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Edgerton Campaign Report

By Ken Kaplan

Thanks again to all the volunteers who gathered signatures during the successful petition drive. Whether you just submitted your own, or a few, or over a hundred, every one counted! The big campaign push now is to raise the necessary threshold amount to be included in the televised debates. Toward that goal, we are in the process of contracting for the capability to accept credit card donations online. Thanks to Webmaster Bob Hull, the campaign website is now linked to The Record's online edition. Go to www.bergenrecord.com to see for yourself.

Another exciting development is the offer by national LP political director, Ron Crickenberger, to send out an e-mail announcement to approximately 31,000 libertarians with news of Mark's successful ballot drive, excerpts from favorable newspaper articles, and a pitch to visit Mark's website and contribute to the campaign.

Our professional fundraising letter is in the works, but how many names we can mail it to in surrounding states and how soon we can go national with it, depends on how much money we can quickly raise from our own New Jersey supporters. The deadline to qualify for the debates is September 4th. That gives us precious little time to achieve our goal. There is a contribution form in our ad (see page 10). Please make your most generous contribution now in order to get Mark in the debates.



Mark Edgerton with Valerie Smit inside the studios of radio station WOBN, where Mark was interviewed.

Edgerton Nomination Challenged at General Meeting and Annual Picnic

By Lou Elwell

The Annual Picnic at the Flynn residence was held on Saturday, July 14. This event is typically the best event of the year to chat with fellow minded libertarians and put a face to names that you may have only read about.

The Picnic started with a General Meeting of the NJLP. While much of it was the reporting of the functions necessary to running the organization such as Len Flynn's report on the progress of the By-laws Committee, and his resignation as our legislative agent due to personal commitments and the lack of a pressing legislative agenda; there were two speeches given that will be remembered for a while.

Alex Pugliese, speaking from prepared remarks, made an impassioned plea for action from the audience for help on the Edgerton campaign and financial assistance for covering expenses he has incurred in working on the campaign. While several members immediately made contributions, being referred to as "benchwarmers" for their libertarian activism put others off.

Our gubernatorial candidate, Mark Edgerton, followed Pugliese in giving a speech. Edgerton exhorted the audience to get behind his campaign, asking for a reporter to be his liaison with the NJL and LP News, displaying his campaign signs and asking the audience to put up more signs than his opponents, and thanking those who had already contributed time and money to the campaign. Barry Allen accepted the position of Press Secretary and Frank Warren became the Volunteer Coordinator. Edgerton also rattled off a list of obstacles he claimed that the campaign has experienced, including National's lack of support for his campaign and that a Republican paid off Doug Friedline, his former campaign manager, to get him to quit the campaign.

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Annual Picnic

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Edgerton also made several disparaging remarks about Deb Sackett, the Editor of the *NJL*, until Lou Elwell, who challenged him on the validity of the statements, interrupted him.

After a break, Tracey Lockwood stated that Edgerton was not taking personal responsibility and that his remarks were very offensive. She then introduced a motion to have Edgerton removed as our gubernatorial candidate. This sparked a heated discussion and numerous votes on various aspects of that motion and related motions.

When it was ruled that Lockwood's motion could not come up for a vote, John Paff made a motion to censure Edgerton to publicly condemn him for his remarks about Sackett. This motion failed. Elwell then introduced a motion to reaffirm the Party's support for Sackett that was unanimously approved.

Other events of the day included the presentation of awards and the Survivor Island booth. The formal presentation of engraved plaques to Pat Bontempo for being selected as the Volunteer of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement Award to Len Flynn were made to two very deserving members. Ned Kelley, Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, manned the Survivor Island fundraising booth. Participants voted with their dollars for the most objectionable person. Ted Kennedy "won" and was voted off the Island with 18 votes. Hilary Clinton came in second with 16, and Ralph Nadar was third with 14. The money raised between the 50/50 and the Survivor booth (\$128) went into the NJLP General Fund; John Taylor donated the \$45 he won to Libertarians of Monmouth County.

Thanks again to the Flynn's for being such gracious hosts for the Annual Picnic.



11th District Assembly Candidate John Taylor chats with Ginny Flynn and a friend.



Long time NJLP member Fred Stein announced he is considering running for U.S. Senate in 2002 for the purposes of winning allies and building friendships for the Libertarian movement. He would like to run as the "Capitalist Crusader." Here, he chats with At-Large Steering Committee member Henry Cheney.



Alex Pugliese reads his speech as Mark Edgerton waits in the wings.

Picnic photos courtesy of Lou Elwell.



Lou Elwell presenting the “Lifetime Achievement Award” to Len Flynn. Pat Bontempo also received a plaque as “Volunteer of the Year”.



Fundraising Chair Ned Kelley manning the “Survivor” booth. By the end of the day, Ted Kennedy had been “voted off the island”.

From The Chair



New Jersey libertarians have a lot to be proud of lately: John Aglialoro, re-elected commissioner of Tavistock; our nine candidates and the 71 petitioners who placed them on the ballot; Vic Kaplan, who has written a flyer for high school students; the activists in Somerset and Monmouth Counties featured in last month's NJ Libertarian; Dan Mikulsky, who has accepted the position of "Discover Liberty" coordinator between the NJLP and the Advocates for Self-Government. Dan's project is ongoing. He has prepared a plan to achieve the goal of having 60 OPH events in the Garden State by June 30 of next year, and has already begun implementing it. Hats off to all!

Looking toward November our task is to promote our candidates – Mark Edgerton, Tom Abrams, Jay Boucher, Jennifer Carter, Jay Edgar, Diane Hittner, Robert Hull, John Taylor and Chris Toto. The Fundraising Committee under committee chair Ned Kelley has broken new ground by including an appeal for the State Fund in this issue of the newsletter itself (see page 14) in an effort to cut fundraising costs to the bone by eliminating the need for a separate mailing. The committee has set a target of \$10,000; \$2600 (the maximum permitted) to the Edgerton campaign, \$1000 to each legislative candidate and \$500 to each county candidate. When you fill out the donation slip be sure to add an extra \$50 in thankfulness for not having had to volunteer to drive two hours and spend an evening stuffing envelopes for a stand-alone fundraising appeal! And if you've hit the jackpot in Atlantic City or shorted Lucent all the way down remember there's no limit on how much you can donate to the State Fund. If the State Fund supported our valiant candidates to the maximum allowed by law we would contribute \$59,900 this year (\$7200 per legislative and county candidate). Help the Fundraising Committee reach its target please. The committee has even included a return envelope for your convenience.

Contact me at chair@njlp.org with ideas about to advance our cause.

Thanks!

Emerson Ellett
NJLP State Chair

"Stossel in the Classroom" Videos a Hit with Teachers and Students

The New School of Monmouth County has thanked an NJLP member for arranging the loan of the party's 9-tape series of "Stossel in the Classroom" videos. Keith Quarles, whose children attend the school, received a note from New School director Jay Smith in which he said, "We used them as discussion starters and for great topics for student essays."

The ABC News Special hosted by John Stossel provides educational support for social studies, economics, history, government and business curriculums. It was redesigned and specially formatted for the classroom by The Palmer R. Chicester Fund (www.prcfund.org), which sponsored the project and donated the series to the NJLP.

The series is in three blocks, each with its own printed Teacher's Guide and Student Study Guide:

"Are We Scaring Ourselves to Death"

Segment 1, Risk and Personal Safety (13:50 minutes)

Segment 2, Why the Increased Fear of Risk (16:33)

Segment 3, Environmental and Other Risks (15:16)

"Freeloaders"

The Incentive to Freeload (11:44)

Using Government to Freeload (9:12)

Creating Dependency (26:14)

"Greed"

The Pervasiveness of Human Greed (12:45)

Greed and Civilization (13:43)

Greed and the Economic Pie (14:32)

Anyone wishing to borrow the videos can contact Emerson Ellett at 732 774-3684.



Libertarian Lou On the Loose



There is Nothing First Class about First Class Mail

By Lou Elwell

To paraphrase Harry Browne, if you had a package that absolutely, positively had to be in California tomorrow morning, would you use the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) or Federal Express? Most likely, you would use FedEx since you have learned not to rely on the USPS due to poor service, even though it is the second largest U.S. government agency.

As Harold Fleming said, "It is not the business of governments to go into business, and when they do, they do not do it well." My criticism of the USPS could stop with the issues of inefficiency and poor service, but what really galls me is that they have prevented free market enterprises from providing the general public with better service at lower rates.

According to Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute, mail delivery has consistently gotten worse over time. If mail costs had just risen at the cost of inflation since 1960 a first class stamp would cost about 26 cents and as recently as the 1950's that mail was delivered twice a day and right to your door, not once a day to a "cluster box" that could be more than a half mile away. "Priority Mail" is two-day delivery with an asterisk – two days is an average delivery time, not a guarantee.

Contrast that with FedEx, that guarantees delivery by specific times of day. With competition, customers would be able to take their business to a competing firm and the USPS be forced to improve or go out of business. Maybe that's why private carriers presently have about 90% of the overnight delivery market.

With a monopoly on first class and third class mail, the USPS has no profit incentive and therefore no reason to try to please you – you can't take your business elsewhere. So what if the lines are long? So what if they lose your letter -- private companies can be sued, but not the USPS. And as the NJLP recently learned, so what if you applied for volume discounts – they'll approve it when they get to it.

The justification for a monopoly was to ensure universal service, yet FedEx, United Parcel Service (UPS) and others will deliver anywhere in the country, so the basic premise is false and everything that flows from the monopoly hurts consumers rather than helps them. The proof is that the government won't allow competitors to compete in areas in which it still has a monopoly in spite of the success of free enterprise companies in specific niches such as packages and overnight delivery.

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Private companies had delivered mail between cities until the Private Express Statutes of 1845 made it a federal crime though mail continued to be delivered within cities until the Postal Code of 1872 was passed. Today, the Private Express Statutes governing the postal monopoly say that no competitor can deliver a package or letter for less than \$3 or a multiple of the cost of a first class letter.

The USPS is so inefficient that if privately operated, the Cato Institute estimates that consumers would save \$5 –10 billion per year.

There is one manager for every 10 workers at the USPS and yet the Postal Rate Commission found that “nonproductive time” accounted for 28.4% of mail processing labor cost. FedEx has one manager for every 15 workers who are no doubt much more efficient than USPS workers. The General Accounting Office has calculated the productivity increase of the USPS over the past decade at an embarrassing 1.3% compared to roughly 30% for the rest of the economy.

FedEx is so much more efficient than the USPS that starting in August, the USPS will be using FedEx for air delivery of priority, express and first class mail. Postal officials have estimated a savings of \$1 billion over the seven-year life of the contract.

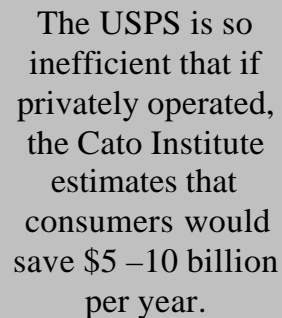
Two examples of free enterprise doing a better job and the USPS reacting to the competition are private mailboxes and “flats.”

With Postal Bulletin 21994 issued in March of 1999, the USPS used its government granted power to force private mailbox users to use the designation “PMB” or else not get any mail delivered. Though it was later changed to allow the option of a pound (#) sign, the required ID and personal data requirements stayed in place and the USPS still refuses to forward or return mail sent to private mailboxes. Many people preferred the private mailboxes since the providers have longer hours, accept deliveries from private carriers and offer other related services.

For “flat” packages weighing more than two ounces but less than 13 ounces, the USPS has actually lowered prices twice in the past two years. Why? According to William Steep of the Ludwig von Mises Institute, several private companies are competing with the USPS in this market niche through a loophole in the law. With faster delivery and better service, these free enterprise companies charge rates that are one-half or less than the USPS rates, forcing the USPS to cut its rates to try to stay competitive.

New Zealand and Sweden have lifted their mail monopolies, the postal service in the Netherlands has been privatized, and Germany is scheduled to repeal its monopoly in 2003. If we want to have better service at lower prices, the solution is to eliminate the monopoly status of the USPS with all of its government granted privileges and allow competition on a level playing field.

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DRAFT Minutes

NJLP General Meeting July 14, 2001

Flynn's home in Morganville

The meeting was called to order by Chair Emerson Ellett at 1:45 PM and a quorum was confirmed to be present. Following adoption of the agenda, the minutes of the June 16 Steering Committee meeting were approved as read and corrected. Lou Stefanelli circulated the Treasurer's report and answered questions from the members about expenditures, particularly concerning the *New Jersey Libertarian*.

Unfinished Business

Bylaws -- Len Flynn had prepared a summary of the nine (9) outstanding issues pending before the committee and he reviewed them for the membership. The members passed a motion directing the Bylaws Committee to prepare a report to the September 16, 2001 Steering Committee meeting and failing to do so would result in the committee being discharged.

CAPP registration appeal -- No information.

Newsletter -- The *New Jersey Libertarian* Editor had suffered a back injury so she was not present to report.

2002 convention -- No report.

2001 campaigns -- Alex Pugliese, media coordinator of the Edgerton for Governor campaign, addressed the group and called for greater support for Mark's effort, particularly the need for more volunteers and contributions. Mark himself then spoke to the members.

Mark spoke about the progress and disappointments of his campaign thus far. He particularly questioned the level of coverage in both the *NJ Libertarian* and *LP News*. His and Pugliese's remarks led to vigorous discussion. To qualify for the debates and receive matching funds the campaign must file proof with the N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission (NJELEC) on or before the September 3, 2001 deadline that the campaign had collected sufficient (\$260,000) contributions.

Emerson Ellett introduced Diane Hittner NJLP candidate for Assembly from the 13th district. Diane had just beaten a challenge to her petition signatures from the Republican State Committee.

Monmouth County Chair Pat Bontempo presented Jennifer Carter and Jay Edgar, the two candidates for county freeholder. Other candidates from Monmouth County at the meeting were Dr. John Taylor and Robert Hull who are running for Assembly in the 11th district and Howard Jay Boucher, candidate for Monmouth County Sheriff.

New Business

- a. Discover Liberty/ OPH booth -- Dan Mikulsky has accepted the position of state coordinator for the Operation Politically Homeless (OPH) "Discover Liberty" program.
- b. Legislative Agent -- The members decided not to renew the Legislative Agent permit. Len Flynn will file a withdrawal letter as NJELEC rules require.
- c. Volunteer Committees
 1. Fundraising -- A State Fund mailing will go out soon. Ned Kelley explained the "survivor game" and members purchased chances to vote selected politicians and celebrities "off the island."

2. Electronic access -- Lou Elwell is leading the committee to integrate e-technologies into NJLP activities.

3. Recruitment & membership -- NJLP membership is currently in the vicinity of 800 members.

4. Public relations -- Pat Bontempo reported that Tom Abrams had not made progress on an ad for the New Jersey Webguide.

5. Candidate recruitment & support -- Emerson said the party is seeking Congressional candidates for the 2002 elections. Long time NJLP member Fred Stein announced he is considering running for U.S. Senate for the purposes of winning allies and building friendships for the Libertarian movement. He would like to run as the "Capitalist Crusader."

County committees -- No report

Volunteer sign-up -- An updated sheet of NJLP committee volunteers was circulated for new recruits and corrections.

d. County caucuses -- The meeting recessed at 3:30 PM for counties to get together. No new counties had organized.

Announcement -- Len Flynn mentioned the evening bonfire at which his worn and faded flag would be retired and destroyed.

At this time (4:05 PM) Tracey Lockwood made a motion to remove Mark Edgerton as our candidate. John Paff raised and Len Flynn seconded an objection to consideration to the motion. The objection carried by a vote of 30-4. Paff then moved to "censure Mark Edgerton for his comments today concerning the newsletter editor." A motion by Henry Cheney seconded by Ken Kaplan to hold this part of the meeting in executive session was defeated 4-9. After the second motion to close debate gained the necessary 2/3 margin (14-2), the censure motion failed 5-10 with two recorded abstentions (Cheney and Kelley). Finally, a motion by Lou Elwell seconded by John Paff to "reaffirm our support Deb Sackett as *New Jersey Libertarian* Editor" passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Future meetings --

Sunday August 19, Tumulty's Pub in New Brunswick
Board 1:00 PM

Sunday September 16, Elwell's home in Long Branch, Steering Comm. 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted
Len Flynn, NJLP Secretary
July 20, 2001

Shore Libertarians Defeat Republican Challenge

By Pat Bontempo

After an aggressive petition drive, which included beating back a Republican challenge in the 13th District, voters at the Jersey Shore can look forward to seeing a strong Libertarian Party ticket on the ballot in November.



Candidate Diane Hittner makes a point at her petition challenge hearing. Pat Bontempo and Hittner's father, attorney Fred Klein, look on.

Our candidates for the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be Richard J. Edgar, Jr., a computer specialist, and Jennifer Carter, a chemistry major at Mercer County Community College and working mother of one. Both are from Cream Ridge in Upper Freehold Twp. This will be the first run for office for both.

Also running for the first time will be Howard Jay Boucher of Lincroft, a self-employed computer specialist, who will be our candidate for Monmouth County Sheriff.

We will be contesting every county office on the ballot in Monmouth County this November except for Surrogate. It will mark the third year in a row that we'll be contesting Freeholder seats and the second consecutive election in which we'll have a candidate for Sheriff.

All told we submitted 202 signatures on 10 petitions for our Freeholder candidates and 193 signatures on 12 petitions for our Sheriff candidate. Each office required us to submit 100 valid signatures.

In the 11th District our candidates for State Assembly will be Robert Hull of Wall Twp., an independent businessman, and John M. Taylor of Highlands, a physician. Hull ran a strong race for Freeholder a couple of years ago; this is Taylor's first bid for office.

A total of 84 signatures on six petitions were submitted for Hull and Taylor. Fifty valid signatures were required.

The most excitement came in the 13th District where we filed one petition with 67 signatures for Diane Hittner of Old Bridge, a mother of one with a strong interest in family issues. Again, 50 valid signatures were required.

Hittner was a late entrant into the race and gathered all her signatures herself. Old Bridge is the only Middlesex County municipality in the district, the remainder consisting of municipalities in northern Monmouth County.

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Shortly before the deadline for filing a challenge to nominating petitions closed, she received a telephone call informing her that the Republican Party was challenging her signatures. The exact motive of the GOP is unclear.

Most likely the Republicans feared a tight race in the 13th where they are the incumbents. The State Legislature was redistricted this year with a plan that favored the Democrats. And the Democratic Party had challenged and successfully knocked off an insurgent candidate in their primary, probably in anticipation of a tough fight in the general election.

Moreover four municipalities in the district share ZIP Codes with other municipalities, including some that lay outside the 13th. This creates a confusion between voters' mailing addresses and residences and a cursory computerized check of voter registration records (which the lawyer for the GOP informed us they did) would have called into question numerous signatures.

The hearing on Hittner's petition was held on July 11. A lawyer from the law firm they hired plus a representative of their State Committee represented the GOP. Hittner represented herself. Her father, Fred Klein, a lawyer; NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett; Monmouth County Chair Pat Bontempo; and Monmouth County Secretary Lou Elwell accompanied her.

The Republicans challenged 39 signatures. The hearing opened in the morning in Freehold where we examined Monmouth County registration records. When it was over nine signatures were declared invalid.

It then moved to New Brunswick in the afternoon, to examine Middlesex County records, and there another three signatures were declared invalid. This left Hittner with 55 signatures. However six of these were still in dispute and required the administrative law judge to make a ruling.

The absurdity of the challenge was most clearly demonstrated in Middlesex County where one of the signatures challenged was that of Hittner's husband. She politely offered to show the GOP's lawyer her husband's voter registration card. He sighed, meekly asked that the record be checked anyway, and a few minutes later the signature was allowed.

When the hearing was finally concluded, but when the judge's decision was still unknown, the lawyer shook Hittner's hand and congratulated her. A couple of days later she was informed that one of the disputed signatures was ruled valid thus foregoing the need to rule on the remainder and securing her a place on the ballot.

It should be noted Hittner did not let the challenge slow her down in the least. While her ballot status was still uncertain she was out greeting voters at a Home Schoolers convention in Brookdale Community College and participated in a protest in Red Bank against the Monmouth County gun buyback program.

Free Talk To Examine If FDA Helps or Hurts

Does the government make you sick? Literally?

That's the question that will be examined in the free talk, *The People vs. the FDA*, to be held at the Wall Twp. Public Library, Allaire and Bailey's Corner Roads, on Tuesday, August 14 beginning at 7 p.m.

Danny Maiullo, Vice President of Life Sciences Supplements Inc. of Neptune, a manufacturer and marketer of dietary supplements and low carbohydrate foods, will be the speaker.

With 13 years of experience in the field, Maiullo will draw on his 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.

The talk, which will be open to the public, is being sponsored by Libertarians of Monmouth County. For more information call 732-775-7263.

Mercer LP Places Two Candidates on Ballot

By Chris Toto

Mercer County LPers submitted petition signatures to let Tom Abrams run for State Senate, and Chris Toto to run for State Assembly. Sixty six signatures for each were submitted.

The initial review by the NJELEC clerk showed no initial problems, but we shall see how serious the incumbopols want to challenge. We lost many signatures that Ray Cragle worked very hard on getting, as well as Ray as a second assembly candidate because we did not find out until last Saturday that Ray had been gerrymandered out of our district. All signatures on his circulator pamphlets became null. Ray lives in West Windsor; West Windsor was shifted into Inverso's more easterly district while Hopewell was shifted away from Schluter into our 15th District.

If there are no serious challenges, Tom and I will be candidates in the 15 District. Tom will be running against Shirley Turner and I will be running against Russ Gusciora and Bonny Watson-Coleman.

Calendar

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

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

If a tree falls in the forest, and there is no one there to hear it, has a sound been made? That's open for discussion. But it is a certainty that a gubernatorial candidate talking in the forest will not be elected.

He must be in the debates.

***MARK EDGERTON MUST BE IN THE TELEVISED DEBATES,
AND YOU CAN HELP!***

Your immediate contribution will make possible a wider reaching fundraising appeal, beyond New Jersey, which is essential in order to reach the dollar amount required for inclusion.

***IF YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT LIBERTY,
PLEASE MAKE YOUR MOST GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TODAY.***

Contributions should be made payable to "Edgerton for Governor" and may be mailed to Edgerton for Governor, 133 Maxim Drive, Hopatcong, NJ 07843.

Also, for campaign contributions, we are required by law to ask for the following information:

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LPSMC Teaches Jerseyans What Not To Say to the Police

Photos and coverage by Ray Babecki

In order to synchronize with changes recently made to NJLP bylaws, the LPSMC held a reorganization meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2001, 7 PM, at the Riverside Pub, South Bound Brook, NJ.

After the meeting, Ed Crisonino, Esq., an attorney in practice in the Camden area spoke about "Do you know what NOT to say when questioned by the police: Do I have to answer their questions or let them search my car?"



NJLP Steering Committee At-Large Member Elizabeth Macron, consults with Ed Crisonino after his speech. Ms. Macron is an attorney in practice in the Lavalette, NJ area.



Ed Crisonino, Esq., during his prepared speech.



Above: LPSMC member John Paff has a bite to eat and socializes with Ed Crisonino prior to his speech. Barry Allen, Darryl Gibson, and Kevin Pierce look on.



Left: Wide-angle photograph, taken from the rear of the Riverside Pub's auxiliary dining area / meeting room. In foreground, Ed Crisonino gives his speech

Libertarian Longevity **Did You “Survive” the General Meeting?**

By NJL Editor Deb Sackett

When the fundraising committee chanced upon the “Survivor” theme for this year’s booth at the annual picnic, they couldn’t have known how ironic that would be. Not everyone “survived” the day.

Frankly, things got ugly. As a personal aside, I regret that a recurrent back injury prevented my attendance, since I doubt that Mr. Edgerton would have been so free with his attacks on me as editor of the NJL if I’d been present.

However, his attack those attending the meeting (a group that included candidates, activists and supporters) added to a growing list of casualties. Many NJLP members were so offended that they walked away during his speech. One member actually left the picnic altogether. And one, who has been a leader in our party for several years, was so disgusted that he has resigned from all state party committees.

One Libertarian after another has been poisoned by contact with Mr. Edgerton and resigned or simply dropped from the radar during this bewildering campaign. I won’t name them here – you can think back yourself over the longtime activists who have left or fallen silent. The splendid volunteer efforts of NJLP party members couldn’t protect Mr. Edgerton from himself, and few of his starting team of campaign supporters remain with him now.

On July 14th, we lost another valuable asset to our party. Pat Bontempo resigned from the three State committees he is a member of, and will limit his future activities to, at most, Chairing Monmouth County through the November elections. He tells me he no longer has the heart to contribute his monthly columns to the NJL.

So, the casualty list grew again. That’s the real tragedy, here. Mr. Edgerton embarrassed no one but himself on July 14th; but he did it so publicly, in so unbalanced, paranoid and offensive a manner that yet another good person has left us in disgust.

More and more NJLP members are appalled at having linked the name of our party to someone who, all character questions aside, would make such an utter fool of himself. In this case, Mr. Edgerton limited his delusions and poor judgment to an audience of his own supporters. However, the fact that this kind of talent for display could one day be unleashed on the general public fills many members with dread.

The chances of Mr. Edgerton reaching any kind of sizeable audience are small. The potential for him damaging us in the mainstream press is almost nil. But the damage that one person can do to our future as a political party is severe, and Pat Bontempo is yet another example.

The Pat Bontempos of this party are the people who get things done. People like Pat lead active county organizations and keep the state party moving and growing. They’ve been around for long before Mr. Edgerton came along, and we’ll need them after he’s gone.

I’ve been asked if the failure of the NJLP to formally censure Mr. Edgerton didn’t make me want to quit my own efforts on behalf of the party. Not really. Members of the audience were reduced to shouting Mr. Edgerton down, and their actions and their formal vote of confidence in me reassure me that, long after this gubernatorial campaign, we’ll still have good people trying to do the right thing.

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For the Record

By Deb Sackett

Following Mr. Edgerton’s public attack on me for increased production costs and the coverage he has received in the *NJL*, it is appropriate to state that:

1. The newsletter editor has no control over the expenses incurred in production. The newsletter editor does not administer funds in any way. The only financial voice option that the newsletter editor has had has been the ability to extend credit for advertisements. Following the Edgerton campaign’s failure to pay for ads, even that privilege has been revoked, and all ads must now be paid in advance.

2. The NJL prints all campaign information that is received by the monthly deadline (previously the 20th of every month; now the 10th of every month). As editor, I have repeatedly extended deadlines for the Edgerton campaign. I have written stories based on sketchy information, created ads at no charge, and in short, have extended every bit of latitude within my power to Mr. Edgerton and his campaign.

Editorial

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Also, my outrage over the General Meeting isn't because I was the chosen scapegoat. Anyone absent would probably have served the purpose just as well. My misgivings about our gubernatorial candidate stem from the damage he has done and can still do to our party. If I were simply angry or hurt on a personal level, I could continue to support the campaign, as I've done in the past.

Until now, I've abstained from editorializing about Mr. Edgerton. Editorials are great, because I can share without fear that my opinions reflect on anyone but myself. Still, I've kept silent in the interests of "party unity", "party growth", and the "higher purpose" we all purport to strive for.

So, when Mr. Edgerton asked me, months ago, if I was a "Republican plant", my misgivings about him reached a critical point, but I personalized the question, tried to ignore the paranoia exposed by such a question, and avoided looking at the big picture. As long as his delusions were just limited to his feelings about me, I could still keep quiet and hope for the best.

However, when he accused members of the July 14th meeting of being spies who would "tell the Rs and Ds about the meeting... before the picnic was even over" I reached the point where I felt that our candidate reflects so poorly upon us that I prefer to admit I was wrong in supporting him. I don't think a representative like Mr. Edgerton in any way furthers us as a party. I feel that there's less shame in admitting that we've chosen the wrong representative of our ideals and tenets, and ourselves as people, than there is in persisting in our error. I feel that there's less shame in endorsing candidates from other parties, rather than fielding one we have no faith in, and who has no faith in us.

Why didn't we remove Mr. Edgerton as a candidate or formally censure him? Well, those in attendance were able to avoid the nomination question, as the meeting wasn't a convention, and the members present voted that it didn't have the right to call the question.

But why didn't the members present at least formally censure him? In my opinion, it's a little like a bad marriage. It takes the parties involved awhile before they'll admit they made a mistake in selecting mates. The more one has invested in a bad choice, and the more significant that choice is, the harder it is to admit one was wrong. We've all shaken our heads over the battered women (and men) who stay in abusive marriages or relationships. I think that many of us are just not up to what we feel would be a shameful divorce as a conclusion to our shotgun wedding.

My party's persistence in clinging to a candidate I disdain as a libertarian and a representative of libertarianism is something that I can live with, as a libertarian. We're the party of principle, not necessarily the party that always agrees within itself, so the party's choice to stick with this candidate doesn't stop me from being a Libertarian, any more than it's ultimately stopped Pat Bontempo and other Edgerton casualties. Pat's ideals are unaltered and I have the hope that someday he'll be back, along with other valuable members who have become silent over the past months.

The important thing isn't any one individual's reprehensible actions, but our own progress as a party. Libertarian Longevity has been one of the most serious problems facing us all along. It's *hard* to stay active, through one election loss after another. It's *hard* to stay motivated in the face of the frustration of seeing rights eroded despite all our efforts. "Surviving" an unfortunate campaign and candidate is even harder for members of a political party that is, in so many areas, still finding its way.

But, the NJLP will survive. Whether your method of choice is to lend help to the struggling Edgerton campaign, or to simply ride it out until November, you're needed. If the gubernatorial race now leaves you cold, we have local candidates who are true representatives, and actually have a shot at making a difference. They need you.

During my divorce years ago, once the paperwork was filed, it got easier to put up with my ex. Once we'd entered the waiting period, and I knew things were moving to a conclusion, I was able to look to the future and think about the things I wanted to accomplish. There was no need for despair, since the end was in sight.

It's in sight now, and we need you to "survive".

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Dear Lover of Freedom,

If you sent a letter to the editor every month you'd spend \$4.08 a year in postage. Factor in the cost for stationary, ink and such and it would probably go up to \$4.25. That's not much in terms of money, but apparently it's more labor than most of us want to expend.

Don't panic. This will not be a letter chastising you for not writing your local editor monthly. After all, if I chastised you I'd have to chastise myself. Instead here's your chance to make amends for all those letters you meant to write, with only a modest "conscience" fee. A mere \$50 will absolve you of procrastination. Honest.

Yes, this is a fundraising letter. And it's for a specific purpose. We need to raise money for the NJLP State Fund, the account from which the party makes donations to state and county candidates.

At the top of the ticket is our gubernatorial candidate Mark Edgerton. Thanks to Mark every New Jersey voter will have at least one Libertarian Party candidate to vote for in November. But will the voters know who Mark is, what he stands for and why they should vote for him?

We are also contesting State Senate and Assembly seats. Tom Abrams is running for Senate in the 15th District. Our Assembly candidates are Robert Hull and John M. Taylor in the 11th, Diane Hittner in the 13th and Chris Toto in the 15th.

And at the county level Jennifer Carter and Richard J. Edgar, Jr. are running for Monmouth County Freeholder. Running with them is Howard J. Boucher, our candidate for Sheriff.

The same questions can be asked of all these campaigns. Simply getting our candidates on the ballot is not enough. Will the voters know anything about them? Will they have even heard of them before entering the voting booth?

We need candidates. How often have you heard that? But it's only part of the equation. Our candidates need us. Our candidates need you.

Specifically our goal is to provide \$2600 to the Edgerton campaign (the maximum permitted), \$1000 to each legislative candidate and \$500 to each county candidate. If you've hit the jackpot you'll be pleased to know there is no limit on contributions to the State Fund.

It would be great if everyone wrote a monthly letter to the editor, spoke up at municipal council meetings, organized a talk, helped staff an information booth or did any of the dozens of things which need doing. But a donation is something virtually everyone can do.

And a contribution to the NJLP State Fund is particularly meaningful. It's a way to help those who have carried the fight into the arena where we must win, the ballot box.

One final point: please don't delay. The sooner we can get badly needed funds to our candidates the more effectively the money can be put to use. Please give what you can now.

Sincerely,

Ned Kelley
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Yes, I want to help our state and county candidates bring the program of liberty to New Jersey voters this November.
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Thank you for your support!

Our Most Cherished Myths

By John Famularo

The current and past mind set of the strategic initiatives of the national LP and its "leadership" has relied on a number of certain "truths". These "truths" are so well accepted within the LP that they are never seriously examined or debated in earnest. I believe that these are not true evaluations of reality but convenient explanations that fit preconceived notions, somewhat analogous to the Aristotelian model of the universe versus the Copernican model. The Aristotelian model was very acceptable to the people because it seemed reasonable from their own observations, it was also acceptable by the "establishment" because it was compatible with "Holy Scripture" and the scriptures supported the concept of the hierarchical nature of society as being the natural order of things.

Some of these LP myths posing as truths are:

Myth #1. Restrictive ballot access laws are holding us back.

I have yet to see the Libertarian candidate who was held back from getting on the ballot when that candidate was running for the office for which he/she was most qualified, really had the qualifications for the office sought, the actual desire to win that office, and had done the preliminary ground work in the district that would give that candidate a modicum of support from the general voting public (an initial 15% of the likely voters). If easy ballot access laws are so important, then why don't we have more candidates and elected officials in New Jersey where only 800 signatures are required for the highest statewide offices including president, while county and local races require only 100 signatures (an 10 hour job at most). In New Jersey this year the LP has focused its hopes on the Mark Edgerton for Governor race. Mark has been running for this office for over two years and will get less than 2% of the vote. If he were running for Freeholder or city councilman he might have a chance of winning last year or this year or next year. (see: <http://www.co.camden.nj.us/about/freeholder.html>)

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Myth #2. The media does not give us the coverage we deserve.

If anything, the media gives us more coverage than we deserve. Again I have yet to see any credible LP candidate with something "news worthy" to say that did not get adequate free media coverage. Of course someone on your campaign team must schmooze with the media. Most LP "press secretaries", of those campaigns that have any at all, convey an air of arrogance rather than the people skills that make for good media relations.

Myth #3. Equal money will make us competitive with the other parties; more money will give us victories.

Money has NEVER made a non-competitive candidate competitive in any race, in any party, at any time. Money can only enhance the chances of an already competitive candidate. All political victories are determined by the final vote count, and those votes are not all cast for the same reason.

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Very roughly, the total vote is composed of three basic components. First is the base constituency vote which you must have by definition BEFORE the campaign begins. This varies between 20% to 70% historically for the eventual winning candidates. Second is the regular voters who are persuaded during your campaign that you "agree with them" AND that you can implement your platform if elected AND that you have a fair chance of getting elected. This varies between 0% and 20% depending on the quality of ALL the other aspects of your candidacy. The third are those regular voters who never really make up their minds but vote for the last person they met personally or who saw a campaign ad they liked or was handed a flyer or saw a sign on their way to the polls. This varies between 0% and 7% and is the most influenced by money spent on the campaign, which is why money is so important to candidates that that are in close competitive races. Most competitive races are won by less than 7% of the total vote cast. Most races are not competitive.

Myth #4. We will win over a large segment of the voters once they get the message.

This is only true among those voters in the general public who are interested in political philosophy (about 1%). The other 99% of the voting population are motivated by something else. If we are about building an effective political philosophy club we can concentrate on the 1%. Having one million dues paying people in your club can pay a lot of salaries and put on big dog and pony shows for the members but will win no elections. If we are about getting people elected to implement libertarian reforms in public policy we need to appeal to the 99%. It is not necessary or effective to compromise principle in order to appeal to the 99%. Compromising principle negates the entire reason for having a separate political party. What is necessary is to communicate the value of Libertarian principles to the 99% in a manner and language that they can understand. However, in order to get the 99% to listen to your proposals they have to have some modicum of respect for you and some knowledge of your record of achievement.

The "Libertarian Party" will never win elections. Only individual Libertarians can do that. The credibility of the party will be the net credibility of the individual elected and appointed Libertarians. If the net credibility of the "Libertarians in office" is high, AND when the number is a respectable percentage of all public offices (say 5% or approximately 20,000 individuals nationwide) the other parties will begin to shift in the Libertarian direction. Of course 90% of those 20,000 individuals would be holding offices within local districts of less than 1,500 voters AND the party strategy and the party administration would be run by those people.

Another major factor in winning elections is getting your constituency to the polls, AND making sure that the votes cast are counted correctly. This is why precinct level operations are so important and why the party support is so important for major party candidates. It is because the Democrats and Republicans in districts where they dominate also dominate in the control of each voting precinct. Some money is required for an adequate Get Out The Vote operation, but it has been proven over the years that dedicated volunteers are far more effective than "hired help".

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Vietnam Lessons Still Not Learned

By Ralph Corsi

Recently I noted the 30th anniversary of my return from the Vietnam War. After thirty years, one would believe that all of the lessons of this war were concluded. However, the debate, discussion, and disagreement still surrounding this war seem to bely such an ending.

Most American conflicts can be discussed from a historical perspective with clarity. The reasons leading to the conflict, the strategy and tactics, and most importantly, the reasons we succeeded or failed, become clear with time and study. Yet, the Vietnam conflict offers no such clarity. What is known, is that we failed. However, the reasons normally given are vague and inconclusive. The military will charge that they were not allowed to pursue the war properly. Politicians took direct control and often micromanaged tactical actions that normally would be controlled by on site commanders down to the rank of captain. Additionally, the politicos banned or inhibited many attacks that would have been more effective in damaging the enemy. There is a kernel of truth in these criticisms, but no knowledgeable military strategist could, or would make the claim that if this political management were eliminated, a victory would have followed. Some, if not most people, claim that the war should never have been fought, as if it were moral or ethical to relegate a nation, born in the free world, to a future of totalitarianism without a fight for its freedom. No, the failure of the Vietnam War was not the way we fought, or that we should not have fought it. We know we made errors, and we know we failed, but we don't know how we could have succeeded. This is the real tragedy of Vietnam. To lose more than 52, 000 of our soldiers, without definitively knowing why we failed or how we could have succeeded, is the disgrace of the conflict.

The reason we failed, as known by some, is that we did not win the hearts and minds of the South Vietnamese people, whereas, for the most part, the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army did. Our mistake was that we did not fight for anything, instead, we fought against something. The Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army fought for communism. Those on the other side knew what communism was; how it would provide a better life for them, rid the country of foreigners and make them part of a society that pledged prosperity for all. The Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army provided special political cadre that pleaded their philosophy to the people. The irony here, of course, is that communism cannot deliver prosperity. The freedom and prosperity of capitalism was traded for the poverty and privation of communism. We gave the South Vietnamese our guns, tanks, aircraft and 52,000 of our young soldiers' lives, but we never gave them the words of Thomas Jefferson, of Thomas Paine, or of Adam Smith. We never gave them the words of Friedrich A. Hayek (The Road to Serfdom), Frederick Bastiat (The Law), Isabel Paterson (God of the Machine) or Ayn Rand (Atlas Shrugged). These were the people who knew the difference between freedom and the serfdom promised by communism and its collectivist philosophy. We should have made it clear to the South Vietnamese people why the USA was the great country it was. And, how, if they followed a path of freedom, liberty, and the rule of law, that they too could become a free and prosperous people. Unfortunately, this was never attempted.

The Lesson Learned from Vietnam is not that we failed to win the hearts and minds of the people. The lesson learned is that we must win the hearts and minds of the people. If we had struggled as effectively indoctrinating the people with our history and philosophy as we did on the battlefield, the Vietnam War history could have been one of success and great achievement. The Vietnamese people needed to know how a small group of backward farmers like themselves, could, in a mere 100 years create the greatest economy the world had ever seen.

Weapons are helpful in fighting a war, but having a meaningful, principled, reason to fight is the ultimate weapon against any enemy. We should have learned this lesson.

Ralph Corsi
Riverton, NJ

Ralph Corsi served as a helicopter pilot and aviation supply officer in Vietnam from 5 June 1970 to 5 June 1971. Currently, he is a helicopter pilot for a corporation in the New York City area.

Best of Both Worlds

Many of you have noticed that, by the time you get your hard copy NJL each month, some of the events mentioned have passed.

Unfortunately, the downside to our cost-cutting switch from First Class mail means that local post offices can pretty much deliver your NJL when they feel like it.

We've moved our deadline up 10 days (from the 20th to the 10th of every month) in an effort to solve the problem, but you also have another way to get your NJL.

If you have Internet access, check out the NJL each month on our state web site, www.njlp.org. Even if you choose to keep receiving the hard copy version, the ezine becomes available nearly three weeks before the paper NJL is delivered.

So why not enjoy the best of both worlds? Get your snazzy, full color NJL in a timely manner, simply by going to the web site, and still get your hard copy, which many members like to pass along or simply archive for themselves.

Discover Liberty New Jersey – At the Starting Point

By Dan Mikulsky

Have you heard of Discover Liberty? Sponsored by the Advocates for self-government, this will be the largest 1-on-1 Libertarian outreach in event history. The centerpiece of Discover Liberty is two thousand "Operation Politically Homeless" (OPH) booths across America, in 12 months and in all 50 states! What's an OPH booth? Only the most effective way ever invented to quickly uncover large numbers of libertarians! OPH is a friendly way one-on-one campaign to assist people in your community to discover for themselves their own libertarian ideals.

The national goals are ambitious. Starting June 30, 2001 through June 29, 2002, we will be the vehicle for half a million people encounter libertarianism one-on-one! Through our "Operation Politically Homeless" (OPH) booths, 250,000 people will take the World Smallest Political Quiz. 75,000 libertarian-leaning people will be discovered and 36,000 names and addresses of prime libertarian prospects gathered! Our excitement and drive will help us break through the "media barrier" by generating hundreds of news stories about libertarianism.

State goals are based upon population, and power-packed New Jersey has the target of 60 OPH for the coming year. We are already fast out of the starting gate. There are already three OPH kits in the state in Monmouth, Mercer and Somerset counties. Bergen county has a kit on the way. Monmouth county plans to have OPH materials at their county fair booth from July 25th to July 29th. (5 days of a booth counts for 5 OPH for our quota!), and at their Ocean Grove Flea Market booth in September.

Volunteers are needed throughout our state. Never done an OPH before? Don't worry. No experience is required. It's fun, and anyone can do it. And you won't be alone. A booth works best with two, three or more people. People will come to the booth in a relaxed, and fun atmosphere. We set up booths at county fairs, and other community events where everyone comes with idea of coming to relieve stress and have fun.

If you are interested in helping with Discover Liberty, or just have questions, please contact Dan Mikulsky at 201-286-0373. Also, you may visit the Discover Liberty web site at www.theadvocates.org/discover. You can sign up there to help along.

"I hope you'll join libertarians in your community and across the nation to help tens of thousands of Americans 'Discover Liberty' – and have FUN doing it!" -- Sharon Harris, Advocates President



Richard Jay Edgar, a Libertarian Party candidate for Monmouth County Freeholder, at the Libertarians of Monmouth County information table at the Unschooled Convention in Brookdale College on June 2

Announcements

Want to get involved? The NJLP has volunteer committees addressing fundraising, recruitment and membership, public relations, candidate recruitment and support and electronic access. Please contact State Chair Emerson Ellett if you'd like to serve on one or more.



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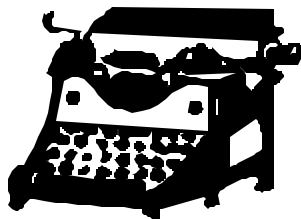
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Letters To the Editor



Dear Editor:

If you elect me as the Libertarian Governor of the State of New Jersey, I will:

- Display delusional thinking
- Make unwarranted insults to others,
- Deceive the membership concerning my true agenda, and
- Take absolutely no responsibility for myself or my actions

This is the platform I've seen presented by Mark Edgerton, Libertarian Candidate for Governor.

On 7/14/01, Mr. Edgerton showed an obvious lack of character by attacking you, in your absence, at the NJLP's Annual Picnic/General Meeting. At this meeting, he blamed you for his failures as a candidate. Mr. Edgerton stated that you had not communicated his vast accomplishments to the Libertarian community through the party's newsletter, the *New Jersey Libertarian*. He stated that you had been unable to do this because of your "lack of energy, willingness, and ability."

Because of Mr. Edgerton's behavior, I made a motion to have him removed from the ballot as the party's candidate for governor. Though it failed 30-4, I was glad that I stood up for you. Actually, what my fellow Libertarians may not realize is that I also stood up for the party. Personally, I have not had any faith in Mr. Edgerton's campaign or his ability to represent the Libertarian Party ever since he told me that he was not a Libertarian. Actually, his exact words were, "I'm not a Libertarian. I am an independent who happens to have the nomination of the Libertarian Party."

After my motion failed, John Paff made a motion to censure Mr. Edgerton. Mr. Edgerton approached me and stated, "All I said was that she did not effectively communicate all the work that I am doing. Is that something I should be censured for?" I told him that my umbrage with him was that he attacked your ability. I stated that it was his responsibility to submit press releases, announcements, etc. to you by the 20th (now 10th) of each month. I also stated that you are not required to act as a reporter. Mr. Edgerton stated, "Yes, she has been incapable." I said, "No, she's not responsible." He said, "Yes, she has not been responsible."

I think Mr. Edgerton is confused by the term responsibility. His confusion begins with him not realizing that he is responsible for his own campaign and all its functions. I find it very interesting, and quite disturbing for that matter, that the Libertarian Candidate for Governor does not understand that he is personally responsible for himself and his accomplishments. How can this be when the main tenet of Libertarian philosophy is "individual freedom, personal responsibility."?

In your defense, I would like to have the record show that you have given Mr. Edgerton front-page coverage six times in the last eight months. Maybe you would have included more material, had it been submitted. As Mr. Edgerton said to me, "I'm the candidate. I don't do those things." Once again, where is the responsibility?

I do not support Mr. Edgerton because he is delusional, insulting, deceptive, and lacks the ability to take responsibility for himself. How can I support someone who states that he is not a Libertarian? How can I support someone who has stated that he will spend taxpayer dollars to fund special interests?

That does not mean that I don't support the political advancement of the Libertarian Party. If I did not care, I would not have made my motion.

We should not support a candidate because he is the only candidate who has shown interest. In fact, we should not support a candidate just because of the party he claims to represent. We should be looking at the person, his character, and his ability to honestly represent our party. Unfortunately, I don't feel that Mr. Edgerton has the honesty or integrity to be that representative.

Please accept my apology for Mr. Edgerton's behavior at the Annual Picnic/General Meeting and take comfort in the fact that, though the membership did not vote to censure Mr. Edgerton, it did vote unanimously to support you.

Sincerely,

Tracey Lockwood
NJLP Member

Editor's note: The motion to remove Mr. Edgerton from the ballot as a Libertarian candidate technically did not fail. It was decided in a 30-4 vote that such a motion could not be made and voted on at a General Meeting.

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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.



*Mark Edgerton (left) speaking
to students (below) at
Monmouth University on July
18th.*

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Monmouth County Libertarians Protest the County Gun Buyback Program at the Red Bank Police Department.

*Left to Right: Emerson Ellett, David Duchai, Pat Bontempo
and Freeholder Candidate Richard "Jay" Edgar.*

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www.lp2000.com Libertarian Strategy Caucus
www.politicsnj.com. The New Jersey Political scene. Great site!
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