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Legislative Agenda

By Marc Montoni

It is a truism that one can only get the government desired by demanding it. In that light, last summer the LPVA decided to try seeking some of the reforms we want through the traditional means: petitioning our government. More specifically we contacted our legislators.

On its face the project was only a partial success. The SCC first brainstormed to establish ten to twelve general subjects we wished to see introduced as legislation.

At the next SCC meeting, we winnowed our original list down to three suggestions to concentrate on for this session:

- ballot access reform -- such as lowering the signature requirements);

- relaxation of zoning regs at state level - such as repealing the requirement for localities to have a comprehensive plan; and,

- the privatization of state liquor (ABC) stores.

An advertisement was then placed in *Virginia Liberty*, seeking a volunteer "project manager" to begin lobbying legislators to introduce our bills. Unfortunately, we could not find a volunteer in time for this legislative session. Ultimately, this author and one other member of the brainstorming team did end up contacting several legislators by mail (with follow-up by phone & email).

At this point it appears some form of ABC privatization issue will be considered, although neither of the pre-filed bills looks much like what we requested. A beginning, however.

We received no interest in the other two issues.

On another front, the Tidewater LP

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2004 Third Party Leader: Badnarik

From LPVA.com

ROANOKE - November 4, 2004 - Third party voting was down nationwide from nearly four million votes in 2000 to a little more than one million in 2004. Brian Gottstein, of political consulting firm Positive Impact Consulting, attributes that decline to the predictions of another very close Presidential race, reminiscent of the 2000 election.

"Conventional wisdom was that many Republican and Democrat voters weren't all that happy with their party candidates, but in the end, they knew the election was going to be close and wouldn't give up their votes to third party candidates and risk letting the other side win," said Gottstein on November 4th, the day after the election.

"Most people picked sides early, and issues such as the war on terrorism, the War in Iraq, the economy, and moral issues really polarized voters."

Total votes cast for third party and independent Presidential candidates were 0.9% of all votes cast nationwide in the November 2004 Presidential election, while they were a much larger 3.7% of the vote in 2000.

Independent candidate Ralph Nader, with his



extensive media coverage, including his "spoiler" status and his listing by major TV networks as the only other candidate in the race besides Bush and Kerry, came in with about 395,000 votes nationwide. This was a significant drop from his nearly 2.9 million votes in the 2000 elections.

Even though the third party vote declined nationwide, Libertarians won the largest number of those votes. Libertarian Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik held his party's votes to about 378,000 nationally, right around Libertarian Harry Browne's 384,431 in 2000. Badnarik's numbers translate to 36% of the total third party vote, a significant increase over the Libertarian's 10% share in 2000.

Badnarik received almost three times the votes of the Constitutional Party's Michael Peroutka, and almost four times the votes of the Green Party's David Cobb. Here in Virginia, although Badnarik won just 11,032 votes, compared to the 15,198 votes Browne won in the 2000 election, he captured 40% of the third party vote, compared to an 18% share for the Libertarians in 2000.

Although the numbers had no effect on the Presidential race, Badnarik's extensive campaigning across the country and his large number of media appearances (the most of any third party) seemed to hold steady his base.

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Delegate Candidates!

The LPVA is pleased to announce that several members have declared their intention to seek the Libertarian Party endorsement for the Virginia House of Delegates.

It would be wonderful to see even more members step up to the plate for the Virginia House, or for any of the local offices up for grabs this November (see the summary on page 3). The procedure for securing the LP endorsement is simple:

1) *Decide what office you will seek;*

2) *Contact the LPVA chair and arrangements will be made for a mass meeting of the LP membership within that election district to consider the campaign.*

Normally, district meetings can be called within about one month.

This is grassroots politics at its best! The members in each district decide for themselves who they wish to support, or whether they wish to field a candidate at all.

In the next column you will find a list of all of the known candidates so far.

We hope you will join this list as well! If you would like to write one check that can either be split all ways among all candidates running, or directed to whichever

candidate the LPVA selection committee deems to have the best chance of winning, you can use the donation form on Page 6. Please write a note on your check or form indicating how you want your donation divided. You may also use the online contribution form at:

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There are just over five months left to declare as a candidate for public office!

Who better than YOU to make the case for frugal, limited government, respect for property and allowing individuals to be fully responsible for their actions?

Run for office this year. You'll never know if you can win until you run!



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Memo From The Chairman

LOOKING AHEAD... With LPVA Candidates

Friends of freedom -- As we look back on 2004 and ahead to 2005, I see much about which we can be excited.

In 2004, our candidates stepped up and took politics seriously – Robert Dean took 43% of the vote in a three-way race for mayor of Virginia Beach, and Shaun Whelden mounted a tremendous self-starter candidacy and got just under 12% for the Arlington School Board.

The LPVA's candidates are its lifeblood, so if you see either of these gentlemen, be sure to pass along an extra "thank you" for their work to represent you on the ballot.

What's coming around the bend in 2005? I'm excited to announce that we can look forward to another year where the LPVA takes politics seriously. As

I write this, we have five formally announced candidates for the House of Delegates, who have already laid the groundwork to run positive, credible campaigns over the coming year. Those candidates are Chuck Eby, Donny Ferguson, Mat Martin, Scott McPherson and Marianne Volpe.

I'm thrilled to see five candidates who promise to continue the LPVA's forward push into the political arena. I've spoken with each of them in person, and each has shown me that they're ready to work seriously to present a positive Libertarian message that addresses the issues concerning their communities.

You'll be seeing letters from the

LPVA in the coming months that tell you how to support a "House of Delegates Victory Fund", which will be administered by the state party and targeted to the campaigns that show us their effectiveness.

You'll also hear from the campaigns themselves, informing you of their work to take *your* message to the general public.

As a Libertarian, you have every right to be proud of the work your candidates are doing.

But it will take more than pride to continue our real growth in 2005. When the LPVA and its candidates ask for your support in the coming year, I hope you'll be prepared to support them generously.

Part of getting real about politics is acknowledging a fundamental truth – politics runs on money, and if we want to succeed, we all need to do our part.

Your candidates have already pledged their own time and resources to deliver the message you care about.

Will you step up this year and show them that you're behind them?

That's the best hope that we can offer for the liberty of this and future generations.

Yours in Liberty,

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P.S. If you want to take an even bigger step and pledge to run for your own House of Delegates seat, contact LPVA Political Director Paul Miller to find out more. You can reach Paul at PoliticalDev@LPVA.com.

VL Hero Award

This is the third in a series of articles designed to recognize the efforts of volunteers who are relentless in their work for liberty.

Our intent is to literally change the culture many of our "best and brightest" face within the Party, to one which gives stellar volunteers the praise and appreciation they are due, rather than the discouragement, disparagement or defamation to which some have been subjected in the past.

This issue, *Virginia Liberty's* editorial staff hopes all Libertarians will join us in a loud round of applause for:

Charles J. Eby, Jr.

We seem to be on a roll, because our choice for this issue was once again easy.

Chuck, as friends call him, is a tireless and dedicated worker for liberty and the Libertarian Party.

Ever gentlemanly and polite in demeanor, and always reasonable, Chuck has been a solid and steadfast addition to the LPVA Team. Eby was appointed LPVA Web Master by then-chairman Montoni in 2001, filling the very large shoes of the previous web services volunteer Chris O'Donnell.

Chuck has excelled in this role; the LPVA web site is now one of the top LP sites in the country.

Chuck is also currently the chairman of the 10th Congressional District Libertarian Committee, as well as a helpful member of the LPVA Communications Committee.

Chuck and his wife, fellow Libertarian Judy Herzog, attend many events in NoVA and occasionally host LP dinner parties at their home.

Glad to have you aboard, Chuck and Judy!



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School Board Campaign

ARLINGTON -- School Boards are always going to be a tough nut for Libertarians to crack, but Shaun Whelden didn't let that stop him from trying his best.

Whelden received 11,219 votes (8.1%) towards one of the two At-Large seats available, according to the Arlington County election results web page (see www.arlingtonva.us).

Currently, Whelden is considering his options for the future. Some observers of his campaign believe he ran a very credible race given the resources available to him, and several have expressed willingness to support him for another run.

One thing is for certain: Whelden is young, and he has energy and commitment to liberty to spare. The editors of VL extend their heartiest thanks and best wishes to him!

Agenda (cont'd)

has been very actively promoting eminent domain reform. Tidewater LP members attended a legislative subcommittee studying this issue, and drafted a reform bill to propose.

While we certainly didn't get what we wanted this year, we did learn a few lessons.

For one thing, you'll never discover politicians sympathetic to Libertarian ideas unless you talk to them.

One friendly legislator who knew us and our positions very well suggested starting

earlier in the year to find sponsors. He said that a lot of the bill requests are from "the usual suspects" (like the Virginia Association of Counties, etc); and since our desires were very different from the rest, he thought a bit more lead time and some patient explaining would help.

One thing was abundantly clear from this first foray: we need more bodies.

Without a paid lobbyist who can visit with each legislator, our wish list will die unless more LP members step up to the plate and make appointments with their legislators to help sell a few of our smaller government solutions.

If you would like to help, please contact our Chairman, Steve Damerell, right away.



Joe Waldo speaks to a Tidewater LP crowd of 59 people on Sept. 4th, on the issue of eminent domain. The group later brought their concerns on the issue to a General Assembly subcommittee hearing. (Photo courtesy of the Tidewater LP)

Comparing the Numbers

By Marc Montoni

Another four years gone under the bridge. Another election past. In looking over the Virginia election statistics county by county, I found myself intrigued by two things:

- 1) Some counties gave Constitution Party candidate Peroutka rather out sized percentages -- nearly 2% in Smyth and Middlesex Counties, for example; and
- 2) Peroutka's strongest counties were mostly the former industrial (i.e. mining

and manufacturing) counties along I-81 and along the southern border; while our strongest areas seem to be in wealthier counties.

Take a look at the chart below. All counties and independent cities in Virginia are listed, starting with the county recording the highest Badnarik percentage (Albemarle).

So what are your thoughts? In what areas of the state do you think we should focus outreach efforts?

Send your comments to us at [Virginia Liberty](http://VirginiaLiberty.com).

Totals	11,032	0.34%	10,161	0.32%	
County/City	Badnarik (L)		Peroutka (C)		Diff
ALBEMARLE COUNTY -	271	0.62%	48	0.11%	-223
FALLS CHURCH CITY -	37	0.61%	7	0.11%	-30
ROANOKE CITY -	220	0.61%	191	0.53%	-29
HARRISONBURG CITY -	66	0.60%	20	0.18%	-46
PULASKI COUNTY -	84	0.59%	77	0.54%	-7
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY -	32	0.58%	16	0.29%	-16
CLARKE COUNTY -	37	0.57%	25	0.38%	-12
MONTGOMERY COUNTY -	179	0.57%	96	0.30%	-83
ARLINGTON COUNTY -	528	0.56%	148	0.16%	-379
FLOYD COUNTY -	38	0.56%	38	0.56%	0
CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY -	86	0.56%	25	0.16%	-61
RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY -	22	0.54%	10	0.25%	-12
NEW KENT COUNTY -	42	0.53%	41	0.52%	-1
BLAND COUNTY -	15	0.52%	42	1.47%	27
GREENE COUNTY -	36	0.52%	90	1.30%	54
GLOUCESTER COUNTY -	81	0.50%	24	0.15%	-57
FAIRFAX CITY -	53	0.50%	30	0.28%	-23
WILLIAMSBURG CITY -	21	0.49%	6	0.14%	-15
POQUOSON CITY -	31	0.48%	15	0.23%	-16
WAYNESBORO CITY -	38	0.48%	23	0.29%	-15
LEXINGTON CITY -	11	0.47%	10	0.43%	-1
RADFORD CITY -	23	0.47%	8	0.17%	-15
HIGHLAND COUNTY -	7	0.46%	7	0.46%	0
NELSON COUNTY -	33	0.46%	15	0.21%	-18
MIDDLESEX COUNTY -	24	0.45%	100	1.86%	76
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY -	41	0.45%	89	0.97%	48
NORFOLK CITY -	318	0.45%	191	0.27%	-127
RICHMOND CITY -	331	0.45%	114	0.15%	-217
ALEXANDRIA CITY -	270	0.44%	85	0.14%	-185
ACCOMACK COUNTY -	57	0.43%	32	0.24%	-25
WINCHESTER CITY -	40	0.43%	29	0.31%	-11
BOTETOURT COUNTY -	67	0.42%	39	0.25%	-28
PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY -	31	0.42%	76	1.04%	45
CHARLES CITY COUNTY -	14	0.41%	15	0.44%	1
FREDERICK COUNTY -	117	0.41%	121	0.42%	4
YORK COUNTY -	124	0.41%	38	0.13%	-86
GILES COUNTY -	30	0.40%	100	1.33%	70
MADISON COUNTY -	23	0.40%	12	0.21%	-11
FLUVANNA COUNTY -	43	0.39%	32	0.29%	-11
KING GEORGE COUNTY -	31	0.39%	16	0.20%	-15
LEE COUNTY -	38	0.39%	63	0.64%	25
MANASSAS PARK CITY -	13	0.39%	9	0.27%	-4
FAIRFAX COUNTY -	1,743	0.38%	674	0.15%	-1,069
MECKLENBURG COUNTY -	48	0.38%	119	0.93%	71
POWHATAN COUNTY -	46	0.38%	32	0.26%	-14
ORANGE COUNTY -	48	0.37%	112	0.87%	64
SURRY COUNTY -	13	0.37%	12	0.34%	-1
WARREN COUNTY -	52	0.37%	169	1.20%	117
FREDERICKSBURG CITY -	28	0.37%	13	0.17%	-15
SALEM CITY -	42	0.37%	60	0.52%	18
VIRGINIA BEACH CITY -	656	0.37%	274	0.16%	-382
SHENANDOAH COUNTY -	62	0.36%	40	0.23%	-22
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY -	21	0.35%	29	0.48%	8
LOUDOUN COUNTY -	383	0.35%	149	0.14%	-234
PATRICK COUNTY -	29	0.35%	96	1.17%	67
SMYTH COUNTY -	43	0.35%	223	1.81%	180
CRAIG COUNTY -	9	0.34%	5	0.19%	-4
CUMBERLAND COUNTY -	14	0.34%	13	0.32%	-1
FRANKLIN COUNTY -	76	0.34%	84	0.38%	8
LOUISA COUNTY -	41	0.34%	50	0.42%	9
STAUNTON CITY -	33	0.34%	15	0.16%	-18
JAMES CITY COUNTY -	103	0.33%	46	0.15%	-57
MATHEWS COUNTY -	17	0.33%	25	0.49%	8
RICHMOND COUNTY -	11	0.33%	25	0.74%	14
BEDFORD COUNTY -	102	0.32%	266	0.85%	164

NOTTOWAY COUNTY -	19	0.32%	71	1.18%	52
SCOTT COUNTY -	32	0.32%	132	1.32%	100
SUSSEX COUNTY -	14	0.32%	20	0.46%	6
WASHINGTON COUNTY -	71	0.32%	342	1.52%	271
HOPEWELL CITY -	25	0.32%	83	1.05%	58
HENRY COUNTY -	72	0.31%	170	0.72%	98
WESTMORELAND COUNTY -	21	0.31%	14	0.20%	-7
LYNCHBURG CITY -	81	0.31%	74	0.28%	-7
SUFFOLK CITY -	100	0.31%	65	0.20%	-35
ESSEX COUNTY -	13	0.30%	18	0.41%	5
GOOCHLAND COUNTY -	31	0.30%	26	0.25%	-6
KING & QUEEN COUNTY -	10	0.30%	33	1.00%	23
AUGUSTA COUNTY -	87	0.29%	473	1.59%	386
CULPEPER COUNTY -	45	0.29%	40	0.26%	-5
HANOVER COUNTY -	144	0.29%	95	0.19%	-49
LANCASTER COUNTY -	18	0.29%	6	0.10%	-12
NEWPORT NEWS CITY -	197	0.29%	102	0.15%	-95
CHARLOTTE COUNTY -	15	0.28%	17	0.31%	2
HENRICO COUNTY -	378	0.28%	177	0.13%	-201
ROANOKE COUNTY -	132	0.28%	96	0.20%	-36
BEDFORD CITY -	7	0.28%	21	0.83%	14
HAMPTON CITY -	154	0.28%	84	0.15%	-70
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY -	80	0.27%	75	0.26%	-5
CHESAPEAKE CITY -	250	0.27%	147	0.16%	-103
PORTSMOUTH CITY -	108	0.27%	49	0.12%	-59
BATH COUNTY -	6	0.26%	9	0.39%	3
FAUQUIER COUNTY -	78	0.26%	45	0.15%	-33
KING WILLIAM COUNTY -	18	0.26%	13	0.19%	-6
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY -	347	0.26%	530	0.40%	183
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY -	120	0.26%	83	0.18%	-37
AMHERST COUNTY -	32	0.25%	30	0.24%	-2
CARROLL COUNTY -	30	0.25%	37	0.31%	7
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY -	334	0.25%	211	0.16%	-123
STAFFORD COUNTY -	113	0.25%	81	0.18%	-32
MANASSAS CITY -	32	0.25%	35	0.27%	3
CAROLINE COUNTY -	24	0.24%	28	0.28%	4
BRISTOL CITY -	16	0.24%	20	0.30%	4
DICKENSON COUNTY -	17	0.23%	36	0.49%	19
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY -	37	0.23%	21	0.13%	-16
LUNENBURG COUNTY -	12	0.23%	10	0.19%	-2
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY -	17	0.23%	19	0.25%	2
COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY -	19	0.23%	13	0.16%	-6
AMELIA COUNTY -	12	0.22%	23	0.43%	11
CAMPBELL COUNTY -	51	0.22%	185	0.80%	134
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY -	14	0.22%	7	0.11%	-7
RUSSELL COUNTY -	25	0.22%	154	1.35%	129
COVINGTON CITY -	5	0.22%	8	0.35%	3
ALLEGHANY COUNTY -	15	0.21%	12	0.17%	-3
DINWIDDIE COUNTY -	23	0.21%	51	0.47%	28
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY -	58	0.21%	405	1.48%	347
WISE COUNTY -	30	0.21%	145	1.01%	115
BUENA VISTA CITY -	5	0.21%	31	1.30%	26
PAGE COUNTY -	19	0.20%	20	0.21%	1
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY -	26	0.20%	18	0.14%	-8
APPOMATTOX COUNTY -	12	0.18%	85	1.28%	73
HALFAX COUNTY -	26	0.18%	36	0.25%	10
GRAYSON COUNTY -	12	0.17%	39	0.55%	27
DANVILLE CITY -	32	0.17%	242	1.27%	210
GALAX CITY -	4	0.17%	6	0.26%	2
TAZEWELL COUNTY -	27	0.15%	222	1.27%	195
WYTHE COUNTY -	15	0.13%	30	0.26%	15
NORTON CITY -	2	0.13%	6	0.40%	4
MARTINSVILLE CITY -	7	0.12%	10	0.18%	3
FRANKLIN CITY -	4	0.11%	8	0.23%	4
PETERSBURG CITY -	13	0.11%	15	0.13%	2
BUCHANAN COUNTY -	10	0.10%	29	0.30%	19
EMPORIA CITY -	2	0.09%	2	0.09%	0
BRUNSWICK COUNTY -	5	0.07%	6	0.09%	1
GREENSVILLE COUNTY -	1	0.02%	11	0.26%	10
Totals	11032		10161		-871

Run For Office!

May 3rd, 2005 - Town Council (Vienna) (2 year term)

State Elections (Primaries June 14)

Governor (4-year term)

Lieutenant Governor (4-year term)

Attorney General (4-year term)

House of Delegates (all 100 seats) (2-year term)

Soil & Water Conservation District (3-year term)

CITY Elections (Primaries June 14)

*Commonwealth's Attorney (4-year term)

*Sheriff (4-year term)

*Commissioner of Revenue (4-year term)

* NOTE: If the positions are shared with a county, the next election for them will be in 2007.

COUNTY Elections (Primaries June 14)

Board of Supervisors (45 counties) (4-year term)

School Board (41 counties) (2-year term)

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November-December Local LP Events

Jefferson Area Libertarians Stage 6th Annual Bill of Rights Day Celebration

Two local LP's held rallies for the Bill of Rights on December 15th. The Jefferson Area Libertarians held their sixth annual Bill of Rights Day Celebration in front of the Albemarle County Office Build-



At the Charlottesville Celebration: Hallee Morgan (left), Keith Goodenough, James Curtis, Jim Lark, and John Munchmeyer

ing in Charlottesville, while the Botetourt County committee gathered at the County court house in Fincastle.

The Bill of Rights was made the law of the land on December 15, 1791.

In the Charlottesville event, organizer John Munchmeyer began the celebration by pointing out that "the Bill of Rights is not a list of your rights at all, it is a list of things government cannot do to your rights", which are "inherent in every human being."

JAL Vice Chairman James Curtis then read the Bill of Rights, including the little-known Preamble.

In his address, Dr. James Lark, member of the Libertarian National Committee and former National Chairman of the Libertarian Party, noted that the Bill of Rights has been under attack since its passage. He noted that many of these attacks come not from people who intend harm, but rather from those who mean well. According to Lark, citizens must be vigilant at all times to guard their rights -- but especially during times of war and travail, because it is at such times when many rights are lost.

Mr. Munchmeyer described how "the 10th Amendment speaks to the heart of the principle of limited government", how it has been circumvented, and the dire consequences of its dissolution. He cited the McCain-Feingold campaign finance legislation of 2003,

saying, "The type of speech with which the founding fathers were most concerned was political speech. And today in America we have just opened fire on that cornerstone of our rights." (see below for the complete text of Mr. Munchmeyer's speech)

The event was covered by *The Daily*



At the Fincastle observance: Joe and Savette Jennings, Jeff Bowles, Jim Lark, Greg Ewing, and Sandi Hart (names of children in photo omitted)

Progress and the *Charlottesville Weekly*.

Of the Fincastle event, committee chair Liz Bowles said "Bill of Rights Day gives us one more opportunity to raise awareness in our local communities. Holding events like this doesn't require a great deal of planning, and can create some very good publicity. I was delighted that two new members and three pre-schoolers participated this year."

After the ceremony, the group gathered for lunch and more discussion at Captains' Tavern Restaurant.

"We hope to make this another Fincastle tradition," said Bowles. "There is something special about standing in front of a Court-house that was designed by Thomas Jefferson and talking about the Bill of Rights."

Dr. Lark and Jeff Bowles, Treasurer/Political Director of the LPBC, were interviewed by a reporter from the *Fincastle Herald* following the event.

Story and photos courtesy of the JAL, Jean Helms, & LPVA.com.

Shenandoah County LP Scores With Bill of Rights Resolution

By Chuck Eby

WOODSTOCK - Nancy Young won her first "victory" in her new role as chairman of the Libertarian Party of Shenandoah County at the November 23rd meeting of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors. The Board voted unanimously to adopt Young's motion to designate December 15th "Bill of Rights Day" in the county.

Young and Charlotte Patrick, Vice Chairman of the local committee, drafted the resolution and successfully asked the Board to add it to the agenda. Young read a prepared statement to the Board and answered questions from the Supervisors before the vote was taken.

"Nearly everything that makes an American proud to be one comes from the Bill of Rights," Young told the supervisors.



Nancy Young, Chair Shenandoah County LP

"These are the freedoms and rights that define America. These are the ideals that unite us, and these are the ideals that we should honor."

After the meeting, Young was flocked by reporters from the Free Press, the Northern Virginia Daily, and the Shenandoah Valley-Herald. All three newspapers carried stories crediting Young and Patrick with the passage of the resolution, presenting the Libertarian Party of Shenandoah County in a favorable light.

The resolution calls for the County to post a copy of the Bill of Rights conspicuously at its government center and on its web site, and that the County provide a copy of the document to anyone requesting one.

"This is an action that every county party should consider," said Patrick afterwards. "It is hard to imagine any Board opposing the Bill of Rights," she smiled.

Notable Quote

"We who espouse the virtues of individual freedom, personal responsibility, and limited government are sometimes said to 'just want to take us back in time'.

Nothing could be further from the truth. It is exactly the opposite. Remember ... our long human history and think of it in that context: before the United States, there were kings, despots, democracies, all of which violated people's individual freedom.

Now there are new types (communism, socialism) but it's the same waste matter. Government cannot solve our problems (in fact, it has caused most of them) and those who want big government solutions are the ones taking us backwards, back to a time when people were subservient to the state or other people. Abridging our freedom takes us backwards. Advancing liberty moves us forward."

-- John Munchmeyer, addressing the JAL's 2004 Bill of Rights Day Celebration.

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New LP Affiliate Forms in Loudoun County

By Chuck Eby

LEESBURG - Libertarians from Loudoun County began the process of organizing a county Party on Wednesday, November 18, 2004, as more than a dozen people turned out for the inaugural meeting of the organization. Kate Eisenlohr was selected as the group's point of contact until officers can be chosen for the group.

"I certainly think we are off to a good start based upon the enthusiasm I saw at the meeting," said Eisenlohr. "Our next task is to set up a meeting where we, the Loudoun residents, can all sit down together and work out some concrete steps towards developing our local affiliate."

Tim West, an LP member from West

Virginia attended the meeting. "Due to where I live, it is far easier for me to attend meetings in Loudoun County than my nearest West Virginia group," said West. "Tonight, I met a good bunch of people that are deeply committed to bringing liberty into their lives by starting to bring the LP out of the past and into the realm of practical political involvement."

Local Affiliates Committee chairman Jim Lark was on hand to address the group. He advised the group to concentrate on activity rather than organization at this point. "Don't worry about starting small," said Lark. "Even a group of half a dozen can accomplish far more than the mere number would suggest." Lark gave several examples of Libertarians working alone or in small

groups who were able to accomplish great feats in the promotion of liberty.

The meeting started at 7:00 and lasted until 8:30. Several attendees stayed and chatted until midnight. "We forced ourselves to go home after having the most fruitful and honest discussions about libertarianism I have ever had in 20+ years," said West.

A follow-on organizational meeting is being arranged.

LP members residing in Loudoun County are invited to attend future meetings of the group.

For further details, consult the event calendar on LPVA.com for dates, times and locations, or contact Kate Eisenlohr at email <Loudoun@LPVA.com>.



Kate Eisenlohr (center, facing camera) was selected as the new organization's point of contact.

Special: The War on TASERISM

Gentle Readers,

In the news recently have been several incidents where tasers were used in an abusive way by law enforcement officers.

Also in the news, but usually buried on the inside pages, have been reports of police departments across Virginia rushing to buy tasers.

Should Virginians be alarmed? Maybe so. On these pages are a pair of articles that suggest tasers eventually turn into a way for the bad apples in law enforcement to abuse other citizens in a way that leaves no bruises. You decide.

-- The Editorial Staff

Torture and Death in the Police State

By John G. Tarsikes, Jr.

Bernard Kerik, President Bush's first choice to lead the Homeland Security Department, exercised stock options of \$6.2 million he received from Taser International, which sold stun guns to the department - and seeks more business with it. It's all about the money.

Maybe the rush to get the newest technology on the streets is outpacing the ability of public officials to put in place the safeguards necessary to protect the public. Maybe it's all about the money.

The public, who is paying for these items, is being told that Tasers will be used as a safe, non-lethal alternative to guns. But in reality, they are being used in situations where police would never use lethal force.

In fact, according to Amnesty International, the data shows that Tasers are used on unarmed suspects in 80% of the cases, including verbal non-compliance (36%), and only 3% of the time in cases involving potential "deadly assault". Their report details 74 Taser-related deaths that have occurred in the United States and Canada since June 2001. Amnesty International USA will also release information documenting more than 80 Taser-related deaths since 1999.

More shocking is the fact that more than 60 percent of these deaths have happened in the last year, from November 2003 to November 2004.

Tasers have become the most prevalent enforcement tool in some departments. They have been used against unruly schoolchildren, mentally disturbed patients, intoxicated individuals; unarmed suspects in misdemeanor crimes and people who simply fail to comply immediately with a "command."

Examples include:

- A handcuffed nine-year-old girl in Arizona,
- A six-year-old mentally disturbed boy in Florida, and
- A 71-year-old woman in Oregon who is blind in one eye.

And the list goes on...and on...

"To Serve and Protect"

In Baytown, Texas, a man suffering from epileptic seizures was stunned while in the ambulance by one of Baytown's finest because he resisted being strapped onto a stretcher while in post-seizure confusion. An Internal Affairs investigation into the incident found that the officer had not violated any policies. Right. The shepherd uses a staff and dogs to herd the sheep.

Also in Baytown, Naomi Autin, a 59-year-old disabled woman, was reportedly Tased three times by police officer Micah Al-

dred in July 2003 for banging on her brother's door with a brick. She was collecting his mail and keeping an eye on his house while he was away serving a sentence for drug possession. Mrs. Autin called the police herself to help her get in, when she became worried that her brother's house sitter may have come to some grief, since they were not answering the door. In her lawsuit, she states she was Tased in the back because she kept banging on the door, the door of property she held effective control over, and remember, she was the one that called the cops to "protect and serve" her interests. When the officers would not help, she told them to leave, and went back to banging on the door. She states Aldred told her to stop and then Tased her. She fell, causing a severe head laceration requiring 17 stitches to close. Mrs. Autin, is 5 feet 2 and suffers from severe arthritis. Hence the need for a brick to knock on the door.

I must opine that it is prima facie evidence of excessive force to use a Taser to "control" a small disabled female who was not breaking any law, except being a Hispanic, with a brother in jail and asking for police help. Aldred later alleged she had threatened him with the brick, which justified his actions. The DA refused any case against her.

A Harris County Grand Jury saw it differently and indicted the cop on excessive force charges. Aldred was acquitted at trial when other police officers on the scene corroborated his account that the use of force was justified. Other officers??? Did these guys not have the strength, even if it had been a legal arrest, to grab one crippled old lady without injuring anyone? They sure demonstrated "strength in numbers" at Aldred's hearing! Plenty of witnesses for the defense.

Aldred is also the defendant in a lawsuit brought by another woman who states Aldred shocked her "numerous times about the back, face, neck, shoulders and groin" while executing an arrest warrant. She was unarmed.

Aldred was also "cleared" in the death of Luis Torres who died after being subdued and handcuffed by four Baytown officers on Jan. 20, 2002. A loose cannon.

The Police State:

There are literally thousands of similar cases, such as women in detention forced to disrobe in front of male officers at Taser point, the deaf being Tased because they can't hear police "commands," and a host of EMT patients resisting treatment while victim of illness or injury resulting in "altered mental status." Funny, in the olden days when I was on the Emergency Medical staff, we were taught people had the right to refuse treatment. I guess that's verboten under the new world order.

Considering the frequency of use of an appliance designed to be an alternative to a firearm or other lethal weapon, I am led to conclude that the lack of oversight in government use of these weapons promotes harassment, torture and even death. Not to belabor the subject, I will just put up one of the average cases that seems to define government policy. Line up sheeple, the shepherd says it's time to go in the dip tank!

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50,000 Volts for Your Thoughts

By Shawn Macomber

While I was waiting in line to be processed after my arrest at the Republican National Convention, a NYPD officer walking alongside sneered at an obnoxious, verbally abusive protester, "Remember, we're the heroes." It does nothing to denigrate the very real risks these officers take to say there was nothing heroic about arresting hundreds of people for standing more than four abreast on the sidewalk.

In other words, heroism one day does nothing to dismiss a misdeed the next. There are no little yellow "get out of jail free" cards outside of Monopoly. The power that comes with a badge demands respect, but it also requires responsibility. It is useful to remind ourselves as we honor the selfless sacrifice of those who enforce our laws that it also is imperative that someone watch the watchers. And now is as good a time as any to say plainly that it is high time Florida police answer for their gleefully excessive misuse of Taser stun guns these last few months.

A Taser looks something like a gun, but is in reality a non-lethal weapon that delivers 50,000 volts of electricity, which completely incapacitates suspects. Certainly, it cannot be suggested that police are misusing these weapons in every instance, or that Florida police are the only offenders, but since the introduction of Tasers barely a year ago use-of-force reports have gone through the roof in the Sunshine State. Reports show Tasers being routinely and, often dubiously, used on children, the mentally ill, fleeing suspects, as well as cuffed suspects and -- yes, further -- cuffed suspects locked in the back of police cruisers.

This week Florida police continued this stellar record by plugging 50,000 volts into a wheelchair-bound man brandishing a pair of scissors.

"Even if you're wheelchair-bound, it doesn't make you less of a threat," Miami Police spokesman Willie Moreno said. "If you want to fight, there are ways you can hurt an officer."

I'm sorry, Mr. Moreno, and apologies to our paralyzed brothers and sisters, but any rational person will concede that being in a wheelchair makes one significantly less of a threat. It would certainly be a different story if the suspect were wielding a gun. But scissors in the hands of a man who cannot walk warrants not physical violence, but rather some sort of obstacle and a patient police force.

It may be uncouth to say it, but is not very comforting when the police officers we expect to protect us from the worst of the worst in our society are willing to announce publicly that they so tremble before a wheelchair-bound man that they feel there is no

choice but to resort to high-tech weaponry.

At the same time, what else can you expect from a force that has excused the zap-

ping of a six-year-old boy who threatened police with a thin shard of glass? A generation ago, a school custodian would have put on some work gloves and taken care of that business.

Today a police officer stands six feet away and pumps a young body full of electricity, because the boy had given himself two very minor cuts. And yet, no one has even bothered to figure out exactly what damage such a blast of electricity does to such a small body.

A few days earlier, Florida police tagged a fleeing 12-year-old girl with the magic electric wand. She was suspected of skipping school and trespassing. Lying on the ground twitching and drooling, she had I'm sure plenty of time to think about her offense. Not long after, Pinellas County police zapped a 14-year-old girl in the back seat of a cruiser whose crime was disrupting class and throwing a fit in the back of the police car. Not content to let the girl tire herself, police hit her with 50,000 volts.

So why does this continue happening? First of all, few seem willing to take any sort of stand on the issue. I saw a Miami "community activist" on CNN shortly after the incident, arguing not for the cessation of this violence, especially against non-violent children, but rather the typical modern armchair activism. "I think there needs to be more in depth studies on using Tasers on children," she said. Yes, by all means, let's bring together a Blue Ribbon Panel to figure out if shocking a young girl with an obscene amount of electricity for skipping school is warranted or not.

And, pray tell, what demented parent is going to sign their kid up for that study? (Picture it: "Well, the good news, Mrs. Smith, is your son helped us determine the exact moment when the voltage causes soiling of the pants. He's in the bathroom right now vomiting blood. Thanks for participating in our study!") I don't know what's worse: the fact that Miami police are attempting to defend something so deplorable or that Florida's so-called activists are so morally ambiguous.

"At the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office,

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Torture (cont'd)

In 2003, Russian immigrant Olga Rybak, 5 feet 4 was approached in her home by Washougal police officer intent on issuing a ticket for a dog violation. Olga, with limited English, did the smart thing that any halfway reputable lawyer would advise, and asked for a translation before signing anything. She thought she was in the Land of the Free. The Washougal Police Sergeant responded by arresting her, without developing communications to explain the citation. Maybe Olga flashed back to the good old days under the GRU. She was Tased. A lot. The Sergeant who used the Taser was a Taser Training Officer for the Washougal police department. He neglected to include in his report that he shocked her at least 12 times in 91 seconds, reportedly stopped and reloaded the Taser with fresh cartridges and shot her again. He then allegedly threatened to shoot Olga's 11 and 12 year old sons if they interfered. Subsequent analysis of the Taser's memory chip confirmed Olga's allegations (they are encrypted "to protect the integrity of the data.")

In 2004, Washougal's police chief, Robert D Garwood, reported that the officer had been demoted for using "poor judgment" in the case even though he had acted "within proper legal boundaries"

If this incident is within "proper legal boundaries," start practicing this salute...

Zieg Heil,

Zieg Heil,

Zieg Heil...

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Badnarik (cont'd)

In the final two weeks of the campaign, Badnarik made an appeal to conservative voters who normally voted Republican to vote for him instead to show their displeasure with President Bush's government expansion and war in Iraq. He made the appeal with a national TV advertising campaign on the Fox News Channel.

"It seems that many of the fiscal conservatives didn't break ranks with the Republicans, as the Badnarik campaign had thought. Many conservatives saw how the third party vote drastically affected the 2000 election, and were worried that sending a message to George Bush would risk a Kerry win," said Gottstein.

Badnarik, 50, a computer programmer from Austin, TX, campaigned on a message of very limited government, low taxes, and ending the war in Iraq.

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50,000 Volts (cont'd)

Tampa Police Department and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, an officer can use the Taser if the suspect is offering "passive physical resistance,"" Stephen Thompson writes in the Tampa Tribune. "The suspect does not have to pose a threat to anyone; he may be making an officer's job more difficult by staying put when he is asked to move or bracing his arms when officers are trying to handcuff him."

Further, Thompson reports, Tasers have been used at least twice when suspects looked as if they might be about to run, even though official police reports say suspects had not moved at all beforehand. Apparently, police officers just somehow read these men's minds and took action. I believe that's what they call in literary circles a Thought Crime.

Since Pinellas County police have gotten Tasers their use-of-force reports have jumped 34 percent. In at least 14 of the 121 reported episodes, suspects were already handcuffed when they were zapped. Likewise, the Clearwater Police Department's use-of-force has increased 58 percent, with 49 handcuffed suspects getting the electric treatment.

"In only one case among the 164 had an armed suspect approached a Clearwater police officer, and in that case the weapon was a beer bottle," Thompson writes.

That's what's passing for protecting and serving these days in Florida. Not surprisingly, the police who are indulging themselves so frequently in their newest toy are telling us all this is for our own good. Police constantly defend the use of Tasers as a good alternative to a shot from a 9mm, as if they would shoot someone for being drunk and disorderly or skipping school.

"Would you rather be hit by a piece of pipe or a Taser?" Florida Sheriff David Gee said. "The Taser only lasts a few seconds. The pipe can break your arm."

Well, by all means, give us the Taser, O Benevolent Ones. And thanks for not breaking our arms. I knew there was a benefit to living in a free society.

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