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Edgerton Campaign Report

By Ken Kaplan

As the NJ Libertarian goes to press, the Mark Edgerton for Governor campaign is preparing to file a petition containing well in excess of the 800 signatures needed for ballot status. Thanks to all who pitched in to gather signatures. Leading petitioners to date include Bob Jacobs with 106 signatures and Dan Karlan with 48, and Bob Hull, who induced others to obtain nearly 200 signatures with his "petition by mail" initiative.

We are delighted to announce that long-time Libertarian activist, Ginny Flynn, has become Chairperson of the campaign. The popularity and respect she enjoys within the party, as well as her own experience as a candidate, will be invaluable to the campaign.

Mark is building momentum as far as media coverage. He has already been on North Jersey 1500, WGHT, 3 times. He had a great interview with the Montclair Times, and the front-page story that resulted left no confusion about where he stands on the drug war. The Westfield Leader interviewed him, and there was a picture of Governor Whitman on the wall from a time when she came to those same offices. The publisher made sure his photographer caught a picture of Mark being interviewed there, because he obviously believed Mark might be the next Governor! Another great story about Mark appeared in the Amboy Beacon. An interview with him appears in the online version of the Star Ledger, and his name frequently appears in online forums devoted to the campaign.

A professional fund-raising letter is being prepared, as well as an ad for the national LP News. Fundraising is at a crucial stage right now, and all members are invited to contact the campaign if they know any libertarian-minded individuals who might be willing to make substantial contributions to the campaign. You don't have to approach them; we will. If we do not raise \$260,000 by the August deadline, we will be excluded from the televised debates and have our credibility plummet. Please help us over this hurdle. Visit the campaign web site at www.markedgerton.com.



Mark at a Second Amendment Sisters Mother's Day Rally
— one of many public events he's appeared at.

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Alert! NJL Deadline Change!

The deadline for the NJL has been changed to the 10th of every month.

NJLP Annual Picnic – Who Will Survive?

The annual NJLP picnic is just a few days away, on July 14th. We'll get the work out of the way at the General Meeting at 1:30, and the picnic begins at three.

Len and Ginny Flynn are our gracious hosts at their residence at 254 Tennent Rd, Morganville. Along with traditional lawn games, this year promises to be extra fun with the NJLP Survivor game.

Kids are welcome, so why not combine a great family day with the fun of hanging out with your libertarian pals? Bring whatever meat you'd like to throw on the barbeque, and a dish to share.

It's not too late to email your "Survivor" nominations to Ned Kelley (details in box on page 3).

Directions: (Call 732/591-1328 if you get lost.)

The Flynn residence is one mile **east** of Routes 18 and 520 on Tennent Road. If you are on Route 18S (leaving New Brunswick), take the second ramp (Morganville exit) at the first exit **after** you pass over U.S. Route 9. This exits directly onto Tennent Rd., just go 1/2 mile to Flynn's.

Going north on Route 18 from the Jersey shore take the Morganville exit, which is about 3 miles past the Route 79 exit. After the jughandle, turn **left** onto Tennent Rd. We are 1/2 mile down the road.

The Flynn abode is the blue colonial farmhouse on the left in front of "Tires to Go." Park up the hill in front of the tire company and walk down to our house.

Facility: Property is five acres of lawn, woods, swamp, and a stream. The property is suitable for children to romp, and the following games and equipment will be provided:

Archery	Child's Swimming Pool
Softball	Badminton
Hiking	Camping (BYO tent)
Darts	Pogo stick
Croquet	Football
Basketball	Horseshoes
Volleyball	Frisbee
Tetherball	Soccer
Kites (BYO)	Zim Zam
Bonfire	Fishing (BYO tackle)

If you are interested in any of these activities, please come early (RSVP also advised) and help to install them. For more information on the picnic, contact the Flynn's at 732 591 1328, or email Len at secretary@njlp.org.

Honor Roll

NJLP Members' Signature Totals for Edgerton Campaign

Robert Hull's mailing 228	Virginia Flynn 11
Emerson Ellett 130	Judy Shubert 11
Robert Jacobs 106	Lou Elwell 10
Ken Kaplan 69 *(sc)	Dougin Walker 10
Donna Morelli (sc)	Terry Wintroub 10
Fran Pepe (sc)	Betty Florentine 9
Mark Edgerton (sc)	Joseph Higgins 9
Jay Edgar (sc)	Karl Singer 9
Dan Karlan 48	Victoria Gable 8
Tom Abrams 45	Billy Ver Planck 8
Dave Duchai 38	Lisa Heyden 7
Hal Shute 32	Lev Zilikman 7
Tony Federici 31	Thomas Long 6
William Roberts 20	Marsha Rosatelli 6
Lou Stefanelli 20	Ray Cragle 5
Louis Nappen 16	Diane Hittner 5
Richard Roth 16	Frederick Lake 5
John Taylor 14	Dan Mikulsky 5
Darryl Gibson 13	John Protomastro 5
Robert Hull 13	Alex Pugliese 5

3 signatures: Arthur Blumenfield, Richard Cohen, Frank Galan, Jean Hall, George Hill, Mike Panella, David Trend

2 signatures: Paul Anderson, Robert Anderson, Paula Cook, Charles Curtis, Barry Fry, Fred Lubinger, Marilyn Pearson, Vincent Roberts, Harvey Sobel, Kenneth Stiefel, Alan Struthers, Wallace Turner, Ed Wiessmann

1 signature: Barry Allen, Randy Enterline, Joseph Frederick, Ray Jodoin, Daniel Kelley, Michael Lyga, Harvey Michelman, James Minaya, Maud Russ, Ronald Schmidt, Raymond Tanner, Lisa Verge-Higgins

Thanks too for the effort of the members who tried, but whose petitions had not been properly notarized.

For final numbers, as well as county petition totals, see the August NJL.

*(sc): Still Collecting at press time



Emerson Ellett, State Chair

Who Would You Vote off the Island?

Let's face it: it's getting crowded around here. You can't swing a cat in New Jersey without hitting a two-bit tyrant disguised as a public servant or a wannabe dictator masquerading as a candidate. It's time to vote someone off the island.

And that's what we'll do at the NJLP State Picnic on Saturday, July 14.

Let me know who you would like to vote off the island. Ten finalists will be selected and at the picnic you'll be able to vote for the one you most want to exile. Votes will cost a dollar each (6 for \$5; 12 for \$10) with the proceeds going to benefit the NJLP.

So who should it be: Jon Corzine or Bob Torricelli? Bob Franks or Jim McGreevey? Hillary Clinton or Christie Whitman? Who knows, maybe you'd like to make it Bill Gates, Regis Philbin or one of the Teletubbies.

E-mail your nominations to me at NedKelley@yahoo.com or mail it to me at Ned Kelley, 637 E Hill Rd, Califon, NJ 07830.

From the Chair

Not everyone is a Bob Schulz

Schulz, a Libertarian and chairman of the *We The People Foundation*, declares that he will fast unto death starting July 1 unless the IRS commissioner provides him a list of government experts to argue against the researchers who have concluded that the income tax is unlawful. (<http://www.givemeliberty.org>)

Nor is everyone willing to go to jail (yet) to become a test case.

Local police told your esteemed chair to cease petitioning for Mark Edgerton outside the DMV Services building in Eatontown because he (the petitioner) lacked a permit. Civil rights attorneys indicate that a test case may be necessary because there is no public sidewalk there, just a walkway within a complex. (The DMV meanwhile has refused to acknowledge our letter and calls, let alone grant us "permission" to petition.)

Still, each of us can do something for liberty short of death or jail. Here are three of the less dramatic infrastructure and liaison jobs:

State and South Jersey Inquiry Coordinators. The LP forwards the names of people seeking information to the NJ inquiry coordinator, who mails a prospect packet to the inquirer, and notifies the respective regional coordinator and database manager by email. We have divided the state into five regions. At present I need a regional coordinator for south Jersey. The duties are to follow up with the prospect about 10 days after the packet is mailed, to make sure the packet arrived and to answer any questions. I would also appreciate someone taking over as NJ inquiry coordinator, a job I am presently handling. Email access is required for both jobs. The state coordinator must make the commitment to mail prospect packages within 24 hours of being notified by the LP.

Operation Politically Homeless "Discover Liberty" Coordinator. This position involves working closely with the Advocates for Self-Government (www.TheAdvocates.org/discover). You (the coordinator) would make sure that all planned OPH events (upcoming county fairs, political rallies, etc.) are listed on the NJ page that is being prepared for the Advocates web site. You would also answer email from potential volunteers, and try to link them up with OPHs they can participate in. You would have your picture (if you so choose) on the NJ page. Email access is required. It wouldn't be a particularly time-consuming job, but it will take a commitment of someone familiar with libertarian activities in NJ.

These are just a few of the jobs available for those who may not have the tenacity of a Bob Schulz (yet). Contact me at chair@njlp.org. Thanks.

Emerson Ellett, State Chair, NJLP

LPSMC Hosts OPH Booth

North Plainfield got a taste of the Freedom Fight during its June 9th Street Fair. Thanks and kudos to Libertarians of Somerset/Middlesex Counties who hosted the booth.



Frank Warren, one of the NJLP's newer activists. Frank is a North Plainfield resident, and coordinated the event.



Brenda Bell (NYC resident and Libertarian friend of Frank Warren) giving a quiz to a passing woman



Ray Babecki, Frank Warren and John Paff on the lookout for politically homeless passersby.



Frank giving a quiz to a passing gentleman



John Paff, Frank Warren and Brenda Bell at the booth. LPSMC was given the spot immediately in front of the Police Department. Can it be that "the powers that be" (in a very Democratic town) wanted to keep an eye on them?



North Plainfield resident Robert Emery Hopp makes a point to LPSMC member Frank Warren. Mr. Hopp is a local activist and self-described 'civic conscience'. He has been fighting North Plainfield over such issues as forced historical preservation and eminent domain.

Photos courtesy of Ray Babecki and John Paff.

Libertarian Moments

By Pat Bontempo

"Hey, buddy, is Alan Keyes a libertarian?"

Not an unusual question if you recall Keyes' bid for the GOP presidential nomination last year, but the circumstances were. A guy shouted it to member David Duchai from across Corlies Avenue in Allenhurst after spotting the bumper sticker on Dave's car in front of a bank.

"Well, I don't know about that," Dave responded, "but Harry Browne is"

"Oh yeah, I know," the man responded, cutting him off. He then got into his car and drove away.

Dave had experienced what I've come to think of as a Libertarian Moment - a brief, unexpected but heartening encounter which lets you know you are not alone. Some are more surprising than others.

Lou Elwell had a couple recently. The day after one of his columns was printed in the *Asbury Park Press* he was spotted by a man passing LMC's table at the Ocean Grove Flea Market. Recognizing Lou from the photo in the paper, he not only paused to praise the column but also went on to sign LP nominating petitions.

Later back home Lou received a telephone call from another *Press* reader who agreed so strongly with the column he looked up Lou's phone number and called to thank him.

You never know when a Libertarian Moment will occur. Inching through traffic on Rt. 1 outside New Brunswick recently I was startled when a car pulled up alongside me and the driver, having spotted my bumper sticker, shouted out, "All right, libertarian! Way to go!"

Last year, when distributing Million Dollar Bills outside the Long Branch Post Office, a man came up to me and asked, "What's up with Hornberger?" At the County Fair that year a guy came up and, again without introduction, asked, "What's going on with the party in Arizona?"

The most encouraging thing about the County Fair, in fact, is getting to meet people who are remarkably supportive of the LP. They not only demonstrate knowledge of the Libertarian Party, they voice their support and voluntarily drop money into our donation jar.

So who are they? That's a mystery. Many are among the 3,000-plus that voted for Len Flynn, our Monmouth County Freeholder candidate last year. But while they take literature, they decline as a rule to give their name and address.

And, sadly, some don't vote libertarian. Their reasons vary: usually it's the "wasted vote" concern; other times it's an emotional attachment to the GOP. What all these folks have in common is a desire, for whatever reason and to whatever degree, to remain aloof from the LP.

But they are out there. And there are far more of them than there are LP members. In fact, there's even more of them than our vote totals would indicate. So while it can at times get frustrating, and it's easy to become disheartened, rest assured you are not alone, and a Libertarian Moment can happen at any time.

NJLP Member Mike Curci visits over 100 auto repair shops every week. He "plants" NJLPs in waiting rooms and bathrooms, along with his product catalogues.

Steering Committee – June 16th Meeting

The June 16th Steering Committee meeting was held at the Stefanelli residence in Tinton Falls. Lou Stefanelli, Treasurer, circulated the Treasurer's report and observed that cash flow was roughly equivalent to last year.

The Steering Committee began to review the state of party merchandise (mostly books and T-shirts) and Lou said they were "all left-overs."

Lou will follow up with Jack Toussaint about updates to the membership roster, particularly members per organized county on February 1, 2001 for the dues share program.

Lou Elwell requested a compilation of membership and recruitment expenses and results. Lou Stefanelli will implement this suggestion.

Mark Edgerton visited the meeting around 2:00 PM to update the NJLP leadership about his campaign and his radio interview that day in Bayville.

Under unfinished business, Len Flynn noted that he is preparing a summary of outstanding issues and proposals, and plans to schedule a Bylaws Committee meeting prior to the July 14 General Meeting.

According to Council of Alternative Political Parties (CAPP) coordinator Albert Larotonda, there was still no action from the courts on the appeal of the ruling allowing voters to register under alternative party designations. Attorney Askin is on vacation and Emerson was unable to contact attorney Steinhagen for an update on the litigation.

Lou Elwell reported that Leesburg has been approved as an alternate bulk-mailing site for the NJ Libertarian. The problem was that the USPS did not list the NJLP in Tennent properly in their two computer systems. Now Lou will follow up with the Tennent post office to get the correct indicia for our bulk nonprofit mailings.

A motion to spend up to \$75 for this year's July 14 picnic and general meeting carried. A second motion to raise the money ceiling for the Chair to make discretionary expenditures from its current \$40.00 to \$100.00 carried unanimously.

Emerson Ellett will follow up with Mr. Thomas Wright, Assistant Director of Customer Services of the N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles, about DMV's Eatontown office ordering NJLP petitioners to leave its premises.

NJLP Projects/ OPH booth -- Robert Hull mentioned some variations on the "Operation Politically Homeless" (OPH) display that the NJLP might use. .

A State Fund mailing is scheduled to go out after June 27, when NJLP candidate ballot status is final.

Lou Elwell has set up an agenda for programs for NJLP committees to implement, including offering NJLP.org e-mail addresses.

Recruitment & membership -- Emerson reported that copies of LP News are available in bulk quantities for distribution. Victor Kaplan is creating a special flyer for high school students.

In public relations, Tom Abrams had not yet completed an ad for the New Jersey Webguide. Pat Bontempo is working on NJLP radio ads. An NJLP speaker's bureau will be initiated through a newsletter notice seeking a coordinator plus volunteers to speak.

Announcements

Monmouth County Freeholder Candidate Jay Edgar is hosting "Farmfest 2001", a rock till you drop party, on Saturday, August 4th in Cream Ridge. It's time to wake the neighbors again! Bands to appear will be Poker Face, Chrysalis, Severance and Latshaw. You can find out more at <http://www.geocities.com/farmfest2001/>

Nappen Address Draws Large Crowd

About 40 people were on hand to hear attorney Evan Nappen defend our right to keep and bear arms in a May 29 talk, *Ready! Aim! Freedom?* sponsored by Libertarians of Monmouth County at the county library in Shrewsbury.

"You are a legend," one enthusiastic audience member declared, offering his thanks before asking a question of Evan. Two people, one hobbling on crutches, drove an hour and a half one way from Collingswood in South Jersey just to hear him speak.

Evan's talk was a devastating attack on the idiocy of existing gun laws, clearly showing how they do nothing to defend public safety while compromising our basic rights. He also offered practical advice on how citizens can defend their freedom. A lively question-and-answer period followed and ended only when the library closed.



Mr. Nappen's "devastating" talk on existing gun laws was sponsored by Libertarians of Monmouth County.



Pat Bontempo, Chair of Libertarians of Monmouth County, organized and opened the talk.



A particularly encouraging aspect of the evening was that most of the crowd, which lined the back and sides of the room, were not LP members. Indeed, for many this was their first exposure to the party.

If you missed the talk you can still see it. Thanks to Robert Hull, our hardworking webmaster, it was videotaped and is available for viewing on the county website, www.MonmouthLP.org.



Members of the audience got a chance to chat with Evan following his address.

Photos courtesy of Robert Hull

Libertarian Lou On the Loose

By Lou Elwell



Galt's Gulch in Africa

Ayn Rand wrote about Galt's Gulch in the book Atlas Shrugged, a fictitious place where business reigned supreme, prosperity abounded and people enjoyed life without government interference. Libertarians who have dreamed about a real life location where it is possible to live without government interference need look no further than Somalia. Suffice it to say, business is booming, prosperity is increasing rapidly and people are cooperating voluntarily.

Somalia, created as a democracy in 1960 by the combination of British Somaliland and Italian Somaliland, has historically been plagued by internal strife between clans and a war with Ethiopia. General Mohammed Siad Barre, Somalia's last leader, was overthrown in 1991 and replaced with *nothing*. The UN and various African countries have held 13 conferences to bring about a new government that all resulted in failure.

Somalia became somewhat well known in the 1990's for its famine and the various humanitarian efforts of the UN and US, which both gave up in 1995 and left. Starting with less than nothing and entangled in civil war, Somalia has made startling progress. Competitive and efficient businesses have thrived in an environment with no bureaucracy, no government regulations, no corporate welfare and no foreign aid at all.

With three different telecom companies in Mogadishu (the capital), Somalia now has free local calling and the lowest priced international telephone service in Africa. Five airlines and a new airport. Price wars on pasta between the local manufacturers and foreign competitors. Other new businesses include radio and television stations, a bottling plant and computer schools. Several of the businesses have raised money by selling stock despite the lack of an organized stock exchange.

The marketplace offers everything from assault rifles to Viagra, and everything in between. Previously, merchants had to obtain government issued permits to import goods and equipment that prevented many products from entering the country. The ability to bribe government officials was often was a determinant in business success. The free trade in all goods has also lessened hostilities between the clans.

Economic activity of all sorts has exploded – new factories and buildings, and even a privately developed seaport to replace the government owned one. Doctors offering services for free to the poor and with nominal fees for the others have formed over 40 private hospitals and medical clinics.

Services that many think need to be regulated by government operate fairly well without regulation. Electric service is provided by numerous generating stations operated by 55 different companies (at last count) that typically provide free electricity for streetlights and schools in their service areas. Though there is no central water supply (not that uncommon in Africa), water is delivered to the homes of Somalis by numerous entrepreneurs.

Legitimate government functions such as defense, police and a court system have all found free market solutions. In the capital of Mogadishu, businessmen have funded a militia, supervised by Islamic clerics, to combat the warlords. The militia also serves as a police force. The elders of the clans enforce informal honor codes through arbitration. Even violent disputes are settled in this fashion.

Not everything is perfect. The telephone systems don't work with their competitors, but given that the telephone companies have recently formed a joint venture to provide Internet access, improvement is only a matter of time. Roads, garbage collection and public safety could all use dramatic improvements. And it is difficult to travel to other countries without government issued passports. However, rather than focusing on the shortfalls, let's acknowledge the tremendous achievements that have been accomplished in such a short period of time.

Proof of the turnaround in Somalia is the fact that people are returning home – leaving even the U.S. and Canada because their standard of living is perceived to be better in Somalia and there is a greater likelihood of accumulating wealth!

Alas, the invisible hand of Adam Smith is also working to form new governments. The northern regions of Somalia have formed autonomous governments and conference number 14, hosted by neighboring Djibouti, has resulted in the various power players agreeing on a new constitution and the formation of an interim Parliament to govern for several years before holding elections.

It is clear though that any new government will answer to the people and the businesses that they operate. After tasting freedom, it will be difficult to go back. The Somalia example proves H.L. Mencken was right when he said, "The state remains, as it was in the beginning, the common enemy of all well-disposed, industrious and decent men."

Lou Elwell is an At Large Member of the NJLP Steering Committee and editor of Monmouth County Libertarian's newsletter, Shore Liberty. He can be reached for comment at LibertarianLou@aol.com.

The Second Amendment in a New Millennium

Third column in a series by Richard Altrath

It is amazing how many people believe that the U.S. Constitution confers rights upon its citizens. Indeed, there are also droves of attorneys who believe the same thing (of course they are not Constitutional lawyers).

What is the purpose of the Constitution if not to create and guarantee rights of citizens?

The framers of this august document debated through several very hot summer months to write a relatively short paper that created a form of government under which citizens would live. The Constitution refers to rights of citizens, and extends the enumeration of those rights through the various amendments, but the nature of those rights is very different from what is taught in school and generally believed to be.

How does all of this relate to the second amendment and the rights of gun owners? In *United States vs. Cruikshank et al* (Oct. 1875) the U.S. Supreme Court made clear the true nature of the rights of citizens, and it did so with direct reference to the second amendment. According to the court decision the case involved "...citizens of the United States, of African descent and persons of color, with the intent thereby to hinder and prevent them in their free exercise and enjoyment of rights and privileges "granted and secured" to them "in common with all other good citizens of the United States by the constitution and laws of the United States". The case involved quite a number of indictments against the defendants who were variously accused of violating the rights of the aforesaid "persons of color," who, in turn, sought relief from the federal courts.

Space prevents a full development of the case, but aspects of the court's decision are worth considering. As a part of its lengthy consideration, the court said the following of the right to bear arms: "The second and tenth counts are equally defective. The right there specified is that of "bearing arms for a lawful purpose." This is not a right granted by the Constitution. Neither is it in any manner dependent on that instrument for its existence. The second amendment declares that it shall not be infringed; but this, as has been seen, means no more than it shall not be infringed by Congress. This is one of the amendments that has no other effect than to restrict the powers of the national government, leaving the people to look for their protection against any violation by their fellow-citizens of the rights it recognizes, to what is called, in *The City of New York v. Miln*, 11 Pet. 139, the "powers which relate to merely municipal legislation, or what was, perhaps, more properly called internal police," "not surrendered or restrained" by the Constitution of the United States."

In short, what the court said was that the Constitution does not create any rights at all. It merely refers to rights that the framers recognized were the rights of free people throughout history. This is a far better consideration of the nature of our rights than to confer upon the Constitution the creation of rights, for, in the final analysis, whatever is given can be very easily taken away. This is the case in countries where citizens have rights that are "created" by acts of legislation. It has always been the case that rights so conferred have been repealed.

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Talk Will Target Danger of FDA

Does the government make you sick? You may have good reason for thinking so.

On Tuesday, August 14 Libertarians of Monmouth County will sponsor a talk by Danny Maiullo, *The People vs. the FDA*, at the Wall Township Library, Allaire and Bailey's Corner Roads, Wall Twp. beginning at 7 p.m.

Maiullo is Vice President of Life Sciences Supplements Inc., a manufacturer and marketer of dietary supplements and low carb foods and snacks. He was also a contributor to the legal effort that led to the *Pearson v. Shalala* victory for free speech.

With 13 years of experience in the industry, Maiullo has first-hand knowledge of how the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has tried to restrict access to dietary supplements as well as access to information. He is also an attorney licensed to practice law in New Jersey.

The talk, which will be free and open to the public, is part of an on-going series being sponsored this year by LMC. A question-and-answer period will follow the talk.

NJLP Member Ray Babecki spotted an NJL in a North Jersey doctor's waiting room. Someone had taken the trouble to print out the full color web version and "plant" it.

Edgerton Ink

**"I will pardon every non-violent drug offender."
Mark Edgerton in page 1 story,
Montclair Times - NJ's largest weekly newspaper.**



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To the Editor,

It is looking more and more like the accusations Jacob G. Hornberger, (JGH), has been making these past couple of years regarding the LNC and the Browne campaign have a more substantial foundation than most thought would be the case.

I hope that the LNC 'does the right thing' and pursues the ethics amendment to the bylaws that JGH and others have proposed. I think it will go a long way towards stopping such behavior in the future. Nothing is perfect, but if the rules are clearly stated, it is easier to both follow them and determine if they have been violated.

The LNC should pursue these charges in a professional manner. I think that the advice JGH offers, (available at www.jacobghornberger.com), should be seriously considered and at least partially, if not completely, followed.

An independent, neutral arbitrator/investigator would be a good idea. When the opposing sides in a conflict have such divergent interests and viewpoints it is easy to resort to open warfare, instead of reconciliation.

I for one will follow this with great interest. The LP cannot criticize others for behaving unethically if it is not capable of behaving ethically itself. A true test of ethical behavior is what one does when faced with unethical behavior.

I have the following hopes for the resolution of this situation:

1) That all parties concerned will sort this out so that we can continue with our fight for liberty.

2) That those who are found to have overstepped the bounds of propriety can accept whatever admonishment is given, apologize and compensate those damaged.

3) If impropriety is found to have occurred, that we can forgive those that committed these unethical acts, provided that these acts were committed out of zeal for the cause, and not for personal gain at the expense of others. If the former is the case, it is forgivable in my view. If the latter, it is not.

Tom Wright

Letters To the Editor

Dear Editor,

Considering the perennial attacks on Liberty by her enemies, it's certainly understandable why defending her remains the focal point of our movement. But there's one immutable reality libertarians persistently neglect at their own peril: Freedom and justice are vacuous concepts without the moral compass of several property, an elusive truth captured flawlessly by Ludwig von Mises' now almost completely forgotten definition of private property: "...the mutual acknowledgment of self-ownership...". Grasp the sublime implications of this ancient idea which forms the ethical bedrock of civilization – especially the fact that freedom and justice are the children, not the parents, of private property – and you'll immediately understand why, on the first pages of *Liberalism*, the great Austrian scholar declares "The program of liberalism, therefore, if condensed into a single word, would have to read: *property*, that is, private ownership of the means of production..."

Ever optimistic that we will someday liberate ourselves from the toxic legacy of Rousseau's *noble savage*, I remain...

Sincerely

Warren T. Kupchik

NJLP Members In Public Office

Elected Officials:

William Krouse, Franklin Township (Warren County) Board of Education

Christian Joest, Blairstown Township (Warren County) Board of Education

Appointed Officials:

Paul Anderson, Vice Chairman, Chester Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment, Chester Borough Planning Board, and Historic Preservation Committee

Tony Federici, Community Dispute Resolution Committee, Vernon Township

Ken Hetrick, Administrator, Chatham Township; Acting Town Manager, West Milford Township

Joseph Higgins, Woodcliff Lake Borough Emergency Management Coordinator

Paul Horuzy, Commissioner, Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority

Ned Kelley, Hunterdon County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Tracey Lockwood, Secretary, City of Clifton Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities; Chair, Cable TV Committee, City of Clifton

John Paff, Member, Franklin Township (Somerset County) Attorney Ethics Committee

Hal Shute, West Amwell Township Open Space Committee and West Amwell Zoning Board of Adjustment

Bill Thawley, Cape May Mayor's Advisory Council and Transportation Committee

Ed Wiessmann, Chairman, Sparta Township Community Dispute Resolution Committee; Member, Vernon Township Community Dispute Resolution Committee

Ronald Wishart, Member, Manalapan Township Planning Board

Thanks, folks!

County Organizations

The NJLP has affiliated county organizations for advocacy, activism and discussion at the county level. Feel free to contact these organizations through any of the individuals listed. If you do not see your county listed, please contact Chair Emerson Ellett for information on activism in your area.

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Calendar of County Meetings

The public is invited and guests are very welcome.

Hunterdon County generally on the first or second Monday of each month. The agenda is split between business and social activities. Contact Hal Shute at 609-397-5913 for information or shute@blast.net to be added to announce list.

Mercer County: Call David Trend at 609 466 2469

Middlesex/Somerset Counties: fourth Monday of each month, 7:30 PM. For meeting location call Howard Schoen at 732 572 0207.

Monmouth County, Regular county meetings are held the second Sunday of every month at the New School, 301 Middle Rd, Holmdel at noon. For information call (732) 775-7263 or check the website for changes, www.MonmouthLP.org

South Jersey Libertarian Party monthly meetings on rotating Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Deb Sackett at 856 694 3419 for info.

Calendar

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

Sun, Aug 19th, 1 PM
State Board Meeting
 Tumulty's Pub

Sun, Sep 16th, 1 PM
Steering Committee Meeting
 Elwell Residence, Long Branch

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www.politicsnj.com The New Jersey Political scene. Great site!
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LPSMC (affectionately known as "Lip Smack")... what is this newly affiliated county organization? They've been hosting talks and booths for years – read the bio on this busy county organization and see photos from their latest talk, "What not to say when stopped by the Police".

Who "survived" the NJLP annual picnic? Photos and coverage of our annual picnic and general meeting.

Final signature tallies for the Edgerton campaign, as well as "Honor Rolls" for county and local candidate petitions.