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ROUND ONE :

THE EMPIRE 59%, DINO TORO 41%

Cumberland County LP member **Dino Toro** received 41% of the vote in his race for a seat on the Commercial Township Committee.

Toro, 59, told the story of his campaign to the assembled NJLP General Meeting on November 9 in Somerset. He said that he never expected to win in his first campaign, but does intend to in his second, next year.

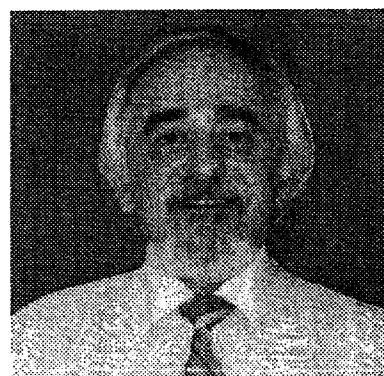
Mr Toro beat his Republican opponent in two of the township's four voting districts enroute to a total 458 votes, causing his sole opponent to break a sweat with 665 votes overall. Toro did this by doing the thing that helps most: personally visiting every home in the township at least once, and repeating the trip to catch those he missed.

On one occasion, NJLP member **John Moura** did a "sweep", leaving a Toro brochure in every doorknob, followed up a day or two later by the candidate himself, who now had informed "customers" who knew what they wanted to ask him.

Dino's sincere attachment to his town is obvious when he says "This is where I've chosen to retire; I want to make this town better." His friendly and casual delivery is remarkably free of cant, dogma, and arcane ideological lingo. His campaign included as much listening as talking, and one of his salient points was the fact that his neighborhood of Commer-

cial Township lacked representation on the township committee. (He carried the two voting districts in his neighborhood by 174-124, and 189-126, respectively)

Dino's candidacy had many supporters, but two that were especially enthusiastic were his wife Arlene, who registered over 200 voters during the campaign, and his Campaign Manager Herb Roselle, who is also the Chair of the Cumberland County



Dino Toro

LIBERTARIANS CANDIDATES ENDORSED

Libertarian candidates raked in a slew of endorsements from prominent New Jerseyans this year, just one year after getting the first.

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Hillsborough Twp School Board members sued by LP members and other local citizens have authorized the Board's attorney to defend against the lawsuit, file a countersuit, and solicit the involvement of the state School Boards Association.

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NJLP congressional candidates won some endorsements and respect on their way to the election.

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UPGRADE!

NJLP "Budget" members are urged to upgrade to "regular" memberships so as to receive every month's NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN.

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ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE LP



HARRY BROWNE GETS MORE ENDORSEMENTS ON THE AIR

Harry Browne was accorded an unusual honor by NEW JERSEY 101.5 talk show host **Dennis Malloy** on October 29; he was the guest of honor on a one-hour telephone interview and call-in segment -on the air! Malloy described his contempt for the old parties, his admiration for Harry Browne and his ideas, and stated unequivocally that Harry had his vote.

NEW JERSEY 101.5 show hosts do not, as a rule, endorse candidates for public office or make candidates the topics of their shows, so Malloy's endorsement, followed by Browne's usual masterful performance, set the LP above all other parties for that station's audience.

Station personnel informed the NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN that some two dozen calls from listeners were received, and **Glenn Geschwindner** of Neshanic Station, who heard the callers on the air, reports that most were favorable. Browne demonstrated once again his gift for narrowing issues down to their essence and simplifying issues in listeners' minds.

Harry was also endorsed by WABC talk show host **LIONEL**, who spoke at the NJLP convention last March.



JANICE PRESSER SLUGS A TRIPLE

Burlington County Libertarian and Third Congressional District Candidate **Janice Presser** made history by getting the NJLP's first major endorsement in her run for the Eighth District Assembly Seat in 1995, from the COURIER-POST.

This year she repeated that feat twice with endorsements from NEW JERSEY 101.5 radio talk show hosts **Jim Gearhart** and **Dennis Malloy**, and she got honorable mention from the BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES, which, while endorsing incumbents across the board, added this:

"Of the three independent (sic) candidates running in the Third, one deserves special mention. Janice Presser, a forensic and education specialist from Moorestown, is a Libertarian who closely adheres to her party's small government philosophy. Like most Libertarians, Presser underestimates the role government plays in our lives, and what people have come to expect from Washington. But Presser impressed us with her intelligence and perspective; voters looking for an alternative to the two-party monotony should give her serious consideration."

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MIKE BUONCRISTIANO MAKES IT A DOUBLE

Our Thirteenth Congressional District Candidate, **Mike Buoncristiano**, appeared on so many local cable television and radio shows during his campaign that it was actually more difficult to pronounce his name than to find him on the air. His incessant efforts paid off handsomely with at least two prominent political players: The Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs, whose endorsement was reported in the October **NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN**, and **Robert Sacks**, President of the Hudson County Taxpayers' Association and generally prominent Hudson County Republican, who ran a quarter page ad in the **JERSEY JOURNAL** endorsing several Republican candidates -and Mike.

Mike had mixed feelings about the endorsement, which he found flattering, but felt uncomfortable being listed together with Republicans whose policies he seeks to change.

Mike ran a model campaign, raising far more than any other Libertarian candidates in New Jersey (except Harry Browne), building the biggest campaign staff (ten) and doing the most actual face-to-face work with voters. One of the last of his frequent press releases before the election declared victory, on the grounds that he had overcome the usual media blackout to reach the voters of his district, where he is now widely known.

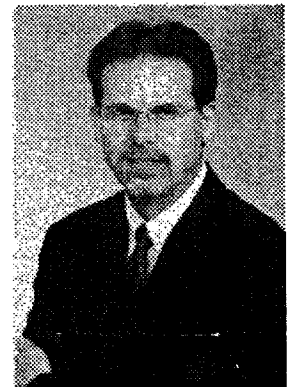


GINNY FLYNN AND KEITH QUARLES HIT THE AIR

LP candidates in the sixth and twelfth districts Quarles and Flynn picked up on the cue **NEW JERSEY 101.5** gave the NJLP by running two series of hard-hitting radio commercials during October. The ads constituted endorsements of another kind, as they were funded entirely by donations. The donors

realized what a great value these ads are, which can be had for as little as six dollars each and reach an audience with an exceptionally high concentration of those sympathetic to our cause.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I like to think of myself as the Czar of Sussex County."

-Jared McDavit,
Sussex County Assistant Prosecutor
& Director, Narcotics Task Force

*Buying or selling real estate?
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N.J. PRESIDENTIAL VOTE TOTALS

NAME	PARTY	VOTES	PCT
Clinton	Democratic	1,588,811	53.51
Dole	Republican	1,067,274	35.94
Perot	Reform	254,941	8.59
Nader	Green	32,230	1.09
Browne	Libertarian	14,434	0.49
Hagelin	Natural Law	3,928	0.13
Phillips	USTaxpayer	3,474	0.12
Harris	Socialist Workers	1,978	0.07
Mooreh	Workers' World	1,669	0.06
White	Socialist Equality	721	0.02

TOTAL 2,969,460

Vote numbers are from the NJ Department of Elections as of Tuesday, November 12, 1996; they were not yet "official".

1992 LP Presidential Nominee **Andre Marrou** received **5821** votes in New Jersey, for fourth place in a field of thirteen candidates.

NJLP PLATFORM

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

Dan Karlan

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or find the Platform at the NJLP WebSite:

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LYRICAL LIBERTARIAN

Former Grateful Dead lyricist

John Perry Barlow conducted a cyberspace chat with fans on the website of the TIMES UNION of Albany, New York during the week of October 21. The episode was reported in New Jersey on page two of the STAR LEDGER of October 25.

The STAR LEDGER story reported that Barlow is "...a former Republican activist who is now a Libertarian, also discussed his new issue, which is to fight attempts to limit indecent material on the Internet."

The item went on to say that, despite previous claims that his use of "acid" was the "best thing he ever did", he told his fans that he now feels that having children was even better.

FORTUNE COOKIE

"Distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful."

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS RETURN FIRE

The Hillsborough Township Board of Education authorized its attorney, Stephen Fogarty, to defend those of its current and former members who voted for publishing and distributing illegal newsletters last year, and who were consequently named as defendants in a suit filed by local Libertarians in October.

In addition, during the same October 21 session, the board also authorized Fogarty to file a countersuit and petition the state School Boards Association for helpful involvement or cooperation. Frank Belluscio, a spokesman for that Association, said it may enter such a case by filing an "amicus curiae", ("friend of the court") brief, on the grounds that the case may have "statewide impact".

The Board maintains that the Association should be involved because "this type of lawsuit can affect all boards of education." The defendants include current Board President Michael Nee, current members Walt Fuller, Bob Mack, Kim Mason and Blair Meiser, and former members Pete Conlon, Kathy Dietz, Aletia Morgan and John Perrone.

These defendants contend that, despite last year's ruling by state Education Commissioner Klagholz that their taxpayer-funded "newsletter" was ruled illegal by virtue of its advocative nature, they "have at all times acted appropriately and lawfully in approving expenditures."

Eleven citizens and taxpayers in Hillsborough, including Libertarians George Abramo, Patricia Bartling, Sam Cipri, and Gaylord Olson, have sued the defendants to recover the cost of those illegal "newsletters", which were paid for by local property owners through their property taxes.

Salutary Neglect

Most Americans know that our nation revolted against the domination of George III and the British Parliament, but fewer of us know about the policies followed by earlier Parliaments.

For example, the Thirteen Colonies enjoyed substantially greater economic freedom during the early eighteenth century than at the time of Jefferson and company, owing to a policy called "SALUTARY NEGLECT" and practiced by the first so-called "Prime Minister", Sir Robert Walpole.

Walpole apparently didn't provide for enforcement of the "Navigation Acts" controlling the colonies' foreign trade, on the grounds that, as "the colonies were growing and England was enjoying prosperity, it was best to leave well enough alone." Walpole was the dominant character in British politics while in office from 1721 to 1742.

Perhaps the apparently greater harmony and loyalty to the Crown among the colonists at the time was made possible by this policy.

Source: 1001 THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
AMERICAN HISTORY by John Garatty, Doubleday, 1989

Is this any way to run an empire?



ASBURY PARK PRESS SPORTS DUAL LIBERTARIAN FEATURES

Ginny Flynn was the LP representative in an ASBURY PARK PRESS story entitled **THIRD PARTY TRIO OFFER VARIED VIEWS**, which appeared on October 11. Title notwithstanding, Ginny was one of TWO candidates pictured and compared favorably. She co-starred along with Conservative party candidate Joseph Mercurio, who whipped his troops into a frenzy with such fiery drama as this: "We're calling ourselves



Conservatives, but all we ask is to have a voice in government".

Meanwhile, the Libertarian candidate said "It (government) has gone way over (the line), and now invades every corner of our lives." and "... government doesn't work."

Then **Len Flynn** stepped up to bat and hit one out of the park, with a 597 word column neatly summing up many of our party's positions, and doing a nifty job of interweaving many of Harry Browne's themes to boot, which the Asbury Park Press dutifully posted down a side of the OP-ED page on October 25, with a corresponding epistle from Tom Blomquist of the NJ Conservative Party on the facing page.

A banner stretched across the top of both pages declared **THE MAJOR PARTIES HAVE COMPANY ON THE BALLOT**, and the implication was clear; the "alternatives" in New Jersey are two; Libertarians and Conservatives.

Each got a boldface excerpt; Blomquist's was "We are changing the system", and Flynn's was "Someone has to tell the truth. Government doesn't work."

For a photocopy of either item, send an SASE to the Editor, whose address appears on Page 9.

Monmouth Libertarians in the running

NJLP member **Dan Maiullo** ran for Monmouth County Freeholder this year, picking up 2881 votes and getting an endorsement from an unlikely place - one of his opponents! The Conservative Party candidate Appleby and Dan cross-endorsed each other, as two seats were being filled and neither had a running mate.

Both were also included in the televised forum for Freeholder candidates presented by Monmouth Cablevision.

Maiullo, 37, is an attorney for a vitamin company. He is a husband and father of three.



Steve Nagle

NJLP member **Steve Nagle** ran for Belmar Borough Council, and got forty-seven votes.

Nagle, 38, is a home improvement contractor. He is best known, however, as the founder and leader of a grass-roots shore area movement known as "Free the Beaches", in which role he has been repeatedly covered in the **STAR LEDGER**, **BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES**, and elsewhere.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The staff of the *New Jersey Libertarian*
wish you all the cheer of the holidays
and a safe, happy, prosperous new year.



MIKE PIERONE **ED WIESSMANN** **LOU STEFANELLI**
LAYOUT ARTIST EDITOR & MANAGER CIRCULATION



ACTIVISTS' CORNER

It's that time of year again; time to take the next early steps in building your campaign for local or state office in 1997.

While some already know exactly what office they want to run for, others know that they want to "stand up and be counted" for liberty next year, but are unsure which office or race they want to target. Hopefully, these questions will help you decide.

1) Do you want to win election to office, or do you want to hold a "balance of power" in a race that's likely to be close, or do you want to run an "information" campaign that informs the audience what Libertarians would do in a given position, or are you simply willing to lend your name to the Party as a "paper" candidate for office? Each of these has a value to the Party, but it's helpful to you and considerate of the rest of us if you know which you are trying to accomplish. Generally speaking, the more serious the role you want to play, the lower you should aim.

Prospective election winners should vie for school board or municipal committee; "balance of power" brokers might prefer mayor or countywide office; "information" and "paper" candidates would do the most good running for either house of the state legislature: one of the eighty Assembly or forty Senate seats. If you have

held a leadership position in the private sector, you might make a good candidate for Governor. One NJLP member wants to run for Freeholder simply to identify and mobilize the libertarians in his county.

2) How many volunteers have you recruited so far, and how many more are you confident you'll be able to get? LP members from all around the state and the state party organization stand ready to come to your aid. The more serious your campaign, the more aid. However, those volunteers and that state organization cannot do everything it'll take to win. They can gather and collate some of the information needed, they can do the bulk of the clerical tasks and staff phone banks, they can offer you wisdom gathered in many campaigns, and they can donate money. But the indispensable face-to-face rapport serious candidates must establish with their prospective constituents can only be made by you and your local volunteers, and much of the administration of your campaign can only be done by the same people. (a "local" volunteer is one who is geographically eligible to vote for you).

3) How much money have you already raised, and how much more are you confident you can get? How much of your own money are you willing to use?

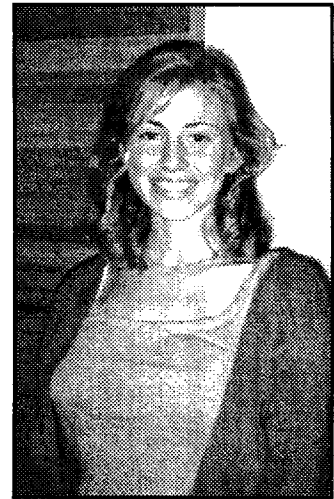
The old motto "money makes money" applies to politics, too; donors are most willing to give to candidates that have already attracted large sums from others. If

you haven't raised any money yet, credentials like having previously held public office will help establish the credibility prospective donors look for. If you haven't held public office yet, perhaps you should try for an appointment to a planning/zoning board or a local committee or commission.

As a challenger, you need to raise and spend at least twice what your Republican rivals get, simply to get your name in front of the public. Libertarian ideas are already superior. To win, Libertarians' campaigns must be superior too. 4) Who are the prospective opponents in the races you are contemplating? Obviously, it's unwise to target popular incumbents when you're serious about winning, and your best chances are in races where both Republicans have been convicted of crimes, but some other aspects might not be so readily apparent. For example, if you live in an area with lopsided disparities between Republican registrations and Democratic registrations - Morris County is Republican, Hudson County is Democratic, for example - you'll find it easier to get votes for legislature from the folks in that area, who are either unafraid of losing or despair of winning.

If you have specific questions not touched on here, try calling one of the NJLP Steering Committee officers listed on page 4. Whatever you decide, The NJLP wishes you the best and wants to help. -EW

Just say ILENE.



Ilene Buck

Ilene M. Buck, 16, is a High School student from Warren, NJ who played the role of Jo Jorgensen in a debate as part of the "Votes" program.

She enjoyed learning about the LP and we appreciate her for helping others to learn about us as well. Thanks Ilene!



CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The Libertarian Party of Somerset & Middlesex Counties (LPSMC) will host a Christmas Party at Tumulty's Pub, 361 George Street, New Brunswick, at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 16, 1996. Admission will be less than five dollars.

NEW JERSEY A BIG LOSER IN THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY SWEEPSTAKES

The **Reason Foundation** released a study on October 14 which claims that New Jersey has gotten back only 71 percent of the monies remitted to the Federal Highway Trust Fund from this state over the years.

The study, entitled **Defederalizing Transportation Funding**, reveals that New Jersey joins thirty-two other states in getting less back than it sends. The beneficiaries are generally states with low populations who host Interstate Highways constructed to accommodate "thru" traffic.

The study argues that 1997 is an opportune time to abolish the federal program and devolve highway and transit responsibilities to states and cities for three reasons. First, the Interstate system has been completed; second, the thirty three donor states are likely to furnish the congressional majorities needed to end it; and third, authority for the program (ISTEA) expires next year unless Congress renews it.

Another auspicious indicator is that Senator Connie Mack (R-Fl) and Representative John Kasich (R-Oh) have already introduced legislation to chop the federal gas tax from fourteen cents to two cents -or eighty-four percent of the cut proposed by the study-, "devolving" nearly all transportation responsibilities to the states.

Robert Poole, President of the Reason Foundation and author of the study, says that states are eager to take over transportation funding and that twelve of them -and Puerto Rico- have enacted laws permitting "public/private partnerships" for transportation infrastructure construction, resulting in three new toll roads. Poole also claims that efficiencies achieved by excluding federal participation in transportation funding could offset the loss of federal subsidies and end the construction of unneeded "pork barrel" projects.

NJLP DATES TO REMEMBER

- Steering Committee meets Sunday 12/15/96 1pm
- State Board meets Sunday 1/19/97 1pm
- Steering Committee meets Sunday 2/15/97 1pm
- NJLP CONVENTION 3/15/97 9am

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

If you want to be one of those answering this question for the New Jersey 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 next March.

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 New Jersey Libertarian Party and make all policy decisions between conventions. Either Steering Committee or State Board meet monthly, usually in Central New Jersey. If you want information about the qualifications, responsibilities, authority, privileges, etc. entailed in any specific office, contact the Secretary, whose phone no. appears on Page 4.

Any interested NJLP member is entitled to coverage of his or her candidacy for one of these offices in the NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN, whose Editor is committed to full and fair coverage of candidates for all NJLP offices, including his own office of Vice Chair. If you're running, send all information including some personal and biographical info, any qualifications, and your goals, priorities, and beliefs to the Editor, and a photo of yourself (smile!) to the Layout Artist, both of whose addresses are listed on Page 9.



UPGRADE!



Make Jefferson smile!

Libertarian Party "Budget" members in New Jersey pay for and receive twelve issues of the national LP newsletter and also receive some complimentary issues of the NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN each year. For an additional \$15, payable to the New Jersey LP, you may receive all twelve months' issues of the NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN, and become a "regular" member. Makes a great Christmas gift.

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NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 20, 1996 1pm

Location: Tumulty's Pub,
New Brunswick

Steering Committee

Present: Flynn, Wiessmann, Ellett, Stefanelli, Pfeiffer, Schoen

Steering Committee Absent: Buoncristiano, Quarles

State Board Present: Nagle and Peters.

State Board Absent: Campbell, Imbriale, Konek, Mehaffey, Pearce, and Pearson

Successful Motions:

-Somerset and Hudson Counties will be rebaloted for State Board Representatives.

-A Mercer county ballot was disqualified for naming both a candidate and None Of The Above (NOTA) as selections

-The Treasurer is authorized to spend up to an additional \$200 monthly on AVANTI membership services, to be paid from the restricted State Headquarters Office Committee (SHOC) account.

-\$50 was voted from the Federal Fund for the Buoncristiano for Congress Campaign

-Editor of *NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN* shall receive one-half of all new advertising revenues.

-NJLP shall pay Elizabeth Macron, Esq. \$500 toward defense of Tim Konek in East Brunswick, when available.

-NJLP shall contribute \$100 from the State Fund to the Maiullo for Freeholder Campaign

-NJLP shall in future require candidates to apply for financial aid from State or Federal Funds in person or in writing.

Other Actions:

State Board Rep's were recognized from eight counties:

Leonard Pearson, Atlantic Hunterdon
Miranda Mehaffey, Mercer

Carl Peters, Mercer
Tim Konek, Middlesex
Steve Nagle, Monmouth
Glenn Campbell, Ocean
Don Imbriale, Sussex
Kevin Pearce, Union

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NJLP CONGRESSIONAL SLATE

The NJLP 1996 Congressional Slate continued
a trend in evidence for some time: gradually increasing
vote totals, continued leadership of the alternative party
competition, but no breakthrough in market share among
ordinary voters.

CANDIDATE	1996		VOTES	PCT.	RANK
	DISTRICT				
Mike Edmondson	First	2588	1.28	3rd of 5	
Janice Presser	Third	2945	1.24	3rd of 6	
Bob Figueroa	Fourth	2903	1.29	3rd of 5	
Dan Karlan	Fifth	2102	0.84	4th of 7	
Keith Quarles	Sixth	2009	0.99	3rd of 6	
Leon Myerson	Ninth	1441	0.76	4th of 4	
Austin Lett	Eleventh	2485	1.03	4th of 5	
Virginia Flynn	Twelfth	3929	1.46	3rd of 5	
Mike Buoncristiano	Thirteenth	2165	1.50	3rd of 6	

(Editor's Note: the rankings include the R's and D's,
who took first and second place in every race.)

OPINION

Opposing views on Political Goals

EDITORIAL : Aim Low, Win Big

1996 brought the Libertarian Party enormous growth, doubling our paid membership nationwide in slightly more than a year, fielding perhaps our most professional campaign ever by and for Harry Browne, fielding about a thousand candidates nationwide, and enjoying a gratifying growth in professionalism to match the growth in size.

On the debit side, we seem to have reached a "glass ceiling" on vote totals for high office; it's embarrassing that a man of Harry Browne's stature and skill received so many fewer votes than his rivals.

Indeed, the result we have seen, for a rainbow of reasons, shows that the high quality of our candidates for high offices isn't enough; they simply aren't taken seriously by the overwhelming majority of the voters, and we can spend everything we've got and much more promoting them and still never even get considered by most.

Meanwhile, a candidate without much money but plenty of patience, sympathy, and understanding gave the Republicrats a near-death experience in Cumberland County, simply by setting his sights low enough to be taken seriously.

Next year, perhaps we should each run for town committee or school board instead of teaming up to run more ambitious campaigns. If we want freedom back in America, it'll take the unglamorous work of getting involved in local politics from many Libertarians, including you.

The Pledge is our bond

Dear fellow LP members:

....The membership pledge is the common denominator that links us to our compassionate ideology of Libertarianism, and to our free association as sovereign individuals and members of the LP, the which no other political party in the world can boast...

David C. Roth
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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LETTER: We're Winning The War of Ideas because We run for High Office

I don't know if the Libertarian Party will ever win the Presidency, but the election results indicate that in the war of ideas we have them on the run. Would Harry Browne have gotten the Perot vote if he was the candidate of the Reform Party? With a more moderated view, probably.

I am proud to be a member of the Libertarian Party. I believe the Party needs to go on with the campaigning activities, and I disagree with those who think local races are more important. I find that we Libertarians are not politicians, office holders, or even interested in politics. My impression is that we participate in politics only out of necessity, which is good.

Bill Clinton won votes from 24 to 25 percent of all registered voters in the '96 election. Bill Clinton won votes from 24 to 25 percent of all registered voters in the '92 election. Bob Dole repeated Bush's number; 22% of all registered voters. If Madonna ran on the Democratic ticket, she'd get 24%, and as a Republican 22%. The portion of the electorate that thinks is the swing vote.

After one-to-three-hundred-millions spent by unions, hours of stupid "talking head" commentary, "women for Clinton", etc. -nothing happened! The party faithful voted just as they always have.

What IS different this time? The Perot vote! Independents stayed home. Perot got about five percent, down from 10-12 percent in 1992. (Remember, these fractions refer to the total of all registered voters, not all those who voted.) The Perotistas and other independents stayed home, except for the Libertarian Party. It seems obvious from results in both state and Federal races that the Perotistas voted Republican or Libertarian.

My own personal view is that the news commentators have no idea what they are talking about; Liberalism has taken its last tired breath in the Northeast and the literati, celebrities, and union bosses can't revive it. Liberalism and traditional Republicanism died on this election day.

Ron Tamburro
Verona

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What Price Freedom?

by Mike Pierone

What price are you willing to pay to secure freedom for yourself and your children? Freedom is a precious asset; the going price throughout history has usually been nothing less than the blood of patriots. At one time it was possible to purchase freedom for that price, but the price has been going up as it gets scarcer.

Now we have to pay an even higher price. If we want our freedom we must be willing to do what many will

find much harder than dying for freedom.

We will have to love our enemies. Why did Jesus direct his followers to love his enemies? I submit that he did it for the most practical of reasons; that this is the only way to convert enemies into supporters.

Too often Libertarians needlessly strike fear into the hearts of people who either work for government or are dependant on government. For as long as we continue to do this our cause is doomed to failure. If we insist on tossing to the wolves those who work for government or are dependant on it, then we postpone the triumph of our cause till a time when public anger at government is so high that blood is spilled. But be warned, blood in the streets rarely brings liberty, so we must realize that this strategy may never bring us freedom.

Instead of waiting for that

to happen, and risking the equivalent of the French Revolution, wouldn't it make more sense to purchase our freedom now, with nothing more than love and money?

Here is my proposal. No more jokes about the 19 people who will work for the Federal government when we are in charge. This scares people who work for government, their families, and those who sell them goods and services. That is far too many people to overcome. We must address their fears if we are to win. We must stress that we intend to downsize government without hurting anyone.

We can do it. We can eliminate 3-4 percent of government jobs each year by simple attrition. We can offer those who remain 2 to 5 years of their salary to retire early. We can offer to privatize functions by creating employee owned enter-

prises, in which the employees are given the buildings, equipment and tax-free environment they need to provide services. There are as many ways to downsize government compassionately, with love in our hearts, as there are libertarians who will apply their intelligence and self interest to the task.

But if we are unwilling to love our enemies, indeed if we are unable to stop thinking of others as our enemies altogether, then we will have a long comfortless wait for liberty. If you insist on scaring the opposition, then you are insisting on continued opposition. And in case you haven't noticed, we are outnumbered.

We will do better to throw our arms around their shoulders than our threats in their faces. If we cannot find the necessary love, then we will not win, and don't deserve to.



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Gloucester County LP meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Gloucester County Li-

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Somerset/Middlesex LP meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7pm at Tumulty's Pub, 361 George St., New Brunswick.

Monmouth County LP meets the second Sunday of each month. Liberty Brunch at 11 am, meeting at noon. Call Keith Quarles (908) 280-9615 for location and details.

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