



New Jersey Libertarian

NJLP PETITION DRIVE A SUCCESS

New Jersey voters will indeed be able to choose Libertarian nominees HARRY BROWNE and JO JORGENSEN for President and Vice-President on this fall's ballots, thanks to forty dedi-
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LIBERTY COUNCIL

LIBERTY COUNCIL PAC is a new political action committee whose purpose is to underwrite the most promising campaigns for state and local office around the country by Libertarian Party candidates.
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LIBERTARIAN SUES FOR "RIGHT TO KNOW"

Franklin Twp. (Somerset) resident and NJLP member John Paff filed suit against the administrator of the Manville Borough Municipal Court. In a suit filed in Superior Court, Somerville, at the end of July, Paff charged Administrator Joy A Lenner with violating his rights under the state's Right to Know Law by refusing to let him see a municipal court file.
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FOCUS PAC

The "Focus" Political Action Committee is a group of Libertarian activists, tired of limited media exposure and small vote percentages, who have gathered together for one mission: "To popularize libertarian ideas through outreach and through supporting like minded candidates".

The Focus PAC and its branch within the Libertarian Party, the "Socially Tolerant Caucus", is a libertarian public relations group, designed particularly to appeal to those the "Left" has lost. The Focus PAC is dedicated to building bridges between the Libertarian Party, other freedom-minded organizations, and the media.

FOCUS PAC offers audio and video tapes of events featuring Richard Boddie and Mark Murphy, among others.
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STOP THE BROWNE-OUT

You are urged to write a short, courteous, respectful letter urging the Presidential debates commission to include Libertarians Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen in the Presidential and Vice-Presidential debates. Please mention the fact that Browne will be on the ballot in all states plus the District of Columbia, and has qualified for Federal matching funds..

Send them as soon as possible to:
Presidential Debates Commission
601 13th Street NW
Suite 310 South
Washington, D.C. 20005

Seven other things you can do to help the Browne/Jorgensen campaign are listed in the august LP News.

BELMAR LIBERTARIAN SCORES HEADLINES

Monmouth County Libertarian Chair and candidate for municipal committee Stephen Nagle was prominently featured in a front page top center story in the Burlington County Times of Sun-
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NJLP MAKES FIRST "OUT- STANDING AMERICAN VOLUNTEER" AWARD

On behalf of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, Steering Committee At-Large member Mike Buoncristiano presented the first "OUTSTANDING AMERICAN VOLUNTEER" award to Evelyn A. Ortner of Short Hills a founder of The Unity Group, which supports battered women.
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LIBERTARIAN GETS HIS COUNTY'S SPENDING ONLINE

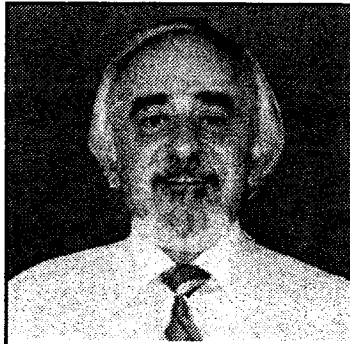
NJLP member Mike Pierone has persuaded the Freeholder Board in his native Warren County
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If people here (New York City) were not getting killed on the job in homicides, we would have quite a low rate of fatalities"

-Samuel Ehrenhalt,
Labor Department Official

Elect DINO TORO to Town Committee

On Saturday, September 14, 1996 an NJLP General Meeting will be held at 3:00 PM at the Laurel Lake Country Club on Buckshutem Road in Laurel Lake. Primary item on the agenda will be a cooperative effort to help the Dino Toro for Commercial Township Committee campaign. Also expected is an interesting speaker to enlighten and entertain the membership.

All NJLP members are invited AND ENCOURAGED to attend. There will be plenty of campaigning to do, and Dino will use all the help we can give him. Let's stop TALKING about political action and start DOING something about it!

Call Dino Toro (609/825-5678) or Herb Roselle (609/825-0510) for information and directions to Laurel Lake. Complete Directions on page 7.

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Chaired by Washington DC LP Chair Gene Cisewski, this new PAC seeks to emulate his earlier work for GOPAC, the similar instrument of the Republican National Committee, which helped build the "farm team" of Republican officeholders that featured so prominently in the Republican congressional victories of 1994.

Cisewski, who authored the LP's county organizing manual, seeks to take advantage of a loophole in election laws: because LIBERTY COUNCIL will not sponsor any candidates for Federal office, there are NO LIMITS to the total any individual may contribute, and donors need not answer the intrusive questions about occupation and employer that characterize donations to candidates for Federal Office.

LIBERTY COUNCIL's priorities are:

- 1) To sponsor the re-election campaigns of existing LP officeholders like Don Gorman in the New Hampshire legislature and Bonnie Flickinger, the mayor of Moreno Valley, California.
- 2) To underwrite the most promising campaigns for challengers, like Michigan legislature candidate Jon Coon, whose name recognition in his district is 70%.
- 3) To protect the hard won official ballot status the LP risks losing in states like Texas and Maryland, where Libertarians must receive five or three percent, respectively, of the vote to maintain "official party" status.

To donate or get more information, send to: **LIBERTY COUNCIL**

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BELMAR LIBERTARIAN SCORES HEADLINES

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day August 11. Entitled HOT AT THE BEACH; MOVEMENT GAINING TO ABOLISH LOCAL SUNBATHING FEES, the story describes Nagle as the founder and leader of a "movement known as Free the Beaches", which seeks to abolish entry fees for shoreline beaches, which Nagle says are owned by the state. Nagle is quoted as proposing that beach maintenance be funded by lottery proceeds.

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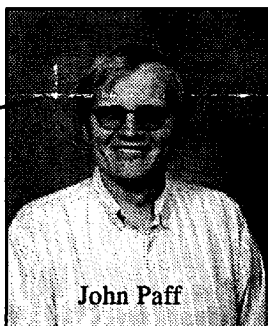
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Ms Ortnr was presented with the award at the Unity Group Dinner Dance on June 7, 1996 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

Members are invited to submit nominations for future awards to the Public Relations Committee care of Mike Buoncristiano, whose phone no. appears in the officer's roster on page 4.



Mike Pierone



John Paff

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Paff claims that Ms Lenner became "adversarial" when he refused to tell her why he wanted to see the file, a traffic case entitled State vs. Gordon Ferry. Paff says that the Right to Know Law gives all citizens an "unqualified" right to view most public documents, including this one. He says that this law gives "you an absolute right to see the records, without having to explain why..."

Paff filed the suit after receiving a letter from Municipal Court Judge Rzemieniewski telling him to appear in court to explain his request, which Paff said "didn't seem right". If successful in his suit, the court will order Lenner to allow Paff to see the file, and will order the Borough of Manville to reimburse him for court and attorney fees.

After Paff filed the suit, the judge relented, offering Paff what he originally sought, but has refused to order the municipality to pay his attorney fees. Paff has refused the offer, on the grounds that it should not cost him or anyone else an estimated \$500 in attorney fees to gain access to the records.

Further developments are expected soon in this rapidly unfolding story.

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to direct their administrator to assemble all county purchase orders on disc or other computer readable format, and to make these records public, if Pierone does the necessary conversions to put these records on compact disc. Pierone is a free lance computer programmer who is specially qualified to perform the work. The freeholders agreed to do this at their August 7 meeting, and the Express-Times(Easton, Pa) reported the story on the front page of their local section the next day.

Pierone, who is also former Chair of the NJLP, has gotten coverage from the same paper before and since on this issue, and has promised the reporter who covers the county's freeholders that he'd be the "first to receive a disc" once he receives the records and performs the requisite conversions.

The August 8 story offered a glowing description of Pierone's purpose, quoting him as wanting to "make county government more open by posting the purchase records on a computer bulletin board, internet web site, or making it available to other county residents on a CD-ROM." The story went on to quote Pierone as saying "Once I get the purchase orders pried out, I'll see what else I can pry out".

Activist's Corner

More than a few Libertarian activists have complained over the years about the way the newsmedia seems to categorically ignore the LP. Candidates for state and federal office face what seems like a virtual blackout by both print and broadcast reporters in many campaigns, and they understandably feel it's unfair.

Of course, no one ever credibly said that life is fair. The twentieth century has seen a parade of ideologues trying to use government as a tool to make life "fair", and the results speak for themselves. Life isn't fair, and complaining about it is less rewarding than milking bulls or planting popcorn.

In fact, the newsmedia have good reasons to ignore most non-Republicrat candidates for high office; a glance at this year's presidential candidates reveals that some want to give Marxism another shot, one wants government to "save" the environment, and another thinks our problems will be over if only government gets us to meditate. The media would be suspect if they did take these folks seriously. Even Harry Browne says that, if he is at 1% in the polls, he "shouldn't be included" in the debates.

We Libertarians must be adults about this. Reporters are eager to cover those people and events that seem important or interesting to their readers, who have an unlimited menu of things to read, hear, and watch. If we're going to be taken seriously and get covered, WE must make the news that the public wants to know about, and it's not a hopeless task by any means.

John Paff is a good example of this. Like everyone else, Paff trips over the outstretched legs of politicians and bureaucrats every day. Unlike some of us and almost everyone else, he does something about it: if what they are doing is illegal or just immoral, John cites them before the appropriate authorities and reporters, who cover his actions because their readers care about these same wrongs. He now has a reputation in his town and county, and reporters know in advance that their readers care about what he says and does.

Libertarians in other locales like Belmar, Chatham, Hillsborough, Hoboken, Burlington, Sussex and Warren Counties have had no problem getting covered by the media when their goals are attainable and their purpose realistic. These results all tend to confirm that what we THINK is not news, but what we DO is. Let's keep this in mind as we make plans and seek media attention.

-EW

IN THE OCTOBER NJ LIBERTARIAN, ROBERT HEFTNER WILL REVIEW THE SUSSEX COUNTY LP'S LAWSUIT AGAINST COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

JUROR'S RIGHTS

NJLP member Hal Rose of Englishtown sponsored printing of 5000 Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) leaflets, to keep the Monmouth County Libertarians (LMC) supplied for their monthly distribution at the county courthouse for another year.

LMC has leafleted almost every jury pool in Monmouth County for the last three years. The leaflets notify jurors that, despite anything the judge may tell them, they still have the centuries-old right and duty to judge the law as well as the facts in each case and vote their conscience.

New Jersey's FIJA coordinator is Emerson Ellett, who can be reached at 908 774 3684.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The New Jersey Libertarian welcomes letters. However, severe space limitations make it impractical to publish all of them. Yours will have the best chance of publication if you keep it under 200 words and focus on matters of special concern to Libertarian Party members. Please e-mail them to: **edgewest@aol.com** or mail them to:

**NJL Letters
281 House's Corner Road
Lafayette, NJ 07848**

If e-mailed, be sure to write "NJL Letter" in the comments box.

Editor



Ed Wiessmann

CORRECTION

A misunderstanding with local postal officials concerning a recently mandated change of address from RD Box to street address led to an error in the *THE NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN*'s editor's mailing address. Submissions should be sent to the address shown above.:

Anything sent to last month's published address of "Sparta, NJ 07848" was NOT RECEIVED by the editor. The confusion arose from the fact that the editor lives in Sparta Township but has mail delivered from the Lafayette Post Office. The editor extends his sincerest apologies to anyone who submitted anything to the incorrect address published in the August issue.

EDITORIAL

Under current bylaws, a person must do two things in order to join the Libertarian Party:

- 1) Pay membership dues, and
- 2) Sign a "membership statement" which reads:

"I do not believe in or advocate the intitution of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

The second of these requirements has been the subject of spirited debate many times, and was recently cited by one of the NJLP's most prominent members as his reason for not renewing his membership this year. According to Terry Dwyer, who writes a weekly opinion column for the Daily Record, a major northern New Jersey newspaper, the "oath" as some call it, needlessly alienates prospective members and reflects a "smug group that is determined to shrink".

There is little doubt that a majority of current members support this requirement, but that should not preclude us from considering its abolition. Current members include primarily those who were not offended by this requirement and had no objection to signing the "oath". We cannot know how many were dissuaded from joining by this requirement, and we also can't know how many sign it without meaning it.

In fact, we can't even be sure that all those who join do sign it; former NJLP Chair Spencer Layman declared that he had never signed it, and was admitted anyway. These facts, taken together, suggest that we ought to reexamine this requirement, and abolish it for state party membership unless compelling reasons to the contrary are demonstrated. Anything that discourages libertarians from becoming Libertarians should be cleared away from the scene, unless doing so violates our principles. Eliminating the "oath" requirement doesn't do that.

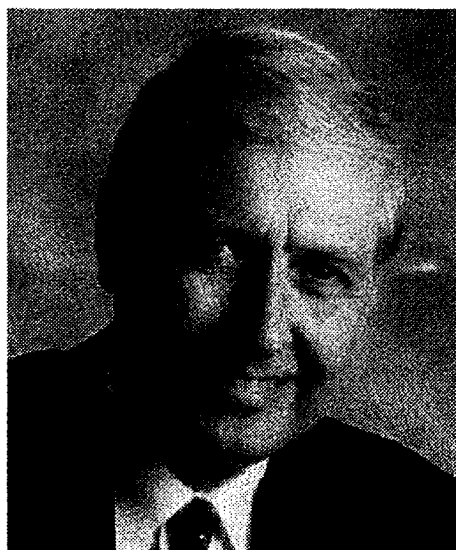
What do you think? - Ed Wiessmann

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HONOR ROLL!

Name County Signatures

Ed Wiessmann	Sus	305
James DePaola	Mid	123
Rob Tannen	Hun	102
Mike Buoncristiano	Hud	101
Tony Federici	Sus	101
Dave Cinege	Mid	80
Mike Pierone	War	68
Mike Panella	Mid	65
Austin Lett	Mor	63
Leon Myerson	Hud	62
Dan Karlan	Ber	61
Jeff Polachek	War	58
Dan Maiullo	Mon	52
Dick Siano	Hun	52
Sean Dougherty	Ber	51
Howard Schoen	Mid	51
Ken Kaplan	Mor	50
Mark Peterson	Ber	42
Ginny Flynn	Mon	41
Evan Nappen	Mon	35
Emerson Ellett	Mon	32
Lee Maclin	Hud	32
Keith Quarles	Mon	31
Carl Peters	Mer	29
John Paff	Som	23
Lou Stefanelli	Ess	23
Len Flynn	Mon	21
Tim Konek	Mid	21
Liz Macron	Oce	20
Diane Adler	Som	19
Chris White	Mon	19
Ben Grindlinger	Mer	17
Claudia Montelione	Mon	17
Jeff Pfeiffer	Oce	16
Barry Perlman	Bur	13
Pat Giassa	Hud	9
Greg Monte	Hud	8
Jim Edelman	Mid	7
Rocky Kortz	Mon	7
Jim Salzano	Mon	5
Total.....		1932

Editors Note: 800 valid signatures from registered voters are required to place a candidate on the state wide ballots for president. In some states that requirement is in the tens of thousands.



Harry Browne makes its onto NJ Ballots!

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cated Libertarian volunteers who spent evenings and weekends in July to gather signatures on petitions.

To satisfy the state requirement of 800 signatures for this purpose, NJLP volunteers gathered 1932 signatures, making a challenge by either of the government parties very difficult and unlikely. NJLP officers learned from the bitter experience of having their Senate candidate bumped off the ballot by a challenge from the Republican State Committee in April that merely satisfying the petition requirement plus a few extras is not enough. In that instance, enough of the signatures gave illegible names or addresses or had changed addresses since last registering to put the total under 800.

NJLP Chair Len Flynn vowed not to let this happen to Harry Browne, and the total in this drive reflected that resolve. Veteran NJLP member and volunteer Don Meinshausen said he'd never heard of challenges disqualifying more than 40% of petition signatures. A challenge that successful in this case would have left the BROWNE/JORGENSEN ticket with 1159 signatures and success.

NJLP members Rob Tannen and Daryl Gibson gave the volunteers added incentives to produce by posting \$100 rewards for the most prolific petitioner. These rewards added excitement to the cyber-headquarters as Flynn made nightly postings of each day's results on the NJLP e-mail list throughout the drive, which ended on July 29th.

Several members of the NJLP who happen to be attorneys helped out by notarizing the petitions, often at inconvenient times and places, and NJLP steering committee member Jeff Pfeiffer drove to all points of the compass gathering petitions and took time out from his business on Monday July 29th to submit them in person in Trenton. Flynn had delivered the first 1617 signatures there on Friday the 26th.

Minutes of NJLP General Meeting July 13, 1996

Present: All members of the Steering Committee, and Dan Karlan. **Absent:** none.

Successful Motions

-NJLP authorizes Recruitment/Membership Committee to spend not more than \$800 to purchase pre-printed stationery and leaflets.

-NJLP authorizes Recruitment/Membership Committee to spend not more than \$1100 to purchase an initial supply of *Libertarianism in One Lesson*, *Healing Our World*, and *Why Government Doesn't Work*.

Other Actions

-Gun Rights Attorney Evan Nappen addressed some 35 NJLP members on the effects of Domestic Violence Laws on gun owners.

-Mark Peterson is the new chair of the Fund Raising Committee.

-Steering Committee At-Large Member Jeff Pfeiffer has organized a Banner Flyover for the New Jersey shore on Labor Day Weekend. An Airplane will tow a banner bearing the legend "Government Doesn't Work; Vote Libertarian" along the shore facing the beaches from Cape May to Sandy Hook. Pfeiffer raised the requisite funds without assistance from the NJLP treasury.

-Buoncristiano delivered the new NJLP "Bill of Rights" T-Shirts, which are offered for sale at \$15 each.

Directions to General Meeting

- 1) NJ Turnpike South to Exit 4
 - 2) Rt 73 North 1 mile
 - 3) I-295 South 9 miles
 - 4) Rt 42 South 1+ mile
 - 5) Rt 55 South app. 34 miles to EXIT 27
 - 6) Rt 47 South to Millville
 - 7) At 2nd Traffic light, bear right, then bear left, putting you on High St
 - 8) At next traffic light, make right at Millville Hospital onto Harrison Street
 - 9) Make second left onto Dock Street, follow Dock Street to its end, leading with a YIELD sign onto Brandiff Avenue.
 - 10) After second light, Brandiff Avenue becomes Silver Run Road, which at first is Rt 555, and then Rt 627. Stay on Silver Run Road to its end.
 - 11) At STOP sign, make left onto Buckshutem Road, also known as Route 670.
 - 12) Half a mile and over the narrow "waist" of Laurel Lake to LAUREL LAKE COUNTRY CLUB on left.
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Calendar

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

NJLP GENERAL MEETING!

Saturday, Sept. 14, 3:00 PM at the Laurel Lake Country Club on Buckshutem Road in Laurel Lake. See page 7 for directions.

Burlington/Camden County LP For meeting information and directions call (609)-273-3253 or e-mail jpresser@netaxs.com

Gloucester County LP holds its regular meeting the fourth Thursday of each month. Guests are welcome. Call John Hill at (609) 468-9571 or Brian Waters at (609) 845-9581.

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

Somerset/Middlesex LP meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7pm at Tumulty's Pub, 361 George St., New Brunswick.

Monmouth County LP meets the second Sunday of each month. Liberty Brunch at 11 am, meeting at noon. Call Keith Quarles (908) 280-9615 for location and details.

Morris/Essex LP meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Call Mike Lewin 201 884-0005 for information.

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

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

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

For information on how to set up a town or county organization in your area, call Mike Pierone @ (908) 475-3444.



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