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NOTES FROM THE CAMPAIGNS:

Kip Karl-44th District

Kip made his debut on Public Access TV, Channel 10, on August 27. It will be aired in October three times. Kip debated Toddy Puller (D) on September 25, NVTV Channel 53. It will be shown on October 23 at 10 p.m. He spoke at Candidate Night in Richmond, September 2 at the Patrick Henry Supper Club. His name was mentioned in the letter to the editor in Fairfax Journal regarding a transportation issue. Thanks to the hard work and skillful effort of Irene Carpenter, a successful but controversial article highlighting the LP was printed in the Fairfax Journal article "Give them Liberty ... or office" by Gordon Lubold, September 26. Kip was mentioned along with M.Howard and G. Alexander, Other activities include: the Fraternal Order of Police, All American Hob Nob (Rally), NoVA Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria 3rd Annual Town Meeting, Virginia Power Employees, and a meeting at the candidates house.

-YELENA KARL

Jim Vencill-13 District

We have been in each of our three leading newspapers multiple times, each with front page coverage, complete with photograph. Our latest interview was a feature just below the papers banner, complete with picture. We have apparently upset the incumbent. He has resorted to writing "letters to the editor" in response to our articles. Jim is a powerful speaker, and he will be taping a debate with the incumbent that will air on local cable TV at 10PM October 2. Our most valued achieve-

ment to date is our "On Air" interview with the famous radio jock, "The Greaseman". We have collected in the neighborhood of



\$3,000, With all our activities, we need the dollars for signs and direct mail. Signs for our incumbent are showing up everywhere now so more money would surely help!! We will be doing the traditional lit drops and walk through the communities, and considerable efforts on election day! We are beginning to believe we could have a shot at the big

-Jane_McKenzie

Gary Alexander-36th District

I have debated my rivals Plum & Maguire in front of the entire senior class at South Lakes High school (about 300 students) for about an hour. Plum "won" the debate, by applause levels, but I think I was a clear "second" of three, with Maguire holding very unpopular views on the three issues most important to 17-year olds: parental consent for abortion, funding for college, and strengthening affirmative action. 17 students signed up as volunteers for my campaign, and several want to wear my T-shirt daily! To date, I have raised over \$3,000. Yesterday, I taped a 30-minute debate with Plum & Maguire on WNVT, channel 53 (PBS

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EVENT CALENDAR



The State Central Committee, Contact State Chair Dana Johansen.

The Future of Freedom Foundation See their ad in this issue. 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/.

Patrick Henry Supper Club The schedule now will be Tuesdays, The new emcee is Shelby McCurnin. At Morrisons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian turnpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and program begins at 7. Schedule: The following are the dates of the next Patrick Henry Supper Clubs through December. November 4 (1st Tuesday) ELECTION NITE!! Run for Office! December 2 (1st Tuesday) "Clinton Isn't Santa Claus" Mini-Class; also, we have a speaker (topic TBA): Mr Robert Holland... contact-Mare Montoni

The LP of Fairfax County will hold the next meeting November Contact Paul Gagnon, 703-329-6857 for more information.

<u>Liberty Toastmasters</u>, 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.

<u>Libertarian Party of Prince William Co.</u>. For more information, contact Phil Hodson 703-257-1712. Second Saturday of each month at 11AM at Bertucci's Pizza in Manassas.

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

The Ballot Access Committee, for details on next meeting, contact: Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218

<u>Libertarians of Loudoun Co.</u> will be having their monthly get-together beginning at 6:30 pm at 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164. Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218, shelleytam@aol.com.

<u>Jefferson Area Libertarians</u> For information, please contact Marianne Volpe, Chair, at (804) 293-3976, or e-mail mev6e@avery.med.virginia.edu.

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The State Central Committee requests you write in <u>Harry Browne</u> instead of voting for a Democrat, Republican or other disgusting life forms, unless of course you are one of the fortunate folk who can vote for a local Libertarian candidate!

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outlet). It will be aired Tuesday, October 7 from 10:00 to 11:00 pm (paired with Marta Howard's debate). Press activities: (1) A feature article in the Reston Connection, Sept. 24-30 issue, "Running Against Government: Libertarian Alexander is the anti-candidate's candidate." by David Marin. (2) The Fairfax Journal, Sept. 26, in a page one article by Gordon Lubold. On Fairfax Cable Channel 10: (1) 30 minute debate with Plum & Maguire on Liberty TV, to be aired in October; (2) 90-minute live call-in show on pornography issues; (3) 15-minute monologue presentation, to be aired several times in October.

-Gary Alexander

Robert Buchanan-31st District

Robert Buchanan has made appearances at 4 candidate forums, including the Rappahannock Farmer's Association, the Southern Fauquier Independent Business Owners Association, the Northern VA Builders Industry Association, and VA Power. Coming up in October are 2 additional forums at the Fauquier Co. Chamber of Commerce and the Warren Co. Chamber of Commerce/NAACP. Robert will be distributing literature and putting up signs during October. News interviews are also pending.

-Shelley Tamres

Campus Libertarian Groups Activities

University Libertarians have been invited to participate in a debate (to include Democrats and Republicans (and perhaps Greens)) on Nov. 3 at U.Va.

I was quoted (actually, slightly misquoted) in The Financial Times of London on Sept. 9 in an article about the climate for business in Virginia. My comment concerning a tradition of (relative) fiscal conservatism at the state level, which tends to serve as something of a rake on the more enthusiastic proponents of using the state to do good.

I am serving as a faculty member for the "Success '97" seminars, sponsored around the country by the Libertarian Party. I give lectures and workshops on campus organizing, and discuss effective public speaking on campus. Students for Individual Liberty (S.I.L.), the largest educationally-oriented group within The Liberty Coalition, remains the most active organization. S.I.L. sponsored a major advertising campaign (including information tables at activities fairs) prior to the semester, which generated substantial interest in our activities. So ar, S.I.L. has sponsored addresses by Jacob Homberger, president of the Future of Freedom Foundation (Sept. 3), and David Borden, president of the Drug Reform Coordination Network (Sept. 18). Both events drew 25-30 people; in both cases, the audience included 9-10 nonlibertarians who wished to learn more about the libertarian perspective.

In coming weeks, S.I.L. will ponsor addresses by Robert Holland (op-ed page editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch), Ronald Bailey (author of coScam and editor of The True State of the Planet), and John Taylor (president f the Virginia Institute for Public Policy). In addition, S.I.L. will cosponsor (or, at the least, assist) addresses by Charles Murray and David Boaz, the Jefferson Society will pay the expenses for the Murray and Boaz events. We are pleased to announce that we have arranged to have videotapes of the S.I.L. speaker series shown on Adelphia Cable. Bill Martin, president of S.I.L., is attempting to organize regular discussion sessions among libertarians; the first session will ake place later this month. Jamie Plummer, president of the

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Classical Liberal Roundtable, continues to write a weekly column for The Cavalier Daily. Law Students for Individual Liberty has been reinvigorated by Scott Matthews, a first-year law student who until recently worked for the Institute for Humane Studies. Mr. Matthews and his colleagues are planning a couple of outreach events during the fall semester; they intend to mount a major outreach effort during the spring semester.

Unfortunately, Students for the Second Amendment (SFSA) and Law Students for the Second Amendment are inactive for now. Austin Jamison, who became president of SFSA in January, has transferred to the University of Maryland. University Libertarians (UL) are planning to assist the Jefferson Area Libertarians in their effort to fight a proposed meals tax for Albemarle County. A referendum on the tax will take place on Election Day in November. Some of the members may assist L.P.Va. candidates in Northern Virginia.

-Jim Lark

Ballot Access Committee (BAC) News

- by Shelley Tamres, BAC Chair

Three draft bills are being submitted for us in the State House by Delegate Vincent Callahan. If passed they would: 1) change the number of signatures required for statewide offices from 0.5% of registered voters to a flat 5,000 (500 for U.S. House). 2) Reduce the retention amount (percentage of statewide vote required to be a recognized party) from 10% to 5%. 3) In addition to meeting the retention amount to qualify as a recognized party, add a provision to qualify by filing a party petition of 10,000 sigs. We are still seeking a State Senator who will introduce the bills on the Senate side of the General Assembly.

I have created a lobbying information packet. I am busily mailing it out to volunteers who have indicated their willingness to contact their state representatives and ask them to support our bills. We have a wonderful opportunity here regarding the first bill. The number of registered voters is on the rise due to the "Motor Voter" law. Delegates on the Privileges and Elections Committee have expressed a concern over the situation plus an interest in changing the sig requirement from a percentage to a flat number. Please join our lobbying effort! I feel it is really important to ask EVERY state rep to support fairer ballot access laws in Virginia. Just because they sought public office via a major party ticket, doesn't mean they support hat party 100%. It is up to us to seek out those in the General Assembly for whom fairness is more important than party politics.

There are 100 delegate districts and 40 senate districts in the state. Since Delegate Callahan is already sponsoring our bills, I am seeking a minimum of 99 other LPVA members to contact their delegate and senator. With our membership spread as thin as it is, it is possible that YOU are the only Libertarian in your delegate district! PLEASE contact me, and I'll mail you a lobbying info packet to get you started. We need to lobby NOW. Once the General Assembly begins in January, things move very quickly, and it is too late to begin this ind of discussion. Snail mail: 108 Willow Pl, Sterling, VA 20164 E-mail: Shelley-Tam@aol.com Phone: 703-450-0218

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LPVA Joins the Unified Membership Program by Dana Johansen

After a six month 'breaking-in' period, the Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA) has become a fully participating member of the Unified Membership Program (UMP), receiving benefits for each member and LP News subscriber. What does this mean to you? Before the LPVA joined the UMP, the LPVA was encouraged to attempt to renew national memberships

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through LPVA mailings and other membership renewal drives. Some people knew that the LPVA could keep \$15 of every \$25 National membership collected, and renewed through us to keep us funded. Others were aware that we counted all national members as members of the LPVA whether they renewed through the LPVA or not. As participants in the UMP, we get only \$12 of each national membership, but we get it for every member or LP News subscriber in the state, whether the member renews through us or not. So if you are one of the 'some' who kept us in business all these years, THANK YOU! But, it is no longer necessary.

If you go ahead and renew at the first request by National, you will save everyone money and effort. You will of course still receive our annual 'end of year' fund raiser and renewal request. If you have recently renewed, heck, just send a donation to the LPVA. Otherwise, we will still be happy to forward your membership for the new year.

CALL FOR CONVENTION BUSINESS

This is just a reminder that the LPVA bylaws require that any business to be conducted at a regular LPVA State Convention must be submitted to the State Central Committee in time to have it published at least one month prior to the Convention. So if you have a proposed bylaws change, or recommended Policy Statement Platform Plank), please write it up and have it ready to present to the SCC during it's meeting in January or February of next year. You may mail it instead (at least two weeks prior to the meeting) to the SCC Secretary, Mr. Marc Montoni, at:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I came to my libertarian beliefs through my "New Age" spiritual beliefs. My friends in both camps tell me the belief systems of libertarians and New Agers are incompatible, perhaps even contradictory. Well I'm here to tell you, it ain't so. I'm both. The only political philosophy I know of that espouses maximum personal and economic freedom is libertarian. Choice is the key word. In my spiritual life, too. The only way I'm going to achieve true enlightenment on my spiritual path is by choosing it through my own volition.

The New Age culture, like the rest of America, includes a wide variety of beliefs and religious practices. Some seem far out to many people. In heir political lives, some sound like authoritarian socialist Democrats while others sound like authoritarian rightist Republicans.

All those I've encountered, however, believe at their center in a climate where choice is honored above coercion; indeed, where all nonaggressive choices are honored. That's also the center of liberty as I understand t. For me, the two worlds mix beautifully.

I believe that I am a spiritual being at my core, and that my purpose on earth is personal and spiritual growth—my path to enlightenment. Such a path requires freedom to choose. That's where my political side kicks in. I may stumble and make some bad choices along that path, but I'll accept responsibility for them; they're my choices, after all. And I'll experience their consequences as part of my growth. If someone buffers me from such consequences, I can't grow. As long as I do no harm to another's person or property, I expect no interference in my choices, in my growth.

When my wife and I first heard a libertarian explain his principles, we were delighted. Some very bright and very principled people had translated our spiritual philosophy into the social and economic world. A practical example: Since we believe that essentially we are all one, it follows that being in service to others actually serves ourselves. (Sounds a bit Objectivist to me.) One way I choose to be in service is to contribute to charities. My government, however, limits how much I can give to charity by taking almost half of my earnings and then wasting arge chunks in counterproductive and misguided efforts

to distribute wealth. Shame on them! I can't truly learn goodness and mercy unless I practice freely. No one should coerce me into such practices; it's by my own choices I'll be judged.

My faith honors free will in all matters pertaining to my spiritual growth. My politics says: I'm pro-choice on everything. Both are saying it's up to me to choose how to conduct my affairs, whom to associate with, what to read or watch. I decide what I eat, drink, or smoke. I may seek counsel in deciding these choices, but ultimately I am elf-governing. If I am to fully experience the God-presence at my center, I must be at choice. I'm grateful to both my religion and my party for supporting me. As I see it, both of these pillars of my life are based on the underlying truths of both my inner and outer self: liberty and choice.

Andy Murphy, andymurphy@juno.com

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FROM THE EDITOR- Paul E. Gagnon

Some things to ponder as election day approaches. Apathy seems to be high in Virginia and that means low voter turnout, favoring incumbents and hurting independents. It is important to run candidates to keep a permanent presence in the political arena. Besides, our candidates are the only ones with new ideas.

We must think about the future. It is quite clear that we cannot muster sufficient funds or volunteers to mount a serious threat to the Republicrats at this time. We need to do new things! Bold, new initiatives have been proposed to take us to the next level. Our activists must come together to engage in a frank discussion before the next state convention on these matters.

Why? Because Libertarians must be prepared for the opportunities awaiting us in the next century. History shows that when the Ruling Parties implode because of their corruption, sloth, and stupidity, and when the social and economic situation is at critical mass, a third party can lead. Our arch-enemies, the Socialists, grew because of the 1870 depression, labor unrest, and wide spread political corruption. During the first quarter of this century, many socialists took office. Virtually all their ideas were realized in the New Deal. Our chance is coming and

Liberty must have a party to be her champion.

We cannot be a champion from the ivory tower alone. We must become committed activists. We must speak the language of the average person, to their hearts and minds ;and draw maps to show people how we will get from the her e and now, to a libertarian future. They may not see what we see. While we keep our principles as our shining beacon, we must be prepared, as all successful activists do, to take the practical steps to our goal. We must expand our membership to include even people who may not be purists, but are willing to walk a great distance with us, even if they are not with us at the victorious end. We must not turn away people because they do not fit our idea of what a libertarian should be. We are better off having committed activists who can educate, agitate, and organize the public in the cause of freedom.

In an age of apathy, when government is no more than an excuse to steal from your neighbor and a rationale for violence and deceit, we must ask ourselves for what purpose do we live? It seems to me that no human being could have a greater purpose in life, then to fight for liberty and what is right.

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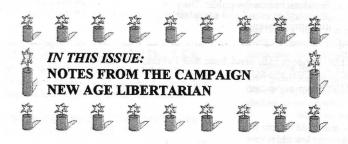
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Thanks to Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger and the Future of Freedom Foundation for placing a well paying advertisement with VA Liberty. The money will help us to expand the content (and hopefully the quality of content) and to reach what we hope will be future members of the LPVA.

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