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### Special points of interest:

- Virginia Liberty is looking for a temporary editor to take over producing this newsletter for 1999. The current editor is preparing to run for office. Anyone wishing to take on this worthwhile task should call Paul Gagnon at 703-329-6857, or
- e-mail: 74633.3520@compuserve.com or write to: Paul Gagnon, 7011-A Manchester Blvd., Suite 1776, Franconia, VA 22310.

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## Victory in Virginia-Phillip Hodson

The Libertarian Party of Prince William County is proud to announce that Jennifer Reams and Bill Lawry have been elected to the Prince William Soil and Water Commission. The LP now has two of five seats on the S&W Commission.

By strange coincidence, the Democratic Party candidate for the position, Jeff Guide, happened to be working at the same precinct as Bill Lawry. In head-to-head competition Bill trounced him by three to one at that precinct. Although Guide sent a mailing eight times as large as the Libertarian mailing, had multiple campaign workers, and appeared on the Democratic sample ballot, he was only able to win about fifty percent more votes than Bill.

Our other candidate, Edward Leonard finished in fourth place and did not win one of the three open seats. **PRINCE WILLIAM CONVENTION**

Twenty people attended the LP of Prince William County convention on Saturday 14 November. That broke the previous record for attendance set during our founding convention two years ago.

The following officers of the party were elected: Phillip Hodson, Chairman, Max Leonard, Secretary, Pat Snider, Treasurer.

During informal discussions, three people indicated a serious interest in running for public office. I fully expect that there will be a record number of Libertarian



Activist hint: Hold regular meetings to keep your local affiliate party energized.

candidates on the ballot next year in PWC. We also raised \$524 to be spent on new member recruitment within the Tenth Congressional District and Prince William County. When we close out the Buchanan for Congress campaign fund, I expect that we will have \$1000 to use for that purpose.

## 1999 Campaigns Start in Fairfax County

Paul E. Gagnon, former Chairman of the LP of Fairfax County, and editor of this newsletter, is running for Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Gagnon has run twice for office and gathered the highest percent total of votes in a 3

way race of any Libertarian in Virginia. Gagnon will run on a tax reform/ reduction, a plan to reduce the public school budget and overcrowding via tax credit, and greater privatization and user fees for service.

His wife, Johna Gagnon, will be running for Soil and Water Commission. Johna has experience with several county commissions and has environmentalist credentials. Both Paul and Johna will be running with the goal of increas-

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## Ballot Access Victory (part 1) – Shelley Tamres

We had a major coup on November 9! The VA House Privileges & Elections Committee reported out House Bill 47, our Party Petition Bill. This means that, come January, when the General Assembly reconvenes, the full House will be voting on this bill. Passage of this bill would create a process for the first time in Virginia for a party to qualify all its candidates with one petition. We need to work really hard for the passage of this bill!

Many thanks to Richmond area LP members Greg Lloyd and John Cookson for testifying at the committee meeting and to John Girardeau for attending the meeting in support of the speakers.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Please write or call your Delegate early in January (the Assembly reconvenes on 1/13/99 and letters should be mailed by then). Urge her/him to vote "Yes" for H.B. 47. The address for all delegates is: House of Delegates, P.O. Box 406,

Richmond, VA 23218. Or telephone the Legislative Hotline on Jan. 13 at: 1-800-889-0229 (Richmond area: 225-4973).

Please write or call your State Senator early in February before 2/9. Urge her/him to vote "Yes" for H.B. 47. The address for the State Senate is: Senate of Virginia, P.O. Box 396, Richmond, VA 23218. Or phone the 800 number. Please let me know to whom you've written/called so I can keep track. If you don't know who your State representatives are,



Activist hint: Think globally, act locally is a good motto for libertarian activists too!

## Ballot Access (part 2)

please call your local voter registration office and ask, or find out from the State's Legislative Website (<http://legis.state.va.us/vaonline/v.htm>), or contact me for assistance.

Also contact me if you'd like a copy of my lobbying info packet with talking points about the bill (available via e-mail or snail mail) I can

be reached at: 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164, phone 703-450-0218, e-mail: ShelleyTam@aol.com.

Other things you can do to help lobby: 1) Speak at the upcoming public input sessions that the members of the General Assembly will be holding around the state. 2) Ask any civic organizations to which you

belong to write a letter of support for H.B. 47. Send it to me and I will distribute it to the legislators. 3) Make a personal visit to your Delegate and/or State Senator to discuss the bill.

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## 1999 Campaigns—Husband and Wife Team Up

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ing LP membership and public visibility. The Gagnons believe greater awareness of the libertarian ideas, explained in ways the average person can receive and understand will ultimately lead to greater membership numbers in the LP. "A 10- fold increase

in member numbers will give the LP the clout it needs to be an effective agent of change," said Paul Gagnon. The Gagnons have asked Irene Carpenter to be their campaign manager. Carpenter can be reached at 703-893-3150 or e-mail at [crpac@bellatlantic.com](mailto:crpac@bellatlantic.com). To-

gether, they hope to run the largest and best funded libertarian campaign ever in Virginia. "The Gagnons have made a complete family commitment to produce solid results for the LPVA and they are hoping their fellow Libertarians will generously support their campaign" said Carpenter.



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# PHONE DIRECTORY AND EVENT CALENDAR

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District 3-Sanford Pankin, Hampton, 757-244-0516  
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District 5-Gary Westmoreland, Charlottesville, 804-296-0955  
District 6-Glenn Loucks, Harrisonburg, 540-564-2791  
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District 8-Diana Johansen, Alexandria, 703-960-9120  
District 9-Jim Lark, 804- 973-5959

District 10-Phil Hodson, 703-257-1712  
District 11-William Lawry, Arlington. e-mail [bill@inova8tn.com](mailto:bill@inova8tn.com).

## EVENT CALENDAR

**The State Central Committee**, Call Gary Reams, LPVA chair. 703-791-4855.

**The LP of Fairfax County** Next meeting Feb. 9, '99, call 703-329-6857 for details. If you would like to be quickly notified of upcoming events send your e-mail address to [74633.3520@compuserve.com](mailto:74633.3520@compuserve.com).

**Patrick Henry Supper Club** The schedule will now be the **first Tuesday** of every month except November which will be on the second Tuesday of that month, at Momsons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 pm. and program begins at 7.

**Campus activism**. At the University of VA contact James W. Lark III, Advisor, Students for Individual Liberty, University of Virginia, Box 514, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, VA

22904, w: 804-982-5016, e-mail: [liberty@virginia.edu](mailto:liberty@virginia.edu), homepage at <http://darwin.clas.virginia.edu/~liberty>. Or at home: 904-973-5958. At Washington and Lee, contact Wayne Dymacek at 703-463-6981.

**Libertarian Party of Prince William Co.** For more information, contact Phil Hodson, 703-257-1712.

**Tidewater Supper Club**, contact Sanford Pankin at 757-244-0516. Tidewater LP meets **2nd Saturday** of every month at the Oasis Restaurant on Kikkopan Rd at 7:00 pm.

**Jefferson Area Libertarians** For information, please contact James Lark.

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

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



## Ninth District-James W. Lark III

The proposed October meeting for LPVA activists in the eastern part of the district (Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties) did not occur due to scheduling difficulties. I shall attempt to reschedule the meeting to take place in late December/early January. Also, I shall attempt to arrange a tour of

the district by Chairman Gary Reams, Affiliate Parties Chair Dana Johansen, and me in later January (perhaps Jan. 22-24).

During the tour, we shall visit several towns in the district. At each town we visit, we hope to bring together LPVA members who live within easy driving distance of that town. Our goal is to help start as many

local organizations and affiliate parties as possible, and to recruit candidates for office. Ninth District members who are interested in participating should call me as soon as possible at my Free Union home 804-973-5958 or contact me by e-mail at [jwlark@virginia.edu](mailto:jwlark@virginia.edu).

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## University of VA- James W. Lark III

During the fall semester, Students for Individual Liberty sponsored speeches by Gene Cisewski (president, the Liberty Council) on Sept. 2, Solveig Singleton (director of information studies, Cato Institute) on Sept. 24, Sue Blevins (president, Institute for Health

Freedom) on Oct. 15, Tanya Kangas (director of litigation, NORML) on Oct. 22, and Jacob Hornberger (president, Future of Freedom Foundation) on Nov. 5. Mr. Hornberger discussed the case for “open borders” following the showing of the film “El Norte.” S.I.L. advisor James W. Lark, III, served as a panelist in

a forum on affirmative action on October 19. As usual, S.I.L. published the *S.I.L. Bulletin* three times during the fall semester.

The Virginia Hayek Society sponsored an address by Randy Barnett (law professor at Boston University) on natural rights in a free society.



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## From the Chair-Gary Reams



Campaigns need money to get our message out. Support your candidates.

The past year's achievements have positioned the LPVA for an even more successful upcoming year. Bill Redpath's special election campaign let the Republicrats know we are here to stay. Sanford Pankin made our presence known in the Hampton area with his splendid campaign and Rob Buchanan's congressional campaign brought us dozens of new volunteers and ran our first TV ads. Max Leonard, Bill Lowry and Jennifer Reams ran for Soil and Water Commission in Prince William County and won the LP two offices. James Lark III rallied LP efforts against two constitutional amendments, Questions 3 and 4. Both lost at

the ballot. Gary Westmoreland garnered favorable press in rallying opposition to high altitude statist hijinks in the Charlottesville area. Activists continue to hold lectures, meetings, fundraisers, and socials at public events in Richmond, Fredericksburg, Fairfax, Prince William County, Winchester, and Harrisonburg.

The amazing lobbying success obtained by Shelley Tamres in lowering ballot access restrictions will give us greater electoral success in the future. Now it is time to look forward. Close to a dozen campaigns are taking shape in Northern Virginia for 1999. Lobbying for even lower ballot

access hurdles will continue.

What can you do to make 1999 the best year yet for the LPVA and the call for liberty?

1. Run for office.
2. Volunteer to help on a campaign.
3. Join the LPVA pledge program.
4. Recruit a member.
5. Renew your membership.
6. Write a letter to the editor and use the "L" word.

With your help we will continue to see dynamic growth, victory at the ballot box and success in turning the statist tide. Wishing you a very happy New Year.