

# THE NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN



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## WHY JOIN THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY?

The American public has finally gotten fed up with politics and the politicians. Their disdain for "business as usual" is evident in the attention alternative candidates are receiving this year.

So if people hate party politics so much, why should someone join the Libertarian Party?

Because Libertarians hold politics in contempt as well. Libertarians are tired of politics which benefit only the vested, special interests; the self-serving campaigns of incumbents; the politics which pit one individual against another.

The Libertarian Party, America's third largest, fast growing political party is the only party offering a refreshing change to "politics as usual." Based on principle, grounded in reality, Libertarian solutions to the problems facing the country are practical answers to issues such as crime, drugs, taxes and spending, and more!

### GETTING RICH

In 1989, Congress did an "end run" around the will of the American people and gave the House of Representatives a last minute 28.6 percent pay raise under the guise of an ethics bill.

Basically, a \$35,000 reward for giving up the glorified bribes they receive as speaking fees. The uproar caused by this maneuver has led to the passage of the 28th Amendment to the Constitution which prohibits a sitting Congress from giving itself a

As is often the case, the government is more of the problem than the solution. Through regulations, taxes, and interference in individual lives, the government causes more problems than it solves. Thus the Libertarian answer is to remove government involvement in as many areas as possible. Individuals are better equipped to know what their needs are and as

long as the government stays out of their way, people will provide the answers.

So if *you're* tired of politics and business as usual, then the Libertarian Party is *your* party. We invite you to become a member. A membership application appears on page 7. Fill it out and join America's fastest growing political party--the *Libertarian Party!*

## FLORIO FLUNKS FISCAL POLICY 101

The performance of America's governors on spending and tax issues was examined in a new study by Stephen Moore, director of fiscal policy studies at the Cato Institute.

The study established a first-ever fiscal restraint index to determine which governors have raised spending and taxes the most and which the least. The index measures the performance of 45 current governors by using a number of fiscal policy variables that reflect growth in spending, growth of taxes, and

changes in the tax rate structure.

As what should come as no surprise to New Jerseyans, Jim Florio got an "F" on his fiscal report card, one of only six who managed to achieve such distinction. Indeed, no one got a lower grade than Florio who's overall score was a 25. Governor John Waihee of Hawaii also got a 25. Interestingly, Governor William Weld of Massachusetts received the highest "A" rating with an 85 (*see related story page 5*).

According to the Cato study, "Florio's brief tenure has been a case study in how not to govern."

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By MICHAEL PIERONE

Happily, we have a full slate of candidates for the upcoming election. Every registered voter in New Jersey will have the opportunity to vote Libertarian, and that is a wonderful thing.

This is a great opportunity for us to get our message across to a large number of people. Let's try our best to actually run some real campaigns. I urge all of our county organizations to look into arranging speaking engagements and debates for candidates in their district.

I will be speaking at the Stillwater Taxpayers here in Sussex County on July 3rd, and have already spoken to members of ABATE in Warren County, they are a great group of people and lots of fun to speak to. I received my first donations for the campaign there! I also plan to debate Ronald Susswein, (formerly Asst. Attorney General) about the "merits" of Forfeiture, sometime in July, stay tuned for time and place!

In Sussex County we are running a full slate of candidates with people running for Congress, County Clerk, Freeloader, and Sheriff. Because we were not able to get sufficient signatures for our candidate for Sheriff we are running him as a write-in candidate, and I urge other county organizations to look into this approach as well.

The fun thing about running a candidate for Sheriff is the great issues that you can bring up. You can point out that we already have enough law enforcement people trying to arrest us, its time we

had someone who would be willing to prosecute law enforcement for violating our Bill of Rights!

County Clerk is a great position to run for, because it would allow someone into the inner workings of the county, who could make sure that we actually get the information that supposedly is "public information" now. Information is a powerful weapon.

Running for Freeholder is especially valuable, when you want to talk about the value of privatization and the legitimate role of government.

We shouldn't view running for office as an onerous burden, but rather as a great opportunity to spread our message, and to really have a lot of fun asking those embarrassing questions that no one else seems to know how to ask. It isn't particularly difficult to find opportunities to spread the word, if you look in your local paper you'll probably find plenty of local civic organizations who are just dying to get an interesting speaker to come to one of their meetings.

As a County organization you might try sponsoring a candidates debate, even if it only concentrated on independents, or you might try setting up a debate, this is usually a great draw. The thing is you'll never know how much fun this can really be until you try it, the excitement is well worth the tiny amount of effort required to get it rolling.

If you need help getting organized or just someone to bounce ideas off of give me a call!

As the ad for Nike says, "Just do it!"

## THE PRICE THEY PAID

By GARRY HILDRETH

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the revolutionary army, another two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the revolutionary war.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the declaration of independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton, of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was riven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more.

Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "for the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

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### WORTH QUOTING

On a wall in Tijuana, Mexico, just across the border from San Diego, CA, is scrawled:

*"We are not illegals or criminals, we are international workers."*

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## NJ JUDGE OPPOSES "MANDATORY MINIMUMS"

By JOHN PAFF

Mandatory minimums, minimum sentences that **must** be imposed for commission of various crimes, are undermining basic fairness and society's expectations of justice according to Julie Stewart, chairperson of Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM).

I learned about mandatory minimums and a judge who opposed them, while attending a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on March 16. I happened to witness the confirmation hearing of Superior Court Judge Betty J. Lester who when asked how the state's criminal justice system could be improved, responded that the legislature should abolish the policy of mandatory minimum sentences

imposed upon certain drug offenders.

After the hearing, I met with Ms. Stewart who cited one statute that requires a **maximum** one year sentence for possession of 5.00 grams of crack cocaine, but imposes a **minimum** five year prison term for possession of 5.01 grams of the drug.

Stewart claims the mandatory nature of these "get tough" sentences often necessitate the early release of violent criminals to make room for drug possession defendants. Additionally, the cost of guarding, clothing, feeding and housing an increasing number of inmates is placing an enormous burden on taxpayers.

FAMM has affiliates in 12 states and would like to organize a New Jersey chapter. Anyone who would like more information on this national organization or would like to form a state affiliate can contact John Paff at the address listed on page 7.

## MARROU ROCKS MTV!

As part of its "Rock the Vote!" efforts to encourage young people to vote, MTV has been running a series of profiles of "alternative" candidates for president. Appearing recently was the LP's own Andre Marrou!

Although sandwiched between a woman from Greenwich Village (NY), who thought it was "neat" to see her name on the ballot, and New Alliance Party candidate Leanora

Fulani, Marrou portrayed as a viable, third party candidate with real solutions for today's problems.

Andre was shown walking through city streets with the interviewer and positive newspaper headlines were flashed on screen. Of the three candidates shown, Andre was by far the most credible--even to "impartial" viewers. This segment has exposed the Libertarian Party to millions of potential voters who may have otherwise missed our message.

## SIGN A BLANK CHECK?

By DONALD W. JAMISON

Today a driver came to my door with a couple of packages and an electronic clipboard.

He punched some information into the computer, which I have no idea what the information was, then asked me to sign in a little black box on the computer.

I refused, stating that I did not know what I might be attesting to by signing. He replied that he would have to take back the packages to which I answered "Fine, because I am not signing anything that is not on paper and that I cannot see."

At this point, the driver told me to wait a minute while he went back to the truck and got the old receipt pad, which I did sign. The driver stated, "This is the way of the future. All deliveries are going computer."

Since I had no idea what I might be signing, or what this company might do with this information, I strongly urge anyone that is asked to sign anything

that you do not know exactly what it is--DON'T!

There have been numerous stories published regarding "selling" information about people to databases for the purpose of composing files on every American household. Not always will this information be used in the best interest of the people.

**REMEMBER:** You have a right to an exact copy of anything you sign. I recommend you reserve this right and demand such a copy. The old receipt pads used by most delivery companies have no information in them that would be considered objectionable. While I do not get a copy of this document, at least I know what it is I'm signing.

By *reserving* your rights, you are *preserving* your freedom.

Mr. Jamison is the public relations director for The Public Watchdog, Inc., whose motto is: "The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance." For more information on this group, see page 7.

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## LIBERTARIANS TAKE ACTION ON TAXES!

All across New Jersey, groups of Libertarians protested the inherent unfairness of the income tax.

Drawing support from the vast numbers of harried taxpayers filing their returns before the midnight deadline on April 15, NJLPers distributed flyers stating the party's position and held placards with the national LP's 800-phone number.

In Sussex County, NJLP Chairman *Mike Pierone*, *Tony Federici*, *Jason Healy* and *Bill Connelly* stood in front of the Newton post office where they were interviewed and photographed by *The Herald*.

In Middlesex County, NJLP Vice Chair *Len Flynn*, along with his wife *Ginny*, held forth in front of the New Brunswick post office. They were joined at various times by *Dan* and his 2-year-old son *Joey Maiullo*, *Bill* and *Laura Stewart*, and *Spencer Layman*.

In Warren County, *Roger Bacon* received good

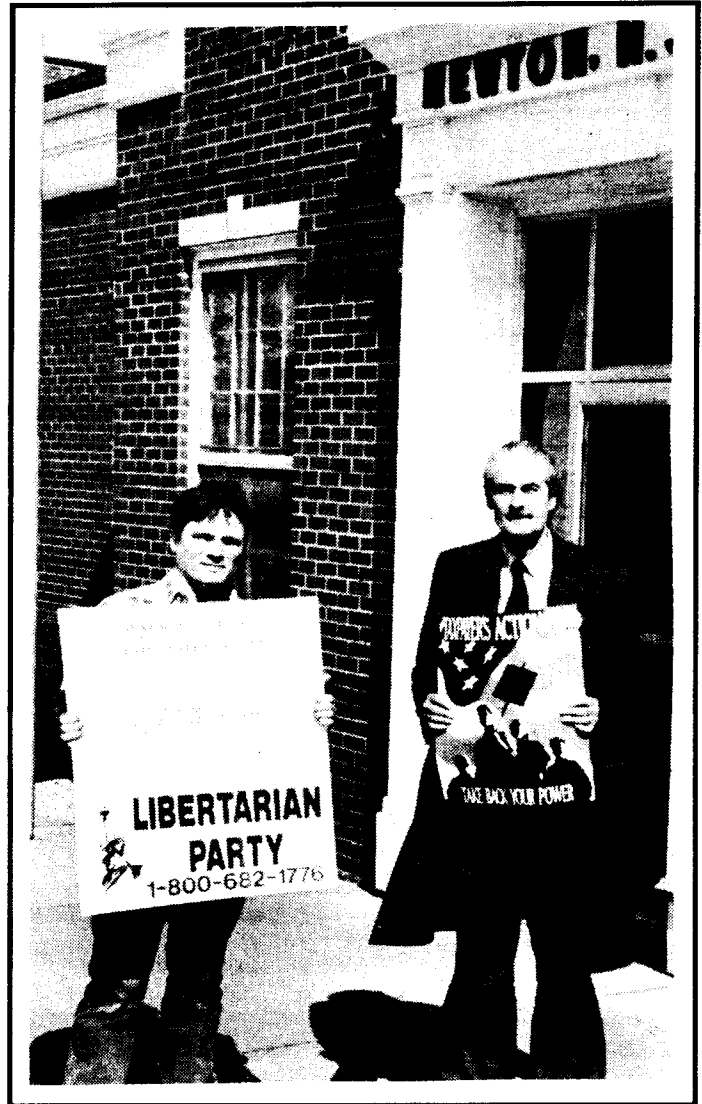
press coverage for his protest in front of the Philipsburg Post Office, while *Peter Fischer*, *John Paff*, and *Bacon* again, got coverage for their appearance at the Warren Twp. Post Office.

In all, dozens of Libertarians marked the infamous day and passed out hundreds of pieces of literature.

*The Herald* quoted Pierone as saying, "To a certain degree we may seem radical, but the Libertarian Party is the core of what the American spirit is all about."

The reporter remarked that while huge crowds may not have been drawn, "their message reached those who walked by or into the post office. Many people agreed with them."

The protest also received coverage the day before in the paper where it was announced the Pierone, who was seeking the 5th congressional district seat, would be appearing. His candidacy was mentioned again in the follow-up piece.



NJLP members Jason Haley, left, and Bill Connelly, right, are pictured in front of the Newton, NJ, post office in a news story which covered the protest.

## THE 19-CENT SOLUTION

By Dr. MURRAY SABRIN

After being interviewed on over 60 radio stations during the past year, it became clear to me as early as last summer that the American masses are "mad as hell and not going to take it anymore."

Callers from all parts of the country expressed their dissatisfaction, anger, frustration and disgust with the synchophants in Washington, DC. In fact,

one Midwestern caller even went so far as to say it's time to tar and feather 'em! The Second American Revolution is underway.

To speed things along, the 19-cent Solution--a peaceful, redress of grievances--was created: a set of postcards to the President and your senators and congressional representatives. It reads:

*Dear Mr. President,  
Enough is Enough!  
Reduce taxes and  
spending now!  
Or I'll remember  
in November.*

In June, the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts will be in Washington, DC, for their annual convention. I will have a booth displaying the postcards as well as the Tee Party Collection of t-shirts. Our goal is to flood the Capitol with 1 million postcards by this summer. This is a virtually cost-free opportunity to change the course of history.

The radio talk shows have become the "printing press" of our period. Talk radio in the 1990s is proving to be what the pamphleteers of the 1770s were to the American Revolution.

After devoting a substantial amount of time, energy and effort over the past year to criticize statism, I'm beginning to know what it must have felt like to have been an American patriot at the founding of this country.

The time is ripe. Statism is in disrepute. All we need do is "seize the day." Carpe diem!

To find out more about the "19-cent solution," see page 7.

*"Every once in awhile, an innocent man is sent to Washington."*

--Mark Twain

## ROSS PEROT FOR WHAT!?

The temptation to support the candidacy of Ross Perot for president is great, even for libertarians with a candidate of their own.

At first blush, Perot's candidacy is tempting since the man is a self-made billionaire who presided over the rise of a computer systems giant. But a closer look at the Perot record should give everyone pause at what his presidency might become.

The April 7 issue of the *Christian Science Monitor* featured an article written by libertarian Williamson E. Evers, describing what a Perot administration might be like.

"Perot would be the Boss of America," Evers writes, advocating everything from a national industrial policy to higher taxes to support public education to an assault on individual liberties.

"On NBC's 'Today Show' on Oct. 25, 1989, Perot called for suspending constitutional rights and declaring martial law to combat the drug trade: 'You can declare civil war and the drug dealer is the enemy. There ain't no bail...[drug dealers] go to POW camp. You can start dealing with the problem in straight military terms...'

'Last but not least, under Perot there would be a crackdown:

'On people who dare

## PENNSY DRIVE NEEDS HELP

The Pennsylvania LP is facing a tough petition drive to get Andre Marrou on the ballot this year because signature requirements are about 50 percent higher than they have been in past years.

Libertarian NatCom Regional Representative **Dan Karlan** is alerting NJLP members to the critical nature of the ballot drive.

"Here in New Jersey we have it so easy," says Karlan, pointing to the 800 signatures needed to get Andre Marrou on New Jersey's general election ballot. "We really should help our neighbor across the river." He asks that interested libertarians should contact Pennsylvania LP Chair Hugh Odner to find out what they can do. "Getting on the ballot in all 50 states would give a big lift to all Libertarians in all states," says Karlan. "If you can manage it, please consider helping out Pennsylvania in some way."

Libertarians may contact Hugh Odhner at (215) 453-8930.

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to invest abroad. ("[Capitalists'] job is to create and protect jobs in America--not Mexico," Perot says. Such investment may bother Perot because it would fall outside the control of Perot's hands-on management of the US economy.)

'On people who dare to defend themselves and their families with firearms. (Perot told the National Press Club that he favors gun controls "much tighter" than the Brady Bill.)

'On young people who dare to evade compulsory national service, building roads or emptying bedpans for the federal government. (Perot said in a 1983 interview in the *Saturday Evening Post* that the US government should make it a "requirement" that "every 18-year-old" young man or woman should do

one to two years for such work.)

'On company presidents who dare to earn more than Perot finds acceptable. (Perot says he favors confiscating CEO salaries that he considers excessive.)

'On people who dare to pay less in taxes than the IRS thinks they should. (Perot told the National Press Club he wants the IRS to acquire a "decent computer system" that would ensure that it would taken in \$100 billion more in taxes.)"

Evers points out that Perot's computer company was not a marketplace success, but rather by succeeding with "welfare-state bureaucrats. He developed and administered computer systems to process Medicare and Medicaid claims in states around the country. Perot's Big Government agenda is really no surprise."

As Evers concludes, "H. Ross Perot might well make Amtrak run on time. But he'd run over our liberties to do it."

*If there's a vacancy in your county, why not volunteer to be your area's representative? Call the NJLP today!*

## CAN EVEN LIBERTARIANS LOVE THIS REPUBLICAN?

Elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1990, Republican William F. Weld has embarked on a course of reform for the state that is embracing libertarian ideals and policies.

His impressive successes--from cutting the state budget in real dollars from \$13.7 billion to \$12.9 billion to open up health care to market forces--has made the talk of the country. Indeed, a nascent "Draft Weld in '96" committee wants him to run for President.

Weld has publicly stated that he considers himself to be a libertarian and a recent *Reason* article had only favorable things to say about him.

The influential libertarian *Cato Institute* has recognized Weld's achievements and sponsored a program in the Bay State with him as keynote speaker.

"I am delighted to be here, for both personal and ideological reasons," began Weld. "I have only one question: if you are classical liberals and I am the new breed of conservative, how come we agree about almost everything?"

Weld continued, "I consider myself a disciple of Friedrich Hayek, and I keep constantly in mind that taxes are coercive."

With his impressive record to date and his positive public comments, Governor Weld just may be the one Republican that Libertarians can love.

*For more information on the Cato Institute, see page 7.*

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## LIBERTARIANS IN THE NEWS

A Sampling of Recent Newspaper Clippings

• **Kenneth H. Krug** had a letter published in *Suburban Trends*, entitled "Refocusing the war on drugs," regarding NORML's use of the Butler, NJ, firehouse for their meetings. A former councilwoman had objected previously.

"(NORML advocates) a more objective approach to the war on drugs... Contrary to the information the public is allowed to receive, the war on drugs is a failure... Intelligent, non-hysterical debate of this topic has never occurred. I challenge all concerned to participate..."

• NJLP Chair **Mike Pierone's** letter regarding Leona Helmsley was published in the *Star-Ledger*.

"I find myself unable to remain silent about Leona Helmsley. This woman has paid over \$600 million in taxes. Far from jailing her, we should be erecting a statue in her honor. When Thomas Jefferson was president, the annual budget of the federal government was about \$3 million... Here we are jailing somebody who has paid by herself 200 times that amount!... She didn't earn her money at the point of a gun, as our government does, but through the voluntary exchange system, the basis of our country's greatness, capitalism. For this there can be no forgiveness, no compassion, no chairty."

• **Mark Richard's** letter in the *Suburban Trends* paper addressed the type of speech which has no First Amendment protection: commercial speech.

"...most Americans all across the political spectrum (with the exception of most Libertarians) have the same warped idea of free speech for noly those ideas with which they agree... Either you believe in free speech for all, no matter how unpopular that speech may be, or you don't believe in free speech. There is no halfway point or middle-ground. As for myself, I stand proudly with our Founding Fathers; can your resident columnist say the same?"

• In an article appearing in the April 17, 1992, issue of *Time Off*, an article entitled "Reefer Sadness" reported on the Hemp Day rally in New Brunswick. Part of that article reported on LPers attending the event.

"Another perspective is offered by John Paff and Mike Pierone from the Libertarian Party... Libertarians believe that prohibition is the problem," Mr. Pierone adds. "Alcohol prohibition had to be start-ed with a Constitutional amendment, not so with marijuana prohibition."

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Subscription and advertising rates are available from the editor.

## FREE MARKET EDUCATION

By LEN FLYNN

• The right to send your children to the school of your choice was the topic of a major conference sponsored recently by the New Jersey Citizens for a Sound Economy Foundation (NJCFSEF) and featured speakers from all over the political spectrum.

• The seminar, entitled "Education in New Jersey: Giving Students a Choice," outlined the benefits of an educational choice system and noted that state spending had doubled over the past decade, with the \$7,795 per pupil expenditure in 1990 ranking as the highest in the nation.

• David Boaz, of the Cato Institute, presented a solid, libertarian critique of the present system and mentioned the efforts of Chris Whittle who wants to compete for profit with the government schools. Whittle was quoted as saying, "This is **not** reform. Edison did not set out to reform the candle."

• Don Eberly, president of the Commonwealth Foundation in Pennsylvania, said that choice is a civil rights issue dealing with fairness and equity. Opponents of choice have a deep, vested interest in maintaining the status quo and are philosophically at odds with the concept.

• Dr. DeForest "Buster" Soaries Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, said for blacks, the issue had more of a historical perspective with the current system akin to resegregation.

• Montclair, NJ, was held up as a unique municipality since it has

had an educational choice system since 1976. The superintendent of schools in Montclair, Dr. Mary Lee Fitzgerald, stated that her schools have a reasonably stable balance of minority and non-minority students and only a 3% dropout rate. District spending is below both the regional and county per pupil rate. She attributes the savings to the fact that they do not spend any money on administration; there are no neighborhood schools, just registration through the central district.

• The concluding speaker was Jack Klenk, of the US Department of Education, who stated that in the Netherlands, it is a constitutional **right** to form a school. Only in the US are there such convulsions of opposition. Even in Eastern Europe, private schools are forming.

• "We're on the side of history" in advocating choice, said Klenk. "We have a Berlin Wall in education" that must come down.

• For more information on NJCFSEF and their position papers on educational choice, see page 7.

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Doris Gordon, National Coordinator

## PRO CHILD -- PRO CHOICE

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

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

*Ginny Flynn*

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For more information on the organizations and groups mentioned in this month's issue of *The New Jersey Libertarian*, contact them directly at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

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(See Page 6)

### 19-cent Solution

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(See Page 4)

### FAMM

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(See Page 3)

### Cato Institute

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(See Page 5)

## REACH OUT & TAP SOMEONE

By John Schafer

What is the purpose of the public switched telephone network?

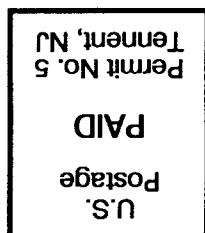
Most people would say it is to serve the needs of people, enabling them to call friends, family and business acquaintances. Not so the FBI.

According to William Sessions, FBI director, digital telephony has advanced to the point where agents will be denied access (via wire-taps) on a routine basis. Sessions wants the nation's telephone companies to install sophisticated new digital eavesdropping equipment (using light

sensing devices to tap telephone conversations on optical fiber) and charge the costs to the ratepayers.

It appears that FBI techniques are being outmoded by technology. Rather than finding better ways to catch criminals (e.g., supersensitive microphones planted on premises where crooks gather), Sessions wants telephone companies to help the FBI, and expects us to pay the costs. AT&T and NYNEX, among others, oppose the proposal. Maybe that catchy slogan will have to be changed to "Reach out and tap someone."





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## HOW CONGRESS GETS RICH

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raise. The amendment, originally drafted by James Madison nearly two centuries ago, was finally ratified by the states.

The same bill giving the House a raise also gave Senators a 9.5 percent "cost of living" increase that brought their salaries to more than \$100,000 a year, but still allowed them to receive thousands of dollars in speaking fees.

Not content with that, however, last year the Senate sneaked in yet another raise. This time a 23 percent hike! Like their House brethren, this was but another ill-deserved reward Senators gave themselves for giving up over \$23,000 in "honoraria."

In addition, Senators get an "expense account" averaging \$506,156! House members get an "expense account" of at least \$191,264 which includes \$23,900 worth of taxpayer-

subsidized travel every year! Congress also gets \$31,221 to cover office supplies; \$10,177 for office equipment; and even a \$3,116 furniture allowance.

Besides their pay raise, Congress also voted a \$40,000 increase for their personal staffs. A typical Congressman can now spend over \$515,000 a year for personal staff of up to 18 members.

House members elected before 1980 can keep leftover campaign funds for themselves, and stash it in their personal bank accounts. As of now, these members have amassed more than \$40 million in campaign funds that can go right into their pockets. Undoubtedly, this is the primary motivating factor in so many members declining to seek reelection this year; more powerful than the alleged "disgust" with their lack of effecting change or the check-kiting scandal.

## "COMIC ENDORSES LP!"

The famous comedy duo of Richard (Cheech) Marin and Tommy Chong have performed such classic comedy bits as "Sister Mary Elephant" and "Basketball Jones," as well as the successful movies "Up In Smoke," "Cheech and Chong's Next Movie" and "Still Smokin."

As the April issue of the national *LP News* reported, Chong, in response to a Salt Lake City, UT, radio caller's question, called the LP "his party."

Now it appears that Tommy Chong is pitching the LP locally. "Steppin' Out," a weekly magazine of area entertainment conducted a cover story interview with the comic who was promoting a New York City appearance.

*Steppin' Out's* editor, Chauncey Hayden, asked Chong a number of questions, most addressing the drug issue to which Chong answered very candidly. ("Yeah, because drugs are illegal," answered Chong to one question. "If they were legal, there would be no profit and there would be no drug problem.")

Hayden then asked to change the subject. "Do you plan on voting in this year's election?" he asked.

"There's a party called the 'Libertarian Party,'" answered Chong, "and I'm totally in favor of them, although I'm what you call a non-activist. I don't participate."

The *LP News* reported that Chong, a naturalized US citizen, is a registered Libertarian in California. He has endorsed the Utah LP's US Senate candidate.

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