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## Election, 2004

### Congress

Michael Matthews, 2<sup>nd</sup> District,  
1,638 votes  
Frank Orland, 3<sup>rd</sup> District,  
835 votes  
Richard Edgar, 4<sup>th</sup> District,  
1,865 votes  
Victor Kaplan, 5<sup>th</sup> District,  
1,777 votes  
Virginia Flynn, 6<sup>th</sup> District,  
2,698 votes  
Thomas Abrams, 7<sup>th</sup> District,  
1,972 votes  
David Daly, 9<sup>th</sup> District,  
1,442 votes  
Austin Lett, 11<sup>th</sup> District,  
1,321 votes  
Ken Chazotte, 12<sup>th</sup> District,  
1,423 votes

Sayreville Borough Council

Chris Koszalka, 1,261 votes  
Jeffrey Pawlowski, 1,458 votes

**Thanks, folks!**

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## Congrats, Thank You and Farewell

By Former NJLP State Chair Vic Kaplan

The September letter to recruit candidates/petitioners for 2005 Assembly races has generated a total of 33 Libertarians willing to run, 10 petitioners, and 31 donors. The letter raised \$1,295 for petitioning efforts.

Congratulations and thanks to Darren Young for volunteering to run for Governor in 2005!

Congratulations and thanks to the two Rutgers University students, Darian Worden (mg@keepandbeararms.com) and Davin Untamo (bullshiteelday@cyberloveplace.com) for helping to organize a Libertarian student organization at Rutgers University!

Congratulations and thanks to Sean Carothers for becoming our new NJLP Secretary!

Thanks to all volunteers and candidates for helping to light the fires of liberty!

Due to personal obligations, at the October Steering Committee meeting, I announced my resignation as NJLP Chair, effective October 22nd. It has been a pleasure serving as your NJLP Chair.

## 2005 NJLP Annual Convention

The 2005 NJLP State convention will be held on March 19th on the campus of Rutgers's University. Planning is still in progress, but so far we will have the libertarian rock band Pokerface, Amanda Phillips of the Free State Project, and 2nd Amendment attorney Evan Nappan to entertain and educate us during the afternoon luncheon. To help pay for the convention consider advertising in our convention program. Contact Jay Edgar at jay@redgar.com for advertising information. Stay tuned for more information on the convention at the NJLP.org website.

## NJLP Launches 2005 Campaign

By Brian J. Phillips, Ocean/Monmouth LP

At the November general meeting of the NJLP a resolution was introduced to issue a letter to all members asking them to consider running for the NJ Assembly and that they contribute to the NJ State Fund. The letter will be mailed in January 2005.

The NJLP hopes to field a full slate of candidates in 2005. This would include a candidate for Governor and all 80 Assembly seats. This vision was originally suggested by former NJLP State Chair Victor Kaplan. Already nearly 30 members have agreed to run as Assembly candidates. There are 40 districts in the state that elect two Assembly members.

Hopefully, enough funds can be raised to allow a central campaign web, coordinated newspaper and radio ads, campaign literature and signage for the entire 2005 NJLP slate of candidates.

Together with our NJLP state platform we hope to highlight ten to fifteen issues and to formulate an agreement, contract or compact with the citizens of the state.

The NJLP Campaign 2005 Committee was formed to help direct and coordinate our efforts. If you would like to work on this committee please feel free to contact me for further information. You may email me at njshorecuf@hotmail.com or contact me by phone evenings at 732-914-0037. I would welcome your ideas, comments and suggestions.

If you would like to make a contribution in support of the NJLP 2005 Campaign checks may be made payable to the NJLP State Fund and mailed to NJLP, 846 Sycamore Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. If you are interested in running for Governor or the NJ Assembly please contact State Chair Emerson Ellett at vicechair@njlp.org for further information.

With your support and your active participation we can give the people of New Jersey a real choice in 2005. With your help 2005 can truly be a year of liberty, a year of real jubilee. The end of politics as usual in New Jersey.

## From the Chair

By Vice Chair Emerson Ellett

Vic Kaplan has resigned as chair. As vice chair I'll be filling in until a new chair is chosen at our Convention next March.

In his short tenure Vic accomplished a lot. More than 30 members answered his call to run for Assembly in 2005. Other generous souls either donated to the State Fund or volunteered to circulate petitions in support of the candidates. Thank you, prospective candidates, petitioners and donors! But the project is less than half done. We need a gubernatorial standard bearer and 50 more Assembly candidates in order to fill the slate. A full slate, as you know, will give us a shot at gaining "political party" status -- if we garner 10% of the vote. Our bipartisan friends the Democrats and Republicans erected the "10% barrier" nearly a century ago to keep out upstarts like us, who are demeaned as beneath consideration by New Jersey's haughty election law.

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Thank you, candidates! Tom Abrams, Frank Orland, Jay Edgar, Ken Chazotte, David Daly, Austin Lett, Michael Matthews, Vic Kaplan and Virginia Flynn (our top vote getter), all carried the banner of liberty in their run for the House of Representatives in their respective districts. In Sayreville, Borough Council candidates Jeff Pawlowski and Chris Koszalka championed freedom's cause. Had not these eleven patriots stepped forward 2004 would have marked the disappearance from the New Jersey political landscape of the Libertarian Party, an occurrence which would have gratified our "bipartisan friends." How 'bout disappointing our friends next year by running a full slate!

Thanks also to the petitioners who worked hard to get Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik on the ballot. Five members made the Honor Roll by gathering 100 or more signatures: Frank Warren (petition coordinator and top petitioner, with 179 signatures), Brenda Bell (169), Ken Kaplan, John Taylor and myself (hey, I ain't modest). Honorable mention goes to Virginia and Len Flynn, each of whom fulfilled their pledge of 50 or more signatures. And thanks to everyone who petitioned, no matter how many signatures they collected. When it comes to petitioning every signature counts.

Incidentally the "bipartisans" are still trying to hamstring us, by a not-so surprising ploy uncovered by Ray Babecki and Jay Edgar. A1011, a bill introduced this January, proposed moving the primary date from June to the first Tuesday in March effective with the 2004 election. They tried the same thing in 2003 with A1333. Who says they're not scared of our patriotic freedom fighters!

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Brian Phillips, Ray Cragle, Sean Carothers and Fred Stein have formed a Campaign Support Committee for 2005. Everyone is welcome to join. If you can help, say, by conducting opposition research, contact Brian at njshorecuf@hotmail.com or 732 914-0037 evenings. The committee will issue a crucial fund raising appeal in January. In order to qualify for the gubernatorial debates we must raise at least \$300,000, a feat not accomplished since the 1997 Sabrin campaign. The goal is achievable if we all pitch in. The committee is also working on a "Libertarian Program for New Jersey" or "Top 10-15 Issues" facing voters. Nothing has been finalized but suggested topics include a free market in auto insurance, repealing the drug laws, releasing imprisoned non-violent drug offenders, term limits; tax credits for a proposed New Jersey version of education, medical and savings accounts; requiring a super legislative majority prior to raising taxes; ending minimum milk prices, allowing more people to practice health care, property tax relief. Ray has suggested that the Libertarian Program could be signed voluntarily by our candidates, or others. We could say "Has YOUR candidate signed the Libertarian Program?" (or whatever we call it). Workshops are proposed to make our candidates familiar with the platform and program of action. As Brian points out, the workshops can make our candidates more comfortable in espousing libertarian ideas.

Elizabeth Macron has agreed to take the lead in revising the NJLP platform along the lines of the national platform, which was recently re-written to include an explanatory rationale for our positions. The plan is to release the revision to the membership prior to the Convention, where it will be submitted for a vote. If anyone has specific recommendations regarding the platform please submit your proposed change and rationale worded exactly as you'd like it to Elizabeth at emacron@msn.com.

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Mark your calendar for Saturday March 19. The Convention will be held on that date at the University Inn on the Cook College campus, Rutgers University. To assure an on-time start the first 20 conventioners will receive a continental breakfast. Confirmed speakers are Evan Nappan, noted firearms attorney and Amanda Phillips, Free State Project. Badnarik wants \$1200 plus expenses, so unless there's an angel willing to sponsor him he won't be there. Pokerface, the libertarian rock band, has agreed to perform. -- Holding our convention on a college campus is a first for us, and Jay Edgar gets the credit. His 11 year old Libertarian daughter Melissa has been invited to speak. So come on out!

Ideas or suggestions? Give me a holler at vicechair@njlp.org

Dear Candidates,

Well done!

*By running for office this year you gave hope to the many thousands of New Jerseyans who followed John Quincy Adams' advice: "Always vote for principle, though you vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."*

*Thousands, perhaps millions of other Garden State voters did lose their votes by casting negative ballots, not in favor of someone they truly admired and wanted in office, but against the fabled "lesser of two evils."*

*If you had not run for office many voters would have had no reason to go to the polls. Truly the voters owe you a debt of gratitude for keeping the flame of liberty alive in our dear state.*

Emerson Ellett

Vice Chair, New Jersey Libertarian Party

## Flynn Covered in APP

Flynn favors less government regulation over the health care industry to allow companies to tailor insurance plans and policies to their customers.

She also favored reducing government regulations over the pharmaceutical industry to make the creation of new drugs more affordable. Now, she said, it takes roughly \$1 billion to create a new drug, a price that prevents the development of new antibiotics.

Flynn favors phasing out Medicare and privatizing Social Security -- funds she believes will be exhausted by the generation of baby boomers now entering their senior years.

*From : "6th District hopefuls define issues, stands", Asbury Park Press 10/15/04*

## LWV Corrected by NJLP Candidate

Dear League of Women Voters:

I am the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Congress in New Jersey's 6th district. You never asked for my positions on the issues in the 2004 campaign.

Project Vote Smart and Vote-USA.org both invited us to submit issue responses and we did, but your DNet.org never asked.

The "No comment" in the tables is a lie, it should read "not asked" or more accurately "not permitted to respond."

In Liberty,

Virginia A. Flynn  
ginny@flynn4congress.org  
732-591-1328

## 9<sup>th</sup> District NJLP Candidate David Daly, on running for office:

*"It was a great experience that I will never forget. If I can get 1500 votes without seriously campaigning or spending any money and not getting much in the way of media exposure, then the future looks bright if we Libertarians can focus our efforts and raise some real money."*

*Ken Chazotte, NJLP candidate in the NJ 12th Congressional District, went up against incumbent Rush Holt (D-NJ), during an interview by the Home News Tribune newspaper (central NJ).*

## **12th District candidates tackle insurance reform**

**Published in the Home News Tribune 10/13/04, by Bob Jordan, Gannett NJ**

12TH DISTRICT: Legislation compelling insurance companies to disclose how rates are calculated for medical-malpractice insurance and forcing the companies "to open up their books," is one way to reel in runaway health costs, Rep. Rush D. Holt, D-12th Dist., said yesterday at a meeting with other 12th Congressional District candidates and the Asbury Park Press editorial board.

"Insurance companies are totally nontransparent" in their business procedures, Holt said. Holt disagreed with his Republican challenger, Bill Spadea, when he said insurance companies would likely cut the rates they charge doctors if restrictions on lawsuits were enacted.

Tort reform is held out as a solution, Holt said, "but it's a simplistic misdirection." He said restricting lawsuits and capping damage awards would "at most have a 5 percent effect on premiums," and labeled the initiatives "really way off base."

Spadea said: "We need common-sense lawsuit reform. That can be achieved by putting caps on punitive damages, similar to what we have in California."

California's medical-malpractice law has maximums for pain-and-suffering lawsuit awards but does not limit economic or punitive damages.

The Libertarian candidate, Ken Chazotte, agreed that federal tort reform can be a key way to rein in medical costs. Darryl Brooks from the Green Party did not attend the meeting.

Holt is seeking his fourth term in the Nov. 2 election. The district includes parts of Monmouth, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Mercer counties. Middlesex County municipalities in the district are Cranbury, East Brunswick, Helmetta, Jamesburg, Milltown, Monroe, North Brunswick, part of Old Bridge, Plainsboro, South Brunswick, South River and Spotswood. Part of Franklin in Somerset County is also in the district.

Spadea, a Princeton resident, is a real-estate agent. Chazotte, of Marlboro is an independent computer consultant.

In June, New Jersey lawmakers approved a plan designed to help some doctors pay their malpractice-insurance premiums. It taxes medical providers, attorneys and other professionals to generate \$78 million over three years that would be distributed to help hospitals and certain hard-hit physicians pay insurance costs. Physicians in New Jersey staged street protests in 2002 and 2003 to raise awareness of malpractice-insurance costs.

State Republicans have said that measure is flawed because it doesn't cap punitive damages in lawsuits.

Spadea said, if elected, he also would push for federal legislation supporting association health plans, which, he said, would enable small businesses to join together to provide affordable coverage for their workers and "is for that guy stocking the shelves for \$12 an hour."

Holt, of Hopewell, also called association health plans "a good idea."

Spadea said he differs from his party's leaders, including President Bush, on prescription drug imports, saying U.S. citizens should be allowed to take advantage of drug savings offered by Canadian companies.

Chazotte said he hopes his campaign is able to affect the issues that are debated and put before the voters. "I decided to run because I was unhappy about the direction our government is going in" said Chazotte, who is married and has a 3-year-old son, and added his child's future "is one of the main reasons" for his concerns.

Chazotte, like Spadea, said he supports the president's tax cuts. But he agreed with Holt's criticism of the administration's spending. "I agree we have to have a corresponding reduction in spending" to match tax cuts, Chazotte said.

Holt said the middle class is "clearly" getting the worst of the tax cuts. "The wealthy are paying less in taxes, the poor are paying less, but government spending has gone up. Who do you think is paying more? It's the middle class," Holt said.

Spadea countered by saying the lower and middle classes will benefit from tax cuts because the cuts will lead to business investment and the creation of more jobs, and said Holt recently voted against measures that would have provided tax relief for the middle class.



L-R: Congressional Candidate (9<sup>th</sup> District) David Daly; Congressional Candidate (12<sup>th</sup> District) Ken Chazotte, host Shad Wolley, Congressional Candidate (6<sup>th</sup> District) Virginia Flynn, Congressional Candidate (4<sup>th</sup> District) Jay Edgar



NJLP Member Ray Babecki took these photos at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> shooting of TPOV. He wanted all NJLP readers to know that that he snapped the shots prior to taping, in order to grab all our candidates, but before a most important prop – the “Badnarik 2004” – banner was in place. Thanks for the pictures, Ray!



## SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN. HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS?

By Ray Babecki

Every election season, I place a lawn sign for our candidate(s) on the rear of my SUV. That way, wherever I drive or park my SUV, it's a mobile billboard advertising our party. I began doing this when I got my SUV in 1998. Since then, I've posted signs for the "Brown for President" (2000), "Edgerton for Governor" (NJ-2001), "Ellett for Senate" (NJ-2001), and other campaigns. This year, I put a "Badnarik for President" lawn sign on my SUV.

My SUV is ideal for this purpose. It has a large, flat, vertical hatchback. The multi-color lawn signs are highly visible and eye-catching, and contrast well with the black body color. I also put bumper stickers in each of the rear windows on each side of the vehicle. That way, drivers and their passengers who see the lawn sign on the rear get a second opportunity at name recognition as they pass.

On major highways throughout northern and central NJ, I drive in the far right line and stay just below the speed limit - a death-defying feat in NJ. That way, all other drivers have to pass me and can't miss seeing my signs. I observe all DMV rules and regulations, so no one has a reason to form a negative impression of our candidates or our party. The police haven't pulled me over (yet!).

Most motorists are totally oblivious. They've never made eye contact, honked their horn, waved their hand with fewer than 5 fingers, or tried to force me off the road. These citizens cause me grave concern for our society! They're not just "concentrating on their driving". They're in their own world, safely cocooned by their 1-ton guided bludgeons, intent only on arriving at their destination, without care for or about anything or anybody else. These drivers' ages, genders, race, and other demographics vary widely. But, they all have one thing in common: they display no bumper stickers, or political messages of any kind.

Motorists with GOP-candidate bumper stickers (Bush/Cheney, this year) appeared to ignore me. I suspect they're just 'knee-jerk' Republicans who don't know the issues, and don't care about the election until they're in the voting booth. Or, they're party faithful who got a sticker and put it on themselves, or let their families or a party activist do it. These drivers appear generally middle-aged or older, and their vehicles are upscale (luxury 4-door vehicles, very large SUVs, Cadillacs, etc.)

The strongest responses to my mobile lawn signs have come from motorists with Democrat-candidate bumper stickers. They're usually younger to middle-aged. In 2000, a driver with a Gore bumper sticker slowed down as he passed, and shook his head as if to ask, "Why can't you vote for my guy?" This year, a driver sporting a Kerry/Edwards bumper sticker slowed down along side me on the Parkway, paced me for a while, and glared at me. He seemed genuinely upset, like I was working against him personally.

A smaller category of drivers, and, particularly their passengers, really encourages me to keep doing this. I can see them 'mouthing' the signs' wording, often with puzzled looks on their faces. You can almost hear them ask, "Who's Badnarik?" Some drivers deliberately 'hang-back' for a while. At first I thought they were trying to block other motorists from seeing my signs. But, I've concluded that they're just reading them more thoroughly. Some drivers immediately get on their cell phone for some reason. Obviously, I've struck a chord somewhere. But, most of these vehicles also are devoid of any political messages.

Signs and bumper stickers cost money. But, they lend a physical presence, and, therefore, legitimacy to a campaign. Bush, Kerry, and other politicians would have nothing other than 'virtual' campaigns - despite 'slick' TV commercials - unless someone actually saw signs along the side of the road (or on an SUV). Remember that the next time you're asked to donate to a LP campaign, or put up a sign or bumper sticker.

Libertarians should be alert to any opportunity to promote liberty and our party and its candidates - no matter how unorthodox or 'weird' it may seem. The average citizen is easily impressed by something unique, and will readily be captivated by anything out of the ordinary. I've been reluctant to mount a sign on my vehicle year-round, because of the adverse effects from the winter weather. My next goal is to create a year-round display. What unused space are YOU wasting?



## Libertarian Club Founded at Rutgers University

By Darian Worden

Our club is named Rutgers Libertarians. It was originally founded by myself, Davin Untamo, and David Konopacki. Our current officers are Darian Worden - president, Davin Untamo - VP, and Helen Nayfeld - Treasurer.

For more information, email Darian at [dw1776@hotmail.com](mailto:dw1776@hotmail.com) or call me at (609) 954 7374. We should be getting a website up sometime over the winter break.

Our meetings are sparsely attended but we are getting the word out on campus.

We should be officially recognized by the school for the spring semester.

We are planning to do outreach tables, documentary and movie viewings, information sessions with speakers, possibly debates with other clubs, open meetings, and other activities. If we are able to get enough interest we can do campaigns to change certain local ordinances.

This semester was mainly a struggle to get the club founded, but we did establish a campus presence. We did outreach tables, brought candidates Ginny Flynn and Ken Chazotte to a Critics of Politics meeting, assisted in campaign sign distribution for Middlesex and Somerset counties, put up flyers on campus for LP candidates, and did other literature and information distribution activities.

An article was written in the Targum about the club and we are trying to get an interview in the Centurion, the conservative newsletter at Rutgers. I would love to get some kind of libertarian newsletter circulated around campus, but we have not developed this idea much yet.



### ACLU Responds to NJLP's "Open Letter"

*The October issue of the NJLP contained the Open Letter, and can be read at [www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org).*

Thank you for your letter of September 30, 2004.

I appreciate you taking the time to bring your concerns to my attention. The ACLU recognizes the need for greater security in the post-9/11 world. What we do not condone are measures that sacrifice our liberties in the process. I am sure that had you attended the discussion whose title you were so alarmed by you would have found that to be the point conveyed.

I thank you for writing. I attach a press release describing our latest victory against the Patriot Act.

Tony Romero

*Len Flynn is the NJLP member who first noted the situation, and he wrote this in response to Romero: "Of course, I attended both seminars that had the questionable subject matter in the title: "balancing security and civil liberties." I believe the best answer on the subject is this quotation: "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 calling. 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) page 25."*

## Election Night 2004! & The Freedom to Ignore

by Josh Scher

This was a monumental clash. They volleyed aggressive campaigns of deceit upon America, and we bought it. We bought into it. One side of the screen featured George II, the Compassionate Conservative, the unwavering Patriot whose unrelenting devotion to avenge 9/11 has made America safer and has breathed Democracy† into the lives of the unsaved. On the other side stood a war hero, a knight marching uphill with America on his back bound to dethrone the nepotistic nightmare. John Kerry, the champion of “the people”, and all causes left of center, was charged with the role of savior, the Great Not Bush. Their differences were laid out in three gameshows that achieved unprecedented ratings. One candidate was for the War in Iraq, the other was not against it. One was offended by gay marriage; the other did not find it amenable. One wanted government to rescue social security; the other envisioned a completely different way for government to maintain benefits. The lines had been drawn in the sand. You were either with us or against us. We’re tired of that Nader rhetoric; it’s time to get serious. This one is for real. He lied us into Iraq, or didn’t you see Fahrenheit 9/11? America simply can’t afford another tax & spend Massachusetts liberal. Hell, he’s a flip-flop, just look at his record! He didn’t even fight in Vietnam. His father got him into the Texas Air National Guard. There was a special about it on FOX, CNN, CBS, PBS, The New York Times, The Weekly Standard, Bill O’Reilly, Air America. They fed it to us in gluttonous servings. A visit to the vomitorium, and we eagerly returned for another helping until the culmination of that November Super Bowl Tuesday.

People take pride when they vote because they have repeatedly been told they are doing their duty as Americans, contributing to the Democracy© that makes this country great. Voting is a fundamental right, an opportunity to exercise freedom of speech. Take note—because most Americans do not—that the same media whose responsibility it is to hold a mirror to the world, follow up that message by exercising their right to ignore you when speaking. You have a right to be heard, but big media also has a right to deny you its bullhorn. CNN fostered its reputation as the national mouthpiece for liberal America by airing Burger King commercials with a long-haired guitarist urging people to vote, to be “rocket fuel for the soul of America”. I listened. I wanted to be rocket fuel too. I stopped over at Montclair’s Rand Elementary School (*no kidding*) to be heard. There were five people working the one booth, each of whom greeted me with a pleasant countenance. One attendant was only too enthused to teach a young man how to cast his vote. A moment later he emerged from the curtains smiling, having fulfilled his right of passage as a patriotic citizen. The attendants applauded. It was my turn. I cast my vote for President and Congress. For Register, as only Democrats and Republicans were on the ballot, I looked for the write-in instructions to no avail. When I asked for help, the attendants shot each other bewildered looks. Not one of them knew how to work the freedom of speech machine! I pressed them to look into it, only to be told “I’ve been working here on election day for three years, and I have never come across this.” The guardians of free speech had dug in their heels. Their party would not be ruined by someone who drank too much Kool-Aid. With disgust I pulled the liberty lever without having voted for Register. Suppression through government bureaucracy at its finest—utter incompetence. Yet another exhibition of the closed-mindedness that has run rampant to reconfirm my cynical view of freedom in this country.

I returned home to CNN to hear others when no one would hear me. I watch CNN because it is not FOX whose “fair and balanced” agenda makes it difficult to watch. CNN at least pretends to be genuine. I flipped through the channels searching for anything representing a different voice. Most states had 99% of the vote go to Bush/Kerry. Some pitched a complete shut-out, with a Bush/Kerry tally rounded to 100%. Ralph Nader’s concession speech was cut short before it commenced by a suddenly unnerved Wolf Blitzer because of technical difficulties. I grabbed the remote. Apparently FOX, CBS, ABC, NBC, and even PBS were having the same difficulties. Alas, CSPAN came through, the same station that aired the 2004 Libertarian National Convention. Nader delivered several important messages that I trust Badnarik would have communicated on the same stage. He pierced the corporate veil, expounding on the slaughter of constitutional rights perpetrated by Democrats and Republicans. It is sad that his message was muted to the people. CNN did interview him shortly afterwards, goading him into denigrating George Bush II, but unfortunately Blitzer had to cut him short when he segued into the system that represses any voice of true dissent. It serves to reinforce the unfortunate irony that election day, a celebrated opportunity for the nation to assert its will and influence government (and sold as such), has devolved into the epitome of statist manipulation.

## Define, Not Confine

By Brian J. Phillips  
Ocean/Monmouth LP

We are often asked, "What is a Libertarian?" Frequently we reply, "Libertarians are fiscally conservative and socially liberal." Not a bad answer you may say. There is a better one.

What I will call the standard reply allows Libertarianism to be defined and confined within the limited understanding that one must be either a liberal or a conservative. As Libertarians we know that the terms liberal or conservative are really words for the political expression of big government, regulation and control. Why would we want to define Libertarianism by those terms? We know that in truth there is little difference between a liberal, conservative, Democrat or Republican.

Michael Cloud in his books and seminars makes the suggestion that we reply somewhat as follows: "Liberals and conservatives agree with many Libertarian positions. Libertarians believe that there are only two positions. Either you are for personal freedom or for more government regulation and control. Libertarians are for limited constitutional government and for freedom. We believe that each individual should regulate and control their life, not government."

The definition used describes Libertarianism not in the terms of liberal or conservative but in its own right acknowledging the constant struggle between power and freedom. Michael Cloud in his books and tapes states that we must define, or be defined.

Seeking to describe Libertarianism within the meaningless terms of liberal, conservative, left or right just cannot suffice. To use these terms really confines Libertarianism and traps it within today's meaningless political double-speak. The definition suggested also implies that liberals and conservatives accept and agree with many Libertarian positions. Note that we state that they accept our principles and point out that conservatives, liberals, the left and right can and do agree with many of our positions. This establishes Libertarianism as the true standard of measurement and definition. The suggested reply states that liberals and conservatives agree with us, not that we agree with them. There is a major clarifying difference in this approach.

It is true that Libertarians are for less government, less regulation and more personal freedom. Libertarians want to cut government back to within its constitutional limits. But in saying that Libertarians are "fiscally conservative" are we not selling ourselves short? As Libertarians we certainly want to do much more than the so-called "fiscal conservatives." The term "fiscal conservative" has been used and abused by advocates of big government so why would we ever want to be even remotely associated with this term? Any Libertarian government would do far more than the limited fiscal agenda of some of what passes today as conservatism.

Is it accurate to say that Libertarians are "socially Liberal"? Once again I think that this statement confines and does not define Libertarianism. Liberals support affirmative action, Libertarians do not. Liberals support government sponsored education, Libertarians do not. Liberals support a form of socialized medicine, Libertarians do not. Just from this short list we can see that Libertarians have many disagreements with the social policy of today's so-called liberals. So how can we reply that Libertarians are "socially liberal"? The standard answer really is a contradiction and one that should be erased from our minds and banished from our lips.

You may find it helpful to listen to the tapes of Michael Cloud. The three-tape set "The Essence of Political Persuasion" is helpful as is Cloud's new book "The Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion." Both can be easily purchased from the Advocates for Self Government (<http://www.theadvocates.org>).

Next time you are asked, "What is a Libertarian?" remember to define, not confine.

**Star-Ledger coverage of lawsuits credits LPCNJ**  
*Libertarian suits gaining "support from non-members"*

The Star-Ledger  
November 5, 2004

**Libertarians sue Union Twp.**  
**Political party wants towns to follow law on public information**

Author: JASON JETT; STAR-LEDGER STAFF

Union Township is the latest municipality to be sued by Libertarian Party officials seeking to have governing bodies comply with state public meetings and records laws.

Since 2002, the third party to Republicans and Democrats in Tuesday's national elections has filed more than a dozen lawsuits across New Jersey.

The drive has picked up support from nonmembers concerned about the flow of information from public officials to the residents they serve.

In Roselle Park, Jacob Magiera, a former Republican councilman, sent a letter and videotapes of alleged open public meetings violations to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

The county's top law-enforcement agency found the Roselle Park Borough Council incurred violations during municipal council meetings Aug. 5, Aug. 19 and Sept. 2, and it warned of fines from \$100 to \$500 for future infractions.

"All parties are in agreement that the law has been violated, and have made assurances that retraining on issues arising under the Open Public Meetings Act will be undertaken to ensure no repetition of these violations," Assistant Prosecutor Ann Rubin wrote in a letter to Magiera that was forwarded to Roselle Park Borough Attorney William Lane.

The violations included passing a motion calling for a closed session without stating the nature of the subject to be discussed with any degree of specificity. Also, the nature of matters discussed in closed session were not justified by any of the exceptions to the open public meeting requirement.

Paraphrasing the state open public meetings law, Magiera had written: "The public body must first adopt a resolution at a meeting which is open to the public indicating generally what matters will be discussed in the closed session, and when the discussion will be disclosed to the public.

"Since the 11 items were not discussed before the public, I have no way of knowing when or if these 11 items will ever be disclosed to us," he added.

The Union Township Committee was sued Sept. 27 by John Paff, secretary of the Central Jersey chapter of the Libertarian Party, for failing to provide minutes of past executive sessions at public meetings.

Township attorney Thomas Plaia said the matter is moot because the documents were provided, and he called the suit a trial balloon.

"I was shocked because Mr. Paff recently made a request for executive session notes, which were reviewed by me," Plaia said of the suit. "I reported back to the township committee, and they gave me authority to release those executive session notes.

"What he requested was provided to him. I guess he did not think I got to him fast enough and filed suit," added Plaia. "Maybe he had no real interest in the executive session notes and simply was trying to make a test case."

Plaia noted Paff lives in Somerset County, and asked, "What interest does he have in Union and its day-to-day government?"

The borough attorney said the township closely guards executive session minutes because they could cause embarrassment to employees or reveal inappropriate details about contracts and pending litigation. "I speak on behalf of the township, when I say we will continue to scrutinize any and all requests for executive session minutes," he said. "Executive session is not taken lightly in Union."

Paff said the township technically is in default because it failed to answer his complaint within the allowed 35 days, but the larger issue is obtaining a court interpretation of the suit.

"The Open Public Meetings Act requires minutes be promptly made available to the public," he said. "I would like to approach this as a citizen trying to make the system work better and would appreciate if he would not attack my motive but address the issues in the lawsuit.

"It's not just Union," added Paff. "Municipal governments ignore requests and push you around. The Libertarian Party's Open Government Task Force is trying to make public information readily available to people without requiring people to be confrontational.

"We want a system in which, if the Open Public Meetings Act says do this, that towns comply."

Paff said he knows of no cases in which municipalities were fined or otherwise penalized for violations.

"The fines are illusory," he said. "They have to be brought by the attorney general or county prosecutors, and they have a tendency to not find violations a high priority, and I find that unfortunate."

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## Star-Ledger Coverage of Court approval of "reasonable" \$55 discs

*LPCNJ's John Paff plans appeal*

Star Ledger  
November 17, 2004

### Court OKs fees paid for public records Judge says Edison, county can charge reasonable rates

BY JIM O'NEILL, STAR-LEDGER STAFF

A Superior Court judge has upheld fees charged by Edison officials and, in a separate case, fees assessed by the Middlesex County freeholders, to provide copies of documents to the public.

In the ruling released yesterday, attorneys said Judge Robert Longhi determined public agencies can charge fair and reasonable rates to cover labor and materials involved in providing paper and electronic copies of documents, such as minutes of meetings.

The decision came after John Paff secretary of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties, filed lawsuits against the Edison Council and the freeholders, contending the fees charged for copies were exorbitant, and should be limited to actual cost of providing copies.

His attorney, Richard Gutman of Montclair, argued during a hearing in September that Edison wanted \$55 to transfer the minutes of council meetings onto a computer disc, while the freeholders were charging 75 cents for the first 10 pages of photocopied minutes, 50 cents for the next 10 pages and 25 cents for each additional page.

Gutman contended the cost of making an electronic copy "involves only a few clicks" on a computer to transfer the record of meetings to a disc, while the freeholders should only be allowed to charge the actual cost of photocopying, asserting commercial printers charge a nickel or dime per page. Attorneys representing the government agencies disagreed, saying the time and labor begin to add up, and that the costs of special requests by individuals should not be borne by taxpayers.

Longhi agreed, asserting government agencies are entitled to reasonable compensation through fees established by the state Legislature through the Open Public Records Act and other legal measures.

Louis Rainone, township counsel in Edison, said the electronic recording fees, "as established by the (township) ordinance was reasonable."

"We try to make (documents) available for copy and review, but it's not fair for all of the taxpayers to have to subsidize individuals who require special (recording) services, and I think that's what the judge recognized," Rainone said.

Gutman said he was disappointed by the ruling.

"We think the standard should be the actual cost," he said. "The idea is that public records should be readily available to people and they shouldn't have to pay these (high) amounts. Some people can't afford \$55 . . . and when you charge that amount, you're making it difficult for people to get public records."

Paff said he expects to appeal. "Judge Longhi said it's okay for towns to charge \$55 for a copy on a 25-cent recording disc," he said. "The whole purpose of the Open Public Records Act was to prevent citizens from being gouged down at town hall."

Paff said he was looking for a simple way of posting information on a Libertarian Party Web site.

"The whole intent is they really don't want to give you the information. They really don't want you to participate in government," he said.

Edison officials said the township posts minutes of meetings on its home page, but Paff said the township hadn't posted anything when he went to the municipal building in May and asked for electronic copies of all the minutes of council sessions held between the beginning of the year and May.

## Orwellian Newspeak

For months the US news media have accepted the term "insurgents" for those fighting against the US-installed Vichy-type government in Iraq, rather than using the usually accepted term "the resistance" for those fighting against foreign occupation.

On October 23, Army propagandists went a step further: In an Associated Press article run in Gannett newspapers under the heading "**U.S. Marines, insurgents clash again in Fallujah**" it was reported that "The U.S. command said it had no information on 'anti-Iraq forces' killed."

The U.S. Army referred to native Iraqis fighting against foreign occupation as "anti-Iraq forces", and the Associated Press first put quotations around the term. Later in the article it was reported that "Multiple secondary explosions were seen but the military said it had no information on anti-Iraq forces killed", and this time "anti-Iraq forces" were not in quotations, so it is possible that we will be seeing more of this term. Using these new, Orwellian definitions, those in Holland fighting against German occupation during WW II were not "the Dutch Resistance", but "anti-Holland insurgents".

Tom Palven

# Home News Tribune coverage of another LPCNJ win

## Agency must speed release of minutes

Published in the Home News Tribune 11/04/04

By DINA GUIRGUIS  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKLIN: A judge has ordered the Franklin Township Redevelopment Agency to release its redacted executive session minutes no later than two weeks after they are approved.

The issue was brought to court by resident John Paff, who sued the township Redevelopment Agency and the township clerk for failing to make available the minutes of the agency's executive sessions.

"I think it's a victory in that it establishes an enforceable standard," Paff said. "Before this they released the minutes whenever they wanted to."

Paff, who is a township resident and the chairman of the Open Government Task Force, alleged the township violated the state Open Public Meetings Act by failing to provide the minutes within the seven-day waiting period.

In addition to releasing the minutes in a timely fashion, Somerset County Superior Court Judge Victor Ashrafi ruled that the agency's current practice of not keeping a written record of the subjects to be discussed during executive session was improper. The agency will now be required to keep a written, public record identifying the topics to be discussed during executive session and a projection of when the minutes of that executive session will be disclosed.

Township manager and executive director of the redevelopment agency, Kenneth Daly, said the agency would comply with the judge's order. Daly said the agency always passed a resolution before going in to executive session, but would now make sure to put it in the minutes.

"He's really making a mountain out of a mole hill," Daly said.

Paff has decided to amend his complaint to include a count contesting the level of redaction done to the minutes of the executive sessions and was given four weeks to submit an amended complaint.

In his original complaint, Paff named the clerk as a defendant but, on the advice of the judge, he agreed to drop the clerk from his complaint.

"I'm accustomed to having to fight for every piece of information," Paff said. "There is a culture in government where they feel they have to do things in secret."

Issues surrounding the redevelopment of Franklin's Route 27 have become hotly contested in the township, particularly after a residential block was rezoned to make way for a supermarket.

Paff does not live in the redevelopment zone but became interested in the issue after hearing of the rezoning of Block 123. In July, he decided to go down to the municipal building to learn more about the issue. After several attempts to obtain the minutes -- including redacted minutes -- he was told he had to wait until the Oct. 18 meeting, when the agency could vote to release the minutes.

"When people are in the position of taking people's homes by force it is incumbent upon them to provide every bit of information," Paff said. "This is very serious and they seem rather flip about their responsibilities."

Paff took issue with the agency's executive-session resolutions because there are no hard copies of the agency's resolutions authorizing closed sessions and because, when making motions authorizing the closed sessions, there was no resolution citing the exemptions permitting the closed discussion, according to the complaint. Paff, a strong proponent of open government, has filed similar suits in Union and Middlesex counties.

*Dear Mr. Daly:*

*The November 4, 2004 edition of the Home News Tribune contains the following article about my lawsuit on page B3.*

*I think it was at best thoughtless of you to accuse me of "making a mountain out of a molehill" when the Agency was forced to make substantive policy changes regarding release of its executive session minutes and recording of its executive session resolutions as a result of my lawsuit.*

*The Agency's lapse wasn't a "molehill" but a substantial violation of the Open Public Meetings Act. The article would have portrayed the Township in a better light had you simply admitted the Agency's mistake rather than trivializing my attempt to correct it.*

*John Paff*

*cc: Mayor Levine and Councilman Chivukula  
bcc: several other concerned citizens*

## LPCNJ Seeks Help

### *Funding needed to continue OPRA battles*

*If you've been heartened by the LPCNJ's press coverage, month after month, and by it's many "wins" in court, you'll want to give them a hand. Not only do these suits accomplish an important tangible result – forcing local government to abide by the Open Public Records Act - they also show libertarians in the most favorable possible light, as proponents of fair dealing, honest practices, and championing citizens' rights. The Star Ledger has written that the LPCNJ's actions have picked up support from non-members, and the Home News Tribune called LPCNJ's John Paff a "strong proponent of open government". This combination of activism and outreach through media coverage can't be beat, but the LPCNJ needs your help. Paff writes:*

As you know, the Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey and I are involved in several public interest lawsuits: LPSMC v. Middlesex County Freeholders - challenging cost of paper copies of meeting minutes; LPSMC v. Edison Township - challenging \$55 cost for floppy disk containing meeting minutes; Paff v. Union Twp Committee - challenging irregularities with closed session minutes; Paff v. Franklin Twp Redevelopment Agency - challenging closed session minutes policy.

The first two cases listed above are being handled by Richard Gutman, Esq. who is working for only the fees that he recovers from the defendants if we are successful. The other two cases are being prosecuted by me as a pro se plaintiff.

As of today I have advanced \$890 to cover these fees and have received \$230 in reimbursement from the Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey. Accordingly, I have advanced \$660 in unreimbursed court filing fees and costs.

If we win these cases, the courts typically require the defendant to reimburse these filing fees. Unfortunately, since months and possible years intervene between a suit's filing and its disposition, recovery of the filing fees, even if awarded by the court, takes a long time.

And, unfortunately, we recently received adverse decisions in both the Edison and Middlesex cases. In order to appeal these two cases, we will need to pay a \$200 filing fee and a \$300 "cost deposit" (see note below) for each case, for a total of \$1,000. Additionally, we have already ordered the transcript of the Edison and Middlesex decisions (which, fortunately, were heard jointly) and that cost is expected to be in the \$200 to \$300 area.

So, in sum, I expect to have to advance, in the next month or so, about \$1,300 in appellate filing fees, cost deposits and transcript costs. This is in addition to the \$660 I have already advanced which brings my total financial commitment in this matter to approximately \$2,000.

I'd appreciate it if others would help me shoulder this burden. The LPCNJ treasury, unfortunately, contains less than \$200.

If you are willing to help out, please send your check payable to "Libertarian Party" to Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey, PO Box 11853, New Brunswick, NJ 08906-1853 and write "Lawsuit expenses" in the check's memo.

All such funds received will be used only to reimburse me and to pay future out-of-pocket legal expenses. Each donor will be entitled to pro rata share of any money that is recovered from the defendants based on the percentage his or her donation bears to the total amount advanced. I am willing to commit \$500 of my personal funds for this purpose. (I realize that this is rather complex, but the idea is that we will keep a strict accounting of donations received and everyone will be reimbursed to the extent that we are eventually able to recover our costs from the defendants.)

The \$300 cost deposit, less a \$5 "handling fee" will be returned to us unless we lose the appeal AND our adversary submits its bill of allowed costs to the Appellate Division within six months after the appeal is disposed of. The allowed costs don't include attorney fees and are usually limited to our adversary's cost in photocopying and mailing documents. In my experience, government agencies don't file a bill of costs, even if they are entitled to, because the work involved in producing the bill exceeds the value of the expected recovery. So, we should expect a refund of \$590 (i.e. \$295 X 2) even if we lose the appeals.

John Paff  
paff@pobox.com

## Libertarians in Print

Suburban Trends, 10/13/04

### Amendment not needed

I must take issue with the views expressed by Thomas Cadmus, National Commander of the American Legion in his letter to *Suburban Trends* on Oct. 3.

Mr. Cadmus has it wrong right at the outset of his letter when he refers to the United States as a democracy. The Founding Fathers gave us a Constitutional Republic of very limited government powers, not a democracy in which the majority can trample individual liberty whenever its passions are aroused by political demagogues of either the Left or the Right.

Mr. Cadmus believes we need an amendment to the Constitution to protect the American flag from being desecrated (something that isn't exactly an epidemic occurrence). Such an amendment is not needed nor is it desirable.

Flags are private property and I'm quite certain there are laws already on the books that prevent people from destroying the property of another. If someone bent on burning an American flag walks into a store that sells them, buys one and then decides to burn it or destroy it in some other manner, no "crime" has been committed since you are destroying something that you yourself own. It seems to me that Mr. Cadmus and other advocates of a flag protection amendment are basing their thinking on the collectivist premise that flags are somehow the property of all of us, when in fact they are the property of individual owners.

Besides violating the First Amendment right to free speech, the proposed flag protection amendment violates the right of private property owners to dispose of their property if they so desire.

Speaking of the First Amendment, I have before me one of those handy pocketsize editions of the Constitution of the United States published by the Libertarian Cato Institute (cato.org). It states that the first five words of the First Amendment are "Congress shall make no law..."

"No" is a simple two-letter word. Why do folks like Mr. Cadmus have trouble understanding that? The whole reason for having a First Amendment is to protect speech and ideas that are unpopular and in some cases abhorrent to many. The First Amendment would mean absolutely nothing if it was only intended to protect "nice" or "inoffensive" speech that only Mr. Cadmus' "majority" approves of. Too many people on both the Left and the Right think with their emotions rather than logic or principle. Be careful what you wish for, Mr. Cadmus. You might just get it!

Mark Richards, West Milford

Suburban Trends, 11/17/04

### Land of the Easily Offended

America should now be known as the "Land of the Easily Offended".

I refer to the uproar over a children's cartoon movie known as "Shark's Tale". I can't believe that Congressman Bill Pascrell (NJ-8) and Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro (CT-3) would take time from their legislative duties in order to attack a cartoon!

These two public servants must really have contempt for the intelligence of not only their constituents but also the American public as a whole. They really seem to believe that by viewing this movie you will become bigoted against Italian-Americans. This is no different from the nonsense earlier this year over the Mel Gibson film, "The Passion of the Christ," which was labeled anti-Jewish because some Jews (long dead, I assure you) once demanded the death of Jesus at the hands of the Roman authorities.

As a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant whose family goes back to the 1600s in America, wouldn't I be justified in getting those old reruns of "The Beverly Hillbillies," "The Andy Griffith Show," "Green Acres," and "The Real McCoys" taken off the air since they made fun of small-town, rural WASPs?

Of course I have absolutely no intention of demanding any such thing, since I'm totally opposed to censorship of any type for any reason. I grant you that Pascrell and DeLauro aren't demanding outright legislative censorship of movies – at least not yet – but I can't help wondering that given the chance they would try to pass such legislation!

As a Libertarian I happen to take the Bill of Rights very seriously and the last time I checked the First Amendment was still in place!

When the founders said Congress shall make no law regarding free speech, they meant no law, period!

All Americans regardless of ethnic heritage should be up in arms over the fact that the liberties of all of us are being chipped away at. Instead of worrying about a children's cartoon, Pascrell and DeLauro should be worried about the erosion of freedom in America by the government.

Mark Richards, West Milford

## There is a Choice in 2004, Vote Libertarian

There has been quite a flurry of letters back and forth as to whether or not America is a "Christian" nation.

Both sides in this debate are missing the point, I think. We are supposed to be a Constitutional Republic in which the government's powers are "few and defined," to quote James Madison.

I have in front of me a pocket-sized edition of the Constitution, published by Libertarian Cato Institute ([www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org)), and I must tell you that the word "Christian" appears nowhere in the Constitution, nor does the word "Jew," "Muslim," "Hindu," "Buddhist," "Jehovah's Witness," or the name of any other faith appear in the Constitution. In fact, the word "Lord" only appears once at the very end in Article 7, where the founders are stating the date of ratification, "...the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven..."

The First Amendment says Congress can't establish a religion or prohibit the free exercise thereof; in other words, no faith is favored over another faith as far as the government is concerned, religion was a private matter for each individual to follow by the dictates of their own conscience.

Article 6 of the Constitution also states that no religious test shall ever be required in order to hold office. The founders wanted a free republic, not a democracy (simple majority rule with no regard to individual rights) or a theocracy (rule by the established state church). People came to America to get away from the religious hatreds and wars that cursed the Old World. The last thing the patriots of old wanted was to see that strife take root here.

Some have said the "Religious Right" is the greatest threat to freedom today in America, but that is only partially correct. The "Liberal Secular Left" also takes anti-freedom stands (being pro-gun control and endorsing anti-"hate" speech legislation come immediately to mind).

All Americans who truly love freedom should reject the fundamentalist bigots of the Religious Right as well as the politically correct, semi-socialists who make up the Liberal Left.

In the time remaining between now and election of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, people can choose if they want more of Big Government Party "A" under Bush or Big Government Party "B" under Kerry – or perhaps they'll really wake up and vote for Michael Badnarik, the Libertarian candidate for president and Vic Kaplan, the Libertarian candidate for this Congressional district. No one can say later on that there was no choice in 2004.

Mark Richards, West Milford

The Home News Tribune, 10/06/2004.

## IF IT WERE FAIR, LIBERTARIANS WOULD BE THERE

There was a crime committed during the presidential debate, and few people were aware of it. The crime was that Michael Badnarik, the Libertarian candidate for president, was not allowed into the debate.

It appears that he will be on the ballot in 49 states. There are more than 500 Libertarian Party office holders throughout this country. This establishes the Libertarians as a legitimate political party. It comes as no surprise that the Commission on Presidential Debates was organized by the two major parties and is led by former chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties.

During the debate, John Kerry and George Bush agreed that our soldiers should remain in Iraq until the mission is completed. The only difference was who will be the better leader. John Kerry went one misstep further by advocating American troops to the Sudan. The Libertarian position is promoting peace through neutrality and free trade.

The sole purpose of our military is our national defense of our borders. It is long overdue to withdraw our soldiers from Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Korea, Japan and all other foreign countries. To safeguard us from another terrorist attack, the American government must stop interfering with the internal politics of other countries.

How can George Bush and John Kerry say they are for freedom when their political parties exclude alternative parties in the debates? Don't waste American troops, money or your vote by selecting either of the two pro-war candidates. Choose peace by voting Libertarian.

Fred Stein, Dayton

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"Public service is where you can make a  
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forgotten. That's the philosophy I will bring to the  
governor's office," acting Gov. Richard Codey said in a  
speech Nov. 18.

If society has left people behind or forgotten  
them, it is because society wants them left behind or  
forgotten. But leave it to politicians to ignore society's  
wishes and, instead, use their taxing power to  
confiscate society's money and spend it on those  
society doesn't want to spend it on, all the while calling  
such confiscation and redistribution "public service."

No, Codey, public service is where we pony up  
our own money and the money of people who agree  
with us, and the money of people we persuade to go  
along with us. There are thousands of people and  
organizations engaged in public service. Unlike  
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