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Candidates
Debate
In NYC



Candidates Norma Segal, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Joseph Brennan, and James Ostrowski.

LP New York City's convention Jan. 22 hosted parallel presentations by candidates for our nomination for governor. Each made an opening statement, then the floor was opened for questions to the field, and finally each made a short closing statement. No actual debating occurred.

Jim Ostrowski stressed his long ties to groups in western New York and national groups, including those interested in drug legalization. He said those ties could bring him 20,000 votes and help him towards his

goal of raising \$50,000. At the rate of return on spending for votes by Gary Johnson for governor in 1990—24,611 votes for about \$10,000—that would bring in close to the magic number of 50,000 votes. It was noted by some observers that Ostrowski's candidacy could help build LP in the western part of the state, where we have often received many votes but have few members.

Joseph Brennan is committed to begin campaigning full time as soon as he wins the nomination. He and Norma Segal made a

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Corrections and Updates

Ballot Access News publisher Richard Winger informs us that, while an LP member, Norman Betros, with 423 votes, was elected to Cold Spring's Haldane school board in 1977. That makes Robert Polivka the second, and Rebecca Wilber the third LP member elected to public office in New York. At least 2 LPers are currently in appointed gov't office in New York; check future *FNYS*.

BAN reports that on January 10, the New York state assembly passed a bill, 1A-a, instructing judges to construe election

law petition technicalities permissively, not strictly. No word on senate action, so write those senators.

Mark Axinn sent a law newspaper clipping. It said the exemption of peace officers of the county Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (SPCC) from gun registration edicts throughout the state, mentioned as ongoing in Oct. '93's *FNYS*, was repealed in 1987. Westchester SPCC official Kenneth Ellman had been freed by U.S. judge Charles Brieant after 266 days in jail. New York's chief per..., I mean prosecutor, attorney general Bob Abrams (now replaced by another very evil Bronxite, G.O. Koppel), having sought since 1989 dissolution of the Westchester SPCC, won such a court order in 1991. Thereupon state supreme court judge Aldo Nastasi ordered Mr. Ellman to surrender 17 pistols he'd acquired under the old exemption, and which he now keeps where he lives in New Jersey, where he has a license

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3. all individuals are entitled to choose their own life styles 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; and
5. the voluntary exchange of goods and services is fundamental to any socio-economic system which provides for the harmonious integration of divergent value systems.

Michael Moriarty Confirmed Convention Speaker

Thru the efforts of Sean Dougherty in Manhattan, the LPNY 1994 annual convention was to have secured Michael Moriarty, star of stage, screen, and television, as dinner speaker. Speakers will be Rebecca Wilber of the Woodstock town board, Carol Ann Rand of the Advocates for Self Government, and Robert Schulz of the All (Albany) County Taxpayers Association.

Mr. Moriarty rocketed into public controversy following a recent meeting between Janet Reno (Head Shyster of the USA government) and "invited" figures in the movie and TV program industry to "discuss" the "problem" of displays of violence. Moriarty was present by virtue of his role as prosecutor Ben Shore in the current NBC TV network detective series, *Law and Order*. By his account on Howard Stern's show, everyone else made what amounted to a display of licking Reno's boots.

Moriarty was the first, later to be joined by sympathizers inside and outside the industry, to break ranks by making a public statement critical of the entire approach by Reno and others to real world crime and violence. He said the first thing we needed to

for them. In a proceeding which judge Brieant said "reeks of extreme vindictiveness", and which included a disingenuous "mistake" by the state lawyer resulting in deprivation of Ellman's liberty, Ellman was jailed in 1992 in New York, for the "contempt" of not complying with the order to surrender the guns.

Noting that "guns may not be politically correct property, but they remain property", Brieant found no authority of New York to deny ownership of

reduce violence was to repeal narcotics Prohibition. After that, who appointed Reno censor? Since when was it the responsibility of film and video creators to make the world safe? Shame on their supposed spokesmen for their obsequiousness and feigned contrition. What made anyone think TV and movies contributed more to violence than did Reno et al? (See "Facts About Fiction" by David Link, 3/94 *Reason*.)

Moriarty sensed he was being left hung out to dry, and that his parts in *Law and Order* were being politically sacrificed, contrary to the producer's denial. Would Moriarty fall into the Reichenbach gorge? No, he got a Broadway role and had to cancel the convention appearance.

The convention will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 23-4 at the Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave., Albany. Convention room rate is \$62/night with breakfast, if you reserve by April 11. Convention registration with all meals and speakers is expected to be priced around \$70. Business is expected to be conducted Saturday and Sunday mornings, starting at 9, plus a session after Saturday afternoon speakers. ★

guns to Ellman, as opposed to their possession in New York. (Similarly, New Jersey's new "assault rifle" edict addresses, not ownership of guns, but their possession in that state. Jerseyites may still own such rifles and keep them in New York and Ken Ellman may own pistols bought without a license in New York, and keep them in New Jersey.)

Early in 1988, LPNY state assembly candidate Robert Goodman got his first media

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Governor Candidates

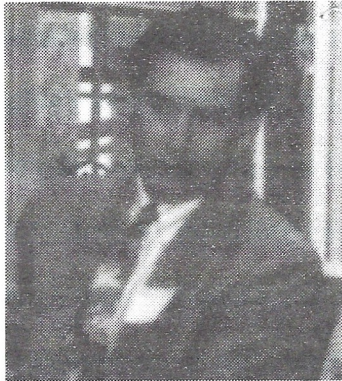
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point of the recognition they expect to carry over, with news media and other contacts, from their recent campaigns—Brennan for mayor of New York last year, and Segal for U.S. senate in 1992. Norma Segal said her 108,530 votes in that race would give her immediate credibility as a statewide candidate again.

Dottie-Lou Brokaw, who ran for lieutenant governor in 1990, mentioned as her strength her outreach activities in central New York, which she carries on during most of her contacts with the world at large. Former ambassador to France Evan Galbraith, who is also seeking the Republican and Conservative nominations, was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Jim Buden had withdrawn from the race.

Richard Geyer of Riverdale in the Bronx is the only candidate for comptroller, an office which in other states might be called treasurer. On questioning, the candidates for governor disavowed interest in running for other statewide offices, such as U.S. senate. However, Ms. Brokaw alone said she'd work just as hard for the gubernatorial nominee if it turns out to be someone else, as she will if she gets the nod.

As had been announced, a straw poll was conducted after



Comptroller Candidate Dick Geyer

the presentations, similar to the "beauty contest" held at some presidential primaries, gauging the preferences of the 55 attendees by secret ballot. Many, asked to vote for one only, could not. (Gary Greenberg and some others opined for an approval voting system, and one person tried to split a vote between Mr. Ostrowski and Ms. Segal.) However, among those with a clear choice, a definite front runner emerged: Ostrowski with 17, followed by Segal with 9, Brennan with 7 and Brokaw with 1.

The contenders will face off again at the Nassau-Suffolk convention (see calendar), and maybe at other events before the selection in Albany.

Paul Jacob gave a very interesting speech at the LPNYC con on behalf of US Term Limits, of which he's executive director. ★

Torres for supposed crimes relating to the disturbance at the Aug. 16 1993 Mayville protest. Some of the Mayville 5 were also fined \$1,000. Letters and contributions of stamps, stationery, and money may be sent to them at Chautauqua County Jail, Mayville NY 14757. The Mayville Five Committee, formed by locals concerned about constitutional freedoms and abuse of power, may be reached at 6931 Allen Rd., Westfield, N.Y. 14787, or by calling 716-326-3223.

See Hannah's writing about this case in Feb.'s *Reason*? Hear Jim Ostrowski's analysis on audio cassette? Remember where you saw them first!

Sandy Feld's lawyer succeeded in having Sandy's indictment for bribery voided, because the grand jury was dealt with unfairly by the prosecutor. The gun indictment is being worked on. ★

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Free New York,

Thank you for sending me your newsletter. As a NatCom member I received the newsletter of most of the state LPs. Free New York is one of the best. The only problems are that it's not long and frequent enough!

LPNY probably has its best chance of winning ballot status in 1994 since...ever. Although that's an ambitious goal, Norma "100K" Segal has proven it doable. I'm pleased that, instead of having to hunt for somebody to run, LPNY has several eager candidates. I'm proud the efforts to revitalize the Party have been so successful. Now is not the time to become faint of heart. But I do have some concerns.

1. I saw nothing about candidates for Attorney General, Comptroller, Lieutenant Governor, or U.S. Senator, nor about winnable state legislature or local races. Rebecca shouldn't get too lonely as the sole current LP elected office holder in New York. Although all those who want the gubernatorial nomination are good people who have a lot to contribute, it seems they all want the same office! This will not do. If LPNY is to get 50,000 votes for Governor, the candidate needs a damn good (and active) supporting cast of candidates. Only one will get the gubernatorial nomination. I hope to see the others swallow some ego, and run for offices begging for candidates—and take those races just as seriously as for Governor!

2. We need to balance our efforts between elections and party building. It will not do to

have the membership building efforts go on hiatus during the election campaign. Whether LPNY has to contract the recruiting job out (as they did with me), or can find another volunteer, is immaterial. If you can't find someone to do it for free, paying somebody on performance is a bargain, if the alternative is letting membership and contributions dwindle.

3. The number of candidates for LPNY's Governor nomination somewhat worries me that the Party may factionalize, no matter who gets the nomination.

Let's hope everyone seeking the nomination has the Party's best interests at heart, not just a desire to self-celebrate.

Let's also hope that no matter who's nominated, all will work together to get the ticket on the ballot, raise money, campaign, get publicity, and help the nominee earn 50,000 votes. A contender who doesn't get nominated and then fails to support the nominee, by that attitude, proves the wisdom of those who refused to nominate him/her. Let's hope those who desire the nomination and don't get it will prove the conventioners wrong by earning more votes for the candidate than s/he could possibly have earned him/herself!

When I look at the obstacles W. Gary Johnson faced in 1990, and the improvements that have taken place in the Party since, I'm confident LPNY can achieve ballot status in 1994. This Herculean task is achievable, and the long range benefits too great to imagine. I wish you the best.

Sincerely Yours,
Clay S. Conrad



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attention as an in-studio guest on Ken Ellman's Saturday morning phone-in SPCC show on New Rochelle FM station WRTN. Although shortly before connecting with the candidate, Ellman had been for a vigorous war on drugs, by his next program, having absorbed much libertarian literature, he seriously proposed privatizing all police functions! (As Bill Evers, or someone, has said, it's easier to turn an activist into a libertarian than a libertarian into an activist.)

According to *Family Alert* (newsletter of Chautauqua County VOCAL), Judge Misfud ignored a sentencing guideline maximum of 6 months imprisonment, and imposed instead 1 year on Barbara Lyn Lapp, Rachel Lapp, Lynn Carroll Bedford, Jacob Lapp, and Joe

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Free Air

by Robert Goodman with Ray Masters

Remember when you thought, "Wait'll we get our opinions on the electronic analog media? Wait no more! Nearly every place and day in New York state, you can turn on a radio or TV, and hear a libertarian—if not immediately, then within hours. You can be that libertarian, participating in a phone-in show. Or you can be part of the audience of one of the many established libertarian commentators."

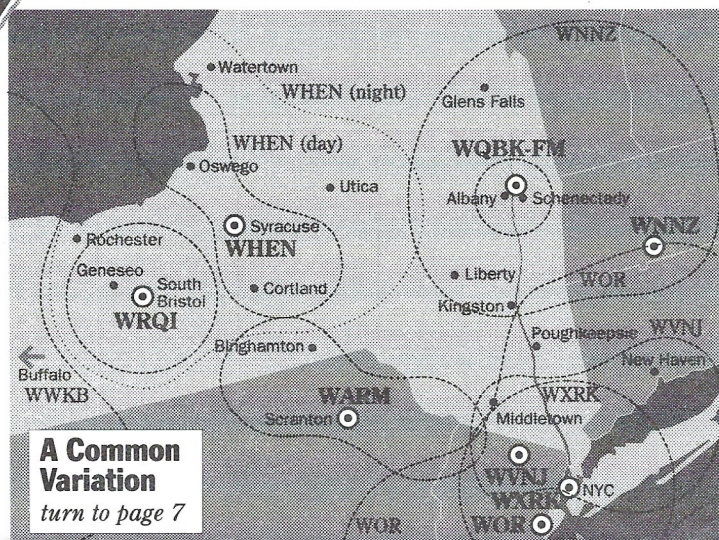
Please bear in mind that radio stations typically start each clock hour with a few minutes of news. Therefore the programs below don't necessarily start exactly on the hours listed. Remember too that just because the speaker is libertarian doesn't mean the topic is always libertarianism—whew!

Your editor's favorite is history prof and movie reviewer **David Brudnoy**. His style is professorial, with high intellectual style and content. Some clear channel stations tend to counter-program this type (the other example I can think of is/was prof Milt Rosenberg of *Extension 720* on WGN, Chicago) against prime time TV, in contrast to the style and contents of daytime talk shows. Tuning in Boston for "Bruds" isn't hard; please see the sidebar about skywave reception.

Radio journalist **Gene Burns** says he's trying to change the image of libertarians as law-breakers. He has come out explicitly, though not consistently, for strict enforcement of even those edicts he'd repeal. WOR, New York City, doesn't air the first hour (3-4 PM) of his program, but is the only station to air the last hour (6-7 PM).

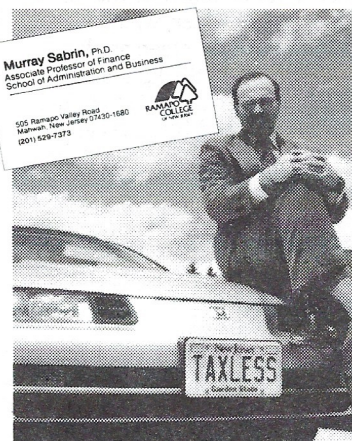
Insult comic and best-selling author **Howard Stern** has many listeners laughing thru clenched teeth. His frank treatment of lifestyle and other matters (e.g., homo sex) angers "conservatives" for its style and explicitness, and "liberals" for its content and attitude. He's personally for traditional family values (enraging "liberals" who want to force us to like, or avow liking, not just tolerate, alternatives), but earns no love from "conservatives"

who don't want the details acknowledged or discussed at all, yet has no desire to force his preferences on others. His libertarian form of political incorrectness, and great success as King of All Media, are probably responsible for his drawing



lightning from the Fascist Communications Commission for broadcast content matter ignored when it comes from other shows.

The launch of new gospel music station WVNJ, Teaneck N.J., at the beginning of 1994 brought a new live weekly libertarian phone-in show: *On the Money*, hosted by Ramapo College finance prof **Murray Sabrin**.



He's also president of the Alliance for Monetary Education, informing U.S. Americans about the effects of government policies on their income and wealth. But *On the Money* isn't solely

about money. Prof Sabrin buys the time and sells advertising slots; call 201-947-7449 to inquire. Rerun times are at the discretion of WVNJ, which has a temporary shortage of programs.

Prof Sabrin is also a regular commentator on Michael Harrison's nationally syndicated *Talk Radio Countdown Show*.

While explicitly disavowing libertarianism, ophthalmologist **Dean Edell** agrees, or mostly agrees, with us for pragmatic reasons on major matters of

policy, which come up very often as he dispenses general medical advice on his radio show originating in San Francisco. (It appears his nationwide TV show, *Dr. Dean*, is defunct.) The fact that someone who eschews ideology still arrives at our conclusions, and even endorsed Nancy Lord for vice president in 1992, shows just how practical libertarian ideas are.

When sick or vacationing, Edell and Stern rerun their shows, while Burns and Brudnoy rely on substitute hosts. Among frequent subs for Rush Limbaugh on the EIB radio network is economist **Walter E. Williams.**

Giving Stern some competition is lawyer and insult comic **Lionel**, the accent of whom is on the Lie, with plenty of sarcasm. His producer says he's a libertarian, and your editor has heard nothing to flatly contradict that.

Libertarianism is the theme cleverly slipped into *Techno-Politics*, in the guise of examining the impact of technology on politics and vice versa. It airs Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 11 AM on WNET, TV channel 13 in New York City. Elsewhere, check your local listings of educational

TV stations.

Okay, so it was his editor or publisher who chose to call him a libertarian journalist in the subtitle of his recent book; but I'm including **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, whose talking heads style show, *Firing Line*, now airs on educational TV. Check your local sources. In New York City, see it first on Friday nights, 8:30 to 9 PM on WNYC-TV, channel 31, then second run on WNET Saturday mornings at 10. *Techno-Politics* and *Firing Line* are both produced by the Blackwell Corp.

New from the Cato Institute is *Cato Forum*, which goes out on Thursdays at 10 PM on National Empowerment Television, transmitted by Hughes satellite Galaxy 7, transponder 20, vertical. This network is also carried by cable systems and low power broadcast stations, including some unspecified in New York state. Consult local....

At Issue, hosted by gynecologist and ex-congressman **Ron Paul**, is carried by Finger Lakes Cable. If your cable system doesn't carry *At Issue*, do what John Phillips successfully did—lobby for it. And how about doing what Libertarians of the Hudson Valley did—make their own public access show (see affiliates table)? **Dave Greene** is doing it with *Beyond Vaudeville*, Sunday nights from 9:30 to 10 on channel 16 of Manhattan Cable and Paragon Cable.

Some libertarians find homes on others' TV shows. Humorist John Bloom now performs his **Joe Bob Briggs** persona as a frequent commentator on Fox TV network's Tue. night program *The Front Page*, which airs from 9 to 10. Many have remarked about the libertarianism of consumer issues reporter **John Stossel**, but did you know that his anchor on *20/20*, **Hugh Downs**, said in a recent interview that the latter thinks of himself as a libertarian? You be the judge via the ABC TV network, Fri. nights, 10 to 11. And humor writer **Dave Barry** is the inspiration for the title character in the CBS TV network farce series *Dave's World*. Mon. nights, 8:30 to 9.

Free New York appreciates reception reports and other news to keep this report and the accompanying maps and table up to date. Your editor is not clairvoyant. For instance, has anyone heard the *Dr. Demento Show* by libertarian d.j. **Barry Hansen** lately? ★

PROGRAM	CALL-IN PHONE	STATION	LOCATION	FREQUENCY	AIRTIMES AND NOTES
David Brudnoy	617-254-1030	WBZ	Boston	1030 kHz AM	Tue.-Fri. 7 PM to midnight; Mon. 9 PM to midnight during NFL season; Mon. 7 PM to midnight otherwise; rare pre-emption by sports
Gene Burns	800-321-8828	WOR WNNZ WHEN	New York Springfield, Mass. Syracuse	710 kHz AM 640 kHz AM 620 kHz AM	Mon.-Fri. 4 to 7 PM live Mon.-Fri. 3 to 6 PM, live Mon.-Fri. 9 to 11 AM, taped (larger area); Mon.-Fri. 7 to 10 PM, taped (smaller area after dark) night shows pre-empted by Chiefs baseball ("Hot Talk 1280") Mon.-Fri. 3 to 6 PM, live Tue.-Sat. 2 to 5 AM, taped
On the Money w/ Murray Sabrin	800-686-2075 201-833-1213 201-837-1500	WVNJ	Oakland, N.J.	1160 kHz AM	Sun. 2 to 4 PM live; reruns during week; station is 1/4 power at night
Howard Stern	inquire locally	WXRK WQBK-FM WRQI WWKB	New York Rensselaer South Bristol- Rochester Buffalo	92.3 MHz FM 103.9 MHz FM 95.1 MHz FM 1520 kHz AM	("K-Rock") Mon.-Fri. 6 - 10 AM, ending as late as 11 ("Rocket 95")
Dean Edell	800-548-TALK fax 415-986-4716	WABC	New York	770 kHz AM	Sat. 4 to 5 PM, taped Sun. 1 to 5 PM, taped; may be shifted or pre-empted for sports Sun. 3 to 7 PM, taped
		WGY WHAM WBEN WSYR WIBX WKIP-AM WDSP-FM WHHO WMNS WATN	Schenectady Rochester Buffalo Syracuse Utica Poughkeepsie Poughkeepsie Hornell Olean Watertown	810 kHz AM 1180 kHz AM 930 kHz AM 570 kHz AM 950 kHz AM 1450 kHz 96.9 MHz 1320 kHz AM 1360 kHz AM 1240 kHz AM	Mon.-Fri. 1 to 2 PM, taped Mon.-Fri. 11 AM to noon, taped Mon.-Fri. 6 to 7 PM, taped Mon.-Fri. 11 AM to noon, taped Mon.-Fri. 9 to 10 AM, taped Mon.-Fri. 1 to 2 PM, taped Mon.-Fri. 4 to 5 PM, live Mon.-Fri. 4 to 5 PM, live Mon.-Fri. 6 to 7 PM, taped
Lionel	212-563-WABC 201-489-WABC 203-862-WABC	WABC	New York	770 kHz AM	Mon.-Fri. 6 to 10 AM, live

Schedules

Because of differences in computing primary coverage areas, on the map they may be relatively conservative for FM stations, relatively extravagant for AM.



"Skip"

Or, Why You May Be Too Close to Boston to Hear David Brudnoy Well

Radio waves are subject to the same natural laws of optics as are all other radiations, including light. These determine whether or how well your radio receiver "sees" the transmitter.

The earth contains a lot of metal, which conducts electricity. Therefore medium wave (length) and short wave radio transmitting antennas (radiators) are advantageously located over a flat expanse—such as the Hackensack Meadowlands of New Jersey, home to many major New York City AM stations—where the ground under the wires acts as the opposite plate of a capacitor. This produces a strong "ground wave" in the vicinity. It's not exactly a circuit you complete when you connect your receiver to aerial and ground, as was thought by Mahlon Loomis when he invented wireless telegraphy using Ben Franklin style kites in

the 1860s (the U.S. Army's Signal Corps wasn't interested), but close. The waves of a 1 megahertz (1000 kHz on your AM dial) frequency signal (medium wave) are 300 meters long.

Because it conducts, the earth is opaque to radio. Signals bounce off or are absorbed, and don't pass thru an appreciable thickness of the ground. That's why antennas for transmitters and receivers of very high frequency (VHF) and other much-shorter-wavelength transmissions, such as TV and FM radio, are best located up high, to get over the ground and other obstacles, providing a more distant horizon. (The radiator of WVNJ, the new medium-wave station carrying *On the Money*, is disadvantageously placed on a mountain top in the Ramapo range, weakening its signal.)

What of medium wave radiation directed skyward? See the diagram, which is not to scale. Sky waves can be bent back to earth by the E layer of the ionosphere (a shell of electrically charged gas atoms surrounding

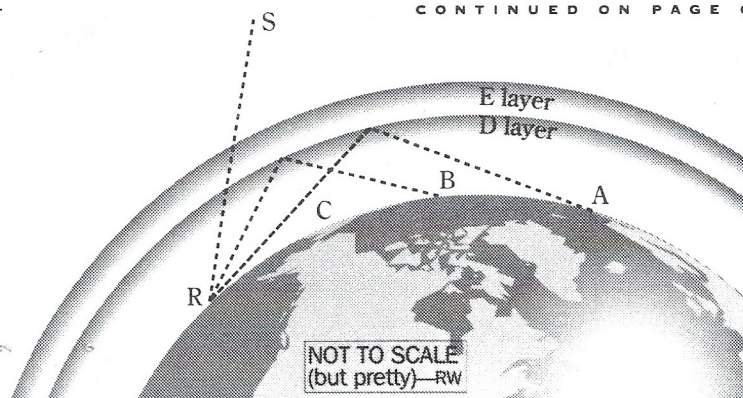
the earth except near the magnetic poles), provided the rays approach at a low enough angle; otherwise they pass thru. (High frequency—short wave—radiation behaves similarly with respect to the F layer, at a higher altitude.) The situation is not exactly, but almost, like that at the surface of water, which you can look thru at a steep angle, but only reflects the light at a shallow enough angle. Therefore listeners at A and B can receive the signal transmitted from R, far over the horizon.

But to reach C the ray would

have to encounter the E layer at too high an angle to be bent back sufficiently; instead, it escapes to outer space (S). C is too close to R to receive its sky wave, and too far for the ground wave. The phenomenon is known as "skip", both because the signal is said to skip over the area represented by C—the skip zone—and to analogize ionospheric propagation to the skipping of a stone over water.

During daytime, sky wave reception is practically blocked for medium wave (as used by AM broadcast band radio) by the existence of the D layer, which

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Robert Polivka

by Robert D. Schaffer

Now that we know Mr. Polivka to have been the second elected Libertarian in New York, it's time to find out about how he did. Can someone out there do the same for Norman Betros, the first?

Robert A. Polivka of the quiet village of Salisbury Center in central New York was called upon to help solve a problem. The Town of Salisbury, roughly 10 miles east of Utica in Herkimer County, needed a new firehouse.

The need had been pressing for several years and yet inaction characterized the situation. People were hesitant to involve themselves in a project that could mean substantial new taxes.

Polivka had some novel—some Libertarian—ideas about how to build a firehouse and minimize or avoid hitting people's pocketbooks. Asked to run for Salisbury District Fire Commissioner by fire department officials and other concerned citizens, he accepted the challenge and won.

Historically elections were nonpartisan and so he did not run on an official Libertarian ticket. However, as a successful operator of a local auto business for over 20 years and a native of the area, he was known to be a Libertarian. What he proceeded to do certainly reinforced that political stance.

A fire district is a special district under New York State law with the power to tax. It is not a branch of town government. The Salisbury Fire District

commissioners could have simply taxed their constituents and thus solved the problem of building a new firehouse.

One of Mr. Polivka's first actions, along with other board members, was to lobby the state legislature to change the day for election of the commissioners. State law had specified a December election date, which tended to be overlooked by potential voters, as well as to have bad weather. Polivka and his associates succeeded in getting it changed to the better-known November Election Day.

In his third year out of a 5 year term, Polivka, ready to provide leadership, was elected by the 5 member board to its chairmanship. He was determined to show the community how a Libertarian approach could be a better way to solve public problems.

He held a public hearing (which hadn't been done before), got a decision on a site, and contacted sources for financing. A low interest loan was secured through a local bank. The positive result was a project that incurred 1/3 the previously proposed cost. Following a successful public referendum, the go-ahead was given for the construction of the new firehouse. And this was achieved without any increase in public taxes.

Polivka stated, "We located the building on land owned by the fire district and secured partial financing through a grant. The fire department was encour-

aged to help in fund-raising to defray part of the cost. We invented ways to save money."

Polivka knew that getting a consensus to build that firehouse wasn't so much a complicated matter of financing as it was an exercise in getting people to think differently and creatively about public responsibility. He looked for available resources and approaches that involved people more directly and efficiently. "We want some of your time and brainpower, not your money," was Polivka's approach.

The fire commissioners had looked at the tax formulas that were available to a special district but decided not to go that route. Polivka delegated responsibility to others on the board and in the fire department. His emphasis was on human resources, not financial resources.

He was re-elected by the board to another year as chair of the Salisbury Fire District, and then entered a quiet fifth year as commissioner. At its conclusion, he did not seek re-election. Having accomplished his goal, he was ready to go onto new challenges and interests. His public service was specific and immediate to the community need.

Polivka characterizes himself as a promoter and a finisher. What he sets out to accomplish, he sees through to a favorable conclusion. That's a good ending to a small-town Libertarian success story. ★

Robert D. Schaffer is a columnist for the Clinton Courier in Clinton, New York. He interviewed Bob Polivka by telephone, catching him at the end of a business day in a Connecticut hotel room close to midnight.

"Skip"

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lies between the ground and the E layer, and absorbs radiation of such wavelength. (The D layer is more transparent to short waves.) The D layer is maintained by continuous radiation from the sun, and deionizes at night, or even during an eclipse of the sun.

The FCC (and Canadian Radio and Television Commission, by treaty) requires many stations to reduce their power, or not operate at all, at night, allowing remaining stations on these "clear channels" to take advantage of sky wave transmission with little interference over a distance of about 700 miles. Getting licensed as a 50 kilowatt clear channel station was a matter of being in the right place at the right time. WBZ is such a station.

Except for some parts, such as eastern Long Island, close enough for ground wave to predominate, New York state is so located that within it, the farther you are from Boston, the better you'll receive WBZ on average at night. Ionospheric "weather" varies enough by the night, hour, or minute that reception changes. The skip zone isn't constant. So if you don't hear Dr. Brudnoy, keep trying.

VHF, UHF, etc. transmissions used by TV and FM radio, for instance, usually pass thru to space, not reaching earth beyond the horizon. However, your editor is among hobbyists who try to catch unusual conditions allowing such reception. For instance, between the E and F layers there's a very "lumpy" sporadic-E layer producing VHF skip transiently. ★

Junto Far Outgrows Founders' Expectation

This account was submitted anonymously, for a reason you will understand on reading it.

While campaigning for Gary Johnson for governor in 1990 somewhere in New York state, and looking for a phone or bathroom or some such in an office building, synchronicity brought me an encounter with a libertarian formerly active in politics. He said he was starting a different type of project. I next heard about it thru others in 1993.

What he'd begun was a dis-

cussion group for persons he describes metaphorically as "eagles" who are interested in personal growth and development. The gathering was named after and modeled on the Junto founded by Benjamin Franklin. (The J in Junto is like the J in Joseph, not the j in kijafa.) This Junto meets monthly, and like its predecessor, each member is expected to present a topic annually. However, at the current attendance rate, the average member would have to wait several years to present!

Starting with a small cluster of attendees, the Junto sprouted a large mailing list and attendance to match. The meetings outgrew the inner office, and 100+ now even cramp and overflow the much larger outer office. There's no more room or time for the buffet the original sponsor supplied, so it's been replaced by a box dinner. The latest round of expansion was fueled by a mailing to subscribers to the current *Liberty* magazine of R.W. Bradford.

The attendees are mostly

libertarians, including many whose names are, or should be, familiar to many of you. Other prominent persons in their fields are sometimes invited as outside speakers. The crowd is interested and interesting. However, as a discussion group, it is unwieldy. Therefore I've chosen not to reveal any of the associated who, when, or where, or to encourage more to join.

So did I write this just to tantalize you? No. I wanted to show that such a group can "take off" on little or no publicity, and to encourage you, wherever you are, to start a junto, huddle, congregation, or conspiracy of your own! ★

Treasury: LPNY had \$2,400 in the bank. Responding to a question about our high bank charges (see box on right), treasurer Pam Haberkorn said she'll check with Citibank, where she has her own business account, about reducing them. The committee agreed to have Pam's accountant, at little or no charge, do LPNY's taxes. LPNY has repaid its loan of \$400 to LP New York City. Sentiment was expressed for increasing dues rates.

Membership: Temporary keeper of the list Pam Haberkorn said 1994 paid membership stood at approximately 140. Becky Akers had mailed at bulk rate 400 solicitations to members of a national firearms interest association; about 4,500 names remained. Their organization doesn't want it generally known that we were given this list via legitimate, but exceptionally favorable, terms. Response had been nil, but it was considered too soon to expect much. Chairman Ludwig Vogel suggested adding a list, available for \$20 from LP Connecticut, of 2,500 federal firearms license holders; no action was taken. Becky, Mark Axinn, and Lisa Clark, using labels supplied by Pam, had prepared and mailed membership

A Common Variation

Otherwise radical libertarians in this country, including those on the air, frequently deviate from our orthodoxy on the matter of immigration to the USA. During the early and mid 1970s, a period in which your editor rapidly adopted libertarian ideas, I was also swayed by radio commentator Bob Grant to favor enforcement of immigration controls. For a while, I therefore held to a "libertarianism in one nation", thinking individual liberty was peculiarly U.S. American, and therefore strictly for Americans.

Brudnov is among people who believe liberty to be a product of our culture, and culture to be a product of masses of people based on their whole life experience. He fears that if people come here, too many and fast, from places with uncongenial

renewal solicitations. Putnam representative Bernie Gay agreed to try for 3 months the job of maintaining the membership list.

Convention: Following negotiation, in which some committee members wanted to give the sponsoring chapter a more generous deal, with representative Jeff Russell, the state committee agreed 11-3 to award the convention to Capital District LP. LPNY will receive 25% of net profit, assume no expenses in advance, and assume no loss should the sponsors take one. Rebecca Wilber and Robert Schultz were available to speak at no charge, while Carol Ann Rand and Michael Moriarty would charge expenses—expected to be lower than usual for Ms. Rand, for whom this would be a stop on a longer trip. Capital District LP will mail the official notice to members, although *Free New York* expects to get out a second 1994 issue in time to advertise the con. See page 2.

50K Run: A misunderstanding between Rick Wolff and the committee was cleared up when it was voted 14-1 to give Rick custody of donations mistakenly directed to LPNY's treasury. He will maintain a bank account for

cultures, ours will suffer, and our liberty with it. This idea crosses a boundary (ha ha) between libertarians and the cultural nationalists at *Chronicles* and the cultural/national/racial-ists in the

Populist Party. Because most other countries are racially homogeneous, and culture and race therefore correlate, Brudnoy is sometimes mistaken for racist when he gives his reason for believing immigration to the USA should be further restricted.

While advocating legislation to loosen such restrictions, Burns makes a big deal about enforcing existing U.S. immigration edicts. He rails against wetback Dominicans in the underground narcotics trade in New York. However, see above about his inconsistency.

Stern's statements against illegal immigration, or immigration in general, are along roughly the same lines as Brudnoy and Burns. ★

50K Run, opening with these funds—\$150 from sales at the 1993 LPNY convention, and \$63.29 (1/4 oz. gold) from Clay Conrad. Rick's fund raising plans will be forthcoming. The 50K Run treasury will be at the disposal of LPNY's nominee for governor.

Free New York: Editor Robert Goodman said he'd quit unless the committee budgeted the newsletter for 1994. It was decided unanimously to allocate 1/3 (\$5 per person) of LPNY dues and non-member subscription revenue to *FNy* net expenses, or less as needed. Some newsletter expenses incurred in 1992 were included in the 1993 treasurer's report at right. Reproduction of the last issue of 1993 by a printer contracted by Marc Johnson was apparently too cheap a job, but it is anticipated that better quality can still be obtained for less than

the Westchester and Bronx printers we'd patronized.

Resource documents: With the assistance of Sean Dougherty, Lisa Clark prepared and distributed a directory of news media contacts. Outside of New York City the list is out of date. Please send corrections and updates to Lisa, who will maintain the list, at 315 W. 70th St., New York, NY 10023. Lisa also wants to compile a New York state Libertarian Yellow Pages, and is compiling a directory, by county, of colleges, churches, civic organizations, and chambers of commerce.

Niagara Frontier: Representative Jim Ostrowski read NFLP chairman Martin Mutka's report. NFLP is co-sponsoring a Buffalo government term limits initiative petition.

Suffolk: Jack Bova plans to run again this spring for Middle Country (Govt.) Library Board. ★

	STAMPS	NEWSLETTER	BANK CHARGES	MISC.	TOTAL
January	—	—	—	—	—
February	—	466.00	59.53	396.97	922.60
March	422.25	384.30	48.77	421.00	1296.32
April	319.00	—	28.31	—	347.31
May	87.00	310.00	31.25	3095.43	3523.68
June	261.00	455.79	63.14	155.84	935.77
July	180.00	220.98	24.53	22.15	447.66
August	130.00	326.00	24.74	1.00	481.74
September	—	—	21.59	—	21.59
October	184.82	278.74	21.59	874.53	1359.68
November	—	—	21.80	—	21.80
December	87.00	129.60	24.53	500.00	741.13
Total	1691.07	2571.41	369.78	5466.92	9953.18

TRANSACTION	CHARGES	TRANSACTION	CHARGES
Postmaster-Newsletter	779.25	NYC Chapter	138.00
Stamps	911.82	L. Vogel	124.47
Stamps Total	1691.07	Membership—National	112.50
		Boughton—Ruwart Book	22.00
		Envelopes	61.00
TRANSACTION	CHARGES	Gingell Airline Ticket	361.00
December Issue	466.00	50K Run Tee Shirts	100.00
Previous Bill 10/92	455.79	State Convention	2995.43
Time Saver Press	915.28	Gingell Hotel	155.84
Copies Plus	604.74	Gingell Airport Parking	22.15
Culveridge Printing	129.60	Ruwart State Convention	874.53
subtotal	2571.41	Tanner-Durso	500.00
		subtotal	5470.92
TRANSACTION	CREDITS	TRANSACTION	CREDITS
Drug Policy Reform—Ad	50.00	Membership Deposits	9877.00
Overpayed Copies Plus	15.00	Chase Account Closed	488.97
subtotal	65.00	subtotal	10365.97
Newsletter Total	2506.41	Miscellaneous Total	4899.05
TRANSACTION	CHARGES		
Maintenance Charges	299.78		
Stop Payment Charge	30.00		
Check Charges	50.00		
Bank Charges Total	369.78		



LPNY Affiliates

Suffolk County Libertarian Organization

1st contact: **Jack Bova**, president
142 Boyle Rd., Selden, N.Y. 11784, *tel:* (516)698-0915 before 11 PM
2nd contact: **Pam Haberkorn**, VP
22 Nims Ave., W. Babylon, N.Y. 11704, *tel:* (516)587-2028
meetings: c/o ISIL, 3rd Mon. each month, 7 PM, Middle Country
"Public" Library Cultural Center, 575 Middle Country Rd., Selden
newsletter: News & Views

Libertarian Party of Nassau County

newsletter: Libertarian Party of Nassau County News, monthly
c/o **Dan Conti**, 230 Hilton Ave., Suite 17, Hempstead, N.Y. 11550
tel: (516)292-8340
business directory: being compiled, c/o newsletter

Libertarian Party of New York City

address: P.O. Box 1664, New York, N.Y. 10013
contact: *tel.* 212-966-LP72 (**Vicki Kirkland** or machine)
meetings: 3rd Wed. each month, 7 PM
Paninoteca restaurant, 251 Mulberry St., cor. Prince St., Manhattan
newsletter: Big Apple Libertarian, quarterly

Libertarian Party of Putnam County

contact: **Rick Wolff**, 6 West Avenue, Putnam Valley, NY 10579
phone: (day) 914-699-2020, (night) 914-526-3614

Libertarians of the Hudson Valley

counties: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Ulster, Orange
1st contact: **Dorothy-Louise Brokaw**
Box 66, Mink Hollow Rd., Lake Hill, N.Y. 12248, *tel:* 914-679-8340
2nd contact: **David Harnett**, P.O. Box 188, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602
tel: 914-471-4958, 7 to 10 PM
meetings: 1st Tue. each month, 7 PM, College Diner
Route 299, New Paltz, 1/4 mi. E of Thruway
computer BBS: 914-452-4753—LIBERNET, LPUS
cable TV show: Liberty Enlightening the World
TCI Woodstock, channel 3, each Wed. 6 to 7 PM

Capital District Libertarian Party

county: Albany
address: P.O. Box 482, Albany, N.Y. 11201, *tel:* (518)399-1293
contact: **Dave Hopwood**, chair, P.O. Box 222, E. Schodack, NY 12063
tel: (518)477-9621
meetings: 2nd Tue. each month, 6:30 PM
Branch Restaurant, Maiden Lane, downtown Albany
newsletter: Capital District Libertarian, 6/yr.

Tompkins County Libertarian Party

address: 128 Grandview Ct., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850, *tel:* (607) 272-0557
newsletter: Tompkins Co. Libertarian Party Newsletter, monthly
Internet: Liberty4u@aol.com

Genesee Region Libertarian Party

county: Monroe
contact: **Mark Ramsey**, chairman (maybe past by now)
28 Brighton St., Apt. 2, Rochester, N.Y. 14607, *tel:* (716)442-9578
news: carried in Rochester Libertarian, 6/yr
Genesee Valley SIL, P.O. Box 10224, Rochester, N.Y. 14610

Niagara Frontier Libertarian Party

counties: Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Orleans, Genesee,
Wyoming, Allegany
address: 383 Bryant St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14222, *tel:* (716)882-5194
newsletter: 6/yr.
speakers' bureau: Voices of the Nineties

SEEKING TO ORGANIZE OR RE-ORGANIZE CHAPTERS

Queens: **John Procida** *tel:* (718)746-5200
161-09 29th Ave., Flushing, N.Y. 11358
Westchester: **Blay Tarnoff** *tel:* (914)949-1945
50 DeKalb Ave., S6, White Plains, NY 10605
Oneida: **Robert Schaffer** *tel:* (315)853-6627
131 Chestnut St., Clinton, N.Y. 13323
Onondaga: **Richard Moroney** *tel:* (315)682-5279
4306 Trout Lily Ln., Manlius, N.Y. 13104

CALENDAR

Tue., Mar. 15, 1994: **Mar.-Apr. FNY deadline.** (Yes, that soon!)

Thu., Mar. 17; 7:30 PM: **Libertarian Book Club forum**, "What Is Anarchist Art?", Lee Baxandall, **Richard Kostelanetz**, Judith Malina, Hanan Resnikov. Moderated by **Peter Lamborn Wilson**. Penn South community room 7A, 330 W. 28th St. between 8th & 9th Aves., Manhattan. Donation.

Fri., Mar. 18; 9 AM to 4 PM: **Regional conference**, "Science, Alternative Care, and 3rd Party Payers", Hatch Aud., Guggenheim Pavilion, Mt. Sinai Med. Center, 5th Ave. & 100th St., Manhattan. PM session beginning 1:30 includes presentation by **Loren Lomasky**, "Liberty & Responsibility". No charge but pre-registr'n required: Rosamond Rhodes, Box 1108, Mt. Sinai Sch. of Med., 1 Gustave Levy Pl., New York NY 10029; ph. 212-241-3757.

Fri., Apr. 8: **Deadline to join LPNY** to participate in convention business.

Sat., Apr. 9: **LP Nassau-SCLO combined convention.** SeaScape Restaurant, Islip. \$25.

Mon., Apr. 11: **Deadline to reserve Ramada Inn room** at LPNY convention rate.

Wed., Apr. 13; 7-9 PM: **Meeting of New Yorkers for Drug Policy Reform.** Judson Church, 55 Wash. Sq. S., Manhattan.

Fri., Apr. 15: Traditional for **tax protests.** Ask your local LP.

Mon., Apr. 18: **Deadline to register intention** to participate in LPNY convention business.

Sat.-Sun., Apr. 23-4: **LPNY convention, Albany.**