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Calendar

May 1-2, 1999 - LPNY convention. Site not yet determined.

August 21, 1999 - 3rd annual LPNY picnic

Got an event? Let us know!

Address Changes

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LPNY Will Be On The Ballot

■ Last minute effort saves the day

The Libertarian Party of New York delivered 27,862 signatures to the Board of Elections on August 18th to get its slate of statewide candidates on the ballot for this November's election. No challenges to the petitions were filed and the Board of Elections has declared the petitions to be valid.

With two weeks remaining in the six week petition period only 7,000 signatures had been gathered, and there was serious doubt as to whether LPNY would obtain the minimum of 15,000 signatures. A last minute plea was sent out in the August issue of *Free New York*, and the national party sent out a special e-mail announcement asking for volunteers.

Then, the floodgates opened. As the result of an incredible last minute effort, signatures started pouring in at the rate of 1000-2000 per day. The last ones did not arrive until 11 AM on the 18th, the date they were due.

LPNY chairman Jim Harris said "This proves what the Libertarians in New York can do

when they set their minds to it. Now it's on to the job of getting 50,000 votes for Chris Garvey in November."

The 50,000 vote threshold for Garvey is critical, because New York only recognizes political parties who garner at least 50,000 votes for their gubernatorial candidate.

Besides Garvey for Governor, LPNY's other statewide candidates are Donald Silberberger for Lieutenant Governor, Robert Goodman for Comptroller, Dan Conti for Attorney General and Bill McMillen for U.S. Senator.

What Can You Do?

What can you do to help maximize LPNY's vote totals in November? First, read the articles by Richard Cooper and Lloyd Wright on page 2. Second, take the flyer that's attached to the back of this newsletter. Make as many photocopies as you need and distribute them to everyone that you think might be interested.

The more people who know who our candidates are, the more votes we'll get in November.

How You Can Help The LPNY Campaign '98

By Richard A. Cooper,
Chairman NY Libertarian
Campaign '98

- 1) Send money. Send it now. Ask others to do so, too!
- 2) Send us any clippings from newspapers that mention our NY candidates, our party or our campaign. Report to us if you hear anything on radio or TV. Give whatever details you can--who? what? when? etc.
- 3) Contact local organizations to invite our candidates to speak at candidates nights or by themselves. DO NOT PROMISE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. Ask if we can send a surrogate. Have the organizations contact us. If you have any data on civic groups or taxpayers groups send it to my attention. We will write them.
- 4) Send letters to the media urging them to cover our campaign.
- 5) Contact NRA, Gun Owners of America, the Liberty Council,

and other PACs to support our campaign financially.

6) Distribute campaign literature you receive efficiently. There is a direct correlation between literature handed to a person and the number of votes we get. If you go door to door, remember it is against the law to put literature without postage in someone's mail box.

7) If you are friendly with someone who owns a restaurant, nightclub or bar let them know that we are campaigning publicly to abolish the State Liquor Authority, get rid of the licensing fees, and restore the 18 year old drinking age. Maybe they can help the campaign now and build the Party in your area after the election

8) Send money!!!

9) If you run any chance of being out of your area on Election Day, go out and get an absentee ballot and submit it right away.

10) Don't forget to vote!

Get Out The Vote!

by Lloyd Wright

What's the single most important thing you can do to help Chris Garvey receive 50,000 votes for governor? Get out the vote! It's as simple as 1-2-3.

- 1) Register yourself, your friends, and your family to vote if not registered now.
- 2) Convince your friends and family that a vote for Chris will help you and make them part of history by giving the LPNY an official line on the ballot. Convince your friends and family that a vote for anyone but Chris will be throwing away their vote since Pataki will win anyway!
- 3) Drive your friends and family to their voting site so they can vote for us!

This is the only way we can leverage our meager resources to get 50,000 votes! Fortunately, it's also easy! Let's get off our fannies and do it!

Local Chapters

<u>Chapter Name</u>	<u>Local Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Suffolk	Harry McArdle	(516) 744-5332	4th Monday at 7:00 PM Suffolk County Community College, Babylon Student Center, upstairs lounge
Nassau	Vincent O'Neill	(516) 676-8029	3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM 230 Hilton Ave., Hempstead
Queens	John Clifton	(718) 670-3270	2nd Saturday at 11:00 AM Shaheen Restaurant, Jackson Heights
Thomas Paine Hudson Valley	Blay Tarnoff Donald Silberger	(914) 949-1945 (914) 255-8819	1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM College Diner, Route 299, New Paltz
Capital District	Jeff Russell	(518) 371-3641	2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM Branch Restaurant, Maiden Lane, Albany
Southern Tier	Will Kone	(607) 687-7597	

Successful Operation Politically Homeless @ SUNY-New Paltz, NY!

by John and Joanna Reed

Libertarianism is the philosophy that our country was founded on. Limited government, free markets and individual liberty are returning and threatening the current bureaucratic authoritarian state. Over the last two decades, the political momentum has been away from socialistic statism with tyranny and back to free markets with personal liberty.

And SUNY-New Paltz is a good indicator of this movement. Amazingly, a total of 35.6% of the students placed in the Libertarian quadrant which is a plurality. If this is any indication of the younger generation's political philosophy, then there is hope for this country, yet. Any change comes slowly in a country, and this change must begin with the youth. These students who qualified as Libertarian were excited to find that there is a party which reflects the ideals of their generation.

On Saturday, August 29, 1998, Donald Silberger (candidate for Lieutenant Governor), Jason Gagnon (SUNY-New Paltz Student Libertarian Leader), and John and Joanna Reed (College Libertarian Advisors) set up an Operation Politically Homeless booth. We were there from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The display was set up in front of the cafeteria with a table, some signs, Libertarian literature and the big Nolan Chart. Over 225 students were polled.

At the Libertarian Party of New York State web site (<http://suffolk.li/lpny/oph-what.htm>), it states, "The main purpose of the World's Smallest Political Quiz is to identify people who might like information about the Libertarian Party, but it also serves to show some respon-

dents that although they may consider themselves to be liberals or conservatives, they are actually more libertarian than anything else. Many people hold libertarian opinions, generally finding themselves disagreeing with each major party about half the time, but simply don't know that the Libertarian Party exists."

We gave a definition sheet for what Libertarian, Liberal, Centrist, Conservative, and Authoritarian mean (from the Advocates Quiz/definitions site) and the flyer "TOWARD PEACE AND FREEDOM - The Libertarian Challenge Around the World" (<http://www.LaissezFaire.org/li7725.html>) to everyone that came by the booth. This helped everyone understand that Libertarians are real and that there is legitimacy in libertarianism. For the students that scored Libertarian, we got their names and addresses to

invite them to events this Fall and send them Libertarian information.

Here are the results from Operation Politically Homeless at SUNY-New Paltz, 8/29/98:

35.6% Libertarian
28.9% Centrist
19.5% Left-Liberal
13.8% Authoritarian
2.2% Right-Conservative

There will be seminars held monthly to educate them on Libertarian ideals and hopefully, they will become more active on their campus and beyond. At the first seminar, John Stossel's, "Sex, Drugs, and Consenting Adults" will be shown.

This is just the beginning and, in the future, we hope to reach as many students in the Hudson Valley and surrounding regions as possible.

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Fireworks Convention In Weedsport Busted

by Robert Goodman

A fireworks event that had been put on by the same person in the same place 3 previous times in recent years was "busted" the last week of July in Weedsport, NY, west of Syracuse. There were 7 or 8 people arrested, a large amount of material was precipitously destroyed, and the event closed down by state authorities acting on the initiative of New York City police.

Fireworks hobbyists sometimes hold club shoots and conventions. A convention lasts several days. It includes competition, in which items constructed by amateurs are shot and judged, and open shooting, wherein participants shoot their own fireworks, which they've either brought to the event or bought from the vendors there. The vendors also sell materials for constructing and discharging fireworks, literature useful in the art, and related items. Fireworks companies also put on demonstrations of their wares, which may take the form of fancy displays. There are also seminars, auctions, banquets, instruction, and the like. Even children are invited for lessons in fireworks safety, which qualify them for the open shooting under an adult's supervision. The conclusion is usually a fireworks display open to the public.

Charlie Hill of Endicott, former president of the Pyrotechnics Guild International, hosted their convention at the privately owned Weedsport Speedway in 1990, and he thought he'd gotten the bid again in

1993, when PGI pulled the rug from under him. So he held his own somewhat smaller event there, the Fireworks Festival of America, that year and again in 1996. (FFA is also a grade of gunpowder commonly used to shoot fireworks shells into the air.) He tried for 1995, but couldn't get enough participation. I was there in '90 and '93, and showed up for this year's.

Charlie's regular business is the assembly and display of fireworks, so he's well versed in the legalities, and of course tries to get every permit that appears to be needed. The participants are limited to members of PGI or established clubs, and others vouched for by same. He wants to keep out the nuts. As a result of meticulous preparation and procedures, events like this have an excellent safety record. Even in cases where steel mortars have exploded, distances and earthworks have prevented injury.

When I arrived Monday this year at the registration table at the Holiday Inn in Auburn, south of Weedsport, news was just coming in about the arrests and seizures. We found out later, partly via a distorted local newspaper story, that the New York City Fireworks Interdiction Task Force -- a unit Jack Drewes (publisher of American Fireworks News, from Dingman's Fy., PA) said is composed of 4 Vice Squad detectives, backed up by about 10 liaisons from the federal BATF and elsewhere -- had gotten the state police to set up road blocks on route 34. Local

authorities were not even notified until afterward. Various people were ticketed for motor vehicle violations. However, 7 or 8 (according to Charlie Hill) suppliers of fireworks -- federally licensed businesspeople from out of state, driving trucks -- were arrested and charged with various violations, mostly related to placarding of explosives being shipped. These were either chickenshit violations of the type anyone can find if you look hard enough, or completely phoney. Last we heard, the charges (all misdemeanors at most) were expected to be dropped.

The state cops then asked the locals what to do, and were directed to a quarry pit. They proceeded as if there were some urgency, and on receiving a judge's order, blew up the fireworks there. From the speedway, we heard the blasts and saw the smoke cloud rise in the south at 8:33 PM. Many of us suspected the cops had deliberately waited until dusk for a better show, but Jack Drewes said they were just working slowly and inefficiently because they didn't know what they were doing. One of the arrestees was chained to a post at the quarry for about 6 hours without water, supposedly for sassing a cop. Mr. Kellner, whose fireworks comprised the majority of what was seized, went to the site on Wednesday and found many of his goods intact. On advice of his lawyer, who said he'd be liable for accidents there, he gathered them

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Fireworks

up for his lawyer to hold.

Materials seized included much material which wasn't pyrotechnic composition, but only flammable, such as charcoal. Walkie-talkies were seized so that participants couldn't alert each other to the road blocks. The urgency to destroy the material was phoney, as there was a magazine at the speedway, and another at the quarry pit, which could've received the material pending further investigation. The owners of the fireworks are expected to sue. The former district attorney of Auburn was representing Kellner.

The *Auburn Citizen* reported Charlie Hill was himself arrested, which wasn't true. In fact he wasn't charged with any violations. The paper also alleged that he'd parked a truck full of fireworks at the Holiday Inn, which is ridiculous, inasmuch as the magazine at the speedway was being used for such purposes. An abandoned school being used for storage across the street from the motel also had a suspicious fire, which some FFA attendees were worried would spuriously be linked to our activities, as it was headlined above the "State Cops Snuff Fireworks Cache" story. The *Citizen* reported that Lt. Mark Lincoln of the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations said some attendees had gotten maps of secret ways into the grounds -- a ridiculous allegation, given that no need for secrecy had been anticipated. In fact, this was supposed to have been a well publicized event, even if not open to

the public.

Meanwhile at the speedway we were told that open shooting, due to begin that night, was on hold pending resolution of a problem with the NY state Dept. of Labor. Vending of common fireworks and materials had started, but was quickly closed pending resolution of the matter. It was rumored that the NYS Dept. of Transportation required a separate license for the shipments, which goes against the established practice of all who transported interstate under federal DOT regs.

The next morning in Auburn, Charlie Hill told us that these state authorities acted like they could do anything they wanted to, regardless of what permits Charlie held. Now the state Dept. of Labor was said to require a permit called an OMP of every individual who would handle fireworks. Charlie had never been asked for such a form before, and his inquiries as to how to get one were fruitless. Charlie told us inspector John F. Ott was responsible for this travesty. Later I asked Jeff Doty, a member of the New York State Committee of the Libertarian Party and proprietor of Pearl Pyrotechnics in Cuba; he said that about a month earlier he'd heard of this newly-discovered requirement that'd been on the books for some time. The NYSDL was apparently promoting it as a boon to pyrotechnicians in the state, because out-of-state operators would then need to employ them. However, the NYSDL didn't know how it would implement this just-discovered edict, such as how to license people, nor when such en-

forcement would begin.

Jack Drewes said he thinks this is just a new interpretation of law. Apparently it treats all who touch fireworks as employees, as if nobody would shoot for his/her own amusement. If this is the case, it would effectively ban such events as PGI and FFA, regardless of local and federal permits, as well as club events, in the state of NY, even in the face of established practice while the law was on the books.

I did manage to make a campaign appearance out of this. When 3 TV news crews came to the Holiday Inn to interview Charlie Hill on Tuesday morning, I managed to convince them to interview me as candidate for Comptroller, as well. I don't know whether I actually got on Syracuse TV, though. I'd hoped to get a lot of LPNY nominating petition signatures at the public display, as I did in 1990. However, I wound up not even getting many from the attendees, because most were from out of state, and many of the rest were spooked enough by the affair that they were afraid to put their names and addresses down.

It later came out that the NYC police had said that we were suspected of harboring terrorists, who would make bombs for use in the City. But when the district attorney in the area came back from vacation that Thursday, he refused to allow further interference with the event, and I understand that it resumed with late arrivals and their fireworks, but that the NYSDL still forbade shooting other than by Charlie Hill's employees.

LPNY Holds Barbecue/Auction on LI

By Caryn Cohen

Libertarians from around the state enjoyed a day of good food and fellowship at a barbecue / auction hosted by LPNY Vice-Chair Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou at her house in Bellport, Long Island. "We'd like to make this an annual event to be held on the third Saturday in August," said State Chair, Jim Harris, who performed double duty as a cook and auctioneer.

After a State Committee business meeting, participants were able to relax, wade in the waters of the Great South Bay, a short five minute walk from Audrey's house, and bid on Libertarian items donated by party members. Among the items auctioned were pocket U.S. Constitutions, Libertarian Party tote bags and signs, and a Statue of Liberty, hand made out of paper by LP member, Brad Arter. Approximately \$125 was donated to the LPNY from the proceeds of the auction.

Participants also welcomed the newest member of the New York Libertarian Party, Eric Wright, born earlier this summer, to Lloyd and Katherine Wright. Lloyd is the former NY State Chair.



How to Join the Libertarian Party

Our Objective:

The extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits.

Our Principles:

1. Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty and justly acquired property.
2. No person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of force against another.
3. All individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles, as long as they do not forcibly impose their values on others.
4. The only moral basis of politics is the preservation and protection of individual rights.
5. The voluntary and unrestricted exchange of goods and services is fundamental to a peaceful and harmonious society.

I hereby subscribe to the Objectives and Principles of the Libertarian Party of New York, certifying that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force or fraud as a means of achieving political or social goals.

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Separate state and education -- Government involvement in education causes high taxes, social conflict, winners and losers in values, and a bloated bureaucracy that hinders education. Let's try alternatives such as vouchers, charter schools and homeschooling. Let teachers teach.

Are you interested in something not shown? Write us, and we will try to answer your questions or view the website.

Who is Chris Garvey? He is a Long Island patent attorney and charter boat captain. He has been a telephone installer, sailmaker, and medical instrument technician. He went to Sacred Heart High School (Yonkers), Columbia College of Columbia University, and Yeshiva University Law School.

Why is Chris Garvey different than his opponents? "They are just different flavors of the recipe: more government, more intrusion, more spending of your money. I will attempt to dismantle as much of the government as possible. I will try to repeal as many laws as possible. I will veto unneeded spending and taxing at every opportunity. For me, liberty of the citizens is the primary goal of good government."

What do libertarians stand for? Libertarians stand for individual liberty, free markets and personal responsibility in order to promote a society that enjoys justice, abundance and peace.

The Libertarian Party is for people who want to change the system, not just change who runs it; for people who will speak the truth, not hide it with double-talk; for people who will find free market solutions to the economic and civil problems that threaten our peace and prosperity.

What other libertarians are running this year statewide?

William McMillen	US Senate
Donald Silberger	Lieutenant Governor
Daniel A. Conti, Jr.	Attorney General
Robert Goodman	Comptroller

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Garvey on the issues:

Ax The State Sales Tax Make deep cuts in state spending, and eliminate the entire state sales tax forever.

Stop corporate welfare --like the unconstitutional LILCO/LIPA utility bailout and George Steinbrenner's subsidized Yankee Stadium move. These are purely legalized theft.

Defend our right to keep and bear arms -- individual gun ownership fights crime and restrains tyranny. As Governor I would enroll any willing adult New Yorkers (except convicted felons and the insane) in the state militia and then authorize them to carry guns, thus overcoming the law which has protected muggers from their victims since 1911.

Restore the right of 18 to 21 year olds to drink alcohol -- they can fight for their country but they cannot buy a beer in the land of the free?

Abolish many state agencies and privatize the rest -- For example, abolish the State Liquor Authority and privatize the three ski resorts the State owns. Lists are available on request. Most of these agencies exist to give corporate welfare.

End the war on drugs -- Prohibition is not working, but drug prohibition causes crime, murder, accidental death and spreads diseases such as AIDS. Like other victimless crimes, it is a pretext for the "crime" of "driving while black" and the war on financial privacy.

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