

McGreevey Best Choice For New Jersey Governor

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It isn't just a coincidence that New Jersey's need of a public advocate, better schools, tax relief, and improved health care rank high on gubernatorial candidate Jim McGreevey's agenda.

Mr. McGreevey has had a life-long care for the state and when elected governor he will continue to work towards improving it.

In the past several years, automobile insurance has become a huge issue in New Jersey along with public utilities such as gas, water, and electricity. These problems will definitely be subdued under Mr. McGreevey's plan, which would re-instate the office of Public Advocate to fight for lower insurance and utility rate hikes. His plan also calls for higher penalties on bad drivers to reduce rates for good ones.

After running for governor in 1997, McGreevey confronted the auto insurance crisis and was able to establish an auto insurance fraud prosecutor. Now insurance fraud is being brought to an all-time low, and rates are decreasing. If all this could be done out of office, imagine how much could be done in office.

Though many don't want to face the facts, New Jersey's schools need improving, and with Mr. McGreevey at the helm the schools will be headed in the right direction. Mr. McGreevey wants to see every third grader reading at grade level or better which will be done by raising the bar on the

quality of teachers: requiring teachers to take competency tests in the subjects they teach.

Along with testing teachers, Mr. McGreevey wants to improve the tenure system to replace bad teachers. By improving the quality of the state's teachers along with increasing funding for education, New Jersey's schools will hopefully rank among the nation's highest.

Unfortunately, New Jersey is known to have some of the highest property taxes in the nation, but under the leadership of Mr. McGreevey the way the state's taxes are viewed will change through a faster and fairer tax relief.

"I left a career as a corporate attorney to serve my community. To me, it's not about making money - it's about making our state better," says Mr. McGreevey in recent campaign literature.

Protecting New Jersey residents requires health care be of top quality, which is why Mr. McGreevey wants to push for more nursing home and hospital inspections along with a tough HMO Patients' Bill of Rights. Many New Jersey senior citizens cannot afford high cost prescription drugs, but Mr. McGreevey would provide more financial relief to them and make more seniors eligible for Pharmaceutical Assistance to Aged and the Disabled (PAAD.)

Mr. McGreevey's plan will make New Jersey a better place to live for everybody. After all, he has been helping to improve this state for years. Why stop now?

Schundler the Right Choice

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If you are in favor of reforming public education, lowering New Jersey property taxes, and getting rid of the parkway tolls, Bret Schundler is your candidate for the 2001 gubernatorial election.

One of Mr. Schundler's proposals is to offer parents a \$500 per child tax credit in order to put \$223 million of education spending directly into the pockets of parents.

This proposal would also save the state \$50 million in education funding. The \$500 tax credit would be used to compensate for the out of pocket money spent for school supplies, reference materials, tutoring, or private tuition.

This credit would be available to parents whose children attend public, private, or charter schools, or who home-school their children. I think Schundler says it best, saying, "I believe that when it comes to reforming public education, we need to put parents back into the driver's seat, and better spend the money we already have."

Bret Schundler is also fighting for tenure reform, to replace ineffective teachers. I can recall a few classes where the only reason that teacher had a job was because of tenure.

If you have an ineffective teacher the students become frustrated and bored with the subject. Mr. Schundler feels that that we have to take more

control at the classroom level. He also states that teachers should be held accountable for their actions.

As a future property owner I would like to see property taxes go down. One of Mr. Schundler's proposed ideas would be to lower New Jersey's property taxes by saying "no" to the special interests wanting to take our state tax dollars. This will help New Jersey's municipalities lower your property tax bill.

New Jersey has one of the highest property taxes in the United States. Also, New Jersey citizens are paying a higher percentage of their income to the state government than ever before. Mr. Schundler will index New Jersey's income tax rates, so inflation does not automatically force taxpayers into higher tax brackets.

As a frequent parkway driver I would like to see tolls on the parkway eliminated. The drive to the shore should be an hour drive at the maximum, but anyone that has done that drive, especially on a holiday weekend knows that it becomes a parking lot around the tollbooths. Tollbooths are not only dangerous, they are expensive, and cause traffic jams frequently and add to pollution.

Bret Schundler has the courage to stand up for what he believes in. He has new ideas for New Jersey's future and a plan for success. For more information on Bret Schundler go to www.Bret2001.com.

Student View: Politics

Third Party Candidates in Governors Race Still an Option

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Why is it that the majority of us goes into a little booth on voting day and pull that lever without being educated as to what we are pulling it for? It tricks me as to how such a smart country can act so ignorantly. There are Democrats and Republicans in this great nation, and that's it. You are one side or the other, or you're undecided and you have to choose which side to be on.

Now someone explain the logic of this process to me. We would never send our kids to college without studying and absorbing those college books for months in advance, and yet we will decide who runs our powerful democracy because of which side the person is on? Why don't we leave this reasoning to die hard Mets fans, you know, the ones who actually think Rey Ordenez should be starting in the majors.

Can someone tell me how Republican Bret Schundler compares to Green Party Candidate Jerry Coleman? Or how about the differences between Democrat Jim McGreevey and Libertarian Mark Edgerton? And some of you lifelong Republicans probably couldn't even explain Mr. Schundler's views before you read Brittney Sander's endorsement of the candidate right on this page.

But now you have, so it's okay to not learn about anyone else.

No. Wrong approach. Even after I sit here and tell you why Jerry Coleman is the best choice for me, don't pick him just because of what I tell you; go find out what's best for you (a Website you may use is www.politics1.com/nj).

I promise you, third party candidates aren't evil, vile beings that come out from the closet at night to eat your children, most of them are just as qualified as the next guy. After much searching and investigating, almost as much as my mom has done on the best college for me (actually not even close), I have found out the best candidate for me. And now that I'm 18, and can vote, I did my American duty and will vote fully educated for Jerry Coleman.

Mr. Coleman exemplifies what the Green Party is, and what he can do for New Jersey is more than Mr. Schundler and Mr. McGreevey showed me combined. Some of his main concerns, that are given in an easy list on his Website, are:

- Increase funding for business start-up and job development.
- Change run down buildings into decent affordable housing.
- End racial profiling by police departments and establishing police citizen review boards.
- Clean up the environment.
- Keep funding for the continual improvement of our school systems.

This is a man who has municipality experience, serving two terms as a Rahway City Councilman and then being voted in as Council President. I can trust a man like this more than the

typical politician.

I find it funny that we have all these opinions on corrupt politicians, who are out for their own good and never follow through on policies, and yet we still continue to place our ballot with these men on it.

Hasn't anyone noticed our country has changed over the last 100 years, and yet our political parties haven't, it's about time for some change. Slavery deceased, women obtained rights, and now it's time for third parties to arise as actual candidates for offices. Don't say, "My father's father's father was a Republican," because your father's father's father could have been a slave or slave owner too, and is that what you want to be?

Fanwood Library Reveals November Movie Series

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Memorial Library's has revealed its Friday Night Film Festival offerings for November. All the films are free and start at 7:30 p.m. in the Fanwood Room downstairs at the library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

Some Like It Hot, Billy Wilder's 1959

Church Women Plan Craft Fair Saturday

FANWOOD - The women of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of South Martine and LaGrande Avenues, will host their 14th Annual Fall Harvest of Crafts on Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crafters will display their wares at more than 50 tables throughout the church's Education Building. In addition, handcrafted items and gourmet food created by the women of the church will be for sale at the "Country Store."

The traditional "Famous Lunch" will be served in the dining room from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

screwball comedy about a pair of male musicians hiding out from the mob in an all-girl band, will be presented on November 2.

Oh Brother, Where Art Thou (2000) is planned for November 9. Loosely based on Homer's "Odyssey," the film follows three escapees from a Mississippi chain gang and their encounters with a variety of characters.

The Great Escape (1963), the offering for November 16, features an all-star cast in a drama dealing with the largest Allied escape attempt from a German Prisoner of War camp during World War II.

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975) is scheduled for November 30. It features five comedians performing a series of sketches in a feature-length film.

Shown on the library's large screen television, the film series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library and made possible with the cooperation of Palmer Video in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call the library at (908) 322-6400.

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