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ACTIVITY TEMPO ACCELERATES

CANDIDACIES

PRINCE WILLIAM TO FIELD TWO CANDIDATES

By Philip Hodson

The Prince William LP will run two candidates for office during the 1999 season. Robert McBride will seek the office of Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, and LP campaign veteran Jim Vencill will run for school board.

McBride intends to use his campaign to further popularize libertarian ideas and to build on recent LP successes in Prince William. He believes that there is a widespread belief among county residents that their money is not being spent wisely, and he intends to offer the voters an alternative to an established government run by long-term incumbents.

Once an active member of the Democratic Party, and former page in the U. S. Senate, McBride became a Libertarian after being forced to sell his Kharmann Ghia convertible to pay his federal taxes in 1986.

The 1997 Vencill campaign generated a great deal of positive press coverage for the LP as it focused on promoting libertarian ideas and building a stronger county party, but in 1999 Vencill expects to win. Vencill has been working with the local civic association during

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LOCAL ACTION

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

By Bill Lawry

On 4/15, Bill Lawry's team handed out thousands of 'million dollar bills' at the Woodbridge, VA USPO. We got lots of laughs, interacted with a few USPO employees and wrapped it up at 12:20 AM on the 16th.

The team consisted of Bill Lawry, Bill Yeniscavich and friend Fred, Robert McBride, and Jim Turney who dropped off his return and stuck around to play. Eni Susi (juggling house & dog problems) couldn't make it Thursday. But Eni worked the same PO on Wednesday evening with good results.

Utilizing Philip Hodson's strategy we leafleted only the outbound patrons. We made sure we didn't block the narrow doorway and we were all smiles. Liberal dinner breaks were the order of the day.

Bill Lawry's bright yellow 'Tax Day' T-shirt - the front showing a taxpayer being screwed into the ground by the giant IRS screwdriver and the back emblazoned with "Abolish the Infernal Revenue Service"™ got lots of affirmation. Limited copies of this original design are available: T-shirts with a Yellow background (\$15) and Light Gray hooded sweatshirts (\$20).

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the past two years since his campaign for delegate, and has established himself as a spokesman for the community. Many residents are angry about overcrowded schools in the county, and have asked him to seek the office. He already has several members of the local civic association actively working for his campaign. The incumbent is an independent, and no Republicans have yet announced that they will enter the race. If successful, Vencill will become the third Libertarian elected in Prince William County in two years.

An army veteran and a resident of Virginia for the past 17 years, Vencill is the owner of The Technology Group, a systems integration company specializing in computer telephony. He is the father of two children - a daughter, age 14, and a son, age 11.

CHESTERFIELD AND POWHATAN

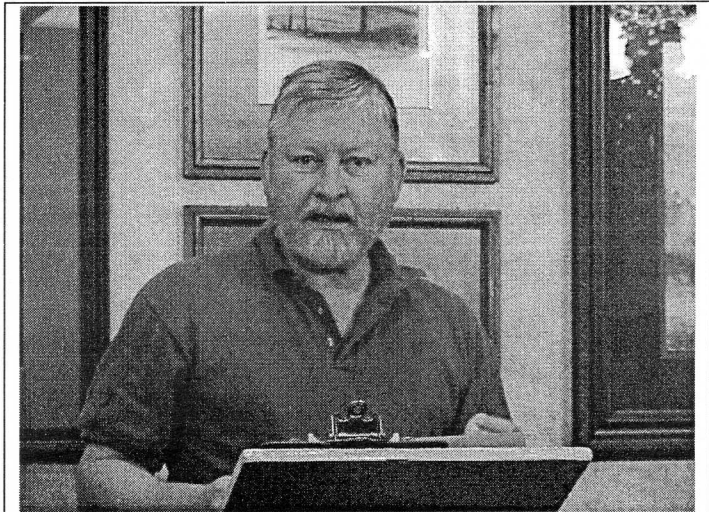
By Tim Belton

Richmond, VA; April 20th, 1999 -- Tim Belton, (the Libertarian candidate challenging incumbent Republican Delegate Lee Ware in the 65th House of Delegates race) has officially announced his candidacy. The 65th district is comprised of the northwestern portion of Chesterfield County along with the southeastern quarter of Powhatan County

MAIN ISSUES: Tim will work to repeal the State Income Tax; along with the State Fuel Tax (which is currently 17.5 cents on the gallon.) Tim will work to repeal the so-called "Crimes against the public morality", (laws that seek to regulate certain activities between consenting adults, such as sex, gambling, cohabitation, etc.) as he believes such laws have no place in a modern democracy. Tim will work to end the insane "War on Drugs"; and will introduce a bill legalizing the use of Marijuana in Virginia. Tim will introduce a new "Two for One Amendment" to the state constitution; which should reduce the amount of unnecessary legislation passed each year by the General Assembly. It will also purge the books of quite a few outdated laws. Tim will oppose any new legislation that seeks to restrict Virginian's second amendment rights.

Belton notes the lack of any Democratic opposition for Chesterfield and Powhatan counties' Republican Delegates. There are a total of six delegates representing Chesterfield County in whole or in part, (and two of these represent parts of Powhatan County) and all of them are Republicans. John Girardeau (running against Jack Reid in the 72nd district) and Tim Belton (running against Lee Ware in the 65th) are the only challengers to the GOP. It makes one ask, "What happened to the Democrats"? The answer: they appear to be writing off both Chesterfield and Powhatan Counties as unwinnable; leaving only the Libertarian

Party's candidates to challenge the GOP's House of Delegates candidates.



John Girardeau talks about his campaign for House of Delegates

FAIRFAX COUNTY CAMPAIGNS IN FULL SWING

By Paul Gagnon

The campaigns for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and northern Virginia Soil and Water Commission in Fairfax County, are heating up for Libertarian candidates Paul E. Gagnon and Johna Good Gagnon. By the end of May several actions will have been completed: 1) petitioning for ballot access, 2) a professional web page www.freefairfax.com will be operational, 3) magnetic door signs for automobiles will be on the streets, 4) campaign literature will be printed for distribution by the candidates at local subway stations, 5) several press releases will provide background for media exposure, 6) the candidates will have already started speaking tours, especially developed to reach the youth bloc, and 7) the first phase of fundraising activities will be completed.

The race for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is now between the Democrat incumbent, a Christian Coalition independent Republican, and the Libertarian challenger. The Republican Party refused to endorse Christian Coalition candidate Arthur Purves who advocates prayer in public schools and creationism in science classes. Gagnon sees this as an excellent opportunity to reach out to the 15% of Republicans who identify themselves as libertarian. Democrat Kate Hanley has steadfastly refused to cut taxes even though county revenues are at the highest levels in twenty years. Gagnon believes his proven tax reform proposal to reduce taxes on buildings will become the hottest topic of the election. Gagnon believes his proposal to provide a financial incentive for parents to leave the public school system to relieve overcrowded schools combined with a proposal to rebate tax payers for optioning out of county recreation services will resonate with voters. "I

am proposing realistic, responsible, and immediate plans for reducing government at the local level, " said Gagnon.

While the race for Chairman will be aimed at increasing Libertarian Party membership and media exposure, the race for Soil and Water is the means to get a Libertarian elected to a Northern Virginia office. Candidate Johna Good Gagnon is one of four candidates running for three spots on the ballot. Johna believes she has three factors in her favor: 1) she is the only woman running against three men, 2) she is now seen as the only candidate to represent the County's Southside, and 3) most importantly, she has greater name recognition. " I don't just want to win the office, I want to be the one with the highest vote total in the race," said Johna. The Gagnon campaigns can be reached at:

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HERNDON

Libertarian Pete Thomas has announced his intention to run in the 36th Virginia House of Delegates district. He has participated in ballot access drives and campaigns, including serving as treasurer for John Buckley's highly publicized bid for the House of Delegates. Although this is his first bid for elected office, Thomas has served the public as an appointed member of the Fairfax County Arbor Day Commission in the late '80s. As he is both an Engineer and a Unitarian Universalist, Thomas is running on a tri-partite platform: that government should be rational, compassionate, and minimally intrusive. Specific platform planks that he intends to address in door-to-door house visits in the district and campaign literature include:

- (1) encouraging projects that demonstrate the advantage of private, charitable, and religious social programs
- (2) providing a counterpoint voice to the major parties who answer every political question with "throw more money at it"
- (3) sending a message to Richmond that we are going--and growing -- fine without their micro-management

Thomas is seeking two dedicated volunteers to work with him as campaign manager and treasurer--and as many others as can step forward to donate time, money, and ideas. He told activists at a recent Campaign '99 Rally, "I don't expect to win this race. Regardless, I'm running to win." To lend your support to this campaign,

contact Pete Thomas at (703) 793-1739, or send email to pete@painless-computing.com
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BALLOT ACCESS NEWS

By Shelley Tamres
LPVA Ballot Access Coordinator

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

I have mixed news on our efforts to create a party petition process in Virginia. House Bill (H.B.) 47, our Party Petition Bill that was carried over from last year's General Assembly session, was intended to create a process for an unrecognized party to qualify ALL its candidates with one petition, rather than each candidate petitioning separately for ballot access as an "independent."

In January, the full House of Delegates passed our bill on a 71-28 vote. It then "crossed over" to the Senate side, where it was assigned to the Senate P&E (Privileges & Elections) Committee. Unfortunately, on Feb. 16, there was a unanimous vote by the Senate P&E Committee to "pass it by for the day." This was their way of killing the bill since there were no more P&E Committee meetings scheduled.

Virginia's General Assembly is on a two-year cycle and no bills may be carried over during an election year. This means we must start from scratch and re-introduce the bill as a new bill next year. However, the fact that H.B. 47 passed the House of Delegates shows promise for an eventual passage of these changes.

Many thanks to all of you who helped in any way to lobby for H.B. 47. It is because of your efforts that we were able to get the bill through the House.

I will soon be preparing for the 2000 session. At this stage, I prefer to introduce the bill on the Senate side and fight for its passage there, on the assumption that if the Senate passes it, the House will be an easier task since they passed it once already. And for election law changes, the Committees are always the keys since the remaining senators and delegates look towards the committee members for guidance.

Therefore, if you live in any Senate P&E member's district, please consider joining our lobbying effort. We need to contact each of these Senators (assuming they file for re-election by the June deadline) and persuade one or more of them to introduce and sponsor the bill, as well as persuading ALL of them to vote to support it.

The Senate P&E members are: William Bolling, S04; J. Randy Forbes, S14; Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr., S36; Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., S24; Charles R. Hawkins, S19; Richard J. Holland, S15; Janet D. Howell, S32; Benjamin J. Lambert, III, S09; Stephen H. Martin, S11; Madison E. Marye, S39; Kevin G. Miller (Chair), S26; Thomas K. Norment, Jr., S03; Edward L. Schrock, S07; Stanley C. Walker, S06; Mary Margaret Whipple, S31.

Also, regardless of where you live, you can help out by contacting civic organizations to which you belong. Ask them to write a letter of support for reducing ballot access restrictions in Virginia, and in particular for creating a party petition process.

If you would like to help, please contact me at: 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164, ph. 703-450-0218, e-mail: ShelleyTam@aol.com. Thanks!

PETITIONING NEWS

We're starting to plan a major petition drive to get two statewide candidates on the ballot in 2000. We need to collect 10,000 valid signatures by early June of 2000 to get a U.S. Senate candidate on the ballot, plus 10,000 more by mid-August for the Presidential ticket. We cannot begin these petition drives until Jan. 1, 2000.

In preparation for next year's effort, I have requested this year's candidates to get as many inexperienced members as possible out to get a couple of hours experience at petitioning. Additionally, new local affiliates are being formed all over the state. Part of the training for new local affiliates is training in petitioning.

If you are not already actively involved in a local affiliate, please consider "joining" yours (you're already a member...just show up and help DO stuff!). If one does not exist in your area, please consider creating one. There are undoubtedly other LP members like you just waiting to be contacted. Training and support will be provided.

Local affiliates will definitely be the key to our success next year at getting our first-ever non-Presidential statewide candidate on the ballot in Virginia. Thanks to your lobbying efforts, the signature requirement for statewide candidate petitions was substantially reduced last year. So join your local and start getting some training for next year's petition drive. WE CAN DO IT!!!

ACTIONS (from Page 1)

Our comments of: "Here's your instant refund", "You've qualified, here's your refund", "...for all you've given...", and "Some funny money to ease the pain" - all got laughs. Robert McBride authored many of the new comments and brought his dog. The dog got lots of pets

and added to our credibility and Robert's creativity kept us all in good spirits.

More than 95% of the patrons and 100% of the USPO personnel we interacted with took the bills and enjoyed a moment with us.

We had legal documentation too - Faxed in response to Bill's last minute request at 5:30 PM by late-working and well organized LPUS staffer Dan Smith and highlighted by Bill - ready for the inevitable LP-USPO confrontation; the confrontation which thankfully never came.

Thanks to all for making this the best LPVA 'Tax Day' ever. Philip Hodson's Prince William County meeting sponsored three USPO's this year.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

By Adam Light

The Libertarian Party of Southwest Virginia had its first meeting on Saturday, April 24th.

The meeting was held at the residence of Douglas R. Light and was attended by four LP members including Jim Lark. Various issues were discussed and a good time was had by all. Foremost on the agenda is membership increasing and party affiliate status with local campaigns to follow with the building of the party base in our area. One objective in the near future will be the creation of a local web page thanks to L.P.S.W.Va.'s own computer guru Brent Matney. Next meeting will be early in June with no definite date set at this time.

NINTH DISTRICT

By James W. Lark, III

Since the tour of the Ninth District undertaken by Gary Reams, Dana Johansen, and me in January, a substantial amount of activity has occurred throughout the district.

Abingdon: Mike Porter has organized two meetings of members and prospects in the Abingdon area. The first meeting took place on March 20; it drew eleven people, including Marc Montoni. (Mr. Montoni now lives in Salem, near the eastern border of the district.) The second meeting occurred on April 17; Mr. Montoni is planning to attend this meeting. Mr. Porter hopes to organize a local affiliate party in the area soon.

Blacksburg: Todd Pukanecz has organized monthly meetings in the Blacksburg area. He is endeavoring to find students at Virginia Tech who want to organize a campus group.

Giles County: Eddie Howard, a former LPVA activist, has moved to Narrows. He has stated that he wishes to become active in LPVA affairs again. I have placed him

in contact with Mike Davis, Paul Wagner, and Anne Panella. Ms. Panella works in Blacksburg and lives in Pembroke (Giles County); she is serving as a bridge between the Blacksburg and Giles County people.

Tazewell County: Adam Light has been in contact with LPVA members and prospects within his area. He has organized a meeting in Richlands on April 24, which I shall attend.

On April 4, I spoke to Wayne Carlson, who writes an op-ed column for The Southwest Times (**Pulaski**) called Southern Exposures. Mr. Carlson has written several articles that indicated he is sympathetic to the Libertarian perspective. In our conversation, he indicated that he is interested in the Libertarian Party, and accepted my offer to provide him with information and contacts concerning the LP and the Libertarian movement.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

By James W. Lark, III
Advisor, The Liberty Coalition
University of Virginia

University of Virginia:

During the spring semester, Students for Individual Liberty (S.I.L.), the largest educationally-oriented group within The Liberty Coalition, sponsored speeches by Mark Brady (Locke Institute) on March 25, and Leri Thomas (Virginians for Property Rights) on April 8. S.I.L. also worked with the Jefferson Leadership Foundation to cosponsor an address on March 2 by Linda Chavez on affirmative action, which has emerged as a hot topic at U.Va. The Chavez talk received media attention throughout the community. As usual, S.I.L. published the S.I.L. Bulletin three times during the semester.

Andy Fitzgerald, a Libertarian activist undergraduate at Wake Forest University, will attend the U.Va. School of Law next fall and wants to become involved in our activities.

Other Campuses:

Jeremy Weiland of **Mary Washington College** is working to build a group at MWC. Todd Pukanecz, who works at Va. Tech, is trying to find students who will organize a group at Tech. He also noted that two **Radford** students attended the April 13 Libertarian meeting in Blacksburg; the students are interested in building a group.

A major goal for the campus organizing effort during the coming months is to prepare a vigorous outreach effort in late August/early September at the major colleges and universities in the state. Part of this effort will include a tour by the campus coordinator to organize outreach information tables at each institution.

JEFFERSON AREA By James W. Lark, III

February: Publication of a newsletter, the J.A.L. News, resumed in February under the editorship of Jim Lark. It will be published in February, April, June, August, October, and December of each year.

March: The JAL conducted a cleanup of a section of Rt. 20 on March 6 as part of our participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program. In mid March, we were informed by the Charlottesville Downtown Foundation that the JAL has been selected to participate as wine vendors and ID checkers at Fridays After Five events on May 7 and July 30. This activity will generate \$300 for the group. On March 27, the JAL cosponsored a protest with the Committee for a Constitutional Foreign Policy at the Federal Court Building against American involvement in the NATO action in the Balkans. Press releases were sent to local media on March 26. As a result, Mr. Lark was interviewed at the event by WINA radio.

April: The major activities consisted of our annual convention on April 3, an outreach table staffed by Mr. Lark and Mr. Westmoreland at the Albemarle Board of Supervisors budget hearing on April 7, and a Tax Day protest on April 15 at the main Charlottesville post office.

On April 12, Mr. Lark mailed information about the JAL to LPVA members and good prospects in the JAL area. We hope the mailing will encourage local LPVA members to become more active in local affairs.

The Tax Day protest was very successful. Mr. Lark sent press releases about the protest to the local media in advance of the protest. Four members (Rick Bukrim, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Lark, and Mr. Westmoreland) participated in the effort; Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Westmoreland wore the newly produced JAL T-shirts. The JAL distributed a substantial amount of literature (both the Million Dollar Bills and JAL contact information) and gathered the names of some people interested in learning more about us. Also, many people informed us that they were pleased by our effort. Mr. Lark was interviewed at the event by WINA radio.

Throughout the quarter, Mr. Westmoreland has attended the meetings of the Charlottesville City Council to monitor and comment upon their activities.

On Friday, April 30, J.A.L. members Jim Lark, Gerhard Schoenthal, and Gary Westmoreland protested at the Federal Courthouse in Charlottesville against American participation in the NATO conflict in the Balkans. As with the March 27 case, Mr. Lark was interviewed by WINA radio; the story about the April 30 protest ran on WINA on Saturday, May 1.

NoVA BRIGHTENING

By Dana Johansen

"The Farlandria Libertarian Social Hour in northern Virginia is a growing success," says organizer Dana Johansen. The every Wednesday evening get together has had attendance on the upswing with interesting folks dropping by to share good times and libertarian sociability. All Libertarians and interested folk in the Falls Church, Arlington, and Alexandria (Farlandria) area are encouraged to drop on by. Others from the area will be tolerated too (wink, wink). So:

ANNOUNCING!!!!

Who: The Farlandria Libertarians (and anyone else who wants!)

What: Social Hour

Where: Crystal City Marriott Lounge

When: Wednesdays 'tween about 5:30 and 7:00ish

Why: Good times with good folks.

One Block from Crystal City Metro, FREE PARKING!

DIRECTIONS:

>From Metro:

Up escalators to mall level. Turn Left.

South on mall level one block. Turn Right.

Up CC Marriott elevator two levels. Turn Right.

South toward restaurant one lounge. Turn Left.

(Ya put yer left foot in, ya put yer right foot in...)

By Car: Bring parking ticket to lounge to get stamped!

Jefferson Davis Highway to 23rd St. Turn East. (At

Exxon Station but other way)

One block east to Crystal Drive. Turn Left.

One block north to 20th. Turn Left.

One block west, plus a bit, to side of CC Marriott.

Turn Right.

Take Ticket at Booth

Down ramp, which swings right.

Forward 'til you go UP a short ramp. Turn Right.

Go to end of lot and park.

Big sign for Marriott. Go through door.

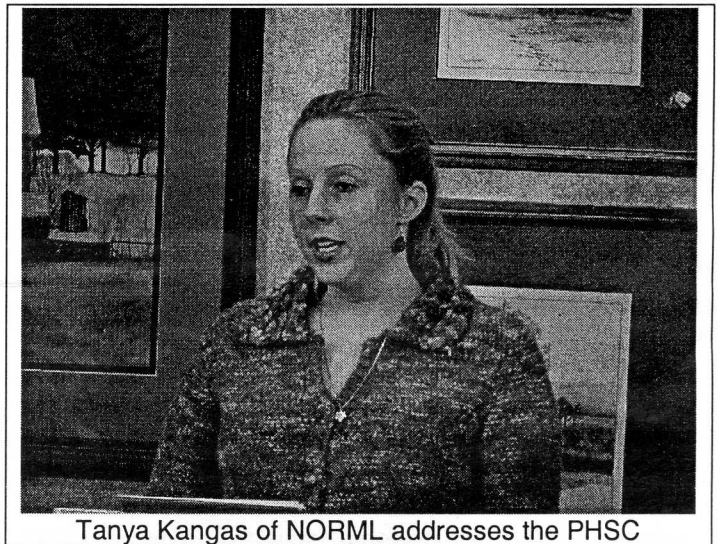
Take Marriott Elevator...

For more information call Dana at 703 960 9120.

RICHMOND

By Marc Montoni

The May Patrick Henry Supper Club meeting featured Tanya Kangas, the Director of Litigation from the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). The meeting was held again at Morrison's Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond VA, at 6:00 PM for dinner and 7:00 for the meeting itself. PHSC sends out information about each meeting via postal mail and also via email. Interested persons who have email and who would like to be added to the distribution list should send Email to Marc Montoni ambassador@bigfoot.com. Attendance at all meetings is free although we do encourage donations.



Tanya Kangas of NORML addresses the PHSC

ASSET FORFEITURE

By Marc Montoni

"Forfeiture". A word that strikes fear into more and more law-abiding Americans' hearts, year by year. The word itself is rapidly becoming just another curse word; for the abuse of the process by the government's law enforcement agents has now become almost completely systemic and chronic. Law enforcement agents target and seize the property of people who are less likely to fight for their assets back. People who can't afford expensive legal challenges -- and for whom the reward for spending hours, days, weeks, months, and more and more frequently, years, is simply not enough to make even an effort to fight worthwhile. The government's promiscuous use of forfeiture statutes has turned an entire nation of citizens into criminals who haven't been proven guilty yet, rather than free people who are

innocent until proven guilty. It has turned our police forces into lawless highwaymen who are free to rob whomever they wish. There are many people and organizations (including the Libertarian Party) working to change this sorry state of affairs. Tom Gordon is the Washington, DC coordinator for the organization "Forfeiture Endangers American Rights" (FEAR), and spoke to the Richmond Libertarians' "Patrick Henry Supper Club" (PHSC) on April 6th on this very timely topic. FEAR was organized several years ago to help educate the American public on the dangers of the government's broad, sweeping power to seize assets.

The official position of the Libertarian Party on this issue is clear. Look at these excerpts from our 1998 Platform:

VICTIMLESS CRIMES

"Because only actions that infringe on the rights of others can properly be termed crimes, we favor the repeal of all federal, state, and local laws creating "crimes" without victims...."

THE WAR ON DRUGS

"The so-called "War on Drugs" is a grave threat to individual liberty, to domestic order and to peace in the world; furthermore, it has provided a rationale by which the power of the state has been expanded to restrict greatly our right to privacy and to be secure in our homes.

"We call for the repeal of all laws establishing criminal or civil penalties for the use of drugs and of "anti-crime" measures restricting individual rights to be secure in our persons, homes, and property, or limiting our rights to keep and bear arms.

SAFEGUARDS FOR THE CRIMINALLY ACCUSED

"Until such time as persons are proved guilty of crimes, they should be accorded full respect for their individual rights. We are thus opposed to reduction of constitutional safeguards of the rights of the criminally accused.

"We oppose labeling cases as "civil" strictly to avoid the due process protections of criminal law and we further oppose governmental civil and criminal pretrial seizure of property for criminal offenses.

"...We support full restitution for all loss suffered by persons arrested, indicted, tried, imprisoned, or otherwise injured in the course of criminal proceedings against them that do not result in their conviction. When they are responsible, government police employees or agents should be liable for this restitution.

From the Chair

Since the state convention a year ago, the Virginia Libertarian Party has taken great strides forward. Membership has increased to over a thousand; our web page has been greatly improved; **Virginia Liberty** received a facelift; volunteer positions like Communications Director and State Campaign Coordinator have been filled; new affiliates have formed from Abingdon to Norfolk; established affiliates have been revived and reinvigorated; and activists from the other parties who have decided to leave the politics of yesterday and join the Libertarian Party in building a free America today have been welcomed in increasing numbers. Significantly, the LPVA has begun doing what a political party should do – elect officeholders – by winning two Directors of Soil & Water in Prince William County.

Most importantly, the party is focused on the future. There are eight libertarians running for public office. Seats sought vary from Board of Supervisors, Delegate, Soil & Water, and School Board. There are more Libertarians running in Virginia than have ever been fielded in one election previously. Thank you, candidates.

But there is much more to be done. I need your help!

From the experience of my own campaign in '96, I have realized that the issue that differentiated Libertarians from the other parties is ending drug Prohibition. While the other parties may give lip service to tax reduction, social security privatization, and gun rights, they are all running against us on Prohibition. This is unfortunate for them, since public opinion has largely shifted and the Republicrats are asleep at the wheel. The tide has turned. This is amply demonstrated in the many medical marijuana referenda that have passed in recent years.

It is of strategic importance that we now demonstrate to the drug legalization activists that they have only one choice when it comes to party identification – the Libertarian Party – and that it is a credible force with which to be reckoned. This is where I need your help!

On the Fourth of July a rally and march will be held in Washington, D.C. It is important that we Libertarians make a united showing that we are the largest "anti-Prohibition bloc" on the political block. Our plan is to be recognized, not just as protesters, but as Libertarian Party members (LP placards, stickers, hand-outs, etc.).

Quite frankly, the statists occupying the White House and Congress, will not be influenced if 5,000, or 10,000, or even 15,000 protesters show up. If Moses, with a miraculous assist from the Creator, could not soften Pharaoh's heart, then it is doubtful we will have much influence on the imperial President. That is not our purpose. We will join the protest near the White House in order to win over the activists already sharing our position. I urge you to contact Bill Lawry (Rally Coordinator) or me directly by mail, by phone, or by email to commit your support (see contacts page).

Is there any better way to spend Independence Day than by demanding our liberty?

Freeamerica,
Gary Reams, State Chair LPVA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally & March for LEGALIZATION

Fourth of July Hemp Coalition

Washington, DC

Now is the time to let the anti-prohibitionists know that there is only one party that stands with them on legalizing marijuana. Make the Libertarian Party the largest bloc on the block!

Volunteers needed for outreach/marching/organizing/graphics/logistics. Contact Bill Lawry (Coordinator) at BillL@inov8tn.com or Gary Reams at freeamerica@erols.com (703) 791-4855.

Send donations to Gary Reams, 7221 Ridgeway Dr, Manassas VA 20112-3606. Write on subject line "hemp rally." Donations to be used to purchase placards, stickers, outreach material, etc.

MAKE A COMFORTABLE LAP

By Dana Johansen

Are you pondering the possibility of starting a Local Affiliate Party (LAP) in your area but feel uncomfortable about the prospects? Not quite sure what to expect or what is involved? Well have I got the solution for YOU!

I have put together a training session specifically for folks like you; people who want to help bring freedom through Libertarian action to your neighborhood. It is based on materials obtained from Success '97, Success '99, Perry Willis and Gene Cisewski, and many others. After the training you will be more comfortable with taking the steps needed to develop a more successful LAP.

The session lasts about 6 hours, one Saturday or Sunday between about 10AM and 4PM. If you would like to take part in this training, let me know. You can reach me at (703) 960-9120.

SUBMIT TESTIMONY AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

By Marc Montoni

Rod McFadden, rgmcf@yahoo.com, sent this along -- good stuff to remember: Courtesy of "Capitol Watch" -- Do you have a contribution to make to a congressional hearing? Even if you can't go to Washington to testify, you may be able to get your position in the record. Call the committee or subcommittee involved (the Capitol switchboard is 202/224-3121), tell the staffer in charge of the hearing you want to submit a written statement and ask for instructions. It's simple!

FEEL BETTER

Protest Clinton, Every Saturday, 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. at the White House, on Pennsylvania Ave. across from Lafayette Park. Contact Marianne Volpe at mev6e@virginia.edu or marianneherself@hotmail.com.

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EVENT CALENDAR

THE BIG ONE ! STATE CONVENTION (Richmond)

AUG 7, The Libertarian Party of Virginia's biennial state convention. Preview presidential nomination contenders; consider policy amendments. Convention Committee Chairman: Marc Montoni PO Box 28263 Richmond VA 23228-0263. Location not yet determined. Proposed speakers include an economist, a climatologist, drug policy reform leaders, and people who have been injured by actions of the Leviathan State. Mark your calendar now.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

The Prince William County LP meets for lunch at 11 AM on the second Saturday of each month at Bertucci's Pizza. Bertucci's is located at 7421 Sudley Road (Route 234, about one-half mile south of I-66) in Manassas.

Information on the Tidewater LP can be obtained by phoning 703-715-6230.

The Future of Freedom Foundation and The Vienna Coffee Club have regular functions in Fairfax County. Phone 703-934-6101, or visit their web site at www.fff.org/freedom/daily/ for specifics.

The LP of the Blue Ridge meets the third Sunday of every month at Hoss' Steak and Sea House, Route 50 East, Winchester.

New River Libertarians hold a social hour the second Tuesday of each month. These open meetings are at 7pm at Bogen's restaurant in Blacksburg. The next meeting is June 8, 1999. For directions or other information contact Todd at 552-3586.

JUN 1: Patrick Henry Supper Club, Richmond: Perry Willis, former National Director of the Libertarian Party; currently on the Browne 2000 staff.

JUN 10: Roanoke -- The first meeting of the Libertarian Party of Roanoke will take place at 8:00 pm, at the Roanoke County Main Library, 3131 Electric Rd. Contact: Gary Bowman, 540-343-7949.

SEP 7: Patrick Henry Supper Club, Richmond: Candidate night with Paul &

Johna Gagnon, Peter Thomas -- candidates for office in northern Virginia.

Farlandria Libertarians meet for a social hour at the Crystal City Marriott Lounge Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00.

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