

# New Jersey Libertarian



April/May 1997

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## NJLP NOMINATES

### MURRAY SABRIN FOR GOVERNOR

by Mike Buoncristiano

The NJLP's March 22 Convention unanimously nominated Finance Professor **Dr Murray Sabrin** of Ramapo College for Governor of New Jersey.

Dr Sabrin, one of the nation's foremost advocates of free enterprise and limited government, said in his acceptance speech:

"I'm running for Governor because the people of New Jersey need a Common Sense Government in Trenton. Both Democrats and Republicans are beholden to numerous special interests. My campaign will represent a broad coalition of hundreds of thousands of citizens who want to reduce the size and scope of government."

Sabrin added that, during the "Common Sense Government campaign", he would pledge to the people of New Jersey to do the following during his first term as Governor.

- Create an unpaid citizen legislature
- Overhaul public school financing
- Secure stable funding for state colleges
- Rein in the state bureaucracy
- Reform auto insurance once and for all
- Save billions by rooting out waste, fraud, abuse, and unnecessary programs
- End the Federal Government's "colonization" of New Jersey

Sabrin, from Leonia, is the author of numerous op-ed pieces, treatises on freedom, and a book entitled *Tax Free 2000*, which has been reviewed favorably by Congressman Ron Paul, Editor Peter Brimelow of *Forbes* magazine, and Llewellyn Rockwell, President of the Ludwig VonMises Institute.

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**Murray Sabrin**

**Tax Free 2000**  
<http://www.free-market.com/taxfree4.html>  
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## NJLP PETITION DRIVE SUCCEEDS AGAIN

NJLP Chair **Len Flynn** supervised the petition drive that put NJLP Nominee **Murray Sabrin** on the ballot for this fall's Governor race. Thirty-one volunteers from all corners of New Jersey gathered the signatures needed. See who they were on **Page 10**

## 'INDEPENDENT' PARTIES SUE OVER BALLOT ACCESS

Hoboken, NJ — The New Jersey Libertarian Party is a plaintiff in a suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey in federal district court in Newark today against New Jersey Secretary of State, Lonna Hooks.

The suit alleges violations of the First and Fourteenth Amendment rights of New Jersey voters, independent candidates and alternative political parties. ACLU-Nj filed the suit on behalf of the **Council of Alternative Political Parties** of which the NJLP is a member along with five other parties. The suit contends that the early filing deadline imposed by the state for citizens to qualify as independent candidates in November's general elections, restricts the ability of citizens to become candidates for political office and denies the voting public of their right to choose candidates who represent their views. It contends that while the present April deadline may be reasonable for candidates of the major parties whose names must appear in the June Primary election ballots, it poses an unconstitutional burden on independent candidates who cannot participate in primary elections and whose names are not needed until late in the year to be printed on the November election ballots.

The Plaintiffs are seeking a preliminary and permanent injunction and a declaration that the established deadline this year, April 10th, is unconstitutional. The suit is based upon established precedent, drawing upon court battles won by prior presidential candidates which struck down early filing dates for independent presidential candidates.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION SUIT DISMISSED

**By John Paff**

On March 7th, Superior Court Judge Victor Ashrafi dismissed the complaint in Bartling, et al v. Conlon. This is the case in which eleven citizens (including four LP members) sued the individual members of the Hillsborough Board of Education for recovery of public money spent on a biased pre-referendum newsletter.

That newsletter was earlier judged to be a "distortion of facts" and "an impermissible use of public funds" by Administrative Law Judge Solomon Metzger and Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz.

Ashrafi awarded the defendants their out-of-pocket court costs of \$125, but denied their claim for \$3500 in attorney fees under the Frivolous Claims Statute. Ashrafi held that the complaint was not frivolous, but a good faith effort to expand the scope of an existing law.

Ashrafi hinted that a good action may exist against the board members if the complaint alleged their intention to make their newsletter biased. Such may be provable, as Metzger's ruling said it was so biased as to have only been intentional. Ashrafi also hinted that the PR firm that wrote the newsletter might also be similarly liable.

The suit was dismissed "without prejudice" meaning that the plaintiffs can amend their complaint and bring suit again, if done within the statutory limit of six years.

## NJLP MEMBERS SUING EAST BRUNSWICK

NJLP members **Tim Konek** and **John Paff** filed suit against the Township of East Brunswick and four of its policemen in Federal Court in Newark on March 12. The two were arrested for "Defiant Trespass" for handing out LP literature to passersby in front of the East Brunswick Post Office on April 15, 1996.

After telling Officer George Kaltenbach that the Post Office was public property, and that they "had a right to be there" and that they wouldn't leave, they were arrested, and bail was set at \$5000 with no 10% option. After they spent six hours cuffed to a bench in the police station, their friends scraped the required money together and bailed them.

After three postponements, East Brunswick Prosecutor Michael Richmond dropped the charges last September. Paff and his attorney, **Rich Collier** of Somerset, are seeking \$10,000 in attorney fees, plus unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, and an injunction against any similar treatment in the future. Konek is being represented by NJLP member **Elizabeth Macron**.

The injunction was granted by Federal Judge Joseph Greenaway on April 8th, and both Paff and Konek were there again, handing out the LP's distinctive "million-dollar-bills" to last minute tax filers this year, on April 15th, at the same post office.

The suit and the granting of the injunction were both covered extensively by the *Home News and Tribune* of East Brunswick on March 15th and April 11th.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH - APRIL

"You don't tell us how to stage the news, and we don't tell you how to report it."

-Larry Speakes

Press Secretary for George Bush,  
at a press conference

### MORE PRESS COVERAGE OF GUN RIGHTS SUIT

NJLP member **Diane Adler's** gun rights suit and its denial by Judge Coleman were covered by the *Courier News* of Bridgewater Township and by the *Home News and Tribune* of East Brunswick on March 22.

The *Home News* story included a photograph of Adler with this caption:

*"Criminals are not going to be going through this process to get a gun." -Diane Adler, suing over gun permit delay*

Both papers' stories quoted the judge, the police chief, and Adler. Franklin Police Chief Daniel Livak, the respondent in Adler's suit, was quoted thusly in the *Home News* story:

*"The FBI does not have the wherewithal to respond in the amount of time allowed by the (New Jersey) statute."*

### TAX PROTESTORS IN THE NEWS

This year's NJLP April 15 Income Tax protestors appeared at Post Offices around the state. To no one's surprise, **John Paff** and **Tim Konek** got the most newspaper coverage.

The pair, whose dramatic arrest, exoneration, and damage suits attracted the attention of media throughout Central New Jersey and Libertarians throughout the United States, conducted an uneventful protest at the East Brunswick Post Office again this year, sheltered from arrest and harassment by a Federal Judge's injunction.

Their much quieter protest still got covered, though, in both the *Home News and Tribune* of East Brunswick and the *Courier News* of Bridgewater, on April 16. Both stories described in detail the LP's "million dollar bills" including the central point made on those "bills": the fact that, every five seconds during business hours, the Federal Government spends another million dollars.

Meanwhile, Hudson County Libertarians led by Mike Buoncristiano got covered on the nightly news of North Hudson Cablevision. As in the East Brunswick newspaper coverage, the NJLP members made a cameo appearance, summarizing their points, and also showing a friendly reaction from a passing pedestrian, who agreed that "Americans need to know just how much money their government is spending."

### POLITICALLY INCORRECT

On the March 31 episode of the popular midnight ABC TV talk show *Politically Incorrect*, the Libertarian Party was praised by famous television commentator **Hugh Downs**.

### GUN RIGHTS SUIT DISMISSED

By **John Paff**

NJLP member **Diane Adler's** suit against Franklin Township Police Chief Daniel Livak was dismissed on March 21, by Superior Court Judge Edward Coleman.

The suit claimed that Livak broke New Jersey laws which state that gun permits shall be issued within thirty days "unless good cause for denial" appears.

Adler, who chairs the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties, applied for her Firearm Purchaser Identification Card on July 23 1996. The card was not issued until September 17, fifty-eight days later. The police chief claimed that he couldn't issue the permit within the statutorily required thirty days because the FBI took six weeks to compare Adler's fingerprints with those on file.

The controversy focused on the meaning of N.J.S.A. 2C:58-3(e), which requires police chiefs to obtain an applicant's fingerprints and compare them with those on file. Coleman's interpretation justifies issuance delays of any length required for the FBI to complete its comparisons.

Coleman ruled that it would be contrary to the "spirit" of the gun control statute to require the chief to "blindly" issue permits within thirty days. He ruled that the state's interest in keeping guns out of criminals' hands outweighed Adler's interest in timely receipt of a permit.

Coleman also rejected Adler's argument that Livak should have at least denied the application on the thirtieth day, which would have given her standing to challenge the denial.

Adler, who was represented by NJLP member and Attorney **Elizabeth Macron**, hopes to appeal the rulings, and is soliciting funds for that purpose.

### PAFF COVERED AGAIN- OUT OF HABIT

LP of Somerset and Middlesex Vice Chair **John Paff** got covered in a news story again, this time for simply commenting on someone else's activities.

Paff's plans for future action were related in a story in the *Bridgewater Courier News*, whose focus was a right-to-know suit filed by one Glenn Kennedy of Warren Township (Somerset County).

Kennedy had sued for access to the contract of Warren Schools Superintendent Pamela Fiander. Fiander then made her contract public, causing Superior Court Judge Robert Guterl to dismiss Kennedy's suit as "moot" last October.

Paff was mentioned in the April 18 story, along with his party affiliation and title, simply because he intends to lobby legislators to require defendants like Fiander to pay court costs and attorney fees when legal action is required to get public information.

This episode demonstrates that, once reporters get used to taking someone seriously, they'll cover that person for something as slight as a casual comment.

## SABRIN COVERAGE

NJLP Gubernatorial Candidate **Murray Sabrin** was covered in the *Star Ledger* of April 14, in a story entitled *Tax Abolitionists staging a new tea party*. The story excerpted portions of his book *Tax Free 2000*.

## FORTUNE COOKIE

"A wise man knows everything.  
A shrewd one, everybody."

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH MAY

"Gemeinnutz vor Eigennutz"  
("The Common Interest  
before Self-Interest")  
-Nazi slogan, c.1939

## NJLP WEB SITE HONORED

The March issue of *New Jersey Monthly* magazine listed their favorite web sites, and the NJLP site was included in the list.

NJLP web site administrator Don Siano received congratulations from many NJLP members on the accomplishment.

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## BARTENDER

The newest version of *The Bartender* - a list of New Jersey Attorneys undergoing ethics charges- has been updated to include attorney discipline orders entered by the state Supreme Court during the years 1995 and 1996.

Find *The Bartender* at the NJLP Web site:

<http://www.eclipse.net/~dimona>

## NAME THAT SAGE



**Von Goethe**

Last month's quote:

*"Which is the best government? That which teaches us to govern ourselves."*

was taken from the maxims of German poet, dramatist, and scientist **Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe** (1749-1832)

**"Political virtues are developed at the expense of moral ones."**

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

## LP WINS SUIT IN U.S. SUPREME COURT

1994 Libertarian Party candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Georgia **Walker Chandler** won his suit to have Georgia's law requiring candidates for public office to submit to drug tests ruled unconstitutional. The Justices ruled 8-1 on April 15 against the Georgia law.

It is the first time the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled for a Libertarian plaintiff. It is also the first time the Supreme Court has ruled a law requiring drug tests unconstitutional.

The victory was doubly sweet for Chandler, who was subject to the law during his own candidacy, and also because he is an attorney who argued his own case before the Supreme Court.

The case was covered in New Jersey in the April 16 *Star-Ledger*, and received in-depth coverage by Linda Greenhouse in that day's *New York Times*, which included this:

*"The decision was a vindication for three Libertarian Party members from Georgia, who brought the suit in 1994 and submitted to drug tests under protest in order to run for political office that year. One of the three, Walker Chandler, a lawyer who ran for Lieutenant Governor and who argued the three's Supreme Court appeal, reacted today with a kind of wary glee.*

*"Governments can always rationalize their intrusions, and liberty requires constant vigilance," Mr Chandler said in a telephone interview.*

*"I'm looking forward to the Government's next attempt to restrict the people and test them like hogs."*

In a rare concurrence, the editors of the *New York Times* applauded Libertarians' victory in an editorial that same day, entitled *Drawing a Line on Drug Tests*. The editorial began with this:

*"The Supreme Court, often too quick to dilute the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches in the name of fighting drugs, sent a welcome message yesterday that there are some searches the War on Drugs cannot justify."*

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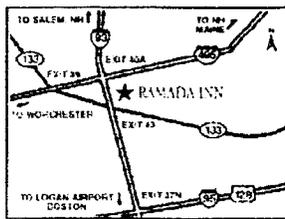
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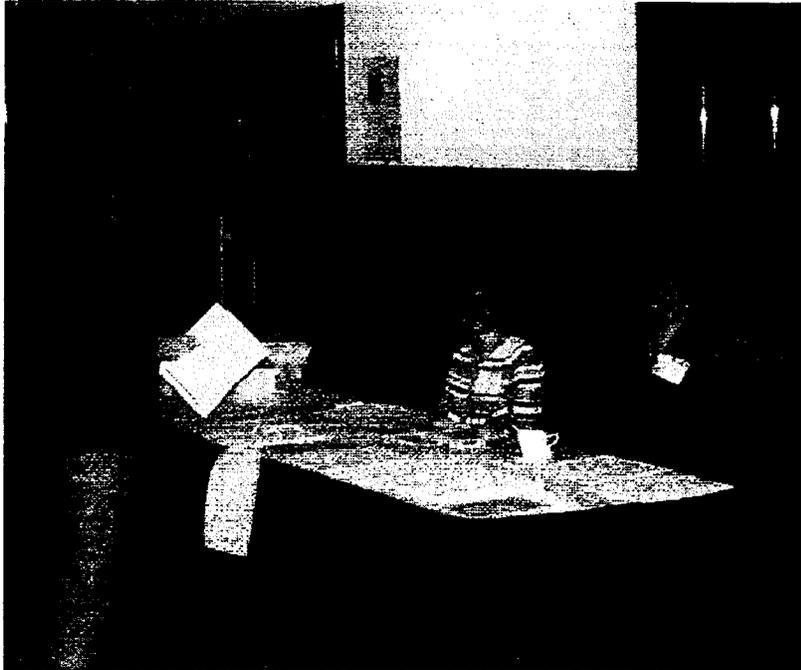
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# NJLP CONVENTION '97



*LP members Ginny Flynn, Julia Knight, and Michele Bryant kept the convention flowing smoothly*

## NJLP CONVENTION ADOPTS MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

The NJLP convention adopted by voice vote a new rule requiring candidates who wish to use the word "Libertarian" as their ballot slogan to join the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

The new rule states:

*"The New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP) shall require current paid membership in the New Jersey Libertarian Party from all candidates for public office in New Jersey who wish to*

*-identify themselves as Libertarians on the ballot. or*

*-receive the endorsement of the NJLP, or both"*

The New Jersey Libertarian Party, Inc. has proprietary rights to the use of the word "libertarian" for political purposes in New Jersey, but it had not hitherto required membership from candidates who use it or seek the

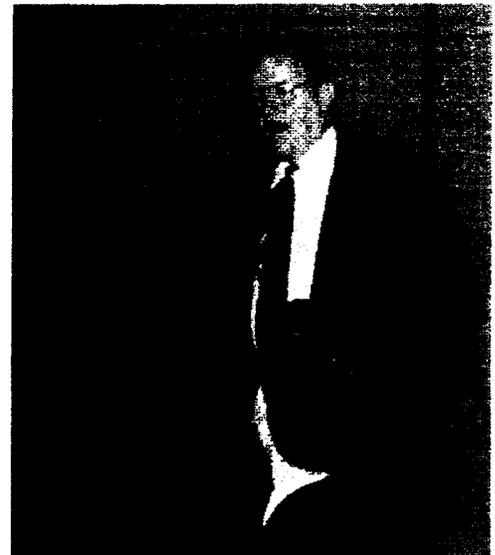
LP nomination.

Party officers discovered the loophole in February during evaluation of a candidate whose membership had lapsed, and decided that the potential for mischief was great enough that a correction was warranted.

## MORE 1997 NJLP CANDIDATES

The following candidacies for public office were approved by the NJLP Convention in Woodbridge on March 22:

- |                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| -Tom Abrams       | Mercer County Freeholder      |
| -Ed Aregood       | Gloucester County Freeholder  |
| -Earl Dickey      | Assembly 15th District        |
| -Bob Figueroa     | Assembly 15th District        |
| -Tom Fischetti    | Assembly 39th District        |
| -Betty Florentine | Assembly 10th District        |
| -Len Flynn        | Monmouth County Freeholder    |
| -Don Jamison      | Freehold Borough Council      |
| -Christopher Kawa | Assembly 10th District        |
| -Karl Klepac      | Gloucester County Freeholder  |
| -Leon Maclin      | Assembly 32nd District        |
| -Bob Mondgoek     | Senate 30th District          |
| -Steve Nagle      | Senate 10th District          |
| -Carl Peters      | Hopewell Township Committee   |
| -Jeff Pfeiffer    | Ocean County Freeholder       |
| -Jeff Polachek    | Assembly 24th District        |
| -Janice Presser   | Assembly 8th District         |
| -Murray Sabrin    | Governor                      |
| -Dino Toro        | Commercial Township Committee |
| -Darren Young     | Union County Freeholder       |



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
STATE SENATOR JOHN SCOTT  
EXHORTS LIBERTARIANS TO  
STICK TO THEIR GUNS**

# NJLP CONVENTION '97

## CONVENTION FAILS TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON REFERENDUM LEGISLATION

The NJLP March 22 Convention debated the Initiative and Referendum legislation pending in both houses of the state legislature.

The membership appeared about evenly divided on whether or not to endorse the proposed legislation, which would create "limited I & R", and ended the debate by voting to postpone the question "indefinitely".

United Taxpayers of New Jersey Chairman **Sam Perelli**, an outspoken advocate of the legislation, addressed the membership and exhorted them to endorse the proposed law, but some members remained unconvinced that the proposal would result in greater freedom, fewer laws, or fewer taxes.

Perelli was joined by NJLP Gubernatorial nominee Murray Sabrin, and NJLP members Mike Buoncristiano, Keith Quarles, and Fred Stein, as well as former NJLP Chair John Schafer. Stein argued that the mere fact that most politicians oppose I & R speaks well for the proposal, which would allow voters to propose laws, but only in the field of campaign finance and elections. Perelli pointed out that it would enable voters to remove laws from the books.

Opponents of the resolution, which would have given the NJLP endorsement to the proposed law, included John Hill, Dan Karlan, John Paff, Jeff Pfeiffer, and Howard Schoen. Schoen pointed out that "I & R" enables yet more people to get into the act of writing oppressive laws. Others noted the ominous implications for alternative parties of allowing anyone to vote limits on campaign expenditures.

Pfeiffer contended that I & R transgresses constitutional limits, and Karlan argued that the LP shouldn't take positions on the procedural structures and conventions of government, but only on the laws promulgated through those structures.

The vote to postpone the issue "indefinitely" means that the membership can revisit this issue at a future meeting if it so chooses, according to NJLP Chair Len Flynn.



**UTNJ CHAIR  
SAM PERELLI**

### PLATFORM AMENDED

The NJLP Convention approved the following amendment to the Platform: In the first plank, the phrase "members of the New Jersey Libertarian Party" was replaced with the word "Libertarians".

### CONVENTION RE- JECTS SCHOOL VOUCHER SUPPORT

The NJLP Convention narrowly defeated a resolution which would have commended the Lincoln Park (Morris County) School Board for attempting to establish a voucher system for the parents of Lincoln Park High School students.

The resolution, which stopped short of actually endorsing vouchers per se, but praised the School Board members for wanting to provide parents greater freedom of choice, was defeated by a 23 - 19 vote.

NJLP member Ed Wiessmann, who sponsored the resolution, said that while a voucher system is not a libertarian solution, it is a "step toward freedom" which deserved recognition and encouragement.

Opponents, including Liz Macron and Austin Lett, pointed out that public officials would still be in charge of dispensing the money, and that vouchers will bring the corrupting influence of local politics into the private schools, which are currently oases of freedom from such influences.



**Our new Vice Chair  
Keith Quarles**

### NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE

The 1997-98 Steering Committee, as elected in Convention on March 22:

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- Use the attached form to make a contribution to the NJLP General Fund! Remember that, unlike campaign donations, your contributions are confidential and do not need to be reported. These private, voluntary contributions are the fundamental basis for freedom of action and belief.
- Make a donation to the NJLP State Fund. This provides support to state and local candidates.
- And don’t forget to add a check for our campaign for Governor. **Murray Sabrin** may be the strongest NJLP gubernatorial candidate we have ever had, and several other NJLP campaigners are running professional efforts that deserve our support.

The NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission regulations require strict separation of campaign money from general NJLP funds.

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## WHO IS MURRAY SABRIN?

Dr. Murray Sabrin, author of *Tax Free 2000*, is a Professor of Finance in the School of Administration and Business at Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey. He operates the The Alliance for a Tax Free America, and has spoken before scores of civic, business and educational organizations, and been interviewed on numerous cable television and radio programs.

Sabrin, of Leonia, New Jersey, hosts *On the Money*, a weekly radio talk show aired on 1160 am WVNJ, (Oakland, NJ). *On the Money* can also be heard through the new internet TST radio broadcasting system. Sabrin's show features investment and financial analysts as well as public policy experts discussing the issues that affect the public's income, wealth and quality of life.

He produced and hosted a half-hour special for New Jersey Network, "Your Dollars: Up in Smoke", which aired in December 1990. Sabrin is hosting a weekly half-hour version of the show, *On the Money*, on the Cable Television Network in New Jersey. Sabrin writes op-ed articles for the *The Record* (Hackensack, NJ), and his essays have appeared in *Commerce* magazine, *Mid-Atlantic Journal of Business*, and *Privatization Review*.

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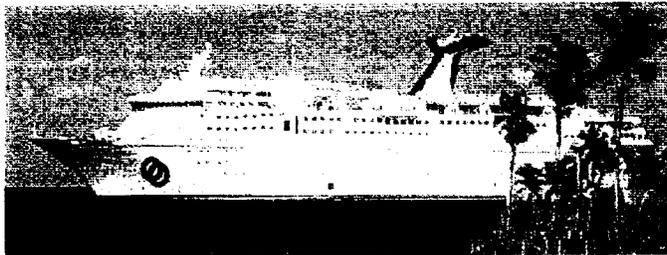


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- NJLP General Meeting** at 3 pm, at the **NJLP Annual Picnic** on Saturday, July 13, at the home of Len & Ginny Flynn: 254 Tennent Road, Morganville, 908 591 1328  
Picnic starts 'round noon.

## NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 1997

**Location:** Home of Jeff Pfeiffer, Jackson Township

**Present:** Flynn, Wiessmann, Stefanelli, Quarles, Pfeiffer, and Schoen.

**Absent:** Ellett and Buoncristiano

Successful Motions:

-Approved a budget based on 1996 expenditures adjusted for membership growth, but including only \$500 for legal expenses.

-AVANTI! contract for membership services continued for 1997.

-1996 Convention Rules re-adopted for 1997 Convention.

-Endorsement of the pending "limited Initiative and Referendum" legislation was deferred to the Convention.

-Chair shall be reimbursed \$50 of expenses in attending March LP Leadership Conference in Washington.

Other Actions:

-The State Board Meeting originally scheduled for March 22 (at the Convention) is canceled.

*For a copy of the minutes of this or any NJLP meeting, NJLP members should send a SASE to the Editor, whose address appears on Page 13.*



## NJLP PETITION DRIVE A SUCCESS

By Len Flynn, NJLP Chair

We filed Murray Sabrin's ballot access petitions on April 9, beating the deadline by one day (This is the deadline we and five other parties are challenging in court. See *Independent Parties Sue* on Page 2), and beating the 800 signature requirement by 570. (A huge surplus of signatures is necessary to discourage Republican challenges to individual signatures, which can disqualify us from the ballot.)

The following freedom fighters made this possible by gathering signatures on petitions all around the state:

Volunteer	Signatures
Ed Wiessmann	259
Murray Sabrin	149
Mike Panella	96
Tom Fischetti	73
John Jernigan	71
Virginia Flynn	68
Mary McGee	68
Emerson Ellett	67
Lois Kaneshiki	54
Tom Abrams	46
Lou Fellner	43
Dan Maiullo	37
Glenn Gero	36
Carl Peters	36
Mike Buoncristiano	34
Darryl Gibson	27
Dave Cinege	26
Dan Karlan	26
Barry Perlman	24
Chris White	21
Mike Lewin	20
Bruce Beach	19
Keith Quarles	17
Claudia Montelione	14
Tim Konek	12
James DePaola	9
Julia Knight	8
Mark Peterson	7
Martelle Green	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1370</b>

Thanks also to Matt Schmitt (11 signatures) and Darren Young (22 signatures), whose petitions we could not arrange to pick up. Both a great team effort and individual achievements. Thanks to all, you are true patriots!

# HOW TO ELECT THE FIRST LIBERTARIAN GOVERNOR

By Murray Sabrin



**NJLP Gubernatorial Candidate  
Murray Sabrin**

I am honored to be the NJLP Gubernatorial Nominee. When I was invited to consider becoming a candidate I was speechless, because the invitation implied the confidence of the NJLP membership in my ability to carry Libertarian principles to the people of New Jersey. Having accepted this responsibility, I pledge to run the most professional, effective campaign possible.

Although we will run a campaign to win, we plan to achieve other victories along the way. Our campaign objectives include recruiting new members for the NJLP, getting lots of media attention, creating an environment to motivate other libertarians to seek office in New Jersey, building a cadre of campaign workers for this and future elections, and of course, building a donor and support database for the NJLP and future candidates.

What will be the outcome in November? No one knows for sure, but winning the Governorship is the reason we have a candidate. The outcome depends on many variables including the attitude of our members and the public's perception of the campaign. If we act and talk like defeated foes, we will be treated that way by the public and media. Conceding defeat will be the kiss of death for the campaign.

Ask yourself these questions: Have I ever bought a lottery ticket or known someone else who has? When I

bought the ticket, did I say "I'm not going to win", or did I say "I may win"? In short, "You've got to be in it to win it". Well, we're in. Now, how do we win?

In 1993, Whitman received 1,236,124 votes and Florio, 1,210,031. Whitman won by 26,093 votes, or 1% of the total, when she should have trounced one of the most unpopular governors in US history! Right now, anti-Whitman sentiment is percolating, anti-government sentiment is boiling and the "two-party system" is coming unglued. The vacuum exists. The Libertarian Party can fill it. How? With money and networking. In a three-way race, the winner needs approximately 850,000 votes to win. A Herculean task for the NJLP, but not impossible. Here's the plan:

First, the money. A successful political campaign is like a war and a marathon. In a marathon, like any race, medals go to the first, second, and third place finishers. In a war, medals go to the brave and heroic. We need 100 gold medalists who will contribute \$1000 (As this is written I already have such pledges from two heroic citizens). We need 1000 silver medalists to contribute \$100 each, and 50,000 bronze medalists to donate \$17.76. The sum of these is \$1.188 MILLION. We've already (March 22) received a dozen pledges of \$17.76 per month. With a war chest this size, we could WIN.

Second, the networking. If NJLP members and my personal friends each get fifty friends, relatives, neighbors, and colleagues to support us we'll have 50,000 votes. If each of those get twenty more, we'll have 1,000,000 votes, more than enough to win. This assumes no "breaks" in the network.

Since there will be "breaks", we must each get sixty supporters, and each of them, twenty-five. Ask each person for their vote and \$17.76.

That's the plan to elect the first Libertarian Governor. Fool proof? Hardly. It'll take lots of hard work from all of us, but it's not impossible. If we could elect the first Catholic President in 1960, if Vermont could elect the first self-described socialist to Congress, and Bill Clinton could win Presidential elections twice, then New Jersey can be the first to elect a Libertarian Governor.

I'm ready to do my part. Are you?

**To contribute or volunteer for the Sabrin Campaign, E-mail Murray at [Sabrin97@aol.com](mailto:Sabrin97@aol.com) or call 201 217 0744, or send checks, payable to Sabrin for Governor, to PO BOX 445, Leonia, NJ 07605.**

# OPINION

## EDITORIAL: THE REPUBLICRATIC CARTEL, NEW JERSEY STYLE

As reported on Page 2, the New Jersey Libertarian, Conservative, Green, Natural Law, and US Taxpayer Parties have joined hands in a lawsuit against the state, demanding that the ballot access petition filing deadline be changed for members of all of these parties, together with independents, socialists, and any other people who wish to run for public office outside the auspices of the ruling parties. The suit is sponsored by the ACLU, which is providing the attorneys and legal groundwork.

New Jersey refuses to recognize any of the aforementioned groups as "political parties", and legally considers each of these party names to be a mere declaration of "principle or slogan", to be printed with the candidates' names on the ballot. Consequently, no one may register to vote as supporters of any of these parties, and none of these parties can hold

Primary Elections, which are held on the second Tuesday in June. It seems reasonable that Republicans and Democrats should have to file their petitions by April 10, as all candidates did this year, because that is two months before their elections. However, the same deadline applies to all of us non-Republicrats, who wish only to appear on the General Election ballot in November, seven months after that filing deadline. That requirement, like our non-party legal status and inability to register our voters, has no purpose other than to discourage us from participating in politics.

The ruling parties shouldn't be able to have it both ways: if we're not a party and can't hold our own primary election in June, then we shouldn't have to file our ballot access petitions until the second week of September, two months before the election WE appear in.

Of further interest is the press coverage of this lawsuit, which in many cases has entirely omitted mention of the Libertarian Party, despite the fact that our principals outnumber those of all other parties in this suit put together. It's possible that the oversight was unintentional, but that seems unlikely. If mention of the LP was deliberately omitted, we should be proud to be singled out for harsh treatment, and remember that we wouldn't be getting that treatment if we weren't considered dangerous to the status quo. -EW

## SCHOOL VOUCHERS ARE NOT LIBERTARIAN

Editor:

The Opinion page of the February *New Jersey Libertarian* featured an item that seemed out of place in a Libertarian paper. Entitled "Vouchers: an alternative to school expansion", this piece is strange, if the initiation of force is not to be tolerated.

I would think that we can all agree that it is wrong to force your neighbor to pay for your children's education at gunpoint, but it seems people like Mr Robert Heitner, the author of the "Vouchers" piece, have come to regard it as normal. That is what the voucher business is all about: forcing you and me to pay.

People overlook that our taxes (extorted from us) would back those vouchers and lead to the destruction of the last semi-free education businesses. This, to my way of thinking, is initiating force.

Remember, "He who pays defines the terms", and voucher money from taxes would make all private schools wards of the state, as they would no longer get privately volunteered money. Government doesn't work and government schools absolutely don't work. Nothing less than the complete separation of education and state will do, just as only the complete separation of church and state will do, and for the same reasons. All else is camouflaged collectivism.

If you want to improve education it must be privatized. The results would be as startling as all the other wonders of the free world that is capitalism.

-J. Billy VerPlanck  
Clifton

## MAKE THIS YOUR GOAL

Editor:

I believe the primary goal of every NJLP candidate in 1997 should be to recruit two candidates for 1998. This goal should supersede number of votes, number of debates and media appearances, number of direct mail pieces sent, or anything else.

**John Hill**  
Chair, Gloucester County LP  
Mantua

## UTILITIES FRANKENSTEIN

Editor:

The Union County Freholders are to restructure the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA). Like Dr Frankenstein, they are attempting to build with defective parts.

Taxpayers are on the hook for \$282 million that UCUA has spent on its trash incinerator in Rahway, which is insolvent. When will we taxpayers be free of all this burdensome government?

**Frank Festa Jr.**  
Chair, Union County Conservative Party  
Scotch Plains

# OPINION

## Refocus Court Challenges

Editor:

Because I subscribe to the National LP email announcements. I was able to read about our recent victory in Supreme Court. The announcement pointed out that in twenty-one years the LP has made fifteen attempts to get the Supreme Court's attention, all on Ballot Access issues. I don't want to fault anyone at LP Headquarters, but I do wonder about our priorities. I can think of many issues more important than Ballot access.

How about the Second Amendment? Or challenging various presidents who send troops into Bosnia, Somalia and elsewhere or a hundred other issues, which mean more to our liberty and the liberty of our neighbors. I think it particularly important that we focus on helping our neighbors regain their liberty. Else why are we here? Every party fights to preserve its OWN rights and liberty. We are different.

I have no beef with Walker Chandler. Each of us has the right to decide what we think is most important and to spend our time and energy on that. But protecting the rights of those who run for office, while principled and consistent with our philosophy, does little to show our neighbors that we are looking out for THEIR liberty and deserve their support. Many of them probably enjoy the idea of politicians peeing in a cup for a change. I admit I do.

I would like to see the National Party follow "suit" (pun intended) and take a look at what NJLP members are doing here in this state to fight for the rights of our neighbors. Our neighbors appreciate it, and that is how we build sympathy for our cause.

-Michael Pierone  
White Township



An Historic Opinion, one that still makes us smile.....



**Mae West**

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