



# New Jersey Libertarian



Dr. John Taylor's Billboard shows Highlands Borough that it has a Choice

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## Campaign Report

By State Chair Emerson Ellett

"I am a Registered Libertarian in district [number withheld to protect the innocent] and was looking at the candidates for the 2003 election. How come there are no Libertarian candidates? Is it too late to get a Libertarian on the ballot?" – October email inquiry

Unfortunately the deadline for filing ballot petitions is in early June -- the same day as the primary -- so our friend can't get on the ballot this year. The good news is that we have candidates who are on the ballot! And who knows? Maybe our friend and everyone else who noticed a dearth of Libertarian candidates in his or her district will be so outraged and embarrassed that they will take up the cudgels in 2004 and make sure they have a Libertarian to vote for. Many voters would be hard pressed to justify going to the polls if there isn't at least one Libertarian on the ballot. So, folks, don't sit on your franchise – run for office yourself or find someone who will!

Here's what's happening with our candidates this year, ranked in order from lowest office sought (most likely to be elected) to highest.

John Taylor, Highlands Borough Council (Monmouth County), is running in a municipality with a population of 5,097. He and campaign manager Jay Edgar have a billboard, lawn signs, volunteers and a mailing ready for every voter in town. As our most viable candidate the party has contributed \$2500 to John's campaign. Even with Jay's help John believes that in order to do the job right the party needs a full time, paid campaign manager.

Len Flynn, Monmouth County Freeholder, is running as a trademark candidate, someone who gets his name on the ballot with no commitment to campaign or spend money. Trademarks bolster party recognition and assist in getting a column on the ballot when running with a slate of Libertarians. Still Flynn has been active. At the debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters he declared Libertarians "do not desire to gain political power but to take that power from the politicians and return it to the people."

Jany Sabins, Assembly, 27<sup>th</sup> District (Essex County) has been invited to speak at schools in Newark and Randolph, where probably for the first time ever the kids will hear the freedom message. She has also been interviewed by a weekly paper.

Ray Cragle, Senate, 14<sup>th</sup> District (Mercer and Middlesex Counties), is a first time candidate who is accepting most invitations.

Emerson Ellett, Senate, 11<sup>th</sup> District (Monmouth County) has addressed the Monmouth-Ocean Chiropractors and the editorial board of the local Gannett paper. He and John Taylor, MD, prepared a health care program which Ellett is mailing to every physician in the district. Ellett will also participate in debates at Monmouth University and WOBM.

The importance of candidates cannot be overstated. If we didn't have a candidate in the 11<sup>th</sup> District, for example, the 22 year incumbent would not have been challenged. All he could do at the editorial board meeting was quote from some past editorial endorsements and say how well respected he was on both sides of the aisle in Trenton. He had no ideas about how to deal with education, car insurance or taxation. Nor did the other non-Libertarian candidates have any ideas, except to expand government further. Editors, or at least Gannett editors at seven daily newspapers in New Jersey, are fed up with politics as usual. Sooner or later they're going to endorse Libertarian candidates, but they'll only be able to do so if Libertarians are on the ballot.

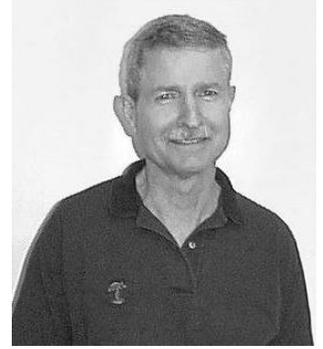
# From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Did the Libertarian Party prevent a police state in New Jersey?

Back in 1996 we passed a resolution supporting the right of citizens to refuse government-mandated "smart cards" that contain computer chips.

"Whereas, the State of New Jersey is experimenting with 'smart card' drivers' licenses containing computer chips that could give the government instant access to a citizen's fingerprints, medical records, tax records, financial records and other personal information; and whereas, the implementation of 'smart card' driver's licenses will enable government to create a giant and detailed demographic database that can be abused...; for example, 'smart card' technology, had it existed, could have been used to more efficiently incarcerate Japanese-Americans during World War II; and whereas, this application of computer chip technology could be used by government for complete tracking, control and subjugation of the people; be it resolved, that the New Jersey Libertarian Party supports the right of citizens to refuse government-mandated 'smart cards' that contain computer chips or magnetic strips used in a similar fashion."



If in fact our resolution did help to put the "smart card" on hold, at least for the time being, our work is far from done. The latest threat to liberty is the PATRIOT Act and its minion, a former FBI agent who is the NJ Director of Counter-Terrorism. According to the state's website "The state may place restrictions on critical locations, transportation systems and highways" during a code red terrorist alert. But Herr Direktor of Counter-Terrorism has his own interpretation: "Red means all non-critical functions cease. Non-critical would be almost all businesses, except health-related. You literally are staying home, is what happens, unless you are required to be out. No different than if you had a state of emergency with a snowstorm. If you are left standing, you are probably a terrorist. And if you are not law enforcement or emergency response that's how we're going to catch you." When we read this threatening statement last month at an ACLU PATRIOT Act forum in Monmouth County the representative from the prosecutor's office assured us that the Direktor had misspoken (and presumably the police state is still at bay).

In any event our Platform Committee will meet this month to consider including the "smart card" resolution in the platform. The committee may also look at the threats posed by the PATRIOT Act and may revise the platform accordingly. Meetings are open to all members, and suggestions are welcome. If you'd like to submit changes to the platform or otherwise participate contact committee chair Elizabeth Macron (emacron@msn.com). The platform is on the web site. For a hard copy send \$1 to NJLP, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07753.

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The indefatigable Bob Hull has set up a "County Specific" area on the Forum page of the web site (<http://forum.njlp.org/index.php>). County chairs, representatives, other county members and the public can post activity there. If you sign up and contact Bob at [rhull@wallnet.com](mailto:rhull@wallnet.com) and tell him your username he'll be able to assign moderator status, which will give control over your county area. The moderator can prune what he or she determines is inappropriate. Thank you, Bob!

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Volunteers needed! We are looking for coordinators to manage student outreach to colleges and possibly high schools. An email from a campaign volunteer underscores why we need to do this. He said, "I earned a Master's degree in political science from the University of Nevada Las Vegas but was taught nothing of the Libertarian Philosophy. After reading David Boaz' 'Libertarianism: A Primer' I changed my outlook on the entire political process and the world." If Masters in political science aren't being taught the freedom philosophy we've got to at least introduce the subject ourselves. A coordinator's duties could include contacting college publications about the policy regarding ads and inserts; arranging hand distribution of outreach materials on campus; contacting high schools regarding their willingness to permit speakers and distribution of literature. As coordinator you can work with one school or as many as you can handle. The party can provide you with brochures. Inform [chair@njlp.org](mailto:chair@njlp.org) and [editor@njlp.org](mailto:editor@njlp.org) so that we give you the support you need, and (with your permission) publicize your efforts.

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How long should party officers stick around? It's been noted that four of the seven Steering Committee members have served for years if not decades. Is the party going in the right direction? Is it time for a change? Secretary Dan Karlan and I think change is needed. Karlan, a former chair himself, and myself, chair for the past three years and Secretary for many years, both decline to be re-elected should we be nominated. The party needs new blood and new ideas. (Not that the stalwart duo is disenchanted. Both will continue to work hard for liberty.) So come on out to the Convention next March and infuse some new blood into the party.

NJLP Annual Convention  
March 12-13, 2004 Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa

**Directions: GSP south to exit 48; south on Route 9 for 7 miles.**

**Friday Night.** Welcome Reception for the Presidential Candidates- Mingle with fellow libertarians, guest speakers and LP Presidential candidates. Open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

**Saturday.** Speakers will present in the morning and early afternoon. Luncheon, coffee breaks and refreshments all included. At the late afternoon business meeting we will elect party officials, select New Jersey candidates and more.

**Saturday Night/Sunday.** Take in nearby Atlantic City with your friends and family! Or, take advantage of the Resort's amenities which include the famous Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa; Indoor Swimming Pool; Sauna and Exercise Room.

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**SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Mary J. Ruwart** has been a libertarian activist since 1982. Dr. Ruwart is best known for her book about political freedom of choice, Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle. The book has been translated into Russian, Serbian, Lithuanian, and Romanian. The third English edition was released in early 2003.

**Dr. Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad** has been a libertarian activist since 1975. He is the current Chair of the LP Judicial Committee. Dr. Ahmad is a frequent guest lecturer on Islam at the Foreign Services Institute. He is currently President of the Minaret of Freedom Institute, an Islamic think-tank in the Washington, DC area.

**Dr. John Berthoud**, President of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) and the National Taxpayers Union Foundation (NTUF) in Alexandria, VA, is also an adjunct lecturer at George Washington University. Prior to joining NTU, Dr. Berthoud worked for a variety of D.C. based public policy organizations. He has been a guest on hundreds of radio and television programs.

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## California Teaches Us a Lesson

By **Tonie Nathan**

So California has a new governor - Arnold Schwarzenegger! Perhaps I'm fantasizing, but this event could have consequences far beyond California.

There are changes that take place at an increasingly rapid pace in all areas of our nation because of new and improved communications and the California recall election was seen by the whole country. What did they see and what did they learn?

The nation witnessed 72% of Californian voters exercise power by voting to recall a politician who did not do what he promised and whom 87% felt was responsible for their poor economy.

If California can do it, why can't other states do it? Why can't other governors and legislators be ousted when they don't keep their promises? Why can't a President who promised to reduce the size of government and cut taxes be recalled when he lies to us. Shouldn't Congressmen be recalled for breaking their promises? If California can do it, maybe "we" can...

The first thing Schwarzenegger said after he had thanked everyone for his election was, "It's very important that we bring back the trust in government itself." He went further, saying, "For the people to win, politics as usual must lose." I agree.

It's time for politicians to stop playing games with the voters. Schwarzenegger says he wants to "reach out to everybody." He might "reach out," but what is he promising or doing for "everybody?"

Everybody is different. We all have different values, needs, abilities and strengths. If a politician wants to help his constituents, he will do what a wise mother does for her children: teach them to be self-reliant, respectful, frugal and to share in family chores.

Each of us has choices to make based on what we can afford. The less the government does for us, the better. We can't all afford everything. But we are a generous and caring nation of people who voluntarily share their largesse with those who need help. We don't have to be taxed to take care of our own. We also don't have to force our citizens to pay for everything anybody wants because there is no end to those "wants" if they are free.

Schwarzenegger has indicated he is fiscally conservative and socially liberal. That is the definition of a libertarian and generally describes the inclinations of most Americans. Most of us try not to spend more than we earn and we don't try to force our values on others. But when we review the California scene we are brought face-to-face with the evils of a big government that does spend more than its revenues and tries to forcibly control private behavior so that black markets, overcrowded prisons and inequality results.

As Schwarzenegger says, "politics as usual must lose" in order to bring back trust in government. Let's hope politicians get the message and are learning from the California recall election.

*Thanks are due to Dan Karlan for forwarding this article. He notes "Toni Nathan was the first LP Vice-Presidential candidate, in 1972. She was the first woman to receive an electoral vote".*

## Show your true colors in NJ

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

### Atlantic County

1333 Atlantic Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

### Bergen County

1 Bergen County Plaza, Room 310  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

### Burlington County

P.O. Box 6000  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

### Camden County

P.O. Box 1066  
Camden, NJ 08101

### Cape May County

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

### Cumberland County

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

### Essex County

33 Washington Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

### Gloucester County

P.O. Box 352  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

### Hudson County

595 Newark Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

### Hunterdon County

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

### Mercer County

P.O. Box 8068  
Trenton, NJ 08650

### Middlesex County

777 Jersey Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

### Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728

### Morris County

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

### Ocean County

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

### Passaic County

311 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Room 103  
Paterson, NJ 07503

### Salem County

90 Market Street  
Salem, NJ 08079-9856

### Somerset County

20 Grove Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

### Sussex County

18 Church Street  
Newton, NJ 07860-9965

### Union County

271 North Broad Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

### Warren County

413 Second Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823



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

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

Democratic\*       Republican\*  
 Green Party       Libertarian Party       Natural Law Party  
 Reform Party       U.S. Constitution Party

**OR**

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

Independent

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

Signature or mark of registered voter \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*"If you are a registered member of the Green Party, Libertarian Party, Natural Law Party, Reform Party, U.S. Constitution Party or an Independent, you cannot vote in either the Democratic or Republican Primary. Declaration must be filed no later than 50 days preceding the primary in which the voter wishes to vote. A newly registered voter or a voter who has never voted in a primary election, can affiliate with the Democratic or Republican Party on the day of the Primary."*

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## Minutes of the NJLP State Board Meeting of September 21, 2003

Present were Emerson Ellett (Chair), Len Flynn (Vice-Chair), Dan Karlan (Secretary), Robert Hull (At-Large 1, arrived 1:45), Andrea Nadolny (Mercer), John Taylor (Monmouth), and Barry Allen (Middlesex). Absent were Lou Stefanelli (Treasurer), Ken Kaplan (At-Large 2), Jay Boucher (At-Large 3), Pat Bontempo (Ocean), and Frank Warren (Somerset).

A quorum for the State Board is 7 of 12. This was met at 1:45.

The agenda was adopted as presented with minor modifications.

The minutes of the 12 August Steering Committee meeting were read, adjusted, and approved.

The Treasurer was not present to give his report; the Vice-Chair circulated his report.

### Under Unfinished Business:

1. BCRA: Nothing to report
2. Election Law: Flynn reported his (and Kaplan's) meeting. In particular, only NJ lumps all non- (Democrat and Republican) votes and reports them as "Independent." CAPP will be seeking a change through the administrative route rather than litigation.
3. Newsletter: Nothing to report.
4. The Web site: Hull proposed (Allen seconded) rescinding the resolution removing the Bylaws from the Web site, thus empowering him to post the Bylaws. The motion passed on a voice vote.
5. Strategic Plan: Nothing to report.
6. 2004 Convention: Nothing to report.

### Under New Business:

- a. Standing Resolutions: Standing Resolutions: John Paff circulated current proposal subdividing the standing resolutions into Positions and Rules.
- b. Committee Reports:
  1. Fundraising: Libertarian Viewpoint disk has been received, ready to go to the printer with customization of the reply box. Prices are \$1320 for 24,000 plus \$1320 to insert them into a Somerset paper. Another possibility: Asbury Park Press offers an option of insertion by Zip codes. The Chair will investigate that option.
  2. Electronic Communications: Nothing to report.
  3. Recruitment and membership: There was discussion of renewals and budget members.
  4. Public Relations: Drug Policy Alliance meeting in the Meadowlands Nov 5-8; the NJLP and LPPa will be there. LPSMC had an OPH at Middlesex Fair and another upcoming in Metuchen.
  5. Candidate Recruitment and Support: Nothing to report.
  6. Campaigns: John Taylor reported on his campaign (billboard reserved, yard signs received).
- b. Open discussion: Hull moved to reduce the number of newsletter issues sent to budget members from 4 to 0. Flynn moved (Nadolny seconded) to postpone this matter to the November General Meeting. The postponement carried on a voice vote.

### Future Meetings and Events:

- Steering Committee – October 14, Stefanelli residence, 7 PM
- General Meeting – November 9, Tumulty's Pub, 1PM; note that we will select delegates to the 2004 National Convention at this meeting
- Steering Committee – December 9, Kaplan residence, 7 PM
- State Board – January 18, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1PM
- Steering Committee – February 17, Ellett residence, 7 PM
- Annual Convention – March 26/27, Atlantic City area; there will be a Friday evening reception to facilitate meeting the candidates for the Presidential nomination, with convention business the following day; the agenda is being developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

## Announcements

Free State Project's Cal Pratt will address the Mercer County Libertarians on his upcoming move to New Hampshire in connection with the Free State Project. Gathering will be a Potluck Dinner in Princeton, NJ on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at 7 PM. Please RSVP to 609-924-7955 or email Berrot@aol.com for directions, the number of people in your group, and the type of food or beverage contribution you can bring.

Our newsletter is professionally produced every month. However, because it accounts for our greatest expense we are currently seeking a volunteer editor. If you possess basic computer and writing skills, and are interested in volunteering for the position of newsletter editor, please contact me at chair@njlp.org. Editor Deb Sackett and Wallnet have done a great job putting the newsletter on-line. If you'd like to receive it on-line, thereby receiving it earlier than print subscribers and saving postage and printing costs, contact Editor@njlp.org

## Got a Minute?

There was a discussion at the June meeting of the Steering Committee regarding ways to convert prospects into members of the NJLP. Currently, anyone expressing an interest in the NJLP receives a Welcome Pack and a free three-month subscription to the *New Jersey Libertarian*. The committee agreed it would be nice if a prospective member could receive more outreach material that would better represent what a great group the NJLP really is. They decided to compile a "Best of NJL" edition that would select past articles that could be particularly of interest to new members.

## What can you do?

Do you have a favorite article from a past issue of NJL? Was there that one article that you gave to a non-Libertarian to read? You can help the NJLP by taking a minute to send an email to bestofnjlp@njlp.org. It would be most helpful if you know the issue and page number of the article. If you have the time, visit the archive at <http://www.njlp.org/newsletters> and click "archive" to browse past issues. Even if you can't locate the article you remember, please send your suggestion with as much information as you recall, and we will try to find your "best" and include it in the next "Welcome Pack".



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**1 800 201-NJLP**

*I want to become a member of the Libertarian Party! I have checked the level at which I want to join and have enclosed the corresponding dues. I certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.*

(Signature required for membership only)  \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send me a Voter Registration Form

Please send me a Voter Declaration of Party Affiliation Form

Membership Level:  \$40 - Both National LP & NJLP  \$25 - National LP only  \$15 - New Jersey LP only

*Newsletter subscription(s) are included with your membership(s).*

Make check payable to NJLP and mail to: NJLP c/o Robert Hull 400 Higgins Ave Ste B Brielle NJ 08730-1414

### Donation

Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help the NJLP in its efforts to expand individual liberty.

### Send to a Friend

I have a friend who might be interested in the NJLP. Please send a complimentary copy of the *New Jersey Libertarian* to:

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NJLP Annual Convention  
March 12-13, 2004 Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR CONVENTION ATTENDEES  
NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION**

Register for the convention before February 12, 2003 and your payment of \$125.00 will also include a ticket to the Friday night reception.

If your registration is postmarked after February 12, 2003, the following prices apply:

Friday night reception: \$65.00 per person

Saturday Convention: \$125.00 per person

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Register on line at [www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org), or Make Check Payable To: NJLP –Send to NJLP c/o Louis Stefanelli, 846 Sycamore Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

(    ) CHECK ENCLOSED FOR : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

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## Calendar

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- State Board – January 18, 1 PM  
Tumulty's Pub, 361 George St.,  
New Brunswick, NJ, 732-656-6205
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Ellett residence, Ocean
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## On The Lighter Side...

### *A Government Tale*

Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert. Congress said someone may steal from it at night, so they created a night watchman, GS-4 position, and hired a person for the job.

Then Congress said, How does the watchman do his job without instruction? So they created a planning position and hired two (2) people, one person to write the instructions, GS-12, and one person to do time studies, GS-11.

Then Congress said, How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly? So they created a Quality Control position and hired two people, one GS-9 to do the studies and one GS-11 to write the reports.

Then Congress said, How are these people going to get paid? So they created the following positions, a time keeper, GS-9, and a payroll officer, GS-11, and hired two people.

Then Congress said, Who will be accountable for all of these people? So they created an administrative position and hired three people, an Administrative Officer GS-13, Assistant Administrative Officer GS-13, and a Legal Secretary GS-08.

Then Congress said, We have had this command in operation for one year and we are \$18,000 over budget, we must cutback overall cost. So they did the obvious and most prudent thing: they laid off the night watchman.

*Shared by Dan Karlan. Author Unknown.*