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PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES IN FULL SWING ! LOCAL PARTIES ON FIRE!

ASSEMBLY WATCH-GEO. MASON

Mr. Mason advises us of the lively goings on at the 1997 session of the General Assembly. Concerning abortion: the parental notification law was passed, the partial birth prohibition failed as did the informed consent law. Concerning campaign election laws the registration by political party, placement of political party names on ballots and the Virginia Clean Election Act and Fund all went down in failure. Concerning education, charter schools failed again. Concerning guns, the fingerprinting of concealed weapons permit holders passed and concealed handgun permits are now valid for five years; concerning marijuana, the attempt to prevent physicians from prescribing medical marijuana failed.

AFFILIATES NEWS

Libertarians of Loudon County. Meetings held monthly, 2nd Fridays, 7:30 pm. Contact Shelley Tamres for information and/or directions. 703-450-0218, email shelleytam@aol.com.

LPBR (LP of Blue Ridge - Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Shenandoah, Warren, City of Winchester): Monthly meetings being held. Diane Hartson, reporter for the Northern Virginia Daily newspaper, attended the January meeting. She subsequently wrote an article that appeared, which attracted one call from an interested reader (expected at the next meeting).

Libertarian Party of Fairfax County. During the recent convention held in NoVA, the Eighth District membership met and elected a new chair for the eighth congressional district. She is: Irene Carpenter, 1227 Somerset Dr. Mc Lean, VA 22101, (h) 7038933150." Paul Gagnon was re-elected for chairman, James Turbett,

Marta Howard, Irene Carpenter and Alan Baughcum were elected to the county committee.

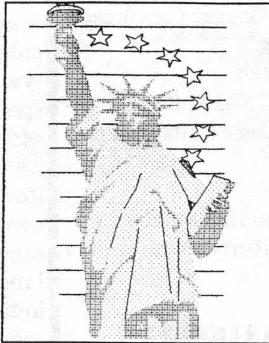
LIBERTY TODAY "CABLE SHOW

SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!! LPFC members Matt Thexton and Chris Wright are creating a new cablevision talk show called LIBERTY TODAY for the local access station, Channel 10, in Fairfax. The show will present libertarian viewpoints about all facets of life and lifestyle using an interview and discussion format and occasional short dramatizations. Production starts in May.

Matt and Chris are seeking other LPFC members to volunteer for the LIBERTY TODAY production crew in the many capacities needed to help produce the show -- lighting, directing, graphics, setup, audio, drama coaching, etc. Training is available from the station as well as from the producers. Volunteers should be able to offer 4 hours of studio time one or two weekdays a month. These positions are ideal for students, retired persons and the self-employed.

Everyone who volunteers will be included in some capacity. While these positions are unpaid, they carry several benefits for interested LPFC members: you help to get the libertarian message out and educate the public about the freedom philosophy; you learn TV production skills with on the job training; you get to share in the fun and excitement of creating something new and unprecedented you ride along with Matt and Chris as the show develops and reaches

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EVENT CALENDAR



The State Central Committee
State Convention 4/19/97. 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 at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, Washington, DC. 6-8p.m. Admission is free.

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/. "The Future of Freedom Foundation Admission: \$20.00 (students \$15) for reception, supper and talk 6:30 p.m. \$5.00 (students free) for coffee and talk only 7:30 p.m. Reservations: Call The Future of Freedom Foundation (703) 934-6101/FAX: (703) 352-8678 Location: Sheraton Premiere Hotel (Route 7 at Dulles Tollway) Vienna, Virginia.

Patrick Henry Supper Club The schedule now will be Tuesdays, following dates thru June: 05/06/97, 06/03/97. The new emcee is Shelby McCurnin. At Morrisons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian turnpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and program begins at 7.

The LP of Fairfax County will hold the next meeting May. 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

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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.

Libertarian Party of Prince William Co. For more information, contact Phil Hodson 703-257-1712. Second Saturday of each month at 11AM at Bertucci's Pizza in Manassas. LPPWC April meeting Jeff Stewart of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. Planning for Tax Day Protest 11:00 AM Saturday, 12 April Bertucci's in Manassas. Tax Day Protest Tuesday 15 April, Manassas Post Office, call Bill Lawry at 730-8530. Citizens for an Alternative Tax System Virginia Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM Thursday, 24 April CATS HQ at 10600A Crestwood Drive in Manassas, call Neal White at 368-6113. Establishing a VA chapter of the Separation of Church and State Alliance, May 1, 7-8:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. Contact Gary Reams at 703-791-4855 and see web site www.sepschool.org.

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 7:00 pm. Call Sanford 757-244-0516.

Students for Individual Liberty, Box 514, Newcomb Hall Station Charlottesville, VA 22904 (804) 982-5016 liberty@virginia.edu <http://darwin.clas.virginia.edu/~liberty>

ATTENTION READERS OF VIRGINIA LIBERTY

Please send news articles, ads, information, and letters to: Virginia Liberty, 7011-A Manchester Blvd. Suite 1776, Franconia, VA 22310 or e-mail: 74633.3520@compuserve.com. We will entertain letters to the editor of less than 250 words, articles less than 800 words, free ads no more than 3 lines. Please send all items to VA Liberty by the 5th day of the publication month. The editor reserves the right to make changes to all submissions in order to make this publication succinct. 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..."

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

Feb 20 Tax Day activities, proposed LPVA Constitution changes for any planned convention.
Apr 20 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 the General Election issue. Dec 20 Holiday issue.
STAFF: Assistant Editors- James Turbett, Johna Good

VIRGINIA LIBERTY NEEDS YOU!

In order to keep costs down, the editor has reduced the number of pages and will mail to LP members only. The editor asks for voluntary contributions to enhance this publication. Make checks to the LPVA and state that it is for VA Liberty. The address is LPVA, Box 28263, Richmond, VA 23228. Help us to reach future libertarians and provide a consistent vehicle for informing the LPVA membership of our fast growing and active state party.



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a national, and even international, audience you will find the entire experience genuinely rewarding. If interested, call Matt at 703-536-5030 or Chris at the Center for Constitutional Government, 301-779-1775.

The Jefferson Area Libertarians will hold its constitutional convention on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. in the Albemarle County Historical Society building. The Albemarle County Historical Society is located at 200 Second Street, N.E., in Charlottesville, Virginia. If you have any further questions or need directions, please call 804/296-0955. Gary Westmoreland 5th CD representative (804) 924-3396 is the contact person.

Students for Individual Liberty Our largest educational group, Students for Individual Liberty, continues in its 10th year of activity to sponsor various projects, most notably our speaker series and the S.I.L. Bulletin. S.I.L. sponsored an address by David Melton of the Rutherford Institute on Jan. 29 concerning religious liberty and free speech issues. Roughly 20 people, including 7-8 newcomers, attended the event. S.I.L. sponsored addresses by Jim Turney (jury nullification) on Feb. 20, Chuck Thomas of the Marijuana Policy Project (the 1996 California and Arizona medical marijuana initiatives) on Feb. 27, Patrick Michaels (U. Va. professor and "global warming" expert) on March 18, sponsored an address by Michael Tanner on Thursday, Mar. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Minor Hall Auditorium. Mr. Tanner's address was entitled "Social Security: What is to be Done?" March 20, the Jefferson Society of the University of Virginia sponsored an address by Frank Fahrénkopf, co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates and an address by John Magaw, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), on March 21. Washington and Lee Libertarians sponsored an address by John Hasnas of Georgetown University on Jan. 30.

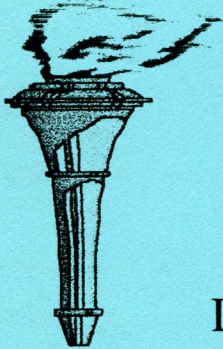
BAC (BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE) NEWS:

by Shelley Tamres, BAC Chair
If you've been following the BAC (Ballot Access Committee) News in recent months, you know that we introduced 2 election law bills in the General Assembly this past session. They were "PBI'd" (Passed By Indefinitely) committee. Had they passed, they would have relieved some of the more onerous ballot access restrictions in our wonderful Commonwealth. I'm in the process of contacting the P&E (Privileges & Elections) Committee members to determine how to change the bills prior to resubmitting them next year. But I learned one very important lesson from my first try. Things move VERY QUICKLY in the legislature. So we need to start our lobbying NOW! I'm seeking volunteers all around the state who can arrange to meet with their state representatives (House and Senate) to discuss these bills. Later, we'll be expanding this effort in a letter-writing campaign, both to the representatives and to local newspapers (letters to the editor).

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP: Contact me ASAP and let

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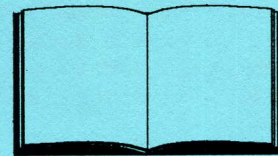
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me know if you're available to meet in person with your representatives and/or to write letters. If you're involved with a local LP affiliate, encourage the entire group to help out. To put things in perspective, every 4 years we have a mad scramble to get our presidential candidate on the ballot in Virginia. Every time in the past, the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) has hired and paid for professional petitioners to gather many thousands of signatures to accomplish this.

In 1996, we submitted over 27,000 signatures and paid over \$16,000 for them. The Virginia state party has yet to grow strong enough to either gather the signatures on a volunteer basis, or to pay for them. Since the SAME petitioning requirements that apply to the presidential candidates apply to other statewide offices, we have NEVER run a statewide candidate for other than president. This means that we have never run a candidate in Virginia or governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, or U.S. Senate. Getting the election laws changed to alleviate this situation is one of the most important things we can do to assist the growth of the LPVA. I hope you'll assist me in this cause! day phone -- 703-918-5562 night phone -- 703-450-0218 email -- shelleytam@aol.com snail mail -- 108 Willow Place, Sterling VA 20164-1625

NEWS FROM THE SCC (State Central Committee)

-- by Shelley Tamres. It's official! We have a credit card account. We can now accept credit card payments for membership renewals, monthly pledges, convention registrations, etc. So if you've been thinking of adding a monthly pledge to the State Party, but didn't want to end up writing still another check per month, now's your golden opportunity! Remember that the National LP needs funds for national programs, but the State LP needs your funds also to expand the Party downwards. In recent months, local affiliates have been formed and recognized in Prince William Co. and Hampton Roads. Others are in the process of forming in the Blue Ridge and Charlottesville areas. We have created the Local Affiliate Parties Committee specifically to spur the growth of local affiliates. Please help us continue this work by making a generous monthly pledge.

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Hunting and Shooting Memberships available. Contact Charles Rogers 703-690-1543

Legal Reform Group Forming Contact Charles Rogers 703-690-1543

New LPVA Web Site: <http://lpva.com> and forum@lpva.com
Replaces lpva@skylinemall.com as of April 19. Jim Turney is web master.

Jim Turney PO Box 467 Fairfax County, Virginia 22199 (703) 550-7565 vox (703) 339-5012 fax (703) 339-3971 at <http://LibertyTapes.com> The Internet access point to the largest collection of libertarian audio & video recordings.

FROM THE EDITOR- Paul E. Gagnon

The editor graciously allows the Chairman of the LPVA to issue this invitation:

I know it is unusual for someone who is perceived to oppose a specific item of business to give the proponent of that item advanced knowledge of one's strategy, but maybe this will work out for the best, and maybe it will start a trend. At last year's convention, Mr. Bill Redpath surprised me by introducing a friendly amendment (in the form of a replacement) to a resolution on Full Option Voting (FOV) that I had introduced with the requisite 30 days notice. I did not accept his 'friendly' amendment. His motion may or may not have had an effect in causing my resolution to fail; none-the-less it did fail. So did his on the spot resolution for Proportional Representation (PR) which he introduced later at the same convention. This year, he has re-introduced his resolution on PR with the requisite 30 days notice. So far it is the only scheduled business at the business session. I plan to pull a variation on his theme.

I intend to introduce a friendly amendment (in the nature of an addition) to combine the two issues. To provide some background, Full Option Voting is the idea that people should be allowed to vote either for or against candidates. No, this is not the same thing as NOTA. If, in an election there is no

one I am willing to vote for, I am sure I would be able to find someone to vote against. It just makes sense to me that our language of politics, voting, should have the word 'NO' as well as the word 'YES'. Full Option Voting can be used with any basic voting system. There is nothing to restrict it to use with single member plurality, our current winner take all system. It is just as at home with party list, preference, multi-member (e.g. 'pick three...'), etc.

Mr. Redpath's resolution states "We strongly urge adoption of proportional voting systems in Virginia and the United States for fairer and more complete representation of the people in democratically elected bodies". My friendly amendment would make the resolution read; "**In order to achieve more complete representation of the people in Virginia and the United States, we strongly urge adoption of Full Option Proportional Voting systems for democratically elected bodies**". So I invite Mr. Redpath to embrace my friendly amendment. Personally, I think the benefits to the people of Virginia and the United States from implementing full option proportional voting systems would be significant and many faceted, but that is for another day.

Mr. Dana Johansen

THE SAM ADAMS AWARDS

Hoist a tankard to **Val Finnell M.D., Jim Snyder, Paul Moog, The Northern VA Citizens Defense League, and the GOA** for their courageous defense of the Second Amendment before the General Assembly and a not too friendly press. Their efforts were not connected with the LPVA, but any warrior in the cause of liberty is a warrior to be honored.



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