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Mark speaking at CAPP Conference

Edgerton Campaign Update

By Chris Wuestefield

Since last month's official announcement of the campaign, gubernatorial candidate Mark Edgerton isn't waiting for the press and populace to take notice. He and his committed supporters have been out in the cold and snow, making things happen. The action has included media coverage – both print and radio – campaign appearances, and even an unusual alliance with a New Jersey legislator to rock the boat of the New Jersey Legislature.

One of the campaign's first goals was killing S1985, the New Jersey "campaign finance reform" bill, dubbed the "Donald DiFrancesco Non-Competition Act of 2001". S1985 was introduced and rammed through the State Senate before the NJLP or other organizations could speak up. Every Republican senator other than William Schluter (23rd District) voted in favor of the bill, passing it 22-17. The railroading slowed down under the weight of the bureaucracy, though, when it was passed to the Assembly.

The Edgerton Campaign took the lead in organizing opposition to the bill. On January 26th, a rally/press conference was held at the Statehouse to raise public awareness and speak out against the bill. In attendance were representatives of the Coalition of Alternative Political Parties ("CAPP"), Mary Jo Christian of the Natural Law Party, and an unlikely ally: State Senator William Schluter. Sen. Schluter, criticizing the bill, said, "the skids were greased on this one", revealing that he had floated eleven other proposals for campaign finance reform. None of these had seen the light of day, while S1985 sailed through without the benefit of any debate.

The organizing efforts of the Edgerton Campaign seem to have been successful. S1985 was received in the Assembly and referred to the Assembly State Government Committee, where it seems to have stalled. It seems that, thanks to the efforts of Edgerton supporters and other opposition parties, we are safe for the 2001 election.

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Monmouth Libertarians Prepare County Slate

For the third consecutive year Monmouth County libertarians plan to contest the seats up for election on their county Board of Chosen Freeholders. And this year they hope to field an even stronger county ticket by offering a candidate for Sheriff as well.

Jennifer Carter and Richard "Jay" Edgar, both of Cream Ridge, have announced they will run for Freeholder. Jay Boucher of Lincroft has announced he is a candidate for Sheriff. All three will be making their first runs for office.

"Contesting countywide offices is doubly attractive," says Pat Bontempo, county chair. "It means our candidates will be on the ballot in every district in the county. Plus it helps the top of the ticket by giving the LP candidates lower down on the ballot."

So far four Monmouth members have stepped forward to express interest in running for the State General Assembly. Since new state legislative district may not be drawn until as late as early April, the county organization is concentrating for now on securing ballot spots for county candidates.

The names will be placed in nomination at the March 24 NJLP State Convention. Anyone in Monmouth interested in running may contact Pat at PDB10752@aol.com (or call 732 775-7263) or Jay Edgar at richedgar@hotmail.com. Please contact Pat or Jay if you can help with gathering signatures on nominating petitions as well.

Jay, the county Election Coordinator, has posted a listing of all offices in the county up for election this November at www.redgar.homepage.com/Monmouth.html. If you do not have Internet access contact Pat as noted above.

Wow!

If you haven't visited the NJLP state web site (www.njlp.org) or Mark Edgerton's site (www.markedgerton.com), you're in for a pleasant surprise when you see them next. New webmaster Bob Hull, working with Jay Boucher and Chris Weimann (on the state site) and Mike Pierone (on the Edgerton site) has given both an attractive new look. In addition to being more easily navigated, the snazzy new appearance is a real eye pleaser. Check them out!



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Location: The National Conference Center at the RAMADA® INN
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Schedule: *Business session; 09:00AM - 12:30 pm,

***Business Session Agenda**

- 9:00 am Call to order and quorum check
- 9:05 Agenda review and approval
Minutes of 2/18 State Board Meeting
Treasurer's Report
 - a) 2001 Budget presentation
 - b) New dues share
- 9:25 Election, NJLP Officers and At-Large Reps
Election, NJLP Trustees
- 10:05 Recess for County Caucuses
- 10:30 Approval of NJLP Candidates
- 11:30 Standing Committees reports
Ongoing Business and *ad hoc* committees
 - a) Campaign Support/Petitioning (Lou Elwell)
 - b) TV Show (Emerson Ellett)
 - c) NJLP Newsletter (Deb Sackett)
 - d) 2001 Tax Protest Day
- 12:00 New Business
 - a) Member recognition (Lou Elwell)
 - c) Volunteers sign-up
- 12:20 Report from National LP (Dan Karlan)
Announcements
Future meetings
- 12:30 Adjournment

Speakers

Jim Bovard

Fellow of the CATO institute.

Author: **Feeling Your Pain: The Explosion and Abuse of Government Power During the Clinton-Gore Years.**

Topic: Government destroying American liberty

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*

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Why Volunteer For the Edgerton Gubernatorial Campaign?

By Hal Shute

The NJLP is a political party officially existing for the primary purpose of nominating and running candidates for elective office in the State of New Jersey. I realize that there is a fairly large social component to membership also, and I would not discourage people from joining for that reason. However, as a political party we are obligated to find and run Libertarian Candidates. NJLP members presumably understand and support that obligation. The quantity and level of those candidates has been a bone of contention for as long as I've been around and no doubt the discussion will continue long after I'm gone from the scene. Personally, I've come to the conclusion that we should let people choose their own office to pursue, and direct the Party's resources toward those races that present the best opportunity for our success. I have decided that what is best for me is the ladder approach starting with volunteer work on local boards and committees, especially since I currently have no desire for office higher than my local Township Committee.

So, you might ask, what is this guy doing recruiting volunteers for the Edgerton Campaign? It's a long shot that could possibly become a black hole for all the NJLP resources. The candidate surely wants the job, but is he really qualified? The answer is pretty simple: I believe the NJ Governor's race can and should be our call to arms as a political entity. If we don't do our best here, we might as well fold our tents.

Let's look at a few reasons why I feel this way. Other high level offices are also long shots, but have the additional detraction of a bittersweet victory in the event lightning does strike. If our candidate wins election to the US Congress, they will be 1 of 435; US Senate, 1 of 100; NJ Assembly, 1 of 80; NJ Senate, 1 of 40. Election to one of these offices would bear no immediate, tangible results.

Ah, but the Governor's Office. The editor of The Times has repeatedly called the NJ Governor's Office the most powerful in the nation. The NJ Governor has the power of veto, executive order, judicial nomination, pardon, submits in entirety and controls a large part of the current \$22 billion State of New Jersey Budget. The Governor has executive authority over at least 16 Departments and 28 Agencies, ranging from the DEP to the State Parole Board. I won't go into the possibilities with a sitting Libertarian Governor, but I think you get the idea. In addition, the NJ Governor's race is always held in an odd, off election year where there not a lot going on elsewhere in the nation. The chance for national media coverage and national support from out of state is good providing we run a credible campaign. Therefore, we would be foolish indeed not to do our very best every four years, and 2001 is one of those years.

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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.

Why Volunteer for the Edgerton Campaign?

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One of the most common excuses for inaction I have heard as I recruit is doubt as to the qualifications of our candidate. Is he Libertarian enough, does he have the executive ability, will he adhere to libertarian principles if elected and during the campaign? Well, some of that depends on you. The candidate's positions and policies are as much a reflection of his campaign team and their ideals as his own. The best way to ensure your ideas are heard and your ideals upheld is to get involved in the campaign and speak up. As to executive abilities, I need only to point to the current resident of the White House as evidence that good staff is more important than executive ability in the political arena. There is no perfect candidate. If you choose to wait for one before getting involved, you will likely find yourself naked and disarmed when the foul beast of tyranny bears down on you.

Martin Luther King once said "If a man hasn't discovered something to die for, he isn't fit to live". Well, we're not asking you to die for Liberty, or even to bleed. We just want a little of your time, talent and ideas. A little of your capital would help a lot too.

Announcements

Edgerton for Governor Petitions can be acquired from Dan Karlan or directly from the Secretary of State's office in Trenton. If you'd like one from Dan, drop him a line at 97 Manhattan Ave., Waldwick, NJ 07463 or you can call him at 201-444-2846.

NJLP buys new computer for *the New Jersey Libertarian*. The NJLP has purchased a *Dell Dimension* for use by the current and future editors. At the request of the editor, the State Board created a Computer Committee, whose members researched the purchase for several months before arriving at the decision to purchase a Dell product. The outstanding support offered by Dell makes the purchase a long-term benefit to the Party, ensuring that future editors will have formatted hardware in place to continue the consistent monthly production maintained for the past 18 months. The new PC is a vast improvement over the current editor's limping laptop, and is much appreciated.



Is Liberty the Way?

A free public talk on the relationship between traditional Asian philosophy and the concepts of self-defense and the non-initiation of force as expressed in libertarianism will be delivered by Ned Kelley on Wednesday, March 14.

The talk, "The Tao of Liberty," sponsored by Libertarians of Monmouth County, will be held at the Monmouth County Public Library, 125 Symmes Dr., Manalapan, conveniently located off of Rt. 9. It will begin at 7 p.m.

Ned, a member of the NJLP State Steering Committee, is the founder and head instructor of the Califon Karate Academy. He has been studying Martial Arts and Asian philosophy for 15 years.

For more information call (732) 775-7263. Information on upcoming Monmouth events can be obtained from www.MonmouthLP.org.



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Well, I Tried

By Pat Bontempo

I'm a big proponent of writing letters to the editor, but I admit it can be a frustrating experience – even when they run your letter.

While holiday visiting in Hightstown I saw a particularly dumb anti-gun editorial in the Trenton *Times*, a newspaper I don't normally see. I dutifully e-mailed a response which I later learned was printed. But when a friend sent me a clipping (see box) I was more annoyed than pleased.

Newspapers quite properly edit letters for space and style requirements, and some of the editing they did on mine did make it read better. I did regret, however, that they dropped the line: "And needless to say, criminals, madmen and terrorists will not bother to abide by such laws."

But the *Times* made another change that actually altered what I said. I had written: "You did note it could help 'to encourage the elimination of little-used firearms,' although significantly you did not explain how this would be."

Instead, the *Times* printed: "The *Times* did note that registration could help 'to encourage the elimination of little-used firearms, although a significant explanation was not given."

Sorry, Mr. Editor, my point was not that you did not present a "significant explanation." It was that, in my opinion, you did not present any explanation at all of how this would happen, and that I found the lack of any such explanation to be a significant fact.

Sloppy editing? I guess I have to suppose so. A minor point? Perhaps, but one that put the *Times'* editorial position in a far more favorable light than had been the intent of my remark.

So, folks, here's another reason to write your favorite newspaper: You'll get a personal taste of their editing policy.

By the way, my friend neglected to note the date the letter was printed, though it was between December 30th and January 17th. If anyone knows exactly, please let me know.

The *Times* Version:

Licensing isn't the solution

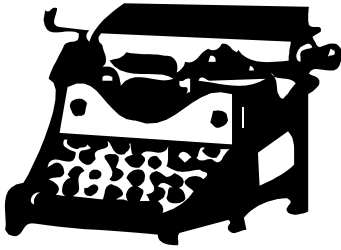
The *Times'* Dec. 27 editorial calling for the licensing of all guns and gun owners was rich with sincerity and conviction, but, sad to say, devoid of any reasoned argument. It failed to address even the simplest question: How will licensing stop even one murder or other crime committed with a firearm?

A licensed gun owner with a registered weapon can kill as readily and effectively as a licensed driver with a registered vehicle can run down a pedestrian.

The *Times* did note that registration could help "to encourage the elimination of little-used firearms," although a significant explanation wasn't given. Anyone who wants to rid themselves of a gun can do so safely now – and should. Local police departments should encourage citizens to bring in unwanted weapons for proper disposal.

Guns are indeed part of the horrific violence in our society. But additional bureaucracy, red tape, cost and needless laws are not, realistically, part of the solution, although they are quick and easy proposals for politicians and well-meaning reformers. Placing restrictions on our fundamental human rights does no good and opens the door to much evil.

Pat Bontempo, Asbury Park City
*The writer is chairman of the
Monmouth County Libertarian Party*



Libertarians In Print

Printed in the Home News, February 17th, 2001

There you go again Mister Editor (to steal a line from Ronald Reagan),

Let's rush in and pass yet another law that people will ignore. Better yet, let's rush in a federal law. Sheesh.

You say "civil libertarians ...", but as a Libertarian, I think you miss the whole point.

You even miss your own point. To quote exactly, "As compelling as that might sound, it fails to recognize that motorists traveling the public roadways must ensure they and their passengers are safe. If they aren't, the cost to society are too high."

You put the onus on the motorist for safety. Not a whole bunch of laws sporadically enforced. Society doesn't have "costs"; people do. People trade off costs for benefits all the time.

Government is the problem; not the solution. There are very few things that the government should be involved in and this is not one of them.

We know that decisions are made by making trade offs. The seat belt law may have saved lives but it also cost lives, caused injuries, and allowed the government to intrude into our lives.

Empowered by "safety", we have air bags. Someone making those trade off decisions for us in Washington has traded but people have died, been badly injured, and incurred increased capital and operational costs.

This is just another one of those.

If I want that safety feature, leave me alone so that I can make the trade off. Why should I have a device in my car that I have to pay a higher price for the car, that may kill me if I am small, that may hurt me from the explosion, that adds additional weight for me to pay in gas mileage, and that I may never use?

Balancing costs versus benefits are not best done by laws. "Stop for red lights" prevents chaos. "Tie down kids" may or may not be a good idea.

There is an underlying tradeoff being made there.

Now when I take my nephews in the car, they sit in the back, belted in. Not because of a State or Federal rule, but because that is what they mother wants. PERIOD. Parents are responsible for their children. Anything we do that undermines that authority or responsibility is counter to common sense.

So to sum up, your editorial continues that mythology that only the government can solve problems. "Safety of children must not be paramount", freedom should be!

John Reinke
Kendall Park, NJ 08824

Printed in the Daily Targum (Rutger's University), January 23rd, 2001

Candidate Hears Peoples' Wants

To the Editor,

Mark Edgerton, the Libertarian nominee for governor, announced in a press conference in Trenton Wednesday that he is hiring Doug Friedline — Jesse Ventura's campaign manager — to run his campaign. Edgerton's Web site at markedgerton.com lists his reasons for running. Police shootings of unarmed teenagers, property taxes and racial profiling are among the issues.

Mark realizes that the war on drugs is the war on the rights of the people of New Jersey that has culminated in such policies as racial profiling and asset forfeiture. The war on drugs has failed to stop drug use, just as Prohibition failed to stop alcohol use in the 1930s. If your loved one, or somebody you know, gets caught with drugs, would you want that person to be sent to jail, or would you prefer treatment as a better alternative? To Edgerton the answer is clear. However, the other major party candidates advocate the policies of the failed drug war, even though it is this very policy that led to the increase of police corruption, prison overcrowding and the release of violent criminals on parole and early release.

Edgerton is a credible candidate, whose stance on the war on drugs includes his support for legalizing medical marijuana and industrial hemp, and decriminalizing non-medical marijuana. He also believes in changing the focus of the law regarding other illegal drugs from punishment to voluntary treatment.

Victor Kaplan

Victor Kaplan is founder of Rutgers University's Libertarian Club

Libertarian Parenting

No More “Officer Friendly”

By Deb Sackett

I don't know about you, but I grew up believing that cops were the ones you could trust to help and protect you. In the halcyon days of California in the 70s, my parents believed, and taught me to believe, that the police were our defense against violence, protectors of persons and property.

When I was 16 and my driving days loomed before my parents, their biggest concern was the punishment I might inflict on their cars.

Now, as a parent with teenaged boys champing at the bit, the lectures about defensive driving are totally different from those boomed at me by my dad 20 years ago.

Defensive driving advice these days consists of keeping the article “How to Avoid Being Shot by the Police (at a traffic stop)” on the fridge, and dire threats of what I'll do to every bone in my boys' bodies, should they ever be unlucky enough to have a friend get busted in my car for possession.

The Roman emperors had a great fund-raising strategy: if a citizen “informed” (justly or not) on another citizen, the emperor got the spoils and the informant got a cut – or maybe just their freedom or their life – in return.

New Jersey and other states have the same deal. Don't irritate your neighbor – they might decide to call a drug hot line, “inform” on you, and cause a 3 am no-knock raid on your house in revenge. If, by chance, you've got an illegal substance in your home, that raid for giggles will net them a nice reward.

The Romans also knew that the best way to keep their armies happy was victory over a wealthy enemy. Nothing like a little pillaging to keep the swords sharp and the blood lust running high. Again, NJ has adopted a policy from the bad old days. It's more rewarding for local cops to keep drug dealers in business and scoop up their customers one by one than it is to enforce the ludicrous second try at prohibition. We live in a society where the state files charges against vehicles, since vehicles don't enjoy a presumption of innocence.

So, in addition to drilling your kids on traffic laws and driving techniques, don't forget to remind them that driving fatalities happen at traffic stops, not just in accidents, and that Officer Friendly is dead and gone.

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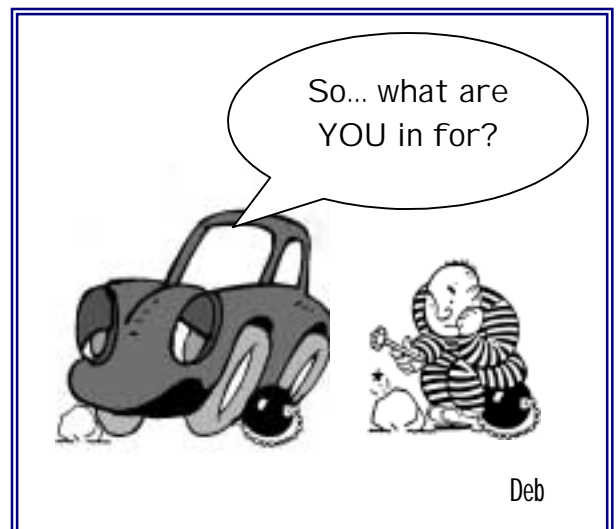
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Libertarian Lou on the Loose

By Lou Elwell

Because nearly all American have access, millions of lives each year are saved, protected and made more enjoyable. However, tens of thousands of people die each year, but that's a small price to pay given the positive benefits. In fact, the good outweighs the bad so much that most politicians want every American household to enjoy the universal benefits of ... healthcare.

Depending on whose statistics you use, National Academy of Sciences or the National Safety Council, medical errors in America accidentally kill between 98,000 and 120,000 people each year. Apparently, the pen is mightier than the sword -- more people die from faulty drug prescriptions than from gunshots. The perception of guns and the deaths they cause is so bad that Bill Bradley called gun control a "public health issue," but, to the best of my knowledge, did not make an issue out of faulty prescription deaths.

The AMA must be much better at lobbying Congress than the NRA since medical care causes many more deaths than guns and nobody seems upset about it. I have never heard of National Doctor Control, Inc. or a million moms marching against health care. Yet, based on the facts, faulty health care kills many more people than guns.

Let me be clear that I am not against the health care industry. In fact, Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership and the Claremont Institute have published a study which views gun ownership as positive, combating the distorted data used by gun control advocates. The real issue is that the public debate has not been whether or not guns kill an excessive number of people, but how do we stop guns from killing, which is the equivalent of asking how we can stop folk's forks from making people fat.

So let's talk about gun deaths -- roughly 16,000 people a year die from gunshots (accidental or otherwise), which is far less than the "death by doctor" statistics. It is also far less than the number of people dying from tobacco, alcohol and automobiles, and miniscule compared to the deaths from heart disease and cancer. Now I realize that we can't legislate against heart disease and cancer, but why isn't there an uproar against the deaths caused by tobacco, alcohol and automobiles similar to the uproar of the gun control advocates? Hypocrisy abounds. Furthermore, millions of people enjoy using their guns for hunting or target shooting and, according to criminologist Gary Kleck, guns actually save over 2.5 million lives per year. How many lives does smoking cigarettes save?

But what about the children? The children that die from accidental gun deaths receive so much media attention because they are so rare they become newsworthy. Now, I agree that even one death is a tragedy, but the fact is, according to the National Safety Council, toddlers are more likely to die from drowning than from guns! Children are also much more likely to accidentally die from auto accidents, suffocation, fires and falls than from guns. And students are more likely to die from playing football than from school shootings.

So what would stop children's gun deaths? Is there anything that could prevent these tragedies? Maybe. However, the answer might surprise you and the anti-gun control crowd definitely won't believe you.

The most effective way to reduce firearm-related violence among children is to buy them a gun and teach them how to use it responsibly. That's not just my opinion, that's the conclusion of a study by the federal government entitled, "Urban Delinquency and Substance Abuse," conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The findings are a slap in the face to what you might assume. Children, ages 6 to 15 in the study, who get guns from parents don't commit gun crimes (0 out of the 4000 studied), and are less likely to commit any kind of street crime than children who have no gun in the house.

The evidence is clear to those that want to look at it -- gun deaths rank very low on the list of preventable deaths compared to tobacco, alcohol, swimming pools, or faulty prescriptions. Moreover, if you want fewer children to die accidentally from guns, teach them how to use one. If you really want to save lives, support the Second Amendment and oppose irresponsible calls for more anti-gun laws.

To make significant progress on this issue, we need to reframe the questions from debating the merits of gun control laws to debating the basic premise -- are gun deaths so horrible (comparably) that they outweigh the tragedies of a gunless society?

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

Edgerton Campaign Report

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The public isn't usually thinking about elections in February, particularly following such a significant one as in 2000. Still, the media has been remarkably receptive to the Edgerton campaign. Aside from coverage of issues such as the "Donald DiFrancesco Non-Competition Act" rally, Mark has been interviewed a number of times for radio and television. On February 6, WGHT (1500 AM), an eight minute appearance had been scheduled. The host found Mark and his message so compelling that the time was opened up to 30 minutes, but eventually ran to over an hour. Continuing the momentum, Mark has taped interviews with WMGQ (98.3 FM), Channel 12 New Jersey, the *Third Point of View* television show, and even flown to Washington, D.C. with campaign manager Doug Friedline to tape spots there.

While Mark has been making waves in the media, supporters continue to demonstrate. In addition to the S1985 rally, a group of Edgerton supporters made an appearance in Woodbridge on Feb. 1 to greet the special state Chamber of Commerce train carrying New Jersey's top politicians and special interests on their annual "Schmooze Cruise" to Washington, D.C.

Commuters at the crowded Metropark platform seemed a bit surprised at the display of support for Edgerton and the Libertarian Party. One of those who got an eyeful was presumptive Democratic candidate Jim McGreevey, the mayor of Woodbridge. According to Pat Bontempo, one of the Edgerton supporters, McGreevey "gave a perplexed look and polite wave to the group as he passed by to board the train".

The amount of interest in the Edgerton campaign is truly remarkable, both amongst New Jersey media and amongst Mark's own supporters. At the same time that these events have unfolded on the public stage, the strength's of Mark's organization has been building. Most key positions have been filled, including campaign manager, treasurer, lawn sign coordinator, senior citizen coordinator, issues coordinator, and others.

According to campaign manager Doug Friedline, the state of our organization is as good or better than that of Gov. Jesse Ventura's at this stage of the campaign. Still, as the scale of the campaign builds, more help will be critical to our success. If you're interested in being part of history, contact volunteer coordinator Hal Shute at (609) 397-5249 or shute@blast.net.



Edgerton supporters greet McGreevey and other "Schmooze Cruisers" with Edgerton Signs

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Zoning Board of Adjustment, Chester Borough
Planning Board, and Historic Preservation Committee

Tony Federici, Community Dispute Resolution
Committee, Vernon Township

Ken Hetrick, Administrator, Chatham Township

Joseph Higgins, Woodcliff Lake Borough Emergency
Management Coordinator

Paul Horuzy, Commissioner, Sussex County
Municipal Utilities Authority

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
Essex/Morris	Chair Fred Maywald, 973 761 1793
Gloucester	Contact Deb Sackett DebSackett@iconnectdirect.com
Hudson	Chair Erik Perasson Rep Dan Mikulsky
Hunterdon	Chair and Rep Ned Kelley, 908 534-5562 kelleynd@yahoo.com
Mercer	Chair Chris Toto, 609 883 0697 ChrisToto@aol.com Rep Worthington Winslow
Middlesex	Chair Barry Allen, 732 463 5405
Monmouth	Chair Pat Bontempo, 732 775 7263 PDB10752@aol.com Rep Mike Panella, 732 442 8711 102531.3477@compuserve.com
Ocean	Rep Chris Weimann, 732 240 6132 Cweimann@wallnet.com
Somerset/Middlesex	Chair John Paff, 732 873 1251 Paff@pobox.com Rep Darryl Gibson, 732 748 9546 N2diy@postoffice.worldnet.att.net
Sussex	Chair Tony Federici, 973 764 7289
Union	Contact Joe Saturnia, 908 771 9550

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.

Ocean County, contact Ken Bank at 609 607 0881

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.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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
 State Chair's Home

Sun, May 20th, 1 PM
State Board Meeting
 Tumulty's Pub
 361 George Street, New Brunswick

Sun, June 17th, 1 PM
Steering Committee Meeting
 Location TBD

Sat, July 14th, 1:30 PM
General Meeting and
NJLP Annual Picnic
 Flynn Residence
 Morganville



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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.njlp.org. The homepage of the NJLP
- www.lp.org. Homepage of the National Libertarian Party.
- www.lppa.org. Homepage of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania
- www.monmouthlp.org. Homepage of Libertarians of Monmouth County.
- 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
- www.laissezfaire.org. Homepage of Laissez-Faire books.
- 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.
- www.atr.org. The homepage of Americans for tax reform.
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