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This Just In!

At press time, the NJLP Convention Committee informed us that Dr. Ivan Eland will be one of the speakers at the convention on March 19th. Dr. Eland is Senior Fellow and Director of the Center on Peace & Liberty at The Independent Institute. He has been Director of Defense Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, Principal Defense Analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, Evaluator-in-Charge (national security and intelligence) for the U.S. General Accounting Office, and Investigator for the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He has testified on the military and financial aspects of NATO expansion before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and CIA oversight before the House Government Reform Committee. He is author of numerous publications, has appeared such television and radio programs as ABC's "World News Tonight", CNN's "Crossfire", NPR's "Talk of the Nation" and Voice of America.

Use the convention reservation form insert to take advantage of early registration discounts. You won't want to miss this year's convention!

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Campaign Support Team Offers Resources and Assistance

By Brian J. Phillips
Chair, NJLP 2005 Campaign Support Team

The NJLP state convention will be held on Sunday, March 19th at the Rutgers University Inn, Rutgers Campus, 178 Ryders Lane in New Brunswick. If you sign up prior to February 28th you save \$10. Further info is available on our web www.njlp.org

Once again all Assembly candidates are encouraged to attend the state convention. We will be holding a special candidate training workshop on nominating petitions and introducing the revised and updated NJLP state platform (which the convention will have hopefully adopted).

There will also be an opportunity for Assembly candidates to get their picture taken for use on our NJLP 2005 campaign web. You may also use any other picture that can be emailed. I will let you know shortly where you can send these. We would certainly like a group photo of our candidate for Governor with all of our Assembly candidates. We are at present beginning work on the design of our campaign web. If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to forward them to me. We welcome your input.

We hope to have nominating petitions available shortly. One hundred signatures are required of registered voters who reside within your district. We suggest you obtain 150 to 200 signatures in case of a challenge. Where we have two candidates standing in a district the petition can be a joint one for both Assembly candidates. Petitions are due in early June so the sooner we get them completed and filed the better.

Once again if you are unable to collect signatures or do not wish to be an active candidate please email me, if you have not already done so. I have heard from some of you and in those areas we will offer help to get you on the ballot and we appreciate you allowing us to use your name as a candidate.

Mark this date also on your calendars: Sunday, June 13th - Candidate Training Workshop - 1 PM at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick. Further details will follow. Trademark candidates are not expected to attend the workshops but are welcome to do so.

If any of you need a ride to the convention or any workshops please email me and we will try and make arrangements with you.

Once again on behalf of the NJLP I want to thank each of you, both active and trademark candidates. What we will be doing this year is exciting and you are playing a part in New Jersey history. Finally the citizens of the state will have a REAL choice. We will be challenging the game of politics as usual. We can make 2005 a year of liberty and true jubilee. Thanks!

CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR!

By Sean Carothers, NJLP Secretary

Since college, or better put, since getting the bill for college in the name of student loans, I have taken life and the managing of all its expenses way too seriously. But with each New Year, I resolve to have more fun. A practice my father does daily. His light-heartedness is instantly contagious and I'm glad we have become so close in recent years. He keeps me sane and he keeps me from burning out. I love him and I'm happy to share with you some of his irreverence:

REALITY BITES

THEY SAY: Our next project is in the pipeline.

WHAT IT REALLY MEANS: You better get to work on your resume; the plant is shutting down next week.

SAID: Hi, we're from the new, taxpayer friendly I.R.S.

MEANS: We're taking your house, but you can keep your clothes.

SAID: Gone fishing.

MEANS: I got me one of them government jobs.

SAID: I'm looking forward to a secure retirement

MEANS: I can't wait to work two jobs instead of three.

SAID: You support Affirmative Action, don't-cha.

MEANS: When the government says jump, we better hear a splash . . . like right now.

SAID: Change is like Space Travel – adventurous, yet claustrophobic.

MEANS: We're moving you to a cube with no window.

SAID: Quality control is my top priority.

MEANS: . . . but not if it cuts into my breaks.

SAID: School vouchers will improve our children's education.

MEANS: I'm tired of the slots. Let's try the tables this time.

SAID: Government planning is good for the economy.

MEANS: . . . after all, we hire millions of maniacs for every idea that has and will never work. Can private enterprise say this? Hah!

SAID: Acceptable risk must be the focus of our decision making.

MEANS: We make money. You don't.

SAID: Eminent Domain rehabilitates our neighborhoods.

MEANS: From my office, you look homeless.

SAID: Social Security is a prime example of how the government helps us all.

MEANS: We hope you've got a real appetite for dog food.

SAID: Its time to revisit the Great Outdoors for spiritual enlightenment.

MEANS: I just quit my government job.

SAID: We need to show leadership.

MEANS: Lets not loose sleep over the human factor.

SAID: I'm your assigned Legal Aid.

MEANS: Any preference for your last meal?

SAID: With the proper stimulus, he was receptive.

MEANS: After forty-two shots, our suspect was finally sitting still.

SAID: The landfills are overflowing.

MEANS: The blood spilled in Iraq is filling up way too many trash bags.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ON YOUR TOMBSTONE?

- Guess my S.A.T.'s
- Move a little to my left – the sun is in my eyes.
- Where's my Bloody Mary?
- You paid how much?
- Who are you and why are you talking?
- How much with the trade in?
- I know what you're thinking.
- I'll need more time to finish that report.
- Can I borrow your watch?
- You again!
- Who's the blonde?

OK, for those who know my father and I well, they would be right in guessing that I mad-libbed the last two bits, which spurred the typical, father of a Libertarian reaction. "What are you looking for? - A Legal Aid! Not me! I may not like renting my land from my master, the Government, but I do prefer it to jail time. So don't put my name on or near an article submission that's critical of Police and of the USG's involvement in Iraq. In fact . . . give me that thing . . ." (Fah-push, fah-push, wham, ent, ent, ent, fah-push, wham!).

Well, I did survive my dad's many fists and disapproval over my radical additions to share all of this with you. So I hope you laughed and I hope you enjoy the New Year. And let's enjoy liberty too. It's like life. Its health requires immediate and regular attention. Thump. Thump.

NJLP Member and Activist

MICHAEL BUONCRISTIANO, AGE 63,
HOBOKEN

Published in the Home News Tribune
1/17/05

Michael Thomas Buoncristiano, 63, died yesterday, Jan. 16, 2005, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, surrounded by his family.

He was born July 19, 1941 in Jersey City and lived in New Jersey most of his life, most recently in Hoboken. Michael served in the Army during peacetime, stationed in Germany. He served in the Army Intelligence Special Languages Division as a voice interceptor. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and was certified as an expert in marksmanship.

His career was spent in the direct marketing field. A majority was spent at Wiland Services Inc. in Boulder, Colo., Virginia and New York as senior vice president of sales and marketing. He served on the Board of Directors for Wiland Services and Concepts Direct in Boulder, Colo. He was an active member and past president of the Direct Marketing Club of New York.

He worshipped at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken. He contributed regularly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Michael demonstrated a great zest for life. He had a unique and wonderful sense of humor that touched his family and friends. He was a charitable and proud American, active in New Jersey politics.

He is survived by his four daughters, "his girls," Mary Ann Rosenberg and her husband, David, of North Brunswick, Michele R. Lapczynski and her husband, James, of Metuchen, Patricia Vastano and her husband, Joseph, of Cherry Hill and Karen Buoncristiano of Annapolis, Md.; his sister, Florence Lucchesi and her husband, Ronald, of Rockaway; was a proud "Nonno" to six grandchildren, Christopher, Jake, Connor, Jessica, Michael Cristian and Joseph, and is also survived by his three nephews, Ronald, John and Brian.

Campaign Workers & Petitioners Needed

By: Brian Phillips - Chair, NJLP Campaign 2005 Support Team

In addition to Assembly candidates we need many dedicated campaign workers who would be willing to work a few hours a week helping gather signatures on the nominating petitions for our candidate for Governor and our Assembly candidates. We also need workers for the campaign itself helping to distribute leaflets, making telephone calls, visits and helping with putting up signs and taking them down after the election.

If you can help out in any task please contact me by email or phone and include your name, email and mail address along with your telephone number and how you are willing to help. My email address is njhorecuf@hotmail.com and my home phone number is 732-914-0037 and evenings are best for any call.

There will be a campaign workshop at the NJLP state convention on March 19th that will be of great benefit to campaign workers. We encourage you to attend.

We need you to help end politics as usual in New Jersey. We need you to help make 2005 a true year of liberty and jubilee. We can finally give the voters of New Jersey a REAL choice. Please give some of your time, work for freedom and be a part of New Jersey history in the making.

Calendar

The next LPCNJ meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2005 5:00 P.M. at the Lone Star restaurant on Route 22 W, Scotch Plains. A video will be shown.

NJLP Annual Convention
March 19th, Rutgers University

Assembly Candidate Training Workshop
June 12th - 12:30 PM - Tumultys, New Brunswick

Support the NJLP by becoming a patron member! A \$100 donation will entitle you to become a patron member, for which you will receive complimentary admission to the State Convention! Send payment to NJLP Convention, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763

Not Just A Basketball Game

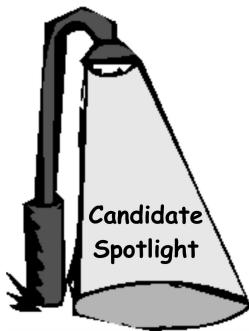
by Major William H. Howcott (USAF RET.)
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Imagine watching a basketball game without referees: only safety officials, sitting on the sidelines, their sole mission to insure the safety of the game. Imagine each player, a referee unto himself, standing ready to freely admit to any infraction of the rules. Imagine a player calling a foul on himself; he raises his arm and waves his hand with two outstretched fingers. A player from the opposite team goes to the foul line and begins taking foul shots. How is this game proceeding so orderly without the control and supervision of referees?

The league operates under a CHARSALOR philosophy in which a person's character is very highly valued. A team could win a game on points, but lose, in the eyes of fans and fellow athletes, on character. In this league, the referee's constant pressure upon the athletes to play the game fairly has been removed. For the game to proceed harmoniously, each athlete must generate from within himself the motivation to behave civilly and morally. It is this internally originated moral behavior that builds real character and results in the admirable on-court behavior illustrated above.

The Libertarian political philosophy operates on a concept very similar to charsalor. Libertarians advocate the controlled removal of most government pressures that force moral and civil behavior. Having removed these external pressures, the character of the citizenry is free to grow and fill the vacuum left by the government. The idea is to grow character, an essential component of a free people, and believe me; character and freedom will not only grow, but will flourish, when not crowded out by a coercive government.

In recent times, we have witnessed the most self-centered, thuggish, un-sportsmanlike behavior of professional athletes clearly suffering from a severe character deficit. The public is fed up and ashamed of such behavior. There is now a critical mass of parents who would encourage their children to participate in charsalor type sporting activities: basketball, baseball, hockey, etc. The benefits of children in charsalor sports to the Libertarian movement are immense, because charsalor sports conditions a child for an adult life of Libertarianism. Who will establish the first charsalor-type sporting league? Are you the one — that one very special person — with the drive, imagination and organizational skills to start the ball rolling?



- ❖ Retired Air Force Officer
- ❖ BS in Electrical Engineering
- ❖ AAS in Business and Accounting
 - ❖ Wireless Engineer
 - ❖ Aspiring Journalist
 - ❖ Married – 5 children

Major Howcott was born in Mount Vernon, New York. In 1961 he enlisted in the USAF as a basic trainee. After reaching the grade of Staff Sergeant and, while still in the military, he attended Arizona State University, obtaining a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1968, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. He worked at Patrick, during the inception of our space program, in booster and ICBM research and development and later around the world in fixed and tactical communications.

He has been stationed in various parts of the United States, England, The Philippines and Korea. He left the military in 1982 when cellular communications was in its infancy and took employment as a mobile communications systems engineer. In this capacity, he designed paging systems and one of the world's first cellular communications systems. He subsequently founded Intrafamily Communications, Inc, publishers of the National Communications Site Directory, a first of its kind technical directory used nationally by cellular and PCS radio frequency engineers. He retired from engineering in 2002 to pursue his real interest, political philosophy.

Major Howcott is now on an unalienable Rights campaign. His immediate goal is to establish the importance of understanding and properly applying the concept of unalienable Rights.

He has acquired a unique outlook on politics, society, religion, and the relationships among these three entities. Unalienable Rights lie at the foundation of his philosophy. His ideas optimize personal freedom, are consistent with most religions, and can be embraced by a variety of political philosophies. Although constructed with an engineering-like logic, Major Howcott's philosophy is largely intuitive and most notably, unifying.

NJLP Member Tony Federici sent the articles from the next few pages to the NJL, sharing his success in activism. He writes that the column he wrote (below) resulted in the invitation to participate in the forum (page 6). Good Job, Tony!

NEW JERSEY SUNDAY HERALD

Sunday, September 5, 2004

Civil liberties and Patriot Act

In this piece, two writers from two political perspectives look in dismay as this nation continues to allow an erosion of civil liberties that were so proudly developed by our forefathers in 1787 when they ratified our Constitution.

Tony Federici is a former chair of the Sussex County Libertarian Party, while Bill Weightman has been a candidate for the Assembly as a Democrat. They often have differing perspectives on issues, such as the minimum wage, free trade, and gun control. Since Sept. 11, 2001, there has been a tendency in government to abridge civil liberties. Even the recent commission on those events noted that tendency in its recommendations and indicated the need for debate and dialogue on the Patriot Act and other actions that will allow the Executive Branch to increase its powers over the other two branches of government.

By **TONY FEDERICI**
and **BILL WEIGHTMAN**

A Democrat View

Some years ago, politicians were loudly trumpeting the notion that "Big Government" was over; what is worrisome now is the era of "Big Brother" in government might only be growing stronger, stealing our freedoms, and weakening our spirit. That is why we focus today on a very unpatriotic act — The Patriot Act. These words are borrowed from a very distinguished American, who has served this nation and 11 presidents.

In a recent book, "Losing America" by Sen. Robert C. Byrd, the dean of the Senate, the following notion is stated: "The USA Patriot Act is a case study in the perils of speed, herd instinct, and lack of vigilance when it comes to legislating in the face of a crisis. The only thing worse than hurrying with a major and far-reaching piece of legislation like the Patriot Act is hurrying out of a sense of panic." In passing this piece of legislation after Sept. 11, Congress allowed the Executive Branch to trample the values of freedom, justice and quality.

"This legislation was enacted to

go beyond the 1978 Foreign Intelligence and Surveillance Act (FISA), which set up a corresponding court to consider super-secret government wiretap requests. It did indeed go beyond those tenets, which liberals and conservatives can agree. Bob Barr, a former Republican member of Congress, has noted that "the Fourth Amendment is a nuisance to the administration, under the parameters of the Patriot Act, and if we allow government unfettered monitoring of citizens whenever it wants, without cause and if that happens, it is the end of liberty."

The Patriot Act has increased a vast array of new powers in the Executive Branch, while decreasing judicial oversight. Briefly, Section 802 of the Act creates a new crime of "domestic terrorism," which includes any dangerous acts that "appear to be intended ... to influence the policy of intimidation or coercion." Our fear is that this can be ultimately used to silence any political dissent critical of the government. Under this Act, government is authorized to make secret arrests, unfairly target immigrants, and allow foreign governments, including dictatorships to seek searches and seizures of American citizens and their property, allow extradition of citizens without treaty or Senate authorization.

Below are quotes from critics of the Act:

Henry Schneider, Pennsylvania Sportsman's Association, has noted that "the administration and Congress actions in passing this act has prompted a number of gun owners to recoil," while Kevin Starrett, executive director, Oregon Firearms Association, noted "that if the Clinton administration had proposed the Patriot Act, which is a real scary thing for gun owners, the Republican-controlled Congress would have been

unwilling to pass it."



FEDERICI



WEIGHTMAN

Let us look at particular sections of the Act. Section 411 expands the term "engage in terrorist activity" to include any use of a weapon, as well as such

nonviolent acts as fund-raising for suspect organizations. On the surface that might not trouble you, but the next section allows for the detention of non-citizens with little or no judicial review. This allows the attorney general and secretary of state too much latitude.

The following are troubling:

- A dismantling of court reviews of surveillance, such as terminating court limits on police spying on religious and political activity by allowing such authorities to obtain court records and even library records secretly and without judicial oversight.

- The Act allows the FBI to investigate an American citizen because of the books they read, which allow surveillance of libraries and other entities, which abridges our First Amendment rights. This is listed in Section 215.

These are only some of the problems. Tony in the next section will continue the discussion from his perspective.

A Libertarian View

Was the interventionist foreign policy of the American government on the minds of foreign terrorists, when they launched their aggression with three hijacked planes on Sept. 11?

Thomas Jefferson said, "The natural progress of things is for government to gain ground and for liberty to yield." Will freedom in America continue to be lost? Is the Patriot Act an effective security tool or is it unnecessary? Is it indeed constitutional?

These questions and others are important for thinking Americans to mull over. They are difficult, require time and effort.

As a Libertarian, I advocate free markets, private property, limited government and individual liberty. The solution for national

to share my thoughts on the Patriot Act, I knew where my predispositions were.

Let me begin by saying the purpose of government is to defend life, liberty, and property. This includes stopping domestic and foreign predators. The domestic types we call criminals, who would murder, rape, rob, and assault us. The foreign types are terrorists who belong to no regular army. They usually operate in small groups or cells. What is clear from their perspective is that they mean to cause Americans harm. The USA Patriot Act is supposedly an aid in stopping them.

Check out the real name of the law — "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism." I have heard that the bill, which is well over 100 pages, was quickly pushed through Congress. My concern is that there was no open discussion and no final hearing in which opponents could testify. If my information is correct, this was a sad day and reason enough not to pass the bill into law.

The Patriot Act expands the federal government's surveillance, wire tapping and detention authority. Library and bank records can be obtained without probable cause. The Fourth Amendment seems to be effectively thrashed. Is there any reason to believe additional police powers will help stop terrorists, or will innocent people tend to be "rounded up?"

The FBI has to focus on its task. It doesn't have to dilute its efforts by investigating a lone family that lives on a mountain called Ruby Ridge. It doesn't have to squander resources viewing prostitutes in some Southern city, as I recall they were doing around the time of 9/11. They should actively focus on credible warnings of terrorist attack where there is probable cause that something may happen. Let us protect our Constitution, leave peaceful immigrants alone, along with librarians and bankers.

Finally, if Switzerland can "Stay out of trouble" and defend itself why can't the United

Patriot Act debate turns to privacy rights

By YONI SAMUEL-SIEGEL
Herald Staff Writer

What was billed as a three-way discussion of the pros and cons of controversial legislation passed just over a month after the Sept. 11 attacks turned into a discussion of privacy rights and the roots of terrorism Saturday at Sussex County Community College.

"We are too easy to give up our civil rights," said Hardyston resident Bill Weightman. "Nine-eleven was horrible, but you do not throw away your civil liberties."

Weightman, whose role on the SCCC panel was to say the Patriot Act needs alterations, sounded more like the civil libertarians calling for its repeal.

The Patriot Act, which was approved by an overwhelming majority in both the House and the Senate, was billed as an aid to U.S. intelligence agencies and law enforcement in the war on terrorism.

Opponents of the act have argued that it weakens civil liberties by entitling the U.S. government to conduct searches and gain information in ways

that violate the Constitution.

Much of Saturday's discussion, which drew nearly 60 people, centered on civil liberties.

Tony Federici, former chairman of the Sussex County Libertarian Party and the SCCC panel's anti-Patriot Act member, said the law robs Americans of their liberties.

"How can you be free when the FBI can knock on your door to ask why you got a book to learn Arabic?" Federici asked. "Or when the government can get at your e-mail with relative ease?"

Federici cited 200 municipalities that have passed resolutions condemning the act as "not only unnecessary, but unjust."

The panel's moderator, SCCC sociology professor Stacy Golin, filled in for the panel's Patriot Act defender, who failed to show.

She said the act increased communication between agencies in order to combat terrorism and said warrants are necessary before the privacy of electronic sources can be violated.

Weightman and Federici said

**Approach #2:
THE PATRIOT ACT
MUST BE MODIFIED**
The most egregious
assaults on personal
freedoms must be
eliminated, while the
benefits are preserved



Photo by Kelly Hill/NJH

Photo by Kelly Hill/NJH

Bill Weightman, former Democratic candidate for state Assembly, speaks on the Patriot Act as Tony Federici, former chair of the Sussex County Libertarian Party, listens.

the Patriot Act was rushed through Congress and the Senate without the necessary discussion, and that it was motivated by fear.

"Roosevelt was right when he spoke about fear," said Weightman, referring to Franklin D. Roosevelt's statement that Americans had "nothing to fear but fear itself" during World War II. "Fear should never be the motivation for legislation."

The discussion prompted observations on terrorism from two members of the audience.

Wolfgang Pfeifer, of Vernon, said Saturday's discussion was irrelevant without clearer definition of a "terrorist."

"We are trying to fit a shoe on a foot that we never even measured," he said.

Sean Twomey, an Irish immigrant who came to the United States in 1958, said his father

was active in the Irish Republican Army. The British consider the IRA a terrorist organization.

"The difference between a terrorist and a soldier," Twomey said, "is that a terrorist completely believes in what he's fighting for."

According to Twomey, as long as there are people around the world with no rights and no recourse, terrorism will continue.

Suburban Trends, December 8, 2004

Damned if they do...

In reading the article in *Suburban Trends* of Nov. 24 on Ringwood's efforts to limit the size of homes in that town, one issue was not mentioned.

That issue is, that like it or not, many people resent the wealth and success of others.

Planners and Zoning Board officials will talk endlessly about the "character" and "aesthetics" of residential neighborhoods, but I think this is just a mask they wear in order to pander to the anti-wealth mentality of many citizens.

It is ironic that we condemn the person or group that would advocate race, religion, ethnic or sexual orientation hatred, but if you want to hate the wealthy and productive, well, that's more or less acceptable.

"Liberals" go almost spastic when the "McCarthy-era" of the 1950s is talked about, but they employ the same tactics they condemned in Sen. McCarthy when it comes to "getting even" with the rich – the government persecution of Martha Stewart is an excellent example of this. She was successful, so let's crucify her!

"Conservatives" aren't much better, either. They are in bed with the TV evangelists, and their chorus is that wealth is "sinful". (Yet they are always pitching for donations of that "sinful" money for their TV ministries, aren't they?).

No person should be penalized or harassed by government at any level for being productive and wanting to enjoy the fruits of their labor, if their envious and jealous neighbors don't like it – well that's tough!

America, despite being a free society on the outside has a Socialist cancer eating away at it from the inside. It is at every level of government and what's going on in Ringwood is just a microcosm of our entire country.

The time is long past due for more people to start looking in the mirror and saying "I have no right nor does my government to tell others how to live or what they may or may not do with their property."

Sadly, many people still can't or won't embrace the concept of individual freedom. They enjoy telling others what to do and apparently enjoy being told what to do themselves.

Remember this, a government that will do things to others for you will one day do it to you as well!

Mark Richards
West Milford

Noble intentions don't yield noble results

New Jersey campaign finance laws: They were ratified by the state legislature with the "noble" intentions of rooting out corruption and limiting the influence of money in politics.

However, regrettably, they have given power to millionaire candidates (e.g. Jon Corzine and Doug Forrester); they have strengthened the hands of party bosses and professional fund-raisers; they have banned contributions from groups and individuals who do business with the state (namely those involved in gaming, banking, and insurance and contracting); they have made it difficult for candidates of average means to raise money to compete in elections; and above all else, they have strengthened the hands of incumbent politicians in state government.

There are some who are trying to remedy this problem by introducing public financing of elections. In two New Jersey legislative districts, a pilot program has been introduced to provide public funds to candidates running in these areas.

This is a travesty. Taxpayer monies should never be used to fund ideas, positions or candidates who may hold views people may or may not agree with.

It is insulting, and in the words of Thomas Jefferson, it is "sinful and tyrannical."

So what should be done? I am of the opinion that all campaign-finance laws should be changed or henceforth eliminated. I believe that individuals and groups should be allowed to donate how much they desire to the candidate of their choosing. I further believe that to bar certain groups and individuals from donating and engaging in the political process violates not only the right of association, but the spirit and totality of the U.S. Constitution's first-amendment guarantee.

I also believe that the standard should be lowered to allow third-party candidates to not only compete in the gubernatorial elections, but to be allowed in the gubernatorial debates. At this time, the way the system stands, third party candidates are allowed to qualify for the debates provided that they have raised \$270,000 or more. The threshold should be lowered to \$160,000 for that purpose.

Even if the intentions are considered "noble" by some, when laws suppress the freedom of the people to engage in the political process, it is the people who lose and it is those in power that gain and become victorious.

The people of the state cannot afford that and it is they who should always be alert and on guard. It should always be the people who have the power not the other way around.

Alex Pugliese, Kenilworth

Show your true colors in NJ

At long last, you can register as a Libertarian. Fill out the form below and mail it to your county election board.

Atlantic County

1333 Atlantic Ave., 4th Floor
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Bergen County

1 Bergen County Plaza, Room 310
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Burlington County

P.O. Box 6000
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Camden County

P.O. Box 1066
Camden, NJ 08101

Cape May County

10-12 W. Mechanic Street
Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210

Cumberland County

60 Broad St. W., Suite 210
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Essex County

33 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Gloucester County

P.O. Box 352
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Hudson County

595 Newark Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306

Hunterdon County

P.O. Box 2900
Flemington, NJ 08822-9952

Mercer County

P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, NJ 08650

Middlesex County

777 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Morris County

P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

Ocean County

P.O. Box 2006
Toms River, NJ 08754-2006

Passaic County

311 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Room 103
Paterson, NJ 07503

Salem County

90 Market Street
Salem, NJ 08079-9856

Somerset County

20 Grove Street
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

Sussex County


18 Church Street
Newton, NJ 07860-9965

Union County

271 North Broad Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

Warren County

413 Second Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823

**State of New Jersey
Political Party Affiliation
Declaration Form**

I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, do hereby declare that I wish to affiliate with the following political party:

<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic*	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican*
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Reform Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Law Party
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Constitution Party	

OR

I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, wish to formally disaffiliate with any political party:

☐ Independent


Last Name _____
First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
Date of Birth: (month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____
New Jersey Residence:
Street _____ Apt. No. _____
Municipality _____
County _____ Zip Code _____


Signature or mark of registered voter _____ Date _____

**If you are a registered member of the Green Party, Libertarian Party, Natural Law Party, Reform Party, U.S. Constitution Party or an Independent, you cannot vote in either the Democratic or Republican Primary.*

Declaration must be filed no later than 50 days preceding the primary in which the voter wishes to vote. A newly registered voter or a voter who has never voted in a primary election, can affiliate with the Democratic or Republican Party on the day of the Primary.

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2005 NJLP Annual Convention

March 19th, 2005

Rutgers University Inn on Cook Campus, 178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ

Directions:

Exit 9 of the NJ Turnpike to Route 18 North towards New Brunswick, staying in the middle lanes. Take the exit for Route 1 South. On Route 1 South, you will pass Sears and then a 'Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey' sign. Take the Ryder's Lane exit *before you go under the overpass* toward New Brunswick, going up the ramp onto Ryders Lane. Proceed through the traffic light. The entrance to the University Inn is just before the curve to the left. More directions and details can be found at <http://univinn.rutgers.edu>

The schedule for Saturday is a business session from 9:00AM to Noon where we will elect party officials and select our 2005 State candidates. There is luncheon followed by entertainment and Speakers from 12:30 to 5:00PM. A continental breakfast will be available for those who show up early.

Speakers and Entertainment:

Poker Face, Freedom Oriented Political Protest Rock www.pokerface.com

Ivan Eland, **Senior Fellow & Director** of the Center on Peace & Liberty at The Independent Institute

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