



New Jersey Libertarian

Patriot Act under Attack

LPSMC-endorsed resolution passes in Highland Park Borough

By Althea Schoen

After 6 months of community organizing, collecting signatures on petitions, educating Highland Park residents to the dangers of the USA Patriot Act, and working successfully with the members of the Highland Park Borough Council, The Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War has achieved its goal: the Highland Park Borough Council voted unanimously last Tuesday evening to approve a resolution opposing the unconstitutional parts of the USA Patriot Act.

As you may recall, the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties (LPSMC) endorsed the resolution. Also endorsing the resolution was a number of other community organizations, including BridgeBuilders, South Side Pride, SaveOpenSpace, ACLU-NJ, and the Green Party. Further, several local businesses and individuals distributed a petition in favor of the resolution, which was signed by some 350 residents.

It was a very satisfying and important project and it can and should be done in other local towns in Central Jersey. The Coalition now has experience with a successful campaign and is looking for people in other towns to get involved. The process begins with collecting residents' signatures in support of a resolution. These resolutions are an extremely important means of educating the public, defending our freedoms and sending our legislators a message.

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*Guest Panel and Crew from the December Taping of TPOV:
Foreground (l-r): Rich "Reach" Helmka (original Director),
Shad Woolley (founder and Host), Ray Babecki (current Director).
Background (l-r): Tom Palven, Lou Stefanelli, Ginny Flynn, Len
Flynn (LP guest panelists).
Not shown: Ed Place (camera).*

THIRD POINT OF VIEW CELEBRATES 300th SHOW

by Ray Babecki, Director, TPOV

The NJLP-recognized and sanctioned cable-television show, "Third Point of View", celebrated the taping of its 300th show on December 13, 2003.

"Third Point of View" (TPOV) is a non-profit, public-access cable-television program whose goal is the presentation and advancement of L/libertarian principles. Its Mission Statement specifically states that, "Third Point of View is a television show dedicated to providing a forum for alternative opinions on social, political, and cultural issues".

And, that's exactly what TPOV's programs have been about. We've aired interviews with NJLP members, self-published authors, conspiracy theorists, practitioners of non-traditional medicine, leaders of pro-freedom and religious groups, and representatives from both predominate and alternative political parties. Recent shows have spotlighted eloquent L/libertarians discussing current news events and problems, with the aim of providing solutions to them from a L/libertarian perspective.

TPOV was founded in 1992 by Shad Woolley and Richard "Reach" Helmka, both of Spring Lake Heights, NJ. Shad is TPOV's original Host and Producer, and he continues in those roles today. Reach is the show's original Director; and we depend on his ongoing technical and professional advice and assistance. I joined TPOV in July of 1996, in response to an NJLP request for assistance with TPOV. Since I had prior electronic and audio-visual experience, I responded, and have been Director since then.

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From The Chair By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

The government-induced pain index is apparently not ratcheting downward. Maybe that's why more and more people see the LP as perhaps the only group that can help them. While some victims may be opportunists who want us to carry their water for them others simply have nowhere else to turn.

This month for instance we received a distress call from a single mother whose 17-month old son was taken from her based on a single complaint that proved to be baseless. (Someone presumed a life-sustaining nasal feeding tube had been removed from the boy when in fact the tube was in place through the trachea and was covered by his shirt.) No investigation was conducted, the mother says. Police and a Division of Youth and Family Services worker entered the premises where she was staying, without a warrant, coerced her into signing a release, and placed the child in a facility that gave him minimal attention. The boy's mother says her formerly outgoing son is now fearful of strangers and cries whenever she leaves the room.

The mother appreciated our attempt to help, but what can we do to help others? For one, we could post DYFS' "child seizure" procedures on the web. . Such a public airing would help everyone. DYFS

workers and police officers would have a one-stop reference that would explain what is required to effect the lawful taking of a child. Parents would know when the procedures had been violated. At present DYFS workers are immune from prosecution if they "act in good faith." But blatant disregard of established procedures known to all parties could be evidence of bad faith and result in more accountability and fewer traumatized children. The problem, of course, is obtaining a copy of DYFS' internal procedures. It's worth a try, though. It's even possible DYFS would be more responsive than the Attorney General, who ignored our request for a copy of the State Police training manual a few years ago. We requested it after an Ocean County man and his family were subjected to a terrifying police raid based on an alleged paperwork violation on a gun permit application. The principle in both cases is the same: if we can make the procedures widely available everyone would benefit. Our redoubtable John Paff has done something like this by posting on the web the names of lawyers who have been disciplined for their misdeeds.



Who then will take the challenge and get a copy of DYFS' "child seizure" procedures? If it's you, dear freedom fighter, coordinate with me for now. I'll be stepping down as chair but will notify the new State Board.

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Vic Kaplan wins the "First 2004 Congressional Candidate with a Web Site" award, thanks to the efforts of Bob Hull. Vic is running in the 5th district, which consists of Warren, and parts of Sussex, Bergen, and Passaic Counties. Check out his site at <http://www.liberty5th.org> He invites comments "other than 'Long live Bush and the Iraqi war' and 'Don't run, 'cause you can't win.'" He says no one wins if they vote for a "winner" who opposes civil liberties and economic freedoms. Vic has translated his numerous position statements into Russian and has submitted them to Russian language newspapers. The *New Jersey Herald* and a local radio station have already contacted him about his campaign. Thanks, Vic, for all your hard work.

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In addition to Vic Kaplan and Bob Hull we have other hard workers in our party. I'd like to thank everyone of whose efforts during the past month I am aware: Elizabeth Macron, our convention chair; Len Flynn, Dan Karlan and Sean Dougherty, for their effort to recruit House candidates; and Terry Wintroub, who is kept busy correcting the misstatements aired in the anti-Second Amendment Trenton *Times*. Dave Aguilar and Scott Lenger deserve credit for contacting members in Union County regarding an organizational meeting. Mike Pierone penned a 12 point "Candidate's Checklist" full of sound advice. Thank you, one and all!

You can contact me at 732 774-3684 and -- until a new chair is elected -- at chair@njlp.org

Write On!

Printed in the February 1st

Star Ledger

Gregg Easterbrook was correct in Sundays article and I applaud *The Star Ledger* for pointing out that for the most part these are "the good old days." The author lists numerous positive facts about American life in the third paragraph.

I do take exception to him listing personal freedom as something that has never been better in the US. Americans must work until mid May to pay their taxes, making us slaves to the state in a certain sense. We are not free to plan fully for our own retirement, in many cases we are not free to send our children to the school of our choice. The Patriot Act has made the federal government even more powerful to spy on any Americans personal records, emails etc. State and local governments are NEVER satisfied unless they are banning something or turning common citizens into lawbreakers by trying to regulate every facet of our lives. Cell phones, food intake, seat belts etc.

The world in general seems to be heading in the direction of personal freedom and individual responsibility. However most Americans, like so many sheep be herded off to slaughter, are blind to the incremental loss of freedom we face every day coming from Washington and our state capitals.

Craig Chapman

"No, I am not a pessimist. People frequently ask me why I am not more frustrated because I don't win very many things. I am not a bit frustrated because the truth is I have very low expectations for Washington. We win more fights than I assume we would."

- Representative Ron Paul



Read the entire (and excellent) article and interview in Oldspeak, the online publication of The Rutherford Institute, at <http://www.rutherford.org/articles/oldspeak-Ronpaul.asp>. Thanks to Len Flynn for passing it on.

Stealth Mode Activism Pushing the Right Buttons

By Deb Sackett

So, how are those Letters to the Editor coming? Have you run into the "Libertarian Block" that I've experienced down here near the Pinelands?

Take heart. You can consistently hammer away with L/libertarian beliefs, without using the title that so often frightens the press out of printing your letter. Craig Chapman's letter (left) doesn't meet the criteria for "Libertarians in Print" – but he GOT it in print.

As I mentioned in prior articles, finding local "hot buttons" is often the best way to get our ideas out there. Exposure to the common sense principles of Libertarianism can be easy to achieve when you're applying those principles to local issues on the "Letters to the Editor" page – often one of the first pages that newspaper readers turn to.

Down here in Franklin Township, one of the most rural communities in the state, we have few ratables and lots of kids, so taxes are always a guaranteed conversation starter. And since the beginning of this school year, the district teachers have been on the verge of a strike, not content with the 5% raise the Board of Ed is offering. Despite the fact that our teachers earn the high end of the scale for our area of the state, they're holding out for more, and trying to manipulate the negotiations via the students.

As the mother of two teenagers in the High School, I get all the dirt and have turned it into published letter after letter in our weekly paper. Each has garnered positive responses and helped keep the outrage level high against the public education system. I'll pick one specific atrocity, and use that as the "in". This week's letter cited a teacher assigning a project, worth 1/3 of the marking period's grade, which required the use of the school's Audio-Visual equipment. Before this year, students were encouraged to stay after school when necessary, as the school day often didn't leave enough time for everyone to access the equipment. This year, the teacher told her students that she doesn't get paid enough to stay after, and that they'd have to find time during class for everyone to use the facilities. When students protested that this meant that they wouldn't be able to complete their projects, she responded "well, then call – or have your parents call – the Board of Ed, and tell them to give us our contract". As a parent, I was outraged. As a Stealth Activist, I was tickled pink. This despicable act will make ideal letter material and keep taxpayers reading and writing letters to the paper for weeks, and the school superintendant and teacher's union frantically trying to rebut. In every letter I point out something like "why should teachers who work a 7 hour day, 180 days a year, make more than the taxpayers who are working 50 and 60 hours a week, and are lucky to get a week's vacation?" Or, "how many raises do you get that are solely because you show up for work every day? Why aren't teachers paid on merit?" Obvious stuff, sure. But certain to resonate with the farmers and blue collar workers that our community mostly consists of.

All the stories my kids feed me, and all the criticisms of the current situation, build up to conclusions like "if the government didn't force us to support these schools, and make it impossible for most of us to purchase a better education elsewhere, could these teachers get away with this? Of course not. They know they've got the upper hand, and they have it because government is dictating our kids' education, instead of parents. Parents and the rest of the community are forced to purchase a product we're unhappy with at an ever-increasing price we can't afford. The only way parents will ever have a voice in what teachers make, and what they teach, is if they work towards the government getting out of education, and letting it be a buyers' market as it should be."

So, find your local hot buttons. Read your local weekly, as well as the big dailies. Many residents who don't read the dailies won't miss the weekly, since it includes their neighborhood news, classifieds, and so on. Reading one or two issues will show you where the issues are, and just how you can use them. Start converting readers to libertarianism – Libertarianism will follow.

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

On February 3, 1913, the Sixteenth Amendment was ratified and added to the U.S. Constitution. That amendment stated the following: The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

To some, the passing of this amendment was hailed as achievement for progress. It reflected the growing "soak the rich" enthusiasm Americans had at the time, and the belief that government was the ideal agency for the economic redemption of all. To others, it was the most anti-democratic proposal that has ever been placed into law. Its critics believed it was designed to hurt working people and reduce the American citizen to the status of subject.

The idea of the income tax was not put forth by a lover of democratic government. It was put forth by a self proclaimed Communist by the name of Karl Marx. He believed that the heavier the income tax, the more that can be collected from all classes, the better it was for all involved.

The Sixteenth Amendment, as Frank Chordov wrote in his book *The Income Tax: Root of all Evil*, allowed government to say to the American citizen "What you earn is not exclusively your own; we have a claim on that, and our claim is more important than yours; we will allow you to keep some of it, because we understand your need not your right, but whatever we allow you to keep is for us to decide".

In the beginning of the 20th century, the U.S. government took only 8% of the national income. Today federal, state and local taxes consume 60% of that with the income tax leading the way. What this all means is that an individual American for six months works hard to pay the government and no one else and the later six months works for him or herself.

To enforce the income tax, the government has to have the power to peer into every corner of an American citizen's life. The government has to have the power to peer and look at customer service records where Americans make their financial transactions. They have to have the power to look at where Americans bank, what mutual funds they put their money in, and what investments they make and so on and so forth. This is a violation of privacy on a massive scale when one comes to think of this seriously, making it sound every bit like something out of George Orwell's *1984*.

What would happen if the sixteenth amendment were repealed? I believe the following would take place:

1. Repealing the income tax would leave trillions of dollars a year in the hands of individual Americans.
2. With no federal income tax, government would have to recognize that what one person earns is exclusively his or her own and that it does not have a claim to it.
3. Private charities and the funding of them would increase in donations, with individual Americans giving money out of the goodness of their hearts and souls and not by government mandate. To organizations that have successes with the poor and needy being self sufficient and not slaves to government handouts and programs.
4. More jobs would be created by the private sector creating a roaring economy with businesses both large and small having money to increase labor, buy equipment and invest in new technologies.
5. Parents would have the financial means to save and send their children to better schools.
6. Americans would have the financial means to purchase a good health insurance policy so that they and their families can be protected in case of illness.
7. Americans would have the financial means to purchase or place a down payment on a home.
8. Americans, particularly younger Americans, would have the incentive to put money away to secure a good retirement.
9. The federal government would have to reduce it's \$2.4 trillion yearly budget and would have to shrink in size thus causing an end to the welfare state.
10. The federal government, with a reduction in size, would have no choice, but to be controlled by the chains of the U.S. Constitution.
11. There would be a society that would be governed by personal individual responsibility and personal individual liberty.

The repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment is very much an uncertainty in this age. Americans have been used to this monstrosity for 91 years now. If Americans haven't realized by now that the income tax is an infringement on their rights and liberties, they never will. Nevertheless, it is nice to dream.

Alex Pugliese
Kenilworth

To Whom It May Concern

Farmingdale, NJ Reaction to Ralph Nader's announced quest for the US Presidency came swiftly today with the formation of a new political party, Concerned People Voicing Concern (CPVC).

Spokesperson Tom Palven, a long-time concernee, stated that he was very, very concerned that Mr. Nader might not be taken seriously enough.

"I believe that people should go concern themselves", said Palven, "because if we are not concerned who will be? If people don't take old prune face seriously a lot of bad things could possibly happen."

Donations to the new party should be made to Palven's e-mail address at PayPal.

Please forward this notice via e-mail to at least three wealthy friends or you will be hit with a meteor. Susan Thornton failed to respond to this request, and you know what happened to her. Yeah, the Susan Crater

TPOV Celebrates 300th Show

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Shad and Reach founded TPOV because they felt that typical L/libertarian outreach events - like OPH's - were not connecting with a majority of citizens. They were searching for a more effective way of contacting people whose primary means of news, entertainment, and formation of opinion was via television. Hence, TPOV was born.

Some readers may not be familiar with the differences between Hosts, Producers, and Directors. Shad has the dual role of both Host and Producer. As Host, he must prepare the topics to be discussed, and circulate them to the guest panelists before the show so they can prepare. He also leads the discussion on camera. As Producer, Shad has an even greater number of responsibilities. These include inviting and arranging the guests, scheduling the studio availability, and completing legal paperwork related to the show.

As Director, I'm like a 'roadie'; I need to arrive first and leave last. I transport TPOV props, energize the studio equipment, help dress (set-up) the studio, enter guests' names into the subtitle (Chiron) unit, etc. During the show, I run the videotape, monitor the audio, communicate with the camera operators to set-up shots, operate the special effects generator to change views, and time the show. The equipment we use was donated by the cable company's regular production facilities. It's second-hand, and cameras and audio equipment are often temperamental. Because I'm preoccupied during the show, I don't really get the opportunity to actually listen to and enjoy the show very much.

In addition to the guest panelists in the photo above, some of our other current regular panelists are Emerson Ellett, Liz Macron, and Keith Quarles. Bob Hull and Michelle Swanson provide additional camera operation.

TPOV tapes its shows at the public-access studios of Cablevision of Monmouth, 800 Brewer's Bridge Road, Jackson, NJ (near Routes 9 and 195), usually on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We typically tape 3 shows per taping session. Our production year runs from September to May. TPOV goes on hiatus during June, July, and August because of the difficulty in securing panelists and crew during the NJ summer shore season.

TPOV's shows are 1/2 hour in length, with no commercial breaks. Shows are aired exactly as they are recorded, with no post-production editing or sound effects. The only audience present is our cast and crew. If YOU have something to say, or would like to be on our panel, please contact us; we welcome your appearance.

Per Cablevision of Monmouth rules, a member of their staff must be present during our show's tapings. TPOV has been fortunate to have had several very dedicated CM liaisons during its history. We would especially like to thank Judy Dunphy, our current CM liaison. Without Judy, we couldn't produce TPOV. She helps trouble shoot and maintain the studio equipment. Judy also coordinates our taping schedule and the airing of our shows. But, Judy is prohibited from actually operating any of the production positions (camera, etc.) during our shows' tapings.

If readers would like to help produce TPOV, we have openings at all of our operations positions. No experience is necessary; we'll train you. These positions are unpaid. But, your name can appear in our credits, giving you the chance to start a portfolio in this exciting and lucrative field. If interested, watch for our e-mail announcements. Or, contact me or call the studio (1-732-367-2095), for info or directions.

We have feedback that citizens all across our state have seen our show. Even some NJ governmental leaders have reported watching TPOV. Readers can view selected prior TPOV shows at <http://www.monmouthlp.org/3rdview/3point.htm>.

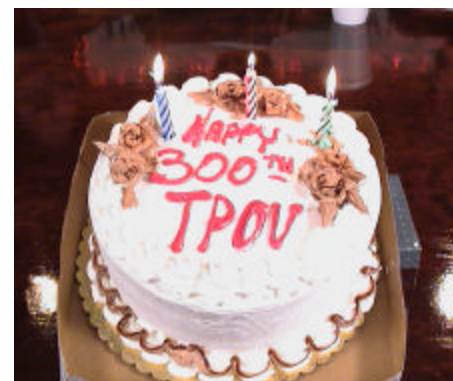
If you can't join us, you can still spread libertarian ideas! NJLP members are borrowing TPOV tapes to run on their own local cable-TV public-access channels. How about you?

Yours In Liberty,

Ray Babecki, Director, "Third Point of View"
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Shad Woolley is Host, Producer, and one of the founders of *Third Point of View*



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The Highland Park resolution calls on Senators Corzine and Lautenberg and Congressman Pallone to work to repeal or amend provisions in the USA Patriot Act that infringe on civil liberties and to ensure that it expire on December 31, 2005. The resolution also calls on these representatives to oppose Patriot II.

This strongly worded document reaffirms the rights of immigrants, racial equality and freedom of religion, speech and assembly and opposes any measures that single out individuals based on these characteristics. It directs the Highland Park Police Department and all Borough agencies and departments to refrain from surveillance of anyone based on political, religious or social views without reasonable grounds; to refrain from using race, religion, ethnicity or national origin as a basis to investigate any individual and to refrain from the execution of a search warrant without adequate notice. It requests that State and Federal law enforcement agencies work in accordance with these Highland Park policies.

Congress passed the USA PATRIOT Act just 45 days after the September 11 attacks, with virtually no debate. Many parts of this sweeping legislation remove checks on law enforcement. For example, without a warrant and without probable cause, the FBI now has the power to access many private medical records, library records, and student records, while preventing those persons whose records the government reviewed from being informed of that fact.

The Coalition has achieved an important first victory! With your help, we can continue this zealous defense of our liberties.

Althea Schoen
 Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War

Did you know...?

...that the great guys at Wallnet offer a terrific bunch of online tools for Libertarians?

If you're interested in discussion, check out www.liberty-talk.org, where items of interest are posted, polls are conducted, and you can get the opinions of other NJLP members and post your own.

Liberty-talk.org does a great job of collecting articles and posting those found by subscribers.

Also, if you haven't already done so, now is the time to sign up for the announce mailing list. This

list is for up-to-the-minute information on your party. You can subscribe either through the interactive menu button on the NJLP state web site

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