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LIBERTARIAN SUES OVER REGULATORY FOOT-DRAGGING

NJLP member **Diane Adler**, 39, is suing Franklin Township (Somerset County) Police for not issuing her gun permit within the thirty day limit imposed by state law. She applied for a gun permit on July 23, 1996, and didn't find out her application was approved until September 17, fifty-six days later, and after she filed her complaint. The excuse given was that FBI fingerprint record checks delayed review of Adler's application by "six to eight weeks" (Her permit was granted in eight weeks).

Adler contends that Police Chief Daniel Livak broke New Jersey law requiring that all gun permit applications be approved or rejected within thirty days. "Had I not filed the suit, how long would it have taken?" Adler was quoted as asking in the *Courier News* (Bridgewater Twp.) on January 11. The *Courier News* had run another story entitled *Cop's Gun Permit Procedure target of Libertarian suit* on January 4.

Two similar previous suits over this practice had been dismissed simply because the permits had been granted, and the cases were therefore 'moot'. However, in this case, Superior Court Judge Robert E. Guterl, sitting in Somerville, denied the motion of the Police Department to dismiss Adler's suit on these grounds. His reply to the Police' attorney, John Belardo, included this:

"Your own papers are telling me the police chief is in an impossible situation. Doesn't this whole problem argue against it being a moot issue?"

The story was also covered in the *Home News and Tribune* (East Brunswick), on January 11. This coverage included a color photo of Adler -who is Chair of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties- on the front page. The Editor, however, made his/her disapproval of this suit clear in an earlier editorial entitled *No fast triggers on gun permits*, which appeared on January 3.

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Diane Adler

NJLP CONVENTION

The New Jersey Libertarian Party Convention will be held Saturday, March 22, 1997, at the Landmark Inn on Routes 1&9, Woodbridge, at 9 AM.

Election of 1997 Officers and At-Large members of the Steering Committee will be near the top of the agenda.

Don't miss this year's keynote speaker, New Jersey Senator **John Scott**.

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So, you're an attorney with more skill than ethics, and you want to be a prosecutor in Somerset County, New Jersey? Perhaps you should reconsider.

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RON PAUL IN CONGRESS

1988 LP Presidential Nominee Ron Paul is back in Congress. The *Wall St Journal* salutes. Page 3

NEW MEMBERS

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FEDERAL DEBT

As of January 7, 1997, the US Government owed

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These amounts did not include hundreds of billions of dollars owed by state and local governments and other creations of local governments like improvement authorities, school districts and utilities.

*Tim Konek of Spotswood.

**260,340,990 total population circa 1994 per Bureau of Census, according to 1996 World Almanac- St Martin's.

***Robert Heitner of Fredon

FORTUNE COOKIE

"Do not let great ambitions overshadow small successes."

ANOTHER PROSECUTOR RESIGNS

Attorney **Richard Hurley** was, until recently, the prosecutor in the boroughs of Green Brook and Bound Brook, in Somerset County.

He has now lost both positions, thanks at least in part to the efforts of LP of Somerset & Middlesex Counties (LPSMC), and its Vice-Chair **John Paff**. Paff discovered an ethical lapse* of Hurley's in the course of scrutinizing the trial of NJLP member Isaac Wright. Paff made his findings public, and publicly requested that Hurley not be reappointed by Bound Brook. As reported in the January *New Jersey Libertarian*, Bound Brook's Mayor **Gilly** initially refused Paff's request.

However, Hurley subsequently decided to resign in Green Brook, which prompted a front-page story in *The Green Brook/ North Plainfield Journal* of January 1. "He (Hurley) wants to spend more time with his family. He is reprioritizing his life" was the comment of Green Brook Mayor **Patricia Walsh**.

Bound Brook's mayor was less circumspect a few days later when the town's prosecutor appointment came up for review. The *Bound Brook Chronicle* front page story on January 9 began with this:

"Concerned by allegations raised by the Libertarian Party, Mayor Frank Gilly chose not to reappoint Richard Hurley as Bound Brook's municipal prosecutor.

The Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties called for Hurley's suspension and replacement in November."

And continued with this:

"The Libertarian Party asked me to suspend him and I failed to do it," Mayor Gilly said. "I didn't feel they had a strong enough case at the time."

Hurley is not the first prosecutor to endure the scrutiny of John Paff. Former Somerset County Prosecutor **Nicholas Bissell** and former Bridgewater Township Prosecutor **Francis X. Hermes** were both subjects of Paff study before their departures from office.

*Hurley and his client Rhoda White plea-bargained to get a non-custodial sentence in exchange for damning testimony, and kept this deal secret from the court and jury judging Isaac Wright. In ordering a new trial in the case, Appellate Court Judge Leonard Arnold said that the hidden existence of Hurley's plea bargain by itself warranted a new trial.

HITTING A NERVE

Diane Adler's suit against her town's police chief has prompted an unusually vehement denunciation, expressed in an editorial in the *Home News and Tribune* of East Brunswick, New Jersey, on January 3.

Entitled *No fast triggers on gun permits*, its subtitle is: *Libertarian Party quest should be silenced*.

The editorial quotes a prepared statement of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties (LPSMC): *The party believes that an armed citizenry is essential to a free society, and opposes all forms of gun control*, and continues with this:

"With that bizarre mission statement in mind, party Chairwoman Diane Adler filed suit.."

and ends with this:

"forcing gun permits to be issued before police properly check applicants is a form of Russian roulette not acceptable in America."

A DAY IN COURT

1994 LP candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Georgia **Walker Chandler** argued his own case before the U.S. Supreme Court on January 14.

The event was covered in *USA Today* the next day, in a story entitled *Justices Question Georgia Drug Tests' Constitutionality*, which began with this paragraph:

"A Georgia law requiring candidates for public office to pass a drug test may have flunked a constitutional test before the Supreme Court Tuesday."

It continues:

"Walker Chandler and two other Libertarian Party candidates for Georgia political office challenged the law in 1994 as an infringement on their rights to free speech."

"'It is yet another expansion of government power for a merely symbolic purpose,' said Chandler, who represented himself before the court."

The *New York Times* ran a quarter-page story on January 15th. The Court is expected to rule on the case later this year. LP members may obtain a photocopy of this item by sending a SASE to the Editor (see address Pg 9).

FRONT PAGE NEWS

NJLP member **Robert Heitner** is frequently the author of letters to the editor in Sussex County's newspaper, the *New Jersey Herald* and many of them over the past year have denounced the "extremely inefficient" landfill operation of the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA), which charges \$110 per ton to accept trash disposable in Pennsylvania for \$32.

The criticisms were apparently noticed: Heitner's acceptance of SCMUA's invitation to tour their facility was the topic of a front page story in the *New Jersey Herald* entitled *Critic of SCMUA to tour facilities*, which appeared on January 23.

WALL ST JOURNAL SALUTES LIBERTARIAN IN CONGRESS

1988 LP Presidential Nominee **Ron Paul** has once again been elected to Congress, albeit as a Republican.

Doctor Paul (a physician) was the subject of a January 13 piece by John H. Fund in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled *The Libertarian Congressman is Back*. It included a pencil sketch portrait, and the article glowed with admiration and enthusiasm for Dr Paul. A few samples:

"...an unusual political career during which he has won national office five times without deviating from his libertarian principles."

"Last year he defeated a four term incumbent in the GOP primary and went on to win the general election in a Houston-area district in which minorities are 34% of the population."

"To Dr Paul, any federal government activities that go beyond the strictly defined limits set by the Founding Fathers are unconstitutional. What makes him truly unusual is that he ALWAYS votes that way, and still wins..."

"True to form, the entire Republican establishment opposed Dr Paul..."

"His polls showed that a clear majority of those who knew of his opposition to federal drug laws nonetheless supported him."

NJLP members may get a photocopy of the story by sending a SASE to the Editor, whose address appears on Page 9.

Make your Opinion Count!

Each year the State issues Audits of all State Agencies. Mike Pierone, Chair of the NJLP Audit Committee, has been researching these Audits, and has found many issues of concern to the LP. But the sheer volume of audits is such that he could use some help. Do you want to read an audit of your favorite (or least favorite) agency and deliver a written opinion to the LP with recommendations to be included in a press release of our recommendations? Contact Mike at mpierone@eclipse.net. (Internet Connection and Computer w/ Word Processor required)

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"When schoolchildren start paying dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of schoolchildren."

-Albert Shanker
President
American Federation
of Teachers

BILLS OF ATTAINDER

"A law or legislative device which outlaws people, suspends their civil rights, confiscates their property, or puts them to death without trial."

That is how state legislatures will define constitutionally forbidden *bills of attainder*, if LP member **Tom Saunders** gets his way.

Saunders founded The Bill of Attainder Project, which got national attention on C-Span during the July LP convention in Washington. His central point is that many unconstitutional practices like asset forfeiture and summary confiscations are specifically forbidden by the **Constitution** in this clause of **Article 1, Section 9**:

"No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed."

Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary defines 'bill of attainder' thus:

"A legislative bill making certain crimes, especially treason and outlawry, punishable by forfeiture of property and loss of all civil rights: prohibited in the United States by the Constitution."

Historically, bills of attainder have been used as weapons against all kinds of opponents of those entrenched in authority.

A booklet, "Fighting Bills of Attainder" is available for ten dollars from:

Tom Saunders
Route 1 Box 87-5
Calera, Oklahoma 74730

Source: Cal Ruskaup, Hawaii LP

CORRECTION

In the January *NJLibertarian*, a letter from Austin Lett named the Democratic nominee for President **Bill Clinton**.

Lett's original letter actually identified him as *Bill Clintoon*.

The *New Jersey Libertarian* regrets the error.

NAME THAT SAGE



John Locke

Last month's quote,

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

was taken from the writings of Scottish philosopher John Locke (1632-1704).

"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."

Who said this? The answer in the March *New Jersey Libertarian*.

THE BEST TEST OF TRUTH

The freedom to say offensive things, or things that offend, has been bitterly contested throughout history. One perpetual stumbling block for the forces of tolerance is the awkward complexity of arguments for tolerant policies. It takes an insightful condensation of thought into a few words to illustrate the principle at stake.

One such gem came from Supreme Court Justice **Oliver Wendell Holmes**, in his 1919 dissent in *Abrams v. United States*:

"The best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market."

This was one of the quotes cited by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing for eight of nine in the Supreme Court ruling in *Hustler v. Falwell*.

Source: Page 232, *Make No Law*, by Anthony Lewis;
Vintage Books; New York; 1992.

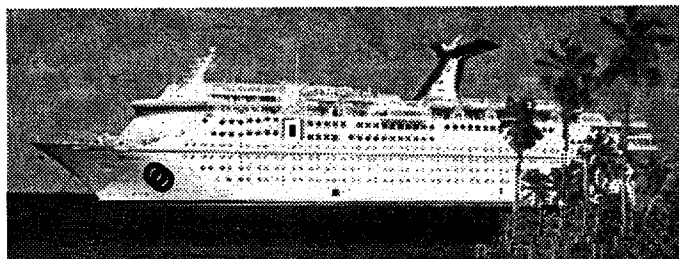
MEMBERSHIP SURGE

The NJLP continues to enjoy the same vigorous growth in dues-paying membership the party displays nationally. These are the top twenty states, their ranks by population and membership size, their LP membership after the last two presidential elections, rates of growth, and presidential votes per member:

State	State Size	LP Size	Paid Membership			Votes/ Member
			1/93	1/97	pct.	
California	1	1	2312	3326	144%	20
Pennsylvania	5	2	633	1256	198%	23
Florida	4	3	532	1173	220%	21
Texas	3	4	723	1143	158%	18
Michigan	8	5	461	1039	225%	26
New York	2	6	493	850	172%	15
Washington	18	7	281	799	284%	12
Illinois	6	8	473	747	158%	30
New Jersey	9	9	436	732	168%	20
Virginia	12	10	286	716	250%	12
Ohio	7	11	493	704	143%	17
Colorado	26	12	309	671	217%	18
Georgia	11	13	230	607	233%	30
Maryland	19	14	265	550	208%	16
Massachusetts	13	15	322	549	170%	38
Arizona	24	16	258	516	200%	26
Indiana	14	17	201	432	215%	38
North Carolina	10	18	213	407	191%	22
Minnesota	20	19	185	384	208%	21
Tennessee	17	20	125	347	278%	14
National Average			228	432	189%	22

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NJLP ANNUAL CONVENTION

MARCH 22, 1997, 9AM-5:30PM

9 AM: NJLP Business Meeting. NJLP members elect officers, nominate candidates, and make policies

12:30 PM: Luncheon Program

Sumptuous three course meal followed by

New Jersey State Senator John Scott

- **Up in Smoke Panel**
(The Drug War vs Medical Marijuana)
- **Inside the Ron Paul Campaign**
- **Mission Impossible: Rescuing the Homeless**

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NJLP MEETINGS

- Steering Committee** meets Sunday, February 16, 1pm at the home of Jeff Pfeiffer;
97 Park Ave., Jackson Twp. Ocean County
- NJLP Convention**; Saturday, March 22, 9am at Landmark Inn, Rts. 1&9, Woodbridge NJ
- Steering Committee** meets Sunday, April 20, 1pm at the home of Len Flynn; 254 Tennent Road, Morganville (Marlboro Twp), Monmouth County

VACANCIES

NJLP Vice-Chair **Ed Wiessmann** and Steering Committee At-Large members **Jeff Pfeiffer** and **Howard Schoen** have announced that they will not seek re-election to the Steering Committee at the NJLP Convention next month.

Wiessmann said that editing the *New Jersey Libertarian* is "a full time job", and Pfeiffer is running for Ocean County Freeholder this year., and Schoen intends to be treasurer of Somerset/Middlesex chapter.

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

December 15, 1996, 1pm

Location: home of Emerson Ellett, Ocean Township., Monmouth County.

Officials present: Flynn, Wiessmann, Ellett, Stefanelli, Pfeiffer, Quarles.

Officials absent: Buoncristiano, Schoen.

Successful motions:

- NJLP State Board Representatives are still recognized as Representatives after moving from the counties that elected them, for the remainder of their term.
- Steering Committee directs the by-laws committee to evaluate the feasibility of abolishing the State Board.

Other Actions:

-Candidacies for public office were announced: **Adam Reed** for Marlboro Twp School Board; **Dino Toro** for Commercial Twp Committee; **Steve Nagle** for State Senate; **Janice Presser**, **Bob Figueroa**, and **Earl Dickey** for legislature

-**Larry Ramirez** was recognized as State Board Rep. from Hudson County.

-**John Paff** was recognized as State Board Rep. from Somerset County.

Many plans and arrangements are made at meetings like this, for which there isn't enough room in this newsletter. NJLP members are welcome to attend Steering Committee and State Board meetings, or for a photocopy of the original minutes prepared by NJLP Secretary Emerson Ellett, members may send a SASE to the Editor, whose address appears on Page 9.

NJLP OFFICERS Steering Committee

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

NJLP members Mike Pierone, Jeff Pfeiffer, and Ed Wiessmann hope to propose the acquisition of a printer for the party's newsletter and special projects, but need a home and operator for the machine.

Along with donating the work of printing the party newsletter once per month, the host of the Party's printer would also get some paid work and share in any profits from commercial operation.

A likely site would have an up-to-date computer, a tabletop, and a patient host who wants to help the LP. If interested, call Mike Pierone at 908 475 3444.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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

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

For information about qualifications, responsibilities, authority, privileges, etcetra entailed in any office, contact the Secretary.

OPINION EDITORIAL

One of the most powerful weapons government has in fending off change is time. Because government's financial demands, reckoned as the sum of taxation and regulation, currently consume somewhere between 45% and 60% of all income, most couples must both work; one to support the family, and the other to support the government.

After ten to twelve hour days all around, we working taxpayers are naturally a pretty docile bunch at night and on weekends. Those in power know this, and know that further demands on our money and time will make us even less likely to resist government's growth, as our leisure time is absorbed.

We are in a gradually closing vice, and the tighter it gets, the less chance we have of slipping out, or of effectively resisting.

That's why you really shouldn't wait for a better time to get active and let your community know where you stand. The longer you wait to do something to reverse government's growth, the more difficult and painful it will become to do so, and the more of our neighbors will be dependent on government.

So if you've been meaning to get around to some Libertarian activity, but haven't yet made it a high enough priority to actually do it, now is the time.



VOUCHERS: AN ALTERNATIVE TO SCHOOL EXPANSION

Recently, the local high school* proposed a large expansion. Stating that it was overcrowded, the school board proposed a \$12.4 million dollar expansion, requiring an \$11.6 million dollar bond issue, costing every homeowner in the sending districts from two to five thousand dollars annually. The bond issue was defeated by voters by a three-to-two margin, thanks to the organized opposition of our local taxpayers' organization.

At a Board of Education meeting afterwards, the Superintendent suggested various alternatives to expansion which punished the students. When I stated that his proposals punished students and astonished his audience, he replied that, sadly, we are limited to these difficult alternatives. When I stated that vouchers were kinder to the students, he had no reply.

In fact, vouchers as an alternative to school expansion are extremely attractive to taxpayers. They give parents more choice, relieve school over-crowding, save taxpayers millions and allow for more efficient use of facilities. Let's see how they could work in this case.

Current enrollment is 1085, and the administration claims that the capacity of the current building is 1077 students. Demographic studies estimate that the school population will 'top out' at between 1250 and 1300 students in four to six years.

Here's how vouchers would affect this school, whose current cost of \$10,500 per student per year is partially offset by state aid of \$4000 per student. Currently, seventy-two students from this district are sent to private schools, and the school 'loses' the \$4000 state subsidy for each of them, and would 'lose' the same \$4000 state subsidy for each student receiving a voucher.

If, instead of expanding, the school offered vouchers worth \$2000 per student, and one hundred additional students used them, the following would happen:

Number of students using vouchers	172
times amount of voucher	X \$ 2000
total cost of vouchers	\$344,000
School Aid lost; \$4000 x 100 students	+ \$400,000
total cost of voucher program	\$744,000

Money available for remaining students	
1085 students X \$10,500 per student, a.k.a.	
"the current budget"	\$11,400,000
Cost of vouchers and loss of school aid	- \$ 744,000
remaining school budget	\$10,656,000

With 985 remaining students, \$10,656 will be available for each, for an increase of \$318 per student. If the school gave \$3000 vouchers and 200 additional students took advantage of them, then there would be \$11,055 available for each remaining student.

In addition, the taxpayers would not have to pay tens of millions of dollars in bond service over the next twenty-five years, at somewhere between \$2000 and \$5000 each per year. Further savings to the state could result from decreased state aid to education.

In summary, with a voucher program, there are no new taxes for taxpayers; more money is available for each student remaining in the public school; and parents, students, and teachers all have greatly expanded choice and freedom. Everyone wins.

Robert Heitner
Fredon Township

*Kittatinny Regional High School, which receives students from Fredon, Stillwater, Hampton, Sandyston, and Walpack Townships, in western Sussex County

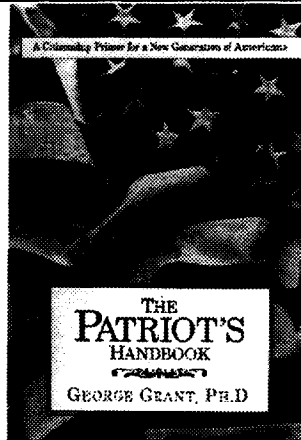
NJLP QUOTE

"Rights are not what others give you;
they are what cannot be taken away."

-Tony Federici
Vernon Township



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BOOK REVIEW

The Patriot's Handbook

Edited by George Grant, Ph.D.

464 page paperback, \$12.95; Cumberland House,
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The Patriot's Handbook bills itself as "A citizenship
Primer for a New Generation of Americans".

It is an anthology of key speeches, documents, poems,
and manifestoes that include many of the most important ideas in American history.

Beginning with the *Apologia* of Christopher Columbus, it includes 103 separate keynotes of Americana, including the *Mayflower Compact*, Patrick Henry's *Liberty or Death*, Paul Revere's *Ride* by Longfellow, the *Declaration of Independence*, the *Constitution* and *Bill of Rights*, the *Monroe Doctrine*, the text of the *Dred Scott* Supreme Court ruling, the *Constitution of the Confederacy*, the *Gettysburg Address* and *Emancipation Proclamation*, all of the amendments to the *Constitution*, the *Cross of Gold*, the *Seneca Falls Declaration*, *Fourteen Points*, the *Marshall Plan*, the text of the *Brown v Board of Education* and *Roe v Wade* rulings, and *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*.

The Editor describes it as "a new edition of what was once an American educational tradition: a citizen's handbook of essential historical resources." It might also be called *Greatest Hits of American Thought*. Whatever it's called, it is definitely among the most cost-effective ways to keep important landmarks of thought handy. -EW



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DEADLINE!

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

NJLP WEBSITE

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING

Elected county wide offices in New Jersey include:

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

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

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

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

In addition, some counties elect **ADMINISTRATORS** and **RECORDERS OF DEEDS**, but most do not, and those that do aren't up for election in 1997. This table shows which countywide offices in New Jersey ARE up for election in 1997.

COUNTY	FREEHOLDER SEATS OTHER OFFICES
Atlantic	3 out of 9 Freeholder seats including one at-large seat, and the seats for : District 2, which includes the southern third of Atlantic City, Longport, Margate, Ventnor, Somers Pt., & part of Egg Harbor Twp; and District 5, which includes Buena Vista Twp., Buena Borough, Folsom Borough, Hammonton, Mullica Twp., Egg Harbor City, and part of Hamilton Twp.
Bergen	2 out of 6 Freeholder seats
Burlington	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats
Camden	3 out of 7 Freeholder seats Sheriff
Cape May	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats County Clerk, Surrogate
Cumberland	2 out of 7 Freeholder seats
Essex	0 out of 9 Freeholder seats Sheriff
Gloucester	2 out of 7 Freeholder seats Sheriff, County Clerk, Surrogate
Hudson	0 out of 9 Freeholder seats
Hunterdon	1 out of 3 Freeholder seats
Mercer	3 out of 7 Freeholder seats
Middlesex	2 out of 6 Freeholder seats Surrogate
Monmouth	1 out of 5 Freeholder seats
Morris	3 out of 7 Freeholder seats + 1 partial term seat
Ocean	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats Sheriff, Surrogate
Passaic	Surrogate
Salem	2 out of 7 Freeholder seats Sheriff
Somerset	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats County Clerk
Sussex	2 out of 5 Freeholder seats County Clerk
Union	3 out of 9 Freeholder seats Surrogate
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Burlington/Camden County LP For meeting information and directions call (609)-273-3253 or e-mail presser@netaxs.com

Gloucester County LP meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Gloucester County Library in Mulli-

ca Hill. Guests are welcome. Call John Hill at (609) 468 -9571

Mercer County LP will meet at 2:30pm on Sundays February 9 and March 9, at the *Wildflowers* on Route 31 at the Pennington circle. Call David Trend at 609 466 2469.

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.

Morris/Essex LP meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Call Mike Lewin 201 884-0005 for information.

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