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Campaign Updates:

Kaplan Appears Throughout the State

After Ken Kaplan participated with the Rutgers Libertarians in the Rutgers Student Involvement Fair held at the New Brunswick campus on August 31, 2009, Ken was busy with more appearances and debates.



On September 29, Ken spoke to a civics class at Parsippany High School, and on Wednesday, Oct. 14 he addressed two classes at Parsippany Hills High School., On Oct. 6 he spoke at the Junior State of America candidates' gala at Freehold High School. On October 9 he was interviewed on NJ 101.5 by Jim Gearhart during morning drive time, and Ken says it went very well. "He asked questions that allowed me to address my issues."

Not all contacts go so smoothly. Here is Ken's description of his dealings with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP): "On October 8th I was called randomly, as a member of AARP, to take part in an online Q and A with Chris Christie. They said Corzine would be fielding questions in the near future."

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Brooks and Green for Assembly

Trenton, NJ – Daryl Mikell Brooks and Charles Green Independent Libertarian Candidates for Assembly in New Jersey's 15th District announced the Black Tea Party Rally at the State House, Friday, October 16th 2009, but rainy weather washed it out. The candidates are planning another rally **indoors** at the state house after the elections. Guest speakers invited for the rally at the state house include NJLP Chair Sean Christopher Colón



The **Black Tea Party** – NJLP candidates for 15th District NJ Assembly Daryl Mikell Brooks and Charles Green.

Charles Green attended the Mercer County LP "Meet the Candidates" event at the Lawrenceville Library on Sunday October 18, 2009. Daryl Brooks was speaking to Libertarians in Scranton, PA on that busy day.

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FIJA Demonstration of 10/19/09

By Julian Hecklen

I arrived at the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street in Manhattan at 11:45 am on Monday, October 19, 2009. The weather was perfect: about 50°F and sunny. I stood in the middle of the plaza in front of the courthouse. I started to pass out the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) pamphlet entitled "A Primer for Prospective Jurors" along with my handout (see below). Within a few minutes a Homeland Security police officer approached me, accepted a pamphlet, informed me that I cannot distribute literature on federal property without a permit, and asked me to leave. I disagreed with him and said that I would not leave. He left momentarily, but soon returned with another officer, and we repeated the conversation.

Then one officer left the scene, but the other officer stayed and



said that the other officer was checking with headquarters. In a few minutes he left also I continued distributing literature. At 12:10 pm two federal marshals exited the court house and approached me. They accepted my literature and informed me that I could not distribute literature on federal property without a permit. I stated that I had a permit, and removed my pocket U. S. Constitution from my pocket.

They informed me that they had the same document. I told them to read Amendment I. They returned to the courthouse.

I continued my activity until all but one of the FIJA flyers had been distributed. At 12:18 pm, I noticed the two Homeland Security officers across the street. Soon they were joined by a third officer, who apparently was in command. They crossed the street at about 12:30 pm and approached me. The third officer stated that he did not want to arrest me, but that I had to move. We had some discussion. I was asked for my name, but refused to provide it. One of the other officers said that I was being confrontational. I reminded him that they approached me, and that they were the ones being confrontational.

The boss officer asked me to move over to the side, where we could discuss the issue. I refused. One of the other officers grabbed my arm. I asked if I was under arrest, and was informed no. Then I demanded that the officer holding my arm let go, which he did. At this point I was placed under arrest, fell to the ground and remained limp and silent. I was handcuffed behind my back and searched. All my possessions, including what was in my clothes pockets, but not my clothes, were removed by the police. I had no identification with me, so they never found out my name or address. They waited a short while, but I did not move.

An ambulance was called. It arrived at about 12:50 pm. I was transferred to a gurney and put into the ambulance. The police transferred custody of me to the ambulance crew. I was taken to Saint Vincent Hospital in Manhattan. The nurse attending me in the ambulance called a person listed in my cell phone to inform her that I was alright and under medical custody. They asked her to identify me, but she refused.

I arrived at the hospital at 1:15 pm and lay on a bed. Several doctors and nurses examined me and checked my vital signs. I did not move a muscle or utter a sound from the time of my arrest until 5:00 pm. During much of the afternoon, I took a nap. At 5:00 pm a psychiatrist approached me for an interview. At this point, I responded to most of his questions. I did not provide my name or address. He decided that I was a harmless nut and released me with instructions to attend a psychiatric clinic.

I signed my name as Ayn Rand on the hospital release papers, recovered most of my property, and left the hospital for home at 5:50 pm. However the police had confiscated my sign, which read **JURY INFO**.

I had so much fun that I will repeat the festivities next Monday, October 26, 2009, at 11:45 am. I hope that some of you will join me, so that there are witnesses. A video of the events would be very useful and greatly appreciated. Eventually, I will sue the U. S. Department of Homeland Security for violation of my First Amendment rights.

There is an interesting legal point here. The federal government presumably has a statute that no person can exercise his or her First Amendment rights without a permit on federal property. Presumably, state and local governments could pass identical statutes. Then the only place left to protest would be on private property. But that is trespassing. In this way the First Amendment would be repealed. We must not let the federal statute, if there is one, stand!

Julian Hecklen
Freedom Fighter
October 19, 2009

**THE JUDGE WILL INSTRUCT THE
JURY THAT IT MUST UPHOLD THE
LAW AS HE GIVES IT.
HE WILL BE LYING.
THE JURY MUST JUDGE THE LAW
AS WELL AS THE FACTS.**

**JURIES WERE INSTITUTED TO
PROTECT CITIZENS FROM THE
TYRANNY OF GOVERNMENT.
IT IS NOT THE DUTY OF THE JURY
TO UPHOLD THE LAW.
IT IS THE JURY'S DUTY TO SEE
THAT JUSTICE IS DONE.**

Kaplan Appears Throughout the State

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“The AARP moderator, Doug Johnston, kept stating that they are non-partisan. Meanwhile, they are only giving two candidates forums. Their website and these telephone town hall meetings only include Corzine and Christie.

The local chapter of AARP in Livingston invited me to speak on October 2nd (I have Livingston ties). They also had invited Corzine and Christie (one declined and one didn't even respond). Anyhow, this same Doug Johnston made them rescind my invitation, because all the candidates weren't going to be there. What hypocrisy! The AARP needs to be exposed for the partisan organization that they are. If you favor two parties rather than one over all others, it's still partisan!”

Ken spoke in Riverdale on Oct. 15th at a candidates' forum organized by the Mayor there. There were 8 candidates present with a wide diversity of views. Here is the presentation Ken gave at the Life Health Choices rally held on October 16 at William Paterson University.

“Hello, I'm Ken Kaplan, Libertarian Party candidate for Governor of NJ. I represent the party that champions individual liberty. I am here today to lend my support to the concept that when it comes to health care, every individual has the right to make their own decisions concerning their treatment, and that parents, not the government, have the right to make those decisions for their children. I cannot understand the mentality that makes vaccinations mandatory. There is a risk-benefit analysis involved. The government should not be making a blanket decision for all of us. This is an individual decision. Why do “they” want to force “us” to be vaccinated? Anyone who believes a vaccine is useful and safe can be vaccinated and have their children vaccinated. If the vaccine is effective, they are protected. Why do they need to force us to be vaccinated? Their logic escapes me.”

Kaplan Addresses Seniors

On October 18, 2009 Ken Kaplan spoke to dozens of voters at Leisure Park in Lakewood. The event was organized by long time NJLP member Betty Florentine

Ken started out by explaining that Democrats and Republicans are all about gaining, keeping, and wielding power. They build coalitions designed to achieve those goals. The Democrats tend to cater to labor unions, certain ethnic groups and people who identify as liberal, while the Republicans cater to big business, other ethnic groups, and people who identify as conservative. Both of the old parties try to see what people are clamoring for, and then they jump to the head of the crowd and try to lead it.

Libertarians start from a set of bedrock principles. We champion individual rights and actually stand for something. Ken held up an old piece of campaign literature, which Betty

and he had shared when they ran a full slate in Essex County in 1975 and then he held up a flyer that was printed from the campaign this year, and he told the audience they would find the same positions and ideas expressed in both.

Ken addressed the seniors' concerns about the current economic situation by urging the listeners to seek and support family and community resources not turning first to government for assistance. This insight was controversial with his audience, many of whom believed that government had the primary responsibility to take care of the less fortunate. Ken was steadfast in promoting voluntary, cooperative, and local activities over big government actions. He mentioned other libertarian organizations like the Cato Institute.

Ken pointed out to the audience how the political system hinders competition by blocking real debate on the issues. He mentioned the debate at Riverdale he attended the night before with the 8 candidates with a wide diversity of views. The campaign rules for the televised gubernatorial debates are limited to candidates raising at least \$340,000 and individual contributions are restricted to \$3,400.

Ken described how “angels” can provide financing in any amount to a play or movie—indeed that is the typical route to sponsorship. But in the political area, contribution limits greatly favor the old party nominees and block outsiders. This year one “independent” Chris Daggett made it through the barrier, and he was only the second since Libertarian Murray Sabrin succeeded in 1997. Daggett and Kaplan have filed a lawsuit trying to break the legal hold on the first two lines on the ballot reserved for the Republicans and Democrats.

Following Ken's remarks, he handled the inquiries from the audience that was predominantly retirees. It was pointed out during the discussion that the drug war prohibitions guarantee high profits for criminals. Repeal of alcohol prohibition put the gangsters out of business and the violence of the era greatly decreased. One man disagreed with nationwide application of the Second Amendment and the right to keep and bear arms. He said states should be allowed to restrict gun ownership. Ken stated that he considers the Bill of Rights to be a package deal and that letting any one of the rights be abridged would endanger all of them. "If we set a precedent by watering down the Second Amendment, then freedom of religion and freedom of speech aren't safe either."



Ken spoke to a full house at Leisure Park

One tough question came from a centenarian, who said she “couldn’t understand why people don’t want to pay taxes!” Ken conceded that we just had to “agree to disagree” about taxes, but “I always expect people to be protesting taxes.”



Look toward your family and community not government.

Betty arranged for each attendee to take home a copy of *The World’s Smallest Political Quiz* from the Advocates for Self Government (www.TheAdvocates.org). Betty also provided cookies and ginger ale for everyone to enjoy after Ken’s talk.



Betty and Ken

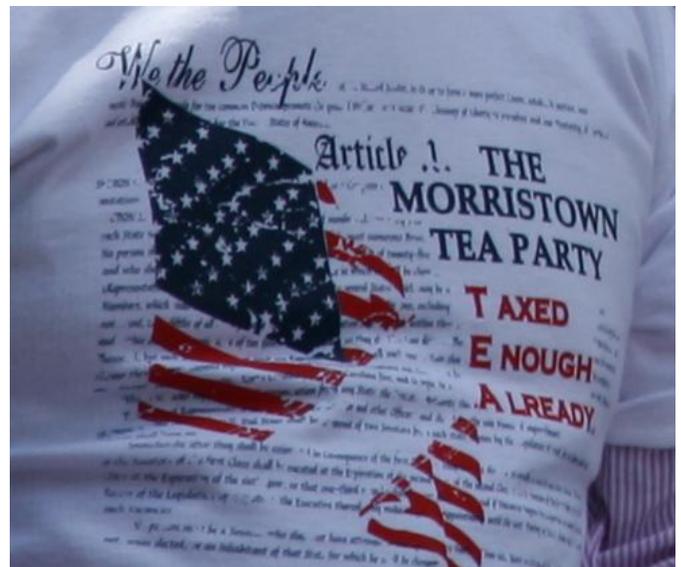
Kaplan spoke at Fox Hills, an over 55 community, in Rockaway on Oct. 20. For more information or to contribute to the campaign see Ken’s website at: <http://kaplanforgovernor.com>.

For the record Ken was busy this summer, too.

Here is Kaplan speaking at the July 4th Tea Party on the Morristown Green.



This T-shirt has a slogan Libertarians surely support.



Here is Ken’s audience in Morristown



Brooks and Green for Assembly

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The candidates have obtained **10,000 new campaign leaflets** and seek people who can **help distribute them** door-to-door in the district. Here are earlier flyers in action:



On the campaign website Brooks quotes Thomas Jefferson who said, "Wherever there are free men they will make themselves heard." Daryl continues, "New Jersey is broken. Record deficits are crippling our future. Sweetheart deals are costing our families millions of wasted tax dollars and corruption is rampant. Our government is held hostage by special interests, and continued promises for making a better place to live and passing it on to our children and

grandchildren have not been kept by Governor Corzine, Assembly woman Bonnie Watson Coleman, and Assemblyman Reed Gusciora."

Can you help Brooks and Green? Visit their website <http://brooksgreen09.blogspot.com/> to volunteer or call Daryl at 609-310-0549.

"We will not take money from special interests PACs or registered New Jersey lobbyists - not for this campaign, and not after we get elected. The best way to stay true to what we promise you, and to what we believe, is to stay outside the system that has corrupted so many before us, and that's why we will never take money from PACs or registered New Jersey lobbyists" adds Green.

Brooks concludes, "Coleman and Gusciora have offered no leadership on immigration, education, taxes, jobs, health care or corruption. Democrats have been in control of Trenton politics long enough and are fully complicit in this culture of corruption, as our inner city crumbles and our children suffer. The time for change is now. Yes we believe."

Brooks and Green condemn the high rate of incarceration for youth (particularly African American male youth) in the New Jersey criminal justice system. Youthful offenders held by the Department of "Corrections" often resort back to a life of crime upon reentry into society. There are limited resources available for those ex-offenders, who have made a sincere commitment to reform their own lifestyles. There is a long standing history in this state of over representation of minority youth in the corrections system.

The Poor People's Campaign is ready to meet with the lawmakers and political officials and discuss these issues, as well as the contributing factors and finally present the solutions to overcome this rising epidemic. You are invited to join in the rally and all you are asked to bring is yourself and your positive Spirit. Daryl and Charles have many supporters in the district. Here are some more of them.



More supporters of Daryl and Charles...



South Jersey Libertarians Meet

By Kevin Ferrizzi, SJLP Coordinator

The SJLP met on October 3rd and had another great turnout. It was good to see our regulars, a couple of new faces, and a couple of old faces who have become re energized with our recent successes.

We finalized production planning and sponsorships for the NJLP radio show and podcast (designating Bobb Rayner as the Executive Producer for the project), discussed our campaign focus for next year's Congressional candidates, and possible avenues of growth for our local county chapters. We encouraged all members to find out about local town activities like harvest festivals, book fairs, town anniversaries and campaign activities of the Democrats and Republicans in the area's municipalities and to report back to the Committee so we can formulate plans of action.

We have initiated the process of putting together some fundraisers for our Committee and candidates to be held in the upcoming months. We also are continuing our letter writing

campaign to local newspapers and politicians promoting libertarian views.

We are manning an NJLP booth at the Barrington Harvest Festival on October 10th and holding a Meet the Candidate night at the Bellmawr Public Library on October 26th to support Bill Kern's campaign for town council. I would like to take this time to thank Bill Kern and Chris Feeney for continuing to put their money where their mouths are and contributing funds to the various projects we are implementing and to Al Achilles and his family (the owners of Grabbe's Restaurant) for supporting us in our endeavors.

NJLP Radio Show/Podcast

By Kevin Ferrizzi

We are ready to move forward with the NJLP radio show and podcast. We need to fill a few positions for those who want to work on the show in a technical capacity and we need segment ideas and guests. We are also able to advertise during our time slot and are looking for sponsors for the program. The show will be very flexible and we will be able to include things not necessarily done in studio if anyone has content that they would like to submit for broadcast. Any and all ideas are welcome!

We already have several guests lined up and other content prepared for airing, a couple of local indie bands to play new music, and a couple of sponsors who have already pledged money to the cause. Anyone interested in participating in this show in any capacity please contact the show's Executive Producer Bobb Rayner at bobbayner1@cs.com

New Jersey's War on Legal Gun Owners

By Jay Edgar

Brian Aitken is a 25 year old father of a one year old son. Brian has been falsely imprisoned, charged and indicted of a crime he did not commit. If found guilty, he faces seven (7) years in jail.

On January 2, 2009 Aitken was wrongly arrested for illegal possession of firearms while moving from one residence to another within the state of New Jersey. The firearms were legally purchased and owned by Mr. Aitken while residing in Colorado. He passed an FBI and a Colorado background check to purchase the firearms. Upon arriving in New Jersey he contacted the New Jersey State Police and asked if he needed a license or to register his firearms. He was told that he did not have to register them, so he did not.

Mr. Aitken's firearms were locked in his trunk and unloaded during the course of moving. He was threatened with incarceration, if he did not answer questions and consent to the search of his vehicle. His Miranda Warning was read, signed, dated and time-stamped two (2) hours after his search and seizure.

He has been indicted by a Grand Jury and the State is pursuing a conviction. A conviction would carry a mandatory seven (7) year sentence due to recent State legislation which changed illegal possession from a third to a second degree crime. The Prosecutor offered a five year prison sentence as a plea deal.

We all know that New Jersey is not a "gun friendly" state—but this is taking it to a whole new level. It is obvious that he was wrongly charged, arrested, and incarcerated based on existing State and Federal law which protects his right to own and transport his legally purchased firearms. Brian Aitken and the law abiding citizens of New Jersey need help.

To make things worse this illegal imprisonment and false charges became the impetus for Brian losing his custodial rights of his young son. Judge Sheldon Franklin, of Ocean County Family Court, ruled that Mr. Aitken was essentially a violent criminal, although no violence was ever presented and the "crime" committed was not proven (and is even constitutionally protected in the State of New Jersey - NJS 2C:39-6e).

Judge Franklin stated (paraphrased) "Even though the police are in possession of your weapons, I'm not convinced that if you wanted to get guns from someone that you wouldn't be able to." On that presumption the Judge then ordered that Brian no longer be able to see his son, except for 1 hour/week in the presence of law enforcement officers inside the Ocean County Family Court.

Update

Brian reported on October 24, 2009 that he had signed the required plea cutoff forms to acknowledge that he was not accepting their plea offer. Richard Gilbert, attorney from Evan Nappen's law firm, filed a Motion to Dismiss based on 2nd Amendment Constitutionally protected and unrevokable rights, which will be heard on November 30th. If it is not granted then the case goes to trial on December 15th. Brian says he believes "it's a very strong Motion to Dismiss though so hopefully I can avoid a trial date altogether.

Ken Kaplan Hall Institute Virtual Debate

Monday, 12 October 2009 20:44

The Hall Institute recently asked several questions of the NJ gubernatorial candidates. Ken's opening statement can be read at <http://www.hallnj.org/new/index.php/kenneth-kaplan-opening-statement> . The dialog between the Hall Institute and Ken Kaplan follows. See <http://www.hallnj.org/new/index.php/governor09feature> for the full presentation of the debate.

Hall Institute:

Perhaps, the most daunting long-term economic challenge confronting New Jersey is the fiscal condition of the state's

public pension system. Given today's economic and political climate, what steps would you take to meet the state's growing pension obligations?

Ken Kaplan Responds:

A Star Ledger editorial from Nov. 3, 2008, referring to New Jersey's public employee pension system, stated, "Just before Corzine took office in 2006, his old Goldman-Sachs colleague Philip Murphy headed a committee that did a comprehensive review of a system that, even then, was in deep trouble. The committee's final report said that 'restoring integrity to the system is critical but ultimately the current structure of the benefit programs cannot be sustained over the long term (unless taxes are to be significantly increased or other spending significantly cut).' ..."

I favor the latter approach. Spending must be significantly cut, in fact, drastically cut! There are whole departments of the state that need to be eliminated. By paring the state payroll today, we will also be paring pension obligations for tomorrow. It also might be necessary to end the defined benefit pension plan for new hires, but that will be determined by future collective bargaining. My approach to such negotiations will not be anti-union, but it will be pro-taxpayer. I will not agree to salaries or benefits that outpace those available in the private sector.

But what about vested pension rights for retired workers or those about to retire? Unfortunately, we the taxpayers are left holding the bag for the outrageous behavior of the current and past administrations that agreed to generous benefits and then failed to responsibly fund them. I don't want to penalize individual retirees and their families by denying them what they were promised, but fulfilling those obligations means that all of us in the state will have to get used to the government doing less for us and we doing more for ourselves. Maintaining the current size and scope of the state government, while also meeting the state's pension obligations, would require massive tax increases, and I will not stand for that.

We have far too much government in New Jersey: state, county, and local. It must be cut down to size, and I would favor that even without a pension crisis. New Jersey's counties are arbitrary geographic divisions and bastions of patronage. I would eliminate them in favor of voluntary regionalization where it makes sense to participating municipalities. The slimmed-down versions of state and municipal government that I envision would still have to become more cost efficient and innovative. Reason Foundation's new Annual Privatization Report 2009, details the latest trends and examples of how public officials are reducing costs and improving service delivery through public-private partnerships, outsourcing, and performance-based government. Some of these methods could be useful in New Jersey.

Hall Institute:

What public policy directives would you institutionalize to balance the need to protect New Jersey's environment with the need to ensure a healthy business climate?

Ken Kaplan Responds:

Overdevelopment is generally seen as an environmental evil. On the way toward abolishing property taxes for all New Jersey property owners, I would first abolish them for the owners of undeveloped property. Eventually, property taxes on developed properties would be replaced by user fees. Thus the property owner in each instance would pay for what he actually required from the government, expanding on the principle of paying for water, sewer, and electricity based on usage. But an undeveloped property should not be taxed in any event. Taxing undeveloped property almost forces the owners to develop their property in order to have a revenue stream to pay the taxes. That works in direct opposition to the costly Farmlands Preservation Program. If the state would stop taxing property owners who do not require government services, more property would remain undeveloped by the choice of the owners, without wasting tax dollars to pay for incentives.

Basic environmental law says that you don't have the right to spew toxins into air or water that migrates off your own property and thereby affects others. I subscribe to that overview. That said, government enforcement of laws designed to implement that principle must be reasonable and timely. De minimus violations should not be cause for fines or business closures. We must also be mindful that if our laws are more stringent than those of most other states, we will be unable to attract new business and will lose business that is already here.

I oppose cap and trade as an environmental policy. I see it as a Rube Goldberg device which is unlikely to significantly reduce emissions but is likely to be very costly for consumers.

Hall Institute:

Studies conducted by the Hall Institute have shown that the cost of public higher education in New Jersey has increased at a pace higher than the rate of inflation. What actions should be taken by state government to control rising tuition rates? What actions should be taken by New Jersey's public colleges and universities?

Ken Kaplan Responds:

There is no state constitutional mandate that I am aware of for the state government to provide higher education. Therefore, public colleges and universities must become self sufficient. All high school graduates do not require higher education, and those costs should not be borne by taxpayers. Those who avail themselves of such education are likely to have higher life-long earnings which will more than compensate for the temporary financial hardships that obtaining the advanced education may entail.

College students have choices, and we need to create more choices. Public, private, and religious institutions offer associate and bachelor's degrees. They have varying costs and availability of scholarships. Co-op programs enable students to earn while they learn, working part-time and going to school part-time. This might lengthen the time needed to obtain a degree, but there is nothing sacred about taking four years to obtain a bachelor's degree. These programs need to be expanded.

Endowments can be enhanced at the public institutions by selling off surplus state property and putting the proceeds from those sales into those endowments. Income from the endowments can help keep tuition rates reasonable.

Educational institutions need to deemphasize their edifices in an electronic age. Interactive video conferencing can be used to great advantage. High construction, maintenance, and energy costs are draining money which could be better spent on salaries for first rate professors or on cutting tuition fees.

Hall Institute:

New Jersey is entering uncharted waters this fall by electing a lieutenant governor for the first time in state history. Please provide a job description for the duties and responsibilities of the lieutenant governor in your administration.

Ken Kaplan Responds:

I chose John Paff as my running mate, because if he and I are elected, I want him to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. According to the DCA's own website: "The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is a State agency created to provide administrative guidance, financial support and technical assistance to local governments, community development organizations, businesses and individuals to improve the quality of life in New Jersey."

DCA offers a wide range of programs and services that respond to issues of public concern including fire and building safety, housing production, community planning and development, and local government management and finance."

John Paff has chaired the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Open Government Advocacy Project for the past 5 years. He has served as a watchdog for New Jersey citizens, assuring that the workings of local government are properly recorded and made available for public scrutiny. As Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, his expertise on local government will stand New Jersey residents in good stead. He will only draw one salary. There will be no double dipping in our administration. As far as fulfilling his duties as Lieutenant governor, he will be kept in the loop regarding all my actions and goals as Governor, and will be ready to perform my duties when I am out of state or if I become unable to perform my duties for any reason.

Paff is a 1979 graduate of Rutgers University, where he majored in economics. He was president of City Line Insurance, Inc from 1979 – 1988, and currently manages rental real estate. A resident of Franklin Township for the past 23 years, he has been a member of the Middlebush Volunteer Fire Department in Somerset for 17 years and has been president of that fire company since 2008. He and his wife, Diane, are the parents of 2 children. I cannot be happier that John has agreed to be my running mate. I have admired his long time volunteer work on behalf of open government in our state, and I am excited about what he would be able to do as the head of the Department of Community Affairs.

Hall Institute:

As the health care debate is played out on the national stage, what are your plans for providing affordable, accessible health care to New Jersey citizens, including those who presently have no health insurance coverage?

Ken Kaplan Responds:

Healthcare in NJ is unnecessarily expensive. Compared to other state, health insurance policy options are limited and expensive. If you visit ehealthinsurance.com and put your information in, you'll see what I mean. Take a look at the number of policies you can choose from and the range in prices. Then try it again using a different state and zip code (e.g. Pennsylvania 19104). Simply by crossing the Delaware I had the choice of almost four times as many plans, priced at almost a quarter of the rates in NJ. New Jersey residents need to be allowed to shop between states for the best policy. See CATO for more information on this subject.

Our New Jersey legislators have limited our health care choices and have created an unaffordable health insurance climate for all. Since 1992 the number of insurers has dropped from 28 to only 11. Meanwhile the number of uninsured has skyrocketed.

Health insurance companies should be allowed to sell a much broader spectrum of policies in New Jersey, from comprehensive to catastrophic, and everything in between.

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The state should not mandate what has to be included in any given policy. Let the buyer make those choices. Also, state law should allow health professionals other than physicians to perform the full range of functions that their education and experience qualifies them for. We need to make better use of physician assistants, registered nurses, and nurse midwives. Alternative practitioners of healing arts should also be allowed to treat patients, provided they do not misrepresent their credentials.

Finally, NJ residents should be allowed to deduct contributions to Health Savings Accounts from their taxable income. NJ is one of only four states that restrict this. HSA deductibility will increase the affordability of consumer driven HSA accounts coupled with a high deductible health plan.

Future Meetings & Events

Tuesday, November 3- Election Day.
Vote Libertarian!

Saturday, Nov. 7th at 1 pm monthly meeting of the Libertarian Party of South Jersey at Grabbe's Seafood Restaurant in Westville, Gloucester County. Contact Kevin Ferrizzi at 609-980-8903 or kevinferrizzi@yahoo.com for info.

Sunday, Nov 8th at 1:00 PM State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub in New Brunswick.

Monday, November 9th Tribute to Billy VerPlanck. See information online at: <http://www.marleneverplanck.com/billy.html>

Sunday, Dec 6th at 1:00 PM General Membership Meeting at Tumulty's.

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