed to operate? You probably know who they are in your town, just as I know who they are in mine. But the financial reward for letting them continue to sell is so lucrative that law enforcement allows them to do so.

Despite her own law enforcement background, Carol says that this situation has opened her eyes. Her case has put her experiences on the drug enforcement task force into perspective. "Now that I've been through this, more things make sense. Members of the task force kept getting pumped up, kept getting told that we were going to make major busts, put dealers out of business, and so on. I kept wondering why we were just doing little arrests. Why we weren't going after the big guys. Now I know. It's all about money, it's not about drugs at all."

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Chuck Davis, a spokesperson from the Office of the Attorney General, said civil forfeiture is "a significant component of law enforcement." No kidding. In 1999 alone, 21 counties in New Jersey seized \$13,749,909 in both currency and property. In southern New Jersey, the following counties took in:

***Atlantic County: \$482,286,
Burlington County: \$308,491,
Cape May County: \$89,931,
Cumberland County: \$270,895,
Gloucester County: \$204,316,
Ocean County: \$142,387,
Salem County: \$29,844.***

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Carol's advice to other parents in her situation? "Don't let your kid cooperate. It didn't do my son a bit of good. They got all that money in fines, and they still wanted the car. The dealers in Millville haven't been busted, despite kids "rolling" on each other and on the dealers. Instead of telling your kid that it will keep him and you out of trouble to cooperate, just get a lawyer if you can. The cops are counting on the fact that you can't get a Public Defender in forfeiture cases, that you usually can't afford to fight the case, and they're making serious money."

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Carol has dealt with betrayal on several levels since her son's arrest. Despite local police knowing her, and knowing she had no knowledge of or consent to her son's actions -and even despite their promises to her that her vehicle would be returned to her - she lost her car until she could post a \$1,500 dollar bond, and had little chance of getting that bond money returned. "It really hurt... these were people I knew. If this is how they were treating one of their own, I could just imagine how other NJ residents were being treated."

Despite having to leave the Sheriff's department due to the stress of being both a Sheriff's department employee and victim, Carol is anxious to say, "I don't want to blame individual cops, really. There are some good guys among them. But they don't know what the real deal is. They're doing what they're told and they think they're really accomplishing something. It's the people higher up who have created the situation, and are collecting the rewards."

To read about the Institute for Justice and other forfeiture seizures and court victories, visit the Institute for Justice website at www.ij.org. To find out about S.984, the sleeping NJ Legislation on Forfeiture reform, see John Paff's story on page 7.

Coming Soon!

In the near future, NJLP members will be able to renew their memberships using their credit cards. We'll even have an interactive online form!

For now, please don't let your membership lapse. With a major Gubernatorial campaign in full swing, you don't want to miss out on being part of the excitement. If it's time, or almost time, for you to renew, please use the form on page 17. And remember... renewing through us (instead of through national) means we keep a larger percentage of your dues.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun, Feb 18th, 1 PM

NJLP State Board Meeting
Tumulty's Pub, East Brunswick

Wed, Mar 14th, 7 PM

"The Tao of Liberty"

Free presentation sponsored by
Libertarians of Monmouth County
Main Branch of the Monmouth County
Public Library

Sat, Mar 24th

NJLP Annual Convention
Ramada Inn, East Windsor

Fri, Mar 30-Sun, Apr 1

LP of PA

2001 Convention
Radisson Hotel Bethlehem
Bethlehem, Pa 18018

Sun, April 22nd, 1 PM

NJLP Steering Committee Meeting
location TBD

Forfeiture Reform Legislation Languishing in Committee

By John Paff

A forfeiture reform bill has been sleeping in various New Jersey legislative committees for several years. Perhaps the Carol Thomas forfeiture case will revive interest in this legislation. The bill is numbered Senate Bill No. 984 and it can be viewed at the NJ Legislature's website at <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>.

S.984 would amend the state's forfeiture statute in the following ways:

- 1) It cuts from 90 to 10 the number of days that a prosecutor can wait after seizure before filing a civil forfeiture action. This is significant, because prosecutors typically wait until the 89th day before filing a forfeiture complaint. Up until the complaint is filed, there are no court proceedings available through which truly innocent parties can get their property back. In car seizures especially, this 3 month hiatus has a tendency to "soften up" the car owner and make him or her more likely to "settle" by paying the prosecutor a few thousand dollars in exchange for return of the car.
- 2) It stops police from physically dispossessing people from their homes when a less intrusive manner of "seizure" exists, such as filing a lien at the county court house. This is a direct result of a Sussex County case in which the prosecutor threw a family out of their home a few days before Christmas on the theory that the home was used to "warehouse" UPS packages that the wife allegedly stole off her neighbors' front porches.
- 3) It requires, in most cases, that a conviction--even for a downgraded offense--be a necessary prerequisite to a civil forfeiture. This is the centerpiece of the bill, and the part that scares the prosecutors the most. Requiring property owners to be proven guilty of some offense, prosecutors argue, is an unreasonable burden to place upon the state.
- 5) It shifts the burden of proof back to the state in cases when an "innocent owner defense" is raised. Under current law, a property owner who was not involved in the illegal conduct (like a mother who lends her car to her child) must prove that a) she was not involved in or aware of the criminal activity her property was put to, and b) that she took all reasonable steps to prevent the illegal use.
- 6) It requires the court to engage in a proportionality analysis to ensure that the amount being forfeited isn't disproportionate to the underlying conduct. There was a case, in federal court, where a Lear jet was seized because police vacuumed microscopic amounts of cocaine out of the jet's carpets.

Back in the early nineties, the NJLP headed up an effort supporting passing A.1536, a nearly identical version of current bill. We were successful in getting the bill heard by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee. This was a major media draw, attracting nationwide attention. Eleven of the state's twenty-one county prosecutors attended the hearing to oppose the bill. They argued, with straight faces, that requiring them to convict people of crime before being allowed to strip them of their assets would bring law enforcement to its knees. The legislators didn't buy it, and released the bill for a vote before the full Assembly. Unfortunately, the powers that be assigned the bill back to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, which is known in Trenton circles as "Hotel California" because "check in, but never check out."

Right now, S.984 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator William Gormley. Gormley has complete discretion on whether or not to post the bill for a hearing. Fortunately, one of the bill's sponsors is Louis Kosco, who also serves on the Judiciary Committee. Interested readers should contact their state senator and ask that he or she cosponsor S.984 and ask Chairman Gormley to schedule the bill for a hearing.

Did you know...?

...that the great guys at Wallnet offer a terrific bunch of online tools for Libertarians?

If you're interested in discussion, check out www.liberty-talk.org, where Chris Weimann posts items of interest, conducts polls, and lets you post your opinion and get the opinions of other NJLP members. Also, if you haven't already done so, **now is the time** to sign up for the *announce* mailing list. This list is for up-to-the-minute information on your party and candidates, and as the Gubernatorial campaign hits high gear, you can't afford to be out of the loop. You can subscribe either through the "interactive" menu button on the NJLP state web site (www.njlp.org) or by sending an email to announce-request@njlp.org with the word "subscribe" in the body of the email.

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NJLP Steering Committee Discusses

Van Blarcom memorial donation, Credit Card Payment Option, 2001 Campaigns

At the January 21, 2001 Steering Committee meeting, Vice Chair Len Flynn called the meeting to order at Lou Stefanelli's home in Tinton Falls. Present in addition to Flynn and Stefanelli were Emerson Ellett, Ned Kelley and Lou Elwell. Absent: Ed Wiessmann. Ken Bank, former at-large member, resigned effective January 1, 2001.

Among the items discussed: Lou Stefanelli will prepare a draft 2001 budget; he will also write an article regarding the state-county dues sharing arrangement. The Steering Committee resolved and carried the motion that the NJLP authorize the Printer Committee (Tom Wright and Lou Stefanelli) to spend up to \$600 for either the repair of the party's printer, or a replacement printer with trade in. The Committee also asked Lou Elwell to establish a merchant account for the NJLP web page for the purpose of accepting credit cards for on-line donations and membership renewals.

The committee discussed the possibility of the NJLP making a fifty-dollar contribution to the Asbury Park Salvation Army in memory of late *NJL* editor Jim Van Blarcom. Instead, however, they opted to take up a collection from the committee, and \$110 was raised on the spot.

Following Bill Schletlick's resignation as Political Director, Flynn and Ellett will continue to liaise with CAPP on behalf of the NJLP. After a recess, Doug Friedline, Mark Edgerton's campaign manager discussed the gubernatorial campaign with the committee. In addition to the Edgerton gubernatorial campaign Ned Kelley plans to run for Township Committee in Lebanon Twp.; Jennifer Collins and Jay Edgar, Monmouth County freeholder; Jay Boucher, Monmouth County surrogate; Robert Hull (and possibly Pat Bontempo), 11th Assembly District.

Building on Success

By Pat Bontempo

Understandably, last year's election returns took the wind out of a few sails. Some might now hesitate to say we're still America's third largest political party, especially considering how well the Green Party did with Ralph Nader.

Well, buried near the end of a January 2001 LP News story are some encouraging election facts.

For example, Libertarian Party candidates won 1.6 million votes in US House races for 1.84% of the total votes cast. That may not sound impressive, but no third party has done better since Henry Wallace's left-wing Progressive Party garnered 1.89% in 1948.

We won close to 1,040,000 votes in US Senate races, easily out-distancing our nearest competitor, the Green Party, which had a bit under 70,000. And our 160,000 plus votes in gubernatorial races dwarfed the bit over 13,000 of the second place Green Party.

Even more encouraging: 34 electoral victories. Yes, these were small wins scattered throughout the nation. But we actually won -- and we won more elections than all other third parties combined.

Perhaps most encouraging of all we finished with ballot status in 25 states. Despite Nader's good showing relative to us in the presidential vote, the Green Party has status in only 22.

None of this is meant to minimize bad news. None of this reduces the amount of work we have to do now. But it's encouraging to know that to no small extent, we will be building on success.

Do we know how to reach you?

In our increasingly e and @ society, email is sometimes the most convenient way for you to hear from us. If you haven't already done so, please email JTOUSSAINT@aol.com with your name and your preferred email address. Jack Toussaint is our Membership Coordinator, and will guard your address fiercely.

Now is the time!

On January 17th, Mark Edgerton held a media conference to announce his intention of winning the race for Governor and the media paid attention! Within hours, radio station 101.5 was running the story in their top of the hour news, and News 12 NJ ran the conference. Print coverage was impressive. The ball is rolling!



"Edgerton made it clear that he, like most in his party, favors less taxation, debt and government."
Star-Ledger

""Most assuredly, we are not getting any reasonable bang for our education buck.
In fact, we're not even getting a pop." *Radio Station 101.5*

"The government that governs least governs best," Edgerton said at a State House news conference where he formally announced his candidacy. Edgerton said New Jersey wants a candidate who believes, as he does, that the state's drug laws need to be overhauled or scrapped, that gun laws should allow people to protect themselves, and that government should basically stay out of people's way." *Bergen Record*

Mark is working hard to attract media attention, *and it's working!*

He's trying to spread our message, *and he's doing it!*

He's assembled a team led by Doug Friedline, who helped Jesse Ventura to an unprecedented win in Minnesota, *and the results are already strong!*

Now is the time when Mark's hard work and dedication can most use your support! We need to capitalize on this earned media with the funds to keep Mark's profile high and the volunteers to keep the campaign strong.

Please use the form below to help Mark help you. Your time and your financial support are desperately needed in the fight to regain Liberty.

Yes! I can help Mark Win!

- Enclosed is my donation.
- Please contact me at _____ about volunteering my time.

Contributions should be made payable to "Edgerton for Governor" and may be mailed to:
Edgerton for Governor, 133 Maxim Drive, Hopatcong, NJ 07843.

Also, for campaign contributions, we are required by law to ask for the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Visit our Web Site at www.markedgerton.com

Contact us about volunteering by emailing Hal Shute, Volunteer Coordinator, at shute@blast.net

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Libertarians in Print

The following Letter to the Editor appeared in the Morris County Daily Record and The Neighbor News.

Letter to the Editor

How much is your money really worth?

Often we hear of the value of our money decreasing depending on where you might live or the rates that are imposed.

However, right now there is a Senate Bill (S1985) that implies that money that we donate to a particular political campaign may indeed be worthless.

It states that the only amounts that will be allowed to be considered in order for a candidate to get matching funds and be allowed to participate in debates with other candidates is \$400 and above.

To me, if I cannot afford to give that amount to a candidate, I would like to give what I can afford to give, be it \$1.00 up to \$399.00 or more.

We are not all able to give large amounts to candidates and the idea that the only donations that will be recognized as usable are those in excess of \$400 is outrageous.

Which shows the true democratic process... one (1) person contributing \$1000, or two hundred (200) people contributing \$5.00?

I believe that the candidate with the 200 \$5.00 contributors needs to be in the debates equally if not more than the candidate with (1) one \$1000.00 contributor.

Please contact your assembly people. This bill has already gone through the Senate. It will be going to the Assembly in late January. This bill must be stopped.

Our money (all of it) should count.

Donna Morelli
Rockaway Twp.

Shore Liberty

The January/February issue of the Libertarians of Monmouth County Newsletter is available at www.monmouthlp.org.

If you haven't yet checked it out, this ezine is a terrific example of an active and aggressive county organization at work. From addresses to write county newspapers to notices on local activities and outreach efforts, *Shore Liberty* is a commendable tool at the county level, and a fun read, whatever county you live in.

Each issue has at least one great joke, story, quote or quip, and I stole this from the latest edition:

In 1555, Nostradamus wrote:

Come the millennium, month 12
In the home of greatest power
The village idiot will come forth
To be acclaimed the leader

"The Tao of Liberty"

Eastern philosophy and western politics will meet on Wednesday, March 14 in the presentation "The Tao of Liberty" sponsored by Libertarians of Monmouth County.

The free talk, which will be open to the public, will be held at the Main Branch of the Monmouth County Public Library, 125 Symmes Dr., Manalapan. It will begin at 7 p.m.

Ned Kelley, the founder and head instructor of the Califon Karate Academy in Califon, will discuss the similarities between Eastern concepts of self-defense and the non-initiation of force and the political philosophy of libertarianism.

Ned, who has been studying Martial Arts and Asian philosophy for 15 years, notes his training has been strongly rooted in the principle of using force only in self-defense. He is an At-Large member of the NJLP State Steering Committee.

For information or directions contact Pat Bontempo at (732) 775-7263 or at PDB10752@aol.com.

A Great Loss to the Fight

By Pat Bontempo

I'm sad to report that Jim Van Blarcom has passed away.

Many of you will recall Jim as first the editor of the Monmouth County newsletter and later as editor of the NJL. He was a prolific and effective writer and his commentaries, under the pen name J. Van Amos appeared in newspapers throughout the state. Jim was an intelligent, articulate voice for liberty. He'll be greatly missed.

Jim, 53, was a South Belmar resident. A CPA, he was the proprietor of Tinton-Falls based New Age Management, a property management firm serving residential communities in Monmouth and Ocean counties. A Jersey City native, he was graduated from St. Peter's Preparatory School and St. Peter's College.

In addition to his work on behalf of libertarianism, Jim was a pacifist, vegetarian and environmental activist. A nice sampling of his work, including his wonderful columns of libertarian analysis and a copy of one of his New Jersey Libertarian issues, was displayed at his viewing in Belmar.

He is survived by his father, Amos Van Blarcom of Whiting; sister Susan Van Blarcom of Pittstown; daughter Jennifer Van Blarcom of Rutherford; son James Van Blarcom, Jr. of Wall; former wife Margaret Zoch of East Rutherford; and his dear friend Ellie Vecchia of West End.

The family suggested in lieu of flowers donations to any of the following: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, 501 Front St., Norfolk VA 23510; Greenpeace, PO Box 96128, Washington DC 20090; and the Salvation Army of Asbury Park, 510 Grand Ave., Asbury Park NJ 07712. Libertarians of Monmouth County took up a special collection at its January 14 meeting and made a donation to the Salvation Army of Asbury Park in Jim's memory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NJLP COMMITTEES

By Len Flynn, NJLP Vice Chair

The NJLP has eight (8) working committees to assist the two party executive committees (Steering Committee and State Board) operate the NJLP. The committees and their respective coordinators are:

Recruitment/Membership

Jack Toussaint 973-759-8994

Bylaws

Len Flynn 732-591-1328

Annual Convention

Bob Jacobs 732-981-1290

Electronic Access

Lou Stefanelli 732-450-0270

Four additional committees are Fund Raising, Public Relations, County Committees, and Candidate Recruitment & Support, but they all lack coordinators.

Volunteers are needed for all committees. Please contact the committee coordinators or me if you want to sign up and help.



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Wine Freedom

Or, Eat, Drink (without Government interference) and be Merry

Should tax-paying members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving or Alcoholics Anonymous be forced to pay taxes to promote the consumption of alcohol? I think not. Should we support a state program to take tax dollars, pass them through Trenton (with its associated costs) and give the money to a marketing organization for a select group of businesses to encourage us to buy their products? Again, I think not.

The New Jersey Wine Industry Advisory Council (NJWIAC) is a government run, taxpayer-financed program similar to hundreds, if not thousands of others. It is a program designed to promote the sale of NJ produced wines, though approved by politicians to buy a few votes. Not only is it corporate welfare, but also when existing laws restrict the sale of wine, the program is a complete waste of taxpayer funds.

NJ has a wine tax of 70 cents per gallon paid by the retail consumer. For wines produced at NJ vineyards, 20 cents of that tax - which the state euphemistically calls a "grower assessment" -- is dedicated to fund the NJWIAC.

The NJWIAC administers these funds with state employees whose salaries, benefits and overhead expenses are paid for by general NJ tax dollars. The NJWIAC in turn gives over one half of its budget to the Garden State Wine Growers Association, formed and run by the vineyard owners. How many small business owners do you know that market their products/services at their own expense - without state funds? The NJWIAC is simply a corporate welfare program for vineyards.

The NJWIAC also uses state employees to promote the sales of NJ wine. Therefore, funds collected from all taxpayers are used to promote the sale of wine. In my opinion, this just compounds the problem. NJ officially discourages drunk driving - a year ago, Gov. Whitman signed into law two new pieces of legislation to curb drunk driving -- yet is using our tax dollars to promote the consumption of alcohol.

Now, if NJ really wanted to promote the sale of NJ produced wines, without using taxpayer funds, we would get rid of the laws that limit NJ vineyards to only five retail outlets, and the ridiculous restrictions imposed on them at those retail outlets.

For a restaurant to sell NJ wines under present laws, the vineyard has to lease space in the restaurant and hire an "employee" - usually the owner/manager who becomes the only person allowed to sell the wine in the restaurant. Restaurant customers desiring wine must personally go to the leased space area and buy the wine from the vineyard's "employee." Customers cannot sit at their table and be served. The reasoning for this is that the participating restaurants do not have liquor licenses (which can cost several hundred thousand dollars) and therefore, the sale is not being made by the restaurant, but by the vineyard's "employee" at the vineyard's own store (the leased space).

Allowing the marketplace to determine the number of retail outlets would probably generate more sales and profits for the vineyards than the efforts of the NJWIAC. Since vineyards are one of the few industries that produce, distribute and retail their own products, retail sales for the vineyards are very profitable. Eliminating the retail outlet restrictions would also allow more restaurants to offer NJ wines, increasing their sales and profits. Restaurant customers eating in restaurants offering NJ wines would then have an increased opportunity to purchase NJ wines, giving them more opportunities to purchase wine than they have now.

The New Jersey Libertarian Party platform calls for the elimination of the NJWIAC and "the repeal of all laws restricting or prohibiting the use or sale of alcohol." Isn't small government beautiful?

The NJWIAC and the restrictions on retail outlet sales by vineyards should both be eliminated. It would definitely provide benefits for taxpayers, wine consumers, restaurants, and most likely the vineyards as well! This suggestion is just common sense, but common sense isn't too common, especially in government.

Why? Because politicians would lose power and bureaucrats would lose jobs. Moreover, people who have something to lose fight fiercely when faced with the prospect of losing their special benefits. The benefits to the few are significant while the savings to the rest of us individually are minor.

Lou Elwell is the NJLP State Board's newest At Large Member, and is Secretary of Libertarians of Monmouth County. He is often published in area papers, including the Asbury Park Press. He and wife Janis author Shore Liberty, bi-monthly newsletter of Libertarians of Monmouth County. Comments can be sent to: LibertarianLou@aol.com

Letters...

Wanna write - right now? editor@njlp.org

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the news showing low Libertarian Party vote totals in the last election (Election 2000 Report on page 3 of the Dec., 2000 NJ Libertarian). Although there was a poor showing for many if not most Libertarian candidates in the last election, there does seem to be some increase in support for libertarian ideas. For example, going back to Dec., 1999, George W. Bush said in a Larry King CNN interview that he would be campaigning with a "consistent agenda of lower taxes, smaller government, and local control of schools". This sounds at least somewhat libertarian, doesn't it? To me this sounds even better than "...read my lips, no new taxes". Of course "... the era of big government is over" sounded pretty good for awhile too. Perhaps the speech-writers for Gov. Bush were aware of polls such as the one from the L.A. Times which found that Americans prefer "smaller government with fewer services" to "larger government with many services" by 59 to 26 percent.

What can we conclude from the success of Bush's libertarian sounding agenda and the lack of success of Harry Browne's? One possible conclusion is that a majority of voters (or at least a near majority) prefer a generally libertarian philosophy, but they don't want it implemented on the first day in office, as Harry might have done. Also, they evidently don't want to call themselves libertarians. A major problem, however, is that the libertarian sounding campaign promises are hardly ever kept. We'll see how much smaller the government is under Pres. G. W. Bush after he implements his increased military spending. From past patterns, it will be bigger rather than smaller.

But there are other reasons for optimism. In education, the new secretary designate says he will try to implement a broader range of school choice, have measurement and accountability for results, smaller schools, and more local control. Are libertarians going to argue with this? Unfortunately he wants to do all these good things along with having a bigger percentage of spending from the federal government. It looks like we are doomed to again rediscover the golden rule: He who hands out the gold makes the rules.

Even more good news is that another Bush cabinet secretary designate (Gale Norton) was apparently once very active in the LP (press release at www.lp.org), and also later worked at the Mountain States Legal Foundation, which is an organization "dedicated to individual liberty, the right to own and use property, limited government, and the free enterprise system". How can you quibble with that? It may not be well known, but there are other nationally prominent politicians (in this case elected) who also got their start in libertarian circles. We should be happy if a few of these people maintain their success and hopefully a reasonable fraction of their libertarian principles.

Perhaps the bottom line for this is that with the success of Libertarian Party candidates at the local level, good increases in Libertarian Party congressional vote totals, and the willingness of voters to support Republican politicians who at least have some libertarian sounding promises and even some libertarian-leaning appointees, we can at least have a reasonable hope that our grandchildren may live in a slightly freer world.

Gaylord Olson, Hillsborough

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TV Worth Watching

If you subscribe to Cablevision of Monmouth you can enjoy a weekly half-hour of libertarian TV with host Shad Woolley and his guests on "Third Point of View", Wednesdays, 10 p.m., Ch. 71 in the following communities: Asbury Park, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brielle, Farmingdale, Howell, Interlaken, Jackson, Lakewood, Manasquan, Millstone, Neptune City, Neptune Twp., Ocean Twp., Sea Girt, So. Belmar, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Hts., Upper Freehold Twp. and Wall Twp.

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Letters, cont'd

Dear Editor,

Almost a year ago now, I became involved with an organization called the We The People Foundation for Constitutional Education (WTP). My experience working for its Chairman, Bob Schulz, has been more than just rewarding and eye-opening – my participation with the Foundation has created more change and patriotism in my own life than I was originally willing to bargain for. I don't think I'd be classified as "Caucasian" anymore – I'm all Red, White and Blue.

Several years ago, Bob Schulz ran for Governor of New York on the Libertarian ticket. I didn't get to know him until my involvement with the Foundation, but one of the things that has become crystal-clear to me is precisely how he has formed such a fast-growing organization: **Take an issue that will be appealing to almost anyone on a non-partisan basis, and promote it like all hell.** And that he did.

The results? In just over 1-1/2 years:

- We are approaching 30,000 members, nationally.
- Members worked together to run two full-page ads in The Washington Times.
- We received one large donation that was enough to publish a full-page ad in USA Today. This ad in particular drove membership from 10,000 to 20,000 in a very short amount of time.
- Subsequently, many other newspapers, all over the country, published our ad -- free-of-charge.
- People travel from all States to attend our meetings in Washington, D.C. And this includes Alaska and Hawaii!

(Note: If you have not seen this ad or if you are not familiar with the work that we are doing, please visit our website at www.givemeliberty.org.)

My reason for writing is not just to promote WTP. I am writing is to suggest that perhaps some new tactics are needed for recruiting new members for the NJLP. With the density of the State of New Jersey, it seems that the membership could climb dramatically -- if a different approach were to be taken.

Libertarianism has a platform of issues that can be very difficult to communicate to potential members. Topics such as 2nd Amendment rights or the Legalization of Drugs, while logical to "us," do not sit well in the distorted perspectives of those influenced by the Liberal media. So maybe it's time to proceed differently? In my opinion, there is an issue well-deserving of attention and exposure of the public. Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports are reports available from every State, County, and town/city. Those specific reports divulge the ASSETS of States, Counties, etc. It can be a bit difficult to obtain paper copies from the government – they really do NOT want the taxpayers to know how much money they have – and they have plenty. From reading information available from Walter Burien, the STATE of New Jersey has enough money to write a check to each citizen for a staggering \$150,000.00. Then ask yourself why we are still paying taxes... if this doesn't get your goat, I don't know what will.

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According to Burien, who “discovered” the CAFR for NJ, 101.5 radio began disclosing this information, and quickly received a threat from the FCC, saying that if the station did not stop advertising this information, they would lose their license. (Note: For more information on CAFRs, please go to: <http://www.financenet.gov/financenet/state/cafr.htm#in>.)

An issue such as this one, if properly marketed throughout your community, could draw an awful lot of attention – hence membership. Progress is being made in other States on this issue. There's no reason it can't happen in New Jersey – with Libertarians being credited for it.

Partnering with fellow town or county citizens on analyzing and then exposing such matters to the press could become a community project. Getting to know your neighbors in this respect can be extremely productive – you would then have the opportunity to “spoon feed” them some of the valid points of the philosophies that may be a bit more difficult to swallow.

I've found it to be amazing how I've been able to get others to “look outside the box,” just one spoonful at a time. My friend, Bill, (a disappointed “Republican”) who I met via one of his Letters to the Editor in the Bergen Record said to me recently (after many emails and conversations), “You know, Martelle, I think I've been a Libertarian all my life...”

Need I say more?

Martelle D. Green

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Christian Joest, Blairstown Township (Warren County) Board of Education

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Ned Kelley, Hunterdon County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Tracey Lockwood, Secretary, City of Clifton Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities; Chair, Cable TV Committee, City of Clifton

John Paff, Member, Franklin Township (Somerset County) Attorney Ethics Committee

Hal Shute, West Amwell Township Open Space Committee and West Amwell Zoning Board of Adjustment

Bill Thawley, Cape May Mayor's Advisory Council and Transportation Committee

Ed Wiessmann, Chairman, Sparta Township Community Dispute Resolution Committee; Member, Vernon Township Community Dispute Resolution Committee

Ronald Wishart, Member, Manalapan Township Planning Board

Thanks, folks!

County Organizations

The NJLP has affiliated county organizations for advocacy, activism and discussion at the county level. Feel free to contact these organizations through any of the individuals listed. If you do not see your county listed, please contact Chair Ed Wiessmann for information on activism in your area.

Bergen	Contact Tom Wright timetrial@worldnet.att.net
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Calendar of County Meetings

The public is invited and guests are very welcome.

Burlington/Camden County (BCLP) meeting. Call 609 273 3253

Hunterdon County, first Monday of each month at Busher's Restaurant, Rt. 22W, Whitehouse Station. Call Ned Kelley at 908 534 5562 for info.

Mercer County: Call David Trend at 609 466 2469

Middlesex/Somerset Counties: fourth Monday of each month, 7:30 PM. For meeting location call Howard Schoen at 732 572 0207.

Monmouth County, second Sunday of each month, Liberty Brunch at 11:30 AM, meeting at Noon. Call Keith Quarles at 732 280 9615 for location and details.

Morris/Essex Counties, last Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM, call Mike Lewin at 973 884 0005.

Salem County, last Saturday of each month, 2 PM, call Robert Dyson at 609 678 8034

Sussex County, call Tony Federici at 973 764 7289.

Ezine Subscriptions Climbing!

With each month that passes, more NJLP members add their names to the list of those discontinuing hard copy delivery of the *New Jersey Libertarian*.

As of this issue, 60 members have opted for the ezine, saving the party \$360 a year!

What are they getting in return? For one thing, more content. Even this month's expanded hard copy issue doesn't have everything we fit in this online or pdf version - like our "Libertarian Links and Lists".

Color photos, quick access to other stories mentioned in our articles, and instant feedback are just a few of the other benefits to an ezine subscription. Also, we're extending our Free Ad incentive. The boxed ads you see throughout this issue, without a "paid advertisement" caption, are perks members received for switching to the online NJL. Brandon LaGreca used his to plug his herbal remedy website. Mark Peterson and Martelle Green combined their free space to promote the Philadelphia Freedom Conference. Pat Bontempo and some other Monmouth County Libertarians use theirs to keep their Monmouth ad going. You can use your space whenever you want it, for whatever you like - it's our way of thanking you for freeing up your dues for more important activities than printing and postage.

Don't be shy! You're one of the 60 who has switched. Keep your comments and suggestions coming - they really help. Don't be afraid to let other members know you like your ezine, and feel free to pass it along to family and friends as an outreach effort. Thanks for making the numbers climb!

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Libertarian Links and Lists

Latest addition:

Libertarian Strategy Caucus www.lp2000.com

Libertarian activists from across the country have formed a caucus to develop, analyze and discuss strategic plans for achieving political success. This is a forum where Libertarian Party plans, projects and procedures will be seriously analyzed -- before, during, and after going into effect.

If we always do what we have always done, we will always get what we always got.

Strategic planning focuses on long-term goals and primary objectives, and effective methods for achieving them. It is not about "process improvement" (doing just what we have always done, only slightly better).

Our focus is on Libertarian political success in the near future.

It is the intention of this group to act in synergy with existing activist groups, and with the strategic plans of existing national, state and county organizations.

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- www.cjnj.org. Citizens for Justice in NJ's homepage, including John Paff's Bartender List.
- 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.
- http://www.njlp.org/html/bartender_list.html. John Paff's Bartender list. If you're thinking of hiring a lawyer in NJ, you might want to check him out here.
- www.lp.org. Homepage of the National Libertarian Party.
- www.self-gov.org. Homepage of Advocates for Self Government.
- www.lp2000.com. Liberty Strategy Caucus
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- www.ij.org. Libertarian organization committed to achieving justice through action in the courts.
- www.drcnet.org. The central homepage dedicated to the reform of American drug laws.
- www.guntruths.com. Defending second amendment rights through common sense and truth.
- www.friedmanfoundation.org. Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman's foundation to free children from the government monopoly on schools.
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