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**We are the only political Party that respects the Individual  
LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PRIVATE PROPERTY OF EVERY CITIZEN - Billy Ver Planck**

## Kaplan for Governor in NJ Jewish News

Ken Kaplan thanks Howard Kupferman for helping to set up this interview. The New Jersey Jewish News publishes five editions, reaching more than 54,000 households. It is the largest circulation weekly newspaper in the state.

## Libertarian candidate's fusion of Right and Left

by Robert Wiener  
NJN Staff Writer

May 21, 2009

Ask Kenneth Kaplan why he is the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor of New Jersey and he'll tell you he's a "child of the '60s" who "believes in individual liberties." In the category-defying case of the Libertarian Party, those range from doing away with most taxes and opposing gun control to approving same-sex marriage and legalizing the medical use of marijuana.

"Most Republicans and Democrats would say they believe in individual liberties, too, but they really don't," Kaplan said as he sat in his real estate office in Parsippany. "They believe in bigger government that controls more and more of what we do, and I don't believe in that. I believe in voluntary relationships between individuals rather than relationships imposed by the government."



The Libertarian Party's State Committee unanimously selected Kaplan, president of KenKap Realty Corp., as their candidate last month. It's an admittedly uphill climb: In the 2005 gubernatorial race, eight third-party candidates combined to claim just 3.5 percent of the votes cast. Kaplan is realistic about his chances.

Talking about his youth in

West Orange, where he attended the Jewish Center of West Orange (now B'nai Shalom), he mentioned that he was president of United Synagogue Youth. "It was one of the few elections I won," he joked.

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## Campaign Update: Kaplan for Governor

**New Brunswick** - On Sunday, April 26 the NJ Libertarian Party State Board unanimously selected Kenneth Kaplan to be the party's candidate for Governor. Born in Newark, the 61 year old Kaplan grew up in West Orange but currently resides in Parsippany. He is a graduate from Brandeis University and NYU Law School. For twenty-two years, he was associated with the Archie Schwartz Company but currently serves as President of KenKap Realty Corp., a company he founded after a six year term at Edgerton Realty.

As Governor, Kaplan's priorities are to phase out the state income tax and reduce the size and cost of government. Addressing affordable housing is one way he plans to solve this problem. Kaplan offers a creative solution to the decade's long quest to create affordable housing in New Jersey. He wants the state to enact legislation to supersede local zoning ordinances, removing zoning barriers.

"The current system prevents owners of single family homes from converting them to two family homes and the owners of two family homes from converting them to three families," stated Kaplan. "This will solve the affordable housing crisis not just for

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## Petitioners' Honor Roll: Ken Kaplan for Governor

Circulator/Petitioner	Signatures
Walter M. Luers, Esq.	3
Mike Pierone	4
Tony Federici	7
Lloyd Harris	7
Joe Siano	8
Judy Schubert	9
Emerson Ellett	9
John Taylor, M.D.	11
Ray Cragle	12
Dan Karlan	12
Derek Demarco	14
Margaret Cooke	22
Marjorie Kleiman	23
Jay Edgar	26
Virginia Flynn	29
Darren Young	33
Darryl Brooks	38
Peter Gribbem	39
Craig Chapman	40
Robert Jenkins	44
Bill Kern	53
Len Flynn	72
Lou Jasikoff	100
Howard Kupferman	176
<u>Ken Kaplan</u>	<u>204</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>995</b>

## Kaplan/ Jewish News Interview

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But Kaplan is serious about the positions his party represents, many of which, he said, are derived from his own Jewish and political roots. Kaplan, 61, was born at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. His grandfather had emigrated from Romania, rented a pushcart, and eventually owned a store. It evolved into a family business, Milt Kaplan's Men's Wear in Orange, which Kaplan ran after his father's death. "My parents lived through the Great Depression. That shaped them and that shaped me. I am careful with a dollar," the candidate said.

As he grew up in a family of New Deal Democrats, Kaplan said, he perceived Republicans "as a country club party that was not for Jews." I admired John Kennedy. I wanted to be elected president, and I thought it was important that a Catholic be elected if a Jew had any chance in the future.

"Then I admired Barry Goldwater, the 'conscience of a conservative.'"

In his first year of college at Franklin and Marshall in Pennsylvania, Kaplan helped organize a chapter of Hillel and was active in the movement to support Soviet Jewry. Currently he is a member of Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston and a

board member of its men's club. "I have a long history of support of Jewish causes," he said.

After Kaplan transferred to Brandeis University in Massachusetts, he became an opponent of the war in Vietnam. He campaigned for Eugene McCarthy, the Minnesota senator who ran in the 1968 Democratic primaries against President Lyndon Johnson. But Kaplan said he became "very disillusioned" when the Democrats "abandoned the antiwar movement" that year.

### 'The right thing to do'

Then, in 1973, he saw a Libertarian Party ad on television. It was for candidate Fran Youngstein, who was running for mayor of New York. "It was the fusion of everything I had ever believed in—the capitalism I got from Goldwater and the lifestyle liberalism I got from the Democratic Party," Kaplan recalled. "I said, 'Wow! That's it!' and I've been a Libertarian ever since."

Among the "key issues" on his platform is a proposal to abolish local restrictions preventing single-family homeowners from dividing up their properties into two- and three-family units. He would allow marijuana to be legally prescribed by a doctor for people with "cancer, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma, and other ailments. It is a humanitarian issue. I want the sick people who need it to get it."

He said he believes abortion "is a woman's decision between her and her doctor. However, it comes down to people's own views as to where and when life begins. I think reasonable people can disagree on that, but I don't think the state should be involved. But because some people do hold such strong views against it," Kaplan said, "I would not use tax dollars to pay for abortions."

And a strict believer in the Bill of Rights, Kaplan opposes gun control. "Religious freedom and freedom of speech and freedom of the press are all in danger if you start saying the Second Amendment is not an absolute. Then you can say, 'The First Amendment only applies to Christianity, not to Judaism or Islam.'"

Kaplan, a divorced father of two, is strongly in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage. He said he has "both an ideological and a personal interest in its passage. I think it is the right thing to do as a civil rights issue, and I have a son who is gay. Every Jewish parent can relate to the idea of wanting equality for their children, and I want equality for my son." His son, David, is an engineer in Baltimore. His daughter, Kimberly, lives in New York, where she is a staff member of ABC News' Nightline.

When the subject turns to Jewish causes, Kaplan again demonstrated a Libertarian's independent streak. He suggested that the New Jersey-Israel Commission, which fosters trade and cultural relationships between the state and the nation, "isn't necessary." He said: "Commercial interests need to represent themselves."

## Campaign/Election Update

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people moving into the new units, but also for the owners, many of whom might be senior citizens, who may now be able to remain in houses that had become too large and too expensive for their needs. This will solve the affordable housing problem without the expenditure of any tax dollars.

Kaplan also wants to address key issues, such as same-sex marriage, education, and healthcare. He would push for enactment of a marriage equality law to allow same sex couples to marry. "I see it as a civil rights issue, where all citizens should enjoy the same right," stated Kaplan.

Additionally, he also wants to see a state constitutional amendment to allow for greater flexibility in education. He views vouchers as an immediate way to give parents more choice in where their children attend school. Most importantly, Kaplan champions patients' rights and seeks to pass a law that would allow medical marijuana to be grown or purchased legally, when prescribed by a doctor.

According to Kaplan, "We have many people in New Jersey suffering the effects of cancer, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma, and other ailments. The humanitarian and compassionate thing to do is allow them legal access to a drug that could help them."

## Kaplan at New Jersey Rally for LGBT Equality

By Ken Kaplan

I represented the NJLP on April 5, 2009 at this rally. I got a chance to speak about the party's support for marriage equality, and my remarks were well received. I also manned a literature table and got a few names and email addresses and sold a copy of David Bergland's book, *Liberty in One Lesson*. I urge all of you to participate in other such rallies and community events. In time, hopefully we can organize our own liberty rallies, but for now we should participate with other groups where we share goals and interests.

[Editor's note: LGBT stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender]



**Kaplan at Drew University Rally**



## Unknown taxpayer makes appearance

The Unknown Taxpayer made an appearance at the tea party on the Morristown Green. He was sporting a Libertarian Party sign. He was there representing the thousands of New Jerseyans who were afraid to show their faces in opposition to the IRS for fear of audits or harassment. Many pictures were taken of him. This one appeared on the Facebook page of the Morristown tax day tea party.

## 2009 NJLP State Convention Report

by NJLP Secretary, Derek DeMarco

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M on March 29, 2009 at the Wyndham Conference Center in Plainsboro, New Jersey. Quorum was satisfied by at least 15 convention delegates being present.

### Election of Party Officers and Candidates

Sean Colón was elected State Chair, Walter Luers elected Vice Chair, Derek Demarco elected Secretary, Kevin Ferrizzi reelected Treasurer, and Ken Kaplan, Paul Tahan, and Jay Edgar were elected Members At-Large. In each case the NJLP membership without objection waived the secret ballot and all were elected by general consent over None of the Above (NOTA), who is the permanent opposition candidate in all NJLP elections.

At 9:45 A.M. a recess was taken for County Caucuses to elect County Officers and County Representatives to the NJLP State Board. At 10:20 A.M Sean Colón read the list of newly elected County Officers and Reps. submitted by the County Caucuses in attendance.

### **Bergen County:**

Chair:	Paul Tahan
Vice Chair:	NONE
Treasurer:	NONE
County/State Board Rep.:	Paul Tahan

**Morris County:**

Chair: Howard Kupferman  
 Vice Chair: *NONE*  
 Treasurer: *NONE*  
 County/State Board Rep.: Howard Kupferman

**Passaic County:**

Chair: Derek DeMarco  
 Vice Chair: *NONE*  
 Treasurer: *NONE*  
 County/State Board Rep.: Derek DeMarco

**Mercer County:**

Chair: David Trend  
 Vice Chair: Darryl Brooks  
 Treasurer: *NONE*  
 County/State Board Rep.: Ray Cragle

**LPCNJ (Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey)--  
Middlesex, Somerset & Union Counties:**

Chair: Vacant (for now)  
 Vice Chair: Frank Warren  
 Treasurer: *NONE*  
 County/State Board Rep.: Frank Warren (Somerset County)

**Monmouth County:**

Chair: Jay Edgar  
 Vice Chair: Lloyd Harris  
 Treasurer: Ginny Flynn  
 County/State Board Rep.: Emerson Ellett

**Camden & Gloucester County:**

Chair: Bobb Rayner  
 Vice Chair: *NONE*  
 Treasurer: Ray Scheffler  
 County/State Board Rep.: William Kern

At 10:31 A.M. the delegates began the discussion about NJLP candidates for the 2009 election. Lou Jasikoff mentioned that Jason Scheurer and Jeff Pawlowski expressed interest in the nomination for Governor but neither could make a decision at the moment due to personal issues. Darryl Brooks spoke about his possible nomination for the candidacy of Governor.

Lou Jasikoff spoke about setting a date in the future for the officers to recommend who will be Governor. Sean Colón recommended two weeks to decide the Governor nominee. Lou Jasikoff recommended the date of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Kara Lysandra Colón recommended a questionnaire for the several candidates to answer. Jay Edgar recommended the formation of a committee to decide what questions will be on the questionnaire. Len Flynn stated that the bylaws provide that, if a candidate is not chosen at the NJLP convention, then the Steering Committee can choose a candidate for the vacant position."

Jay Edgar made a motion to table the nomination for Governor at the State Board Meeting, no later and form an ad-hoc

committee to create a questionnaire. Sean Colón called a vote on the motion made by Jay Edgar. The motion passed 16 – 2.

Sean Colón nominated Walter Luers to run for a seat on the Committee in Oxford Township as a New Jersey Libertarian Party candidate. Walter Luers responded and accepted Sean's nomination. Sean Colón called a vote to approve the nomination of Walter Luers as the candidate. Walter was accepted unanimously 18 – 0.

**New Business**

At 11:21 A.M. Jay Edgar read the three proposed changes to the Bylaws to be voted on as they were proposed and published in the Jan-March issue of the *N.J. Libertarian*. They are:

1. Remove the "Inc." from the name of the organization as specified in Article 1.
2. Split Article 2 into two distinct articles. The current first paragraph would remain as the entirety of Article 2: Purpose, while the remainder would be grouped under Article 3: Fiscal Policy. No changes to the content of the relocated section are proposed.
3. Add a self-reference to the protection of the Statement of Principles in (current) Article 3: Statement of Principles and Platform.

At 11:27 A.M. Len Flynn made a motion to vote on all three changes to the bylaws together. The motion passed unanimously 18 – 0.

Point of information: Trustees need not be elected anymore—the NJLP Bylaws define the Trustees as the three "junior" NJLP Officers (Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary).

Lieutenant Governor nominations were discussed. The two candidates are on one ticket and the Lieutenant Governor is not on the petitions.

At 11:49 A.M. Frank Warren made a motion to suspend the rules and revisit New Business to vote on the Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidates. Len Flynn seconded the motion and Ken Kaplan spoke against the motion. At 11:52 A.M. the motion failed by a clear majority vote of delegates by raised hands.

**Future Meetings**

At 11:53 A.M. Sean Colón discussed setting a meeting schedule and the next State Board meeting. A motion to adjourn was made and Jay Edgar seconded the motion. The next meeting will be a State Board meeting to be held at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 26 at Tumulty's Pub 361 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, Tel: 732-545-6205. At 12:00 noon the meeting was adjourned.





**The author and his daughter Melissa hiking along the Appalachian Trail in NJ**

## Happy Earth Day!

By Jay Edgar

Tuesday, 21 April 2009

As a Scoutmaster and backpacker I care deeply for our natural environment. As a libertarian I realize that achieving a healthy environment requires policies that are rational and based on science and economics. This Earth Day I describe some effective and ineffective policies and practices.

### The Industrial Revolution

In the 18th and 19th centuries, the world experienced an seismic shift in economies from a mostly agrarian economy to an economy based on manufacturing. Prior to the industrial revolution, farmers suffered long working hours for very little pay. Life in the cities was even worse. Our cities were overcrowded, sanitation barely existed, and cities were breeding grounds for cholera and yellow fever. People's diets were very limited. Smog and pollution from the limited heating choices of coal or wood filled the air above our cities.

Technologies like the steam engine and motor vehicles improved sanitation, increased food production, and improved the diet through faster transport and refrigeration. In 1798 Thomas Malthus predicted that we would not be able to feed a growing population, but he did not account for human ingenuity. Modern farming allows us to extract more food out of the land with less labor and less input. Between 1948 and 2004, agricultural output grew 170% while input (fertilizers and chemicals) has dropped 2%.

Better sanitation, a more varied food supply, more productive working hours, improvements in medical care, and a better environment have all contributed to changing the life expectancy of just 35 years in 1800, to 47 years in 1900, to 77 years today.

More importantly, the expansion of the economy has provided our society with the ability to be able to afford to take care of the environment. Globalization is now providing other countries with more wealth for them to protect their own environment.

### Effective and Enforceable Property Rights

Proper stewardship of land and resources results in effective and enforceable property rights. Logging companies spend enormous amounts of money caring for and reseeded land they

own. Clear cutting is avoided because it destroys the underlying soil. As property owners, these logging companies have a stake in the future value of the land they own. Around the world individual fishing quotas (IFQ's) are being found as the way to manage fish stocks.

### The Endangered Species Act

In 1973, the United States enacted the Endangered Species Act. The problem with this law is that it creates a perverse incentive for landowner's to destroy habitat. The endangered species act has had very little success. Of the 1400 species placed on the list, only 8 have been saved.

### Socialism

Whenever property is communally or governmentally owned environmental degradation occurs. Lack of property rights destroys any incentive to care for the land. Socialism lacks the market mechanisms that discourage excessive use of resources. If resources are running low, the bureaucratic planners simply demand that more of it gets mined. Socialist producers have no incentive to produce products efficiently. Waste is rampant. In a free market system, if the resources are low, the price goes up affecting demand, and conserving resources.

Here in the United States, the worst polluter by far is the federal government itself. The Department of Defense ignores environmental laws. Perchlorate, a by-product of rocket fuel, is leached out into the environment around hundreds of defense installations.

### Conclusion

Libertarians believe that a clean safe environment is achievable. Polluters must be forced to clean up messes they make. Incentives matter. Policies that discourage environmental protection must be reformed. Socializing the costs of environmental remediation discourages individuals from behaving in ways that protect the environment. Innovations in manufacturing and resource use must be encouraged. A healthy environment requires a wealthy society.

For the full version of this article including references go to the NJLP website at: <http://www.njlp.org/news/articles-from-selected-blogs-mainmenu-115/683-happy-earth-day>

## Fred Stein's Songs

### Economic news is music to his ears

Sunday *Star-Ledger*, March 08, 2009

The state of the economy, in the past several months, has been a major focus of news reports, government policies, everyday conversations ... and **Fred Stein's** lyrics. The singer/songwriter, who also plays the acoustic guitar, says he has been performing and selling his CDs in coffee shops and on college campuses for the past 10 years. A real estate appraiser by day, Stein says his purpose in writing music is to make a better world where people can communicate, do things voluntarily, help others and try to stimulate the economy through free trade and a free market. The South Brunswick resident says his musical influences include

the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Who, Motown classics and, more recently, Flight of the Conchords.

Stein talked to The Star-Ledger about his songwriting. **What made you decide to focus on the economy in your songs?** "I do write some romantic songs, but when people get married or are no longer in the singles market, one of the most important things is money. The economy is a very major factor in our society, especially now because everyone's concerned about losing their job. The world is more unpredictable now. It's moving at a much faster pace."

"Some of my song titles include 'At The Mall,' 'Billionaire,' 'She's The Shopper,' 'Working All The Time and 'Yield Bond Curve.' **What are the topics of some of your other songs?** "I wrote a song called 'Connected,' which warns people about technology. I believe technology is good, but sometimes it keeps people from interacting on a human scale. People wouldn't say bad things about a person in person, but on the computer they may not be as polite or civil. Also, with technology you never get to leave the workplace. You can never really get away and enjoy yourself during leisure time. I finished my first CD in August 2001 and my second in October 2008. On both of my CDs, I have songs about cats. That's something no other musician is writing about. I also have a song promoting the Shore town Keansburg. Another song, titled 'Turn your Enemies into Friends,' I believe could be the answer to war and a step toward world peace...."

### **John Paff's Dilemma—"Mission Creep?"**

On April 23, 2009 John reported to the NJLP leadership by e-mail about his recent project in which he posted a new type of issue on some of the public blogs. The new category involves appeals filed by municipal and county civil service employees because of discipline imposed upon them. See the example of his posting below.

I am advising the activists and officers of this in case there are any objections. I realize that just because something is public information doesn't automatically mean that posting it is a good thing, politically, for the Libertarian Party to do.

### **Hamilton Police Lieutenant Appeals Suspension**

In an appeal filed earlier this year, Hamilton Police Lieutenant Lawrence M. Sweeney contested discipline--probably a suspension--imposed against him for "verbally berating" a female "Public Safety Telecommunicator" named Laurel MacKenzie. According to "charges and specification" leveled against Sweeney, he is accused of berating MacKenzie on October 27, 2007 "over the volume of the television while a priority job was taking place on the street." The "charges and specification" are on-line at <http://lpcnj.org/OGTF/SweeneyDOP.pdf>

While it is not completely clear, it appears that Lieutenant Sweeney was disciplined for yelling at a dispatcher who had the television on too loud while on duty.

Sweeney and MacKenzie are listed on Gannett's "DataUniverse" site as having been in public service for 20 and 25 years and having made \$120,328 and \$55,136 in 2007, respectively.

Even though the incident occurred in 2007, the appeal was filed with the State Department of Personnel in December 2008 and transferred to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in early 2009. The OAL has assigned Docket No. CSV198-09 to the case, and, unless it settles, the matter will eventually be heard by an administrative judge, who will make a recommendation to the Department of Personnel affirming, modifying or reversing the discipline that Hamilton imposed.

### **ABOUT ME AND WHY I'M POSTING THIS**

I chair the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Open Government Advocacy Project which seeks to increase governmental transparency and accountability, particularly at a local level.

As part of my work, I routinely check administrative Civil Service appeal dockets. Most often, the public does not get to see these records. I post them on-line for several reasons: a) because they sometimes reveal official wrongdoing by a government employee, b) because they sometimes suggest that a government agency is using the disciplinary process to retaliate (i.e. file trumped up charges) against an politically or otherwise unpopular employee and c) because these appeals and the underlying disciplinary charges cost public money and the taxpayers ought to be aware of how their money is being spent.

John Paff  
Somerset, New Jersey

Life, liberty, and property do not exist because men have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty, and property existed beforehand that caused men to make laws in the first place.

~Frederic Bastiat

### **And Members Reply to Paff's Concern**

For my part, I think you are doing an amazing job. I know my own town, Parsippany, has squandered hundreds of thousands defending unlawful dismissals and other nonsense that stemmed from petty politics. Keep shining the light! - Ken Kaplan

... I can't comment much on the work John Paff does. What I do know, he is an incredibly bright and focused guy who is honorable and a credit to the Libertarian Party. The attention we get from the media is great. - Tony Federici

John, for what it's worth, I can't imagine that this would be objectionable. In fact, I think that the privacy implications of this are rather less than the publicizing that you've already been doing. That is, finding that (say) a town council disciplined a maintenance worker would "out" that employee. On the other

hand, publicizing that worker's appeal might serve as a bit of vindication for him, allowing him to air his side of the story.

So doing this provides balance so that we aren't subject to a claim that we're on a witch hunt against public workers. This is really an additional check on the government institutions themselves by shedding light, as you say, on retaliation against whistleblowers. To this degree, it actually supports the rights of those public workers.

And let me take this opportunity to thank you again for all the work you're doing on this project. - Chris Wuestefeld

I think that the work you are doing is important and it is inconsequential if certain individuals fail to see the relevance in bringing this sort of information to light. ... Keep up the good work. - Kevin Ferrizzi

## Members Write to Newspapers

### Their View is Ours!

By Mark Richards

On March 22, 2009 *The Suburban Trends* actually called me to get the Libertarian perspective on medical marijuana. Donna Rolando, the staff writer, said her editor told her to "call Mark Richards since we want the Libertarian viewpoint on this." Pretty good! Guess my constant letters To-the-Editor paid off!

Notice also in their op-ed ("Our View") they claim to be libertarians, too on drug use! A small victory, but a victory just the same!

"We'll admit that we are libertarians when it comes to drug use." - *The Suburban Trends* "Our View" March 8, 2009

### Don't always look for the negatives

Printed March 24, 2009 in the *Courier News*.

Dear Editor,

It has been my personal experience that in every human being, there is the need to believe in the worst. This is especially true when it comes to other human beings. I find it fascinating and sad at the same time. For example, we want to believe the worst of a neighbor or another person when we have never talked to him or her or know them on a personal level, so we ridicule them. This habit is prevalent in every small town in the U.S. and my hometown of Kenilworth, New Jersey is no exception.

We want to believe rumors or innuendos about a group of individuals, when we have never had discussions with them or met with them personally at all. This has happens to be the case with groups associated with libertarian and conservative causes.

This is especially true about political figures as well; even before they take to the microphone. The mainstream press wanted to believe in the worst about Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, particularly the rumor about how her Down syndrome

infant was not hers. We want to believe that those who have differences of viewpoint or opinion from our own are ugly, morally inferior, uneducated and narrow minded. Often, the direct opposite is true.

What is needed in this society, and what is surely lacking because of political correctness, I believe, is open-mindedness. It is unfortunate that those in charge of the culture-i.e. the press, entertainment, television, etc.-and those dominate in the community, do not practice that at all. We are left to believe the ugly and the abominable and because of this, we close our minds to humanity and to the human good.

Alex Pugliese, Kenilworth

## Warped Tour Liberty Booth

The New Jersey Libertarian Party will be exposing thousands of youth to the party and to the fight for liberty at the upcoming Warped Tour concerts in Camden (July 17th) and Oceanport (July 19th). Over 60 bands are scheduled to perform on each night. The lineup includes the punk band Anti-Flag who has several great libertarian songs including "Free Nation?," "This Machine Kills Fascists," "Welcome to 1984," "We Want to Be Free," and "You've Got To Die For The Government". Other scheduled bands that have freedom messages in their music include NOFX, Flogging Molly, and Bad Religion.

Pulling this off is expensive. **Donations are needed** for the many items we need to gather. Please either find us the needed items or visit <http://njlp.org/partyinfo/donate/generalfund> and give us a generous donation. Additional items needed include:

Liberty Stickers (<http://www.libertystickers.com/>), LP Stickers and pamphlets (1-800-444-8618), Fully Informed Jury brochures (<http://fija.org/media-catalog/broc-pubs/>), and pocket Constitutions (<https://secure.heritage.org/pocketconstitutions/>) are all items we would like to give out. A full list of items needed is on our website, <http://njlp.org>.

"Call it libertarian, cause we do as we please. Don't need fear, or force or farce to know morality, cuz morals aren't substance you can shove in someone's ear"  
- NOFX, 'The Plan', included in 2001 LP News article "Top 25 Freedom Songs"

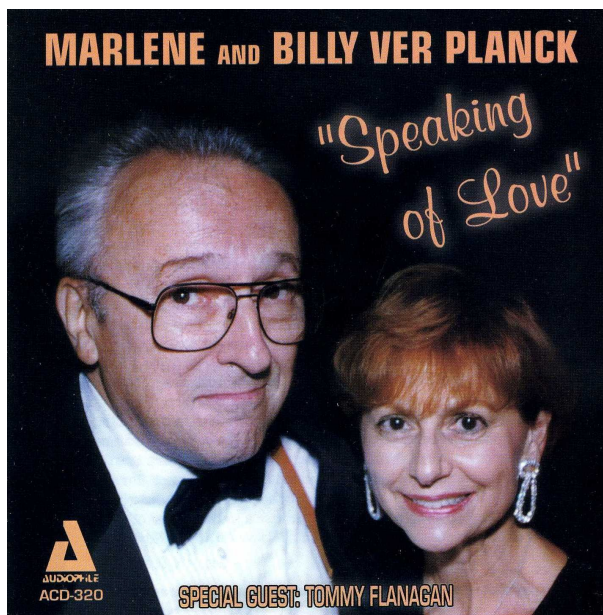
### NJLP Officers

<b>Chair</b>	Sean Colón, <a href="mailto:chair@njlp.org">chair@njlp.org</a>
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Vacant (vacated by Walter Luers so he can run for office)
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## Tribute to Billy Ver Planck

Long time NJLP member J. Billy Ver Planck fought a year-long battle with lung cancer and died peacefully in Hackensack Hospital on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. Known as Billy throughout the music world, he was born in Norwalk Ct. in 1930. He began his musical career at age fifteen playing trombone with the Jess Stacey Band. He went on to play and write arrangements for all the big bands of his generation, culminating his road days with his idol, Tommy Dorsey. For the next forty years he was one of the busiest studio arrangers and conductors in New York, writing everything from jingles, films, and documentaries, as well as producing 20 CDs and hundreds of arrangements for his wife, singer Marlene Ver Planck.



Billy and Marlene were virtually inseparable for 52 years. They loved working in many countries and traveling the world together. Billy enjoyed life to the fullest, and he was a relentless fan of the New York Mets. Plus his biography declares "He was a diehard advocate of free enterprise and tried to convert anyone who would listen to his beliefs."

In honor of Billy's love of jazz, a scholarship has been established at William Paterson University. Donations may be made to the:

J. Billy Ver Planck Jazz Scholarship Fund  
c/o Office of Institutional Advancement  
William Paterson University  
300 Pompton Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470

For a moving tribute see:

<http://midriffian.blogspot.com/2009/06/billy-ver-planck.html>.

## Here is what Billy wrote supporting the NJLP in 2006:

Life means one can do what is peaceful and creative as long as he respects others with these same rights. Liberty means one can do whatever one pleases as long he does not use force or fraud against any of his neighbors, who likewise have to respect those rights. Private Property is the complete use and disposal of what is yours that you have obtained through honest work or trade with consenting others. And government's only duty is to protect these rights, no more and no less.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us then tie down the second with the chains of the Constitution so it will not become the legalized version of the first." As we live in today's America the United States government has by default become the legalized version of the criminal gang.

First, it does not respect Life through the so called War on Drugs, the FDA with its arbitrary regulations that kill more people than the two World Wars, and un-declared wars "Iraq" plus more and more—all un-Constitutional. Second: Liberty is denied. Everything is either regulated or forbidden, there is NO Privacy. The [so called] Patriot Act is the final straw. Third: Private Property is violated. The expropriation of property going on today is purely criminal.

The Libertarian Party should say on its masthead: We are the only Party that respects the Individual LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PRIVATE PROPERTY OF EVERY CITIZEN. The Demopublicans and Republicrats are not parties of the people but organized gangs. We can have headlines in the paper every day. Go get them.

In Liberty, Billy Ver Planck

## Future Meetings & Events

**Saturday, July 11**—NJLP annual picnic and general meeting at Polanka Park in South River beginning at 1:00 PM. See page 9 for directions and the day's program.

**Thursday, June 25 and July 30**—Libertarians of Monmouth meeting at 7:00 PM at Monmouth Library Manalapan.

**First Tuesday of every month**—monthly meeting of the Libertarian Party of South Jersey at 7 pm at Grabbe's Seafood Restaurant in Westville, Gloucester County. Contact Kevin Ferrizzi at 609-980-8903 or [kevinferrizzi@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinferrizzi@yahoo.com) for info.



## Annual Picnic and General Meeting

Come devour big government at our Annual Summer Picnic. Bring your own side dishes, and perhaps enough to share. Alcoholic beverages are not provided, but are welcome. There is a playground for the children, and horseshoe pits for the adults. Polanka Park is a beautiful wooded picnic area complete with full kitchen, refrigeration, charcoal grills, gazebo, covered dance area, clean restrooms, and much more. Bring a friend!

### Polanka Park, South River

The Polish War Veterans Picnic Grounds is located less than a mile off Route 18 in South River, NJ (near East Brunswick).

#### From the Garden State Parkway -

- 1 Southbound -Take Exit 124 - Toward Sayreville/South River *0.1 miles*. Northbound - Take Exit 125 - Toward Route 35/Sayreville/South Amboy *0.2 miles*
2. Turn Left to take the Chevalier Avenue ramp *0.1 miles*
3. Turn Left onto Main Street extension. *1.3 miles*
4. Turn slight Right onto CR-670/ West Main Street *2.7 miles*
5. Turn Right onto McArthur Avenue *1.0 miles*
6. Turn Right onto CR-535/Veterans Memorial Bridge *0.7 miles*
7. Turn Right onto CR-677/ Reid Street *0.3 miles*
8. Turn Right onto William Street *0.4 miles*

#### From the Turnpike

1. Take Exit 9, Route 18 /US-1/New Brunswick/Shore Resorts. *0.6 miles*
2. Take the Route 18 South ramp toward South River/East Brunswick. *0.2 miles*
3. Merge onto NJ-18 South. *0.9 miles*
4. Continue with directions below.

#### From Route 18

1. Take the Edgeboro Road ramp toward Old Bridge Turnpike *0.1 miles*
2. Turn left onto Edgeboro Road *0.2 miles*
3. Turn Right onto Brick Plant Road *0.5 miles*
4. Turn Right onto William Street *0.2 miles*.

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## Support NJ's Medical Marijuana Bill

On June 4th A804, NJ's medical marijuana bill, was approved by the Health and Senior Services committee by a vote of 8 to 1. It is now ready for a vote before the full assembly. Its companion bill, S119, has already passed in the Senate, we need a repeat performance on A804.

The Drug Policy Alliance of NJ and the Marijuana Policy Project are working hard to get this bill passed. The NJLP supports their efforts. Visit <http://njlp.org/mppalert> to use the Marijuana Policy's Project system to contact your legislators.

## Passaic Police Officer Beats Man for Bad Fashion Sense

A surveillance camera caught Officer Joseph Rios in the act. The video shows his police car pull up alongside a man. A conversation ensues. After a few minutes, Officer Rios jumps out of the driver's side and immediately tackles mentally disabled Ronnie Halloway. After tackling him, he beats him several times with his fists and his baton. His partner, Officer Erica Rivera, stands idly by and did nothing to stop Officer Rios. Officer Rios claims his actions were justified because Halloway became "verbally abusive" when he was told to zip up his shirt. Both officers have been suspended without pay, pending an investigation. The video can be watched from our website.

## Camden and Gloucester County Committee Changes

Kevin Ferrizzi reports that new officers were selected for the Camden/Gloucester LP organization.

Chair: Bobb Rayner

Vice-Chair: William Kern

Secretary: Matt McLaughlin

Treasurer: Kevin Ferrizzi

Camden County Rep: William Kern

Gloucester County Rep: Bobb Rayner

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