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## BUCKLEY GOES FOR THE 35TH DISTRICT & BROWN CAMPAIGN SEES LPVA MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

*John Buckley Enters Special Election Contest in Fairfax Former General Assembly Member Seeks 35th District House of Delegates Seat*

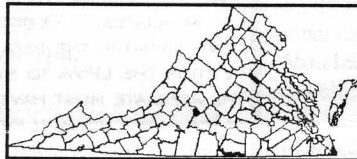
John Buckley of Vienna, a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, has announced his candidacy for the 35th District House seat being vacated by incumbent Dick Fisher. A special election has been called for Tuesday, December 17, 1996.

Buckley, 43, has lived in Vienna for 24 years and was elected to the House of Delegates in 1979, when he became that body's youngest member. In 1980, he served as a Ronald Reagan elector in the Electoral College. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1984 and served on the Republican Party of Virginia's State Central Committee from 1984 to 1988. He later served as chairman of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, 1993-94. His father, E. Ross Buckley, served as a member of the Vienna Town Council from 1976 to 1986.

Buckley earned a B.A. degree in government and history from the University of Virginia in 1975 and a law degree from the College of William and Mary in 1987. He is a former member of the Legislative Committee of the Fairfax Bar Association and the former chairman of the Fairfax County Fair Campaign Practices Committee. Buckley stated that his personal priorities as a member of the House of Delegates will be to "cut taxes, cut state spending, and support term limits at all levels of government." He believes that the priorities of state government should be "fighting crime, improving transportation, and providing quality education," adding that he supports "parental choice in education, the most exciting reform in education in decades."

The 35th House of Delegates district

consists of the Fairfax County precincts of Blake, Colvin, Flint Hill, Freedom Hill, Oak Marr, Oakton, Penderbrook, Shouse, Thoreau, the four precincts in the Town of Vienna, Westbriar, and Wolfrap, as well as the Fairfax City precincts Two and Five. For more information about the Buckley for Delegate campaign, call 703-938-0012. Checks should be made out to: Buckley for Delegate and may be mailed to 9511 Rockport Road Vienna, VA 22180-3447



***The Old Dominion by county***  
***During this holiday season, please remember the LPVA when you are donating money to worthy causes.***

## LPVA MEMBERSHIP RISING!!

The Harry Browne campaign may not have captured the Presidency but LPVA membership has seen a remarkable increase. Nationally, Browne captured 470,818 votes, to Clinton's 45.628 million, Dole got 37.869 million, Perot got 7.874 million, Nader received 580,627 votes, the U.S. Taxpayers received 178,779, the Natural Law Party got 110,194 votes. In Virginia, Browne got 8887, the Reform Party 158,707, U.S. Tax 13,660 and the Natural Law Party 4,514. These facts were provided by the Ballot Access News. To put the election into historical perspective:

Year	Candidate	Ballot	Votes
1972	Hospers	2	3,671
1976	MacBride	32+DC	173,011

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## EVENT CALENDAR



### **The State Central Committee**

Next SCC meeting 1/11/97 (snow date 1/25/97). To be held in Richmond. Also one scheduled 3/1/97. The meeting times are 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch and 1-4 p.m. for business. Contact State Chair Dana Johansen.

### **The Future of Freedom Foundation**

has an exciting new program for 1997. Write 11350 Random Hills Road, Suite 800, Fairfax, VA 22030, call for schedule: 703 934 6101  
75200.1523@compuserve.com

**The Vienna Coffee Club.** For details contact The Future of Freedom Foundation, 703-934-6101 or visit their web site at [www.fff.org/freedom/daily/](http://www.fff.org/freedom/daily/).

### **Patrick Henry Supper Club**

first Wednesday of every month; at Morrisons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian turnpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and program begins at 7. contact Marc Montoni.

**The LP of Fairfax County** will hold the next meeting Jan. 4, 1997 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30. Contact Paul Gagnon, 703-329-6857 for more information.

**Liberty Toastmasters**, Little Cafe at Arlington courthouse, on the 2nd and last Mondays of the month, 6:45 p.m., contact Bryant Cochran at 703-780-7587.

**On campus activism.** At the University of VA contact Jim Lark at 804-973-5958. At Washington and Lee, contact Wayne Dymacek at 703-463-6981. At William and Mary, contact Rebecca Erskine at 804-221-5267.

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**Prince William Supper Club.** For more information, contact Phil Hodson 703-257-1712. Second Saturday of each month at 11AM at Bertucci's Pizza in Manassas.

**Tidewater Supper Club,** contact Sanford Pankin at 804-244-0516.

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### **PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:**

**Feb 20** Tax Day activities, proposed LPVA Constitution changes for any planned convention. **Apr 20** The convention announcement and City Election issue, July 4 activities are planned, county fairs etc. **June 20** The Re-up issue. **Aug 20** This is a standard issue. **Oct 20** This is the General Election issue. **Dec 20** Holiday issue.

All affiliate parties are requested to send local news to be included in VA Liberty. Please send all address changes to the editor.

*This editor is looking for well written, succinct opinion articles that bring various controversies to the forefront for a new section simply entitled "debate..."*

*The editor would like to thank the people who help getting this publication ready for mailing including James Turbett, Terry McGrath, Jim Long, Johna Gagnon, and Dana Johansen.*



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1980 Clark	50+DC	921,299
1984 Bergland	39+DC	228,314
1988 Paul	46+DC	432,116
1992 Marrou	50+DC	291,612
1996 Browne	50+DC	470,818

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**-by Shelley Tamres

THE SCC DECLARED A 1997 STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD 4/19/97. LOCATION TBD. CALL JOHN BUCKLEY FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.

THE SCC NEEDS MEMBERS TO JOIN THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. WE NEED AN AUDIT PRIOR TO THE STATE CONVENTION. CONTACT KIP KARL.

LP OF PRINCE WILLIAM CO. WAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED. INCLUDES MANASSAS AND MANASSAS PARK.

A BYLAWS CHANGE WAS APPROVED TO ALLOW LOCAL AFFILIATES TO CONSIST OF REGIONAL GROUPS OF CONTIGUOUS CITIES/COUNTIES, INSTEAD OF JUST ONE CITY/COUNTY. THIS WILL ALLOW FUTURE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER HAMPTON ROADS LP AND THE BLUE RIDGE LIBERTARIAN COMMITTEE (FREDERICK, CLARKE, WARREN, & PAGE COUNTIES), AS WELL AS FACILITATE THE FORMATION OF OTHER LOCAL AFFILIATES. 10 DUES PAID MEMBERS OF THE LPVA, LIVING IN THE DECLARED CITY/COUNTY/REGION, MUST PETITION THE LPVA TO BE RECOGNIZED AS AN AFFILIATE. THE AFFILIATE MUST HAVE WRITTEN RULES FOR ITS GOVERNANCE AND A MINIMUM OF THREE ELECTED OFFICERS: CHAIR, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER. RECOGNIZED LOCAL AFFILIATES ARE ALLOCATED A PORTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID TO THE STATE FOR MEMBERS RESIDING WITHIN THE AFFILIATES BORDERS. CONTACT MARIANNE VOLPE, LOCAL AFFILIATE PARTY COMMITTEE CHAIR, 804-296-0955, FOR ADDITIONAL INFO AND/OR ASSISTANCE IN FORMING A LOCAL AFFILIATE. DON'T BE THE LAST AREA OF THE STATE TO ORGANIZE!!!"

## **debate...**

### The Libertarian Debate Over Land Monopoly

For over two hundred years, there have been two main libertarian views regarding property rights in land: 1) the view held by such libertarians as Rothbard, Mises, Hayek, and Rand - that land is just another form of property, and should have the same legal status as property in human-made goods, such as cars or machinery;

2) the view held by such libertarians as Locke, Jefferson, Paine, JS Mill, AJ Nock and Frank Chodorov - that land should have a different legal status than property in human-made goods, such as cars or machinery - because no person made the land (that is, no person made an acre of space, or the natural resources within that space).

In the 1600s, John Locke proposed a libertarian theory of

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property rights, which said that private property is created when a person mixes their labor with natural resources, to produce property. For example, if a person produces corn from the soil, then that person has to own that corn. But, since no person produced the land, Locke added the proviso that each person has the right to equal land, of equal quality.

In the 1960s, when Murray Rothbard presented his own theory of property rights in land, he quoted Locke, but omitted Locke's proviso, without explaining the omission. Mises, Hayek, and Rand apparently never presented a theory of property rights in land.

So, Locke's theory seems to be the only full-fledged theory of property rights. Therefore, those who disagree with Locke's proviso are obligated to try to offer a more consistent, alternative theory. No libertarian ever has. One question that naturally arises is: is there a practical way to fulfill Locke's proviso about having equal land of equal quality? It wouldn't be practical to do it by dividing the land, since there are buildings and improvements on the land. Thomas Paine (1797) and Henry George (1881) suggested an approach that happens to fulfill Locke's proviso: instead of dividing the land, we could divide the rent from land. The rent would be based on the market value of the location (not the buildings).

For example, if there is a lot with a ten story building on it, and an equal size vacant lot next to it, they would owe the same land rent. The rent would be divided equally. Government does not have to play any role in this. The location value of land can be assessed through market processes. For example, economist Nicolaus Tideman has proposed a market process involving competing land assessors. The rent can be distributed by allowing people to choose which collection-and-distribution agencies are the most efficient.

If Locke's proviso is not followed, the result is over-concentrated economy. The annual value of land and natural resources is over 20% the size of GNP. Furthermore, those who own more valuable land can use it as collateral, for loans to buy up more land and industry. And if a company owns the best locations for a particular industry or service (sites for gas stations, harbors, petroleum, etc.), rival companies who want equally good locations would have to pay their own competitor. The result is over-concentrated control over the economy.

For the reasons above, such libertarians as JS Mill, AJ Nock, and Frank Chodorov agreed with the principles of John Locke, and the proposal described by Thomas Paine and Henry George. Again, those who say they disagree with Locke, Paine, and Henry George are obligated to try to present an alternative theory of property rights, which addresses the issues raised here.

Mike O'Mara

**BE A TOM PAINE**

FROM THE CAMPAIGN OF JAY P. RUTLEDGE  
"CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE TO CONGRESSMAN BOB GOOD-LATTE FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF POLITICAL SKILL AND CLOUT. BOB'S MAGICAL PROMISES TO INCREASE AND REDUCE SPENDING AT THE SAME TIME WERE CLEARLY IN TUNE WITH THE PERCEPTIONS AND DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT. PURCHASING VOTES WITH BENEFIT PROGRAMS WHILE POSING AS COMMONSENSE FISCAL CONSERVATIVES HAS BEEN POLITICALLY POTENT FOR INCUMBENTS FOR DECADES AND BOB

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IS AS GOOD AS THE BEST. ONLY THE LIMITS SET BY DEBT SERVICE CAN THWART THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE PRESENT POLITICAL SYSTEM.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO CAST LIBERTARIAN BALLOTS. THIS CAMPAIGN EXCEEDED ITS OBJECTIVES AND DID SO AT THE LOWEST COST PER VOTE. THE BURDEN OF DEMOPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT BY OTHERS IS ONLY GOING TO INCREASE WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME. THE PORTION OF OUR LIVES OVER WHICH WE HAVE CONTROL IS ONLY GOING TO GROW SMALLER. THE CONDITIONS FOR A RETURN TO THE BLESSINGS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT ARE GROWING EVER RIPER."

AUTHORIZED BY THE VIRGINIA SIXTH DISTRICT FRIENDS OF LIBERTY  
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## LOCAL RESULTS

### BROWNE VOTE TOTALS BY VA LOCALITY

Here are the vote totals and percentages per the PoliticsNow website (99% of precincts reporting).

What's going on in Rappahannock and Clifton Forge?

Locality	Browne	%
Rappahannock	35	1.10%
Clifton Forge	17	1.04%
Charlottesville	132	1.03%
Falls Church	44	0.86%
Floyd	38	0.86%
Arlington	550	0.77%
Radford	31	0.72%
Fredericksburg	43	0.70%
Lunenburg	26	0.70%
Williamsburg	24	0.67%
Albemarle	201	0.64%
Greene	27	0.63%
Bath	13	0.63%
Fairfax	52	0.63%
Montgomery	152	0.63%
Manassas Park	11	0.60%
Richmond City	386	0.59%
Waynesboro	38	0.58%
Nelson	30	0.57%
Richmond County	16	0.57%
Harrisonburg	51	0.57%
Lexington	11	0.54%
Culpeper	50	0.53%
Alexandria	229	0.51%
Rockbridge	36	0.49%
Poquoson	26	0.49%
Clarke	22	0.48%
Fairfax	1587	0.47%
Frederick	86	0.47%
Northampton	23	0.46%
Giles	31	0.46%
Amelia	19	0.46%
New Kent	23	0.44%
King And Queen	12	0.44%
Louisa	36	0.43%
Buckingham	20	0.43%
Franklin County	72	0.42%
Appomattox	23	0.42%
Sussex	16	0.42%
Madison	19	0.42%
Craig	9	0.42%
Fluvanna	27	0.41%
Warren	39	0.40%
Charles City County	11	0.40%
Bland	10	0.39%
Loudoun	183	0.39%
Accomack	45	0.39%
Winchester	28	0.39%
Surry	11	0.37%
Virginia	8887	0.37%
Lee	32	0.37%
Galax	8	0.37%
Powhatan	28	0.37%
Roanoke City	117	0.37%
Goochland	27	0.36%
Henrico	368	0.36%
Virginia Beach	440	0.35%
James City County	64	0.35%
Westmoreland	20	0.35%
Roanoke County	134	0.34%
Orange	30	0.34%
Prince William	260	0.33%
Newport News	178	0.33%

Highland	4	0.33%
Covington	8	0.33%
Augusta	71	0.32%
Norfolk City	191	0.32%
Halifax	42	0.32%
Pulaski	39	0.32%
Northumberland	16	0.32%
Shenandoah	42	0.32%
Essex	11	0.31%
Prince George	29	0.31%
Stafford	80	0.31%
Middlesex	13	0.30%
Amherst	33	0.30%
Hopewell	21	0.30%
Fauquier	57	0.30%
Lynchburg	68	0.30%
Prince Edward	17	0.29%
Hampton	131	0.29%
Manassas	32	0.29%
King William	13	0.29%
Wise	37	0.29%
King George	14	0.29%
Salem	29	0.29%
Chesterfield	266	0.29%
Southampton	19	0.28%
Mathews	12	0.28%
Isle Of Wight	32	0.28%
Page	21	0.28%
Washington	50	0.28%
Danville	50	0.27%
Dinwiddie	22	0.27%
Henry	56	0.27%
Franklin City	9	0.27%
York	55	0.27%
Nottoway	13	0.25%
Rockingham	54	0.24%
Gloucester	30	0.24%
Staunton	20	0.24%
Smyth	27	0.24%
Botetourt	29	0.23%
Alleghany	12	0.23%
Hanover	79	0.23%
Tazewell	35	0.23%
Mecklenburg	23	0.22%
Patrick	15	0.22%
Pittsylvania	48	0.22%
Chesapeake	136	0.22%
Norton	3	0.22%
Charlotte	10	0.22%
Russell	21	0.21%
Campbell	39	0.21%
Buchanan	21	0.20%
Spotsylvania	51	0.20%
Grayson	13	0.20%
Suffolk	40	0.20%
Portsmouth	70	0.20%
Emporia	4	0.19%
Buena Vista	4	0.19%
Caroline	14	0.19%
Dickenson	13	0.19%
Colonial Heights	13	0.19%
Scott	16	0.19%
Brunswick	11	0.19%
Greensville	7	0.18%
Petersburg	17	0.17%
Carroll	17	0.17%
Martinsville	9	0.15%
Bristol	9	0.15%
Wythe	12	0.14%
Cumberland	4	0.13%
Bedford County	26	0.11%
Lancaster	5	0.10%
Bedford City	0	0.00%

## THE JEFFERSONIAN ACTIVIST

### How to run a successful voter-registration table.

By Patrick Nestlehut, Vice-Chair Libertarian Party of Sacramento County

Step 1: Get in touch with a local retail shopping mall. This is your best bet for a low-cost outreach. Ask for customer service or the information booth. Either have the mall's rules faxed to you or go down in person and pick them up. Review the rules. Sometimes a mall will charge you if you intend to hand out material, but will charge nothing if you simply allow shoppers to

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approach your table and ask for information. Sometimes you may have to provide copies of all material you intend to distribute to satisfy the mall's insurance requirements. After you have reviewed the rules, apply for a date and time-window. Ask if certain locations are available or if locations are assigned. If possible, get a location near fast-food outlets or common areas. Any area where shoppers may take a break or congregate is good. Try to get a major entrance. People are more inclined to be interested when they first step into a mall, particularly on the weekends. I recommend doing this only on weekends. Weekdays attract a demographic that is a tough sell. Folks tend to want to get in and out on the weekdays and often have no time to dally.

Step 2: Make sure you have plenty of manpower. Shopping malls will typically provide both the table and chairs, usually accommodating 2-4 persons. Try to get an 8-hour shift and schedule your activists in 2-3 hour shifts. This way they are fresh and enthusiastic about talking to the people. Try to have a single activist who will stay all day. This person should, ideally, be an officer of the local party-affiliate, preferably the Chair or Vice-Chair. This lends authority to the activism and let's the public know our officers are concerned enough to get out and pound the pavement.

Step 3: Make sure you have plenty of outreach materials. The Nolan Quiz from the Advocates for Self-Government is always a winner. Send one of your activists out into the mall (if the rules allow) and nicely ask any bored-looking shopper "Would you like to take the world's smallest political quiz"? If they say no, thank them and move on. Do not pressure anybody. We aren't selling vacuum cleaners or Jesus. Remember: our intent is to not only expose the public to the LP and its principles, but also to breed a positive image. Regardless of what they score, be sure to give them the quiz to take home. If they score Libertarian or if they seem even a little interested, offer them some pamphlets (ISIL has very good ones). If they want to debate, go for it. Take the Advocates' advice and try to find common ground first. Remember, the public is distrustful of new politics. Find that common ground first. Try to figure out what

their concern is and show them, in the friendliest terms possible, how Freedom works better than government.

Step 4: Make contacts. If a person seems interested, and particularly if they seem to support Freedom oriented solutions, get them on your mailing list. Use your region's newsletter. Sign them up for a free 3-month subscription. (Don't forget to have a membership application form on your newsletter!). If you have a web page, tell them about it. If you have an info phone-line, tell them about it. If you've been in the news lately, tell them about it. Remember: be articulate, be friendly, be a Libertarian. But DON'T PRESSURE. Nothing will turn them off like pressure. If they seem very interested, invite them to your business meetings, ask them to get involved. Tell them you need their help. Solicit their input. Nothing flatters like soliciting a stranger's opinion.

Step 5: Follow up. Be sure to get your newsletter editor the names for the free subscriptions. Try to mention the event in the Chair or Vice-Chair's column. People will connect with this. If there was a conversation worth mentioning, mention it. If any of these folks contact you, cultivate them. Make them feel needed, encourage them. If they come to a meeting, try to sign them up for something (dues-paying, manpower for upcoming event, etc.).

Step 6: Thank your activists. Take everybody to pizza and beer. Mention those who helped out in your newsletter, on your web page, and on your TV-show (if you have one.) In an ideal world, activists would need no motivation other than the desire to fight for Freedom. In the real world, activists are motivated by recognition among their peers. This has another advantage. Dormant members may notice the recognition being received by the diehards and then feel inclined to participate themselves.

#### Tips

1. Grass-roots comes from the bottom-up. Leadership comes from the top-down. If you are an officer of your party, get out and pound the pavement. Lead by example. You took the responsibility, now use it. If you aren't an officer, you can still lead by example. Call your officers, tell them you want to get out there and you want them with you. If they're dragging their feet, do it yourself! Run for office (of the party) the next year, if need-be.

2. I can't stress this enough: BE FRIENDLY. Your goals should be outreach and name-recognition. Registration is just the gravy. If a Democrat wants to register at your table, do it with a smile. Same for Repubs, Greens, etc. Give them some material if they'll take it and thank them. Maybe they'll read something they like and change their mind. Maybe in a couple of years, they'll be looking for a political alternative and they'll remember how friendly those Libertarians were.

3. Have a nice look to your table. Spend a few bucks and get a nice banner to go across the front of the table. Example: 3-line vinyl banner, about 5 feet long. First line: Register to vote (Helvetica font), second-line: Courtesy of (italic font), third line: The Libertarian Party of ..... (poster-bodoni font). A Statue of Liberty graphic makes a nice-touch.

4. Have fun! This shouldn't be drudgery. It should be exciting. This is true grass-roots work.

## CAMPAIGN REPORT

The Rutledge for Congress would like to acknowledge the following individuals:

Congressional District: Andrew Akers - Treasurer and campaign sparkplug, Ted Clark - Manager, Jason Sorens - Lexington Co-ordinator, David Goard and John Pedigo - Roanoke Valley Co-ordinators, James Collins - Waynesboro Co-ordinator, Oscar and Mindy Brinson and Jeremy Aldrich - Harrisonburg Co-ordinators, Harsha Sankar - Clifton Forge Co-ordinator, David Bafumo in Rockingham County, Laura Pasley in Bedford County, Ron Oberg in Augusta County, Todd Pukanecz, Sandi Walker, Linwood Martin, Paul Ames, Tom and Debbie Aub, John Turner, Larry Hunt, Dennis and Charlie Rea, Roger Preston Wells, Frank Gallant, Robert Albanese, Scott Schreckhise, Marilyn Stannard, Richard Sinclair, and David Overstreet. Shelley Tamres and Marc Montoni provided crucial petitioning and mailing list assistance.

Due to their hard work, our party accomplished the lowest cost per vote in this race,

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garnering over 4,000 ballots or 2.12% of the total. This is an encouraging response for a first-time candidate of an unfamiliar party in a dispersed district. Their support enabled me to promote the party and libertarianism in print and on radio and television in almost every outlet in the district. The financial cost was returned many times in free media. A public voice for liberty gives heart to friends and sympathetic bystanders alike, from whom I received many expressions of appreciation. These payoffs made the exhausting campaign worthwhile. In addition, the candidacy served the good purpose of bolstering Harry Browne's efforts to get into the Presidential debates. The generous monetary contributions made by a number of party members across the state also provided vital support. I'd like to use this occasion to thank everyone once again.

## *From the Chair...*

### Free Market Membership?

After every Presidential election, there is an inevitable chorus of complaint and suggestion about not running for such a high office and about concentrating our efforts on local races instead. Well folks, the National Party exists to run candidates for national office and the State Party exists to run candidates for state office. At least here in Virginia, we have failed our part of the bargain. We have not yet run any candidate for statewide office except for President, and we have always needed help from National to do that.

True, the LPVA has a lot tougher time than MANY other states getting on, and staying on, the ballot. But this just points out that so far, here in Virginia, we are dependent on the National races for our growth and development. The LPVA grows more during the one year surrounding a Presidential race than during the entire remaining three years of the cycle. This needs to change. The question is "are we yet big enough to change it?" Can the LPVA begin to be the cause of our own growth?

I believe we can. But perhaps not in

the obvious way. We may or may not yet be big enough to run a statewide race. I think it is plausible with the proper candidate and strategy, but this is not the only way to grow.

The Libertarian Party is very supportive of a free market economy, but we don't seem to practice it much as a Party. If membership growth is important to the Party, perhaps we should buy it. We should buy it from our local affiliates, from our members themselves, and from any business that wants to take on the task. I just need to know how to go about doing it. Any suggestions on this?

## *BAC News:*

Working on a letter for a committee member of both the VA Senate and House Privileges and Elections Committees. The letter will request changes to VA election law to make ballot access more fair for "third" parties and independent candidates. We will also request changes to the way the AVMMechanical voting machines are set up for independent candidates to avoid the current confusion. For more info contact Shelley Tamres, d-703-918-5562, n-703-450-0218.

## **NEWS FROM AFFILIATES**

### Libertarians of Loudoun County:

Libertarians of Loudoun County held their first meeting November 15th. They were treated to a viewing of a tape of the 3rd Party Vice-Presidential debate (Libertarian candidate Jo Jorgensen vs. the Natural Law and U.S. Taxpayers Parties' VP candidates). Jo did a great job!

Monthly meetings will be held the second Friday of each month beginning January 10 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in Sterling at 108 Willow Place (Sugarland Run Development, near the Loudoun Co. NOVA campus).

The January 10 meeting will include Mr. Dana Johansen, LPVA State Chair, as a guest. Agenda items to discuss include: 1997 activities (tax day protest; August Court Days in Leesburg; Sterlingfest; gun shows in Sterling and Leesburg; newsletter; other suggestions?); fundraising; desirability

of becoming an officially recognized local affiliate. For directions or other info contact Shelley Tamres, d-703-918-5562, n-703-450-0218.

## **LIBERTARIAN OUTREACH**

### **SCHOOL DAYS**

by Rick Sincere

I spent two days at Wakefield High School in the week prior to election day, speaking to 10 different classes (12th grade U.S. and Virginia government). I was part of a panel of speakers: the other two were Reform Party congressional candidate Ward Edmonds and Arlington County Republican Committee member John Berg. The teachers who invited us to speak were Richard Young and Bridget Gilles.

The students were polite, well-behaved, and attentive (even at the 7:30 a.m. class!) They seemed interested in the issues we brought up, and asked intelligent questions (sometimes under the prompting of their teachers). The teachers were fascinated by my use of the Nolan Chart and the World's Smallest Political Quiz, and I expect them to use that tool in the future, with our without our participation as guest lecturers.

Last week, at the invitation of student Alex Needham (a volunteer with the Buckley campaign), I spoke at H-B Woodlawn Secondary School in Arlington. The class was small -- fewer than 20 students -- but, since H-B is a school for gifted and talented students, the class was engaged and engaging. They asked challenging questions. In this case, the teacher seemed more skeptical of our positions, but she herself asked a good, pointed question about how to measure the Libertarian Party's "success."

I believe that high schools are fertile territory for us. We should seek out opportunities to address high school audiences and to encourage high school students to join the party and participate in our activities.

### **GET ON BOARD!**

by Johna Good Gagnon

Have you ever wondered how people get appointed to boards, committees, task forces, etc.? You probably think they're friends of the elected person. Or maybe someone who is "owed a favor". Both answers are correct - some of the time, but not always. Sometimes

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they don't have someone in mind for a position and they look around for a person who stands out OR for someone who has expressed an interest. A perfect example is me. I'm appointed to a county advisory committee to represent my magisterial district. The supervisor who appointed me is the person my husband ran against in the 1991 Board of Supervisors' race. There are three reasons why I got appointed: I've volunteered four years on a local government committee for a homeowner's association and so I've gotten known, I know what's important to my area, and I'm a woman.

The state and local governments are so aware of the limited number of women serving on these committees (state has 29% and Fairfax County has 32%) that they have set up a Commission for Women at the state and county levels. Fairfax County is the only local committee. All other jurisdiction go through the state commission. They accept resumes and applications from women who indicate what areas they are interested in serving in, either areas they have professional skills in or areas that they can learn new skills in.

But what about men! If anyone is interested, you should contact your local supervisor or council person. Contact the local committee or organization that you are interested in. In Fairfax County there are almost 100 Boards, Authorities, and commissions with over 1100 people serving on them. Some even receive stipends. If you aren't sure what the committees, etc.; plan to attend some of the meetings which are open to the public and which you will have to attend if you get appointed. Become a member of organizations who have people serving on these committees. The Federation of Civic Associations is a very influential group and has many internal committees who work with the government committees. These internal committees allow you to try out different areas until you find one you want to work on. The Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, League of Women Voters, and many others are active with these committees and are asked to recommend people.

There are five basic rules to getting and keeping appointments. First, Attend your meeting. We're all busy. You can't learn

the "ropes" if you're not there and you're not seen as being dependable. Second, pay your dues. Literally and figuratively. Do your time, participate, and contribute. In the beginning, speak when spoken to until you know what's going on, who's who, and the process. Third, get elected. Serve as chairman of a committee, etc. Forth, get re-elected. Be a gentle "nag". Have someone be a touchtone to let you know if you're coming on to strong. Be in touch with the "human" side with statements like: "How is this policy or program really working?". Fifth, don't get mad - get even. Know your subject area. Know the procedural way to get things done. (you learn this by attending meetings) Don't let your ego get in the way. You don't always have to get credit for it. This is most effective. Be a consensus builder - talk to people, go through the system.

There are many benefits to serving on a committee. Your professional life may request you to be active in the community. What you learn on one committee can prepare you to serve on another committee or even prepare you for elected office. And if you are a member of an organization, you can then alert the LP of political surveys and debates as well as demand, as a member, to hear all candidates in debates sponsored by your organization.

Changing attitudes, building a party, and getting elected all take time and energy. It cannot be accomplished in a couple months before an election. The basic philosophy of the Libertarian is less government and more power for the people at the grassroots level. What better way to practice what we preach then to serve on local committees, boards, authorities, and task forces.

#### *"IF YOU CAN'T GET ELECTED; GET APPOINTED"*

Paul Gagnon, LPFC chairman, has been appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, (B.O.S.) to serve on the County Commission for Organ and Tissue Donation. He is the only LP member appointed to a committee in Fairfax County. But he is not new to appointments. In 1991 he was appointed by the B.O.S. to the Citizens Oversight committee to cut cost for the new County Government Center. However, that appointment was short-lived (about 2 months) when he announced his candidacy

for the B.O.S. and was promptly dismissed. Paul and his wife, Johna, have both served on the Lee District Land Use Committee since 1990. Johna has been active with the Lee District Council of Civic Associations since 1990 and has been appointed by the B.O.S. as Lee District's representative on Fairfax County's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (E.Q.A.C.) since 1993 and is currently chairing a major sub-committee for Land Use. Through their service and testimonies at public hearings, Paul and Johna have become well known throughout Lee District and Fairfax County.

#### **QUOTATIONS OF CHAIRMAN (GROUCHO) MARX**

"POLITICS IS THE ART OF LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, FINDING IT, MISDIAGNOSING IT AND THEN APPLYING THE WRONG REMEDIES."

#### **CLASSIFIED**

Citizens for an Alternative Tax System. Meeting Jan. 9, 1997, 6p.m, Chinn Library, 13065 Chinn Park Dr. Prince William, VA

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#### **LOONEY TUNES**

AS REPORTED IN DEFENSE WEEKLY

AIR FARCE BRIG. GENERAL WILLIAM LOONEY, HEAD OF CENTRAL COMMAND'S AIRBORNE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, IN CHARGE OF DIRECTING OPERATIONS AGAINST IRAQ IS QUOTED AS SAYING:

"THEY KNOW THAT IF THEY EVEN COME ACROSS, JUST A LITTLE BIT, I'VE SAID AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES...THEY KNOW IT. IF THEY TURN ON THEIR RADARS WE'RE GOING TO BLOW UP THEIR GODDAM SAM'S. THEY KNOW WE OWN THEIR COUNTRY. WE OWN THEIR AIRSPACE...WE DICTATE THE WAY THEY LIVE AND TALK. AND THAT'S WHAT'S GET ABOUT AMERICA RIGHT NOW. IT'S A GOOD THING: ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE IS A LOT OF OIL OUT THERE WE NEED."

## FROM THE EDITOR- Paul E. Gagnon

The election was barely over before every libertarian and his brother was carping about Harry Browne not capturing a million votes. It boggles the mind how quickly we turn on each other. We are not going to capture the public imagination en masse, but one person at a time. This means we need to grow our membership. The LPVA State Central Committee is working on plans to do just that but there is something each reader can do now...

Stop being a character from a 19th century Dicken's novel!! I received a letter from a young woman studying at George Mason University asking to be dropped from the LP mailing lists. She wrote she could not subscribe to Social Darwinism and there seemed to be no place in the LP for people who were not entrepreneurs or rugged individuals. I wrote back that there were many different kinds of libertarians and most were not Social Darwinists. I believe this woman to be sincere in what she wrote and that sometimes, libertarians do a very poor job of

communicating our message to the average person. We often come across as unfeeling caricatures, concerned only with profit, the market, and intellectual abstractions. Who could like someone like that, let alone listen to him? Actually, many libertarians are concerned with community, family, ethics, religion, the environment, poverty, and social justice. However, that gets lost when we get into our "macho flash" mode, our love of verbal combat. We have great ideas but we terrify the villagers like intellectual Atilla the Huns. We assume those who disagree with us are evil incarnate instead of listening to what they are saying about their needs and fears, to which they look to the State for answers. Once we meet those people on a personal level, we can explain that in most cases, the State is the catalyst, if not the root, of most social problems. Did I say social? Even the most rugged individualist was created and nurtured in a social setting. Isn't it time, we libertarians started acting more social?

## THE SAM ADAMS AWARDS

Hoist a full tankard of Sam Adams to the LPVA candidates for 1996, Jay Rutledge, Gary Reams, and John Buckley. They demonstrate the kind of leadership, strength and perserverance we will need as a team in the 21st century. Please send a donation to the LPVA to support their hard work.



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