



New Jersey Libertarian

LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE ENDORSED

NJLP Congressional candidate **Mike Buoncrisiano** has received the endorsement of the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs. Mike is the first "third party" candidate at any level to be so honored.

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Libertarian Presidential Nominee **Harry Browne** has convincingly defeated Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, and Ross Perot in at least three online polls accessed from the internet.

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Meg and Jack Williams, National Volunteer Coordinators for the Harry Browne for President Campaign, appointed Rich Fericy of Somerset, New Jersey, as Volunteer Coordinator for New Jersey.

The Williams' news release said that "his duties will include directing the efforts of the growing army

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THIRD MAN IN

It's official: Libertarian Party presidential candidate President Harry Browne is the third candidate (after Dole and Clinton) to get on the ballot in all fifty states plus Washington, DC.

As of Friday September 13, when Rhode Island officials notified campaign workers that Browne had qualified, Browne was the only non-

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Republicrat to achieve this, as Perot was not yet on the ballot in either New York or Delaware. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader was on the ballot in 22 states, whose combined electoral votes are insufficient to win the election.

The Libertarian Party is the first "third party" in American history to achieve fifty state ballot status in two consecutive elections. Achieving it this time required two years, 481,000 signatures, 24 petition drives, three lawsuits, and more than half a million dollars.

SOURCE: National LP press release.

F E C WEB SITE

A web site maintained by the Federal Election Commission(FEC) makes donation information available to the public. Donations of more than \$200 made to candidates for Federal office are recorded in the database, which anyone may access at:

www.tray.com/fecinfo



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On September 17, East Brunswick municipal court finally heard Township Prosecutor Michael Richmond say that the two didn't violate state trespassing laws after all. The two were arrested outside the East Brunswick Post Office on Cranbury Road on April 15 as they were handing out Libertarian Party anti-tax literature to passersby, which included many last-minute income tax return filers. Paff had refused, and Konek had not heard, the Postmaster's demand that they leave.

After a few hours in jail, \$5000 bail for each, two attorneys billing thousands apiece, two postponements of trials to accommodate unprepared prosecutors, and over five months of red tape run amok, Paff and Konek were jubilant that they do indeed have the right to speak their minds and give away their literature on public property, although the courtroom arguments focused on questions of jurisdiction.

Both Paff, of Somerset, and Konek, of Spotswood, promised to pursue damages for their false arrest and imprisonment, and the trampling of their most basic rights, aggravated by the absurdly high bail required, which a newspaper article at the time noted was less than some accused killers must post.

The story in the September 18 HOME NEWS AND TRIBUNE of East Brunswick, in referring to the defendants' promise to pursue a suit for damages, noted that "the pending lawsuit would put the two in the position of seeking money from the East Brunswick taxpayers, after a protest in which they objected to taxation."

Actually, Paff and Konek would prefer that taxpayers were not forced to indemnify police for unlawful actions.

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Edison Township Board of Education of illegally using taxpayer monies to promote yes votes on a \$23.5 million bond referendum last year.

Despite the fact that the referendum proposal was overwhelmingly defeated, Mr Schoen felt it was important to enforce the law requiring that taxpayer monies not be used to advocate higher government spending and taxes.

In a petition filed with Administrative Law Judge Robert S. Miller in the middle of August, Schoen claims the board:

- hired a public relations consultant to , among other things, prepare "sample" letters to the editor, compose a phone bank script, write a booklet, and write a letter-to-the-editor for a school official.
- published and distributed biased literature advocating approval of the referendum. (The literature was priced in a newspaper story at \$6000.)
- has not responded to complaints about these activities.

In the front page story in THE REVIEW of Metuchen(8/23/96) about Schoen's petition, one school board member's comments indicate that she is unaware that the law forbids expenditures of this type.

Schoen, who is also an at-large member of the NJLP Steering Committee, was away on vacation when the local paper's reporter called, so LPSMC (Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties) Vice Chair John Paff spoke to the reporter on his behalf. At least partly as a result of Paff's participation, the story also cited Libertarian Randall Enterline's court victory over the Hillsborough Twp Board of Ed. last year on the same grounds.

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of New Jerseyans being attracted to the Libertarian Party banner by the popularity of the Libertarian Party's outstanding candidates".

Rich Fericy's voice line may be reached at 908 846-2666; his fax line is at 908 220-0718.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If every man insists on knowing what he's voting for before he votes, we're not going to get a bill reported before Monday."

-Senator Russell B. Long
(D-LA)



MIKE BUONCRISTIANO

**Libertarian Candidate
House of Representatives
Twelfth Congressional District**

If a candidate's job is public relations, one NJLP member has an obvious advantage over most other candidates: Mike Buoncristiano is part owner of AVANTI!, a direct marketing firm currently under contract with the NJLP. Consequently, Mike knows a thing or two about promotion, and his campaign reflects it. Almost no facet of political activism is ignored by Mr B.; he is an active member of Hoboken's local taxpayer organization, he publishes outreach literature in two languages, he got appointed to a municipal commission, he does frequent interviews with reporters in three media, he reaches out to the special interest organizations that want liberty on some issue, he is a prolific author of letters to editors, his staff distributes press releases weekly, and, naturally enough, they do direct mailings.

The results aren't hard to notice, if you happen to live in New Jersey's 13th congressional district, which includes most of Hudson County and a smattering of towns in eastern Essex, Union, and Middlesex Counties. For over a year, there has been a steady stream of items about Mike, his positions, and our party in local newspapers like the Star-Ledger, the Jersey Journal, the Hudson Dispatch, the Hoboken Reporter, the Amboy Beacon, and other publications like the Direct Marketing News, Libertarian Party News, and Queens County Libertarian. WFUV and PBS have carried interviews with Mike and the local cable television station has aired Buoncristiano speeches as well as interviews.

As the Libertarian antidote to incumbent Congressman Robert Menendez(D), **it's not surprising that Mr B. has raised over \$10,000 so far**, much of it at a campaign rally held at a posh Hoboken "Supper Club" in July.

One of Mike's more dramatic accomplishments has been getting the endorsement of the New Jersey Association of Rifle and Pistol Clubs. This endorsement was the hard won fruition of a dialogue that started months ago, and has demonstrated just how much hard work and credibility construction is required to get endorsement. As Mike says, this should make it easier for future Libertarian candidates to get similar endorsements. Of all the things Mike and his campaign staff have done for their campaign, the most durable may turn out to be the simplest, smallest feature; a red, white and blue ribbon pinned into a loop on his lapel, signifying awareness of the Bill of Rights and its importance to a free society. He and his staff have distributed many, and their popularity is expected to outlast this year's campaign.

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The ANJRPC will do a mailing to its members in Mike's thirteenth district, and its members will help his campaign. Mike hopes that it is the beginning of a new pattern, or at least makes it easier for other Libertarian candidates to accomplish this in the future. The association, which has a circulation of approximately 20,000, is affiliated with the National Rifle Association (NRA).

see Mike's profile above

CITIZENS FOR A SOUND ECONOMY

Christopher Price of Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) addressed NJLP members at the Laurel Lake Country Club in Cumberland County on September 14.

CSE is a broadly pro-business -but strictly non partisan- lobby which seeks reform of business regulation, particularly environmental regulation that affects the utilization of private property.

Mr Price said that many mutually corroborative polls show that over 80% of Americans identify themselves as "environmentalists", and described various strategic and tactical aspects of the property rights movement.

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VIRGINIA FLYNN
Libertarian Candidate
House of Representatives
Twelfth Congressional District

The Libertarian Party is only twenty-five years old, but some members like Ginny Flynn were championing our cause for years before the flag of Liberty was even hoisted. The 1960's was a time when government's financial demands were smaller, but its other impositions were in some ways more dramatic, such as the exciting vacations in Southeast Asia the US Government insisted on giving young men. Some libertarians were there to put LBJ and Tricky Dick on notice that our lives were not their property, and the advent of an all-volunteer military that followed is one of the few actual rollbacks of government achieved in our time. Ginny Flynn was there, and has been helping the cause of personal freedom and personal responsibility ever since.

Ginny was earning her Master's Degree in American Literature from Purdue University at a time of profound political unrest: she is proud to have gone "clean for Gene" McCarthy, and supported George McGovern as well. In both cases, she was motivated by the obstinate insistence on war that characterized

Democrat LBJ and Republican Nixon alike. Virginia joined the Libertarian Party in 1976 and began a series of campaigns that have notified thousands of New Jerseyans about our cause, our party, and their stake in it.

The mother of two adult children, Ginny has been married to NJLP Chair Len Flynn for twenty-nine years. She owns GILENCO Enterprises, an administrative services company based in Morganville. A proud member of both the National Rifle Association (NRA) and National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), Ginny has served the Libertarian Party as a candidate for freeholder and legislature, and was the NJLP candidate for Governor in 1985. She is disillusioned with what she calls "power politics" in both of the old parties, and especially deplores it in politicians who profess to want smaller government. Ms Flynn is dedicated to the Libertarian Party because of its "commitment to individual liberty".

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\$450 to settle his suit against their court administrator Joy Lenner, who had refused to let him see the records of a court case without being told his purpose and interests. This payment, combined with the previous concession by municipal Judge Rzemieniewski that Paff needn't provide such information, satisfies both of Paff's demands, and closes the case.

It's official: They MUST let you see public records.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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KEEP THE OATH, AND KEEP ME

Editor: You ask how I feel about dropping the requirement for new members to sign the "oath". If the "Party of Principle" gives up its main principles in hopes of becoming more popular, it may gain some new members who don't want to be bothered with ethical behavior, but it loses its integrity, its focus, its courage, and it loses me. - **Don Hinkle, GreenVillage**

SO YOU WANT MORE MEMBERS...

Editor: I am responding to your suggestion that the NJLP eliminate the "oath" which is the second requirement to join the party. Your premise is "Anything which discourages libertarians from becoming Libertarians should be cleared away from the scene, unless doing so violates our principles."

If that is the rule, then why not eliminate the first requirement; membership dues. I am sure that we could increase membership if we did not insist on new members coughing up some cash to join. We cannot know how many prospective members are dissuaded by the requirement that they pay money to join.

It would not violate any libertarian principle to eliminate the dues requirement. Those who value the work of the party will voluntarily offer to pay for it, so let's try voluntarism all the way around; make both requirements voluntary.

I would not want to see the "oath" requirement eliminated entirely. After all, the oath itself is hardly offensive. It merely reaffirms the non-aggression principle, which is the cornerstone of Libertarian political analysis. -

Elizabeth Macron, Brick Twp.

THE OATH TELLS EVERYONE WHAT WE STAND FOR

Editor: As a new member I have no problem with giving an oath to the Libertarian Party as a condition of membership. Throughout my life I have pledged allegiance to the flag, public officials swear to uphold the constitution, and government employees swear not to join the Communist Party or in other ways advocate the overthrow of the United States Government.

I therefore feel that requiring members to swear that they "do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals" helps identify the Libertarian Party as democratic and not communistic. Better to let all newcomers know what we believe in than to let those who oppose our view speak for us. -**Larry Ramirez, Hoboken**

THE OATH MEANS NO GROWTH

Editor: I feel that the "oath" is a senseless obstacle to the growth of the LP. If it means that Libertarians promise not to rise up in armed rebellion against the government, it should be changed so that its meaning is clear. If it means that we oppose the use of GOVERNMENT force, it is ludicrous. Do Libertarians really oppose the use of force to capture and incarcerate murderers?

One reason I'm a Libertarian is because I believe that a Libertarian government can and will do a better job of combatting real crime than the Republicrats, who see crime as a useful excuse to expand their power. Not long ago, a prominent Democrat told me -straight faced that "Libertarians want child molesters to walk the streets". The oath leaves us wide open to this distortion of our position.

As we watch another presidential election slip away, with no Libertarian presence in the debates, scant media coverage, and disappointing vote totals, let's ask ourselves if we intend to get realistic in our effort to stem the tide of statism, or to keep shooting ourselves in the foot so we can whine about being victims. **Paul Anderson, Chester**

EDITORIAL: NOW IS THE TIME

An old proverb has it that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". This mot suggests that some timely effort can forestall problems that require exponentially larger amounts of effort and resources to repair, once they have appeared.

That may well be the case with American politics. Libertarian Party members understand that our country and state have embarked on a course that can only result in a socialist police state. Some of us feel that we've already achieved it. One thing we can all agree on, though: the need to reverse course becomes more urgent every day.

Increasingly large numbers of the public seem to agree, if the libertarian rhetoric of Republicans and the ensuing results of the 1994 congressional elections are any indication. Unfortunately, the Republicans have demonstrated that they either don't understand the meaning of the word "liberty", or they are cynical political careerists who will say anything to get votes, or both. Thus, there is no one at any level of government who both understands the danger of our present course and is willing to risk their political careers to help reverse it. Only Libertarians meet both these requirements, yet many who agree with Libertarians decline to give meaningful support to Libertarian candidates because they only want to back likely winners.

The time is fast approaching when R's and D's will have imposed enough laws, regulations, and taxes to stop Libertarians from even appearing on ballots. Just imagine how much more difficult it will be to win our freedom back, once its defenders are banned from participation in politics. The alternatives to restoring liberty in America by electoral success are so ugly that we ought to consider them when weighing the size of our donations and the level of our involvement in Libertarian campaigns.

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Washington, over 4000 new members have joined since our televised convention over the Fourth of July Weekend, bringing our paid-to-date current membership up to 19,378 as of September 5. This represents an increase of roughly a quarter of total membership-in two months.

Kohlhaas also stated that Harry Browne's campaign is eligible for \$470,000 in Federal matching funds, should he apply for them, which he is committed not to do. Browne is famous for saying "I do not believe in welfare -for individuals, for corporations, or for politicians."

COUNTY RECORDS: AN OPEN BOOK

Warren County Freeholders voted in late August to let NJLP member Mike Pierone have the county's purchase records on tape, disc, or other computer-legible format. They charged him \$150 for the efforts required to gather it, and deny that they'll ever do it again.

Perhaps the effort was too much; purchase orders for January through November 1995 were provided, but December's were AWOL. Pierone returned for the last month's records and was told they must be painstakingly keyed in from hard copies at the County's offices.

Pierone, a White Township resident, was quoted in the August 29 STAR LEDGER as saying that his goal is "to make government truly accessible to the public", and again "The way to get a grasp of what the county does is to look at the purchases".

Despite the Freeholders' statement, this may prove an important precedent for other right-to-know-via-computer cases. They are reported to be examining the public posting of the same data Pierone paid for on a web site.

At the very Freeholder meeting where Pierone's request was granted, a stranger publicly offered to pay for a copy, but Pierone promised to provide it free of charge, and to others as well.

MERCI, DANKE, GRACIAS

Libertarians **Tony & Lin Federici** and **Eva Wiessmann** helped put September's NJ LIBERTARIAN in your hands by working most of Saturday, September 7 to address, stamp, stuff, fold, staple and sort an entire press run.

The LP is truly THE grass roots party by virtue of its many volunteers, which, unlike Republicratric "volunteers" receive no pay or contracts whatsoever from taxpayers. When Libertarians in your neck o' the woods volunteer, the editor of the NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN wants to know, so don't be shy, notify.

LET THE MULSHINE IN

Star Ledger columnist Paul Mulshine penned a column about Libertarians generally and Harry Browne in particular which appeared on Sunday, September 1.

Entitled **LIBERTARIANS INTRODUCE THE F-WORD INTO POLITE CONVERSATION**, Mulshine's piece highlights the inequities imposed on the next generation by Republicratic programs like Medicare, Social Security, vice laws, and censorship. His empathetic and supportive analysis of the way Harry Browne's libertarian message is being received by Generation X'ers amounted almost to an endorsement, and formed an encouraging contrast to the reception the government parties are getting from the next generation.

A few samples:

"the kid turns to a guy I called the other day, Harry Browne. Browne...is the presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party. His entire platform is based on a word that the major party politicians use so rarely that it might as well be called the F-word- freedom."

and

"Browne's world sounds a lot like the world described in the constitution"

and

"We are thoroughly capable of legislating our liberty right out of existence".

Mulshine had written another column lauding the cause of Monmouth County LP Chair Steve Nagle, who founded and leads a cause called "Free the Beaches", which appeared on Sunday August 11. Paul Mulshine is part of a growing segment of the media that are popularizing libertarian ideas and the Libertarian Party.

NJLP WEB SITE!

The New Jersey Libertarian Party's official World-Wide-Web Site is at: <http://www/eclipse/net/~dimona>

NJLP STATE BOARD RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO REFUSE GOVERNMENT MANDATED "SMART CARDS" THAT CONTAIN COMPUTER CHIPS

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is experimenting with "smart card" driver's licenses containing computer chips that could give government instant access to a citizen's fingerprints, medical records, tax records, financial data and other personal information;

AND WHEREAS, the implementation of "smart card" driver's licenses will enable government to create a giant and detailed demographic database that can be abused to grant privileges to special interests and to harm other people; for example "smart card" computer chip technology, had it existed, could have been used to more efficiently incarcerate Japanese-Americans during World War II;

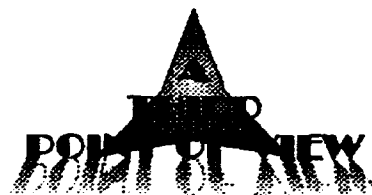
AND WHEREAS, this application of computer chip technology could be used by government for complete tracking, control, and subjugation of the people;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Libertarian Party supports the right of citizens to refuse government mandated "smart cards" that contain computer chips or magnetic strips used in a similar fashion.

Resolution approved by the NJLP State Board August 18, 1996

Editor's note: The Washington State Libertarian Party has passed a similar resolution

For a free copy of the original resolution, send an SASE to NJLP Secretary Emerson Ellett at 1308 Spruce Ave., Ocean, N J 07712.



THE LIBERTARIAN
CABLE SHOW

Hot Quote!

"Privatization is not a magic bullet. The alleged "savings" are acheived by significantly reducing or eliminating the salaries, benefits or pensions of the current employees."

July, 1996- David Weiner,
President, Local #1081 of the

Communications Workers of America

How would you, as a libertarian, respond to this comment?

A special thanks to our volunteers, Ray Babecki and Ellen for helping with the production.

If you would like to have some fun producing a TV show, (camera, directing, stage hand, guest...) please contact: Emerson Ellett 908 774-8684 or Shad Woolley 908 448-8769.

Also, if you have a libertarian subject that you are especially passionate about, let us know and we'll develop a show around your expertise.

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EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT

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The Editorial was entitled **PUBLIC RECORDS: A RIGHT.**

It began with this:

John Paff of Franklin sued Manville Municipal Court last month when officials blocked him from seeing a court file. Newspapers picked up the story last week after Paff issued a press release. Within days, borough officials discussed the lawsuit in closed session and attempted to settle the case. No wonder.

Manville Municipal Court Administrator Joy Lenner's initial denial and the subsequent delay for Paff in gaining access is a blatant violation of state statutes empowering citizens with the right to see most public documents.

"I can't have these people telling me what I can and can't do in total violation of the law" said Paff, who is Vice Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties.

and continued with this:

This is not about John Paff or his attitude. This is not about the Libertarian Party. This is not even about the Manville Municipal Court. This is about your right to know.

New Jersey law empowers citizens with the right to view public documents during regular business hours.

and this:

The responsibility of a public official is not to withhold public records, but to provide them in a timely fashion and without asking questions. Paff has vowed he will not dismiss his complaint until the borough reimburses him for the \$500 he has spent in attorney fees. "I have to take this thing to the mat", he said, "otherwise they could do this as standard operating procedure."

It's unfortunate that taxpayer money may have to be spent to settle this matter. But the sting of having to pay attorney fees may be the only way some officials will learn that citizens have the right to see public documents promptly -without delay, without questions, without hassles.

BILL OF RIGHTS T-SHIRTS



The Bill of Rights T-shirts conceived by Mike Buoncristiano and demanded by all are here! The attractive red-and-blue-on-white design tells everyone what you stand for (The Bill Of Rights) on the front and who stands with you (the New Jersey Libertarian Party) on the back.

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Now is the time ...from page 6

LP members and prospective members have been receiving appeals for money and time from a variety of Libertarians; the Browne campaign, the national party, the NJLP Federal Fund (which sponsors candidates for President and Congress), the NJLP State Fund (which sponsors candidates for state and local office), a variety of political action committees, and from LP candidates themselves. It's easy to rationalize rejecting these appeals, and most of us have very real financial reasons to do so.

However, many of those reasons will seem trivial to us ten or fifteen years down the line, when we may be reflecting

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Sussex County NJLP members Robert Heitner, Tony Federici, Don Imbriale, and Ed Wiessmann sued the Sussex County Freeholders in March for selling the County Administration Building to the County College without first holding public hearings on the multi-million dollar proposal, as administrative law requires.

The four, none of whom are lawyers, represented themselves in the proceedings, a status known to those in law as "pro se". The four plaintiffs pled their case before Superior Court Judge Reginald Stanton in Morristown, opposing arguments made by Sussex County Counsel Dennis McConnell. This is how the episode looked through the eyes of Robert Heitner of Fredon Township., who organized the effort.

It started on February 14, when the NEW JERSEY HERALD (Sussex County's local paper) published a notice stating that the agenda for that evening's Freeholder meeting included the signing of a contract to sell its administration building to the Sussex County Community College, and THEN scheduling public hearings to debate the issue.

I went to the Freeholder Meeting that night and asked why the county would schedule public hearings about a transaction after the transaction had been completed. A former Freeholder also attended, to ask the same question. No logical answer was given. The public hearings were scheduled for March 27th and April 10th. In the 3-2 freeholder vote and subsequently, it became apparent that two of the five freeholders (all Republicans) opposed the sale, in addition to members of several local taxpayer associations.

Our research found that public hearings must be held 90 days before any PROPOSED sale of county property. The contract signed on February 14 contained no "escape clause" that allowed them to change their minds after the public hearing without the college's agreement. This clearly violated the law. On March 15 Tony Federici, Don Imbriale, Ed Wiessmann, and I filed suit in Superior Court asking for the sale to be overturned.

The public hearings were held as scheduled. At both, lengthy presentations were given by the college and the freeholder majority stating that a wonderful deal had been made. They were not there to listen to the questions, concerns, and suggestions from the public; they were there to defend their decision, which had already been made. At both hearings we presented many valid arguments against the sale, and were joined by members of taxpayer groups along with several other citizens. At the second hearing, both dissenting freeholders also made presentations against the sale.

Many articles appeared in the local paper. The freeholder majority planned to purchase a bank building as the new county headquarters, and presented lengthy arguments to support the plan, but when the owners of the bank were approached, they responded with flat denials that the building was available at all, making the freeholder majority look very silly on the front page of the paper. One of the dissenting freeholders was even quoted in the paper as intending to testify for our side in court. Other articles illustrated that this deal was rushed through with little thought about the consequences, such as where the county employees would go to work each day, which put the board majority in a negative political spotlight.

The county filed three responses to our lawsuit, the second requesting a motion for summary judgement. After several trips to the county law library, we filed a cross motion for summary judgement, which rebutted four different defenses that the county had made.

Sadly, the court kept postponing our case; first to June 7, then June 21, and then to July 12 - two days after the closing of the sale! The title insurance company required the county to put the entire proceeds from the sale into escrow, in case the sale was overturned by the court.

After that it was moved from Sussex to Morris County and heard on August 2nd by Judge Stanton in Morristown. All four of us gave short, professional presentations for our case. The Judge ruled in favor of the county, stating that the contract complied with the law simply because it referred to the law it was violating. He also cited a clause that did not exist in the contract to support his decision. The Judge shot down one argument of the county counsel and ignored all the others in his ruling. He also stated that future contracts should be "better written".

The articles about the suit in the STAR LEDGER and NEW JERSEY HERALD were very favorable, stating all the problems with the contract, which the judge ruled "adequate". This controversy received lots of media attention, most of it fair. Since we were not alone in our opposition to the sale of the County Administration Building, we were correctly viewed as advocates for overburdened taxpayers rather than as radical extremists.

Given the size and arrogance of government, opportunities to take popular stands against arrogant bureaucrats and politicians breaking and bending the law are quite common. It cost \$163 plus our time to file and pursue this lawsuit, and it was well worth the effort. I think the majority of those outside government's fan club were supportive of our efforts.

HARRY BROWNE RULES THE CYBER-POLLS ...from page1

The following are the results, detailing the vote percentages of each candidate in each poll.

<u>POLL/ DATE</u>	<u>SPONSORS</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	
ALL POLITICS VIRTUAL ELECTION 8/28/96	CNN/TIME Magazine	Browne (L)	32.9%	<i>In addition, Browne has now been endorsed by at least 62 radio talk show hosts across the nation, and at least another 126 have demanded that he be included in the debates. Those 126 have been joined by at least 27 major metropolitan newspapers' editorial boards.</i>
		Dole (R)	29.4%	
		Clinton (D)	26.5%	
		Perot	1 %	
		Other	7 %	
POLITICS NOW VOTER BOOTH 8/19/96	ABC News, NEWSWEEK, Washington POST, LA TIMES, National JOURNAL	Browne (L)	40.2%	
		Clinton (D)	35.6%	
		Dole (R)	22.6%	
		Perot	0.6%	
8/25/96	Boston GLOBE	Browne (L)	35.8%	
		Clinton (D)	30.3%	
		Dole (R)	26.3%	
		Perot	6.3%	

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PROSECUTOR RESIGNS

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Hermes, whose North Carolina conviction for DWI was called to the attention of Township authorities by NJLP members Diane Adler and John Paff, avoided mention of that incident, which Paff claims is prejudicial to those facing DWI trial in Bridgewater Municipal Court.

Bridgewater Mayor James Dowden replied to a query about Herme's DWI conviction by saying "That's always been a major concern." The story was carried by the Courier-News (Bridgewater) on the front page on August 31.

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Now is the time ...from page8

on what we did now as we wait on Moscow-style lines for groceries or health care at the Hillary Dole Civic Center. Some of the other things we want right now can be bought or done next spring, but underfunded and understaffed 1996 campaigns can not be revised and improved later; they need our money and time RIGHT NOW.

Just a few evenings and weekends or a paycheck right now can make the difference between a professional campaign for a Libertarian candidate and oblivion. As you decide how to respond to the many pleas for support, remember that the candidates and volunteers who sent them are giving even more of their time and money; they have truly "put their money where their mouth is".

Please give generously to both Harry Browne's campaign and your local candidate's, and volunteer to stuff envelopes and knock on doors. Your own freedoms depend on it. -EW.

NJLP STATE BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 18, 1996

Location: Tumulty's Pub, George Street, New Brunswick

Present: Flynn, Wiessmann, Ellett, Stefanelli;
Pfeiffer, Quarles, Imbriale, Nagle, Peters

Absent: Buoncristiano, Schoen, Brown, Macron, Mecum, Pearce.

Successful Motions

- Chair is authorized to use AVANTI corp. personnel to develop and distribute mailings to the 300 prospects who recently called the national LP toll free number.
- The State Board shall suspend the election procedures in order to permit additional nominations to State Board
- The Secretary shall send a letter to the LP of Somerset & Middlesex notifying them that the State Board has discussed their letter of July 24 Letter regarding vacancies on the State Board, but has deemed that no action be taken.
- Resolution endorsing citizens' right to refuse "smart cards" (see full text of resolution on page7)
- NJLP shall waive membership fees of two members who have generously supported the party this year but whose membership has lapsed.

Other Actions

- Chair shall invite incumbent State Board rep.'s to renominate themselves and the Treasurer will create a ballot for insertion into the September newsletter.
- The new inquiry reply system utilizing AVANTI personnel went on line August 13.
- Mark Peterson is the first manager of the NJLP Federal Fund, whose purpose shall be underwriting NJLP candidates for federal office.
- Ellett and Wiessmann join 1997 NJLP Convention committee.
- Four Libertarian Rutgers Students presented their desire to hold the 1997 NJLP Convention on their Campus. Senior Eric Greenberg will investigate the logistics.
- Peters distributed applications for Notary Public Commissions, urging all present to get commissioned.

Any member wanting a photocopy of the complete minutes as recorded by NJLP Secretary Emerson Ellett may get one by sending an SASE or a written request to the Editor, whose address appears on page 5.



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Calendar

Members should submit their notices
before the 20th of each month.

NJLP STATE BOARD MEETING on Sunday, October 20, 1:00 pm at Tumulty's Pub, 361 George Street, New Brunswick.

Bergen/Hudson LP meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Location varies. For current information, call Lee Maclin at 201 798 0867.

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

Mercer County LP meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2:30pm. Location will vary. Call Ben Grindlinger at (609) 585-4128 for information.

Somerset/Middlesex LP meet 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.

Ocean County LP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Betty Florentine's house. Call 908 477-8496 for information or contact Glenn Campbell at (609) 978-1361.

Salem County LP meets regularly on the last Saturday of each month at 2pm. For location call Robert Dyson at (609) 678-8034.

Sussex County LP Call Tony Federici at (201) 764-7289 for meeting information.



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