



Convention '98 in Poughkeepsie

By Lloyd Wright

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Our 1998 GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION will be March 14th and 15th at the Poughkeepsie Sheraton Civic Center Hotel, Poughkeepsie NY. The Sheraton Hotel is conveniently located four blocks from the Poughkeepsie Metro North/Amtrak train station. Those of you who are "automobile-challenged" can arrive via Metro North from Grand Central Station or via Amtrak from Albany.

The main event will, of

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LP Candidates Run Hard But Fall Short

■ Turmo-Wilber loses squeaker

■ Nassau breaks record

Rebecca Turmo-Wilber lost her bid to win a second term on the Woodstock Town Council, missing by just 27 votes. She finished fourth in a 5-way race for 2 seats. Turmo-Wilber was the only Libertarian holding public office in New York. The unofficial results showed her with 1,085 votes. The second place finisher had 1,112 votes.

The complete results are as follows (top two won):

Stock - R	1,362
Simonson - D	1,112
Hughes - D (incumbent)	1,099
Wilber - LP, R (incumbent)	1,085
Mercer - IP	304

In Nassau County, none of the

candidates was elected, but they did get a record number of votes for any Libertarian candidate in the county. Vincent O'Neill pulled 6,128 votes in his bid for County Executive.

In the other countywide races Richard Cooper pulled 1,652 votes for County Comptroller; James Harris got 1,382 votes for County Clerk; and Daniel Conti got 1,916 votes for District Attorney. Stephen Edmondson pulled 417 votes (2%) for Nassau County Legislature in the 5th District.

These results were impressive considering libertarian candidate vote totals in the past. In 1996, the Brown/Jorgenson ticket received 784 votes in Nassau. In 1994, our statewide ticket received vote totals between a low of 659 and a high of 1072. Furthermore, the voter turnout this year was only 40 percent countywide, which is a lower turnout than in 1994 and 1996.

In Dutchess, David Harnett pulled 37 votes (3%) in his 3 way race for Town Council. He was on the ballot on the Libertarian Party line and the Freedom Party line.

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Convention

course, be nominating our 1998 gubernatorial candidate who will give us official ballot status by receiving at least 50,000 votes! We will also select the State Committee officers for '98.

We plan several interesting speakers and are currently negotiating with a couple of them, but know that Sharon Harris from Advocates for Self-Government will be one of our speakers. We also plan to have booths from groups such as the NRA, Advocates for Self Government, Normal, etc.

Concurrent with the convention, Steve Dasbach, (national chair), Ron Crickenberger, (national director), and Micheal Cloud, (fund-raiser par-excellance), will give a seminar on building local organizations, raising funds, and managing campaigns. I hope many of you take advantage of this great opportunity to attend this valuable seminar, which is a slightly condensed version of the Success '97 seminars they have given across the country.

For more information, call Audrey Capozzi-Pappaeliou at (516) 286-7631 or e-mail her at:

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Hope to see you there!

Visit the LPNY Web page at:
<http://www.gfr.com/~lpny>

Sabrin's the Difference in NJ

In New Jersey, Murray Sabrin got almost 5% of the vote for Governor of New Jersey. This was easily more than the 1% that separated winner Republican Christie Todd Whitman and 2nd place finisher Democrat Jim McGreevey.

Sabrin's strong showing gave him the fourth best Libertarian gubernatorial showing in LP history. The unofficial vote totals are below.

Candidate Name	Total Votes
CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN (Republican)	1,126,927
JAMES MC GREEVEY (Democrat)	1,100,239
MURRAY SABRIN (Libertarian)	113,861
RICHARD J. PEZZULLO (Conservative)	35,063
MADELYN R. HOFFMAN (Green)	10,916
MICHAEL PERRONE, JR. (Independent-Progressive)	6,809
GREGORY PASON (Socialist)	2,988
ROBERT B. MILLER (Socialist Workers)	2,786
LINCOLN NORTON (Natural Law)	2,583
NUNCIE A. RIPA, JR. (Independent)	2,227
TOTAL	2,404,399

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If I Were Governor, Robert Goodman Announces

by Robert Goodman

Long-time Libertarian activist Robert Goodman has announced that he will seek LPNY's nomination for Governor of New York in 1998.

Goodman is currently a medical scientist consulting for Nutramerica Inc. and licensing a patent he developed on a surfactant composition. His only previous run for public office was in 1988 for the assembly in the 81st district.

For next year we must learn a lesson from the campaign for governor of NJ that was run this year -- not by Murray Sabrin, able as he was, but by Jim McGreevey. Having experience in elected government offices (holding a pair at the time), being the nominee of a major party, and sticking robotically to the

message he wanted to sell nearly won him the governorship against an incumbent who'd seemed quite popular.

He never nailed down the way he intended to accomplish his main promise: a 10% reduction in car insurance rates. People inferred that he had some sort of executive fiat in mind, although it was pointed out he had no power to do that. Still, the other advantages he had (elected experience, winner of a major party primary) gave him enough credibility to do well.

I don't have those advantages. Therefore, to gain credibility I will do research to learn exactly how as governor I can quickly and surely accomplish some major benefit I'll promise that will excite a major segment of the electorate. Not pardoning convicts, not appointing

somebody; not enough votes there. Not promising to veto bills; too many variables there, and not a positive enough message.

One avenue which deserves exploration is the governor's role as commander-in-chief of the military forces of the state, which by implication of the constitution would include the unorganized militia. This year I voted for a candidate for New York City council who wanted to upgrade the (volunteer) Auxiliary Police to peace officer status, thereby giving them the right to carry pistols and increasing the police force at no cost to taxpayers. That's the clever kind of solution I'd like to pursue statewide.

Local LPNY 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 Selden Library Annex, Selden
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 Dottie-Lou Brokaw	(914) 949-1945 (914) 679-8340	1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM College Diner, Route 299, New Paltz
Capital District	Jeff Russell	(518) 371-3641	2nd Wednesday at 6:00 PM Branch Restaurant, Maiden Lane, Albany
Southern Tier	Will Kone	(607) 687-7597	

A 10 Point Program to Free New York

By Jim Harris

Jim Harris of Nassau has announced that he will seek LPNY's nomination for Lieutenant Governor in 1998. He lives in Valley Stream and works as a salesman of pre-cast concrete. He has been a member of the Libertarian Party since 1992.

The following is his suggestion for the LPNY to use as a framework for next year's campaign.

10 Point Program to Free New York

1. Phase out state income taxes in three years - 1/3 each year
2. Establish Term Limits - 12 years for U.S. Senator, 8 years all other offices

After a 6 year layover, it is permissible to run again for office previously held.

3. Initiative
4. Referendum
5. Freedom of School Choice - 50% tax credit of local government school costs for each child transferred to private school until age 18.(credit available to whoever pays tuition)
6. Privatize Marriage - repeal state licensing of marriage - replace with private contract between the two parties and/or their religious advisor
7. Purse-concealed carry license for .32 caliber, and under,

handguns throughout the state, including NYC, except for convicted violent felons and mentally impaired

8. Free all prisoners not convicted of a violent felony. Substitute restitution and other penance for those convicted of victimless crimes

9. Free the high schools - lower the mandatory compulsory school age to thirteen

10. Allow the growing of hemp and use of all its by-products - create a cash crop for farmers and new jobs for New Yorkers.

Suffolk Schedules Meetings

Meetings of the Suffolk Society for Individual Liberty (SIL) begin at 7pm on the 4th Monday of each month. The next meetings will be on December 22, 1997; January 26, 1998; February 23; March 23; and April 27.

To get to the meetings, take 495, the LIE, to exit 62. Go north on Nicolls Rd., Route 97, to Ammerman (Selden) campus of Suffolk County Community College. Go to the Babylon Student Center (a building on the main quadrangle, which also houses the cafeteria and bookstore); the meetings will be on the 2nd Floor in the "Study Lounge," Mildred Green Student Lounge.

Toll Free Line to Call Your Senators and Congressmen

The following was taken from e-mail received by David Nolan and forwarded to all state chairs.

The following message (the "quote" part) was sent to me by long-time San Diego libertarian activist Richard Rider. I called the number and it does, indeed, connect to the Capitol switchboard.

"The [largely public employee labor] Unions have set up a toll-free number so individuals can call Congress. In the spirit of leaving less money for the Unions to do evil, if you have to call a congressional office, use the following number:

1-888-723-5246.

"Let's get everyone we know to call and push for Ron Paul's two bills that would reduce ballot access requirements for third-party candidates (HR 2477) and bar any Presidential candidate taking Federal matching funds from participating in any debate that excluded candidates on the ballot in at least 40 states (HR 2478). More details on both bills are in the November LP NEWS.

"PLEASE FORWARD THIS POSTING TO EVERY LIBERTARIAN ACTIVIST YOU KNOW!"

Garvey Seeks US Senate Seat

Christopher Garvey is seeking the LPNY nomination for U.S. Senator. He is currently working as a patent attorney at Nolte, Nolte & Hunter, P.C. In 1994, he was the LP candidate for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District

He says that the issues he plans to emphasize in order of importance are: the 2nd Amendment, the income tax and education.

"Abolish the income tax.," he said, "or, if abolition is not politically possible at least get it down to 18% max (the low end of the peak of the Laffer curve) for all income taxes combined including Social Security."

He would like to see a separation of school and state, and would start by abolishing the Dept. of Education, "that educates no one."

He would also like to abolish the FDA, DEA, and BATF. "Government has no business telling us what we can't put in our bodies," he said. "I recommend most people avoid most drugs, but I don't know what's best for each of you. Neither does the FDA. And the DEA makes a zealous policy of ignorance. When the BATF isn't shooting at women and children it vindictively suppresses truth in advertising."

Valid Locals

The following local chapters currently have a representative on the LPNY State Committee: Capital District, Hudson Valley, Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. The following local chapters do not currently have a representative on the State Committee and are not counted towards obtaining a quorum: Brooklyn, Manhattan, Niagara Frontier, Thomas Paine and Southern Tier.

State Committee to Meet

The State Committee of LPNY will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, January 25???, at the Sloatsburg service area on the New York State Thruway. The meeting room is on the second floor. Open discussion starts at 10 AM and the business meeting starts at noon. All members of LPNY are invited to attend.

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Sunday, March 15
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Queens Returns to Shaheen

by John Clifton

The LPQC is undergoing a restructuring of its activities, and so will be holding a business meeting (no speakers, topic open) on December 13, from 11 am - 2 pm. Until further notice, we will be convening at our original location, Shaheen Restaurant in Jackson Heights (72-09 Broadway, near the Roosevelt Avenue/74th Street E-F-G-R-7 subway). Food is optional, and donations are welcome. For information, contact LPQC at (718) 670-3270.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS WANTED: LPQC News editor Jim Strawhorn has just stepped down after two years at the helm. We are hoping to find eager and hardy souls ready to take up the slack. If you have the time, editing and writing abilities (and access to a PC) we are interested in your input in helping LPQC to continue publishing it. Please contact us ASAP at 670-3270, email us at LibertyQNY@aol.com, or come to our upcoming meetings to tell us what you can do.

Visit our web site at:
["http://members.aol.com/lpqc"](http://members.aol.com/lpqc) or
<http://members.aol.com/lpqc>.

3 Candidates Announce, More Sought

Three Libertarians have announced that they will seek LPNY's endorsement for next year's elections. Robert Goodman will seek the nomination for Governor, James Harris will seek the nomination for Lieutenant Governor, and Christopher Garvey will seek the nomination for United States Senator. (See pages 3, 4 and 5 for more information.) The other two statewide offices next year are Attorney General and Comptroller. So far, there are no candidates for either of these.

Other candidates who are interested in these offices or any other office available next year are urged to announce their plans as soon as possible. The time to start thinking about next year's election is right now.



How to Join the Libertarian Party of New York

Our Objective:

The extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits.

Our Principles:

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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.

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