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Comments from Me

Welcome to the first issue of *The Free Press*. My name is Jeff Russell, and I am the editor, publisher and everything else-er of this newspaper. As the banner at the top says, this is a totally unofficial newspaper. It is not paid for or sanctioned by the Libertarian Party of New York or any of its local chapters. It is strictly a private undertaking. So, if you have any complaints about this newspaper, do not complain to the state officers or your local representatives. They have no control over it. They are not responsible for it. I am, so complain to me. Ways of reaching me are published on the lower left of this page.

This newspaper will be published monthly to bring readers fairly up-to-date stories of events of interest to New York State libertarians. To do this will require the help of you, the readers. If I don't know about it, I can't print it. So please help me out. If you know about something that's going on, let me know. Don't assume that someone else has done it or will do it.

This newspaper is not intended to replace or compete with *Free New York*. Nor is it intended as an outreach tool to non-libertarians.

I expect the readership for this newspaper will be fairly small, perhaps fewer than 100 people. What will determine the size of the readership? Why the free market, of course! Those who buy a subscription will get a copy. Those who don't, won't. And how much does a subscription cost? Only \$12 per year.

And just so you'll know ahead of time what you're getting for your money, I'm prepared to mail you three free issues to check out and decide. This is the first issue. In addition to this issue, you'll also receive the October and November issues absolutely free. After that, if you like what you see, send in your money, and begin your 12 month subscription. If you don't like what you see, let me know. Maybe I can change things and make you happy.

But for right now, just sit back, relax and enjoy your first free issue of *The Free Press*.

Local News

Capital District

The Capital District LP meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Branch Restaurant on Maiden Lane in Albany. Meetings Start at 6:30 PM. The 1995 LPNY convention, hosted by the Capital District LP, turned a profit of \$67.08. Total receipts were \$2955.00; total expenses were \$2887.92. According to the agreement between CDLP and LPNY, LPNY was to get 25% of any profits, 0% of any loss. A check from CDLP to LPNY will be issued soon.

Southern Tier

Margaret Fries was forced to resign as chairwoman of the Southern Tier Chapter because of a conflict of interest with her present job. She is currently working as an assistant to a Family Court Judge.

Election of new officers is scheduled for December or January. A voter registration drive is scheduled for the second week of September.

New York County

The New York Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant. At their August 8th meeting, James Collier, author of Vote Scam, talked about elections being stolen by computer fraud.

Nassau

The Nassau Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 230 Hilton Avenue in Hempstead. Meetings start at 8 PM.

State Committee Meetings

The State Committee of LPNY met on June 10th at the Sloatsburg Service Area on the NYS Thruway. The following twelve committee members were present for roll call: Blay Tarnoff (Chair), Dottie-Lou Brokaw (Vice-Chair), James Harris (Vice-Chair), Lloyd Wright (Secretary), Audrey Capozzi (Treasurer), Robert Goodman (At Large), Vicki Kirkland (At Large), Eric Gruber (At Large), David Harnett (At Large), Harry McArdle (Suffolk) Bill Van Allen (Hudson Valley), and James LaBarre (Westchester/Rockland).

Treasurer Audrey Capozzi reported that there was a balance of \$6496.82 in the checking account and that there were bills payable totaling \$2800.

The committee passed a motion to use EXCEL long distance phone service as a fund-raising tool. LPNY will receive 5% of the phone bills of those who sign up for EXCEL. Because of this, LPNY will now be required to file federal and state income tax returns.

NYC Breakup

The committee also passed two motions relating to the break up of the NYC chapter. The first motion stated that the NYC chapter had not adhered to its bylaws by holding a convention between November 1994 and January 1995. The second motion was to revoke

the charter of the NYC Chapter. Both motions passed by 9-0 margins, with 2 abstentions. Audrey Capozzi was not present for the vote. Harry McArdle and Bill Van Allen were the abstentions.

Money remaining in the NYC treasury will be held in escrow by LPNY and will be distributed on a pro-rata basis to any new county organizations that are formed in NYC. The NYC chapter had 170 members divided as follows: New York, 91; Kings, 29; Queens, 33; Richmond, 9; Bronx, 8. So far, New York and Queens have formed new chapters.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the LPNY State Committee is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 at 11:00 AM at the Sloatsburg Service Area. All members of LPNY are welcome (and encouraged) to attend, space permitting. For directions, call Lloyd Wright at (914) 452-8633.

Meetings are also scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd and Saturday, March 2nd. Both of these meetings will also be held at the Sloatsburg Service Area.

1996 State Convention

The 1996 LPNY State Convention is scheduled for April 26th and 27th. Local chapters interested in hosting the convention should contact the State Committee.