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WASHINGTON, D.C. - NJLP Chair **Janice Presser** and NJLP Steering Committee member **Keith Quarles** gave two of the seven nomination speeches for Chair at the 1998 Libertarian National Convention here, on Saturday, July 4. Presser seconded the nomination of **Gene Cisewski** of Washington, D.C., for Chair of the Libertarian Party. Quarles gave the nominating speech for NOTA (None Of The Above.)

The final vote totals in the race:

David Bergland	350
Gene Cisewski	241
NOTA	14

The New Jersey Delegation vote:

Gene Cisewski	25
David Bergland	9
NOTA	2

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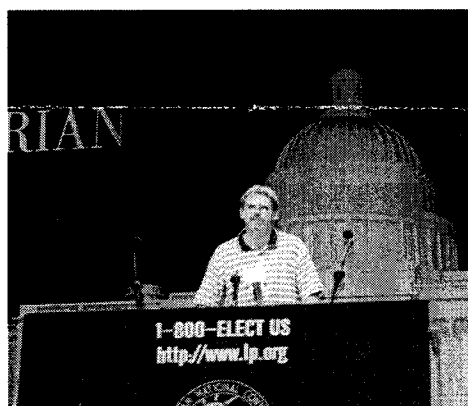
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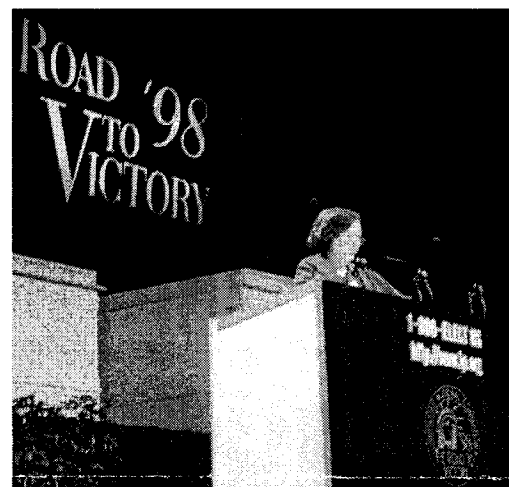
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Steering Committee member **Keith Quarles** nominating NOTA



NJLP State Chair **Janice Presser** at the podium

In her speech, Presser said Cisewski's election would do more to foster grass-roots activities, result in greater numbers of Libertarians holding elected and appointed local office and more local Libertarian organizations:

"Gene has the personal and professional qualities needed for Libertarian victory in the next millenium. He knows how to run a business. He knows how to lead a team. He brings people together. He values the great diversity of our party membership."

Quarles said neither candidate had convinced him that their plans would serve the interests of the party as well as those interests deserve.

SUPREME COURT TRIUMPH

Liz Macron wins a unanimous New Jersey Supreme Court over to our libertarian heritage. **Page 2**

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MACRON WINS UNANIMOUS SUPREME COURT RULING FOR JURY RIGHTS



Elizabeth Macron

New Jersey's Supreme Court unanimously ruled that those facing forfeiture of their cars or homes by law enforcement are constitutionally entitled to a jury trial. It is a major setback for the War on Drugs in New Jersey, especially for those law enforcers who have grown dependent on the revenue derived from selling a steady stream of houses, cars, and bank accounts confiscated from those suspected of using or dealing drugs.

The Court accepted the arguments of Attorney and NJLP member **Elizabeth Macron**, ruling that those facing major asset forfeitures were entitled to jury trials in Colonial New Jersey, and that that right was therefore included in the New Jersey Constitution. To change this right would therefore require amendment of New Jersey's current Constitution. This ruling confirms the victory first won by Macron in June of 1997, at the appellate court level ("*Macron wins reversal of New Jersey forfeiture laws*" - July 1997 NJL).

The victory was covered in the July 16 *Star-Ledger*, in an item entitled "*Justices restrain property seizures*" and in the July 16 *Philadelphia Inquirer*, in a story billed "*Talk about a legal precedent; Case from 1685 could save NJ woman's 1990 Honda.*" The *Inquirer* story was on the front page, and included this:

McDermott, a widow who is in ill health, relied on her daughter to drive her around after the Honda was seized, according to her attorney, Elizabeth Macron. McDermott told the lower court she was aware of her son's criminal record and tried in vain to prevent him from using the car. The son, Jackie, had pleaded guilty to selling heroin to undercover police.

McDermott asked the local Libertarian party to recommend an attorney, and she got one with a love of history.

Macron said she pored over old law books in the Rutgers special collections room in New Brunswick, where the temperature is kept constant and no writing implements are allowed. On the other hand, she came across the relevant Alexander Hamilton citation one night while reading the Federalist papers in her living room. For fun.

"I just got back from going to Monticello on vacation," she offered as further evidence of her historical bent.

The New Jersey Constitution, both in its most recent incarnation, from 1947, and in the 1776 original, guarantees the right to a jury trial in certain instances. The main issue in the case was whether seizure of property is one of those instances.

The answer lies in English common law, the court found.

"Generally, if English common law provided Englishmen with a right to a trial by jury, New Jersey common law provided a comparable right to the people of this state," the court wrote.

NJLP Chair Dr **Janice Presser** said, "*I'd like to be President some day, just to have the honor of nominating Liz Macron to the Supreme Court. Her dedication to Liberty knows no bounds.*"

Somerset/Middlesex LP Chair **John Paff**, who is also a founding member and the Secretary of FEAR (Forfeiture Endangers American Rights), said, "*In Monmouth County, Prosecutor John Kaye once filed a forfeiture complaint against a car belonging to a guy who vandalized some construction equipment. The guy and his friends had arrived early for a sporting event, got drunk and vandalized the equipment which was sitting on a nearby lot. Kaye theorized that the car was an 'instrumentality' of the crime because it transported the guys to the site of the vandalism. The Monmouth County Superior Court agreed and forfeited the car.*

This is exactly why we need jury trials in forfeiture cases. Juries will bring some level of common sense to this abomination known as civil asset forfeiture. Based on Kaye's twisted logic, the garage the car was kept in could have just as well been forfeited." **T**

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D'AMBROSIO REPLACES BUONCRISTIANO ON CONGRESSIONAL SLATE

NJLP member **Blaise D'Ambrosio** of Hoboken will replace **Mike Buoncristiano** as the NJLP candidate for Congress in the Thirteenth District, which includes much of Hudson County and towns in eastern Essex, eastern Union, and eastern Middlesex Counties.

RICHARDS EXPELLED FROM OFFICE

NJLP member **Eugene Richards** was removed from his seat on the West Milford Township (Passaic County) Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) by a 3-2 vote of the Township Committee at their June meeting.

The action was a response to a formal complaint against Richards filed by ZBA members offended by his statement on the record that "zoning is a confiscation of private property." This comment, and the newspaper item it appeared in, were reported in the April/May *New Jersey Libertarian*. The story was covered in the West Milford *Aim* in a front page story on June 28.

Richards invoked his right to a public hearing before the action was taken. He remains a member of the West Milford Economic Development Commission.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I guess I would have voted with the majority if it was a close vote. But I agree with the arguments the minority made."

- Bill Clinton, commenting on the 1991 Gulf War resolution.

BOB GRANT, LP MEMBER?

Syndicated radio talk show host Bob Grant announced on the air July 17 that, if New Jersey's Republican state legislature votes to advance the proposed gas tax increase, Grant would join the Libertarian Party.

Grant made the comments during a conversation with Sam Perelli of United Taxpayers of New Jersey.

M.A.C. IS BORN

NJLP Chair **Janice Presser** is one of twelve LP activists forming a group called The Mid-Atlantic Activists Coalition (MAC).

The group plans to hold their inaugural meeting at a hotel in Atlantic City on Saturday, September 26. The day-long conference begins at 9am. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the effect of national issues on LP affiliates, and to cover strategies for elections, public relations, and fundraising.

The cost per participant is \$40. NJLP members wishing to attend should contact Janice Presser at 609 273 3253, or at chair@njlp.org

FIGUEROA SUES JUDGE

By John Paff

TRENTON - June 29, 1998 - A civil rights suit was filed in federal court here today by Trenton firefighter and NJLP member **Robert Figueroa** against Trenton Municipal Court Judge Audrey P. Blackburn. Figueroa, the NJLP candidate for Congress (L-4) in 1996, claims that Blackburn violated his civil rights by holding him in contempt of court on July 8, 1996 and jailing him for fourteen days.

Figueroa appeared before Blackburn on charges filed by two Mercer County Superior Court Judges that he sent them "harassing" correspondence. When Figueroa attempted to advise Blackburn that the municipal court had no jurisdiction over matters brought by Superior Court Judges, Blackburn cut him off in mid-sentence and said, "Officer, just arrest that man." Figueroa was immediately taken to the Mercer County Workhouse where he spent the next fourteen days.

In papers filed in federal court, Figueroa's attorney, NJLP member **Elizabeth Macron**, asserted that her client was merely trying to inform Blackburn of an administrative directive issued by the late Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Wilentz requiring that any matter in which a judge brings a criminal complaint against a citizen be handled by the Assignment Judge of the vicinage, not the municipal court.

Macron also complained that Blackburn "willfully refused" to hold a hearing on Figueroa's alleged contempt, and that the judge violated court rules by refusing to stay the sentence for five days to give Figueroa a chance to appeal the contempt conviction.

"Basically, they held Bob in jail for fourteen days for nothing," said NJLP Chair **Janice Presser**, pointing out that the contempt charge was overturned on appeal and that the original harassment charges were dropped. "Blackburn never gave him the required five-day stay of sentence, nor did she even hold a hearing on the alleged contempt. She just said 'arrest him' and off he went. Apparently, this is what passes for justice in the Trenton Municipal Court."

EDGERTON SEEKS NJLP NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR, 2001

NJLP member **Mark Edgerton** of Hopatcong (Sussex County) has begun his campaign for Governor of New Jersey as a Libertarian Party candidate in 2001. Edgerton, 48, a real estate broker, has spent much of the last few months recruiting members for the NJLP, including this year's LP candidate for Warren County Freeholder, **Martin Domacasse**.

Edgerton placed an advertisement for his campaign on the back cover of the official program of the Libertarian National Convention.

SIANO RESIGNS FROM STEERING COMMITTEE TO CAMPAIGN FOR CONGRESS



Joe Siano

NJLP Steering Committee At-Large member **Joe Siano** resigned his seat so that he could devote himself full-time to his campaign for Congress in the Twelfth District. Siano cited the heavy demands on his time that campaign is making as the reason he had to give up the Steering Committee seat.

NJLP members interested in the seat should contact Janice Presser at 609 273 3253 or email jpresser@netaxs.com

NJLP STATE BOARD MEETING May 17, 1998

Location: Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick
Present: Presser, Ellett, Stefanelli; Quarles, Wright, Siano; Panella, Perlman
Absent: Flynn, Abrams

Successful Motions:

- 1) **Dan Maiullo** approved as Candidate for Monmouth County Sheriff
- 2) NJLP shall pay candidate workshop fee for Political Director **Mike Buoncristiano**
- 3) **William Raven Stormbringer Frankenfield** approved as Candidate for Congress, 8th District

Other Actions:

- 1) With this second absence, **Tom Abrams'** seat is vacant.
- 2) A program proposal called *Adopt a County* was received from **Tom Wright**

For a photocopy of the minutes of this meeting as prepared by Secretary Emerson Ellett, NJLP members may send a SASE to NJLP Minutes at 281 Houses Corner Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848

PROCESS SERVING: AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OCCUPATION?

By John Paff

Some New Jersey sheriffs are notoriously slow in serving summonses in civil cases. After debating the issue off and on for the past decade, the New Jersey Supreme Court's Civil Practice Committee has recommended an amendment to the state's court rules that would allow private companies to compete with the pokey sheriffs. According to its report published February 16, 1998, "the Committee recommends that the market be allowed to determine who serves process – Sheriff's officers whose fees may be less but who may not effectuate service promptly, or private process servers, who may charge more to get the job done . . ."

County sheriffs, who have always had a monopoly on serving civil process, were subjected to limited competition by a 1994 rule change that allowed litigants to hire private process servers only after the sheriffs failed to effectuate service within forty days. The delays continued. After grumbling from the sheriffs that "the responsibility of serving initial process is onerous," the Committee decided to give free markets a chance.

Naturally, private process servers are in support of a free market – as long as it doesn't go too far. Philip Geron, president of the New Jersey Association of Process Servers, has urged the Committee to "establish controls over private process servers," e.g. by licensing them. Geron has even had legislation drafted to impose a licensing requirement. The Committee has reserved comment on Geron's proposal and is waiting to see if the licensing legislation is introduced. **T**

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"FRIENDS" OF THE LP

By Chris Toto

At the national LP Convention, an informal caucus of "Friends" (the term Quakers use to refer to each other) was gathered.

Apparently, there is a greater than chance statistical probability of Quakers being attracted to Libertariania.

If you or your parents are Quakers, or if you know a Quaker, contact Gary Reams, a Virginia delegate, at freeamerica@erols.com or 703 791 4855.

MERCER COUNTY LP ELECTION

The Mercer County Libertarian Party will elect a State Board Representative at its September meeting, which will be held in Meeting Room #1 of the Lawrence Branch of the Mercer County Library, Route 1 at Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Contact Chris Toto at 609 883 0697, or mercerlib@aol.com, for the latest information.

NJLP GETS TITLE 19

The New Jersey Libertarian Party Library received a copy of *New Jersey's Annotated Statutes, Title 19: Elections* (approx. \$200 value.)

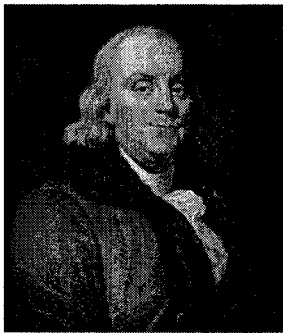
This generous gift came from Delaware LP member **Doug Stoxen**, who played an important part in organizing the Salem County New Jersey Libertarian Party.

NJLP members wishing to refer to or borrow this volume should contact Librarian **Emerson Ellett**. See Page 4 for number and e-mail address.

FORTUNE COOKIE

"Avert misunderstanding by calm, poise, and balance."

NAME THAT SAGE



Benjamin Franklin

Last month's quote:

"Where liberty is, there is my country"

was in a letter from **Benjamin Franklin** to Benjamin Vaughan, dated March 14, 1783, according to *A New Dictionary of Quotations* by H.L. Mencken.

"Sir, I do not know what it (electricity) is good for. But of one thing I am quite certain: someday, you (a politician) will tax it."

Who said this? The answer in the September *New Jersey Libertarian*.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NJLP State Board Meeting

Sunday, August 16th, 1pm
Tumulty's Pub, 361 George Street, New Brunswick 732 545 6205

NJLP Steering Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 20th, 1pm
At the home of Janice Presser in Moorestown
609 273 3253

NJLP Steering Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 17th, 1pm
At the home of Tom Wright in Oakland
201 651 0436

NJLP General Meeting

Saturday, November 7th, 1pm
Location to be announced

NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 21, 1998

Location: The home of Lou Stefanelli, in Tinton Falls

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

Absent: None

Successful Motions:

- 1) The General Fund shall be deposited at Sovereign Bank, and the General Fund account at Ramapo Bank shall be closed. The State and Federal Fund Accounts shall remain at Ramapo Bank.
- 2) The NJLP shall pay up to \$60 for supplies for the annual picnic at the Flynn's residence.

Other Actions:

- 1) The NJLP, as a member of the Council of Alternative Political Parties (CAPP), will be a party to an imminent lawsuit challenging the 10% of the popular vote requirement for official recognition as a "Political Party". The Constitution Law Center and the Public Interest Law Center are to represent us.
- 2) Presser reappointed Len Flynn NJLP Lobbyist, for two more years.

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The New Jersey Delegation

These were the New Jersey delegates as of Friday afternoon.

Front row (L-R): Tom Abrams, Mike Panella, Janice Presser, Ginny Flynn, Liz Macron, Lou Stefanelli

Second Row: Ed Wiessmann, Jeff Pfeiffer (partly obscured), Len Flynn, Mike Buoncristiano, Diane Adler, Suzanne Laguerre

Third Row: Glenn Campbell, Rob Tannen, Mark Edgerton, Barry Perlman, Don Imbriale, Chuck Karczag

Fourth Row: John Paff (holding son Alex), John Richardson, Keith Quarles, Chris Toto, Emerson Ellett, Tom Wright

Fifth Row: Dan Karlan

Present at other times, but not pictured here: Paul Austin, Dave Brown, Sean Dougherty, Ben Grindlinger, Ned Kelley,

Austin Lett, Lyla Lett, Don Meinshausen, Fran Mladjenovic, Paul Mladjenovic, Steve Nagle, Carl Peters

Thanks to Delegate Tony Spezio of Laurel, Maryland, who took this picture.

NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN CONVENTION DIARY

By Ed Wiessmann

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Libertarian National Convention met here from Thursday, July 2, through Sunday, July 5, and thirty-seven NJLP members were present for all or most of it. All told, 612 delegates were seated. Much of the action on the convention floor was televised on C-Span. While convention business was conducted in a 2000 seat hall at the Washington Convention Center, seminars organized by the National Committee proceeded in other, smaller, rooms, both within the Convention Center and at the Renaissance Hotel, where all banquets were held. In addition, a separate area open to the public was set aside for the approximately two dozen vendors and exhibitors who offered everything from books debunking global warming to Liberty Penguin T-Shirts, to information about proportional voting. What follows here is a personal review of the event. It is not impartial, and touches only a few highlights. Most of the twenty-seven Libertarian judges, mayors, talk show hosts, elected officials, candidates, and publishers who gave speeches in the Convention Hall are not even mentioned here, and dozens of decisions about by-laws, convention rules, etc. are omitted entirely. See the national *LP NEWS* for more complete coverage.

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Thursday:

The Convention began with a flurry of speeches ending in the keynote address by US Senate candidate from Nevada **Michael Emerling Cloud**, who used an unusual technique. At several different points in his speech, he would interrupt himself with these three phrases, chanted like a mantra: "Be unreasonable...Change the world...Libertarian." His theme was that the reasonable man or woman adjusts to conform to his or her surroundings, while the unreasonable man or woman attempts to change those surroundings. Hence, all improvement in those surroundings, or "progress," comes from "unreasonable" people. He defines Republicans and Democrats as "reasonable" and Libertarians as "unreasonable," along with Mahatma Ghandi, Rosa Parks, Steven Jobs, and others he identified as "unreasonable."

The highlight of the first day's business session was the Platform Retention vote. In this, each delegate votes for or against retention of each of the Platform's planks. As usual, only the abortion plank faced serious opposition, with about 30% opposed. I voted against keeping two other planks, out of the sixty-four: "American Indian Rights" and "Secession." To me, the existence of the first suggests that we believe American Indians' rights are different from everyone else's rights. I think the second is unnecessary and also deceptive, as it first announces that you may secede, but then adds that you will still be subject to the same laws.

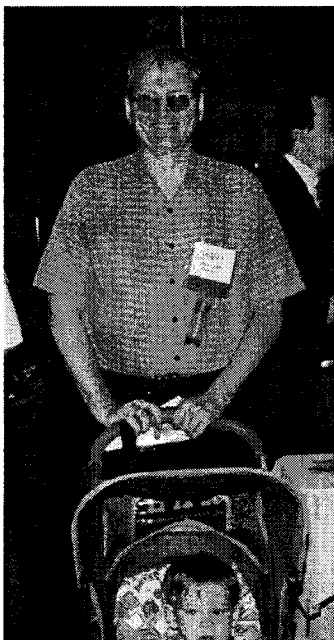
Thursday's luncheon was the setting for a talk by **Charles Murray**, of *Bell Curve* fame. Murray believes we're on the verge of a great shakeup in our national political paradigm. He says the public no longer considers our government to be of "We, the people," but rather thinks of the government as "them."

This means that serious change is coming, soon, he says, and that liberty can be—but won't necessarily be—the paradigm that takes over. He urges us to work ensure that liberty WILL be the next paradigm.

Thursday night's entertainment was the *Capitol Steps*, a comedy troupe whose show is a series of skits or cameos, each featuring a costumed character or group singing political satire to the tune of famous songs. Much of it is daring and outrageous. The audience was in stitches. See them if you can! They're playing in New York now or recently.



NJLP members Estelle Engle and Steve Nagle



Delegate **John Paff** with son and future delegate **Alexander**



Missouri delegate and former Sabrin Campaign Manager **Jackie Bradbury** and **Janice Presser**

Convention Diary

Friday:

Each day, a seminar was held early in the morning, to accommodate delegates who wished not to miss the business session on the convention floor. Friday's was "*Effective LP newsletters*," given by national *LP NEWS* Editor **Bill Winter**. Bill gave us a ten point checklist to use in assessing a state LP newsletter:

- 1) Is it published on a regular basis?
- 2) Does it showcase an organization that people will want to join?
- 3) Does it report the news?
- 4) Is there good news in every issue?
- 5) Does it focus on your state LP?
- 6) Is it interesting?
- 7) Is it easy to read?
- 8) Is it written professionally?
- 9) Is it attractive?
- 10) Does it promote the political success of the LP?

If you care to, I invite you to examine the *New Jersey Libertarian* with these questions, and send your answers, together with any other comments you'd like to make, to me. Find the Editor's addresses & numbers on Page 2.



NJLP delegates **Mike Buoncristiano** (l) and **Chuck Karczag** (r) with candidate for national Chair **Gene Cisewski** (c)

Winter also hosted the seminar entitled "Mastering the Media." In this, he reviewed a series of facts and techniques useful for those seeking publicity. In particular, he listed five guidelines for "writing press releases that work." He said that the purpose of a press release is to get a reporter or other media person to call you for more information, and these five techniques will improve your chances of getting a response:



Delegates **Tom Abrams** and **Jeff Pfeiffer**

- 1) Maintain an accurate, up-to-date list of media people (A press release must be addressed to a specific person);
- 2) Mix up the types of press releases you send. Some should be announcements, others issues/opinions, and some should be just useful information (provide the results of your research), but all should help editors & show hosts do their job more easily;
- 3) Use objective facts and figures, independently verifiable, to prove our progress;
- 4) Make press releases exciting:
 - punchy active headline to capture their attention
 - always less than one page
 - standard news style; condense story to one sentence, then elaborate
 - keep the reader entertained
 - ALWAYS include daytime phone no. to reply to for more info immediately;
- 5) Crow about your accomplishments.

Winter says that, for the present, most reporters and show hosts prefer faxed press releases to mailed or e-mailed ones.

Barbara Goushaw, the founder of the Libertarian Campaign Managers Association, gave her view of women and gun rights in a short speech entitled "Handguns are a girl's best friend." I thought that adaptation of an existing, well-known phrase was clever and arresting.

NJLP member **Mike Buoncristiano** was among the panelists giving a seminar entitled "Using Campaigns to build the Libertarian Party." His experience running the Sabrin Campaign was cited.

Roy Innis, the leader of CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality) was the last speaker in the convention hall Friday afternoon. His speech was entitled "Libertarians: The Political Pioneers of the 21st Century." Like Charles Murray, he too thinks a shift in the public's political loyalties is coming, and he too wants us to be the new one. He said he is considering a run for Mayor of New York as the LP candidate, and he said he would encourage members of CORE to join the Libertarian Party. Both prospects are exciting, as he is a charming, handsome man with a magnetic personality and a large following.

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Saturday

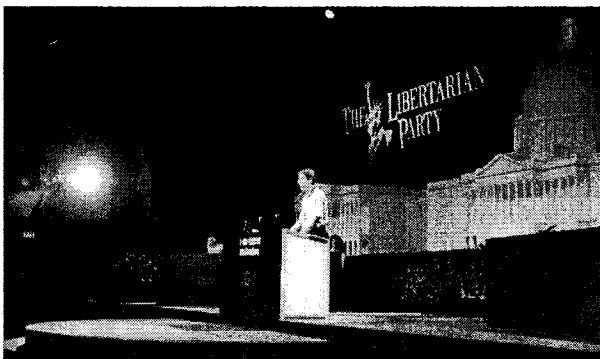
Robert Poole of the Reason Foundation led a discussion entitled "Local Problems: Libertarian Solutions," featuring seven Libertarians who hold local elective office. Happily, this was one of the portions of the convention that was televised. What's more important than getting the public used to seeing elected Libertarians?

Peter McWilliams, author of *Ain't nobody's business if you do*, spoke at length about his encounters with the DEA regarding his use of marijuana. McWilliams explained that, as a cancer patient, he's usually nauseous from chemotherapy, and that he considers the relief marijuana gives him indispensable to his survival. Like several other guest speakers, McWilliams joined the Libertarian Party while on stage.

It was exciting to see two NJLP members give nominating speeches, and both displayed character and personality doing it. Much of Saturday was spent conducting the election for Chair. A state-by-state breakout of the results:

	Bergland	Cisewski	NOTA		Bergland	Cisewski	NOTA
Michigan	39	0	0	Oklahoma	3	0	2
Indiana	22	0	0	Louisiana	3	1	0
Massachusetts	24	3	2	Arkansas	2	0	0
Georgia	23	2	0	Oregon	2	1	0
California	32	13	0	North Dakota	1	0	0
Florida	18	4	1	Nebraska	1	0	0
North Carolina	15	1	0	Hawaii	1	1	0
Ohio	19	7	1	Montana	0	1	0
Tennessee	9	1	0	Rhode Island	0	1	0
South Carolina	7	0	0	New Mexico	1	2	0
Washington	7	0	2	Alabama	1	3	0
West Virginia	8	2	0	Kansas	0	3	0
Texas	8	2	0	Alaska	0	4	0
Colorado	6	0	0	New Hampshire	1	5	0
Maine	6	0	0	District of Columbia	0	5	1
Virginia	19	14	0	Delaware	0	5	0
Utah	6	1	0	Idaho	0	6	0
Vermont	5	0	0	Missouri	2	8	0
Kentucky	5	0	1	Arizona	0	8	1
Illinois	13	9	0	Wisconsin	2	10	0
Minnesota	10	7	0	New York	8	17	1
Nevada	4	1	0	New Jersey	9	25	2
Connecticut	4	1	0	Maryland	0	26	0
Mississippi	3	0	0	Pennsylvania	1	41	0
				Totals	350	241	14

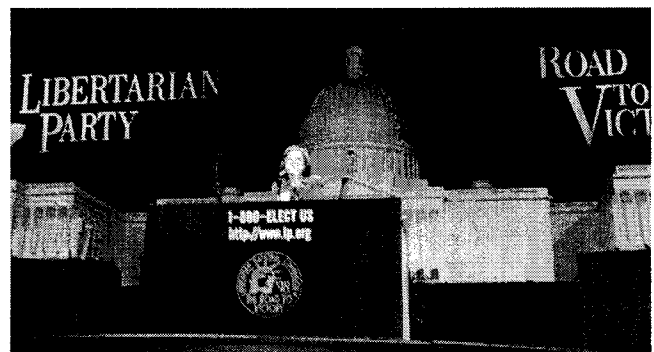
There were also four abstentions and three votes for Steve Dasbach (who was not nominated). The total counted was 612.



Keith Quarles at the podium

Saturday Evening's Banquet displayed yet more of the talents of our national HQ Staff, as WABC radio talk show host Lionel canceled, and LP Communications Director Bill Winter stepped into his time slot and regaled us with funny moments from National HQ's operations.

While the votes were counted, Libertarian standup comic **Tim Slagle** performed. Slagle said the best way to teach youngsters about taxation is on Halloween night. When your eight-year old returns home with a sack full of candy, Slagle says, is the time to skim the sack five or six times, each time invoking another tax by name.



Janice Presser seconds the nomination of Gene Cisewski

Convention Diary



Delegates **Liz Macron** and **Lou Stefanelli** congratulate **NOTA** (foreground)



Delegates **Barry Perlman** and **Janice Presser**

All the officers other than Chair were elected Sunday. The race for Secretary proved to be the most contentious, with two runoff elections necessary to achieve a majority, which elected Steve Givot over Carol Moore. The New Jersey delegation cast eighteen votes for Moore, four for Givot, and two for Bachrach.



Delegates **John Richardson**, **Don Imbriale** and **Carl Peters** laugh at the photographer

Sunday

Sunday morning's early seminar was "*Successful Local Organizing*," with Perry Willis. One of the common problems discussed was volunteer burn-out and how to avoid it. Willis stressed the importance of frequently asking new people to handle small, specific tasks.



Delegates **Fran** and **Paul Mladjenovic**

Meanwhile, back at the Convention Hall, LP Co-Founder David Nolan held forth on "The coming Paradigm Shift," noting that the gap between George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and between Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, were both seventy-two years, or about one human lifetime. Nolan says these three presidents each represented or betokened a paradigm shift, and that the next one is due in 2004.

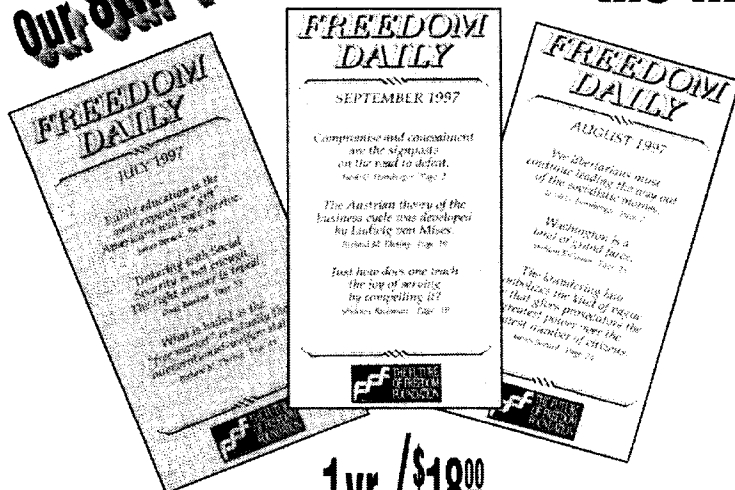


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As the votes in the Secretary election were counted and the convention wound down, delegates from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia gathered at the rear of the Convention Hall to form a new NatCom Region Number Five, expanding the region to include Maryland and Virginia. **Amy Rule** of Maryland was chosen Representative, and former national Chair **Jim Turney** of Virginia was chosen Alternate Representative. See item on Mid-Atlantic Coalition (MAC) on Page 3.

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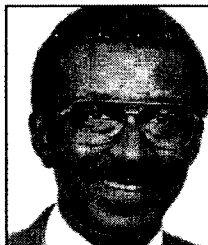
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Many voters are political point-of-sale shoppers. They will make a decision on the basis of the last impression they get. Cover your polls the first two-and-a-half hours they are open, from 11am to 1:30pm, and from 4pm until they close. Have regular contact with your people to gauge turnout and then move them around if turnout patterns are very different from what you anticipated.

Get lunch and refreshments for poll workers if they are going to cover polls all day. And, for god sakes, thank everybody afterwards.

If it's a small campaign, can the candidate run it themselves?

Sure. If it's you and two pals and you're running for borough council where 100 votes one way or the other will decide the issue, it's silly to style someone "Campaign Director," "Media Director," etc. But also try to see to it that you're not doing the whole thing alone. Friends, family, coworkers, party types, all can possibly help out.



David Kamioner

How effective are billboards?

For name recognition, if you've got the cash to buy them, great. But be careful; a dumb ad, blown up to the size of a house, is a *really* dumb ad. Looking for kind of the same effect, but for a lot less moolah, try advertising on the front of buses. Not the back or sides, but the *front* of buses.

Who do we compete with for votes more, the Republicans or Democrats?

No question, the Republicans. The national Democrats are so far off the American mainstream that they might as well be living in North Korea. Some of them might enjoy that. I mean, it's so hard to throw a good famine these days, what with rock stars butting in and all. But the Dems appeal to one thing well: venality. Not a department we do well in, **thankfully so.** The problem with the GOP is that many times they're just plain tactically stupid, not that this party has any right to talk. But ideologically many Republicans, if they thought we were a viable alternative to the GOP, especially the younger ones, would switch. Our job is to give them that sense of momentum and viability.

I'm a high school student. How can I get politically active?

Pretty simple. Call your local Libertarian Party and ask how you can help. But before you do that, read a couple of things to fill you in on what you're getting into. (I'm assuming your interest is in political operations, not ideology.) First, Richard Ben Cramer's *What it Takes*. Then, Teddy White's *The Making of the President 1968*. Finally, young grasshopper, Chris Matthews' *Hardball*. Read those and after a while of real world political experience, you can go on to the hard stuff like Sun-Tzu and Machiavelli.

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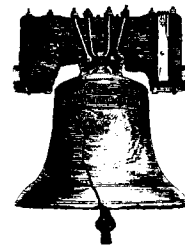
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LETTERS

ANTI-WELFARE RACISTS AND LIBERTARIANS ARE NOT THE SAME THING

Editor:

I'd like to comment on two items in the June *NJL*.

First, the article on the Hunterdon County inaugural meeting. It sounds like the Hunterdon Libertarians had a run-in with some of the people who frequented the now-defunct Populist Party here in New Jersey. This writer warned Libertarians to beware of such types in a letter here several months back.

I recall going to hear David Duke speak at a hotel near New Brunswick, during his campaign for President in 1988. During his speech he took aim at the Libertarian Party for favoring free trade. Duke claimed that we were in the pay of the "international bankers" (that's Jews, for those of you that don't know the buzzwords of the racial right). Any person with gray matter between their ears will know we have nothing in common with people who think like that.

Which brings me to Janice Presser's letter on guns ("*How I learned to stop worrying about guns,*" June *NJL*) and her changing (for the better) attitude toward firearms. I'm certain Janice didn't mean it but I don't think it wise to use the words "redneck" or "hillbillies." Those words are ethnic slurs also, just as vicious as "nigger," "spic," "kike," or "gook" are!

I certainly don't believe in political correctness, but I do think we Libertarians should take great pains to avoid such terms unless it is part of a quote of someone else. Let's stress that we judge all people as INDIVIDUALS regardless of race, religion, creed, sex or sexual orientation. Let the socialists (Republicans and Democrats included) play the mankind-as-a-group game. We will have none of it!

Mark Richards
West Milford

HOMESCHOOLERS AND LIBERTARIANS

Editor:

On Saturday June 27, I ran an ERS booth at the Unschoolers Network 1998 Conference in Lincroft, New Jersey. About 300 to 400 people, mostly homeschoolers, attended the conference. The booth was not the "Operation Politically Homeless" (OPH) that you might have expected, but rather an "Education Responsibility Survey (ERS) Booth."

This idea came from none other than Marshall Fritz, now of the Separation of School and State Alliance (4578 N. First #310, Fresno, CA 93726; 209 292 1776; <http://www.SepSchool.org>), who also created the Operation Politically Homeless.

The conventioners were a receptive, and, dare I say, enthusiastic audience. I gave out about 60 copies of the survey, with 41 people completing it. The survey asks who should be responsible for five aspects of education: parents, government, or some combination (or not sure).

Respondents who answer 'parents' to all questions score 100. Eighty percent of the respondents at the conference scored 70 or above.

Just as with the OPH, the 'ERS' is a people magnet. I had not quite finished setting up the table and I already had 3 people taking the survey.

One woman seemed excited at the whole concept of Separation of School and State and was even more excited when I told her (as I handed her an LP brochure) that there was actually a political party supporting Separation.

Another woman said her husband had just discovered the LP and the Separation Alliance on the World Wide Web. She was amazed to meet a real representative of these ideas in person. A couple of people approached to tell me that they had already signed a Proclamation for the Separation of School and State. Altogether, five people signed such proclamations at the conference. And one gentleman waived his LP membership card at me as he walked by. Finally, I also spoke with an anthropologist who was writing her Ph.D. dissertation on homeschooling and homeschooling families, and a filmmaker making a documentary on homeschooling.

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