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Hittner Campaign Launches Website

By Pat Bontempo

A campaign website is now online for Diane Hittner, the Libertarian Party candidate for the State Assembly in the 13th District. It's www.Liberty13th.org.

In addition to position statements on various issues, the site will provide links to local news stories about Hittner's victory over the GOP when they challenged her nominating petition.

Her initial success has also resulted in mentions on such websites as politicsnj.com and FriendsofLiberty.com and the story was picked up by the nationally distributed Libertarian Clips. Because this is expected to be such a close race a good showing by Hittner could result in additional publicity for the NJLP once the votes are in.

The 13th District consists of Old Bridge in Middlesex County and Aberdeen, Hazlet, Holmdel, Keansburg, Keyport, Matawan, Middletown and Union Beach in Monmouth County.

Those interested in donating may do so with a check made payable to Hittner for Assembly 2001 sent c/o Pat Bontempo, 315 8th Ave., No. 208, Asbury Park NJ 07712. Anyone in the district needing a Voter Registration Form or Absentee Ballot Application may also obtain one from Pat (732-775-7263; PDB10752@aol.com).



Campaign News

By Kenny Kaplan

Edgerton Campaign Manager

Mark Edgerton was the featured speaker at a symposium held by the Junior Statesmen at the capitol in Trenton on Friday, August 10th. The topic of the symposium was "New Jersey state government and leadership." After a brief speech delivered in the Assembly chamber, Mark invited the very attentive group of high school students to ask questions. Questions dealt with abortion, drug legalization, abolition of various government agencies, and other issues. Mark's answers cited bedrock libertarian principles such as self-ownership of our bodies, user fees as a better way to pay for government services, and private sector solutions as preferable to government involvement in many areas. Some of the students asking questions identified themselves as fellow libertarians, and the overall response was highly enthusiastic.

Reporters from the Philadelphia Enquirer and the Gannett newspapers covered the event.

You can read the coverage this event received in the Home News Tribune on Page 2.

Mark Your Calendar!

October 9th is the deadline for voter registration for the November Election!

The Libertarian Party has lost one of its oldest and most dedicated members. Carl Peters, 76, died on July 19th. David Trend recalls Carl's life and work on page 3.

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From The Chair



By Emerson Ellett
NJLP State Chair

The LP's Strategic Planning Team is ready to finalize the party's strategic plan. Based on brainstorming sessions that generated some 700 goals, the plan covers four periods (2002, 2003-4, 2005-8, 2009 and beyond). It includes a series of measurements called metrics for monitoring progress. Dan Karlan, Region 6 representative to the national committee, and Don Gorman, the well-known former LPNH legislator, are scheduled to present the strategy at the next Steering Committee meeting. They will push for the adoption of the appropriate state and local aspects of the plan. Subsequently, it will be up to us to promote the relevant parts of the plan to our own members and county organizations.

According to Karlan the plan is a blueprint for continued serious and concerted action. The NJLP can accept the plan (as it applies to us), reject it, or embrace portions. Some parts are more appropriate for National but much of the plan is focused on state and local action. Dan anticipates a healthy competition among the states and D.C. to see which pieces of the plan work better than others. Of course, implementation will be the key to success.

Speaking of implementation, Discover Liberty project coordinator Dan Mikulsky and the many volunteers who staffed OPH booths at the Monmouth County Fair and Ozzfest are on the way to attaining NJ's goal of 40 OPH days by next July. The OPH events over the past month are responsible for reaching hundreds of new people with the Libertarian message. Also doing their part in outreach were the August issue of the NJ Libertarian, along with Diane Hittner -- who received media coverage for beating back a Republican challenge to ballot status in the 13th District -- and Mark Edgerton, who among other things addressed a Junior Statesman forum. Bravo!

Carl Peters, a founder of the Mercer County LP, died recently. Carl, who had served on the State Board, was one of our most beloved members. He fought the Nazis and fascists as a soldier with the 5th Army in Italy during World War II, and he fought the town authorities that came on his land, bulldozed his "junk" (old cars) and destroyed his property. But despite his many bruising confrontations with municipal and DMV officialdom he never became embittered. To me, Carl's pleasant manner and dogged determination are inspiring still.

Contact me at chair@njlp.org or 732 774-3684 with suggestions about how to advance our cause. Thanks.

Edgerton Press

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE SOFTER ON HARD DRUGS

Published in the Home News Tribune
8/11/01

By SANDY McCLURE, GANNETT STATE
BUREAU

TRENTON -- Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Mark Edgerton said yesterday that he would pardon all nonviolent drug offenders if he's elected governor.

Edgerton, a 51-year-old Hopatcong real-estate agent, believes people shouldn't be arrested for drug use, whether it's smoking marijuana or using heroin.

"As a Libertarian, I believe we own our own bodies," he said. "We have the right to choose what we eat or drink or smoke."

Edgerton said education, not police enforcement, is needed to attack drug use. "No threat of guns and violence will ever cure a disease," he said. "Drug addiction is a disease."

He said a court system tainted by money and selective enforcement has left a disproportionate number of African Americans jailed for nonviolent drug use. "We can't find truth in our courts," he said.

He also believes New Jersey should begin a needle exchange program to provide clean needles for drug users to prevent the spread of AIDS.

Edgerton made his comments at a question-and-answer session inside the state Assembly chambers with a group of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania high school students participating in a program sponsored by the California-based Junior Statesmen Foundation.

He used the session to make a plea for campaign contributions. To qualify for two official debates Edgerton needs to raise \$260,000 by Sept. 4.

Carl F. Peters

1924 – 2001

The Libertarian Party has lost one of its oldest and most dedicated members with the passing of Carl F. Peters Jr. on July 19, 2001, after a long bout with cancer. Son of the late Elisabeth Peters DeSmet and Carl F. Peters Sr., Carl was born in New York and grew up in the Trenton area. He served with the U.S. Army in Africa, Italy and Germany during World War II. While serving in the war, he was injured several times and was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star. He graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in mechanical engineering and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He subsequently worked for many years as an engineer with John A. Roebling Sons Company in Trenton and also with the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company in Belle Mead, New Jersey, as well as with other firms in the area. He was a long-time resident of Titusville, New Jersey. Husband of the late Jean Mott Peters, he is survived by a son, Carl F. Peters III of Trenton, and daughters Shirley Peters of Wilmington, Delaware, Ellen Peters of Media, Pennsylvania, and Janet Mills of Pennington, New Jersey. A brother, John DeSmet of Trenton, and two granddaughters, Imogen and Cecily Mills of Pennington, also survive him.

Carl had numerous interests, among which was the collection and restoration of antique clocks. His expertise in this area led to his being commissioned to restore the noted Rittenhouse Orrery, presently in the collection of Princeton University. He also collected antique automobiles and was interested in antique machinery of many kinds. In the early days of rocket development, he designed rocket casings for a small firm in Rocky Hill, New Jersey. He used to say laughingly that, based on this experience, he could claim to be a "rocket scientist."

Carl was an active member and trustee of Titusville United Methodist Church, as well as a member of the church choir. In 1968, the church received the gift of a fine old tracker organ. Carl oversaw the installation of this instrument and designed the beautiful case that houses it. He was also a member of the Washington Crossing Association and served as a volunteer with the Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre since its inception in 1964.

Carl was founder of the Mercer County Libertarian Party and served the Libertarian cause for many years in various capacities at the county, state, and national levels. He was, at various times, chair and vice-chair of the Mercer County Libertarian Party and county representative to the State Board of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. On several occasions, he served as delegate to the National Convention of the Libertarian Party. In 1992, he ran as the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 12th District of New Jersey.

Very much a man of principle, Carl not only espoused the Libertarian cause but also lived according to libertarian beliefs. He had the courage to confront "bad government," as he phrased it, with little regard for the often-unpleasant consequences to his own well being. Enthusiastic in his libertarian work and cheerful in adversity, he was a model for each of us. He will be greatly missed and long remembered.

Gifts in Carl's memory may be made to the Mercer County Libertarian Party, P.O. Box 5805, Trenton, NJ 08638 or to the Tracker Organ Fund at Titusville United Methodist Church, Church Road, Titusville, NJ 08650.

The Second Amendment in a New Millennium

Police State?

By Richard Altrath

I am taking a small sidestep from our development of Second Amendment considerations to report on a very important and timely matter that affects us all, and every one of our protected rights.

In the middle of last month (July) a fellow gun owner in New Jersey took his life with a pistol.

As if this were not upsetting enough, the new widow, a prominent gun rights supporter, was told by a representative of the Morris County prosecutor's office that all the guns in the home would be confiscated to prevent another family member from repeating the unfortunate act.

Our heroine, knowing her rights, challenged the law enforcement officer with the statement "That's not legal!" The prosecutor, of course, was befuddled, and responded with the thought that this was their procedure in such cases.

In other words, the local prosecutor decided to create a law!

Never mind that law enforcement consistently takes the stand that they are not responsible for us when they are sued for non-protection. It seems when it suits their needs, they can decide to be responsible for us - as though we were children.

The matter was temporarily resolved when the prosecutor permitted a family friend to take temporary possession of all the guns. ***This, too, is illegal in New Jersey!*** No one may possess another's guns unless the owner is present, and then for no more than eight hours at a time.

These circumstances are exactly how countries end up with police states. When law enforcement creates the rules with impunity, we are all threatened.

Be ever diligent in making sure that all law enforcement agencies in your area are obeying the constitutions of both the United States and the state in which you live. These abuses must stop, or we will be little more than wards of the state.

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Best of Both Worlds

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

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

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

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

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

Libertarian Lou On the Loose



Government: The Power to Destroy

By Lou Elwell

If you want government to get involved in something expecting them to do good, such as education, you must realize that you are also giving government the power to do tremendous harm due to the implementation and regulation of their programs in ways that cannot be anticipated.

The example below is just one of many. It does not concern so called “extreme” issues such as the insane war on some drugs or the right to keep and bear arms. Instead, it is an everyday example of government meddling – attempting to fix a “problem” that most people would not even consider a problem, and in the process trampling such basic rights as being innocent until proven guilty and the right to a fair and speedy trial.

Due to the reputations of the people involved and the institution, this was a perfect example in the eyes of government bureaucrats to flex their muscle. If the government could do it to them, they could do it to anyone in their industry.

First, some background – the ESS School of Business is a proprietary (for profit) school located in Dallas, Texas. Started by Jan Friedheim, with later assistance from her husband Dr. Stephen Friedheim, the school has been in business since 1960. The Friedheims have served in numerous positions of leadership in the industry and received more awards and commendations than any other couple in the industry.

Their “problem” involves a U.S. Department of Education requirement known as the 90 Percent Rule, which states that 10% of a school’s tuition income must come from cash-paying students (though it does not apply to public or non-profit schools). Even though the school has an independent auditor, which stated the school was in compliance, and the school had been reviewed by state and federal agencies, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) decided to calculate it themselves with a different formula. This is not as simple to calculate as it sounds. Should bookstore and housing revenues be categorized as “pass throughs?” Do scholarships get applied to revenues?

Long story short, the OIG found the school in compliance, out of compliance, and back and forth again, with the worst possible calculation showing that the school was out of compliance by 2%. Six months prior to even issuing a draft report for allegedly being out of compliance, 14 flack-jacketed, automatic weapon-carrying federal marshals came to the school to collect evidence for the “criminal” investigation taking anything they wanted including many items obviously not related to the investigation.

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On the Lighter Side...

Libertarian Louise

By Libertarian Louise

Standing in line at the supermarket, hearing the scanner beep and trying to make sense of the cashier's screen.

"What's that?"

He blearily follows my pointed finger. "That's the price."

"And that?"

"That's the sales tax."

"What about that?"

Sigh. "That's where I can enter whether or not you're using food stamps. You're not, right?"

"No, I'm not. Wow, your screen looks pretty complicated."

A shrug. "It's not. Unless you're using food stamps, I just look at the bottom line."

"What difference would it make if I did use food stamps?"

"Then you wouldn't pay the sales tax."

"So all that stuff has to do with sales tax?"

"Yeah. That's \$209.13. Do you have our Super Duper Secret Saver card?"

I persist. "But, hey... So, if I'm buying something with cash or a check or my credit card, I have to pay tax, right?"

"Right."

"But if I'm on food stamps - that are paid for by taxes - I don't pay tax?"

"No."

"Well, do you think that's fair?"

He stares at me a moment, pops his gum and blinks to unglaze his eyeballs. "Fair how?"

It's a Sunday morning, and I've got him trapped at his register without the saving pressure of a line at my back. "Well, don't you see?" I point at the screen again. "Food Stamps... those are taxes, people like you and me have paid. Someone collected those taxes, and then gave that money to someone else so they could come here and buy stuff and not pay taxes that I - who paid those original taxes - have to pay."

"That'll be \$209.13."

"And now, instead of being just a cashier, you also have to be a tax collector. *You* are an agent of the state, and you're not even being paid to be one! Instead, they tax what the supermarket pays you, and tax the items you yourself buy here."

"\$209.13, please."

"And what would happen if I refused to pay my taxes? Like, if I said to you right now, 'hell with that, I'm not paying the sales tax.' What would you do?"

"Ma'am, \$209.13."

"Would you rough me up?"

He finally chuckles. "No, but you couldn't buy the stuff that was taxable. \$209.13... *please*."

I relent and let him scan my Discover card. As he hands it back to me, he offhandedly asks, "You really think I'm a government agent?"

"An agent of the government," I nod. "If you let me go on that sales tax, you'd be in a heap of trouble."

The glaze has already returned. "Oh well, I just look at the bottom line."

I deal with the "bottom line" all the time. As a business owner who just got off the ground this year, I early learned to dread the sales tax deal. My most frightening paperwork is a coupon book for quarterly sales tax remittance.

Since January, I've collected \$12,000.00 on behalf of the government.

That's twelve grand that I could have taken off the price of my merchandise, making me more competitive.

Heck, that's twelve grand that would have been awfully cool to keep for myself.

Instead, I narrowed my profit margin in order to make it easier for my customers to pay for my product - and the sales tax. I kept meticulous records about my sales and the tax due, and I sent the payments in by certified mail, just to make sure that they arrived safely and on time.

I sure don't wanna get any tax guys on my case.

Sales tax - also known as "Grab Your Ankles" by retailers - is a lose/lose proposition for business owners. If I sell a widget to a customer on credit, and he skips on me, I still have to remit the full sales tax amount - *on the item's total, not the amount he actually paid me*. I personally am responsible for sales tax - on a sale that didn't happen! Sales tax is based on the premise that a sale occurred; I have to record the sale and pay the tax, and whether or not it actually goes through; whether my customer pays me in full or heads for points south, the state gets their money. If the purchaser is a ne'er-do-well who has eluded me, the state is just as happy with my money.

Sweet deal for the state. Best of all, they've only got to stay armed and ready at Tax Collection HQ. They don't have to go around and physically take the money - that's what they've got me for.

It's a thankless job for we agents of the state. We don't get paid for it - but there is one perk. If we pay it all and pay it on time, they don't throw us in jail.

Editorial - Defining the NJLP

By Deb Sackett

The August issue of the NJL had a lot of fallout. I've gotten letters and emails suggesting everything from the drawing and quartering of our gubernatorial candidate to the NJLP admitting defeat as a Political Party and becoming a PAC.

The age of *e* means that two days after we webbies got an "Open Letter to the Libertarian Party" (see page 8) we got a rebuttal (also on page 8). This makes for a more interesting newsletter, certainly, but what does all this dialogue get us?

Maybe it's helping us find a more realistic direction - I think we're still looking for that.

Some folks feel that our goal of years ago - to be a Political Party, elect members into office, effect interim change in the old parties - should be rethought from the ground up. I don't agree with that, but I think our strategy is based on a false premise: that by running candidates at every level eventually some of them would get elected.

One member called me and kidded, "We're not the Libertarian Party that I joined, years ago. Back then, we said, "you know, we'll never win an election, but this is fun!" Now we're more like a real political party, with scandals and name calling and the thought that we actually can win elections."

There's room in our party for members who feel we won't win elections, but that the dialogue itself is worth an investment of time. Whether you're an activist or addicted to political philosophy, if you're libertarian, there's a place for you in the NJLP.

But what is the NJLP? Are we here to win elections and effect change? Are we here to hear one another's thoughts and express our own?

I'd like to see us winning elections while effecting change in the old parties. In Massachusetts, the libertarian party has become powerful enough to be considered attractive to the pale and sickly Republican Party up there. I guess that's one way to effect change, but I'd rather see the libertarians in Massachusetts remain separate and grow stronger. Professor David Steiner, one of our members, told me "that's what happens when a third party finally picks up steam. Instead of it being 40-30-30 (Ds, Rs and Ls) our 30 gets swallowed up by another 30, in the hope that it'll make a 60. But it doesn't."

As it happens, here in NJ we aren't yet enough of a threat to be wooed by anyone. At the state level, we're just about invisible.

So, back to that goal of ours... Can we elect people into office? Yes, I think we can. Can we effect change? Yes again.

But can we elect a Governor or a Senator? More and more members don't think we can yet. As the 2001 election draws to a close, maybe we should think about whether or not high level elections should be where we devote limited resources and efforts in the future.

I don't think that an unqualified candidate at the top of the ballot does any good for the local candidates below, and Libertarians who are qualified to run a state haven't popped up in NJ yet. None of us have the bucks, the campaign structure, the governing staff and know-how to really run the State of New Jersey. At best, we've got the right ideals and those Principles we hold dear - but, sadly, those aren't the things that win elections.

The thought that a candidate at the top of the ballot somehow validates us doesn't convince me, either. Losing one high level election after another validates us as also-rans, but that doesn't forward our goal, so far as I can see.

However, we are qualified to fill other offices. Our slim resources are sufficient to wage significant battles at the local level. Local elections are the place to learn, and filling local offices is the way to groom candidates for eventually challenging at higher levels.

In the meantime, at those currently unreachable higher levels, I did like one aspect of Ken Bank's letter (page 17). While we're working our hardest at winning lower offices, what's wrong with qualified endorsements of candidates from other parties? Isn't that a way to effect change? In the absence of someone of our own who can win elections and fill office, can we be felt by giving attention to other candidates? We could reserve our resources for elections we can win, and gain clout by endorsing other candidates - even if only on specific issues where a libertarian principle is expressed.

There's nothing that says that we can't mix strategies and be a political party - by Ken Bank's definition - at the lower levels, and a PAC in cases where we're out of our league. I think that's a thought worth considering in the future. But, that's just my contribution to this dialogue of ours.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

By MarkEdgerton

On July 14th, I addressed the membership of the party at our annual picnic. At the time, I was frustrated that The Libertarian Party campaign for Governor had not made greater headway as far as organization, fundraising, and public visibility. I hoped that by addressing some of these issues I could rally the party to more active participation in the campaign.

Unfortunately, my remarks were construed as a blast at the party and as personal attacks on individual party members. I regret that my remarks were so artless that they could be taken that way. I apologize for anything I said that day which was perceived as a personal attack.

Throughout the three and a half years that I have been campaigning for Governor, my central desire has been to advance the cause of liberty. I am just as dedicated to that goal now. I hope we can put the divisiveness of that day behind us, as well as any differences some of you may have with me dating from before then. We are all Libertarians, and must recognize that our real enemies are outside the party, not within. I ask your cooperation and support for the remainder of the campaign, and I promise you my best effort.

Sincerely,

Mark Edgerton

IN RESPONSE TO "AN OPEN LETTER"

By Bob Heitner

Former Edgerton Campaign Manager (Nov-Dec 2000)

Mark's open letter was welcome, but illustrated some of the problems with *his* campaign.

Mark wrote that: *"On July 14th, I addressed the membership of the party at our annual picnic. At the time, I was frustrated that The Libertarian Party campaign for Governor had not made greater headway as far as organization, fundraising, and public visibility"*.

I am frustrated that the Edgerton campaign for Governor has not made greater headway as far as organization, fundraising and public visibility. These functions are the candidate's responsibility!

The Libertarian or even the Republican or Democratic parties are not responsible for the organization, fundraising or public visibility of a candidate's campaign. Bill Clinton tirelessly raised money for his campaigns, even as President and leader of the country's largest party. Every major party candidate, even incumbent governors and senators spend much of their time raising money; Mark thought raising money was beneath him, and was someone else's job.

Mark also wrote that: *"I hoped that by addressing some of these issues I could rally the party to more active participation in the campaign"*.

People will naturally want to invest their time and money in a campaign that is well organized, has successfully raised money and has public exposure. The candidate must work very hard to earn the investment of supporters' time and money; the candidate should not expect volunteers and money automatically, just because he is the candidate.

People do not invest their money in companies that have no organization, no plans and no capital. Even idealistic libertarians should not be expected to flush their time and money down the toilet in 3 1/2 year old campaigns with no organization, no plans and no money.

Mark went on to say that: *"Unfortunately, my remarks were construed as a blast at the party and as personal attacks on individual party members. I regret that my remarks were so artless that they could be taken that way. I apologize for anything I said that day which was perceived as a personal attack"*.

After 3 1/2 years of campaigning, the candidate should be more aware of how his words will be interpreted and should choose his words more carefully. A more timely apology would also have been more welcome.

Bob Heitner

The Endangered Species Act Kills

By Darryl Gibson

The Endangered Species Act killed four firefighters in Okanogan-Wenatchee national forests, July 10.

Tom Craven, 30, Karen FitzPatrick, 18, Jessica Johnson, 19, and Devin Weaver, 21 died huddled in their personal fire shelters, waiting for a water drop from a Forest Service helicopter.

While mopping up the thirty mile Fire, it flared and trapped them and 14 other firefighters on a dead end road in the Methow Valley. The survivors escaped in their van by outrunning the fire, but the victims' van was cut off by 100 foot flames and they were forced back up the dead end road. Trapped, they called for a water drop which never came.

Why the water drop didn't occur is now subject to debate. The helicopter pilot claimed he didn't have permission to extract water from the Chewuch River, which is protected by the Endangered Species Act. Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service, says the pilot didn't need permission. Ten hours later, the forest service was dropping water from the Chewuch River, on the 9600 acre Washington state forest fire. A little bit too late for the four firefighters who had burned to death under their fiberglass/asbestos shelters.

Rep. Scott McInnis, a Colorado Republican and chairman of the House subcommittee overseeing the Forest Service, is now calling for an investigation of the incident.

Meanwhile, four families are burying their children, and hundreds of families in the Klamath Valley are begging for water. All because the bureaucrats and tree huggers want to protect some fish from extinction.

What seems to escape the greenies is that extinction is a natural phenomenon.

George Washington stated "A government is like fire, a handy servant, but a dangerous master." I wonder what he would think of our state of affairs today? When men and women who are willing to risk their lives fighting the "dangerous master" fear the power of the EPA more than fire itself.

Ironically, the volunteer fire company can trace its origins to the minute men of colonial times, who were willing to fight the "dangerous master."

The author was a volunteer firefighter for six years.

Announcements

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

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Calendar

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

Tue, Oct 9th
Voter Registration Deadline

Sun, Oct 21st, 1 PM
State Board Meeting
Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick

Sun, Nov 11th, 1 PM
General Meeting
Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick

Jennifer Carter

And

Richard Edgar

Libertarian Candidates for Monmouth County Freeholder

In an era where politicians brag about their accomplishments - more government programs! - Carter and Edgar want to reduce the size of the county government. The Monmouth County government is big and bloated, and current freeholders are working to make it even more so! Only Carter and Edgar advocate smaller, less intrusive government that values individual liberty.

Jennifer and Richard need your help. Donations to the Carter/Edgar campaign can be made by sending a check made out to "Carter, Edgar 2001" and mailing it to the address below. To comply with election laws, you must provide the following information:

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Activist Fred Stein's CD has
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what he hopes will one day
be a Libertarian Anthem,
"A New Me". Vocalist Kari
Miles' beautiful voice
declares:

*They always tell me how to live
They always take, I always give
I thought I had to compromise
But no longer do I have to live
their lies*

*There's going to be a new me
Show the world what I can be
I'm tired of sitting on the fence
I'm striking out for my
Independence*

*There was a time I must confess
That I would have settled for so
much less*

*I will decide what's best for me
No surrender I want victory
There's going to be a new me
Show the world what I can be
Don't need a boss*

*Don't need a crazy man
Gotta go out and do what I can
Sacrificing has taken its toll
Now I'm going to be in total
control*

*I've been held down for too long
Been told I don't belong
Too many people have done me
wrong*

*But this time I'm coming back
strong*

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It is my destiny*

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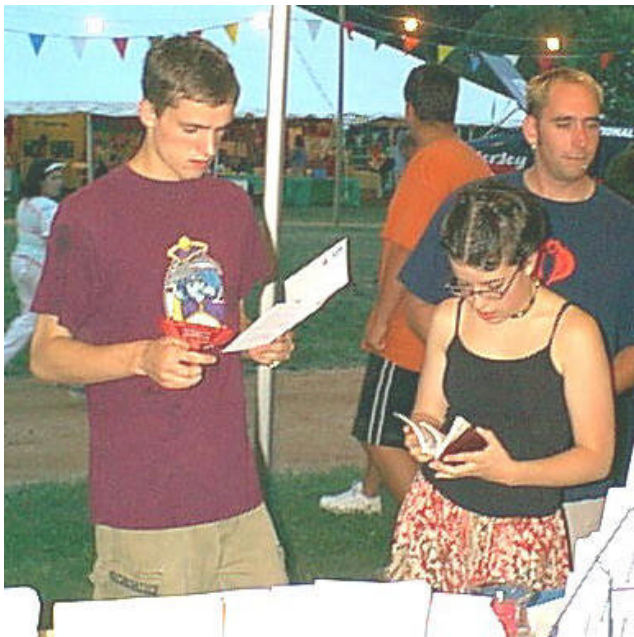
Monmouth Team Hosts OPH

Libertarians Brave Sweltering Heat and Flying Kitchenware at OPH Booth

By Pat Bontempo

Thanks to all who survived everything from a hot and humid opening night to flying kitchenware, the LMC's booth at this year's Monmouth County Fair was a success. The heat was due to a typical NJ heat wave, and the flying kitchenware was courtesy of high winds scattering the retail items of our very friendly neighbor who unfortunately had a very unstable booth.

Heat and comic relief aside, Monmouth County Libertarians enjoyed the Fair and once again hosted a successful OPH booth. Steve Nagle not only erected the dramatic backdrop, he donated at least 40 paperback copies of Bastiat's "The Law" and close to 100 copies of a Citizen Rules booklet which included material such as the Bill of Rights. Robert Hull donated 200 or more copies of the Cato booklet with the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. All were given away for free.



These young prospects were just a few of the people exposed to the Libertarian message at the Monmouth County Fair



Monmouth County Freeholder Candidate Jennifer Carter put in time at the OPH Booth

Mike Panella was more than outstanding this year. We not only gave away close to 1,000 balloons imprinted with the LP logo, name and national website thanks to Mike, but also hundreds of imprinted plastic bags. The bags were particularly effective because we had stuffed them with literature -- and they allowed visitors to hide away those pesky Republican fly swatters the GOP was giving out. I can assure you that dramatic backdrop would still be gracing the East Freehold Park Fairgrounds if it wasn't for Lou Elwell taking it down and away.

All told, 15 members and supporters turned out to staff the table -- and that's not counting friends and family that joined in at times. And while my estimate of at least 100 man-hours expended is a guess, it's a conservative guess. Most folks came early and stayed well beyond the end of their shift.

An important note: The booth was so effective it dramatically reduced our supply of literature. We'll have more than enough for the Ocean Grove Community Flea Market in early September, but after that we'll need to buy more. And yes, that's an appeal for money. Our donation jar at the Fair brought in \$27.45 and Steve found a cache of pennies from an old Fair promotion we had done which yielded another \$10.30. But that's not going to buy us much. And let's just note that you can conveniently donate by credit card online at the county website: www.MonmouthLP.org.

Libertarian Lou on the Loose

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The school was placed on “cash reimbursement” so that instead of drawing down student financial aid as the institution earned it, the College is required to apply for funds 30 days after it is earned. Being penalized prior to even being charged, and still months prior to even a draft report, is certainly a drastic step to take given the facts of the case.

As you can probably guess, despite numerous promises of being paid, the Department of Education never paid anything further. The Friedheims used up their savings, borrowed money from friends, refinanced their house and even tried to sell their school. The Department of Education did not want to permit the sale if it would benefit the Friedheims in any way, going so far as to state that any new buyer would have to assume \$10 million in penalties for the school being out of compliance by 2% -- again prior to even a draft report being released.

Six weeks after being decertified, the draft report was released. On its cover, it ironically states, “This draft is ... pre-decisional and subject to revision.”

The Friedheims had no options left – the school had to be closed. Being concerned with the faculty and their students, a “teach out” was attempted allowing students close to degree status to finish their education elsewhere. This is common in school closings. Though another school agreed to take on the students and over 140 students had already agreed to transfer, the Department of Education would not guarantee to pay for the students’ education (even though they had already been approved for financial aid) nor provide a waiver so that the new students would not negatively impact the other school on its 90 Percent Rule calculation or default rate, after initially agreeing to do so.

Do you feel better knowing the government enforced the 90 Percent Rule? I don’t!

The result? With a stellar reputation and a 41-year unblemished record, the ESS School of Business is now closed for alleged non-compliance with an arbitrary regulation. Stephen and Jan Friedheim are now bankrupt, 70 staff and faculty members are unemployed and 320 students are without a school. The students can now apply for forgiveness on student loans due to the bankruptcy of the school costing the federal government an estimated \$5 million. Creditors and vendors of the school will lose another \$3 million. The likelihood of the vendors or the government collecting anything: zero!

And possibly worst of all, the “criminal investigation” against the Friedheims continues – who knows what the outcome of that will be? What the Friedheims did was not criminal, but what the OIG did was.

This example of government’s ability to destroy is from the education industry which is why as libertarians, we should advocate nothing less than a complete separation of school and state. Vouchers, school choice or education tax credits may seem like interim steps to a better education system but with government running the show, you will never get what you expected (or were promised) and these interim steps will do nothing but ruin private schools.

I am sure we could all cite more examples from other industries where the government destroyed businesses and ruined peoples’ lives. The size and power of government is out of control when something like this can happen. How many millions of dollars must be lost, how many businesses destroyed and how many lives affected due to being out of compliance with a capricious rule that harmed no one or their property?

*Contributions to the Friedheims legal defense fund can be sent to Larry Gilbert,
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Libertarian National Committee to Discuss Strategy and "Willis Matter"

By Dan Karlan, Regional Representative

The current Libertarian National Committee (LNC) has three extremely important matters we are dealing with at the upcoming meeting in Las Vegas, and one incidental matter. Note that by the time you read this, we will have held our meeting, and a report on the outcomes will be distributed. In no particular order, they are:

1. What is being referred to for convenience as "the Willis matter", being the admitted-to violation of LNC policy by then-National Director Perry Willis, his keeping that violation secret for the remainder of his term in office and since then, and the apparent complicity in that deceit by certain figures involved with the Harry Browne campaign from 1996. (While many of the principals of the 2000 campaign are the same, there is no evidence -- yet -- of wrongdoing from the more recent campaign.)

What we're doing about it:

a) The first hard evidence the members of this LNC received of wrongdoing was late in the day of the last LNC meeting, last April, which was a 1-day meeting followed the next day by the Strategic Planning Team meeting. For discussion at the Las Vegas meeting are presentation of additional evidence, and consideration of possible actions. Note that a lawsuit is an unlikely outcome, as harm is unlikely to be proven. Certainly a censure of Willis (and others?) will be under discussion, and re-evaluation of further involvement with the Harry Browne organization -- for example, in a lawsuit to challenge certain campaign restrictions -- will be discussed. (At the April meeting, we voted to proceed with a joint effort in that lawsuit, pending agreement on certain details. It is almost certain that that decision will be reconsidered.)

b) Given that the initial wrongdoing was a violation of an existing LNC policy, it is unlikely that we will take any action to change that policy. In particular, it is possibly a violation of Parliamentary Procedure for the LNC to extend those restrictions, currently applicable to staff, to LNC members as well. (Currently, some suspicion rests on two Browne Campaign individuals who at one time or another during the period in question were also LNC members.) If that extension is desirable (I do not think so, as I have argued already), it is the responsibility of the Convention Bylaws Committee and the delegates to consider it.

2. The Strategic Planning Team finished our work several weeks ago, in Seattle, and the Plan itself is to be considered for adoption by the LNC. Following that expected adoption, given that many of the people on the Team are also LNC members (and one who is likely to be added at the Las Vegas meeting), the LNC adoption is not problematic. However, the Plan is not just for the National party, but also for each of the 51 affiliates, and for other more-local organizations as well.

Already underway are plans for promoting the Plan to each of those 51 affiliates; assisting me in that process in Region 6 are SPT members Eli Israel and Don Gorman. It is to be presented to each affiliate's Executive Board (whatever each affiliate calls it -- in NJ, it is the Steering Committee)

first, then marketed to the rest of each affiliate. I will work with our Steering Committee toward that end, enlisting the cooperation of Don Gorman. The promotion of the Plan to the affiliates will be done during September and October; the LNC is planning another special meeting in October, and we might be able to have this process completed, at least in Region 6, by that meeting (date not established).

3. Of critical importance to the future of the Plan, the LNC this year has had to contend with a nagging budget shortfall. That has caused the staff to cut back on prospecting, and also to consider dipping into a reserve fund. Dipping into the reserve fund doesn't worry me as much as the fact that doing so is the appropriate thing to do, given the budget problems. We hope and expect to have them worked out between the August and the December meeting at which the 2002 budget will be adopted; that is the strongest reason for an additional meeting in October to be scheduled.

4. The National Vice Chair, Dan Fylstra, resigned several weeks ago. There has been no pressure to fill the vacancy by mail ballot, but we do expect to do that in Las Vegas. There are two 'major' candidates (and nearly a dozen also-running): current At-Large (and announced candidate for Vice Chair at next year's Convention) Ken Bisson, and Don Gorman (you all know who he is). If Ken is selected, that will leave a vacancy at At-Large, and Don has already indicated he is interested in that position. If Don is selected for Vice Chair, no additional decision is needed. I think our decision will boil down to those just mentioned. In addition, normal procedure is that the decision (whenever the vote is taken) takes effect at the CONCLUSION of business; I strongly suspect that either way, we will vote to make the decision(s) effective immediately, so that Don will very likely be a voting member of the LNC for whatever debate and action we consider regarding the more important matters.

If any of you has questions regarding these matters, or anything else relating to the LNC or Region 6 (New England, New York, and New Jersey), don't hesitate to contact me (201-760-7210 (o), 201-444-2846 (h), or DanKarlan@CompuServe.com).

Discover Liberty NJ

By Dan Mikulsky

Libertarians in the Garden State are off to a jackrabbit start with the Advocates for Self-Government Discover Liberty program. The Monmouth LP started us off right with 5 days at the Monmouth County Fair. Our balloons were a hit with the little ones, and carried our message throughout the fair grounds. Even a New Jersey Republican mayor came by, and smiled when I gave her a special invitation to "come on over to our side"!

We are well off to our year goal of 60 Operation Politically Homeless booths. Nationwide, over 85 OPH booths have been completed towards the goal of 2000. But these statistics grow faster than Federal spending, so go to the Discover Liberty website at <http://www.DiscoverLiberty.org/calendar> for a recent count. In the New Jersey Discover Liberty homepage you will see a schedule of upcoming events, such as the Ocean Grove Flea Market on Sept 8th. Bookmark this web site, and come back frequently for information on all upcoming OPH events in our state.

The centerpiece of Discover Liberty is the Operation Politically Homeless booth (OPH). This is grass roots political organizing. It is personal, one on one interaction with people who are looking for a viable Libertarian alternative to the political malaise that is endemic in our nation. OPH will always be a strength of Libertarians, and will always be with us. It is work of long lasting value.

In order to make OPH booths more accessible to libertarians nationwide, the Advocates for Self-Government have slashed the price of the OPH kit, from \$95.00 to \$47.50 on sale. Each kit includes 3 diamond posters, 10 banners (2 each - Discover Liberty!, Operation Politically Homeless, Does the Government Do a Good Job, Political Opinion Survey, Student Survey), 1000 deluxe quizzes, 1000 survey quizzes, training manual and an audiotape. If you would like to place an order, E-Mail to catalog@self-gov.org or call the Advocates at 1-800-932-1776. You may also write to the Advocates for Self-Government, 5 South Public Square, Suite 304, Cartersville, GA 30120.

Help New Jersey meet its Discover Liberty goal, and help the NJLP grow stronger by ordering an OPH booth and by organizing an OPH. It is my job to help you with all the details, so do not worry if you are unsure of all that is needed to run an OPH. Please contact me (Dan Mikulsky) through the Discover Liberty website, or by calling 201-286-0373.

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VOTERS WANT STRAIGHT TALK

It appears Republican gubernatorial candidate Bret Schundler is sowing confusion over where he and his Democratic rival Jim McGreevey stand on gun control.

This is regrettable. Only a candidate who is ashamed or worried about his position would hesitate to tell voters in an open, straightforward manner where he or she stands, especially on such an important issue.

One reason I chose to run was to ensure there was at least one candidate who would speak out in support of the individual's right to own a gun. The simple fact is that criminals do not obey gun-control laws.

Additional restrictions on gun ownership only serve to restrict the right of honest, law-abiding citizens to obtain a gun. Schundler should also stop waffling on the question of concealed-carry laws. If I am elected, the first legislation I would propose is one to make it easier for citizens to carry guns.

The real problem is not guns, it's criminals. And criminals would think twice about attacking an innocent citizen in an environment where he could never know whether or not his intended victim was armed. No one would even have to carry a gun. The mere knowledge that someone might is a deterrent.

I realize not everyone will support my position. But it's an honest, straightforward statement. Let's have more of this from candidates so that on Nov. 6 voters will be able to cast a ballot that registers their beliefs.

Diane Hittner, Libertarian Party Assembly Candidate,
13th District
SOUTH AMBOY

Printed in The Asbury Park Press.

Keep County From Golf

Monmouth County Freeholder Edward J. Stominski's reaction to the Libertarian Party freeholder candidates' recent letter about county-owned golf courses was illuminating. Apparently he feels such golf courses are a way to preserve open space.

Using this logic, why doesn't the county open safari parks? We can have open space, preserve endangered species, have wonderful educational opportunities for children and make a few bucks. More county residents would enjoy them than golf courses.

Absurd? Of course. But so is having the county in the golf course business. No doubt golfers love this: The competition with private courses is enough to keep down the cost of a round of golf. But it's arguably little more than a weird form of welfare for the middle class.

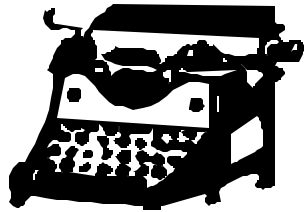
As for funding coming from state and federal tax dollars: so what? Politicians in North Dakota use the same argument; after all, they're using tax dollars from New Jersey. Similarly, Monmouth County tax dollars go to fund projects in Salem County.

Taxes are taxes. The Libertarian candidates have the right idea: get the government out of businesses, especially those that compete with private enterprise using our tax dollars.

David Duchai
ASBURY PARK

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Letters To the Editor



To The Editor:

Although I am no longer a member of the NJLP I inadvertently received a hard copy of the newsletter in today's mail. After reading some of the articles I am convinced more than ever I made the right decision about leaving the NJLP. Life is too short to argue over deck chair arrangements on a sinking ship. Having said that, however, I've decided to invest a few more moments of my time here on this planet to express some thoughts about the current status of the NJLP.

First of all, let me state that having worked with Deb Sackett during my tenure with the NJLP I have found her to be extremely conscientious and capable. She is a valuable asset to the libertarian movement, and hopefully will continue to be so. I also confess that a long time ago I came to regret my earlier support for Mark Edgerton at the November 1999 general meeting when he was nominated. However, Mark Edgerton is not the problem. He is only a symptom of a much deeper flaw within the NJLP. To put it simply, "The Emperor has no clothes", and the NJLP is not a political party. Oh sure, a handful of individuals can posture and pose for pictures and call themselves a political party, they can even file lawsuits against the state and other political parties if they want to, but that does not mean they are a political party.

The fact is, political parties win elections. They do not always come close, or just compete, or fill the ballot with paper candidates who are lucky if they get one percent of the vote. They win, period. When was the last time an NJLP candidate won an election? When was the last time an NJLP candidate came even close to winning an election? I came to the realization several months ago the NJLP is not a political party. I'm not really sure what it is, and I suppose it means different things to different individuals. Judging from the reports I read in the newsletter about the July 14 picnic, I suspect the NJLP could best be characterized as a gladiatorial soap opera, good for a few laughs and melodrama but not much else.

So where do we go from here? For starters, I think the NJLP should cease and desist from engaging in fraudulent misrepresentation by calling itself a political party. Instead, it should disband and reorganize itself as a Political Action Committee and advocacy group for libertarian policies. Instead of putting paper candidates on the ballot, the Committee would raise funds and contribute to competitive candidates regardless of their ballot status or party affiliation, as long as they promote libertarian policies. I believe this would enable New Jersey libertarians to have a much greater influence on the political process than they have now.

See "Bank", page 19

Dear Deb,

I feel constrained to make a response to the August NJL. Allow me to start with my immediate reaction to Mark's speech on top of Alex Pugliese's (which was about how keep a united party) and at the same time minimize the hurt to Mark. I thought John Paff was masterly; having first opposed the motion which I considered courageously made by Tracy Lockwood, and which seemed a slap in the face to Tracy, and then almost immediately made the motion to censure Mark. I gave a sigh of relief: what a diplomatic compromise! Then the vote to unanimously support you I thought a superb steering between the two rocks. (Scylla & Charbydis).

Now a little to show where I'm coming from. You could say I have been in Mark Edgerton's camp from the beginning. And you might say that it's ironic that I, having in years gone by, had my loyalty to a party questioned and after which I withdrew my name from nomination saying, "it is quite true; it is to principles I am loyal" should find myself in the reverse situation in which the candidate I support is having his principles questioned by the party. I consider myself a new and an old member: new in that fairly recently I joined; old in that for over fifty years I have espoused the principles of Libertarianism. (It is some fifty years since on hearing my ideas, my Oxford educated professor exclaimed, "You have the American system.")

Through correspondence between Mike Pierone, Tony Federici and myself in the New Jersey Herald I was visited by Tony and invited by him to help with the mailing of the newsletter in Ed Weissman's home. There I met Mark Edgerton. I was so impressed on hearing Ed Weissman applying libertarian principles to such basic issues as education and the draft. They coincided exactly with my application of democratic principles. I discovered that the libertarian party was the real Democratic Party. Imagine my enthusiasm when some 40 years after arriving in the country I discovered that a party does exist which had the American system as its philosophy. There is an American Party.

That party nominated Mark Edgerton. Now I had hope; I had faith. Please, bear in mind that I struggled all my life for my principles and at last I meet the candidate who will air those principles. At 77 years of age, it is not that easy to blot out the first gleam of light I had seen since arriving. Mark Edgerton would carry the flag. Now at last was the time. I saw it as Providential. I suppose I wanted to. Mark came across to me as a practical man who would not refused matching funds, and was not sitting idly by. I am willing to admit that I was not disposed to question his principles too closely. In my old age, I became overanxious. I acknowledge some responsibility. At the same time I think I could be excused for being justifiably angry at those who almost unanimously nominated a candidate and then are negative to those who trusted in their judgment. Indeed, I was not too happy at Ned Kelly's 'no' vote. Perhaps the whole Libertarian Party of New Jersey deserves censure.

When it comes to your worthy self, Deb, you cannot doubt my high opinion of you; in fact I think that shortly after your taking over the editorship, I thanked and congratulated you. You have increased in my estimation since then. But, you don't need me to spend time on that.

I was just plain stunned at Mark's outburst. It was no picnic. Now Mark has visited me in my home many times. I invited him to speak when Emerson Ellett addressed a group in my home. The picnic was a very embarrassing situation, but not one to react to without time and reflection.

See "Twomey", page 19

To the editor:

I was astonished to read the two supposed myths at the bottom of page 15 in the Aug. 2001 NJ Libertarian ("Our Most Cherished Myths", by John Famularo). John's Myth #2 is: "The media does not give us the coverage we deserve." He says that: "If anything, the media gives us more coverage than we deserve." Let's look at some real world evidence on this. According to Rasmussen Research findings from last year (2000), 2% of Americans call themselves libertarians and 16% score as libertarians on The World's Smallest Political Quiz (Libertarian Communicator, Vol. 1, No. 2, page 19). This being the case, how often would you expect to hear the word libertarian (or Libertarian candidate names) mentioned in the national news broadcasts (or cable TV news) in comparison to the R's and D's? Perhaps not exactly 2%, but at least in that ballpark. What is the reality? The word libertarian is conspicuous by its absence in all of the national news and political interview shows (ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, etc.) in election years and non-election years. My personal guess is 0.01 % for coverage or mentions of L's as compared to R's and D's. If you really want to hear the word libertarian mentioned in a national TV show, your best bet is to listen to the random call-ins from average citizens on C-Span. Your second best bet is to listen to Bill Maher call himself a libertarian on Politically Incorrect (ABC-TV). You will also hear Bill say he wants higher minimum wages, more gun control laws, and that he voted for Ralph Nader. With consistent advocates like him, who needs detractors? Yes it's true that Harry Browne did get to appear on Meet The Press (and be vilified) for two or three minutes about a year ago. But does that make up for the thousands of hours of coverage for R's and D's and no mentions of L's?

John's Myth #3 is: "Equal money will make us competitive with the other parties; more money will give us victories." John's view of reality is that: "Money has never made a non-competitive candidate competitive in any race, in any party, at any time." My view of reality is that people vote for candidates they see and hear about on TV (and to a lesser extent other media). If you don't get major media coverage, you don't get elected to any major office. Candidates get on TV or get mentioned on TV as a result of decisions by people in control of news and interview shows, or through campaign purchases of time for ads and infomercials. In either case it is probably decided by money. We can find a few examples of wealthy people (Steve Forbes) failing to get elected. John would say they were non-competitive. I would say at least as big a reason is that they didn't have control of (or enough friends at) ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, etc. If John F. really wants to get to the point of "equal money" it will take enough money to buy controlling interests in about half of the major networks. When Libertarian Party members get to that point I bet they will be winning a few victories.

See "Olson", Page 19

To the editor,

Tom Wright raises several issues in his letter in the July NJL, and I would like to address them.

Just calling a suggestion an "Ethics Proposal" does not make it a valuable addition to the procedures that govern the LNC. All the label serves to do, apparently, is to brand as unethical anyone who opposes the proposal. So let's start from the position of considering the content of any proposal, not its label.

Hornberger's suggestions to date have several fatal flaws, in spite of his attempts to mitigate the worst features. In the original form, his proposal would have made it unacceptable for any member of the LNC to advocate or promote his own re-election. This was term limits with an unwarranted vicious twist.

He apparently accepted that criticism, and introduced a variation: that such advocacy would be acceptable if approved by the LNC itself. With this new wrinkle, an individual member of the LNC could advocate her own re-election if a majority of the LNC approved. But what if she's in the minority? Do we really want to grant the majority veto power over campaigns of those in the minority?

Yes, it appears that certain of Hornberger's claims now turn out to have had a foundation in fact -- but unless he was privy to material that John Famularo insists he did not make public until this past April, his claim was based on hearsay, and should not have been granted any more credence than any other rumor. Furthermore, Famularo (by his own admission, privately at least to me) had that material for more than four years before making it public. Hornberger should be among those particularly frustrated by that four-year delay, as it detracted from the legitimacy of his own arguments.

Specifically, it is now certain that Perry Willis, while National Director and in violation of LNC and National Chair instruction that such activity cease, continued to do work for the Browne campaign in late 1995 and early 1996, prior to the nomination. The work itself consisted in writing 4 letters used by the Browne campaign to enlist support, and promote membership from that support, outside the LP. This, in fact, was an extension of the direct mail promotion of the LP that Willis did both before and after, and that in reality had been quite successful. There is no evidence, and none has been offered, to support the notion that the work by Willis influenced the nomination. However, it has been pointed out that the delay in producing this evidence might have had a significant influence on the 2000 nomination.

When the LNC found out about the earlier instance, at our August 1995 meeting (I was the Region 5 Representative), the Chair forbade Willis from continuing that work, the LNC concurred in that stance, and Willis (reluctantly) agreed to cease that work. The memo that Famularo distributed to the LNC this past April revealed that Willis lied to the LNC at the time, and that such work continued. No LP money was part of this effort; Browne pre-nomination funds were what paid for Willis' work.

See "Karlan", Page 21

To the Editor,

What has been missing from the whole stem-cell research debate was the immorality of forcing people who are ethically opposed to the procedure to subsidize what they view as murder. I once again saw today that groups like the Eagle Forum before the Press Club that advertise themselves as opposed to taxpayers being forced to pay for a procedure they consider immoral, having no qualms about more funding on items others may consider immoral. This is another proof, that only Libertarians are consistent when it comes to respecting the morals and values of others.

Vic Kaplan

Editor's note: More of Vic's and other's discussion of stem cell research can be found at <http://www.nj.com/forums/politics/index.ssf?/HyperNews/get/politics/72691.html?frame=response>

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However, shortly after the Republican primary I e-mailed Mark that I thought his chance of success depended on Schundler losing the primary, but with a fairly small margin. The following was not in the e-mail. I thought Mark would take it from there, well, I hoped he would because I saw no hope of Mark being elected and thought that in the long run it would be to his own benefit and that of the Party if he withdrew because of the unusual circumstances in the present set up. I even thought that next time around, the Libertarian for Senate, might enjoy the gratitude of some Conservatives. It is possible Mark did not receive my e-mail. Anyway, my answer or next contact was the picnic. That became the deciding factor for me

I wish Mark well.

Personally, I am close to determining that I will gamble a shortening life in forwarding the libertarian philosophy.

Sean Twomey

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Another consideration is that candidate competitiveness is not an either or situation, but rather shades of grey. We are close to the point of knowing how inherently competitive a given candidate is from the data on campaign spending and vote totals. Campaign spending for most well known candidates in the U.S. is given here: <http://www.opensecrets.org/> . Vote totals are given at a variety of sites, such as: <http://www.fec.gov/> . What we don't have quantified very well yet (to my knowledge) is the free publicity given by reporters and talk show hosts, etc. If we take the 2000 election year spending for the 5 major presidential candidates and the major party NJ U.S. senate candidates, we have a high of \$87 per vote for Pat Buchanan and a low of \$2.35 for Al Gore. Jon Corzine was second from the top at \$42 per vote. Harry Browne and Bob Franks are right in the middle at \$5.63 and \$4.65 respectively. Of course if you look at the free publicity for Gore, his dollars per vote would be many times higher than \$2.35. The main point is that if you take a candidate whose ideas are about 70 years out-of-date (Corzine) and put in enough campaign funding and major media coverage he can still win. Perhaps John Famularo's myths about media coverage and campaign money could apply on a very local scale, where everyone knows their neighbors, although this qualification was not made in the article. For larger scale campaigns and elections, however, I think these so-called myths are closer to being truisms.

Gaylord Olson

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There are a lot of examples to emulate. From the Christian Coalition and National Rifle Association to the National Organization for Women and the AFL-CIO, there are advocacy groups and PACS all along the political spectrum which have been far more effective influencing elections and the legislative process than the Libertarian Party has been.

On the state level we know that "special interests" organized as advocacy groups and PACS control who gets elected, regardless of which political party they belong to. If you can't fight fire with water, then fight fire with fire. It is time for the NJLP to reorganize itself as a "special interest" promoting individual liberty and economic freedom. Can there be any other "interest" more "special" than that?

Ken Bank

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Thanks, folks!

County Organizations

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Middlesex/Somerset Counties: For information, join the LPSMC announce list (LPSMC-Announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or contact Howard Schoen at 732-572-0207..

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South Jersey Libertarian Party monthly meetings on rotating Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Deb Sackett at 856 694 3419 for info.

Sussex County, call Tony Federici at 973 764 7289.

Willis behaved unethically, in spite of rules in place to prohibit what he did. How will more rules change that situation?

To answer Tom Wright's questions regarding Willis' actions:

1) All parties concerned (Willis, Browne, and the current LNC) are in the process of sorting this out. There will be no rush to judgment.

2) The violation that most disturbs the members of the LNC is the lying, more than the actual work about which Willis lied. The sanction for that deceit had yet to be determined, but will likely include that the LNC will not make the LP a party to any lawsuit in which Willis has a prominent role.

3) Impropriety is known to have occurred, and while it appears to have been "committed out of zeal for the cause, and not for personal gain at the expense of others" (quoting Wright's letter), the ratio of those supporting strong sanctions versus those favoring forgiving Willis is very large, indicating that Willis has few allies in this matter. Given that what Willis did (the work, not the lying about it) was out of zeal, Wright should be prepared to forgive Willis. Few of us on the LNC are so forgiving, because Willis clearly abused his privilege as a valued employee and deceived the LNC at the time.

An independent, neutral arbitrator, as Wright has suggested, might be one option. We on the LNC will keep that in mind. This matter might come up for consideration at the August meeting, but because that will be in Las Vegas, it is unlikely that Willis will be able to attend to defend himself. The following meeting, in December, will be in Washington, with Willis more likely to be available for negotiation, if that is what develops.

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www.cjnj.org. Citizens for Justice in NJ's homepage, including John Paff's Bartender List.
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www.ij.org. Libertarian organization committed to achieving justice through action in the courts.
www.drcnet.org. The central homepage dedicated to the reform of American drug laws.
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