

# The New Jersey LIBERTARIAN

## Volunteers Put Kaplan On The Ballot

VOLUNTEER	COUNTY	TOTAL
Ken Kaplan	Essex	129
Roger Bacon	Warren	124
Doug Stoxen	Salem	118
Tony Federici	Sussex	100
Mike Pierone	Sussex	78
Lou Stefanelli	Essex	62
Ben Grindlinger	Mercer	53
Tim Konek	Hudson	42
Larry Eden	Hudson	40
Bob Dyson	Salem	32
Chris White	Hudson	25
Herb Rosselle	Cumberland	25
Dan Karlan	Bergen	20
Spencer Layman	Monmouth	18
Ginny Flynn	Monmouth	16
Earl Dickey	Mercer	10
Len Flynn	Monmouth	9
Keith Quarles	Monmouth	9
Emerson Ellett	Monmouth	6
Carl Peters	Mercer	6
Sharon Werkman	Mercer	2
Total		924

Libertarians from nine counties teamed up to get the signatures on petitions that put **Ken Kaplan** on the ballot for Governor of New Jersey. The dedication of our party's volunteers made possible Ken's appearance as the *third* candidate in the *Star-Ledger* report on nominees.

Others combined to get our candidates for the Legislature on the ballots, and still others made an increasing presence in Freeholder races possible.

The petitioners that got Ken Kaplan into the Governor's race, together with their signature totals, are in the column at left. *Only 800 names were needed; the volunteers enthusiastically exceeded that requirement.*

Libertarians will also be a presence in New Jersey Legislature races this year, represented by Senate candidates **Joe Ponzek** (1), **Barbara Jones** (11), **Ginny Flynn** (12), **Roger Bacon** (23), and **Bill Dundas** (24). Bill Dundas led the NJLP in vote totals last year, garnering 7,788 votes in the Sussex County

Freeholder race.

Assembly candidates include **Scott Derby** (1), **Keith Quarles** (11), **Ben Grindlinger** (14), and **Tim Lyons** (15).

Gloucester County is leading the charge to make LP candidates prominent in Freeholder races, fielding candidates for all three available seats in their county. Their nominees are **David Zarzycki**, **Mike Herner**, and **James Blakey**. **Ed Wiessmann** is running for the Sussex County Freeholder spot on the ballot, and NJLP Chair **Spencer Layman** is contesting one of Monmouth County's two available seats on the Freeholder board.

As in the Governor's race, volunteers made some Legislature and Freeholder candidacies possible. Gathering signatures is a time-consuming task that can occasionally be unpleasant, but is absolutely essential to the party's growth and presence in the public consciousness. Some of the volunteers who made local candidacies possible are

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Emerson Ellett, who gathered 80 signatures for Barbara Jones and Keith Quarles; David Dayhoff, who petitioned on behalf of Tim Lyons; Mary Boyce, who is assisting Joe Ponczek and Scott Derby in their campaign; Larry Muentz of Cape May, who has helped the same two nominees and is paving the way for the nascent Cape May County Libertarian Party; and John Hill of the Gloucester Libertarians, who has done much to make his county's the largest slate of local candidates.

Apologies to all those who donated their efforts, yet were overlooked in the haste to get this to press. The efforts of our party's volunteers serve as further proof that people need not be prodded by government to do good, and gives the lie to the Republican claim that Libertarians are selfish egomaniacs whose only concern is personal gain.

We have a powerful slate this year, and can look forward to an exciting set of campaigns with more emphasis on local candidates. The public has seldom if ever been so disgusted and desperate with their socialistic rulers, and will be lending more of an ear than ever before. Let's all do all we can to make sure they hear about the advantages of liberty: freedom, harmony, and prosperity.

With modest donations of time and money from every NJLP member, we can make 1993 the year we win our first seats in New Jersey's Legislature and Freeholder Boards, as capital L Libertarians.

Kaplan needs volunteers to handle the press, schedule events and speaking engagements, and prepare print, radio and TV ads. Phone 201-

672-6500 (days) and 201-992-3991 (nights). Send contribution checks, made out to "Kaplan for Governor '93", to P.O. Box 204, Livingston, NJ 07039.

—Ed Wiessmann

## Governor-Nominee Kaplan Scores on Affordable Housing

(From the AP, March 7):

The New Jersey Libertarian party on Sunday nominated a broker of industrial and commercial real estate as its candidate for governor.

Kenneth Kaplan, 45, has never held elective office. He has made attempts for state Senate and Assembly, and Rockaway Township Council and Orange City Council, the party said.

"For too long the state of New Jersey has been in the grips of Democrats and Republicans who think regulating, taxing and spending are the keys to better government," Kaplan said. "It is time to come up with creative solutions that rely on common sense and voluntary action."

"For instance, thousands of units of affordable housing can be created by requiring local zoning authorities to allow single-family homes to be converted to two-family homes, and two-family homes to be converted to three-family homes," he said.

"This simple proposal will not only create new housing, but allow homeowners with financial problems to keep their homes. This can all be done at no expense to taxpayers."

Kaplan lives in Livingston with his wife, Nell, and two children.

## The Electronic Highway: Private Success or Federal Disaster?

The government is trying to gain control of a powerful revolution now occurring in the information and communications industries. President Clinton has called for a national electronic data highway paid for with public funds and regulated by the government.

An electronic highway is an information and data network to which anyone with a computer, modem and phone line can gain access. A basic example is Internet, a worldwide network originally developed for use by the scientific and academic communities. Internet now has more than 1.3 million users, many of whom work in the computer industry.

With the 1960's flower children now in power, there is a resurgence of the belief that Big Brother will take care of everything and that includes a high-capacity, high speed national computer network. But it is a formula for disaster.

The term "highway" enables proponents to point to the national federal highway system as a model. Fine. Ask the people of Montana or Wyoming how they like government control of their highways. Even though it made no sense in the wide-open space of the West, the federal government insisted on holding the speed limit to 55 for years. Do we want such regulation on our data networks?

Do we want the same folks who give us the Post Office to run our computer networks? Think about it: in 1915 a coast-to-coast phone call cost \$20.70 and now, almost 80 years later the cost is well under \$1.00. On the

other hand, you could mail 1,000 letters for that same \$20.00 in 1915 and now you can't send even 70. The difference is the vital distinction between private and government-controlled enterprise. The very successful Prodigy Service expanded its membership recently and found its costs outstripping its income. Before Prodigy management increased rates to customers, it cut costs and staff. Can you imagine the government cutting costs on a data network?

And then there is the issue of paying for it. Will we have another tax, on computers perhaps, to pay for a public network? Or maybe just continue to add to the national debt? Will funding for this highway be subject to the same kinds of outrageous pork that transportation bills include?

But I believe the most important issue is information control. The real purpose of an electronic data highway is to move information and government wants desperately to control it. There will be a new maze of regulation emerging with surcharges and taxes for some information but not for others. The government will even control who gets to use the network and for what. If your information is not "politically correct" then you won't have any right to use the public network.

The Clinton administration wants to take another step to erode our freedom by taking over electronic networks. It is imperative that we say no. The risk is greater than most people realize.

—Don Jay Smith

## Battle Won in War on Forfeiture

NJ Assembly Bill No. 1536 (A-1536) cleared a key legislative committee on March 4, despite vigorous opposition by state Attorney General Robert Del Tufo and the state's County Prosecutors Association. The committee's meeting room, which was packed by F.E.A.R. (Forfeiture Endangers American Rights) and NJLP members and other forfeiture opponents, broke into cheers and applause as committee chairman Gary W. Stuhltrager cast the deciding vote in favor of releasing the bill to the full house with a favorable recommendation. The bill passed the committee by a 4-3 vote.

Also voting for A-1536 were Assembly members Robert Brown, Harriet Derman and Lee Solomon. Those voting against the measure were Monroe Jay Lustbader (a co-sponsor!), Byron Baer and Frank Catania.


The bill now proceeds to a vote before the full Assembly. An identical bill in the state senate, S-1226, awaits action by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Free copies of

these bills can be ordered through the Office of Legislative Services, CN 068, Trenton, NJ 08625 (609-292-4840 or -4841).

One F.E.A.R. supporter, Richard Marchese, taped the entire hearing and has copies available for sale. They may be purchased at \$19.95 post-paid (N.J. residents must add that 6% sales tax!). F.E.A.R. will receive a \$5.00 donation for each tape sold. Make checks payable to Richard Marchese and mail to F.E.A.R., P.O. Box 5424, Somerset, NJ 08875-5424.

—John Paff

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## PRO CHILD – PRO CHOICE

The 1990 National Libertarian Party Platform on Women's Rights states: "Recognizing that each person must be the sole and absolute owner of his or her own body, we support the right of women to make a personal choice regarding the termination of pregnancy."

We, the undersigned women and mothers of the New Jersey LP, support the position of the Libertarian Party.

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## ABORTION: In Harmony or In Conflict With the Rest of the Libertarian Party Platform?

For a copy of this new LFL publication, send SASE. Complete literature packet on abortion, aggression, and parental obligation, \$3.00. Questions welcome.

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# Minute by minute

*These are the minutes of the NJLP State Committee for Earthdate April 11, 1993  
Secretary Emerson Ellett recording...*

The meeting, held at the Alibi in Manville, was called to order by the Chair at 1:15 pm. Present: Layman, Flynn, Ellett, Stefanelli, Aviles, Paff, Stoxen, Karlan, Roselle, J. Eden, Trend (for Peters), Glatter, and Wiessmann (for Federici). Also present were L. Eden and L. Stewart. Absent: Hill and Enterline. As of March 31, there were 512 members of the NJLP.

**Chair's Report.** To date half a dozen people have responded to the call for volunteers issued in the March newsletter; Layman expects more by the May 1 deadline.

## County Committee Reports:

**Bergen.** Karlan has received mailing labels from Stefanelli; he will contact all members in order to form a viable organization. It was noted that Bergen has more members than any county in the state.

**Cumberland.** Roselle reported that Paff spoke to 19 people about forfeiture at the last monthly meeting. Irv Homer, the talk radio personality, has been invited to speak April 25.

**Hudson.** J. Eden reported that there are no regular meetings. Individual libertarians are supporting the incumbent Republican mayoral candidate.

**Mercer.** Trend will send an article from the *Trentonian* to the newsletter editor, which relates how Carl Peters refused to give his social security number to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, which therefore refused him a license; and how Carl was then sent to jail for 34 days for being an unlicensed driver.

**Middlesex.** Glatter reported lobbying against forfeiture and a special improvement district. The group has also sponsored a food drive and two OPH booths. Aviles participated in a radio call-in show. Gene Burns has been invited to speak at the next meeting.

**Monmouth.** Layman announced that Keith Quarles will run for Assembly in the 11th district. Paff spoke at the last meeting, and the freeholders will be made aware of forfeiture abuses. A tax protest is planned for April 15 at the Hazlet post office. **Morris/Essex.** Stefanelli is the new chair and the organization has a full slate of officers. There are program chairs for house calls, Seminar 1s and public meetings. The group, and the NJLP, has supported the Friends of Midwives.

**Salem.** Stoxen is running for the Pennsville school board and Lynne Straughen is up for the Penns Grove planning board. During the winter recruiting drive the group raised \$365. Ten letters to the editor have been published in three months. Salem is working on building a voters' list for each township in the county.

**Sussex.** Wiessmann reported that Bill Dundas will run for Senate in the 24th district. Sussex is not opposing the two quasi-libertarian Assemblymen. Two public debates have been scheduled, on property rights in relation to the environment, and on unlicensed midwives. Sussex is visiting the homes of prospects.

**Ocean County Organizer.** The Chair will ask Glenn

Campbell if he is willing to take over from Betty Florentine.

## Old Business:

**Gubernatorial petition gathering.** The Chair will ensure that all petitions are accounted for.

**Member-at-large petition.** Grindlinger has 39 signatures to date; 57 are required, based on March membership totals. **MOTION:** Resolved, that the State Committee recommend to the membership at the next General Meeting in July an amendment to para. 4.c)7 of the by-laws. If approved, member(s) chosen by petition need obtain the signatures of 5% of the NJLP membership plus 5 members' signatures versus the current requirement of 10% plus 5. **PASSED.** **MOTION:** Resolved, that the maximum number of At-large Steering Committee members selected by petition shall be three. In the event that more than three candidates receive the minimum number of signatures the three with the greatest number of signatures shall be seated. **PASSED.** **MOTION:** Resolved, that the two motions just passed by postponed indefinitely. **PASSED.**

## New Business:

**Delegate selection.** New Jersey is authorized 23 delegates to the national convention in Salt Lake City. **MOTION:** Resolved, that the delegate selection procedure be committed to the May Steering Committee meeting for resolution. **PASSED.**

**Approval of the Cape May County organization.** Deferred to the General Meeting (in accordance with the bylaws).

**LIBPAC.** The secretary will request information on the mechanics of donating and receiving funds in support of our candidates.

**Bylaw revision.** The Chair will draft a change to resolve the problem of selecting candidates and national convention delegates at the same meeting.

**Libertarian CATV.** Under discussion with Monmouth Cable.

**Election signs.** Wiessmann discussed the pros and cons of using the wording "Libertarian Party" vs. "Libertarian". The choice will be left up to the individual candidate. For information on dimensions, phone him at (201) 579-7941.

**1st District candidates.** **MOTION:** Resolved, that the State Committee approve the candidacies of Joe Ponczek and Scott Derby for Senate and Assembly respectively. **PASSED.**

**Computer voice mail.** In response to Roselle's concern that we are not contacting prospects immediately, Karlan announced that mailboxes for the Chair, Treasurer and each County Chair will be available by July 1.

**Issues for NATCOM's consideration.** Morning Glory Productions, the contractor, has not been responsive in confirming reservations for the national convention.

**Business cards.** 1,000 cards @ \$15.95 can be ordered from Wholesale Card Co., P.O. Box 1414, Bristol, Tennessee 37621. Stoxen is pleased with their service.

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### Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarian motions. SMAL

urges the State Committee to 1) establish a body to track state legislation, and 2) ensure that a named member return the OPH wooden backdrop. The motions were noted.

**Telephone tree.** Stefanelli distributed a tree revised to reflect changes in leadership. **Dues split between NJLP and counties.** Stefanelli provided the current share of each party.

**Outreach books.** MOTION: Resolved, that the NJLP reimburse Stefanelli \$45 for 10 copies of *Libertarianism in One Lesson*. PASSED.

**Operation Politically Homeless.** MOTION: Resolved, that the NJLP reimburse Laura Stewart \$60 for OPH expenses. PASSED.

### Announcements:

**Forfeiture:** Senators Adler and Brown have signed on as co-sponsors of the reform bill.

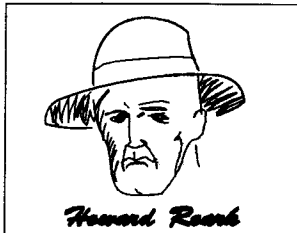
**NJ State Bar Association Symposium.** To be held April 14 at the NJ Law Center, New Brunswick.

**Smokers' Rights.** Call Karl Gallant, the group's political consultant, at 800-333-8883.

**Campus recruiting.** Joe Knight, LP Field Organizer, will be at Princeton to help organize a chapter.

**NRA Grassroots Coalition.** Call 800-392-8883 to join.

**Next meeting.** Steering Committee, May 16 at 1 pm. at the Alibi in Manville. Meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.



## Letterbox

Editor:

I take exception to the bad light "Howard Roark" casts upon Mike Pierone in the March issue of the *New Jersey Libertarian*. The article unfairly characterizes Mike as "King Michael of Pierone," a "power broker" who "hand-picked" Spencer Layman as the new State Chair.

I've worked closely with Mike during his term as State Chair, and have always found him to be fair and evenhanded in his dealings with me and other party members. I would certainly like "Roark" to reply to this letter, setting forth any evidence he has to support his allegations, or to concede that his remarks were recklessly and inaccurately made.

—John T. Paff

Editor:

Who is "King Michael Pierone"? What is this bashing of our convention? I sat next to "Howard Roark" and we obviously had different perceptions and formed different concepts. The real Mike Pierone was an excellent Chair. This Libertarian manifested his presence throughout the year. He gave to this Party and communicated our philosophy. I know, I was with him at different and difficult forums. I saw his phone bill. I am aware of his valiant attempt to get Joe Clark to join us. Also, "Howard", how do you measure "consternation amidst the crowd as they considered" Laura Stewart for Chair? Equally sad was the implication we are holding "unconscious sexist attitudes"; if they are unconscious how would we or you know of them? Would the real Howard Roark want me

to sacrifice my vote to someone who had a different value in a significant area?

"Howard", I give you an "F" for your first attempt at creative fiction...

—Tony Federici, Chair, Sussex County Area Libertarian Party

Editor:

To have published Howard Roark's fictionalized version of the NJLP convention was the height of editorial irresponsibility, especially in an issue that was distributed to nonmembers who expressed an interest in our party. I only hope they weren't turned off by Roark's babblings about gender prejudice and authoritarian leaders—none of which has any basis in truth.

—John Gault

**Editor's Response:** The editorial staff of this newsletter went "out on a limb" by asking Howard Roark, one of the most famous founders of libertarianism, hero of the Ayn Rand novel, *The Fountainhead*, to report on the New Jersey Libertarian Party's annual convention. When he delivered his piece there were serious arguments for censorship. It was finally decided to print the piece in its entirety, and disclaim any responsibility. By printing a bold warning above the story,

we warned readers not to place faith in Roark's sensationalistic reportage.

We are most appreciative of Pierone's contributions as Chair, to the party and to this paper, and we know that he gave unselfishly of his time and talents to help the NJLP without aggrandizement. Mike did step down, but there was no revolutionary group that wanted him out of office; indeed, he easily could have won re-election. That he did step down after one term, should set an example to all elected officeholders and speaks to the high tone of his character. Another fact that should have been mentioned was that Roark himself nominated the somewhat surprised Laura Stewart. Not the role of an objective journalist.

Asked to reply to the storm of outrage, Roark writes: "So this is the gratitude I get from you dunderheads for trying to pep up one of the most boring newsletters in the 50 states. You've got a dynamic subject — libertarianism — and you print the most boring crap! My friend says she won't join the party because libertarians have no sense of humor. At least not about themselves!"

We will continue to use Roark's services as a signed columnist, with the warning that his attitudes may agitate our gentle readers.

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## In The Press...

From *The Press of Atlantic City*, an article by Richard Degener.

**CAPE MAY — Larry Muentz** is a strong supporter of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Washington, Ben Franklin and other founding fathers. He likes them because of their strong feelings that government should "be kept on a leash," that taxes, regulations, public jobs and the other trappings of government should be minimal so private enterprise can flourish.

... Muentz was until recently a lifelong Republican.... Muentz is one of a growing number of dissatisfied Republicans, against the "liberal Democrats" but also upset that Reagan and Bush did not slow the growth of government. ... Muentz, deciding there is no longer any difference between the Democratic and Republican parties, has joined the Libertarian Party.

He may be asking you to join next. That's because Muentz is starting a Cape May County chapter of the Libertarian Party. ...at Alexander's Inn, a bed and breakfast he owns here on Washington Street.

... Muentz is hoping to run Libertarian candidates here in Cape May County this year.

Muentz believes government for the past 30 years has been growing like a tumor. ...

He says "government intrusion" consumes about three days of the week as he has to fill out various "outrageous forms" and conform to 14 laws regulating bed and breakfasts. He said for each \$1 he pays an employee he has to pay the government 50

cents in taxes for things like social security and Medicare. The government also takes 25 cents in taxes from the employee. So, from the \$1.50 Muentz pays out, the government gets 75 cents ... "That's 48 percent of the wealth of this county is being consumed by government and it's accelerating. Two members of a family have to work where in the 1950s one did. A 30-year-old person can't buy a house on an average wage," Muentz said.

The Libertarians want to phase in government reductions of 35 to 40 percent, bringing spending back to the levels of 10 or 12 years ago, he noted. Getting out of debt is a start. Muentz says 20 percent of the money goes to paying debt and this reduces bank loans for business. Libertarians want to eliminate the income tax and the Internal Revenue Service.

The transformation of Muentz was actually brought about by his 23-year-old son Alex. A college student majoring in economics, Alex is convinced the Democratic and Republican parties are controlled by those who make a living off the government. He said 89 percent of the Democratic delegates and 67 percent of the GOP delegates in 1992 held government jobs.

Larry Muentz said the Libertarian Party believes there should be no minimum wage law and free market conditions should rule....

They also say government should not compete with private enterprise; U.S. troops should be removed from Europe and the military should primarily defend U.S. territory; the government should handle things like roads, police, the military and courts. "It should only do what it does well," said Muentz.

## Court Watch

The New Jersey Superior Court was recently asked to decide whether Henry Wallace, an Atlantic City landlord, was entitled to compensation for damage done to his rental building by city police executing a "no knock" warrant there. According to court papers, Wallace sought \$900.97—the value of three doors that were broken down—when police entered one of his rental units to arrest a tenant. (See *Wallace v. City of Atlantic City*, 257 N.J. Super 404, 608 A.2d 480.)

The city denied responsibility for the doors, arguing that it is allowed, "in the exercise of its police power and without compensation, [to] destroy buildings or structures which are a menace to public safety or are a nuisance."

Wallace, acting as his own attorney, advanced two legal theories to Judge Michael Winklestein, a Kean appointee. First, Wallace argued that the police committed a tort against his property. The court dismissed this theory since Wallace couldn't show that the police were negligent or used excessive force in executing the warrant. Second, Wallace argued that the destruction of his doors constituted a taking under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Paragraph 20 of the New Jersey Constitution. After a six page analysis of the Takings Clause, Winklestein agreed with Wallace and entered judgment against the city.

In the first case of its kind in New Jersey, Winklestein stated: "The search was conducted for a public purpose; i.e., a search for and seizure

of property and concomitant arrests as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. As part of the investigation the police damaged plaintiff's property. As an innocent third party he should not bear the sole financial burden of such an undertaking. Since the damage was incurred for the public good, rather than for the benefit of the private individual, the public should bear the cost." Winklestein dismissed the city's defense that Wallace's building was a "public nuisance" stating: "The fact, however, that there were illegal drug activities taking place at the premises does not render the property itself a nuisance."

—John Paff

## Politics Makes Strange HotBedfellows

This is a true story. A couple (their names may be revealed on inquiry and with \$5 enclosed in an envelope) were foster parents and wanted to adopt the child. Now, it may be that the sovereign state of New Jersey prefers for foster parents not to become adopters, because it's difficult to find good foster parents... for whatever reason, the state agency rejected their application, so this couple had to go to a federal court to be approved. In court, the state agency's attorney used the following compelling argument against permitting the parents to adopt, on grounds that where the parents make their home is an improper environment in which to raise up a child: "They live in Sussex County, and Sussex is a hotbed of libertarianism!" Despite the logic, the adoption was granted. Sign up that kid!—Howard Roark

## Cause and Effect

Transcript of WSUS, April 6, 1993.

"Next, a WSUS commentary. Here's WSUS chairman, Peter Michael Bardach:"

"Civil libertarian alert! Civil libertarian alert! And having gotten your attention, let me now say that WSUS supports the action of State Attorney General Bob Del Tufo to enter fingerprints of certain juvenile offenders in the state police's adult crime computer system. The new procedure applies only to juveniles who commit acts, such as the

Vernon teen satanists, that would be crimes if committed by an adult. The bleeding hearts Libertarian liberals will cry 'Foul', 'Unfair', and 'unconstitutional'. Let them. While they're crying, state and local law enforcement officials will have a major new weapon to fight crime statewide."

Reply by **Michael Pierone**:

"Thanks, Peter Bardach, for your commentary on fingerprinting juveniles. As the past Chair of the Sussex County and state Libertarian Party, I would like to correct

the impression that may have been given of our party by Mr. Bardach. The root word for Libertarian is liberty. Because our party is consistently for liberty, whether it concerns personal freedoms or economic freedoms, people who do not support one or the other mistake us for either conservatives or liberals. Neither are Libertarians the same thing as civil libertarians since we are as committed to supporting the rights of gun owners as to ending the war on drugs. We are strong supporters of individual rights, and every right in the

Bill of Rights, but we get turned off when we hear people talk about group rights, or collectivism. To liberals we seem to be conservatives and vice versa, because we do not fit on the traditional left/right political scale. Our commitment is to liberty in every arena. As to the particular issue that Mr. Bardach raised, that of fingerprinting juveniles, we are not opposed. In fact we believe that individuals need to be held responsible for their actions, whether they are juvenile delinquents or law enforcement agents."

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**Members should submit their notices well in advance of each month's publication date.**

The Steering Committee will meet on May 16 at Alibi Inn, Manville, 1 pm.

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The Libertarian Party of Cumberland County will hold its monthly meeting on April 25, Sunday night, at 7 pm. Guest speaker will be Philadel-

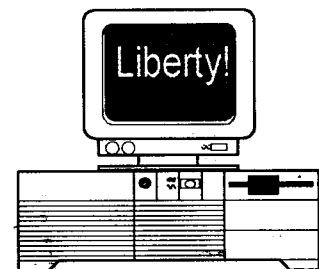
phia's well-known radio personality, **Irv Homer**. Mr. Homer, a libertarian, hosts a daily talk show on WWDB-FM, Philadelphia's leading radio station. The admission is \$5, proceedings to benefit the Libertarian Party of Cumberland County. Please contact Herb Roselle for more information at 609-825-0510.

To get information on the State Legislature hearings, votes, etc., Office of Legislative Services, 1-800-792-8630.

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George Cuccia, sysop of the Union Lakeside BBS in Millville, has generously offered 4 conferences on his 6-node BBS for Libertarian Party interests. To use it, your computer must have a modem and communications software. To sign up (it's free), have your modem dial 609-327-5553. Preset your software protocols for 8-N-1 (if you don't know what this means, or if you need more instructions, phone Herb Roselle at 609-825-0510). Once on, you give your name and password, then sign on for Conferences 90 through 93. Conference 90 is NJ-Liberty and is for NJLP messages and files. Conference 91 is

the National LP Discussion line. Conference 92 is LPUS, for news releases from the national and state parties, and associated information exchange. Conference 93 is set aside for the Cumberland County LP. After you've made your initial call to register, you may phone in on 609-293-0282. All callers get 30 minutes of free time a day.



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