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Browne on Ballot

Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne will be on the ballot this November in New York State. On August 20, the Libertarian Party mailed 23,594 signatures to the New York State Board of Elections. Only 15,000 were required to get Browne on the ballot. No one challenged the petitions.

The LPNY volunteer effort collected 4,000 signatures for the Browne campaign. This is 4,000 signatures that National now "owes" to LPNY's 1998 petition drive.

In addition to Browne, four other independent candidates filed petitions to be on the New York ballot in November. They were Ralph Nader of the Green

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Yes, There Are Candidates

Six Libertarians are running for public office in New York State this year, though none is running on the Libertarian line. Each chose to run as a candidate of one of the parties that already has ballot access. Four candidates are running for State Senate, one for State Assembly and one for City Court Judge.

Andre Soleil, the chairman of the Brooklyn LP, is running for State Senate in the 18th district. The district covers the area from Redhook to Brownsville in Brooklyn. This is his first run for public office.

Soleil is running as the candidate of the Republican, Independence, Liberal and Freedom Parties. Soleil also ran against the incumbent in the Democratic primary. The incumbent, Velmanette Montgomery has been in office for 12 years.

Soleil is emphasizing taxes and burdensome government as the primary issues of his campaign. "Big government is stymieing minorities in their growth from poverty; it is aiding the poor in staying poor," he said. "The libertarian philosophy is really a formula for the poor."

David Harnett is running for State Senate in district 41. The

district includes all of Columbia and most of Ulster counties. He needed only 9 signatures to qualify for a spot on the Freedom Party line and managed to survive a challenge from the Republican incumbent.

Harnett is emphasizing three issues: (1) stop the drug war, (2) separate school and state, and (3) level the economic playing field. "I shamelessly stole the Harry Browne theme 'government doesn't work,'" Harnett admitted.

Harnett got a favorable front-page story in the *Register-Star*, one of three newspapers that covers the district.

Robert Flanzer is running for State Senate in the 25th district. The district covers lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. He is running on the Republican, Conservative and Freedom lines.

His theme for the campaign is "Turn off the heat!" The reference is to frogs being boiled alive as the heat is slowly turned up.

In upcoming campaign appearances, Flanzer will be addressing the Long Island Nurses' Society and will appear on the TV show, "Issues USA". The show was formerly known as

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Candidates

"The Damn Right Diner".

David Greene is running for State Senate in the 25th district. The district covers part of Brooklyn. Greene is running on the Republican line.

Thomas Hamilton is running for State Assembly in the 60th district. The district covers the middle of Staten Island. He needed only 8 signatures to get on the ballot on the Independence line. He will face candidates from the Democrat, Republican and Right-to-Life Parties.

Hamilton's wife (who is not a member of the LP) is running for Congress as the candidate of the Independence Party. The incumbent she is running against is Susan Molinari.

Dan Duncan is running for Binghamton City Judge on the Liberal line. He almost won the Conservative primary and also finished third in the Democratic primary.

His Republican opponent is a former district attorney; the Democrat is currently a Family Court attorney. Duncan is the only one with judicial experience. He served as a Family Court Judge for several years.

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Thank You

from Lloyd Wright,
LPNY State Chair

I want to personally thank all of our activists who put in endless hours collecting and processing signatures. This is a monumental task which hopefully we will only have to do one more time.

Special thanks to our volunteer signature gatherer champion, Don Silberger who collected 807 signatures and our Libertarian activist and paid gatherer, Fred Newton, who collected over 3,000 signatures.

I also want to thank the processing team who slaved away in Jeff Russell's home over a four day period and who helped John Slevin with his processing. This includes John Mataboni, Dottie-Lou Brokaw, Peter Carl, Blay Tarnoff, Dan Medbury, Willis Boyce, John Munteer, Kevin Delaney, Herb Hennings, Donald Silberger and Aral Onganer. If I left anyone out, please accept my apology. I also wish to thank the National LP team sent up to help: Dan Smith, Jeff Braun, and Kris Williams.

Finally, we all must thank Jeff and Linda Russell for allowing their home to be thrown into total chaos for four days. The entire first floor and basement of their home were taken over by Libertarians processing signatures and, at times, Libertarians sleeping on the floor.

Our volunteer effort totalled just over 4,000 signatures. That's not as many as I hoped for, but a critical number considering the total turned in. What this means for 1998 is that we must do the majority of the work ourselves. My experience with this drive indicates that we must start preparing for the drive six months before the petitioning period begins and we must be ready to spend at least \$20,000 to pay for signature gathering. This means a major fund-raising effort between now and then.

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Party, John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party, James Harris of the Socialist Workers' Party and Monica Moorehead of the Workers' World Party. Howard Phillips of the U.S. Taxpayers Party will also be on the ballot in New York in November, however he will be listed as the candidate of the Right-to-Life Party.

Browne will join Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Ross Perot as the only candidates to make it on the ballot in all 50 states. This is the second presidential election in a row that the LP has been on the ballot in every state. No other third party has achieved complete ballot status two presidential elections in a row.

In all there are 18 candidates running for president nationwide. Most of them are on the ballot in only a few states. Hagelin will be on the ballot in only 43 states, Phillips in 40, Nader in 22, Moorehead in 13 and Harris in 11.

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Gorman to Appear at NYC Fund-raiser

New Hampshire State Representative Don Gorman, the nation's highest ranking elected Libertarian, will speak at a fund-raising dinner at the Hunan 5th Restaurant on Saturday, October 19. The restaurant is located in Manhattan at 323 5th Avenue near the Empire State Building. The event will begin at 8 PM and costs \$100 per person.

Designed to raise money for grassroots party development, "A Manhattan Celebration" is sponsored by the Liberty Council with all of the proceeds going directly to local projects. According to Liberty Council Chair Gene Cisewski, half of the money from the event will stay in New York as seed money for attracting a gubernatorial candidate who will secure ballot access by capturing 50,000 votes. The other half of the money will be targeted at New Hampshire races. "It's important for Libertarians to retain our few incumbents, like Rep. Gorman," Cisewski said.

To order tickets, send a check or money order to Liberty Council, PO Box 12075, Washington, DC 20005-0975. For more information, call Cisewski at The Monticello Group at (202) 483-4051 or Blay Tarnoff at (914) 949-1945.

State Committee Holds Meeting

The State Committee of LPNY held its quarterly meeting on September 29. The following members were present: Lloyd Wright (chair), Dottie-Lou Brokaw (vice-chair), James Harris (treasurer), Blay Tarnoff (past chair), Christopher Garvey (at-large), Robert Goodman (at-large), David Harnett (at-large), William McMillen (at-large), David Hopwood (Capital District), Bradford Arter (Queens), Donald Silberger (Mid-Hudson) and Vincent O'Neill (Nassau).

Jim Harris reported that the treasury has over \$3200. Over the last three months, \$580 has been received for dues. No checks were written, and no bills are outstanding.

Bill McMillen offered to send out a press release at his own expense stating the LP's position on the bond issue. Chris Garvey will organize a group to put together future press releases on NYS issues. Interested parties should contact him at: 16 Nicoll Ave., Amityville, NY 11701; phone: (516) 598-0752; or e-mail: 70253.2214@compuserve.com

The next meeting of the State Committee will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 10 AM at the Sloatsburg service area. The meeting room is on the second floor. All LPNY members are invited to attend. Call Lloyd Wright at (914) 339-2613 for more information.

Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Bronx to Form New Chapter by Blay Tarnoff

The newly revitalized Westchester-Rockland Libertarian Party has voted to incorporate Putnam and Bronx Counties. A simultaneous convention to disband the old party and form the new will be held in lieu of the regularly scheduled November meeting of the Westchester-Rockland Libertarian Party, Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 PM, at the Sea Star Diner in White Plains. Announcements were mailed the week of September 30. The October meeting of the Westchester-Rockland Party will also be held, as usual.

The currently proposed name for the new party is "The Lower Hudson Valley Libertarian Party". The final choice, however, will be made at the convention. Proposals for a better name are welcome: the best will entitle the author to a free one-year membership in the organization!

Proposals for the new name, along with any questions, suggestions, by-laws proposals, interest in party office, etc. may either be directed to: Blay Tarnoff, 50 DeKalb Ave., #S-6, White Plains, NY 10605; (914) 949-1945; e-mail: blay@morgan.com or voiced at the October meeting.

Remember October 11

Many New York Libertarians are discouraged from running for public office by the large number of signatures required to get on the ballot. To run as a Libertarian for Assembly requires 1500 signatures. State Senate requires 3000.

It is much easier to get on the ballot by getting the nomination of one of the minor parties that already has ballot access. In the Independence Party and the Freedom Party, 10 signatures will often be enough to qualify a candidate for the ballot.

But to do this, you must register with the Board of Elections as a member of that political party. To run in next year's election, the deadline for changing your voter registration is October 11, 1996.

So, if you want to change, do it now. Get your friends to change too, so they can sign your petition.

Ithaca In 1997

LPNY has chosen Ithaca as the site of its 1997 convention. The convention will be held the weekend of May 31 and June 1 at the Statler Hotel on the Cornell University Campus in Ithaca.

To help out with the convention contact Will Kone at: 10 Judd Falls, #82, Ithaca, NY 14850; phone: (607) 687-7597; or e-mail: wk17@cornell.edu.



How to Join the Libertarian Party of New York

I am in substantial agreement with the following principles:

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

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Print Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____ (we organize by county)

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

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