



# New Jersey Libertarian

## Losing One of the Good Guys: Ron Crickenberger

It is my sad duty to pass along to you the news that Ron Crickenberger has died. The only Political Director the National Libertarian Party had, Ron passed away this past Tuesday, in the hospital, from cancer.

Those who knew him personally -- and I count myself among this honored group -- will remember him for his consistent enthusiasm and dedication to the cause of liberty. Those who knew him only by name and reputation: I suggest that you pause to acknowledge this tireless fighter for the Party and the principles on which we rest.

The side of liberty and responsibility has lost one of the good guys.

Dan Karlan

## General Meeting Notice

Business Meeting at the NJLP Annual  
Convention (March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa)  
Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 3:15 pm.

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## Resolutions, '04

By Deb Sackett

Well, it's February, and if you're one of those folks who makes New Year's resolutions, I'd be willing to bet that most or all of them have been scrapped.

So if you've decided that a diet is difficult or another year of smoking won't make a difference anyway, how about trying something that will? Write a letter to the editor! Vow to write just one, or one a month, or one per season... it's not a hard resolution to keep. Most of us are members of this political party because we have strong opinions and find much to dismay us in the status quo. So mouth off!

Some of our members have great success in getting letters published. The "New Jersey Libertarian" only reprints them, in "Libertarians in Print", if they contain any version of the "L" word. But you can still get people thinking, even if your letter doesn't directly promote our party. For my part, I've discovered that using "that word" usually dooms my letters to being ignored. I sent two out last week, and have yet to hear from either newspaper. But when I wrote to local papers regarding the threatened strike by high school teachers, I had 4 letters published in six weeks. I abstained from using Libertarian, libertarian(s) or libertarianism – and sure enough, the letters were published. I was able to get in all my shots about public education, and got a nice squabble going that continues even now. Folks are arguing libertarian arguments, and I can hope that they'll carry those to the voting booth.

Right now I'm trying to get a letter printed about the December 10<sup>th</sup> US Supreme court decision to uphold Senator John McCain's ban on paid-issue advertising. This outrageous decision got very little coverage on television or radio news, and the only print publication that I felt covered it well was "Freedom First", a monthly publication of the NRA. It contains the "L" word (and, what's probably even worse, a reference to the NRA) and I haven't gotten any calls from the papers indicating that they'll run it.

On the other hand, I wrote a fun piece of twaddle, relatively speaking, about NJ's new "6 Point Identification Verification Program", and how it has made an unperson of me. Both papers I submitted it to have called to tell me that they're running it next week. And, you guessed it... no "L" word.

I wrote both pieces for the NJL and just tweaked them to fit the "Letters to the Editor" category. I'll bet, if you think about it and take a look, you could do the same with many of the emails you write or conversations you have. We're an opinionated bunch, and the translation of opinion to letter form isn't tough.

So why not give it a shot? If you read an article in a reputable publication about an issue that affects you – you've got all the tools there for a letter. Quotes and statistics you can trust – just don't steal their writing. Same with a news story on tv, a conversation with a fellow believer or misled unbeliever. If you have a run-in with what Bugs Bunny so eloquently termed "maroons" at the DMV, upholding a "maroonic" new program, that's letter fodder! If you get it into the newspaper with the "L" word in there, you're earned the glory of being an NJL "Libertarian in Print". And hey, if it's a good letter but doesn't have "that word", please feel free to submit it to us as an article or commentary piece or just a letter to the editor of the NJL.

Of all the resolutions you've made, mouthing off should be an easy one to keep.

## From The Chair By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett

Election 2004! John Taylor, MD, our top vote getter in 2003, has announced his candidacy for school board in Highlands Borough. Taylor, a Highlands council candidate last November in Monmouth County, ran the most active and professional local Libertarian campaign in years. His hard work and positive name recognition will not only help him in the April 20 non-partisan election, but will also help build a base for further political activity. – John's decision to run for school board is right on the mark. If we're ever going to build a strong political organization we need to start at the bottom and work up. The petition requirements are minimal (10 signatures are required for the school board ballot in Highlands). Contact your municipal clerk to find out what you need to do to run for school board or council. April is coming up fast, so call today!

No doubt about it, school board and municipal races are important -- but we need county candidates and, this year, thirteen U.S. House candidates too. Thus far three men have expressed an interest in running for the House of Representatives. (Ladies, don't let the guys have all the fun.) Frank Orland, 3d Congressional district (parts of Burlington, Camden and Ocean counties) and Vic Kaplan, 5<sup>th</sup> CD (Warren County and parts of Bergen, Passaic and Sussex counties) have stepped forward, as has a man whose membership check is "in the mail" so that he can run in the 12<sup>th</sup> CD (parts of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset counties). Candidates will be approved at the Convention March 13 so be sure to come out to meet them, join them as candidates yourself or offer to help. In the meantime you can start your campaign now by requesting House petitions from the state Division of Elections, 609 292-3760. You'll need 100 valid signatures of voters registered in the district where you plan to run. To ensure your place on the ballot you and your supporters need to gather at least 150 signatures. The filing deadline is early June.

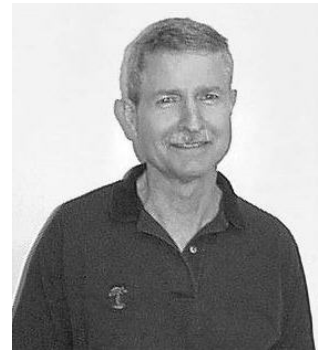
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Wanted: Election Coordinator. The EC's job is to track the progress of the petitioning effort so that timely assistance can be directed to any candidate who needs help. There's gotta be an EC out there somewhere. Let me hear from you!

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Sanity in present day national politics is a rarity, but you can find it, even in Washington, DC. Check out Rep. Ron Paul's weekly hotline at 888 322-1414. Paul updates it every Monday. It's available on line at [www.house.gov/Paul/weeklycolumn](http://www.house.gov/Paul/weeklycolumn).

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Convention chair Liz Macron has invited Aaron Russo to the NJLP reception and convention March 12-13. Russo, the latest candidate seeking the LP presidential nomination, is a Hollywood producer. According to a web site his films, which include "The Rose" (starring Bette Midler), have received six Academy Awards. In 1994 he attempted to launch the Constitution Party, which had a platform almost identical to that of the Libertarian Party. He produced a videotape which goes after the IRS -- which stands for "It Really Sucks" -- the War on Drugs, the Social Security scam, and the FDA. See you March 12-13!

Registered Libertarians need you! Hundreds of New Jersey voters have changed their party affiliation to Libertarian. But many have not joined the party yet and that's why they need you -- a wonderful, civic minded, humanity-lover. Just draft a recruitment letter on the party's behalf. We'll pick up the cost of printing and postage; all you have to do is write the copy. Give me a holler if you can help. Remember, registered Libertarians need you!

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Calling all writers! Be sure to email a copy of your printed letter-to-the-editor to [webmaster@njlp.org](mailto:webmaster@njlp.org). Our esteemed webmaster, Bob Hull, will then post it to our web site. If your thoughts have been mangled by the media, email Bob your original letter too. It's instructive to compare the original with what actually gets printed.

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One advantage of belonging to a small political party is that any member can become involved at any level at almost any time, without having to prostrate oneself or make a deal with some ward heeler or other boss. If you are interested in national politics, for example, and would like to help choose the 2004 LP presidential candidate you may. It's as simple as asking to become a New Jersey delegate or alternate to the national convention scheduled for May 27-31 in Atlanta. Delegates will be selected at the NJLP convention March 13. If you want to join the NJ delegation but are unable to attend the convention contact Dan Karlan at [secretary@njlp.org](mailto:secretary@njlp.org).

You can reach me via [chair@njlp.org](mailto:chair@njlp.org) and at 732 774-3684.

## Saga of an Unperson

I am an unperson.

It's cold comfort to know there are other unpersons out there as blissfully unaware of their nonexistence as I once was. In fact, you could be an unperson and not realize it until you've dragged your phantom body to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) expecting just a dingy office, long lines and clerks who specialize in ignorance and attitude, never dreaming that instead of leaving with a new driver's license you'll be leaving without your name.

In the Garden State's struggle to fight terrorists New Jersey has enacted a "Six Point Identification Verification" program for issuing driver's licenses. When I heard about it some months ago I was horrified to learn I would no longer be able to renew my license through the mail; instead it would require a trip to a DMV office every four years and a mandatory photo license.

That was grim enough. Little did I realize inconvenience would be the least of my troubles.

Unfortunately I was born in the Sixties when divorce was common and we didn't instantly slap Social Security numbers on the newborn. My siblings and I changed our last names to our stepfather's without benefit of legal formality. Hey, it was California in the early Seventies. You were who you called yourself, especially as a child.

I don't recall the paperwork required for my first driver's license but I got it under my "assumed" name. Ditto my Social Security card for my first job. Heck, I even joined the Army, got married, got divorced ... no problem. Until now.

I don't have a passport. I wasn't adopted. I'm not a naturalized citizen. So I must provide NJ with my birth certificate as part of the ID process for my license. There's no way around it; I need the four points it would give me.

The other two points can easily be found in health insurance card, Social Security card and marriage certificate, but in my case nothing shows a link to the name on my birth certificate. Without some convoluted, retroactive name change I cannot get a NJ driver's license.

If my purse is snatched the last of my identity is stolen with it. If I need to fly and so want to replace my current non-photo license I'm screwed. If I want a passport, a county ID, or a state non-driver's ID card, I'm screwed. If I want to get commercial endorsements on my driver's license for employment -- yup, I'm screwed.

The DMV was as helpful as always. When I told them my situation, both at the local office and after a 90-minute telephone ordeal to find the right person in Trenton, I was told they have "no idea" how to fix this and that I should consult a lawyer.

I'm fortunate in that my license doesn't expire until 2006 and even at the rate state bureaucracy moves that should be enough time to correct things. But until my "papers are in order" my driver's license is locked in a safe for fear I'll lose it. Right now there's no way I can replace it.

So before you head to the DMV, check your papers. Don't show up with a birth certificate issued by a hospital, a marriage certificate issued by a church, a school ID without a transcript or heaven forbid a photocopy of anything.

And do it while you have the time to fix things. You might find you're an unperson too without enough time to establish your existence before you need that license.

There's a bit of irony in having to convert my lackadaisical California childhood choice to adult paperwork acceptable to New Jersey. I hear in California they're considering giving illegal aliens the vote and Social Security benefits. I wonder what kind of documentation those folks have.

One last thing. For all these years my existence was sufficiently proven to the government for one purpose -- to tax me!

By Deborah Sackett,  
or Deborah Shaffer,  
or Deborah Edkin  
(I'm waiting for a government decision)

## To the Editor

Dear Editor,

The United States Military contains men and women who strongly believe in service to their country. They are dedicated to the preservation of freedom. They are not forced to serve, but serve because their conscience dictates it as well as their hearts and souls.

Since 9.11.01, there have been voices that have been calling for the reinstitution of the military draft or conscription if you will. In 2003, United States Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings (D-SC) and U.S. Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY) introduced a piece of legislation called the "Universal National Service Act" for that purpose. The reason, they stated is because "[I]f military action is considered necessary, then the burden of carrying out that action must not be limited to any one segment of the population." This bill would order citizens and permanent residents ages 18 to 26 to serve in the armed forces.

The argument for conscription is a very old one indeed. The first person to make the argument for the draft was none other than the fourth President of the United States, and Father of the U.S. Constitution, James Madison, during the war with Great Britain in 1814. Madison believed that to get enough soldiers to win the war, forced service was necessary. On December 9, 1814, the U.S. House Of Representatives began voting on the measure allowing Madison to draft individuals. This marked the occasion for a young New Hampshire Congressman by the name of Daniel Webster to deliver an eloquent speech on the floor in opposition to the bill. Webster declared "The people of this country have not established for themselves such a fabric of despotism. They have not purchased a Magna Carta to be slaves. Where is it written in the Constitution, in what article or section is it contained, that you may take parents from their children and children from their parents, and compel them to fight the battles of any war? Under what concealment has this power lain hidden which now for the first time comes forth, with tremendous and baleful aspect, to trample down and destroy the dearest rights of personal liberty?"

Webster went on to say that "a free Government, with an uncontrolled power of military conscription is a solecism, at once the most ridiculous and abominable that has ever entered into the head of man."

In contemporary times there were others that have spoken with vigor against military conscription. U.S. Representative Ron Paul (R-TX) once wrote "Forced servitude, with the risk of death or serious injury as a price to live free, makes no sense. What right does anyone have to sacrifice the lives of others for some cause of questionable value? Even if well motivated it can't justify using force on uninterested persons."

The late University of Nevada economist, Murray N. Rothbard, put it in the same context when he asked the question "What else is involuntary servitude if not the draft?"

Both Paul and Rothbard believed that to institute conscription was a violation of the Thirteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. That Amendment states the following: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, nor any place subject to their jurisdiction."

To win the war on terror, one needs people that are dedicated and want to fight to preserve freedom. To force dedication goes contrary to liberty, contrary to the U.S. Constitution, and goes contrary to what this nation represents. If the "Universal National Service Act" is brought up for a vote in 2004, it should be roundly defeated and sent to the scrap heap. Patriotism comes from the hearts and souls of men and women, not by government mandate.

Alex Pugliese  
Kenilworth

To the editor:

I wish to respond to John Sulak's letter that appeared in the January edition. Mr. Sulak takes the LP to task for "spending time and resources to repeal loitering laws around the state." While he "totally agrees" that these laws are unconstitutional, he fears that speaking out against them will cause "ill will" among people who might otherwise vote Libertarian.

According to Mr. Sulak, we should pursue only those issues that "resonate with the public." In this category, he specifically recommends that we focus on: "restructuring the inefficient tax structure, reducing property taxes, allowing owners to build homes, reducing traffic jams, and eliminating the waste involved in toll booths."

Some of Mr. Sulak's suggestions are at best attempts to get government to work more efficiently. At worst, they oppose Libertarian principles. For instance, Libertarians support the reduction and elimination of taxes, not simply "restructuring" their collection system to make it more "efficient." And, I'm not sure how we would reduce traffic jams in a manner consistent with our philosophy. Are we to advocate HOV lanes or the building of more government roads? Would a truly Libertarian approach, such as privatizing roads, resonate well with the voters?

If "allowing owners to build homes" means repealing confiscatory down-zoning schemes and getting rid of the \$50,000 or so of government-imposed cost for building a home, I'm all for it. But, I'm not sure that an LP initiated plan that would allow all those owners (read "greedy developers") to build lots of homes in rural areas would resonate with the voters who currently live there.

While the idea of "reducing property taxes" does appeal to voters, taxes can't really be reduced unless government spending is cut. And, abolishing the town recreation department or ending the schooling monopoly--the type of things one must do to cut local spending--probably would offend the voters as well.

Liberty increases only when government control lessens. Accordingly, no issue that makes people more free is going to resonate well with those voters who believe that it's a good thing to have a government with unlimited power. Socialists will always resist our effort to eliminate government programs and authoritarians and other thugs will always oppose the repeal of loitering and other laws that let police round up "undesirables."

If liberty is unpopular, then promoting it will probably lead to lost elections. However, if we fail or refuse to speak out against admittedly unconstitutional laws out of fear of public disapproval, then we are no better than the Democrats and Republicans. We need to remain principled even if the voting public is not.

John Paff  
Somerset

New Jersey LP Annual Convention  
March 12-13, 2004 Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa

**Directions:** Garden State Pky south to exit 48; south on Route 9 for 7 miles.

**Dr. Mary J. Ruwart** has been a libertarian activist since 1982. Dr. Ruwart is best known for her book about political freedom of choice, Healing Our World: The Other Piece of the Puzzle. The book has been translated into Russian, Serbian, Lithuanian, and Romanian. The third English edition was released in early 2003.

**Dr. Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad** has been a libertarian activist since 1975. He is the current Chair of the LP Judicial Committee. Dr. Ahmad is a frequent guest lecturer on Islam at the Foreign Services Institute. He is currently President of the Minaret of Freedom Institute, an Islamic think-tank in the Washington, DC area.

**Dr. John Berthoud**, President of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) and the National Taxpayers Union Foundation (NTUF) in Alexandria, VA, is also an adjunct lecturer at George Washington University. Prior to joining NTU, Dr. Berthoud worked for a variety of D.C. based public policy organizations. He has been a guest on hundreds of radio and television programs.

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**Friday Night.** Welcome Reception for the Presidential Candidates- Mingle with fellow libertarians, guest speakers and LP Presidential candidates. Open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Music by Doug Alt.

**Saturday.** Speakers will present in the morning and early afternoon. Luncheon, coffee breaks and refreshments all included. At the late afternoon business meeting we will elect party officials, select New Jersey candidates and more.

**Saturday Night/Sunday.** Take in nearby Atlantic City with your friends and family! Or, take advantage of the Resort's amenities including the famous Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa; Indoor Swimming Pool; Sauna and Exercise Room.

**DISCOUNT ROOM RATE AVAILABLE ON ALL RESERVATIONS MADE BEFORE FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>. MAKE YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATIONS, BUT BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION . TEL. 609-748-4304**

# US Supreme Court Gags Citizenry

By Deb Sackett

If you heard a sharp crack followed by a low rumble on December 10<sup>th</sup>, it was the sound of our Constitution receiving one of its worst blows in 200 years.

On that day, the US Supreme court declared that Senator John McCain's ban on paid-issue advertising was "constitutional". What does this mean? It means that from now on, the only voices you'll hear in the media will be those of the candidates. No organization can name candidates in advertisements stating their stands on issues. The anti-gun lobby can't tell you that Senator X has a history of voting for anti-gun legislation. The pro-lifers can't tell you that Senator Y spoke or voted in favor of abortion. Candidates can't be named even in reference to the bills they've authored. The only people who can now give a candidate's history on issues are the candidates and their opponents. For 30 days prior to a primary election and 60 days prior to a general election, all the watchdogs will be gagged, and the only voices heard will be those of the professional politicians.

What on earth is going on here? The First Amendment to the Constitution was specifically written to protect religion and speech from the government. The freedom to worship and to challenge the government were the issues that launched this country of ours, and our founders cherished those rights enough to (so they thought) provide for their protection. But in one blow the U.S. Supreme court has silenced us.

US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was one of the dissenters in the 5-4 vote, and he is as enraged as we all should be. He wrote: "This is a sad day for freedom of speech. Who could have imagined that the same Court which, within the past four years, has sternly disapproved restrictions upon such inconsequential forms of expression as virtual child pornography... and sexually explicit cable programming... would smile with favor upon a law that cuts to the heart of what the First Amendment is meant to protect: the right to criticize the government."

Not content with destroying the First Amendment, US Senators Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and John McCain, R-Ariz, said they were pressing to pass more and bigger powers for Federal regulation of political speech. Feingold said that the ruling makes way for public financing of campaigns and requirements that television stations offer free airtime! Would you like to be forced to contribute to an election campaign? Should television stations be forced to give their product to candidates? How would you like the good or service you produce to be taken from you and given to a political candidate? Don't we call that theft?

The fact that a Democrat and a Republican are in cahoots to gag and rob the public is yet another sign that the major parties agree on more than they disagree on, and that neither feels that the public should keep the rights that have made this country great. Yet another reason to look to the Libertarian party for the future and work towards the Republicrats eventual destruction. If you're interested in preserving the Constitution, and aren't yet a member, check out the National Rifle Association. They're circling the wagons right now, trying to decide what they can do to create the (lamentably absent, to date) outcry against this decision. No, they're not a perfect organization, but neither are we. In the current climate, at least they're a group that is trying, and trying hard.

For your own part, try letters to the editor, or just sharing the bad news with others. I've been dismayed to learn how few folks are aware of what has happened to the Constitution.

If you don't mind being silenced and only being permitted to hear politicians' accounts of themselves, don't lift a finger.

But ask yourself – why was so little on television news about this monumental change to the Constitution? Could it be that the electronic media is as unconcerned about your rights as the politicians?

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*- Justice Antonin Scalia*

## FIREARMS REFRESHER COURSE

- a. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
- b. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
- c. Glock: The original point and click interface.
- d. Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.
- e. If guns are outlawed, can we use swords?
- f. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
- g. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms.
- h. If you don't know your rights you don't have any.
- i. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
- j. The United States Constitution (c) 1791. All Rights reserved.
- k. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
- l. The Second Amendment is in place in case they ignore the others.
- m. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
- n. Guns only have two enemies: rust and liberals.
- o. Know guns, know peace and safety. No guns, no peace nor safety.
- p. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
- q. 911 - government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
- r. Assault is a behavior, not a device.
- s. Criminals love gun control - it makes their jobs safer.
- t. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
- u. Only a government that is afraid of its citizens tries to control them.
- v. You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.
- w. Enforce the "gun control laws" we have, don't make more.
- x. When you remove the people's right to bear arms, you make slaves.
- y. The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control.
- z. "...a government of the people, by the people, for the people..."

--Myron A. Calhoun

## Show your true colors in NJ

At long last, you can register as a Libertarian. Fill out the form below and mail it to your county election board.

### Atlantic County

1333 Atlantic Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

### Bergen County

1 Bergen County Plaza, Room 310  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

### Burlington County

P.O. Box 6000  
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

60 Broad St. W., Suite 210  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

### Essex County

33 Washington Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

### Gloucester County

P.O. Box 352  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

### Hudson County

595 Newark Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

### Hunterdon County

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

### Mercer County

P.O. Box 8068  
Trenton, NJ 08650

### Middlesex County

777 Jersey Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

### Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728

### Morris County

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

### Ocean County

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

### Passaic County

311 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Room 103  
Paterson, NJ 07503

### Salem County

90 Market Street  
Salem, NJ 08079-9856

### Somerset County

20 Grove Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876-1262

### Sussex County



18 Church Street  
Newton, NJ 07860-9965

### Union County

271 North Broad Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07207

### Warren County

413 Second Street  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

State of New Jersey Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form	
I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, do hereby declare that I wish to affiliate with the following political party:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic*	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican*
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Law Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Reform Party	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Constitution Party
<b>OR</b>	
I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, wish to formally disaffiliate with any political party:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	
Last Name _____	
First Name _____	Middle Initial _____
Date of Birth: (month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____	
New Jersey Residence:	
Street _____	Apt. No. _____
Municipality _____	
County _____	Zip Code _____
Signature or mark of registered voter _____ Date _____	
<div><p><i>"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."</i></p><p>v11.12.02</p></div>	
<div><div><b>LPS</b> New Jersey Department of Law &amp; Public Safety</div><div><b>Division of Elections</b> <a href="http://www.NJElections.org">www.NJElections.org</a></div></div>	

## Minutes of the NJLP Steering Committee meeting of 9 Dec 2003

The meeting was called to order at the Kaplan residence. Present were Chair (Ellett), Vice Chair (Flynn), Secretary (Karlan), and At-Large 2 (Kaplan). Absent were Treasurer (Stefanelli), At-Large 1 (Hull), and At-Large 3 (Boucher). A quorum of 7 is 4; this was achieved at 7:40.

The Agenda was adopted.

The Minutes of the 9 November General Meeting were presented, adjusted, and approved.

The Vice Chair presented the Treasurer's report. There was discussion of the state of the NJLP's finances.

### Ongoing Business:

Election Law reform: Ellett will ask Steinhagen to consider a challenge to the ballot column assignment process.

Newsletter: the Editor has indicated her intention to skip the January issue; Ellett will advise her that that conflicts with the newly-re-adopted Business Rule specifying that January is to be one of the 4 issues received by Budget members.

Web site: Boucher sent a report of statistics and cross-linking.

Strategic Plan: Karlan reported his intention to revisit the goals that were to be spearheaded by National for possible local initiatives.

2004 Convention: nothing to report.

### New Business:

Fundraising: Kaplan will contact Warren regarding Libertarian Viewpoint (LV) printing costs and the Targum insert potential.

Recruitment and Membership/registration: ongoing project.

PR and Outreach: There was discussion of using LV to do outreach to campuses. Reprinting up to 5000 of the New Political Party brochure was deferred to the State Board meeting (see below for future meetings).

Candidate Recruitment and Support: Flynn will host another candidate call-a-thon on February 14 (Saturday). "We LOVE our candidates" is to be the motivating theme. Bring your cellphone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

### Future meetings:

- State Board January 18, 2004, at Tumulty's Pub in New Brunswick (732--), 1PM
- Steering Committee February 17, 2004. at the Ellett residence (732-774-3684), 7 PM.
- Annual State Convention March 12/13, 2004, Seaview Marriott.

## Calendar

- Steering Committee – February 17, 7PM  
Ellett residence, Ocean
- Annual Convention – March 12/13, Atlantic City area. For more details, Page 5, and Registration Form on Page 10.





## Did you know...?

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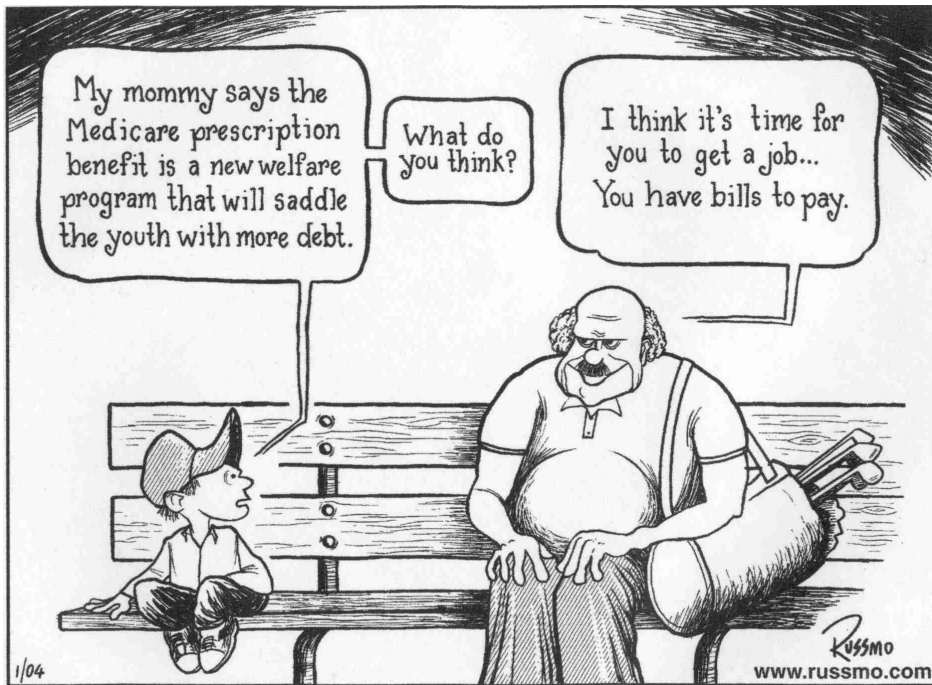
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