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the LPFC Committee?  
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to organize events,  
staff outreach booths,  
support our local can-  
didates in 2005, and  
more. See page 2!*

## *Badnarik-Campagna Campaign In Virginia Local Libertarians Lead the Way*

*By Marianne Volpe*

Libertarians in Northern Virginia led the way in spreading the message of Liberty this year with their support for the Badnarik-Campagna campaign for President.

Party members and activists turned out in force to put up campaign signs, deliver brochures door-to-door, attend fund raising events, and spend hours at their local polling places handing out literature and asking people to vote for Michael Badnarik and Richard Campagna.

More than 1,000 campaign brochures and 400 signs were put up by local activists for the campaign in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County. Libertarians in Prince William County put up signs and used student volunteers to distribute campaign brochures to hundreds of homes in the county.

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## *Whelden Campaign First in Arlington County*

*By Marianne Volpe*

Shaun Whelden got more than 11,000 votes in his first race, a campaign for a seat on the Arlington County School Board. His campaign was the first by a Libertarian in the Northern Virginia area for School Board.

The contest was for two at large seats on the School Board, against incum-

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## LIES, WAR AND IMPEACHMENT

By Tom Blanton

Many Americans have come to realize that President Bush lied about the reasons for the war on Iraq. Others have to come to realize that he has lied about why the 9/11 attacks happened. The President continues to mislead citizens on the results of his war on terror.

Two Presidents, Nixon and Clinton, faced impeachment for lying to the American people. There is no question that lying constitutes grounds for impeachment. Of course, it must be proven that Bush lied and that he intended to lie. There is little doubt that President Bush has not told the truth to the American people. However, it is difficult to prove whether he intentionally lied.

Election day is upon us and the American people have the opportunity to remove the President by casting a ballot against him, making impeachment unnecessary. Even those who give President Bush the benefit of the doubt and believe he did not intentionally lie must confront the reasons Bush has not been truthful. If he did not intentionally lie, one might conclude that he is incompetent. Either way, Bush should not occupy the office of President.

President Bush appeared on television on the evening of September 11, 2001 and told the American people, "America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world."



*Tom Blanton at the State Fair, Richmond VA*

The President continues to claim that terrorists acted against America because they hate our freedom. This explanation might satisfy a child, but only the most uninformed adult could possibly believe this. The fact is that America has sought to directly influence the Mideast using military means, covert intelligence operations, the use of aid, and the use of sanctions for over 50 years. It has been America's

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### *Volunteers Needed for the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County*

\* Campaigns, House of Delegates. There will be candidates for House of Delegates seats next year in Fairfax County, and they will need your help. Please contact Chairman Tony Torres to find out how you can help them make a difference next year at [Fairfaxlp@lpva.com](mailto:Fairfaxlp@lpva.com) or 571-214-8356.

\* Adopt-A-Highway road clean-up, tbd. This is a fun way to let people know Libertarians care about their community. If you have a few hours on a Saturday in the coming months, please contact Chuck Eby at [Webmaster@lpva.com](mailto:Webmaster@lpva.com) or 703-855-8767 to volunteer.

\* Booth Committee. We always need volunteers to staff tables and booths for outreach events, and next year we will have several summer events. This is a great way to spend time with your fellow Libertarians and to share your political beliefs with others. If you can spare a few hours, please email or call Chuck Eby.

\* Fundraising, Membership, Social Committees. We need more volunteers to champion these activities to help us grow in 2005. Please contact the Chairman at [Fairfaxlp@lpva.com](mailto:Fairfaxlp@lpva.com) to find out how you can help.

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The 2004 effort began with the petition drive and the hard work of Ballot Access Chair Bill Redpath and Petition Drive Coordinator Jim Lark. Virginia law requires third parties to get 10,000 valid signatures of registered voters, with at least 400 valid signatures in each congressional district. Virginia Libertarian volunteers, with the help of paid petitioners like Josh Dunn, gathered the necessary signatures to ensure that the State Board of Elections would validate at least 10,000 signatures to put the Libertarian candidates on the ballot.

Election night activities included a party at the home of Fred Childress and Marcia Strasel in Falls Church, VA. Activists watched the returns on two televisions while enjoying great food and drinks provided by the host and hostess.

Statewide the Badnarik-Campagna ticket received 11,032 votes, or .34% of the total, and in Fairfax County 1,743 votes, or .38%. The leader in Libertarian vote percentage in Northern Virginia was Arlington County with .56%, followed by Alexandria with .44%, Loudoun County with .35% and Prince William with .25%. Although the Libertarian ticket beat the Constitution Party ticket in most of the state, in Prince William County the Constitution Party ticket of Peroutka and Baldwin received .40% of the vote.

The Badnarik-Campagna State Coordinators, Liz and Jeff Bowles, oversaw the efforts of volunteers with the help of local coordinators and volunteers. There are too many to name, but some of the supporters are named below. Thank you for all your efforts.

Kate Arnold, Robert Buchanan, Tina Carnathan, Fred Childress and Marcia Strasel, Jeff Crowe, Steve Damerell, Steve and Libby Dasbach, Josh Dunn, Chuck Eby, Bart Frazier, Paul Gessing, Alan Grimes, Beth Homicz, Marta Howard, Dana Johansen, Ben Klima, Charlie and Valerie Loucks, Scott McPherson, Paul Miller, Kathy Mullin, Terry and Andy Murphy, Eric Ohlson, Bill Redpath, Anne Rocktashel, Adrian Rush, Keith Sarson, Rod Severson, Mat Thexton, Bubba Tinaves, Tony Torres, Brad Tull, Shaun Whelden, George Wilson, Kathryn Wilson, Ashley Zanatta, Milan Zacek.

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Mideast interventions that have radicalized militant Muslims.

The President's statement begs the question - was he lying or does he truly believe his simplistic explanation? Those who raise the question of America's foreign policy are shouted down with retorts that they support terrorism by excusing and justifying the acts of terrorists. But if the President actually believes that America was attacked because of our freedom, that serves to demonstrate his incompetence and inability to comprehend reality.

Congress passed the Authorization For The Use Of United States Armed Forces (Public Law 107-40) on September 18, 2001 which authorized the President "to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons."

America invaded Afghanistan on October 7, 2001 to remove the Taliban from power and destroy al Qaida. Americans were told that the United States had little intelligence on Afghanistan to explain the failure of government to prevent the 9/11 attacks. But this, and the idea that America was not already at war with the Taliban, may have also been a lie.

Janes Intelligence Review reported the following on March 15, 2001:

"India is believed to have joined Russia, the USA and Iran in a concerted front against Afghanistan's Taliban regime....Military sources in Delhi, claim that the opposition Northern Alliance's capture of the strategic town of Bamiyan, was precipitated by the four countries' collaborative effort....Intelligence sources in Delhi said that while India, Russia and Iran were leading the anti-Taliban campaign on the ground, Washington was giving the Northern Alliance information and logistic support."

News Insight (India) reported the following on June 26, 2001:

"India and Iran will "facilitate" US and Russian plans for "limited military action" against the Taliban if the contemplated tough new economic sanctions don't bend Afghanistan's fundamentalist regime....Iran is also worried over the unending war effort of the Taliban to get supremacy in Afghanistan that is harming Iran's economic interests. India, Iran and Russia, for example, are working on a broad plan to supply oil and gas to south Asia and southeast Asian nations through India but instability in Afghanistan is posing a great threat to this effort."

The BBC reported the following on December 27, 2002:

"An agreement has been signed in the Turkmen capital, Ashgabat, paving the way for construction of a gas pipeline from the Central Asian republic through Afghanistan to Pakistan. The building of the trans-Afghanistan pipeline has been under discussion for some years but plans have been held up by Afghanistan's unstable political situation."

These reports suggest that America was involved in operations against the Taliban long before September 11, 2001 and President Bush may have been preparing for military action in Afghanistan for reasons having nothing to do with terrorism. While the conditions of Public Law 107-40 may have been met, it would appear that the President may have had other reasons for invading Afghanistan that were not presented to the American people.

Reasonable people can debate whether President Bush lied about the reasons for invading Afghanistan, but there is evidence that he didn't fully inform citizens regarding the reasons for the invasion. If the President knowingly withheld information from the public, the case can be made that he lied by omission. Prior to the passage of Public Law 107-40, there was no deliberation by Congress on whether a gas pipeline justified regime change in Afghanistan.

President Bush met with Tony Blair on September 7, 2002 and the two men talked with reporters. According to a MSNBC report that that day, Blair cited a satellite photo of Iraq showing new construction at sites once used for

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development of nuclear weapons. Both leaders mentioned a 1998 report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that said Saddam could be six months away from developing nuclear weapons.

"I don't know what more evidence we need," Bush said, according to MSNBC, "We owe it to future generations to deal with this problem."

A senior White House official acknowledged that night that the 1998 report did not say what Bush claimed. "What happened was, we formed our own conclusions based on the report," the official told NBC News' Norah O'Donnell. Mark Gwozdecky, a spokesman for the IAEA, disputed Bush's assessment of the satellite photograph. Contrary to news reports, there was no specific photo or building that aroused suspicions, he told NBC News' Robert Windrem.

The Washington Times reported on September 27, 2002 that a report cited by President Bush as evidence that Iraq in 1998 was six months away from developing a nuclear weapon did not exist, according to Gwozdecky. Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan claimed Bush was referring to an earlier 1991 IAEA report, but Gwozdecky said no such report was ever issued by the IAEA in 1991. Then, McClellan cited two news articles from 1991 (a July 16 story in the London Times and a July 18 story in the New York Times), but neither article cited an IAEA report or stated that Saddam was six months away from developing nuclear weapons.

The news conference with Bush and Blair marked the beginning of a series of untrue statements made to the American people. Bush supporters may claim that his September 7th misstatement was merely an honest error, but it is hard to conceive of two world leaders getting both the satellite pictures and the IAEA report wrong, then coming to the conclusion that they must act on the mistaken information.

Two days after Bush's misstatement, coalition aircraft struck Iraq for the third time in a week according to an AP story reported on September 9, 2002. The U.S. and Britain used precision-guided weapons to hit an air defense command and control facility near Al Amarah, about 170 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Three days earlier, the World Tribune reported that 100 American and British aircraft participated in striking targets in an area where Iraq had based its Scud-class missiles in the 1991 Gulf war. As in the case with Afghanistan, it would appear that while President Bush was trying to sell the war, the war was already in progress.

Bush and his neoconservative allies provided the public with numerous reasons to go to war with Iraq during the months before the war. Iraq was linked to al Qaida and the 9/11 attacks. Iraq had vast stocks of biological and chemical weapons. Iraq was seeking uranium in Africa and aluminum tubes for centrifuges to make nukes.

Bush told Americans on October 7, 2002, "Facing clear evidence of peril, we cannot wait for the final proof - the smoking gun - that could come in the form of a mushroom cloud....If we know Saddam Hussein has dangerous weapons today - and we do - does it make any sense for the world to wait to confront him as he grows even stronger and develops even more dangerous weapons?"

All of these claims were eventually proven to be dubious or false. Representative Ron Paul (R-Teaxs) refuted some of these claims and questioned others from the floor of the House on October 8, 2002. Rep. Paul also raised a more fundamental Constitutional question in his opening remarks.

"This resolution is not a declaration of war, however, and that is an important point: this resolution transfers the Constitutionally-mandated Congressional authority to declare wars to the executive branch. This resolution tells the president that he alone has the authority to determine when, where, why, and how war will be declared. It merely asks the president to pay us a courtesy call a couple of days after the bombing starts to let us know what is going on."

Rep. Paul concluded his statement by quoting Bush: "Many people have asked how close Saddam Hussein is to developing a nuclear weapon. Well, we don't know exactly, and that's the problem."

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### **Arlington County LP News**

The Arlington County LP meets as needed, please contact Chairman Shaun Whelden for information. His email address is: shaunw@liberateschool.com, and his phone number is 703-534-1488.

### **LP of Fairfax County News and Annual Convention Results**

Libertarians in Fairfax County met on November 13, 2004 to elect a new County Committee. The new County Committee members elected are: Fred Childress, Chuck Eby, Donny Ferguson, Tony Torres, Marianne Volpe and Milan Zacek.

The County Committee met after the County Convention was adjourned to elect a new Chairman. There were three candidates for Chairman: Fred Childress, Marianne Volpe and Tony Torres. Childress stated his support for whoever would support our candidates next year. After brief statements by Torres and Volpe, the Committee members elected Tony Torres Chairman.

Chairman Torres asked for nominees to fill positions. Marcia Strasel was appointed by Chairman Torres as Secretary, and Marta Howard agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer. Additional positions will be filled at the next meeting of the County Committee, Monday, December 13, 2004 at the Harvest Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Blvd.

### **LP of Loudoun County News**

Libertarians in Loudoun County met on November 17, 2004 to reorganize the Libertarian Party of Loudoun County. The first meeting was attended by more than a dozen people, including Ballot Access Chair Bill Redpath and Local Affiliates Party Chair Jim Lark. Kate Eisenlohr was chosen by the members to be the point of contact for interested members. Another meeting will be held in mid-December, with details available either at the LPVA's website event calendar or by contacting Kate at Loudoun@lpva.com.

### **LP of Prince William County News**

The LPPWC meets on the second Monday of the month at the Pizza Gourmet, 12425 Hedges Run Dr., Woodbridge, VA 703-491-9343. The Social Hour kicks off at 7:00 and the business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome! Please contact Chairman Kathy Mullin for more information at 703-221-9875 or PrinceWilliam@lpva.com.

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bents Libby Garvey, Frank Wilson and challenger Bill Barker.

Whelden was supported by many activists in Arlington and throughout the state. He had volunteers put up 250 campaign signs and distribute literature on Election Day. During the campaign he received coverage from the Northern Virginia Journal (a front page article) and the Sun Gazette.

Whelden participated in a number of debates with his opponents, and in his statement to his supporters on his campaign site, [www.liberateschool.com](http://www.liberateschool.com), noted that he would have received only half the votes had he not been covered by the press and participated in the debates.

Although he could run for House of Delegates in 2005, Whelden is considering his options and may run for another county office in 2006 or later. Whelden is the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Arlington County and the Libertarian Party of Virginia Communications Committee Chairman.

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Paul then by asked, "An admission of a lack of information is justification for an attack?"

Congress passed the resolution (Public Law 107-243) on October 16, 2002. The resolution authorized Bush to use military force in Iraq and provided that the President must give Congress, within 48 hours after exercising such authority, his determination that further diplomatic or other peaceful means alone either will not protect the national security of the U.S. against the continuing threat posed by Iraq or is not likely to lead to enforcement of all relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq; and acting pursuant to this joint resolution is consistent with the U.S. continuing to take the necessary actions against international terrorist and terrorist organizations, including those nations, organizations, or persons who planned, authorized, committed or aided the 9/11 attacks.

President Bush sent letters to the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate on March 18, 2003 to give Congress notice as required by Public Law 107-243. Apparently, Bush and the members of Congress did not consider the bombings in Iraq during the preceding months to be acts of war.

Bush told Congress that he had determined that diplomatic means, such as inspections, will not protect America against the threat of Iraq and is unlikely to lead to the enforcement of earlier U.N. resolutions. Bush also told Congress that making war on Iraq is consistent with the U.S. taking action against nations that planned, authorized, committed or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.

Tony Blair and President Bush appeared together on January 31, 2003 and answered questions from reporters. A reporter asked, "One question for you both. Do you believe that there is a link between Saddam Hussein, a direct link, and the men who attacked on September the 11th?"

President Bush answered, "I can't make that claim."

Prime Minister Blair then said, "That answers your question."

Perhaps the President was merely mistaken six weeks later when he informed Congress that the war was consistent with the U.S. taking action against nations that planned, authorized, committed or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001. While continuing to assert that Iraq is somehow linked to al Qaida, the President has not made any claim that Iraq was involved in the 9/11 attacks. In a report issued in June of 2004, the 9/11 Commission found no credible evidence of any operational link between Iraq and al Qaida.

One must conclude that Bush was either lying about Iraq's involvement in the 9/11 attacks or somehow misunderstood that whatever links Iraq had with al Qaida - links so secret that they could not be shared with the 9/11 Commission - actually meant that Saddam was somehow involved in the 9/11 attacks. If he was not lying in his communication to Congress on March 18, 2003, then Bush must be mentally incompetent.

Bush's letter to Congress on March 18, 2003 implies that Iraq posed a threat to America so great that only military action could protect the nation. President Bush seemed quite certain on January 22, 2003 when he said, "The dictator of Iraq has got weapons of mass destruction."

"Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised," Bush said on March 17, 2003.

Weapons inspector Charles Duelfer reported that Iraq destroyed their weapons of mass destruction in 1991. This is in clear contrast with the claims of Bush. It is quite possible that the President did possess intelligence that Iraq had "lethal" weapons. Assuming that "lethal" weapons are the same as "weapons of mass destruction", Bush is lying when he says the intelligence "leaves no doubt" as many doubts were raised by weapons inspectors Hans Blix, Scott Ritter and Charles Duelfer, Congressman Ron Paul, and many others.

The March 3, 2003 issue of Newsweek reported that Iraqi weapons chief Hussein Kamel told U.N. inspectors in 1995 that Iraq had destroyed its entire stockpile of chemical and biological weapons and banned missiles in 1991. The CIA was told the same story, according to Newsweek, and a military aide who defected with Kamel backed

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Kamel's assertions about the destruction of WMD stocks.

It would seem that Kamel's story would have raised some doubts about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. Especially since Bush and Cheney used the information from Kamal to justify their claims that Iraq had biological weapons. Cheney said Kamel's story "should serve as a reminder to all that we often learned more as the result of defections than we learned from the inspection regime itself."

"In 1995, after several years of deceit by the Iraqi regime, the head of Iraq's military industries defected. It was then that the regime was forced to admit that it had produced more than 30,000 liters of anthrax and other deadly biological agents," Bush said on October 7, 2002.

These statements call into question the President's honesty unless one accepts the notion that Bush could somehow know that Kamal was telling the truth about Iraq having WMD prior to 1991 but was lying about it being destroyed. Perhaps the President suffers from a distorted perception of time and is unable to determine the difference between 1991 and 2002. This might also explain Bush's reference to a 1991 IAEA report (which didn't exist) on September 27, 2002 that he thought said Saddam was six months away from developing a nuclear weapon in 1998.

Even President Bush's most ardent supporters must admit that the President is either a liar or mentally incompetent. Either way, Bush has no business remaining in office. Nixon faced impeachment for lying about his "Plumbers" and Clinton was impeached for lying about his plumber, Monica Lewinski.

Bush has lied about the reason America was attacked on September 11, 2001, thereby exposing the nation to future attacks by refusing to deal with the root causes of the attacks. Bush has lied to the American people about the reasons for invading Afghanistan and Iraq. Reports that America was already at war with both Iraq and Afghanistan before Congress passed resolutions authorizing military force suggests that Bush misled Congress and failed to report to Congress within the time limits required by those resolutions and by the War Powers Act.

The consequences of the lies of Nixon and Clinton are minimal compared to the consequences of Bush's lies. Thousands of U.S. troops have suffered casualties - many of which will render those men and women disabled for life. Over a thousand U.S. troops have been killed. Tens of thousands of innocent Iraqi and Afghani citizens have been killed or wounded. Billions of dollars have been spent.

Bush's claims of bringing democracy and freedom to Iraq and Afghanistan ring hollow as the leaders Allawi and Karzai are considered to be puppets of the U.S. and both countries are in chaos. Bush's failure to hold anyone accountable for the 9/11 attacks, the escape of Osama bin Laden from Tora Bora, and the mistakes of the Iraq war call into question his competence.

Assuming that Bush never lied to the American people, one cannot dismiss so many misstatements, errors of judgment, and failures to comprehend basic factual information. It is hard to believe that that Bush has not lied considering the number of times that leaked documents and people speaking on the record have challenged his many misstatements of fact.

Article 2, Section 1, Clause 6 of the Constitution (as modified by the Twety-Fifth Amendment) provides for the removal of the President from office by Congress for his inability to discharge the powers and duties of office. In the event that it can't be proven that the President intentionally lied to the American people and Congress, he should

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be removed from office for a degree of negligence and incompetence that renders him unable to discharge the duties of the office.

Should the degree of Bush's veracity or inability to discharge the duties of President be insufficient for Congress to remove him from office, there remains one other remedy for removing President Bush from office for the cause which was alluded to by Rep. Ron Paul in his statement made in the House on October 8, 2002.

The clearest case for the impeachment of the President is his failure to keep his oath of office to uphold the U.S. Constitution by invading Afghanistan and Iraq without a formal declaration of war. That Congress voted to assign their power to declare war to the President is no bar to impeachment as such an assignment is not valid.

George Washington stated, "The constitution vests the power of declaring war in Congress; therefore no offensive expedition of importance can be undertaken until after they shall have deliberated upon the subject and authorized such a measure."

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 of the Constitution plainly places the power to declare war with Congress. The Constitution makes no provisions regarding the assignment of the enumerated powers of Congress to another branch of the government. When has the Supreme Court delegated their power to rule on appeals to the President? Would Congress delegate their power to legislate to the President?

President Bush should be removed from office, whether by the electorate or by Congress. In the event that the voters do not remove Bush from office at the polls in November, the Congress should immediately begin impeachment proceedings. However, if the American people do not hold the President accountable for lying, incompetence, or disregarding the Constitution, it is unlikely that Congress will hold him accountable.

America may never recover from Bush's legacy if he isn't removed from office. Besides the unnecessary wars, wasted lives, huge debts, and the loss of privacy and civil rights that Bush's war on terror has produced, Americans will suffer under subsequent politicians who know they will not be held unaccountable for lying and disregarding the Constitution.

Author's Note: Merely voting for Senator Kerry will not restore honesty and competence to the office of the President. Kerry is also guilty of ignoring the Constitution by assigning the power to declare war to President Bush. Kerry has also adopted the lies of President Bush and he has failed to address policies that will keep America mired in war and debt for many years.

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**Fairfax County LP Committees**

Were you wondering who serves on various FCLP committees? Glad you asked, here is a list – and if you are interested in helping, please contact Chairman Tony Torres at [Fairfaxlp@lpva.com](mailto:Fairfaxlp@lpva.com) or 571-214-8356.

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## *NOVA MONTHLY DINNER PARTY!*

Every month the Northern Virginia Libertarians have a pot-luck dinner at someone's home, and you are invited. The recent hosts of these parties are Anne and Scott Wakeman, Marta and Nat Howard, Chuck Eby and Judy Herzog, and Fred Childress and Marcia Strasel. This is a great way to get together with other Libertarians and share laughs and good conversation in a relaxing environment.

The next dinner party is at 7:00 p.m, December 11, 2004, at the home of Fred Childress and Marcia Strasel, 3015 Aspen Ln., Falls Church, VA. This is a "pot luck" dinner, so all you need to do is bring a dish of your favorite fare, something you would be proud to share with others, and come casual. If you cannot think of something to bring, just call Fred or Marcia at 703-533-0330 for menu suggestions. If you have kids, please bring them – and please help with a bit of "kid watch."

Would you like to host a party at your home, community center, or friend's home? Please contact Chairman Tony Torres at 571-214-8356, or by email at [Chairman@fairfaxlp.com](mailto:Chairman@fairfaxlp.com) – the more hosts, the better.

