

Actual Minutes!

To keep you informed of the State Committee happenings, we begin a new regimen of printing the quarterly meetings' minutes. **3**

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MARCH IN JULY



Segal Appears in Gay Pride Parade

"Yay, Libertarians!" could be heard at least once every block of Fifth Avenue from 62nd Street to Christopher Street—all along the length of New York City's Gay Rights Parade, Sunday, June 28.

Among our parade "neighbors" were contingents from Bill Green's and Liz Holzman's campaigns, a big, loud float from the New Alliance Party, and even a small squad from the North American Man-Boy Love Association, who received the only "boos" to be heard—other than the Ross Perot supporters.

Unfortunately, the New York City party's luncheon/petition workshop was held the same day, with the result that only ten Libertarians were on hand.

Long-time member Perry Metzger served as our principal marshal. The minute of silence at 2:30 p.m. held a special meaning for him—several of his friends were fatal victims of the AIDS virus. ★

CALENDAR

JONES BEACH

*Sunday, August 9 and
Tuesday, August 11*
**Lallapalooza
Music Festival**

Touring musical festival featuring new ideas. Proven venue for an Operation Politically Homeless Booth (just ask record-holders from LPNJ). Fun for all! Contact Keith Sauter, (516) 627-9136, or Steve LaBianca, (516) 928-8978.

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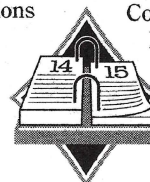
Monday, August 17
**Meet Nancy Lord
and Norma Segal**

Buffet dinner with candidates for VP and U.S. Senate. Proceeds go to petition drive. Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 140 2nd Ave. (betw. St. Marks Pl. and 8th St.) Subway: #6 to Astor Pl., or N or R to 8th St. 5:30 pm. Clip coupon on p. 3, mail with your check. For more info: (212) 966-5772.

STATEWIDE

Thursday, August 27
Petition Deadline

Presidential electors, Segal to U.S. Senate, Guida to House, Brennan and Friedman to Assembly. Nominating petitions must be filled out, processed and in to Board of Elections by this date. Help! See updated list of coordinators on page 3.



CORTLANDT MANOR

Saturday, August 29
**State Committee
Meeting**

To be held in the home of Rick Wolff, 33 Old Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor (outer Peekskill), Westchester County. Call State Secretary Gail Bova at (516) 698-0915 for a copy of directions.

A Rally for Health Freedom took place in Washington, DC on June 14.

LPNYCers Lisa Clark and I were joined by Ralph Fucetola and Kathy Greene (not Dave Greene's mother) of Morristown, NJ, and their Brooklyn friend, Johanna Elias. Bringing LP and FIJA leaflets were LP national chairman Mary Gingell, national secretary Joe Dehn, Washington state chairman Karen Allard, and Don Meinshausen. Our efforts found Marshall Home, who has since resumed activity in LPNYC after many years of absence.

Vice presidential nominee Nancy Lord (endorsed by nationally broadcast medical advisor Dean Edell) and presidential nominee André Marrou were committed elsewhere. Nor did I address the rally with my David Kessler story (see previous *FREE NEW YORK*). I told it privately to featured speaker Gary Null (a New York City radio personality, and friend of former LPNYC'er and fellow running enthusiast Michael Edelstein).

The importance of our presence was underscored when the day's first speaker asked, "How many here are Democrats? How many Republicans? How many don't know what you are?" As the only U.S. political party standing for total freedom on matters of health, safety, and drugs, the Libertarian Party should attract those whose choices are suppressed by edicts. The Populist Party of America, having its share of health nuts, wants policies promoting "natural" (traditional, low technology) healing and prevention methods, and even considered (but strongly rejected) repeal of narcotics Prohibition. But Populists don't often approach Libertarians' range or depth of support for freedom to choose. And we're bigger.

Kathy Greene made and distributed signs directed at U.S. senator Edward Kennedy, sponsor of S.2135, one of the repressive bills that rally was aimed at. (The other bad bills are S.1982 and N.R.3642.) One sign: "Hey Ted—Vitamin B₃ Is Good for Alcoholism." (Also known as niacin or nicotinamide, vitamin B₃ was probably responsible for

What We Did for Health Freedom

NOW YOU CAN SUPPORT S.2835

by Robert Goodman

the decline in cirrhosis of the liver and alcoholic encephalopathy in the 1920s. Neo-prohibitionists like to ascribe this decline to alcoholic beverage Prohibition.) Another showed an overturned car next to a bridge, and was captioned, "Vitamin A Helps Cure Night Blindness." Attendance was a thousand at most, which was less disappointing once we were informed of simultaneous rallies in several other cities nationwide. CNN and local TV station WUSA taped one of the later D.C. speakers, a Dr. Whittaker. He held up two bottles of Becomase brand beclomethasone anti-inflammatory steroid spray—one

from Glaxo U.S.A., the other from Glaxo of Mexico. Their contents were identical. The U.S.A. version sold for \$32, but only on a doctor's prescription. The doctor's fee and the cost of the patient's time off work to see him/her could easily make the

total cost of obtaining the drug over \$100. The drug in Mexico is sold over the counter for the equivalent of \$8. Dr. Whittaker called for the U.S.A. to "advance into the third world of medicine."

High spots included a California naturopath's pro se defense against felony charges, a speaker's observation that "the greater the truth, the greater the resistance," and news of the FDA raid on Jonathan Wright. For the latter, see the sidebar digested from *AAPS News* by permission of Jane Orient, whom you may remember from *The Freeman*. She's president of the very worthy Association of

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Clinic Raided; Vitamins Seized

At 8:45 a.m. on May 6, 1992, agents of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), assisted by local law enforcement officials, broke down the doors of the Tahoma Clinic in Tahoma, Washington, 15 minutes before it was to open.

To enforce their search warrant, the FDA was willing to kill. Not hypothetically, as by blocking access to a detachable silicone balloon or a life-saving drug. Never point a gun at someone you are not willing to kill.

Employees of the clinic testified that officers pointed guns at them, ordering them to "put your hands up where we can see them." Officers stated that one of them had simply "unholstered" his weapon and pointed it at the ceiling. One woman was treated for an arrhythmia.

The search warrant, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, called for the seizure of "subject compounds" and "foreign subject compounds," including folic acid, vitamin-B complex, and adrenal extract; literature and other materials describing the "subject compounds;" correspondence; floppy disks; computer hardware; and the

Interro device (used for allergy testing).

A truckload of such items was seized, including a hard drive removed from the computer and a number of patient records.

No charges have been filed against the owner of the clinic, Jonathan V. Wright, MD, a member of AAPS.

Dr. Wright describes himself as a longtime advocate of natural, conservative principles and treatments, is author of two books on nutritional therapeutics, and columns for *Prevention* and *Let's Live* magazines.

He used vitamins of German manufacture because these are the only available preparations that do not contain preservatives (to which many of his patients are reportedly sensitive).

"Every item used in my clinic is cleared by legal counsel before it is employed," he stated. "And all items seized in this raid are safer than the generally available alternatives." Electro-galvanic skin response to test for allergies is controversial, but, Wright states, in comparison with RAST and skin tests, just as accurate and considerably cheaper. The Interro device, not alleged to do harm, has not been

approved by the FDA.

The raid occurred just before hearings were scheduled on a lawsuit brought by Dr. Wright, challenging the confiscation of his uncontaminated stock of L-tryptophan.

FDA representatives stated they are concerned about "illegal drug manufacture." Dr. Wright stated that the FDA is targeting pharmacies that compound medications to a physician's order, the traditional job of the apothecary.

The FDA stated it is concerned about the intravenous administration of dangerous materials. The evidence was a moldy vial of a magnesium compound retrieved from a dumpster shared by several realities.

According to Dr. Wright, the FDA violates the Helsinki Declaration of the World Medical Association in 1964: "In the treatment of a sick person, the physician must be free to use a new diagnostic and therapeutic measure, if in his or her judgment it offers hope of saving life, reestablishing health, or alleviating suffering."

The Tahoma Clinic has been deluged with calls from supporters and a legal defense fund has been established by a group called Citizens for Health.

Free New York

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Where's My Free New York?

FOR YOU BREATHLESS MAILBOX LOITERERS, AN EXPLANATION

by Rick Wolff

You get that vague feeling of guilt that perhaps you're too stridently down on government, which at least superficially is only trying to help. You think of your own policy on taking responsibility for what happens in your life, and that the State isn't the font of all that is imperfect.

That's when government proves that no amount of blaming fingers is too much.

As near as we can figure (we being editor Bob Goodman and myself), The supposedly-almost-totally-independent-from-the-U-S-Government Postal Service lost all 375 copies of the July issue of *Free New York*.

And there's no recourse. None.

TIMELINE

Friday, July 31:

July issue is put to bed at Chase Communications; negatives are produced.

Monday, August 1:

Rick Wolff gets a hard print date from Chase for that week.

Friday, August 8:

FNY is already a month late, but the ink is drying. Wolff sends written instructions to LPNY database manager Gary Johnson regarding the new, agreed-upon procedure with the mailing list, which has him generating a word processing program on his newly RAM-expanded Macintosh, sending it on a disc to Ludwig Vogel's shop for IBM conversion (which Chase cannot do), then to Chase circulation manager Brigida Sgobbo for printing of addresses as Cheshire machinery requires. Wolff, relying on momentum and with crossed fingers, leaves for a week's vacation.

Monday, August 17:

Wolff returns to find that no new labels of members was made, as Johnson was busy coordinating New York City's ballot drive (decent reason, if you ask me). Vogel volunteers to expedite Johnson.

Friday, August 21:

Further waiting is impossible; dupe of last issue's list is hastily produced.

Saturday, August 29:

As the State Committee meets, *FNY* is ready to ship from Chase. The copies are put in a white plastic Postal Service carton by Chase employee Ron Lynch and sent along with bagged copies of Chase's trade weekly *Insurance Advocate* to the Mount Vernon Depot on East Sanford Boulevard, around noon. Lynch recalls leaving both on the loading dock and going inside with some paperwork for the *Insurance Advocate's* second-class postage, as usual.

Monday, September 21:

After a good sampling of subscribers, Goodman alerts Wolff that absolutely nobody received this issue. Goodman reports this to Ed Frank, Manager of Mailing Requirements at Mount Vernon. It seems the P.O. guarantees nothing for 29 cents, no matter how many of the same item you mail in one rubber band. You are essentially asked to trust your government yet again.

Normally, a Certificate of First Class Mailing (sold for 50 cents) is legal proof that a number of pieces were mailed. But even if we'd purchased one at the time of mailing (impossible at that place and time), Mr.

Frank says we'd also need to prove that the pieces weren't *delivered*, to get a postage refund.

Are there Federal small claims courts?

Monday, September 28:

Shoulders shrugged, work commences in earnest on the supplement you're now reading, with plans for a combined mailing to save postage.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Skulduggery at Chase Communications? Indeed, *FNY* staff witnessed neither postage metering nor application of address labels. Doubtful just the same, and a hell of an unfair indictment of my boss, for whom I'll serve as a character witness.

Hijinks at the Postal Service itself, from some pro-big-government saboteur? Too many people think we're a bunch of para-

noids as it is to make me feel comfortable with our own regional Conspiracy Theory. Ineptitude is more likely—though deliberate action is not out of the question. We've had worse things happen.

Have Bob and I run off to start the LP of Argentina with the \$100 or so postage? Please.

I'm reminded of the line from *Animal House*, as the slick ladies-man student explains why a young pledge's car is all banged up: "Face it—you f**ked up. You trusted us!"

Your editor adds... This supplement is being completed editorially October 7. It will be printed October 8. Rick will use the old membership list, which Gary Johnson says is practically up to date, for mailing, which will be taken care of by Chase within days. I'm setting November 10 as the deadline for the next issue. Please take the above dates into account in figuring whether any calendar items you submit will get to readers in time.

Remember, I'm just the editor, not a clairvoyant reporter. We rely on your submissions. Coming in *FNY*: election results; Doug Rasmussen on the late Roy Childs; and Robert Goodman and Margaret Fries on water. ★

New York's Insurance Dance

by David Hutt

New York has just passed a health insurance law that, when in effect (April 1993), will have younger and healthier folks subsidizing older and sicker people.

But of course there is no such thing as "health insurance." No policy can insure good health, but only pay you or your designee if and when you get sick or hurt. Similarly, there is no "car insurance." There is no difference between voluntarily buying insurance and casino gambling. When we psychologically depend on any insurance company, agency, or agent for anything, we are giving in to fears, and looking for comfort where there isn't any.

Look at the life insurance industry. Theoretically, they are in the business of delivering death claims, and in a free market do so efficiently. For every \$1,000 delivered to the beneficiary in death claims, what should their average expenses be? \$200? Maybe \$300?

The figures for 1983 (last available) indicate that for every \$1,000 in death claims, the industry paid about \$980 in commissions and about \$1,200 in non-sales expenses—an overhead of 218%!

There are legitimate reasons for the figure to be higher than for other products. It's tougher to sell life insurance than furni-

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Just a Minute

MINUTES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

by Gail Bova, LPNY Secretary

REPORTS

On the statewide petition for Marrou, Lord, presidential electors, and Segal, 26,452 signatures were filed by Jeff Russell of Waterford. Roughly half were collected by volunteers. According to *Ballot Access News* publisher Richard Winger, this was the largest number of volunteer-gathered signatures of any state LP this year. Lisa Clark of Manhattan collected the most—about 1,700. She also looked up and wrote in the district numbers. Robert Goodman managed the project.

U.S. Senate candidate and Westchester representative to state committee Norma Segal was the only female candidate in the Senate candidate's forum of the New York City Commission on the Status of Women. This took place Tuesday afternoon, August 18 at police headquarters, and included her former student, Al Sharpton, and attorney general Bob Abrams. Geraldine Ferraro and Elizabeth Holtzman sent representatives, and incumbent Al D'Amato declined the invitation. Norma participated Sunday, August 23 in a ballot access panel at a New Alliance Party convention in New York City. With Blay Tarnoff and Rick Wolff, she petitioned at the outdoor New York Philharmonic concert at Westchester Community College in Valhalla. She attended a Hispanic festival and addressed groups including Vegetarians of North America, New York Taxpayers' Alliance, and Feminist Caucus, according to her campaign manager, Vicki Kirkland of Manhattan, who is alternate representative to national committee.

Vice presidential candidate Nancy Lord, M.D., J.D. was filmed by Maryland Public Television in Manhattan and was on Gene Burns' radio show on Monday afternoon, August 17.

The fund raising dinner where she and Norma Segal spoke that night attracted 70 attendees, netted \$74.80 from admission proceeds, and over \$800 from an auction. Nancy attended a dinner of the Capital District chapter, and was interviewed by AP and newspapers in that area.

Presidential candidate Andre Marrou was interviewed for an hour, commercial-free on Doug Grunter's show on WDST, Woodstock.

LPNYC chairman Douglas Friedman filed 1,610 nominating petition signatures, 495 more than needed, in his bid for assembly. Those interested in contributing can send to him at 1738 East 13th Street, 3rd floor, Brooklyn, NY 11229.

In June, a Nassau county chapter of LPNY was created. Officers: Keith Sauter, chairman; Jim Brown, vice chairman; Bill Stocker, acting treasurer; Andrew Stanton, secretary; and Vincent O'Neill, representative to state committee. 50 persons on mailing list. Info: Keith Sauter, 516-627-9138. LPNY vice chairman Joe Brennan, running for assembly, was interviewed by *Roosevelt Community Reporter*. The editor signed his nominating petition.

LPNY vice chairman Dottie Lou Brokaw of Woodstock reports that the Hudson Valley chapter meets regularly at the College Diner in New Paltz. College groups have formed at SUNY Albany and New Paltz.

Blay Tarnoff of White Plains reports that monthly meetings have restarted of the Westchester-Rockland-Putnam chapter, with 20 members. Rick Wolff would like to spin off a Rockland chapter.

Kevin Delaney of Delmar reports that the Capital District chapter conducted Operation Politically Homeless at a hemp rally in June, collecting over 50

names of interested persons, and at the Saratoga stop of the Lollapalooza music festival.

BUSINESS

Treasurer Steve LaBianca of Suffolk did not attend. Bureaucratic difficulties have prevented his transferring LPNY's account to a bank near him. Bill Stocker of Nassau has continued to act unofficially as treasurer in the interim.

The purchase of \$400 worth of ISIL or other appropriate literature, approved at the previous meeting, was not carried out because the ISIL literature initially selected had mistakes of grammar and fact. The committee discussed producing its own literature.

A statement of understanding of the committee was adopted to the effect that LPNY will not give money to any candidate or candidate-controlled campaign fund. Mark Axinn of Queens had proposed transfer of \$100 from

LPNY to Doug Friedman's campaign. Instead, we raised slightly more on the spot from attendees.

Tom Stevens of the New York Young Republicans would donate his legal services in a lawsuit, inviting LPNY, the New Alliance, and NYCLU to join, against the requirement of 50,000 votes for governor to establish a political party in New York. Gary Greenberg had sued unsuccessfully for such status for FLP in 1982, based on our 1980 result of over 50,000 votes for president. Joe Brennan will pursue this matter.

Thanks to a gracious offer from Mark Axinn, the next meeting will be Sunday, October 25 at 1 PM in the offices of Brill and Meisel, 488 Madison Avenue, 5th floor, in Manhattan. To get into the building, you must have contacted Gail Bova at 516-698-0915 by Monday, October 19. ★

Friedman Runs for Assembly in Brooklyn

by Doug Friedman

I, Douglas C. Friedman, am on the ballot for Assemblyman from the 45th district in Brooklyn. The district covers the Midwood, Sheepshead Bay, Homecrest, Gravesend, Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach and Gerritsen Beach sections. In my campaign, I've been attending meetings of civic associations and handing out flyers at the meetings and door-to-door. In mid-September, my campaign polled registered voters to find out what issues they consider most important and what radio stations they listen to, so that advertising can be targeted. I plan an active campaign: canvassing the district, handing out thousands of flyers, meeting voters at subway stations and in synagogues (the district is about 70% Jewish), attending civic gatherings, telephone canvassing to identify possible supporters and make sure they vote and, if financing permits, advertising in local newspapers and on radio.

This is a race in which the Libertarian Party can do very well—even win. The Republicans and Conservatives are running a complete unknown who is making no attempt to campaign. The incumbent Democrat (not cross-endorsed by the Liberals, who are running no one) is perceived by many as strong, but it appears that everyone thinks everyone else likes him, even though very few do. Out of 300 people who asked Doug whom he was running against, two-thirds did not recognize the 12-year incumbent's name, despite the fact that he ran for Brooklyn D.A. just three years ago. Of those who knew who he was, two-thirds signed my petitions.

Volunteers are needed to help with canvassing the district door-to-door and by telephone. If you can make phone calls or hand out flyers, call me at 718-382-5420. ★

Nancy Lord on the Campaign Trail

EASTERN LONG ISLAND

by Bruce Martin

On Saturday, August 15, Nancy Lord, Libertarian candidate for Vice President, campaigned briefly on eastern Long Island, en route from Hartford to New York City. She visited Port Jefferson and Riverhead, got TV (cable channel 12) coverage of her speech in Chandler Square, and visited the Polishtown festival, where she was live on two radio stations.

Six of the Suffolk County Libertarian (Party) Organization rode the ferry to and from Bridgeport, Connecticut to escort Nancy back to Long Island for events in Port Jefferson and Riverhead. She was accompanied by Paul Weaver, writing an article on the campaign for

Reason magazine, and by Alic Franklor, her "handler" for this part of the campaign.

Rain dampened our plans somewhat. Also, we got a day-before cancellation of a taped interview with the host of a popular TV show (on cable Channel 6).

In addition to several walk-arounds in Port Jeff (a summer tourist area), our original plans had included a 2 PM rally in Chandler Square, a small, open-air mall just across from the harbor. Our newspaper announcements and signs all around town probably would have drawn 75 to 100 people on a nice day. We brought a podium and microphone, and set up in the center

absorbed by helpers all over, it cost us about \$20,000 to get on the ballot this time. 90% of that was supplied by LP national and the Marrou-Lord campaign.

We won the lottery held by the state board of elections, and were given row/column F—the highest available to independent bodies. However, this is subject to a suit by the New Alliance Party over ballot order: the alliance wants independents to be given the same precedence as state-established parties, by number of votes for governor. Joe Brennan failed to submit enough signatures, and at this time is considering a write-in campaign for assembly. Peter Guida withdrew from the race for U.S. House. Election day is Tuesday, November 3. ★

Marrou in NYC

André Marrou visited New York City Tuesday and Wednesday, September 29 and 30. He spoke before the Classical Liberal Club at New York University, was interviewed by phone on several local and network radio shows, and by Robert MacNeil on TV's *MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour*, and addressed an impromptu fund raising dinner. ★

of the open-air mall. We had obtained permission from the mall owners (one of whom is the brother of a member). Cable channel 12 promised TV coverage of the speech.

When the drizzle turned to downpour just after we reached the mall, it became apparent that crowds wouldn't materialize. We moved under awnings and didn't bother setting up the podium. For the benefit of the 20-or-so LP members, Nancy delivered an excellent stump speech, attracting most of the 10 or 15 additional passers-by (including one working on his parked car).

Rain also scrubbed her anticipated chat with helmet-hating bikers—the motorcycle parking lot (and hangout) was deserted in the downpour.

Channel 12 news showed up after the speech, but did tape and broadcast some questions and answers, plus a few quickie interviews. (The next day, I heard from several people who saw my kids on TV.)

We got a kick out of stopping by the Perot booth, just to show off our numbers (about 20) to the three or four die-hards still petitioning to get Ross on the ballot. Our attempt to recruit them met with friendly rebuffs, and we wished each other luck.

Next, we went out to Riverhead to visit the festival in Polishtown. Two radio stations conducted live interviews (WRIW and WLNG), which came off very well. The master of ceremonies at the entertainment bandstand refused flat-out, saying that no organizations were permitted at all. (Of course, this rule did not apply to government officials, since the bandstand was purchased with tax money and owned by the township. When I offered him a brochure, he gratefully accepted it and promised to read it off-duty.)

In addition to her expertise and effectiveness in fielding questions from the announcers, Dr. Lord demonstrated first-class

campaign skills in many situations on the street, shaking hands, etc. I winced a bit when one older man responded to her self-introduction by asking (with some hostility) about "conservation" (sometimes a thorny, complex issue for a libertarian trying to compose a simple response). I didn't hear exactly what was said in the several exchanges between them, but he wound up smiling and shaking hands and then accepted a Marrou/Lord brochure from my nine-year-old son.

We did run into two sets of motorcyclists on foot in Polishtown. One was very interested, and we wound up arranging to supply a libertarian speaker to his biker club. The other distrusted all politicians, and didn't believe that anyone (including Nancy) would keep any promises once in office. He accepted a brochure, and agreed that the best hope was to reduce the power of government; however, he simply didn't believe that anyone running for office would ever do that.

At one point, a group of four women charged over and excitedly asked, "Aren't you Nancy Lord?" For a moment I thought the LP had finally made it to where people recognized our candidates on the street, but it turned out they had heard the interview on the festival loudspeakers and asked the radio staff where we'd gone. Nevertheless, it was delightful, and they left wearing our buttons and swearing that their husbands would also vote for Nancy "or else."

Just before she had to leave for New York City, Nancy spent several minutes with a group of senior citizens sitting on the benches by the parking lot. They were all impressed, and afterward were very happy to sign our ballot petitions. Some even wanted buttons to wear.

Hardly a spectacular triumph, neither was it a total waste. The fellow fixing the car signed up as a member, and even brought two of his friends over after the speech. Two or three others got onto SCLO's mailing list and promised to attend the next meeting. ★

Petition Drive Success

by Robert Goodman

Our statewide nominating petition drive got off to a late and rocky start. Having been too busy to nominate presidential electors at our state convention, our leaders conducted something of a mad scramble to fill the slots, with the result that the petition contained outdated addresses, as well as names of individuals who weren't even asked if they wanted the nomination. Then chairman Ludwig Vogel of Manhattan tried to save a little money by laying out the petition on his computer. Even though the petitioning start date was postponed 9 days due to redistricting litigation, petitions were late getting into circulators' hands, and contained errors which went through several revisions.

Thanks to all those who made the drive a success anyway, including Rochester co-ordinator Pamela Ng, who has since moved to Seattle. We involved many around the state who hadn't been involved before, and who will probably stay in contact via activities in their locales. Not counting volunteer labor and numerous small costs unaccounted and

David Wells in *City Journal* from the Manhattan Institute singled out the new 33rd senate district, Bronx and Mount Vernon, as an extreme case of gerrymandering. There incumbent state senators **Joseph Galiber** and Jeff Korman were pitted against each other in the September 15 Democratic primary. Korman played up Galiber's legal narcotics bill in attack literature. (Galiber's advocacy of fully informed juries and school choice are also well known to libertarians.) Galiber beat Korman by about 2:1.

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With September 5 falling on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, this year's **Jury Rights Day** was honored on Tuesday, September 8. John Pachek of Manhattan joined Robert Goodman and Peter Psyras in front of court houses in Foley Square, Manhattan, distributing the revised "True or False?" leaflet from the Fully Informed Jury Association, and other literature. Fred Newton was unavailable, having taken too much time off work already for petitioning.

A **Leona Helmsley rally** brought libertarians back to Foley Square on a rainy Sunday afternoon, September 27. Robert Goodman joined LPNJers who'd organized the event: Mike Pierone, Lou Stefanelli, Tony Federici, Jerry Zeldin, and Thelma Johnson. She'd announced the rally in advance on Lyn Samuels' WABC radio program, bringing out a newcomer, Kay Mohan of Manhattan, who'd heard the show. To one side was a Pizza Hut facade, having been erected for a TV commercial being filmed on that location. Lights were turned on us, and the director came out to coach us, having us start parading and chanting. For example: "Add up what they took. Who's the bigger crook?", meaning Helmsley or IRS.

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NYC's government-owned elementary schools have adopted a **choice-of-school** plan. A ploy to make us think we're winning? Or a real concession because we really are winning?

In July, representative Bill Richardson (D, New Mexico) introduced to the House Energy & Commerce Committee the **Health Choices Freedom Act** of 1992, H.R. 5746—a slight modification of S.2835. Senator Hatch is meanwhile attempting to graft the substance of that bill onto another bill, promoted by big pharmaceutical firms, enacting 6-figure fees for drug registrations and applications. The amendment is seen, not as a rider, but as a crippling amendment of the anti-competitive FDA "user fee" bill.

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Within days of beginning solicitation during registration this fall at **Columbia U.** in Manhattan, Lisa Clark had attracted 20 interested individuals, and begun a **libertarian students' club**. She has also begun a regular commentary piece in the *Columbia Daily Spectator*, the newspaper of the university at which she's a senior in the School of General Studies.

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On Sunday night, September 20, the New Alliance Party in Manhattan hosted a sort of **summit of alternative parties**, for the purpose of trying to take advantage of the present anti-incumbent sentiment. W. Gary Johnson and Vicki Kirkland of Manhattan, plus Robert Goodman and Peter Psyras of the Bronx, were joined by representatives of the New Alliance and Natural Law parties, and of United We Stand, the Perot for president organization. The dominant subject of discussion was the drafting of a letter to H.R. Perot, asking him to keep us in mind with regard to then-possible **debates between presidential candidates**. However, nominee André Marrou, as well as LP national chairman Mary Gingell of Palo Alto, has refused to sign such a letter, on the grounds that our performance and image set us apart from other alternative parties on the national scene.

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Insurance Dance

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ture or cars. Because all they sell you is a promise, they ought to have reserves to back it up. New York probably has the most stringent legal requirements for reserves of any state.

But no agent price competition is officially permitted by the New York State Insurance Department (regulators)!

As nationally syndicated columnist Jane Bryant Quinn has written, many life insurance companies doing business in New York offer at least two versions of their policies, differently priced. The higher priced policies pay the agent a full sales commission of 50% to 70%, and the discount version pays him/ her 25% to 35%. But the lower priced version is generally available only to those shopping for \$1 million or more of coverage, and only through captive agents who keep the deal quiet. At the same time, rebating—the refunding of some or all of the commission to the client—is illegal in New York. One supposed reason is to keep the wealthy client from being able to get a better deal.

The delicious irony is therefore that what the anti-rebating law was passed to prevent, already exists.

The two other main reasons for the law are (1) that life insurance is a social good requiring special government favors to maximize its sale, and (2) that agents, to make a good full-time living, need to make a 50% to 70% first year commission. But there's already institutionalized, secret rebating; and given the 1983 figures, there just may be a way to sell life insurance with slightly less than 218% overhead!

There's a courageous Michigan broker who's not permitted by the Michigan Insurance Department to tell Michigan residents that rebating is legal in Florida and California. He's suing the Michigan regulators on the grounds that his free speech has been denied. (He is permitted by Michigan to tell people in other states this earth-shattering info.)

As a New York licensed insurance agent, therefore, I am not telling you that such rebating is legal there, or that discount policies are available in New York despite the regulators' fine efforts.

Is life insurance such an overwhelming social good that free speech must be muzzled, and free competition stifled, while the well-connected get discounts that the rest of us don't know exist? ★

TV Commercials Debut

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ON LOCAL STATIONS

by W. Gary Johnson

Most readers of *Free New York* have probably seen the 30-second television spot for André Marrou and Dr. Nancy Lord being shown nationally on CNN Headline News and on the network affiliates in DC, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Plans are to air a few on network prime time, ideally during lead-in to the Presidential debates, but these spots are especially expensive.

Originally, three were produced, but one tested so much better than the others that a decision was made to run with it. Over 50% of people who saw this commercial in a number of Chicago shopping malls responded favorably when asked if they

could vote for Marrou based on what they saw. It features a new toll-free number, and those who call will have an information packet sent to them next day.

I'm coordinating the New York fundraising for this vital effort. We have a goal of \$25,000; several thousand has already been sent to National to purchase precious air time. Mail the largest check you can (up to the \$20,000 legal maximum), payable to "Libertarian Party," to Gary Johnson, 348 East 15th Street, Apt. 8, New York, NY 10003. Or call me at 212-477-2515 and give your MasterCard or Visa number. More volunteers are needed to make calls. ★

Just a Minute

MINUTES OF THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 30

During the first meeting of the new state board, the following items were discussed:

- Two of Immediate Past Chair Gary Johnson's three proposals (which were tabled at the State Convention) were approved—the purchase of computer hardware needed for Gary's new post as membership chair, and up to \$400 worth of ISIL or other appropriate literature for use in the upcoming petition drive and

campaigns. A motion to purchase the Advocates for Self-Government's Operation Politically Homeless booth or have one designed was tabled. Instead, the board decided to use the ones it already owns. In the meantime, Rick Wolff will develop a prototype.

- A committee, chaired by Rick Wolff, was formed to review future purchases of literature as well as creating our own pamphlets and brochures.



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Members	292	—
Candidates	4	—
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The "Report" Report

by Dr. Robert Goodman

I just gave a friend a block of paraffin for her birthday, because she's into candle making. So am I—*Roman* candle making.

I've assumed temporary chairmanship of a new committee of the Pyrotechnics Guild International, Inc. The committee is to maintain and further legality of common fireworks throughout the United States. The U.S. Department of Transportation determines the limits of which fireworks are in its class C (common fireworks) according to size and composition.

New York is among many states which effectively prohibit consumer use of fireworks. To light a sparkler in New York State, you face the same type of

Members of the committee are: Gail Bova, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Doug Friedman, Norma Segal and Ludwig Vogel.

- Presidential candidate André Marrou and Senatorial candidate Norma Segal need 15,000 signatures to get on the ballot. Jeff Russell's plan for coordinating the state effort to get ballot access was unanimously approved, along with a motion that each state committee member personally obtain at least 200 signatures towards that effort.
- Member-at-Large Keith Sauter and Treasurer Steve LaBianca are coordinating our participation in the Lollapalooza

legal requirements as for the Gruccis of Long Island to put on a major display at Shea Stadium. The usual consequences of ~~Prohibition~~ are evident. Besides not achieving cessation of the use of fireworks, the policy has driven makers, sellers and users of illegal articles to more and more powerful devices. After all, why bother with class C firecrackers (now limited by DOT to 50 mg of explosive per piece), when anyone with some potassium perchlorate and aluminum powder, plus fuse, paper and glue can make a really big boom? It's all the same as far as New York law is concerned, and more profitable for the black market to concentrate on the cheap, domestically made salutes (big

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Music Festival.

- Dottie-Lou is Vice Presidential candidate Nancy Lord's campaign coordinator for New York State. Nancy will be visiting the state during the month of August. For more information or to invite Nancy to your area, contact Dottie-Lou at (914) 679-8340.
- Fund-raising letters written by Gary Johnson and Ludwig Vogel will be sent to Libertarians on our mailing list over the next three months. If you know someone who is not on our mailing list and may be interested in contributing, please call Gary at (212) 477-2515. ★

Ballot Petition Coordinators

New York State	718-547-4165	Robert Goodman
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Rochester	716-383-1162	Pam Eng
Utica	315-853-6627	Bob Schaffer
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Hudson Valley	914-471-4958	Dave Harnett
Westchester	914-949-1945	Blay Tarnoff
New York City	212-477-2515	Gary Johnson
Nassau	516-933-8648	James Brown
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An Evening with Nancy Lord and Norma Segal

Reserve a place for me.
Enclosed is my check for:

- ☐ \$33; membership and dinner
- ☐ \$20; dinner only; non-member
- ☐ \$18; dinner; LPNYC member
- ☐ \$15; LPNYC membership only

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Monday, August 17, 5:30 pm., at the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 140 Second Avenue (between St. Marks Place and Eighth Street).
Subway: #6 to Astor Place, or N or R to Eighth Street.
For more info: (212) 966-5772. Proceeds go to the petition drive.

Hi, Schools!

HOW TO BE A ONE-PERSON SPEAKER'S BUREAU

by Fred Cookinham

In 1989, Mel Maskin, a social studies teacher at Bronx Science, asked the NYC LP for a speaker for his class, and I went. It went well, and I decided—especially since I used to teach high school social studies myself—to make this my own ongoing project.

I wrote some letters and made many calls to high school social studies departments, as well as handling the unsolicited

requests referred to me by Vicki Kirkland. I have written extensive reports on how I went about this, and the reactions I got from students and teachers—some of which would surprise you—and these I will be glad to share with anyone else who wants to do this, along with many audiotapes and one videotape of these talks. Give me a call: 718-627-6973.

For now, I will just list the visits that I have made so far:

- 1984 • Debated Democratic Socialist Dr. James Chapin at Packer Collegiate High School, Brooklyn (private)
- 1989 • Bronx Science
- 1990 • Lincoln HS, Brooklyn
 - Park West HS, Manhattan (with Vicki)
 - Bronx Science
 - UN International School, Manhattan (private)
- 1991 • NSD-225, Queens (a city school for convicted criminals under 18)
 - Lincoln Stuyvesant HS, Manhattan
 - Bronx Science
 - UN International School
 - John Dewey HS, Brooklyn
- 1992 • Newtown HS, Queens
 - Ward Melville HS, Stony Brook, LI
 - Bronx Science Classical Liberal Club, NYU
 - John Dewey HS
 - Rockland Community College

A request came in this Spring from Bard College, in Dutchess County, but I passed that one along to nearby Dottie-Lou Brokaw, who I understand did her usual splendid job.

I do not want a monopoly on this project! Go ahead and call your local high school and get an invitation. This is a presidential year, and social studies teachers will be looking for political speakers. ★

Health Freedom

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American Physicians and Surgeons, 1601 North Tucson Blvd., Suite 9, Tucson, AZ 85716.

We heard, ostensibly as good news, that NIH—the major research branch of the U.S. Public Health Service—has formed a unit on alternative health practices. Imagine—an official unorthodoxy! When the USSR did that sort of thing, they had the sense to keep their funding and control secret. Are Americans more naive?

Rally organizer Conrad LeBeau has no congressional sponsor for his bill to officially recognize a Ninth Amendment right to choice in foods, drugs, and devices—the proposed Health Freedom Act. But on June 11, Orrin Hatch of Utah (which state the *Village Voice* says has lots of

nutritional supplement businesses) introduced into the U.S. Senate a much narrower bill by the same name. S.2835 defines vitamins, minerals, herbs, and similar nutritional substances, including extracts, for ingestion to be “dietary supplements.” These would be exempted from regulation by FDA as drugs because of their potency or health claims, provided such claims are true, not misleading, and have a reasonable scientific basis. Keep in mind that the U.S. Controlled Substances Act calls for decontrol of any non-narcotic substance which may be sold without prescription under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Let's get Moynihan and D'Amato to co-sponsor S.2835, and help cut down the War on Drugs (and Foods). ★

“If you don't send it, we can't print it!”

—ROBERT GOODMAN, YOUR NEW EDITOR

“So that's what you look like in the daylight!”

—DENISE WOLFF, WIFE OF YOUR OLD EDITOR

Report Report

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bombs). It's also much easier to make triangle salutes at home than it is to make firework fountains, rockets, etc.

The trend toward prohibition and restriction was reversed for a while in the 1970s, in connection

with the bicentennial of Independence. Since then the situation has wavered. A bill is now pending to legalize common fireworks in Illinois, and I see no reason why we can't get the same considered in New York. Then again, when prohibition of spray paint and squirt guns is seriously discussed, I just don't know. ★

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