



# New Jersey Libertarian

## Somerset Libertarians get editorial kudos

Somerset County Libertarians were applauded in an April 4 editorial in the Somerset Messenger Gazette entitled,

**"PESKY WATCHDOG;  
LIBERTARIANS SHOW  
THEY'RE NOT AFRAID TO  
ROCK THE BOAT"**

The editorial, which described the growing impatience of the public with the two government parties, cheered local activists for publicizing the alleged misconduct of Bridgewater Twp attorney Francis

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## Libertarian running for charter commission

South Brunswick Twp. voters will decide this fall if their town should create a Charter Commission, which could craft a proposal to change the township's form of government.

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## NJLP WEB SITE!

The New Jersey Libertarian Party's official world-wide-web site is at:  
<http://www/eclipse.net/~dimona>

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## NJLP Candidate featured on National Front Page

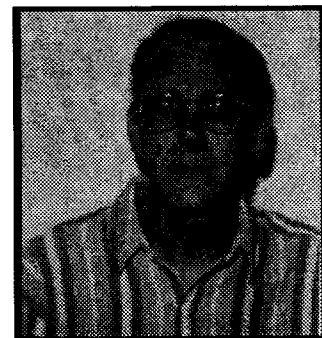
The NJLP candidate for Congress in the 13th district, Mike Buoncristiano, was featured on the front page of the July Libertarian Party newsletter.

Mike's imaginative and innovative ideas and endless energy have made his campaign a model for other LP candidates'; He's received press coverage from several newspapers and radio stations, formed a campaign staff, and raised thousands in donations.

He's even created a catchy token to remind people of him; a red, white and blue ribbon pinned into a loop on his lapel, signifying awareness of the Bill of Rights and its importance to a free society. Inspired by the similar yellow ribbons denoting AIDS awareness, these ribbon pins have proven popular and may well outlast the campaign. Mike's campaign can be reached at [MTBin96@aol.com](mailto:MTBin96@aol.com), or (201) 217-0744.

## Another Libertarian appointed to office.

NJLP member Paul Anderson has been appointed to the Chester Borough (Morris County) Zoning Board of Adjustment by Mayor Hugh Newman and confirmed by the borough council in July, 1996.



## LP CONVENTION ROCKS WASHINGTON

The Libertarian Party's 1996 Presidential nominating convention met from July 4 through July 7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington D.C.. The NJLP was well represented as twenty-

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## Free Nation Foundation

Libertarians have established a think tank called the FREE NATION FOUNDATION, which began publishing a periodical called FORMULATIONS in 1993. The purpose of this foundation is to research and document alternatives to the government policies targeted by Libertarians.

One such alternative described in their outreach literature details how private fraternal societies provided low cost health insurance to their members throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

For details on membership and subscriptions, send to:

**FREE NATION FOUNDATION**  
111 West Corbin Street  
Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278  
(919) 732 8366

### Libertarian running for charter commission

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Among the changes to be considered are having the mayor selected by voters, instead of by fellow town council members. Libertarian Fred Stein is running for a seat on the Commission, should it be approved. One of the ideas he plans to raise for consideration is "proportional representation", whereby political minorities would be represented in accordance with their proportion of the total vote.

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Hermes in a DWI incident in which he was involved in North Carolina. The Libertarians went on to research who was responsible for disciplining government lawyers, and publicly request the removal of Mr Hermes from office. The editorial went on to say that "The Libertarians are right on this issue....Let's hope the Libertarians continue to play the watchdog role and that someday their bite is as good as their bark."

### Quote of the Month

"Morally, there's no problem with that (beheading drug dealers) at all. I used to teach ethics - trust me."

- former US "Drug Czar"  
William Bennett

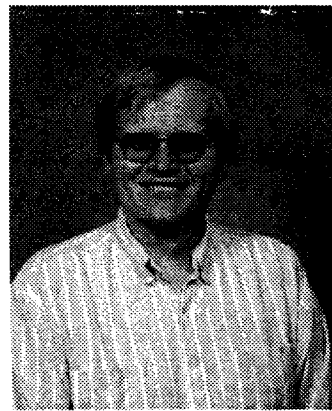
### Somerset/Middlesex Libertarians score more headlines

A June 17 story in the HOME NEWS AND TRIBUNE of East Brunswick detailed a proposal made by the LP of Somerset and Middlesex, currently under consideration by the Franklin Twp (Somerset) committee, which would require attorneys applying for government work in the township to waive the confidentiality that attorneys' disciplinary records enjoy.

An editorial in the same paper on June 18 lauded the idea and gave full credit to the local Libertarians -led by Diane Adler and John Paff- who proposed it. The editorial ended: "If Franklin approves this landmark ordinance, it should be a model to other municipalities."



Diane Adler



John Paff

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I'm building a phone book of NJLP e-mail addresses. If you have an e-mail address, please message me through GENIE at j.paff1, or the Internet at j.paff1@genie.com.



## 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  
Sparta, NJ 07848**

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

## Our New Editor



Ed Wiessmann

## Embarrassed Libertarian speaks out

Editor:

Recently I received the April/May/June NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN. Since I have been in the publication business all my life, I feel qualified to offer a few comments.

The picture on the front page has, as far as I can tell, NOTHING to do with the accompanying story. The story begins "On January5...", not exactly HOT news. The story on page one also stops dead in its tracks in the middle of a sentence. Whaaa?

The "Activist's Corner" column on page 3 is, frankly, embarrassing. Throughout, the tone is sluggish and unconvincing. That is forgivable. But numerous other errors are childish and, as I said, embarrassing to me as a Libertarian, not to mention as an intelligent human being with something above a third grade reading level. To wit: i for I; bith for both; cas eis for case is; etc.

Egregious errors such as subject and verb not agreeing, e.g.: "CPR committees make recommendations to the judges controlling these case.", "which review the cases of children place outside their homes..." On and on. How can these errors pass even the most cursory editorial review? Which reminds me: does an editorial review exist? This letter is addressed to the editor of the newsletter, but no such editor is identified. Why?

Also: syntactic parallelism seems to be a concept with which the "activist" author is unacquainted; see the column's final, divergent, roller coaster paragraph.

Additionally, I question several of the author's assertions. Such as item number 3 in the first paragraph: that a reason to seek public office is to "start building credentials for Libertarians" I thought we "started" doing this twenty years ago. Maybe the author means EXPAND Libertarian credentials?

On a basic philosophical premise, my concept of Libertarianism does not in any way endorse or sanction programs such as the "Child Placement Review Committee". What's next, the Adult Placement Review Committee? ABSURD. I am astounded that a Libertarian newsletter recommends participation in such condescending "big brotherish" programs, although I must admit that we do seem to need an Adult Literacy Review Committee.

John Garvey - Keansburg

*Editor replies: Mr. Garvey is not alone. My own similar observations prompted me to make this, my first attempt at editing. While I make no promises of satisfaction, I hope to at least present a more grammatically correct and more accurately spelled product.*

*In regard to Mr. Garvey's complaint concerning Libertarians serving on non-libertarian boards and committees, I concede that we are better served without such committees but disagree that we may not serve on them so long as they exist. Would Mr. Garvey prefer that only true believers in statism be allowed to decide the fate of his children, his property, his rights and so forth? - E.W.*

## Activist's Corner

Have you ever wondered why some people are in command of their lives, while others watch in envy? Those movers and shakers you see strutting their way across life's stage have families and careers of their own to manage, just like you, but they find a few hours here and there to devote to political activities.

They aren't magicians, they weren't born with the ability to lead, and they get stage fright just like the rest of us, but they still get out there and let the world know where they stand. They do it to fill several needs:

A) Silence kills. It may seem pointless to fight the political class as they lead us down the highway to hell, but that's where we're headed nonetheless. If you don't speak up, nothing will change, and our tax and legal load will continue to grow unchecked.

B) People skills. There's no better

way to learn how to communicate and cooperate than with volunteer organizations. There are lots of non-political groups to join, but they won't win your freedoms back even if they succeed.

C) Posterity. We owe it to our children and our consciences to uproot the wrongs we find around us. Libertarians aren't the ones feeding at the public trough or flexing their powers to impress others; we're the ones who calmly insist on equality for all before the law and the marketplace.

So, if you care about the future, become a Libertarian activist today! Five counties remain leaderless at the local level: Atlantic, Hunterdon, Mercer, Passaic, and Union. If you live in any of these counties, your activity could have a special importance to the Libertarian Party. Call any member of the NJLP Steering Committee to inquire, even if you're not sure you want to do it. You may be glad you did.

## Editorial

There are roughly 500 elected public offices in the USA for each current dues paying member of the Libertarian Party, so it's no surprise that we have always had a dilemma in deciding which offices our candidates should seek. Higher offices like Senate and House, Governor and Legislature have the advantage of getting our party's name on every ballot in large areas, putting all voters on notice that our party exists and giving all of them the chance to endorse us, but not much else. Lower level races like township committee, school board, etc. bring the cost and scope of the race down to a level at which we can effectively compete, and make our candidate a credible alternative to voters, but leave huge gaps between voter blocs, with many voters offered no Libertarian candidates.

Which level should you run at? President or precinct council seat? The answer depends on what you are trying to accomplish. The candidates for higher level office are educating those who will listen about what we stand for, but it seems that almost everyone willing to listen has already done so. In order to get a wider audience, we need more credibility as viable contenders, and only more election victories can give us that.

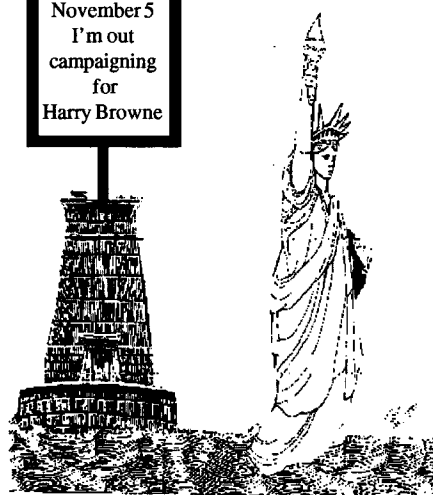
Election victories for Libertarians are likely only at the local level for at least the next two years, so it's time to focus on winnable local races, even if it means neglecting some higher offices we've traditionally fielded candidates for. This strategy seems especially promising for the NJLP, which now has many members with experience at running credible local campaigns. Austin Lett came up only a few percentage points short of victory in his township committee race in 1995. What do you think?

## BOB FIGUEROA IN JAIL

Bob Figueroa, the NJLP candidate for U.S. Congress in District 4 was found "in contempt" of court on Monday July 8 by Trenton municipal court Judge Audrey Blackburn and sentenced to 30 days in jail. He was in court to be arraigned on the charge of "harassment" of two Mercer County judges arising from letters he sent to them complaining about their handling of his divorce case. According to a court watcher group (People Against Corruption and Tyranny, PACT in Orange, NJ[201/678-7195]), Bob's wife gained sole custody of their three children in an April Family Court hearing in which the judge permitted her to move to Florida WITHOUT A HEARING NOR AN INVESTIGATION as to why the children should be allowed to leave the state at all.

The "harassment" charge is a petty disorderly persons offense with minimal bail (\$500). According to a 7/9/96 Trentonian article Bob's letters contained "wording" from "writings of America's new militia movement, which argues judges routinely overstep their bounds to violate peoples's Constitutional rights." Apparently, Trenton judges may be doing just that. For information about Bob and his plight, call Carl Peters at (609) 737-7667.

Closed Until  
November 5  
I'm out  
campaigning  
for  
Harry Browne



by Jeff Pfeiffer

## LP CONVENTION ROCKS WASHINGTON

### *The New Jersey Delegation*



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three delegates, six alternates and one National Committee member from New Jersey attended. Gavel-to-gavel C-SPAN coverage gave viewers nationwide at least a glimpse of nearly all of the 605 delegates at some point during three days of almost uninterrupted live coverage and reruns of each day's highlights.

Veteran NJLP member Ken Kaplan said that the convention was the most professional and impressive spectacle the Libertarian Party has staged to date, and no one has contradicted him. Indeed, both the WASHINGTON POST and WASHINGTON TIMES ran feature stories about the nomination of LP Presidential Candidate Harry Browne and Vice Presidential Candidate Jo Jorgensen. The Associated Press issued a story about the convention which ran in many New Jersey Papers on Sunday July 7, and WASHINGTON POST columnist David Broder followed up with a column in many papers which the STAR-LEDGER entitled "On-line Libertarians have edge on old-line parties". The POST story included a photo of New Jersey delegate Ed Wiessmann.

On July 11, taxpayer supported channel 13 aired an interview with Harry Browne, and the Browne campaign kicked off a radio ad campaign in the Metro Washington DC area on Monday July 8. The WASHINGTON TIMES even ran a story about candidate for LP national Chair Gene Cisewski.

The New Jersey delegation consisted of:

#### DELEGATES

Diane Adler	Len Flynn
Mike Buoncristiano	Ginny Flynn
Glenn Campbell	Frank Girardeau
Emerson Ellett	Ben Grindlinger
Tony Federici	John Hill
Betty Florentine	Tim Konek

Austin Lett
Lyla Lett
Liz Macron
Betty Macron
Leon Myerson
John Paff

Jeff Pfeiffer
Mike Pierone
Keith Quarles
Lou Stefanelli
Ed Wiessmann

#### ALTERNATES

Sean Dougherty
Phil DeBlock
Larry Eden
Joan Eden
Mike Panella
Rob Tannen

National Committee Representative: Dan Karlan

Although many platform issues were voted on and a full slate of national officers was elected, two contested elections received the most attention, in which the New Jersey delegation voted as follows:

#### FOR PRESIDENT

Harry Browne*	15
Rick Tompkins	4
Irwin Schiff	4
NOTA	2
Doug Ohmen	1

#### FOR LP NATIONAL CHAIR

Gene Cisewski	11
Steve Dasbach*	10
NOTA	5

\*winners

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OFFICERS IN NEW JERSEY

### Libertarian National Committee (NatCom)

(Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania)

Representative.....Tim Moir.....Pennsylvania.....610 834 8269

### New Jersey Libertarian Party (NJLP)

#### Steering Committee

Chair	Len Flynn	Monmouth	908 591 1328
Vice Chair	Ed Wiessmann	Sussex	201 579 7941
Secretary	Emerson Ellett	Monmouth	908 774 3684
Treasurer	Lou Stefanelli	Essex	201 751 8675
At-Large	Mike Buoncristiano	Hudson	201 217 1060
At-Large	Jeff Pfeiffer	Ocean	908 928 9093
At-Large	Keith Quarles	Monmouth	908 280 9615
At-Large	Howard Schoen	Middlesex	908 572 0207

#### State Board

Steering Committee, plus:

Carl Peters	Mercer	609 737 7667
Steve Nagle	Monmouth	908 280 1868
Elizabeth Macron	Ocean	908 458 5823
William Mecum	Salem	609 935 4483
Donald Imbriale	Sussex	201 383 1271
Kevin Pearce	Union	908 889 0894

#### Other Officials

Historian	Ray Babecki	908 878 7998
Librarian	Emerson Ellett	908 774 3684
Newsletter Editor	Ed Wiessmann	201 579 7941
Newsletter Layout	Mike Pierone	908 475 3444

#### County Chairs and Contacts

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Monmouth	Steve Nagle	908 280 1868
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Ocean	Glenn Campbell	609 978 1361
Somerset/Middlesex	Diane Adler	908 873 2070
Salem	Bob Dyson	609 678 8034
Sussex	Tony Federici	201 764 7289
Warren	Mike Pierone	908 475 3444

## NJLP Steering Committee; June 16 meeting

Committee members present: Flynn, Wiessmann, Ellett, Stefanelli, Buoncristiano, Grindlinger, Pfeiffer, Quarles, and Schoen. Absent: none. NJLP members present: Panella

### Successful Motions

- NJLP shall purchase six dozen tri-color T-shirts bearing the legend "Save our Bill of Rights" on front, and NJLP logo on reverse.
- Chair is authorized to issue an "Outstanding American Volunteer Award" to any volunteer, upon recommendation of the Public Relations Committee.
- NJLP shall pay costs of Guzetta candidate training seminar for two NJLP candidates for municipal office: total \$300
- NJLP shall pay \$50 toward NJLP picnic expenses at Flynn's
- NJLP contracts with AVANTI corp. at \$100 per month plus time @ \$20/hour and materials to handle responses and follow-ups to NJLP hotline between 7/1/96 and 11/30/96/ (Editors note: AVANTI is partly owned by Steering Committee member Mike Buoncristiano.)

### Other Actions

- Monmouth LP elected new officers: Chair Nagle; Vice Chair Ellett; Secretary Quarles; Treasurer Flynn
- Chair Len Flynn appointed Vice Chair Ed Wiessmann as new editor of NJLP newsletter.
- Citing an imminent move from his current home, Ben Grindlinger resigned both as Chair of the Mercer County LP and as at-large member of the NJLP Steering Committee. He was thanked profusely for his past service in these posts.



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*\*Optional*

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☐ Enclosed is \$40. I will receive a full year's subscription to both the national *LP News* and the state *New Jersey Libertarian*.

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Make check payable to NJLP and mail to  
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☐ Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help the NJLP in its effort to expand individual liberty.

### Send to a Friend

☐ I have a friend who might be interested in the NJLP. Please send a complimentary copy of *The New Jersey Libertarian* to : \_\_\_\_\_

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# Calendar

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

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

the second Sunday of each month at 7pm  
on the 4th Monday of every month at  
Tunulty's Pub, 361 George St., New Brun-  
swick.

rentine's house. Call 908 477-8496 for  
information or contact Chairman Glenn  
Campbell at (609) 978-1361.

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

**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 loca-  
tion and details.

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

**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.

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

**Sussex County LP** Call Tony Federi-  
ci at (201) 764-7289 for meeting infor-  
mation.

For information on how to set up a  
town or county organization in your  
area, call Mike Pierone @ (908) 475-  
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**Middlesex\Somerset LP** meets on  
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