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NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY ELIMINATES MEMBERSHIP DUES

Overturning their previous decision in February to double membership dues to \$50/annum, the Libertarian National Council (LNC) made an even more controversial 180 degree turn on the matter instead.

On August 6, 2005, at the LNC meeting in Kansas City, LNC members voted to reduce the National Libertarian Party (NLP) membership dues from \$25/annum to \$0/annum.

With this change, the NLP leadership has removed its predominant source of funding and now intends to fund its activities solely via ad hoc

donations from libertarian members, solicited via direct mail, internet click-and-pledges, and other donation avenues.

The LP News, a monthly publication issued by the NLP, and that was inclusively provided to all dues paying members, will now be received only upon paid subscription.

Beginning Jan 1, 2006, membership in the NLP will only require that the prospective member certify the oath "I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

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NEW YORK STATE LIBERTARIAN COMMITTEE VOTES TO REDUCE FREE NY SIZE

At the August 27, 2005 NYLP State Committee meeting in Long Island, the Committee voted to reduce the size of Free NY from 24 pages, to 8 pages, resulting in the current issue's form/content.

Although the FNY Editor and the NYLP Chair (among others) opposed this reduction, currently the majority quorum prevails.

If you, the current recipient of Free NY and/or NYS Libertarian member, have enjoyed Free NY in the past, and wish to object or comment to the Committee's decision, and/or wish to continue to receive Free NY in substantially the same 24 page form it has been in, with all the additional original articles and content, please contact the NYLP State Committee by email and express your opinion.

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NYC SUBWAY WARRANTLESS SEARCHES RULED CONSTITUTIONAL

The recent practice of NYC police in random searching of commuter's person and belongings was recently ruled constitutional by Hon. Richard M. Berman, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York. See *MacWade, et al vs. Kelly*, Dkt. 05-CV-6921, USDC SD/NY (12/2/2005).

Despite the practice being in plain violation of both NY and Federal Constitutions, the judge upheld the practice stating that "The need to prevent a terrorist bombing . . . is a governmental interest of the highest order."

Obviously this judge slept through that part of his legal training that taught adherence to the Constitution was in fact the government's highest order of interest.

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Our Party Matters

Press Releases

PARTY CHAIR SPEAKS OUT FOR IRAQ WITHDRAWAL, INVITES SHEEHAN TO RUN AGAINST HILLARY

Bellport, NY, 10/2/05: John Clifton, a Navy submarine veteran and Chair of the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY), has called for an end to martial law occupation of Iraq, and a no-timetable withdrawal of military forces from the region. He rejects the compromise idea of a timetable proposed by his own party's national organization. He has also just issued an 'open invitation' to activist Cindy Sheehan, a mother whose son died in the war last year, to consider running as a peace candidate against Hillary Clinton in the 2006 U.S. Senate race. "The invasion remains unjustified, so the subsequent occupation has no underlying moral basis. Thus, neither does a phased withdrawal. If no one can answer Sheehan's question, then there's no 'noble cause' for which American troops or Iraqi civilians should be dying right now, period." Sheehan has openly challenged Senator Clinton to plainly speak out against the war or 'lose her job.'

Mr. Clifton has invited Sheehan to join others vying for the Libertarian nomination when the party holds its state convention next April. He discounts the "we broke it, we must fix it" rationale offered in support of the occupation, pointing to the construction of over a dozen permanent U.S. military bases in Iraq, which he says clearly shows the deployment is anything but temporary. "It's about empire-building, plain and simple. The US-led invasion and occupation of the sovereign nation of Iraq was and remains unconstitutional, is contrary to the non-aggression and non-interventionist position of Libertarians, and to the principles of just war." He argues that evidence such as the forged Niger document and the Downing Street memos prove the Bush and Blair administrations knew the case for Saddam Hussein having weapons of mass destruction was non-existent, and not merely a mistake or 'intelligence failure' in the run up to the war.

He adds: "An exit plan recently commissioned by National LP does not conform to the platform position authorized by the party membership, as it has the appearance of accepting the legitimacy of the intervention and current occupation. Many New York Libertarians instead support the party's (and Founding Fathers') non-interventionist principles, as well as the will of the sovereign people of Iraq, most of whom desire the military presence there to end without a timetable."

Clifton's appeal comes in the wake of a longer formal statement recently considered by LPNY that also called for an immediate withdrawal of occupying forces from Iraq. The statement was nearly identical to a resolution passed by the Libertarian Party of California this August. Recent polls echo this sentiment, such as one showing 52% now in favor of ending U.S. intervention of the country, "with or without a timetable." Given the near 2,000 U.S. troops now dead and over 100,000 civilians estimated killed in Iraq since 2003, a recent Zogby poll has even indicated 42% agree that President Bush should be impeached, if it could be shown that he misled Americans into war. Still, the New York resolution was not approved, with half of the state committee declining to vote on the measure. Clifton says, "at this point, the majority of Americans are more 'radical' in their position than many Libertarians are."

Mr. Clifton is a black conservative Libertarian who voted for

Reagan in '84, and he himself ran against Hillary Clinton in 2000 as the LPNY candidate for U.S. Senate. He admires Reagan's decision to pullout of Lebanon following the suicide bombing of the Marine barracks in 1983, saying "the episode teaches us there are responsible methods to respond to terrorism without escalating intervention. Then as now, 'support our troops—send them home' is a sound strategy." Clifton agrees fully with columnist and former Reagan Assistant Treasury Secretary Paul Craig Roberts, who has written: "Dead and wounded Americans are too high a price to pay for a war based on deception. This alone is reason to end the war, if necessary by impeaching Bush and Cheney and arresting the neoconservatives for treason. Naked aggression is a war crime under the Nuremberg standard, and neoconservatives have brought this shame to America."

Citing the example of China, Clifton points to the use of trade and diplomacy to induce un-free regimes into becoming freer, as a more productive basis for international policy. "Libertarians are not pacifists" he says, "we're opposed to introducing aggression as a means to solve problems, including bad dictator problems. We're pro-JUST war, pro-Constitution and opposed to fraud. The current Gulf conflict fails to make muster on all three fronts. So I say, no more no-win wars based on lies. Let the globalists and militarists who backed this carnage and want it to continue, send their own sons and daughters, and their own dollars to build up their Empires. Americans should fight no one else's war, anymore."

P.S.: Since the release of this statement, Cindy Sheehan responded, and indicated she is not interested in running as a candidate at this time.

KINGS COUNTY LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE OVERTURNS NYC BOARD OF ELECTIONS RULING

During the pre-campaigning process, Gary Popkin, Libertarian Candidate for Brooklyn Borough President, collected over 6000 signatures to reserve a place on the ballot.

However when turned in to the NYC Board of Elections, the Board ruled his petitions fraudulent, and attempted to toss them out. The Board objected to Popkin's use of a multi-candidate form, where signatures collected could be applied to ballot access totals for other Libertarian candidates running for office in NYC, as well as Mr. Popkin.

Popkin appealed the ruling to the judicial court, citing explicit provisions in NYS election law permitting exactly the use of multi-candidate forms; Popkin was represented by Libertarian Attorney

Upon review in the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division, Hon. Joseph S. Levine ruled that the BoE's action was incorrect, and reinstated the signature petitions, permitting Popkin to attain ballot status, see [Popkin vs. Umame](#).

The precedent will make it possible for geographically-close groups of libertarians to combine various candidates onto one petition in the future. The win was featured at [Ballot Access News](#), which tracks ballot access issues for minor parties across the U.S. Popkin was represented in court by Gary Sinawski and advised by Libertarian attorney Gary Donoyan.

OUR PARTY MATTERS

LP Convention News

NEW YORK LIBERTARIAN PARTY CONVENTION OF 2006

The NYLP Annual Convention takes place on April 29, 2006 at the Best Western on Wolf Road near the Albany airport; it is suggested that NYLP members mark their calendar. Our 2006 statewide convention will be held Saturday, April 29 at the Best Western in Albany, NY, not far from the airport on Wolf Road.

We have a block of rooms reserved for attendees at \$79, so reserve soon! There is likely, to be an event Friday night before the convention, perhaps even a rally in Albany during the day.

You can book your room now and print out a map and driving directions.

Members are invited to send us your comments on convention details and suggestions for agenda items.

More detail is at the NYLP website, with more to come--please check the NYLP website again closer in time to the convention!

The LPNY website is at ny.lp.org

NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN CONVENTION INFO

The next National LP Convention will be held in Portland Oregon, likely at the Hilton, in July of 2006.

Subway searches. Cont'd from Page 1

(Interestingly, the judge issued his 41 page decision, 2 hours after closing arguments were heard. Either the judge is a speed typist of world class caliber, or else it would appear he made his decision(s) way prior to the conclusion of the case.)

Although its safeguards have been continually eroded since the 1960's, the federal 4th Amendment (and Article I, §12 of the NY Constitution) states simply that:

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

It is obvious to all, except perhaps statist judges, that forcing a search upon random persons, where there is no probable cause, is a direct violation of this edict.

Of course, apologists will rationalize: “But, it's a **voluntary** search, anyone is permitted to refuse

the search”, and thus try to cast this policy as non-offensive to the Constitution.

Voluntary it is not, however. In this case, when a person exercises his rights and refuses to submit to the search, s/he is consequently denied access to important public services, specifically the transportation s/he needs to get on with his life (e.g., getting to work, getting to a hospital, timely access to courts or other legal obligation).

When the person is denied access, as such, other Constitutional rights immediately come into play, and are instantly violated as well, among which:

- The right to equal protection, insofar that other equally situated persons are given access to subject governmental services, and are treated more favorably than the refusing searchee;
- The right not be compelled to (even possibly) incriminate oneself, insofar that the person might be carrying drugs or other contraband that could bring about criminal charges;
- The right to travel freely;
- The right to due process under the law.

Although the protections afforded by presumptive legal rights can be legally waived by the person, that waiver is valid only if it was uncoerced. When a waiver is elicited through either an

incentive or via a consequent retribution, then the waiver is not voluntary.

Unfortunately, the very concept of a legal right has been perverted in modern jurisprudence (here and across the judicial landscape); a legal right, or privilege, is supposed to be completely inviolate; there is no legally permissible action by which government can entice or discourage exercise of that legal right.

For example, the right not to be compelled to incriminate oneself, means that no one can be legally coerced into doing or saying anything that could, even possibly, put oneself in criminal jeopardy.

However, when what is ostensibly a legal right can only be exercised contingent upon some other coercive imposition, then it is a right no longer, but rather only a conditional privilege offered at the pleasure of the government, and in fact a violation

of the subject right has occurred.

(An egregious example of this perversion that has become routine: criminal defendants have a right to trial, but sentencing schemes grant an automatic reduction in sentence if the defendant agrees to plead guilty early in the case, irrespective of any plea bargain. This coercion to waive the right to trial examples one such violation.)

In these subway searches, it is abundantly clear that the right "to be secure in their person against unreasonable searches" is being infringed: Exercise of the right is punished by denial of substantive services, i.e. mass transportation otherwise guaranteed to all persons in NYC.

The ACLU, who represented the Plaintiffs in this civil rights suit, has vowed to appeal the decision to the Federal 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals.

Article by Gary Treistman

Libertarian Membership Dues. Cont'd from Page 1

In effectuating this shift, the NLP has explained that its past attention and resources were consumed almost entirely with membership administration: soliciting new members, collecting dues, collating names & addresses, distributing funds, etc.

The NLP repined that when substantive party business (e.g. supporting candidates, lobbying for laws, informing the public, libertarian training and seminars, etc.) was requested and needed, there was little time and support available for such activities. Now, the NLP says, it will be free to dedicate its functions mostly to what the Party was formed for, actual political activism and electing Libertarians to office.

Significant to members across the nation, the decision also effectively dismantles the United Membership Program (UMP), which was the most significant method by which State Libertarian Chapters were funded, including the New York Libertarian Party.

Under the UMP the NLP entered into agreements with State Chapters where National LP would collect membership dues directly from Libertarians nationwide, and redistribute the collected funds with the State Chapter from where the member resided, the ratio shared being proportional to the number of dues paying members

residing the respective states.

Each State Chapter of the Libertarian Party now has the responsibility of collecting its own funds, by whatever method they may determine. Some Chapters have decided to fund themselves in a similar fashion to National, others are now developing the infrastructure to replace the NLP's services, to collect dues from their resident libertarian members.

Pertinent to New York Libertarian Party members, in the wake of the changes at the National LP, the NYLP State Committee has at this time opted to assume a schedule of fund-raising appeals to maintain its revenue. (The first appeal was sent in September, with a second mailing planned by January), although it is possible that the Committee may reinstate the annual dues method of members' NYLP party funding this upcoming year.

The state committee also agreed to accept remaining Unified Membership Plan monies still due by NLP in a 12 month payment stream. A NYLP sub-committee has also been formed to finalize an outsourcing agreement with Libertyworks (a political activity support firm) to handle follow-up on fund-raising appeals.

Article by Gary Treistman

An Overview from the NYLP Chair,**John Clifton:****TOWARDS THE FUTURE****Liberty Report Card:**

Patriot Act Re-Authorized ('Bill of Rights, RIP'). Real ID Act Passed ('your papers and fingerprints, please, to live, work or travel'). The Supreme Court's Kelo Decision ('your home can be stolen by the State and turned into a mall'). The Court's Marijuana Decision (your personal/medical use of pot in your basement is interstate commerce'). Schulz's Right to Petition suit dismissed ('the government does not have to respond to petitions by the people, regardless of what the Constitution says'). Padilla detention finally converted to criminal case (US citizens may be held indefinitely without trial or charge, upon the Executive branch unilaterally deeming them 'terrorists'). Nazi searches on NYC subways. Police State gun-grabbing and warrantless searches of disaster evacuees in New Orleans. Signs the Bush regime is planning to expand aggression and 'you must be assimilated' US empire-building to Iran and Syria. Directors suddenly leaving National LP. Directors suddenly leaving State LP.

Obviously, the past spring and summer of 2005 has been a disheartening one for lovers of Liberty. One member even told me he's inclined to disengage from activism altogether, "and just wait for the next revolution." While I wouldn't encourage that, I do agree with the sentiment that the agendas the party has been recently pursuing are not comparable to, or competitive with the freedoms we seem to be more quickly losing. Like a bandaid or aspirin fails to help a cancer patient, and a bucket won't do to stop a flood, letters to the Editor and OPH booths may not cut it anymore.

Internal rule changing is the admin equivalent of aspirin, and however needed to get some procedural hurdles (or disruptive persons) out of our way, likewise does not make a difference in addressing the clobbering Liberty is taking. Enough tyrannical force has been launched against us to justify at least talking about rebellion, as a defensive remedy to restore our rights. We have long past the point where, were the Sons of Liberty again amongst us, arms would be taken up and a few new Boston Tea Partys would have been held. But under that same consideration, the recent external and internal adjustments at National and within LPNY are indicators that the party is reconfiguring itself more effectively within the rotten system, to confront the current reality.

The changes reflect, positively speaking, that the status quo is at last breaking. Some personnel and rules changes within the state committee (and upcoming revisions to the bylaws) are designed to result in more productive focus by that entity from now on. With the National Committee's decision to eliminate dues and the Unified Membership Plan system, states will have to spend more time assuming tasks HQ was doing, and spend less time personally bickering with each other. It's time for the 'aspirin activists' and 'aspirin administrators' to stop accusing each other of adjusting deck chairs on the Titanic, and both sides just

plain got off the sinking ship! It's time to gain a "dream big, expect success" mentality, and lose the "let's keep arguing over pieces of a potato chip/sweat the small stuff" attitude. Here a a few quick "bigger picture" positive considerations that cut through the gloom, and show the way towards a bright immediate future for the liberty movement:

Goal 50K Update:

I am pleased to report significant progress has been made to secure a "slam dunk" high profile candidate to secure LPNY's four year goal of gaining permanent ballot status. More details will be disclosed once things are more confirmed, but it appears we have at least one high-profile person who may be vying for the LPNY gubernatorial nomination at our April 22 convention in Albany. As a viable back-up strategy, a '5-candidate' strategy has been discussed and developed, where the five statewide LPNY candidates in 2006 run a unified campaign, while concentrating their individual efforts in different regions (2-3 in upstate areas, two downstate). Note that last year's Senate candidate Don Silberger got over 17,000 votes as the sole state candidate. The notion is that five equally vigorous 'Silbergers' could aim to get 10-15,000 votes each primarily from their region, and cross-'coattail' in votes for the other four.

Thus by assembly, could LPNY get 50,000 or more votes for governor, without each of the five having to travel all over the state to achieve it, with or without a 'Mr. Big' in the picture---though the latter scenario moves achieving the goal out of the 'lay-up' or dunk vicinity, and into the 'foul shot' zone. Whichever route taken, upon gaining permanent status (with party name listed on the registration forms, not just the other blank), it stands to vastly improve the party's ability to grow in visibility and enrolled Libertarians, expanding the member and donor database in a manner similar to the Green Party's growth after 1998. So, Eyes on the Prize, everybody. Please use the form (elsewhere in Free New York, or the online version) to donate to make Goal 50K a REALITY of 50,000 votes by this time next year.

Re-Alignment:

Ten years ago, I postulated that the Republican takeover of the entire government (Congress, White House, most Governorships) was necessary to accelerate a re- or dis-alignment of Americans from the traditional parties. It was widely perceived by the right that once the GOP finally "had their chance" to totally rule, that they would finally reverse the size and intrusive scope of government. This misimpression was structurally holding back many pro-liberty people from considering the LP, as they hadn't really seen the Republicans fail. The thinking here is, post-Dubya and ten years after the GOP's Contract with America, they've actually turned out to ruin everything as badly as the Democrats would have, expanding both the welfare and the warfare state in the process (with the complicit support the 'opposition' party). The time is now ripe for the long anticipated

implosion of one (or both), to liberty's benefit. Historically, when a major party collapses, as the Whigs in the 1850's, a third party takes it's place. It was the GOP last time; this time, why not us?

In the long run the electorate has now been exposed to the rancid phoniness of the entire two-party system, from suspect election results, to exploded debt and busted budgets, to (at least) criminally negligent security and rescue efforts (9-11 and Katrina). The LP is poised to now finally reel in disgruntled Democrats who thought that party stood up for the little guy, and for civil liberties---until they saw the party leadership cave in to the Patriot Act, eminent domain, and even assaults on the supplements they buy. We can appeal to disgruntled Republicans who have realized that a party that has outspent the Clintons, brazenly wastes funds rewarding cronies, suspends rule of law on a dime, has 'double secret probation' approaches to everything, and launches no-win wars based on lies, is no friend of small, transparent government, peace and freedom, the Founding Fathers or the Constitution. There's no place for the duopoly to hide, and no excuses left; they've both blown it, and LP can pick up the pieces. As Bush himself once said, "you had your chance, you did not lead---WE WILL!"

Brand Extension/Youth Party:

Whether one is watching Raw or Smackdown on TV, it's all WWE, as both are entirely subsidiary entities or the parent wrestling organization. The state committee has lately bounced around an interesting thought balloon of creating a parallel party in New York State to pursue Libertarian goals, as a kind of extension (repeat, extension, NOT replacement at this time) of the main 'Libertarian' brand. The name most floated has been one of the "Youth Party"---a front for the same exact platform, but set up to market the ideas to a possible 'base' of young voters who would be attracted based on our emphasizing issues that may uniquely relate to them (lowering the drinking age to 18, opting out of Social Security taxes, etc.).

'Libertarian Party' has an established value in distinguishing us, but no established value in generating a significant proportion of the vote in New York. The brand is also an established 'automatic turn-off' for many voters. The try out of an alternative is proposed as an extension of the brand, so as to establish at the ballot box whether the same ideas under a simpler, more assessible name will improve the vote-getting outcome, and neutralize the turn-off factor associated with the current brand. While numerically speaking, the party has been getting a million votes in national elections, it's statistically insignificant relative to the 99%+ rest of the electorate. That's our under 50k dilemma---we're not even getting 1% of the vote in this state. What good is an established trademark if it isn't helping us "sell" our stuff?

The point of the brand extension idea is that a simpler name itself (WITHOUT marketing) is easier for regular New Yorkers to wrap their brains around than is "libertarian" ever was, WITH marketing and 30 years of branding history. It's mainly about advancing the agenda by generating new first impressions. The second one sees "Youth Party" the average person will think, "oh, a party that's concerned

about youths" or youth issues. Gets our foot in the door better to regular folks, for hearing out our ideas. Some non-rational folks may vote at the ballot box just because the label says 'youth,' without caring about what the agenda is. It's the same way the word GREEN advances the (socialist?) agenda of that third party. The Green name claims to flatly 'own' the environmentalist issue and demographic; the youth name would be a stalking horse for liberty ideals, and would seek to 'own' youth issues and the young voter demographic. The branding strategy is to bond the party ideals to a voting base, some of whom might not be attracted to the party under the direct ideological approach.

Let's think like Donald Trump for a second. If we were on a board of a company that had less than 1% market share, would we call that great? If you could gain 5% share with a less complicated sounding brand delivering the same product, wouldn't it be worth it? The notion we're talking at this point is about the experimenting next off-year (2007), picking some local races, and spending the normal money we would that year to get on the ballot, but under the Youth name. No net impact on our expenses. Same ideals, different packaging, test case(s).

Future decision or technical questions (like whether we would ever fully replace the 'LP' for the 'YP' title to advance Libertarian goals, or National would accept such an entity as an official affiliate to get our national candidates on the ballot in future elections) can come later. The only fair way to test this out is by voting results under YP versus the LP name. So I say let's try the alternate line out in the next off-year, then work out the details after that point.

Self-Preservation and Sovereignty:

Finally, as Cindy Sheehan has recently shown, one person can still 'make a difference' or have a major impact. As an individual, you can do much on your own to fortify your own self-government, at least to the extent of self-reliance. Below are urls to some very informative posts about how to protect your assets and assert your sovereign rights (a site with lots helpful lectures in .mp3 file format), and what exactly to have prepared in case the next disaster hits YOU. What if New York gets an earthquake, another 9-11, another blackout, the Rapture happens, whatever, and related disrupted service problems last for weeks, not days?). Post-Katrina, are you going to wait for the government to save you, or provide sane crisis management??? I didn't think so. Stock up! Anyway, the urls are:

source190.com/Page.asp?ID=28

(Archived Conference Calls about Sovereignty)

groups.yahoo.com/group/libertarianisland/message/3832

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