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### LIBERTARIAN ON THE FRONT LINES

If it's Wednesday, it's time to read another column from NJLP member **Terry Dwyer**, whose column on public policy issues appears in the *Daily Record* (Parsippany, circulation 55,000).

Dwyer, 52, of Morristown (Morris County), is a freelance SAT Tutor and educator who's been a math teacher in several New Jersey schools and was the principal at a school in his native New Hampshire. The government monopoly on education, and his reasons for objecting to it, are often his topics in print.

His columns, which usually expound the moral basis for libertarian positions on public policy issues, first appeared in



**Terry Dwyer** 

1992, and became a regular feature in October of 1993. Since then, he has become something of a lightning rod, as his column is frequently the focal point of controversy.

What follows here is a telephone interview with him conducted on Sunday, February 7:

**NJL:** Did you set out to accomplish something, or did you just want to express yourself?

**TD:** I wanted to try to persuade people to agree with my libertarian beliefs, and I wanted people to hear a limited-government viewpoint. We libertarians don't understand how few people have been exposed to that viewpoint.

NJL: How and when did you get your position?

**TD:** I started out writing letters to the editor. One long letter became a column. I kept submitting columns until they offered me a weekly column in October of '93. Editorial Page Editor Tom Benner called, and said he wanted me "in on a regular basis, so that some would know when to look, and others would know when not to look."

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**NJL:** Do the editors have any role in choosing your subjects?

**TD:** I was told to be local (to Morris County) and current. Their only other input has been occasional suggestions.

NJL: Are your columns edited?

**TD:** Very little. They'll do it to make the text fit within the physical column they allot it.

**NJL:** Are some topics tougher than others to write about?

TD: No.

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# PAFF AND KONEK GET ANOTHER INSTALLMENT - ON VICTORY

NEWARK - According to papers filed in federal court, the Township of East Brunswick has agreed to pay Libertarian Party members **John Paff** and **Timothy Konek** \$12,500 as partial satisfaction of their federal civil rights lawsuit against the township and its police officials. This sum is in addition to a \$25,000 interim fee award that the Township paid to the Libertarians' attorney in November 1997, and the case is not yet over.

The \$12,500 settles Konek's claim that township officials improperly impounded his car after the arrest, and satisfies all claims the pair has asserted against the township or township officers other than the arresting officer, George Kaltenbach. On September 15, 1998, Federal Judge Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr. ruled that Kaltenbach's towing and impounding of Konek's car was unconstitutional. In that ruling, Greenaway also immunized Kaltenbach from the false arrest, malicious prosecution and related federal civil rights claims arising out of the arrest.

Since all of the issues have now been either decided or settled, Greenaway's rulings in Kaltenbach's favor can be appealed. Richard F. Collier, Jr., of Collier, Jacob & Mills in Somerset, Paff's and Konek's attorney, has already appealed those issues to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. If the appeal is successful, it is likely that the township will have to pay additional damages and attorney fees to Paff and Konek.

Officer Kaltenbach arrested Paff, who lives in Somerset, and Konek, who resides in Spotswood, outside the Cranbury Road post office on April 15, 1996. The pair was charged with defiant trespass for distributing mock \$1,000,000 bills to last-minute income tax filers. The mock bills contained language critical of the Internal Revenue Service and federal spending levels. Libertarian Party chapters conduct similar protests every April 15th at hundreds of post offices nationwide.

The pair was jailed for about six hours until they could each raise \$5,000 cash bail. After four court appearances, East Brunswick Prosecutor Michael Richmond conceded that the state didn't have a case and dismissed the charges.

Reference: Paff, et al. v. Kaltenbach, et al., Docket No. 97-1197 (JAG)

# LP THE NEW HOME, SAYS SEAN HANNITY SHOW

WABC Radio talk show host Sean Hannity's sidekick "Sweet Baby James" declared that Republicans disgusted by Republican Senators who voted to acquit Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice would leave the Republican Party in large numbers en route to the LP. The comments were made on Acquittal Day, February 12.

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### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"I wish it, therefore it must be."

- Nicholas Romanov, last Tsar of All the Russias

# PRESSER CHOSEN TO INSTRUCT AT SEMINAR

NJLP Chair **Dr Janice Presser** was chosen as one of the ten "Faculty" members to appear at the Liberty Council's "Victory 2000" conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Memorial Day Weekend.

The promotional literature billing the event promises that Presser "will show you subtle techniques in which your body language and presentation can better position you or your candidate as a winner."

The Liberty Council is a political action committee chaired by **Gene Cisewski**, who ran for Chair of the national LP at last summer's national convention.

### **CORRECTION**

On the front page of the February *NJL*, a leader item said that "Len Flynn wants to" amend the bylaws at the March NJLP Convention.

In fact, the bylaws amendment is being proposed by the entire Bylaws Committee, of which Len Flynn is a member.

The New Jersey Libertarian regrets the error.

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### TREK TO BALTIMORE

By Janice Presser

Twenty-one hardy Libertarian activists trekked to ice-bound Baltimore for a day packed with advice, support, and more than a little humor, on Saturday, January 9.

You had to be there to get the feel of Libertarians-rank individualists all!-moving toward consensus. The morning sessions focused on lessons from successful campaigners. During lunch, the assembled State Chairs of the Mid-Atlantic Region-all six present!-easily agreed on their choice for Representative to the Libertarian National Committee, Jim Turney, and Alternate Representative, Rich Schwartz.

There was yet more consensus to come. After lunch, participants gathered once more to hear tales of gathering the low hanging fruit (or why the Soil and Water Commission appears to be heavily Libertarian...) and finally to experience the joys of being arrested while working for freedom, and what to do and what not to do if this really happens.

We agreed to support the Hemp Fair in DC July 4 by staffing a booth promoting the LP as the only political party that supports people's rights to manage their own lives. Bill Lawry of Virginia, point man on this project, wants 500 Libertarians at this event. We will not be engaging in any civil disobedience, but will be recruiting members and making statements against the War on Drugs. Much guerilla theater is planned, so contact me at chair@njlp.org with your ideas and talents. Guitar players needed!

### **NEW EDITOR APPOINTED**

At the February 21 State Board Meeting, Janice Presser appointed Jim VanBlarcom of Neptune (Monmouth County) the new Editor of the New Jersey Libertarian. He may be reached at:

Voice 732 918 8600 Fax 732 918 8603

# **FORTUNE COOKIE**

"Many a false step is made by standing still."

# PAFF/KONEK SETTLEMENT COVERED

The East Brunswick Sentinel covered the damages award won by NJLP members John Paff and Tim Konek from the Township of East Brunswick, in a story entitled "TOWNSHIP SETTLES WITH TWO TAX DAY PROTESTERS," which appeared on February 10.

In boldface, the story noted that "THE PAYMENT IS IN ADDITION TO \$25,000 IN ATTORNEY FEES." The story noted that the two were "arrested...outside the East Brunswick post office on Cranbury Road, where the pair had been handing out fake million-dollar bills to last-minute income tax filers. The mock bills contained language critical of the Internal Revenue Service and federal spending levels. Libertarian Party chapters conduct similar protests every April 15 at hundreds of post offices nationwide."

# PRESSER AND SCHLEYER ANNOUNCE FOR ASSEMBLY

NJLP Chair **Dr. Janice Presser** and Atlantic County LP Chair **Chris Schleyer** have announced their candidacies for state assembly in the eighth district.

Presser is scheduled to address the Reform Republicans of Stafford Township on Friday, March 12, at 8pm. All are welcome.

This event will take place at the Manahawkin Cultural Center (formerly the Old Baptist Church) on Route 9, one block north of Route 72. For more information about this event, contact her campaign treasurer, NJLP member **Ken Bank**, at 609 607 1881, or at kennbank@aol.com

Those wishing to donate to the Presser campaign are asked to make checks payable to "Janice Presser for Assembly" and send them to Ken Bank at 7 Willowtree Court, Barnegat, NJ 08005.

## HUNTERDON COUNTY LP SPONSORS BILL OF RIGHTS ESSAY CONTEST By Hal Shute

Hunterdon County NJLP members Rob Tannen, Ned Kelley, and Chris Wuestefeld have announced a Bill of Rights Essay Contest open to all Hunterdon County high school juniors. They loosely modeled the contest after the annual "Objectivist" essay contest sponsored by the Ayn Rand Institute.

The topic is described in the rules: "Choose one of the first ten amendments to the US Constitution and explain using current events how the freedom it was intended to preserve is now in danger of being lost." Entries are to be 1000 words or less, and will be judged based on "originality, language skill, coherence and persuasive of argument, and sincerity and personal investment of the author".

The deadline for entry is April 15. The author of the first place essay will receive a \$500 cash award and have their work published in the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, the weekly newspaper in the area. Second and third prizes are \$250 and \$100, respectively. The prize money has been pledged by the local members, and will be awarded by May 31.

Although the contest is designed and promoted as non-partisan, the sponsors believe their investment will pay off by introducing local teens to the Libertarian Party and encouraging them to look critically at current events from a constitutional viewpoint. For many this is an important step toward becoming libertarians. Parents and teachers will be reminded that the Libertarian Party is an alternative to the status quo, and press coverage of the event is hoped for.

The contest has been promoted in all Hunterdon County high schools, all of which are publicly owned. Social Studies teachers have been asked to introduce the students to the contest. Home schoolers are being actively sought, and anyone who knows of potentially interested home schooled students currently at the 11th grade level residing in Hunterdon County is encouraged to contact the organizers.

Anyone with questions can contact Ned Kelley at 908 832 5602 or submit email to hunterdon@njlp.org

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**NJL:** Gannett recently bought the *Daily Record*. Have you noticed any changes in management policy since then?

**TD:** The former publisher, Tom Geyer, often disagreed with me, but he told me once that he had "found my Mencken." Editorial Page Editor Tom Benner often endured criticism for including my column, although he personally often disagreed with it himself.

Personnel changes related to the change of owners has resulted in their not publishing two of my columns, and telling me that I won't automatically be included every week anymore.

**NJL:** Many letters reacting to your columns have been published. Do you receive many sent to you privately?

**TD:** A few very nice ones, some of which have led to friendships. But overall, very few, and only one threat.

Two people, including Morristown Town Clerk Bill Chambers, have written columns defending my right to have and express unpopular opinions. Because of the pro-freedom positions I take, I've had enthusiastic responses from gun owners, anti-tax activists, and some homosexuals.

NJL: Have you ever been embarrassed by LP Platform positions, or by support shown by LP members?

TD: No.

NJL: Any suggestions for the LP or NJLP?

**TD:** Broaden the party's appeal. Realize how unusual many libertarian beliefs seem to most people.

NJL: Any advice to other Libertarians who want to get published? **TD:** Be persistent. It's a competitive field, with many more would-be writers than places to put their writings.

Have non-libertarians read your stuff before you submit it, to see if it's really as understandable and persuasive as you think it is.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

# NJLP MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS

### NJLP CONVENTION

Saturday, March 27, 9am Ramada Inn Route 33, Hightstown

#### NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE

Sunday, April 18, 1pm Location TBA

### NJLP STATE BOARD

Sunday, May 16, 1pm Tumulty's Pub 361 George Street, New Brunswick



# NAME THAT SAGE



James Madison

#### Last month's quote:

"As a man is said to have a right to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in his rights."

was the comment of James Madison, later Fourth President of the USA, in the *National Gazette* of March 29, 1792.

### NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE

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Treasurer	Lou Stefanelli treasurer@njlp.org	732 450 0270
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At-Large	Tom Wright . atlarge2@njlp.org	201 651 0436
At-Large	Ned Kelley atlarge3@njlp.org	908 534 5562

# NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 1999

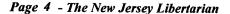
**Location:** The home of Tom Wright, Oakland

Present: Presser, Flynn, Ellett, Quarles, Wright, Kelley

Absent: Stefanelli

#### Actions:

- 1) The bylaws amendment proposal of the Bylaws Committee was approved. It will be submitted to the State Board for review.
- Barry Perlman shall represent the NJLP in booking the hotel for the convention.



# THE 1999 NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1999 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, RAMADA INN ROUTE 33 WEST, HIGHTSTOWN, NJ

Just east of New Jersey Turnpike Exit 8
609 443 8000

## Luncheon Program - 12 noon - 6pm

Sumptuous three-course meal featuring your choice of: Chicken Française, Sliced Steak with Mushroom Sauce, or Vegetarian Pasta

Followed by guest speakers:

**Congress of Racial Equality President** 

# **Roy Innis**

**Future of Freedom Foundation President** 

# Jacob Hornberger

"Libertarianism; The Hope for the Millenium"



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### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

NJLP members will be asked to approve or reject a series of additions to the NJLP bylaws at the March 27 Convention in Hightstown. The additions and changes would restore NJLP mandates for county Libertarian Parties in New Jersey which were removed in 1994. The following is a series of comments by **Len Flynn**, a member of the Bylaws Committee, which he offers as explanation of the rationale for the changes. The proposed changes themselves appeared in this space in the February *New Jersey Libertarian*.

#### Accountability:

County Committees need to be accountable to the NJLP membership. As our party gains strength, "hostile takeover" by our opponents and their deliberate attempts to field odious LP candidates are threats to the party's efforts to advance liberty. Strong county committees can protect the LP name and help build local campaigns—the only sure way to move forward in the long term.

#### Candidate endorsement:

Currently all LP candidates must be approved at the NJLP annual convention. This is the way the party protects its "Libertarian Party" corporate name to assure only freedom-oriented individuals seek office under our banner.

However, reviewing every local and regional candidate at the convention is cumbersome and review of the candidate's qualifications is best performed by the LP county committees. Since local libertarians recruit most local and county candidates anyway, they should be empowered to endorse such individuals.

#### Dues share:

The NJLP has a program to refund a portion of the dues from individuals recruited by local LP organizations. This plan rewards local recruiting and recognition of county groups would avoid potential conflicts between rival recruiters. Long term stability in member renewals and dues will assist county parties and enhance grass roots activism.

### Liability and insurance:

The state party is moving to acquire liability insurance which extends to events run by county parties. Currently, an increasing number of county fairs require costly liability insurance before "Operation Politically Homeless" or other booths can be set up. Defining county groups can assist in gaining this coverage through the state party, so that excessive insurance costs will no longer block local LP organizations from doing such outreach activities.

### State law for political parties:

New Jersey election law explicitly defines county party structure for the old parties. The sooner the NJLP can develop definitive county committees the better for our party, particularly in the light of the current lawsuit to overturn N.J.'s onerous definition of "political party" which excludes everyone except Republicans and Democrats. If we win recognition, even partially, we will quickly need county committees to implement the legal breakthrough at the local level.

#### **Existing local organizations:**

Existing local organizations would not be affected by this change. Nothing in the proposal would require organizations such as SCALP (Sussex County) and LPSMC (Somerset/Middlesex Counties) to disband or submit to state party control. Such organizations, which currently have no connection with the NJLP, could continue to operate independently, if they desire.

The only change that may be required is that those local organization with the words "Libertarian Party" in their names may have to change their names, so as not to be confused with the county committees developed through the caucus process.

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# Proposed NJLP Bylaws Amendments Concerning County Organizations Draft #3, 1/21/99

Readers needing a copy of the NJLP Bylaws may order one. See Page 7.

Revise Sec. 9.c. to read:

All candidates must be NJLP members and run under the designation "Libertarian Party" in partisan elections. The NJLP Secretary shall provide written certification to pertinent election officials that approved NJLP candidates are authorized to run under that designation.

Add to the beginning of Sec. 9.d. "Except as provided in Section 10,"

Add new section 10 and renumber subsequent sections (with clerical corrections to references elsewhere in the Bylaws, as needed):

#### 10. County Committees

a. Composition

There shall be twenty-one County Committees, corresponding to the twenty-one New Jersey counties. Each NJLP member in good standing shall be a member of the County Committee for the county of his or her residence.

b. Selection of Officers of County Committees:

At a designated time during each annual convention, each committee shall caucus and elect a chair and a State Board representative, together with any other officers it may choose, from its membership, for terms to expire at the next annual convention. A person may be elected to hold more than one office, and need not be present at the convention in order to be elected, provided his or her consent is obtained.

By the close of the caucuses and resumption of regular convention business, the newly elected county chairs shall file with the NJLP secretary the names and positions of those elected. Any county committee not making such a filing shall be deemed to have chosen to remain inactive.

At a designated time, the NJLP secretary shall report to the convention each county committee which made a filing, the offices established and the officers selected. After the report, the NJLP chair shall ask the assembly for any objections to approval of the county committees as reported. In the absence of an objection, the county committees reported shall be approved as active county committees. If there is objection, the counties not objected to shall be approved as active, and the approval of the remaining county committees shall be debated and brought to a vote.

At every general meeting that is not a convention, there shall be a time designated for inactive county committees to caucus and elect officers. The caucusing, reporting and approval procedures shall be done in the same manner as at an annual convention. The terms of any county officers elected shall expire at the next annual convention.

c. Deactivation of County Committees:

At any general meeting, any county committee may be deactivated by a two-thirds vote, provided that prior notice of the intent to deactivate that county is included in the call of the meeting.

d. Meetings of County Committees:

Unless and until an active County Committee adopts bylaws to the contrary, a County Committee shall i.) meet at the call of its chair, or upon petition of five percent, but no less than three, of its members; ii.) give prior notice of each meeting to each member of the County Committee; and iii.) govern its meetings according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*. In no event shall the bylaws of any County Committee be inconsistent with those of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

e. Joint County Committees

Two or more County Committees may caucus together at the annual convention, or meet together thereafter, and upon the separate resolution of each County Committee to be joined, may join together as a single County Committee. The members of each county within each such joined County Committee shall nonetheless separately elect their own State Board representative. A county may separate from a joint committee and be represented independently upon passage of a resolution to do so by the county members, election of county officers, and notification of the NJLP Secretary.

Any counties joined shall become separated at the next annual convention, unless those counties again resolve to be joined together.

f. Powers of County Committees

An active County Committee-

(1) shall be authorized to use the name "Libertarian Party" within its geographic region;

(2) may issue and publicize official positions and statements of the Libertarian Party as they relate to issues and concerns within its geographic region; and (3) may select candidates for public office for political districts which lie entirely within its geographic region. Committees may jointly select candidates by consent of the adjoining counties when districts encompass more than one county. Disputes between counties will be mediated by a member of the

by consent of the adjoining counties when districts encompass more than one county. Disputes between counties will be mediated by a member of the Steering Committee and, if necessary, resolved by vote of the Steering Committee. Candidates whose election districts have all or part of their area within counties lacking active county committees must be approved at the NJLP Convention.

A statement containing the name of each candidate and corresponding public office sought must be filed with the NJLP Secretary upon the selection being made. Upon confirmation that the candidate meets the selection conditions [i.e., sections 10.f(3) and 9.c.], the NJLP Secretary shall certify that the candidate is authorized to run under the designation "Libertarian Party."

Delete items c. d. and e. from (new) Section 11. Implementation (obsolete references)

Add new subsection to (new number)

12. Quorum:

d. County Committees may set their own quorum requirements.

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### HOW TO START AN LP TOWN COMMITTEE

By Mark Tuniewicz

All politics are local. Forming a Town Committee ("TC") is a proven way to bring tangible benefits of greater visibility, political influence, and more active party members to your community. It's happening all over the country. Here's how you can get started.

Begin by planning an initial organizing meeting. Tell your state chair that you're forming a TC, and get a list of Libertarians in your town. Pick a date and location, and send a letter to those local members. Don't be discouraged if only a handful of names are in your town; as you'll see, much can be accomplished with

few people in the beginning. Follow-up your mailing with a personal phone call to encourage attendance. If there's a "hot" local issue, you might use the formation of a position on it as a catalyst to help encourage participation.

A TC needs bylaws—the simpler the better. You can clone your state by-laws, or for a short-and-sweet example email LPCT activist John Joy at jmj@lpct.org Now is also a good time to contact your Secretary of State's office and obtain state-specific information relating to financial reporting and contribution restrictions for TCs.

Since you will be "Chair Pro Tem" during the initial

meeting, have a draft of the bylaws ready, make any changes needed, and

vote to adopt them. After you elect officers, you officially exist as a political entity. If you're meeting at a library, that's a good opportunity to get the contact names and fax numbers for your local newspapers and radio stations. Create a professional-looking letterhead with your trusty word processor, write up an announcement of the TC's formation, and fax away. Not sure how to do a press release? The National LP is a good source for an example of a format you can follow.

So . . . you've formed a committee, and the locality now knows of your existence. What's next?

A TC should attempt to observe, comment on, and affect municipal governance. Attend those weekly town or school committee meetings, including separate budget-related ones. Get a copy of the town budget, and, after finding it inscrutable, call the town treasurer and ask questions about it until you have a comfortable understanding of the document, as well as the process by which it is created. Get a copy of your town charter as well, so you can understand the rules of the game.

What kinds of issues should you focus on? I'll go out on a limb by suggesting taxes and spending levels as a good starting point, but you need to be more specific to be effective. Anyone can be a "crank," show up at a public hearing, and badger the town fathers about government



Mark Tuniewicz

"Here's how you can get started."

gone out of control. To be effective, you must offer credible alternatives in a constructive, positive fashion. Don't send letters; in-person is best.

Try to create opportunities to show yourselves as the good guys; a food drive for a local non-governmental charity, or similar high-profile volunteerism. Walk the walk of Libertarian volunteerism, and leverage any existing community involvement on the part of your local members.

Eventually, a TC becomes a launching point for local candidates. Example: In Oxford, Connecticut (pop. 10,000), a 1994 proposal to hire an Economic Development Director

precipitated the formation of the Oxford Town Libertarian Committee; three or four people to begin with. Repeated public testimony on behalf of the committee was given by its chair, computer consultant John Joy, whose effective press releases helped to create press coverage of the issue. After the proposal stalled, Mr. Joy was on a roll. He got appointed to a local board. Later, his committee graciously created a web site promoting the town, with the blessing of the Selectmen. The following year, the TC ran a slate of five Libertarian candidates, and later they packed a local hall to capacity for a catered fund-raiser/campaign kick-off,

complete with prominent local supporters and press.

Concurrently, the nearby town of Windham, Connecticut formally organized, and ran a local slate of 25 Libertarians. Committees continue to be organized and active in Connecticut, including Stamford & Norwich, Connecticut.

By now you're getting the idea—Town Committees work!

They are a basic building block in creating a more widespread Libertarian Party presence, allowing us the opportunity to show ourselves as constructive, concerned citizens who want what's best for our towns. If you want to attract more publicity and more members, there's nothing like an active TC to stimulate local interest in Libertarianism. And especially when you're just starting out, a few people can make a difference.

You can, too. Stand up for Liberty—make a commitment to organize your town this year.

Libertarian National Committee (LNC) member Mark Tuniewicz (nhliberty@ aol.com) served as campaign manager for the Windham, Connecticut slate of candidates, as well as for John Joy's bid for Selectman. He was elected LNC Treasurer at the 1998 LP National Convention.

### **MEMORY LANE**

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