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Campaign 2005 Workshops

A workshop for all NJLP Assembly candidates and all campaign workers will be held during the NJLP convention on March 19th. All candidates and campaign workers are encouraged to attend. Further Campaign 2005 workshops will be held for all candidates and campaign workers on April 30th and September 10th at Tumultys, 361 George Street in New Brunswick commencing at 1 pm. Please mark these important dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. For further information please contact Brian Phillips at njshorecuf@hotmail.com or call 732-914-0037 evenings.

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Why We Run

By: Brian J. Phillips, Chair
NJLP 2005 Campaign Support Team

Political parties run candidates in elections in the hope that their members will get elected to public office. The New Jersey Libertarian Party has the same goal. It is only natural and to be expected that the NJLP should field candidates in as many elections as possible.

Any political campaign that New Jersey Libertarian Party enters into presents us with many unique opportunities. We should use any political campaign we are involved in as a means to recruit and to build the NJLP. After any political campaign we should see an increase in membership or at the very least it should generate some inquiries. We should make sure that new members or those that inquire about the NJLP are personally contacted and are invited to join the NJLP as an active member. Remember people like to be asked and invited to join in any group activity. People like to feel wanted and needed.

When we run candidates for public office at any level we have an opportunity to reach many people who have never been exposed to Libertarianism. We have the opportunity to make converts and to build up our local organizations. While we are campaigning we should always remember to invite someone interested to join and explore the NJLP. We should always have information on hand to give anyone interested. Always have literature ready to give and feel free to give out both the national and NJLP web addresses. Better still, always have pen and paper available and take the interested persons name, address and telephone number and then pass it along to the NJLP for contact.

Of course we run candidates in elections to give the citizens of New Jersey a real choice. Of course we run to win, but we cannot neglect the fact that doing so gives us an opportunity to recruit and to build our local party organizations.

Our Campaign 2005 presents us with many unique opportunities...if we see them and act. In November we can have a revived, strong and vibrant party if we work for it and seize the moment. Such a party organization can and will win elections.

May I take this opportunity to mention that we need more campaign workers to work for our 2005 state slate of candidates. If you can spare a few hours please email me at njshorecuf@hotmail.com or call me evenings at 732-914-0037. Remember the more campaign workers we have the more citizens of the state we can reach. The more we reach the more we can recruit and build a strong NJLP. You can also help by making a contribution to the NJLP State Fund.

Liberty in 2005!

Minutes of the NJLP State Board Meeting of January 16, 2005

Meeting Called: The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm at 361 George Street, New Brunswick (Tumulty's Pub). Present were Sean Carothers (Secretary), Ken Kaplan (At-large-member), Len Flynn (At-large-member), Ray Lehmann (At-large-member), Frank Warren (Somerset County), Andrea Nadolny (Mercer County). Absent from the meeting were Emerson Ellett (Vice Chair), Lou Stefanelli (Treasurer), Susan Schubert (Middlesex County), and Scott Lenger (Union County). Absent from their second State Board Meeting were John Taylor (Monmouth County), and Tony Federici (Sussex County). These SB positions are now considered vacant. Sean Carothers (Sean) acted as Chair for this meeting

Agenda:

Sean passed around the agenda and it was adopted as complete.

Sean did a quorum check and we did have the required majority, which was 6 of 10 State Board members, to make it an official State Board meeting.

Sean read the minutes of the December Steering Committee meeting. By general consent, the minutes were accepted as read.

Brian Phillips (Chair of the Campaign Support Team, or the CST, Brian) reported on the efforts of the CST:

Emerson Ellett (E) revised the Fundraising and Appeal for Candidates letter and the CST accepted it as complete for mailing. It will be mailed within the following week.

Brian planned for the following week to email the candidates a comprehensive summary of what each candidate needed to do to get on the Ballot, for example, how to get petition forms, what are the due dates, etc.

Brian planned to hold (2) candidate workshops.

1st - A Petition Workshop at the Convention. Sean advised that there was no time allotted for this and the Convention schedule was already very full and requested Richard Edgar (the 2005 Convention Coordinator) be contacted. Brian suggested if time didn't permit, that the interested parties could move to a nearby bar for the workshop. Frank Warren (Frank) committed to contributing his petition experience at the workshop.

2nd - A Campaign Workshop at Tumulty's Pub. Brian was aiming for a June date and was intending its focus to be on the revised NJLP platform

The motion to approve spending \$250 on a Campaign Workshop, tentatively scheduled for June 12th at Tumulty's Pub, was carried. Note that ~\$1,500 was raised to support our State campaigns. Only \$250 of these funds was previously allocated for the January Appeal Letter.

Sean reported on the 2005 NJLP Convention:

It is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th, 2005, on the campus of Rutgers University.

Pokerface is the scheduled entertainment

Speakers to include: Amanda Phillips of the Free State Project, 2nd Amendment attorney Evan Nappan, Ray Lehmann, the associate editor of BestWeek, an insurance industry newsletter. Evan and Ray are both NJLP members.

Ray added that Ivan Eland, who is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Center on Peace & Liberty at The Independent Institute, is now scheduled to speak.

Sean reported that the Website was next on the agenda:

General consent was as follows: There needed to be a way for the Steering Committee (SC) to both (1) update the front page of Website themselves, without going to Bob Hull (The NJLP Webmaster) and (2) update meeting announcements.

Ray suggested that we set up a BLOG on the Website's front page to make announcements. Access would be limited to the SC. John Paff (John) said he would follow up with Mike Pierone (former NJLP Chair) about assisting in setting up this web feature.

John also suggested using Yahoo Messenger to broadcast announcements to the NJLP. Access to sending messages would be limited to the SC. John also volunteered to setup the Messenger group during the following week.

Sean requested all other matters be discussed.

Brian requested an update on the Platform Committee. Elizabeth Macron (a key contributor of this committee) was called by cell phone and she said a meeting was scheduled for early February.

John reported on the outcome of the NJLP's public records case against DYFS. Although the Executive Director of the Government Records Council, Paul F. Dice, found that DYFS's actions "did not rise to the level of a knowing and willful violation," Paul did conclude in the favor of the NJLP, that DYFS "should release the information that was requested."

John followed this by making a case that 'open government' is an issue that the NJLP and the LP should pursue in its attempt to grow as a party.

The State Board adjourned at 3:22 PM.

Without passion we have nothing!

By : Dameyon Beaman,
NJLP Assembly Candidate 8th District (Burlington)

Without passion we have nothing! Think about that for a second. What does that mean exactly? Passion is what drives us to right the wrongs, and better our selves in the process. Passion motivates us to create something new or fix things that are broken. Passion helps us make up after a fight and triggers an instinct to protect our family from danger.

In the fight to be considered a legitimate political party, we need passion before we need money, volunteers, or even votes. We have a long uphill battle in front of us that will take us from great highs to hopeless feeling lows. Every day we will have to be defensive of our views and be ready to answer the tough questions. Every month until Election Day will be a battle against the wasted vote mentality of people who have lost their passion. Then on Nov. 3rd, we get to do it all over again preparing for next year. The one thing that will get us through will be the passion that we all have to make America a better place and that can only be done through less Government.

Have you lost your passion for the cause? Think about it for a minute. Right this second do you care if the NJLP wins or not? If we didn't would your life go on as usual? Now think about this? WHAT IF WE WIN? How would your life change? Would that recharge your passion for Liberty? As of this moment I am so motivated, I could take on Bill Clinton for the Assembly seat, and I know I could beat him. How motivated are you and what do you intend to do about it?

Good leadership is never static, dead weight always is. If you are okay with coming in 3rd place, then you have lost your passion. I'm not okay with coming in 3rd or even 2nd. My passion comes from the fact that I am sick and tired of being sick and tired. A nickel here and a dime there are taking away my ability to live and thrive in the state and nation that I deeply love.

My passion runs deep. My passion for my wife, my dogs and my country can't be measured by any test, only by my actions. I see an opportunity to do things better than they are currently being done and that revs up my passion even more. I am aware of the challenge in front of me, and I accept. Do you? Are you with me?

When all is said and done the only thing that I wish to do is this. I want to return to my High School and give a speech to the graduating class. I want to tell them that in my service in the NJ Assembly that I helped end out of control spending, and corruption. In my 4 years as Governor, I reduced income taxes to 1930's levels, and did away with property taxes altogether. As Governor, I did what I said I would do, and kept my integrity intact, and kept my passion alive. I want them to know that if they care about something enough, they can change the world and can be truly free.

Now I have a challenge for you. Think about your passions. Do you want to win the coming election? Do you want to see the party succeed? Are you willing to do what it takes to change the status quo, to end the political duopoly and to set the captive free? If you answered yes to these questions then you still have some passion left. **USE IT NOW OR LOSE IT!**

STATEMENT BY DR. LEONARD FLYNN FOR THE NEW JERSEY LIBERTARIAN PARTY SUPPORTING TEANECK CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEC. 215 OF THE PATRIOT ACT

Calendar

State Board
May 15th, 1pm
Tumulty's Pub, New
Brunswick

Assembly Candidate
Training Workshop
June 12th, 12:30 PM
Tumulty's Pub, New
Brunswick

Rutgers Libertarians Announce New Site

Chair Darian Worden wrote:
"The Rutgers Libertarians site is
somewhat up; I still need to do
some work on it.
<http://rlibertarians.tripod.com/>".

Check it out! It's a great start,
including must-have info for
interested parties and a good
link for Libertarian Humor.
Great Job!

After September 11th millions of Americans expected the federal government to protect them from future terror attacks. Civil liberties protections were perceived as unimportant—or even an obstacle—by many political leaders and members of the public.

The hallmark of the Patriot Act is its call for greater security by limiting or abolishing civil liberties. Somehow this is supposed to make us safer and more secure. We ask this question: "How does abandoning constitutional principles lead to a more secure America?" Accepting the trade-off of freedom for security ends the debate before it starts.

Civil liberties **enhance**, not diminish, our security! Safety and freedom do not require compromises, nor that one be traded off against the other. Rather, they are inextricably bound together and share an essential unity of purpose. There is little security in a fascist state.

The NJLP encourages real debate about what the so-called "war on terror" is actually accomplishing. Only constitutional rule of law—complete with open proceedings and full protection of defendants' rights—can prove that the "war on terror" successfully prevents actual threats, and is not simply a political publicity stunt or a cover-up for government oppression and lies.

The New Jersey Libertarian Party urges the Teaneck Town Council to pass this resolution. I close with a recent quote by Chip Pitts, Chair of Amnesty International USA.

"Security and liberty are not opposing values, to be weighed in some simple balance whereby more security results from reduced liberty, or vice versa. They are, rather, two sides of the same coin. True security cannot be achieved without careful attention to preserving fundamental human rights, checks and balances, and the objective limits to power provided by the rule of law."

From an article "Liberty and Security" by Chip Pitts, Chair, Board of Directors of Amnesty International U.S.A. that is published in *Amnesty Now* (Fall 2004) on page 25.

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

-- Benjamin Franklin

Presented February 8, 2005

That Freedom is Better is Irrelevant

by Joshua Scher

In my readings about libertarianism I have come across countless illustrations of freedom working more effectively than intervention. From Charles Murray's book "What It Means to be a Libertarian" to the publications of the Cato Institute, the argument is consistently repeated that freedom works better than solutions that limit freedom. Libertarians know that when markets are allowed to run their course that society is better off—especially for those of lower socioeconomic standing. Free market capitalism is more efficient, leads to greater productivity, rapidly propels mankind to higher levels, can cure the ills wrought by Social Security, Medicare, and the War on Drugs, and on the whole improves all environments in which is permitted to flourish.

The flaw in this argument is that it is being made at all. Capitalism and freedom works, but it often takes longer to achieve our goals than people are prepared to wait, particularly in a society that demands and is accustomed to instant gratification. It is a compelling argument that waiting for the market to repair itself allows for unnecessary suffering. This debate is not necessary and furthermore the odds are stacked against it because people allow emotions to override reason. The strongest argument for freedom is not that it is better, but that it is right. Freedom is consistent with individual rights. That it is better—and it is—is an additional benefit.

The auto insurance regulations in New Jersey demonstrate the weaknesses in making the wrong argument. In New Jersey auto insurance with liability coverage is required. The argument for this mandate is that it will ensure that if you are hurt through negligence on the part of a driver other than yourself, you will be made whole again by an insurer. You have a right to your property, so mandatory auto liability coverage protects your property rights, right? Wrong. Even if this was not ineffective it violates our right to think for ourselves. Any time we engage in an activity we take on risk. There is risk that our efforts might not work, the risk of being hurt, the opportunity cost of not choosing an alternative, etc. Transportation is no exception. When we drive, we take on three risks: 1-We might hit someone and be held liable; 2-Someone else hits us causing harm; and 3-The negligent driver who hits us does not have the means to bear the financial burden of his act. We have a choice as to how we handle these risks: avoidance, transference, retention, or reduction.

We can avoid the risks by abstaining from driving, but that would limit our lives a great deal. Given the choice many people do take on these risks. Transference is accomplished through insurance. If you hit someone, your insurer takes on your financial responsibilities where you are liable. The risk that the person who hits us is unable to make us whole can also be transferred by purchasing Uninsured Motorist Coverage (on top of what we are already required to purchase). Those who opt not to purchase insurance have chosen to retain the risk, or self-insure. Lastly, we can choose to purchase limited insurance that will reduce the burden that we are charged with. The choices are before us, but the government forbids us from making a decision. Liability retention is outlawed. It is illegal to be responsible for your actions. Freedom and responsibility go hand in hand. They cannot exist without one another. To limit one is to eliminate the other.

New Jersey's laws have forced liability and collision insurance premiums to increase above free market conditions. The repercussions are that less people can afford even the minimum liability coverage and too many drive illegally without it. Additionally, less people can afford sufficient uninsured motorist coverage. Thus, there is less protection from negligence overall than there could be if the market were free of government involvement. These arguments against mandatory coverage are strong, but have been defeated nonetheless because the dialogue was focused on "What is better?" as opposed to "What is right?" To deal with shortcomings stemming from regulation, more laws have been enacted to further frustrate the situation. Once freedom has been tossed aside, and intervention is accepted as necessary, more intervention is always the proposed solution to the problems it creates. This happens all too often when proponents of deregulation base their arguments on efficiency rather than morals.

New Jersey's auto insurance laws are only one example of many of when the wrong argument was undertaken. Emotions and mysticism cause people to override reason, who then reject the answer to "What is better?" because it is often undesirable in the short-term. Disagreements over "What is better?" as opposed to "What is right?" has led to the greatest violations of freedom we struggle with today, including, but not limited to Social Security, Medicare, welfare, drug laws, unbridled licensing requirements, and innumerable other regulations designed to create solutions that are deemed better than those the market presents.

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Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

Free State Project What is the Project About?

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

Free State Project Liberty in Our Lifetime

We don't want to wait decades for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Free State Project Where & Why?

The state where we will move was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

Free State Project Get Involved!



Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at www.freestateproject.org. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants you!

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Printed in *Suburban Trends*
January 12, 2005

I take great issue with your paper's editorial stance in the Jan. 5 issue, in which you argue for a return to the draft.

Let me state right at the outset that as a principled and uncompromising Libertarian, I reject the idea of conscription of any kind for any reason at any time.

All people are sovereign, self-owning entities; no one has any moral right to have a "claim" on the life or body of another. We belong to ourselves, not the "state", the "nation", the "community", the "race" or any other collective group.

There is nothing "patriotic" about supporting the draft. In fact, one of the reasons that many immigrated to America over a century ago was to get away from the European countries that had compulsory military service. Opposition to conscription has a long tradition in America. John Quincy Adams and Mark Twain were two notable personalities from our past who were foes of conscription.

There is nothing "un-American" about resisting the potential tyranny of our own government.

Your editorial also assumes (wrongly) that America should have an interventionist policy in the Middle East and elsewhere.

I guess you are unaware of the wisdom of both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who repeatedly warned of the dangers of "foreign entanglements." I took the liberty (no pun intended) to see if "spreading freedom and democracy abroad" is the role of the federal government. Lo and behold, there is no constitutional authorization to rebuild any nation anywhere in the world. Did it ever occur to you that perhaps the reason we are hated the world over is because we butt into the internal affairs of other nations? Evidently, independent and historical revisionist thinking isn't one of your editorial staff's strong points!

The best way to insure amicable relations with foreign lands is via open free trade (but no government subsidies for it) and private people to people exchanges and a termination of all political and military alliances.

Private citizens of any nation can get along with those of other lands. It's government that screws it up for everybody!

Mark Richards, West Milford

Activist at Work

Mark Richards is perhaps the NJLP's most prolific writer of letters to the editor, and very successful at getting them printed.

However, Mark's use of the press to spread the "L word" isn't limited to his own writing, but includes successfully getting the writing of some of our best proponents in front of the public at large. He recently sent me copies of a letter exchange (unfortunately, space doesn't permit the letters in this issue) that was kicked off due to his "gift" to a local newspaper:

"The exchange grew out of Sheldon Richman's op-ed in our local paper, *The Suburban Trends*. A reader, upset with it, responded and I in turn responded to her.

"The *Trends* is fair to me, so I give them a subscription to FFF's "Freedom Daily" each year, and they run op-ed's by Sheldon Richman, Jacob Hornberger, Richard Ebeling and others in their paper at least once or twice a month – a good way to get our ideas out to the public, I think!

"I would encourage other Libertarians who get letters printed in other papers to show their gratitude by giving gift subscriptions of "Freedom Daily", "The Freeman" or other Libertarian publications to these papers. Regardless of how "statist" many editors are, they at least want to appear "balanced" on the editorial page for public relations reasons if nothing else."

Way to go, Mark!

GIVE CHOICE FOR MARIJUANA A CHANCE IN NJ

Printed in the *Home News Tribune*
February 2, 2005

It is incomprehensible that George Bush is determined to spread freedom and democracy around the world with American blood and taxes, but he opposes these ideals in our country. A majority of voters in several states have said yes to legalizing marijuana for medical purposes. The Bush administration has used the power of the federal government to halt this program.

Marijuana is another alternative for the treatment and pain relief of various diseases. Unlike some FDA-approved drugs marijuana is not physically addictive, it is not expensive, and no one has ever died of an overdose. In New Jersey, the state Senate has a bill S2200, which would allow doctors to prescribe medical marijuana only for people suffering from debilitating conditions.

Medical decisions should not be dictated by the federal government, but should be determined by personal choice. Freedom from pain is a rallying cry.

Fred Stein, Dayton.

Show your true colors in NJ

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Hackensack, NJ 07601

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Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Camden County

P.O. Box 1066
Camden, NJ 08101

Cape May County

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

Cumberland County

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Bridgeton, NJ 08302

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33 Washington Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Gloucester County

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Woodbury, NJ 08096

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Jersey City, NJ 07306

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

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777 Jersey Avenue
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Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Morris County

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

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

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311 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Room 103
Paterson, NJ 07503

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90 Market Street
Salem, NJ 08079-9856

Somerset County

20 Grove Street
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271 North Broad Street
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State of New Jersey Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form

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 Reform Party U.S. Constitution Party

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Signature or mark of registered voter Date

**If you are a registered member of the Green Party, Libertarian Party, Natural Law Party, Reform Party, U.S. Constitution Party or an Independent, you cannot vote in either the Democratic or Republican Primary.*

Declaration must be filed no later than 50 days preceding the primary in which the voter wishes to vote. A newly registered voter or a voter who has never voted in a primary election, can affiliate with the Democratic or Republican Party on the day of the Primary.

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If you think taxes are ridiculously high, you might be a Libertarian.

If you think that the problem with civil servants is that too many of them are neither civil nor servants, you might be a Libertarian.

If someone asks you to take a urine test and you feel like telling them you'll give them a taste test, you might be a Libertarian.

If you think that there are way too many laws about way too many things, you might be a Libertarian.

If you believe in the Bill of Rights, you might be a Libertarian.

If you believe that no one should go to jail for smoking flowers, you might be a Libertarian.

If you believe that just about everything should be bought and sold on an open market except politicians, you might be a Libertarian.

If you're glad you don't get all the government you pay for, you might be a Libertarian.

If you think the US Constitution is the only contract with America you need, you might be a Libertarian.

If you think the only gun permit you need is the Second Amendment, you might be a Libertarian.

If the only way you can tell a left winger from a right winger is by which one of their hands is in which one of your pockets, you might be a Libertarian.

If you think the left is too left and the right is just plain wrong, you might be a Libertarian.

If you think polluters should pay for the environmental damage they cause, you might be a Libertarian.

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