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Are We Better Off Than Four Years Ago?

Not really...

(The following report is based on unofficial counts from the State of New Jersey Election Division, as compiled the morning after the elections. Where later results were reported by candidates, those are in parenthesis.)

Generally, in New Jersey as elsewhere in this Great Nation of ours (as at least one non-Libertarian candidate terms it), the turnout was encouraging to those who bemoan voter apathy—better than 70 percent. What isn't so encouraging to us Libertarians is the fact that the majority of ballots were cast for Republicrats.

Also, in New Jersey, two other unpleasant facts: Perot advocates, after casting their ballot for the big-eared guy, tended to vote the two-party line for the remaining offices. As a result, while the Marrou/Lord ticket came in a distant fourth in the Presidential race, the Libertarian Congressional candidates did only a little better. And, for the most part, those who voted for Libertarian candidates, did not vote for the national ticket. Libertarian candidates, however, placed a good third in nearly half the races: opponents who did better are identified by party in the chart. (Note: perhaps Lou Stefanelli, in 8th, should have termed himself an "Independent Libertarian"!)

Statewide, Marrou/Lord got 5,821 votes, about 2 percent. If those who voted Libertarian locally had voted for Marrou, the national ticket would have scored 23,720 votes.

Congressional District	Candidate	Total
1st :	Jerry Zeldin	2,606
2nd:	Roger Bacon	2,532
3rd:	Helen Radder	2,541
4th:	Benjamin Grindlinger	3,092
5th:	Michael Pierone	2,605
	("Independent" Candidate)	6,118)
6th:	Bill Stewart	799
	("People's Candidate")	1,877)
7th:	Spencer Layman	1,212 (1,700)
	("Independent")	1,774)
8th:	Louis Stefanelli	1,048
	("Independent for Change")	15,618)
	("Independents For Change")	2,837)
	("Independent People's Network")	2,101)
9th:	Daniel Karlan	967
	("Clean Up Congress")	4,387)
	("New Jersey Independents")	2,192)
	(Populist)	1,420)
	("Politicians Are Crooks")	1,191)
10th:	Roberto Caraballo	799
11th:	Richard Roth	3,300
12th:	Carl Peters	1,210 (1,225)
	("Independent")	9,806)
13th:	Len Flynn	1,007
	("Stop Tax Increases")	1,561)
	("Communist")	1,234)

Monmouth Looks Ahead to '93 Elections

With four of New Jersey's 13 congressional candidates residing in Monmouth County, Chair **Helen Radder** has decided to keep up the momentum by running as many candidates as possible in county and municipal elections in 1993.

Spencer Layman has agreed to contact the state and county to find out which offices are up for election. Radder will advertise for prospective candidates, who will be screened by the county party and endorsed at the group's December Liberty Brunch. As Layman noted, he should have begun his 1992 congressional campaign in January. Monmouth Libertarians picked up on that and vowed not to make that mistake in the 1993 elections.

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Minute by minute

This is a summary report of the minutes from the August and October meetings of the NJLP Steering Committee (don't ask what happened to September)...

The October 18 meeting, held at The Alibi in Manville, was called to order at 2:24 pm by the secretary. Committee members present were *Flynn, Ellett, Stefanelli, Grindlinger, Paff* and *Zeldin*. *Pierone* and *Layman* were on duty elsewhere. Additional attendees were the *Edens* and *Doug Stoxen*.

Upcoming Meetings: The chair will continue to arrange meetings at various locations throughout the State rather than at a fixed site. Topics at the General Meeting of Nov. 21 (at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1640 Amwell Road, Somerset) will include the approval of Cumberland County, the election results, county activity questionnaires, LIBPAC and the NJLP's position on a Constitutional Convention for a balanced budget amendment.

MOTION: Resolved, that the secretary send activity questionnaires to all counties, and that a special Steering Committee meeting be held one hour prior to the General Meeting to evaluate the findings. PASSED.

The next State Committee meeting will be held Dec. 12 at 1-4 pm at the Holiday Inn on exit 8A (Jamesburg) from NJ Turnpike, at a place to be selected by *Zeldin*. The chair will form a committee to arrange the State Convention in March, 1993.

Telephone Answering Service: A motion to obtain a tollfree 800 number for the NJLP was passed at the previous meeting. (The motion was passed because *Friedlander* plans to leave the State and can no longer answer the NJLP phone, for which he generously paid for many years.) The computer board is on order and the wiring is in. After testing, *Karlan* will request an 800 number from the phone company.

Friedlander Tribute: A motion was passed to honor *Friedlander* for his service to the party, said honor to occur at the November meeting.

Libertarian Voter Registration: The ACLU has assigned our case to the Constitutional Litigation Clinic, which is affiliated with Rutgers Law School. *Paff* will put *Richard Winger* in touch with the person assigned. He will also contact *Bill Morris*, of the Delaware LP, who got Libertarians registered as such in that state.

Leona Helmsley: A small band of stalwarts led by *Pierone* picketed in the rain outside the Federal court house in Manhattan. The media did not cover the demonstration.

Mailing list purge and cost reduction: A motion, to archive the prospect list every six months, and reduce the number of newsletter mailings to prospects from four to two, was passed. (The archived list of prospects will be sorted by county and distributed to the county organizations.)

Newsletter: MOTION: Resolved, that the contract with the newsletter editor be amended to require that meeting summaries and meeting dates be included, was PASSED.

PAC Solicitations: As far as is known, none of the 100 PACs contacted by *Pierone* has responded. *Stefanelli* will contact a person who has raised \$100K to defeat an incumbent assembly woman.

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Member Survey: (The questionnaire was printed in the Sept.-Oct. issue) There was concern that some of the responses could be twisted by the media. MOTION: Resolved, that the Secretary direct the prior newsletter editor (*Duprey*) to send all member surveys received to the Secretary for review by the Steering Committee; and that the Secretary notify the present newsletter editor (*Hinkle*) to refrain from publishing the results of the member survey, or a summary thereof, absent instructions from the Steering Committee. PASSED.

New Business:

Constitutional Convention: Deferred to the General Meeting.

At the August meeting, the Steering Committee recognized the Salem County Libertarian Party (SCALP) as an affiliate of the NJLP. *Herb Roselle* is county organizer of Cumberland County.

Minutes cont.

Recruitment Committee: *Alon Rand*, Pierone and Stefanelli formed this committee and agreed to invite Sam Edelston to join.

Bank Account: The party account was switched to a no-fee bank from one that charges \$14 per month.

Telephone Tree: This list will be printed in the next newsletter.

Announcements:

Isaac Wright, Jr.: Mr. Wright, the imprisoned alleged "drug kingpin", has signed the pledge and is now an honorary member.

ACR 92: Paff urged members to ask their assemblymen to sign on as co-sponsors of the resolution memorializing Congress to change the statute so that the amount forfeited is proportionate to the infraction. Contact Paff for more info.

Forfeiture: Paff reported on the protest by FEAR (Forfeiture Endangers American Rights) in Asbury Park of the seizure of \$60,000 in property from a newly-graduated psychiatrist who was accused of practising without a license. Press coverage of the protest was unbiased. FEAR's efforts have led the Attorney General to announce that he will change the forfeiture rules, Paff reported.

The Salem County Chair has resigned to accept a position as a member of the Salem City Environmental Board.

Stoxen has prepared a bylaws kit for use by all counties.

Zeldin's Candidates' Forum drew 16; he plans to run another for state candidates next year.

Ellett drafted a letter to the editor (asking for thorough coverage of the election because we have 50-state ballot access) for Pierone's signature and sent it to all 20 daily newspapers in the state.

Letter from the Chair

As Chair of the party I have had an opportunity to see and get involved in our efforts first hand, and I think it's time that I share with the membership some observations I have made about our organization.

First let me say that we have no shortage of ideas.

Overall, the people in our organization are first rate and the philosophy which we represent is clearly the best. Sure, there are still some people who may actually do more harm than good, but they are in the minority, and they are learning, as are we all, on a daily basis.

But just as obvious is the fact that we have problems still. In my opinion the biggest problem we have is an organizational one. Because we run candidates for office, and because that function is strongly related to political realities, we have a political structure, a government if you will. But in fact, most of what we do is not related to governing ANYONE!. We are trying to sell our political philosophy, and that function is a marketing function.

Marketing and governing are not even remotely related by function, and our governmental structure is hurting us I am sure. For example, if you are selling shoes, you don't put a shoe store in every town, or county simply because there happen to be imaginary lines defining one. No, in fact you may put five shoe stores in one town and no shoe stores in another.

In other words you sell shoes where there are BUYERS, not where the government has drawn a map. Who is to say that we should have only ONE county or even township organization that is OFFICIALLY recognized. Should our county organizations be viewed as OFFICIAL CHAPTERS or as a sales franchise? And how should we define sales territories? Should they be protected sales territories, or do we allow competing organizations in a single territory? Do we allow territories at all? All these questions and more should be asked.

One thing I personally don't like about government-style organizational structures is that they tend to disenfranchise the minority. Frequently the minority is right; usually individuals do better than committees in solving any given problem, but committees tend to stifle minority approaches. In the market place the people who win are the ones with the CORRECT APPROACH; in a committee the winners those with the MOST BACKING. These are things that virtually every Libertarian knows, but it seems that we have never applied it to ourselves. In fact, even Libertarians tend to become bureaucrats if they operate in a bureaucratic environment, trust me. I don't pretend to know what the solution is at this point, but I do believe I have put my finger on the problem.

Somewhere in our organization are the people who know how to solve ALL of our problems, but we need to find a way to empower them.

Please think about this and talk about it. Then let's put it on the agenda at a general meeting and try to hash it out. Can a committee figure out how to get around committees? Well, if you do think you've got it figured out please call me—I'd like to hear about it!

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A MODEST PROPOSAL

by Roger Bacon

While reporting the election results of my first political campaign to Don Hinkle, he asked what I learned during the last several months.

I replied: "The Libertarian party must grow or die."

The campaign winners proved that money talks and B.S. walks.

How can Libertarians get into the winner's column more often? By having more money to spend on their campaigns.

The best way to get those funds is to support Libertarians who have services to offer that you need. The way we can do that is by having our own Yellow Pages.

If you have a service to offer, contact me at 908-454-1083. Everyone can benefit by utilizing this method of networking. Whether you are an Accountant or are in the Zipper business, or somewhere in between, call me or send your business information to: 45 Riverview Rd., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

If we support Libertarians in this way, the party will grow. If we fail to support Libertarians in this way, the party may die. Let's get moving! The deadline for publication is Nov. 30. Contact me today!

Editor's Note: the newsletter will try to cooperate, but it may be necessary to charge advertising space rates for this venture. Something for the Steering Committee to consider.

Letterbox

Letters Policy as of 11/92

It is the policy of The New Jersey Libertarian to reprint from other New Jersey publications, letters on libertarian issues, when space permits. These will not be edited except to correct obvious errors of spelling or syntax. When available, we will also print transcripts of relevant radio or television material.

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printed in Suburban Trends, Argus, 10-11-92

Questions authority

To the editor:

As a citizen I have become increasingly outraged by the abuses of our freedom and civil liberties by Federal, State and local government. America, once the land of the free, has become an Authoritarian Police State! Our forefathers must be turning over in their graves. It seems everywhere you turn there is a law restricting freedom or violating our civil liberties.

Driver's licenses are being suspended for victimless offenses which have nothing to do with driving. Forfeitures are being enacted taking away homes, cars, businesses, even life savings, without the owners even being found guilty of a crime! Gun laws make criminals out of honest citizens while every real criminal on the street has an illegal one! Juries are not informed of their right to judge the law as well as the case and defense attorneys who do so are held in contempt of court.

New Jersey is in the process of passing a law to enable communities to impose a permanent curfew on minors punishing the parents for violations as well. Now we have talk of uniforms in public schools! Who do the children belong to--their parents or the State? It sounds like a Socialist Police State reminiscent of Nazi Germany, yet it's happening here in America; what's next, a public dress code for adults as well?

There are already members of Congress who want to censor the material we read, what we watch on TV, music we listen to, even our speech! We're forced to wear seat belts, safety helmets, told what we are allowed to put in our bodies as if we are children and must be protected from ourselves! The government is invading our privacy to the extent of controlling our very lives! How is that Freedom?

Does anyone remember the United States Constitution? Does the Bill of Rights sounds familiar? I urge people reading this to go to your library and read those documents. I would also suggest you call the Libertarian Party at 1-908-781-6171. We are America's third largest political party and the only party fighting for the rights of the individual. Our presidential candidate is Andre Marrou and we have a candidate for Congress, Mike Pierone, running in the fifth district against grandstanding politically correct Marge Roukema. Isn't it better to vote for Freedom and Liberty than the further taxes and tyrannies the three stooges, Bush, Clinton, and Perot would impose?

Gordon Pierson, West Milford

printed in Suburban Trends, Argus, 10-07-92

McGann column is Out of Bounds

To the editor:

I totally disagree with Mike McGann's "Out of Bounds" column for Sept. 27; in which he calls for more government regulation of the cable TV industry. The current abuses by cable companies are not the result of an unregulated marketplace, as McGann alleges, but rather the result of government intervention in the first place! Local governments grant franchise privileges to certain companies, to the exclusion of others. Ironically, McGann indirectly admits this in his column when he states that "New Jersey Bell could send cable television into your home tomorrow, if it could get the needed government approval."

America was supposedly founded on the doctrines of individual liberty, and one of those liberties was the right to go into business free of government control. This means no subsidies nor special privileges! Competition occurs naturally; it doesn't need to be forced or created by government, as McGann seems to think.

I never cease to be amazed at those in the print media who see nothing wrong with government controls and regulations of the electronic media. Could it be that the newspapers of our land resent competition from television and radio? I'm sure most newspaper people wouldn't sit still for a minute if anyone proposed FCC-style licensing in order to have the "privilege" of printing and selling newspapers. Civil liberties and economic freedom go hand-in-hand; it's too bad some in journalism just haven't figured that out yet!

Mark Richards, West Milford

Newark Star Ledger, 10-13-92

Dear Editor:

The "sin tax" proposal outlined in your front-page story was misnamed. It should be called "the working man's burden."

The story makes mention of addiction to "...alcohol, tobacco and other drugs." Why not tax these other drugs? At present, it is because they are illegal, as was alcohol during Prohibition. Prohibition was a failure, and so is our war on these "other drugs." It is time to realize this and legalize the sale of marijuana, heroin, cocaine, LSD, etc., sell them to people over 21 and collect taxes on them.

This would save so much. I dare say it might even get us out of the red in the federal deficit. Aside from the revenues it would generate, it would drastically reduce the crushing monetary burden on the nation's police, courts, penal institutions, etc.

The standard warnings that appear on tobacco and alcoholic beverages should also appear on these drugs. If users become addicted, so be it. Knowing full well the consequences of the use of these drugs, they are already addicted. Now they would be able to purchase drugs legally at a drastically lower price and pay tax like the rest of us who smoke and drink. Think about it.

Edward J. Toner Jr., Howell

Excerpted from an editorial in The Courier-News, 10-6-92

John Paff, who lives in the Somerset section of Franklin Township, is waging a one-man campaign against what he sees as the improper handling by Somerset County Prosecutor Nicholas Bissell of assets seized from criminal defendants.

Bissell's handling of seized funds has been reviewed by the county counsel and the state, and no problems have been found. But, in this case, the prosecutor might be well advised to consider not only the letter of the law but how the public may perceive his stewardship of cars, homes, cash and other property confiscated in drug raids.

Paff chairs an outfit called FEAR, for Forfeiture Endangers American Rights. He has just asked the state attorney general to investigate. Earlier this year, he asked the Somerset County freeholders to look into Bissell's management of assets forfeited by court order. ...

Comment: If eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, it's a far better and more effective duty of the active citizen than paying taxes.

Newark Star Ledger, 9-27-92

Dear Editor:

I was dismayed to read Georgie Ann Geyer's column headlined "Western nations must rethink immigration policy." Geyer seems to be motivated by fear, fear that immigrants will be different and alter the "cultural nexus," whatever that is.

She is quick to distance herself from the "skinheads" who have turned against "the foreigners in their midst." Apparently she prefers that violence against immigrants be limited to that imposed by the tyrannical governments from which they seek to escape. She seeks to trivialize what immigrants go through with her comment that they are "in fact economic immigrants only seeking a better life." Only! If her boss were to turn down a raise based on the fact that she were "only trying to seek a better life" would she meekly withdraw the request? Seeking a better life is one of the basic human rights.

She suggests that those who are pro-immigration are trying to radically alter the constituency of their countries. Who better to understand totalitarian, tyrannical government when they see it than the recent victims of it? If I say that I welcome people who recognize tyranny when they see it, am I trying to radically alter the American culture, or reinforce it? Are people aware that even if we accepted the entire population of the world into this country that our population density would only be that of Great Britain?

My own family is of Italian lineage and I remember my grandmother telling me of how harshly the Italians were treated, and how people used to say that Italians were a "criminal race" and then point to the Mafia.

This country has absorbed more cultures than anyone can keep track of. It is not a weakness, but our greatest strength. If there is a unique American culture idea it is "Live and Let Live."

Who can say that Italians, Poles, Germans, Jews, Asians and many other groups too numerous to name have not contributed to the strength of our country? If people insist on seeing Haitian immigrants as somehow different, that is only their own ignorant bigotry, no different from the bigotry that each ethnic group had to face when they first made their way here. I firmly believe that bigotry is what motivates most peoples' fear of immigration, their need to keep out "undesirables" who will change the culture. These people fear blacks, Hispanics, Asians and anyone really that is "different"

History shows that immigrants have enriched this country, and that far from taking American jobs, immigrants create new jobs for Americans, and usually at a middle management level or higher.

People are always fearful too, that people who come from socialist or communist countries have no great affection for this country's ideals. They couldn't be more wrong! No one who has lived in a totalitarian state has any illusions about socialism or communism, only in this country do these outdated concepts hang on.

Then there is the myth that immigrants come here for the welfare! As Geyer was quick to point out, the East Germans all had "jobs" before unification. No one who has experienced the kind of slavery that these "jobs" represent is hungering for more of the same. People have always come here for the liberty and opportunity: God willing they always will.

Michael Pierone, Chair, NJ Libertarian Party, Franklin Borough

Quote of the Month

The New Jersey State Tax News, a quarterly published by the Division of Taxation (in commenting on its proposed rule to "clarify" what the state Legislature meant in N.J.A.C. 18:7-3.18, referring to the recycling tax credit) points out gracefully that the administrators make the rules:

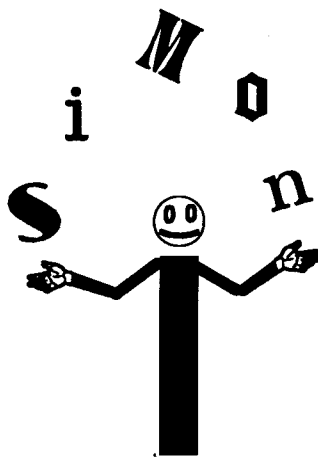
"Like a tax exemption, a tax credit is a privilege granted as a matter of legislative grace..."

Suburban Times, 11-8-92
Seatbelt Laws Are Invasion Of Privacy

To the editor:
 I ... read in a local publication that the council of PTAs is asking for support of yet another unconstitutional seat belt law. I fail to see why seat belt laws are or should be of any concern to the council of PTAs. The new bill A-1040 is yet another invasion of privacy and freedom of choice by Big Brother Government. It would allow police to stop any vehicle in which occupants are not wearing seat belts and provides for rear seat passengers to receive tickets as well. It seems we no longer have freedom of choice even with our bodies.

Our lawmakers are continually passing unconstitutional laws the public accepts without protest! Isn't it time to call or write our state representatives and remind them they are our servants and not our masters! Or is freedom of choice really dead in America? There is no violation of the rights of others when an individual chooses not to wear a seat belt. It is however, a violation of individual rights and privacy when the state forces seat belt use in private vehicles as well as a violation of the Bill of Rights.

Gordon Pierson, West Milford



Simon Jester Says...

Welcome comrades to the people's democratic state of New Jersey. You will be pleased to find that all social evils have been solved here. Our glorious leaders have seen that every ill that affects mankind is now rendered harmless and subject to control. You say you want proof? Here's a *short list* of the government agencies for which telephone listings are available in your phone book:

Agricultural Department: Agricultural Information Agriculture Statistics Agricultural Commodities (Licensing & Bonding) Biological Control Laboratories Equine Awards Promotions Farmland Assessment & Right to Farm Farmland Preservation Fertilizer and Animal Feed Control Fish & Seafood Development Food Distribution Program Fresh Produce Inspection & Grading Gypsy Moth & Insect Control Livestock Disease Control Market Development & Promotions Milk Control Nursery Inspection Plant Disease Control Personnel Office Seed Quality Control Soil & Water Conservation

Banking Dept: General Information Consumer Complaints Cemetery Board Board of Public Utility Commissioners: Gas Division Electric Division Telecommunications Division Solid Waste Division Water & Sewer Division Cable Television Division Audits Administration Division Personnel Consumer Complaints Complaints - Telephone Complaints - Gas Commission of Investigation Community Affairs Dept: Division of Housing & Development - Rental Assistance Program County Superintendent of Schools Defense Dept. - National Guard Department of Civil Service: County & Municipal Government Service Office Exams Information Appeals Information Hearings Information Department of State: Office of Secretary of State Administration Division Archives & Records Management Commercial Recording Division Corporations Notaries Uniform Commercial Code Council on the Arts Election Division Historical Commission State Museum Energy Department: Newark Planning & Policy Office Environmental Protection Department: Environmental Emergency Action Line Receptionist Flatbrook Public Shooting & Fishing Grounds Whittingham Wildlife Management Area Forest Fire Service Culver Tower - Branchville Newton Airport Stickle Pond Rd Parks Region 3 Department of Conservation: Stokes State Forest Office Parks Management High Point State Park Stoney Lake Day Development Stokes State Forest Office Regional Shop Swartswood State Park Water Resource Division Department of Transportation

I'm sorry I've run out of space, but as you can see, even though I could only show the agency listings from A-D, its a pretty impressive list. Yes, I venture to say that there is no problem, no matter how small, that the people's democratic state of New Jersey, has not in some way, no matter how large, decided to solve for the benefit of its citizens. From licenses for Beauticians and Barbers to Inspections on Salvage, from Alcoholic Beverage Control to Charitable Registration, we've got it all in this state. Oh, and disregard those Complaints bureaus—we don't have any!

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Letters to the editor, articles and commentary are welcome and should be sent to: *The New Jersey Libertarian*, P.O. Box 205, Green Village, NJ 07935. (201) 377-2176.

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Gimme some change...

This is a transition time in American politics. The Democrats are trying to maximize their victory, the Republicans trying to minimize their loss, the Perotrats want to maintain themselves as the Third Largest political party... and the Libertarian Party, which has had that title, wants to regain it. Interesting times, indeed!

And there is a smaller transition taking place within The New Jersey Libertarian. The former editor, *Rich Duprey*, has handed over the reins to me. Rich has served the New Jersey Libertarian Party in many ways, giving generously of his time and talents. He was a great editor, nearly anonymous—you had to search to find his name in any issue, but his guiding hand was all over it; as editor, he improved the appearance and established his own strong editorial guidelines over the content, without letting his ego get in the way.

Rich had a longer transition time when he took over editorial duties from *Claudia Montelione*. I've had to hit the ground running. This first issue is way late due only in part to serious computer malfunctions, but also due to my lack of foresight as to the problems taking on the newsletter would present. I hope to solve these problems and get the next issue out on a timely basis.

As a former Chair, Rich was well known to most members. Fewer folk know me. My own views about libertarianism will shape the material I select and present. You should know where I stand.

I'm a naive libertarian, and a latecomer. I never read Ayn Rand and don't intend to. Tales about old battles fought between pioneering libertarian warrior-heroes don't bring tears to my eyes. Similarly, I have little patience with the

same old libertarian tirades and the hackneyed phrasology used to convey them.

Republicrats see government as a tool with which to wrench society into doing what they want done. Libertarians see government as an infernal, even dangerous, tool. Like nuclear weapons, better not used. Yes, nukes are potent, but using them means living with constant fear and twisting the minds of everyone under the threat. Similarly, government is a powerful tool—but using it means living as a cripple, unable to fully develop one's own life. Loss of self-control in this basic area puts one at the mercy of a wide variety of addictive influences. Libertarians believe that if people are left to live their own lives, on the whole they will be happier.

Lord Acton's oft-quoted theorem, that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely, is true when applied to that power exercised over others. But it's not true when power is exercised over oneself—the only person each of us has a right to govern.

Where do we go from here? Start with some questions. Where will the Perot voters go? Without the charismatic leader (something we never offer!), they need a charismatic cause to unify their "party". Let us show them what we have to offer and invite them in.

We need now to unify and set attainable goals.

This newsletter is a tool available to all members to use for communications, arousal and discussion.

Don Hinkle
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the organizations and groups mentioned in this month's issue of *The New Jersey Libertarian*, contact them directly at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

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Dr. Geoffrey Ellington, a founder of the Salem County Libertarian Party, was appointed to fill out an unexpired term on the Environmental Commission of Salem City. The appointment, by Mayor Leon Johnson, automatically placed Ellington on the Planning Board as well. Because of the added responsibilities, Ellington resigned as Chair of SCALP but retains his membership as a Libertarian. SCALP will elect a new Chair at its next meeting.

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