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NOVA EVENTS

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NOVA POT LUCK DINNER PARTIES, 7:00 P.M.

September 24 and October 22, 2005

Dinner @ 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share with friends. Details on event calendar, www.lpva.com

LPFC Annual Convention, November 13, 2005. Time: approximately 6:00 p.m., place to be decided. Please contact Chair Tony Torres for more information at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com.

NOVA SOCIAL HOURS
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LPFC MEETINGS Third Monday, 7:00 p.m. Harvest Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Blvd. (come at 6:45 p.m. for the buffet dinner)

LP OF VIRGINIA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING. SEPTEMBER 10, 2005, 2217 W. GREAT NECK RD, VIRGINIA BEACH, 1:00-3:00 PM

The SCC meeting is open to all members. Contact Chair, Steve Damerell, for more information at Chair@lpva.com, or 703-851-4674

Greetings from the Chair

By Tony Torres

I hope everyone has had a great summer. The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County (LPFC) has been busy doing outreach, getting our name in the paper, and planning for the final months before Election Day. Election Day is only a little over two months away. We will be organizing opportunities in the coming months for Libertarians to come out and help our three excellent candidates to get out the vote.

All of our candidates are on a roll this year and are set to give voters an excellent choice come November. Scott McPherson will show the voters of Fairfax City that there is a real choice, a candidate who believes in

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Fairfax Libertarians and Conservatives Auction Off Rep. Moran's Office

By Tony Torres

Reston - August 8, 2005- The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County joined with local conservatives and Republicans last Friday through the Townhall Meetup to protest Jim Moran's recent refusal to protect property rights after the disastrous Supreme Court ruling in *Kelo v. New London*. Representative Moran voted against a resolution condemning the ruling. The resolution went on to pass 365 to 33.

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Fairfax County LP Committees

Are you interested in helping the Libertarian movement grow in Fairfax County? Your help is needed, at outreach events, candidate campaigns, and road clean-up days. If you would like to help, contact Chairman Tony Torres at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com or 571-214-8356.

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Volunteers Needed for the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County

* Campaigns, House of Delegates. There are three candidates for House of Delegates seats next year in Fairfax County and your help is needed. Please contact Chairman Tony Torres to find out how you can help them make a difference next year at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com or 571-214-8356.

* Adopt-A-Highway road clean-up, October 1, 10:30 a.m. 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 or 703-855-8767 to volunteer.

* Event Volunteers. We will have booths at fairs and gun shows this year, and we need your help - all it takes is a few hours. What better way to enjoy the company of your fellow Libertarians and to share your political beliefs with others? If can spare a few hours, please email or call Chuck Eby.

* Fundraising, Membership, Volunteer Coordinators. We need more volunteers to champion these activities to help us grow in 2005. Please contact the Chairman at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com to find out how you can help.

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limited government by hammering home the themes of school choice and private solutions to transportation problems. Chuck Eby will show the voters of the 67th district that they have a candidate who will stand up for fiscal responsibility and who is socially tolerant. Donny Ferguson is hard at work hammering away at Ken Plum for his big-spending ways and fighting to prevent an unwanted and expensive Metro expansion through Reston. Donny will even be debating Ken Plum on September 12th. His race is definitely the one to watch and he stands a very good chance of making Plum regret his tax and spend ways.

The LPFC made the papers in early August when prominent activists protested against Jim Moran and in favor of property rights in Reston. I have spent the last few months developing a strong working relationship with conservative and Republican activists in Arlington and Falls Church and this protest was the first big payoff to come from this effort. I am currently looking for a similar friendly group of liberal activists that we can work with on the issues where we agree. If anyone thinks they know of such a group that would be receptive to working with the Libertarian Party, please contact me at fairfaxlp@lpva.com or 571-214-8356.

Other activities we have recently undertaken include the development of our own literature focusing on issues relevant to Fairfax County voters and the pursuit of new fundraising models. I hope to announce a new fundraising plan in the coming months, but in the meantime the LPFC is focused primarily on getting our candidates past the finish line in November.

Election Day is on Tuesday, November 8th and the LPFC will hold its annual convention the

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

This year the LPFC has ambitious plans for more outreach booths, at events like Celebrate Fairfax and gun shows. This is a great way to educate voters about our Party and find new members. These events cost money, though, so we need your support. Please help the LPFC by pledging your support on a monthly basis, or by making a one time donation. Mail the form below to: LPFC, PO Box 31, Merrifield, VA 22116.

Yours in liberty,
Tony Torres, LPFC Chairman

Yes! I would like to support the LPFC by making a monthly pledge.

I would like to pledge \$ _____ per month.

Here is my one time donation of \$ _____.

Charge my Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover
(I understand that my credit card bill will show a charge to the LPVA)



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**Virginia law requires all committees to report the name, mailing address, job title or profession and name of employer or employer's specific field for each individual whose cumulative contributions aggregate is in excess of \$100 in an election cycle.

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following Saturday, November 12th. On this day the LPFC will elect a new committee and will also be able to consider changes to the bylaws that will allow party members in Fairfax City, the City of Falls Church, and the City of Alexandria to become full-fledged members of the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County. Libertarian Party members residing in those areas have not been part of a local Libertarian Affiliate, and it is time we bring them into the fold.

I will have more information about these changes and many other exciting events in the coming months. As always, please feel free to contact me with any feedback, questions or concerns.

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In Defense of Hopeless Elections

By Geoff Allen

As a member of the Libertarian Party, I am occasionally asked why I bother to support lesser-known candidates in elections that they are undoubtedly unable to win. It is a harsh, but fair question that I initially had a difficult time answering. I had spent so much time learning the theory of libertarianism that I had neglected to also study strategies for its implementation. After a bit of thought, however, I settled on two particularly compelling reasons why Libertarians should continue to run candidates in elections that are not winnable.

The first is to increase publicity for our ideas. Despite our more than thirty years of existence, it seems like the majority of the public is not aware of our party, or worse, misinformed about our beliefs. Additional outreach is sorely needed to introduce our party to the average citizen so that we can then move on to the more critical step of persuading him/her that we are right. Fielding candidates is an important element of conducting this outreach.

The second reason that Libertarians should run in hopeless elections is to exploit the Spoiler Effect. This fascinating bit of political jargon describes the ability of a third party to determine the outcome of elections by siphoning votes away from the "real" candidates. When wielded with credibility, the Spoiler Effect can be used to force the mainstream politicians to adopt some of our agenda, even if our party has no chance whatsoever of winning the election. It is a powerful tool and I feel we have not yet utilized it to our greatest advantage.

These two reasons have strengthened my resolve to continue supporting our candidates in all elections -- winnable or not -- and I hope that they can have a similar effect on you. It is tough work running for office, and with election season just getting started, our candidates can use all the help they can get.

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Ferguson for Delegate
By Donny Ferguson

Wow! If registered voters who call the 36th District home learn one thing this year, it's that the Libertarian Party of Virginia is a force to be reckoned with.

That's because not only am I running against Delegate Ken Plum, a 13-term, 26-year incumbent, the former Chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia and the fourth-most senior Democrat in the House of Delegates, it's because one of Virginia's most powerful Democrats is fighting for his political life, repeatedly attacking his Libertarian opponent by name and telling 47,000 registered voters that Libertarians support tax relief!

For someone who's spent a quarter-century proposing legislation like the "County Income Tax," it's no wonder just how strange that popular idea sounds.

In fact, even today I found something wonderful in my mailbox. Delegate Plum has just rushed a desperate letter to thousands of District 36 voters attacking me by name for having the audacity to suggest that his constituents deserve tax relief. He has now spent more money telling people I want to cut their taxes than I have!

Not only did he tell thousands of voters I want to reduce their taxes, he told them he is flat-out opposed to tax relief and is proud of the \$1.4 billion tax hike he imposed on them! He even tells all those voters to go to my website – www.DonnyFerguson.com – to learn more about me!

So why is Plum struggling so badly against a Libertarian? He has gone unchallenged for years, with his only opposition a weak Republican offered up just to have a name on the ballot. I have been running campaigns non-stop for over a decade, and I'm fighting to take Plum down.

First elected just months after Jimmy Carter was sworn in, Plum fails to realize the world has changed in the last 25 years. Since he was first elected, there have been five presidents, four popes and seven "Police Academy" movies, yet he still thinks big-tax, big-government 1970s "liberalism" is a winning political agenda. His constituents – who voted against his calls for higher sales taxes in 2002 – have left him behind, and now, at last, they have a choice on the ballot.

You can imagine just how much interest this fractious race has attracted. Commentators statewide are writing about my race, and the local television station will soon air a debate between us.

I need more money to keep the campaign going until Election Day. Please help me keep up the fight and show Virginia that the Libertarian Party is a force to be dealt with. Please send your most generous contribution of \$99 to "Friends of Ferguson," P.O. Box 3134, Reston, VA 20195.

Candidates for House of Delegates 2005

Chuck Eby, 67th, Eby for Delegate, 2576 Nicky Ln., Alexandria, VA 22311, eby@eby2005.com

Donny Ferguson, 36th, Friends of Ferguson, PO Box 3134, Reston, VA, 20195, donny_ferguson@yahoo.com

Scott McPherson, 37th, Friends of McPherson, 2576 Nicky Ln., Alexandria, VA 22311, scott@scottmcpherson.org

Matthew Martin, 73rd, Martin for Delegate, PO Box 1443, Glen Allen, VA 23060-1443, buford@nekomusume.net

These candidates need your help—please contact them to volunteer or contribute.

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The protest was organized by Bob Harford, organizer of the Arlington/Falls Church Townhall Meetup and an Arlington County Republican precinct captain. The goal of the protest was to call attention to the fact that a major local elected official voted against protecting property rights.

"I think property rights are one of the most important rights we have and I think it's ridiculous that our elected officials voted against protecting those rights after the ruling," said Tony Torres, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County.

Bob Harford used the media attention by the [Reston Times](#) and [Reston Connection](#) to direct people to [VirginiaPropertyRights.org](#). He urged Moran to sign the pledge on the website to protect property rights in the future.

Torres demanded a public apology from Moran and a promise that he would vote to protect private property in the future.

The protesters were dismissive of Moran's excuse that he voted the way he did out of respect for the separation of powers and because "he didn't think Congress should be telling the courts how to rule." "Moran votes on a regular basis to undermine separation of powers and his excuse simply doesn't hold water," said Torres.

The protesters auctioned off Representative Moran's office in a mock auction to developers. The Libertarian Party of Fairfax County would like to thank Bob Harford and John Grigsby for organizing the event and hopes to work with these local allies in the future. Thanks also to Tony Torres, Scott McPherson, Jim Turbett, Fred Childress, and Geoff Allen for attending the protest.

Libertarian Party of Fairfax County Committee Meets August 15 By Marianne Volpe

The members of the Libertarian Party of Fairfax County (LPFC) Committee met on Monday, August 15 to address issues ranging from support for our local candidates and responses to the recent Libertarian National Committee (LNC) decision to end dues and the Unified Membership Plan (UMP).

The candidates for House of Delegates, Chuck Eby, Donny Ferguson, and Scott McPherson, reported excellent progress in their campaigns. They are raising funds, creating flyers and brochures, and making inroads with press attention.

The Committee members discussed responses to the decision by the LNC to end dues for membership, and stop the UMP payments. The Libertarian Party of Virginia (LPVA) received monthly payments from the National office based on the number of members state-wide, and these payments in turn helped fund many LPVA activities, such as outreach events.

The Committee decided to send out a fundraising letter to Fairfax area members. Other suggestions included the sale of the popular LPVA polo shirt that Committee Member Milan Zacek created and creating a pledge program for the LPFC. The development of LPFC literature and the use of other literature was discussed, and the Committee decided to acquire brochures created by LP-friendly organizations. Milan Zacek has taken the lead in writing a brochure for the LPFC's use, focused on area issues.

The LPFC will conduct a cleanup of the road it has adopted on Saturday, October 1, at 10:30 a.m., with a pizza party to follow for the volunteers. The next LPFC meeting will be Monday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Harvest Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church.

The Living Constitution

A one-act historical drama by Myron Pauli, taking place in Philadelphia 1787, with ample assistance from present day personalities.

George WASHINGTON: Gentlemen, we are here to discuss modifications to the Articles of Confederation. I, for one, am sick of Maryland interfering with my hemp shipments to Pennsylvania and would like the states to stop interfering with interstate commerce. So we need to think of some ways to correct this. Perhaps we need a whole new Constitution.

George BUSH: Hey, I got a great idea! Why don't we get occupied by 140,000 foreign troops and have them set up a Provisional Government, disarm all Americans, and put people who have been exiled from America in positions of power? I think we would all welcome them as liberators and they could write us a Constitution while they were at it!

WASHINGTON: I think we'll make our own Constitution, thank you.

John KERRY: I was for the Constitution before I was against it!

WASHINGTON: I guess we need to have a quorum to start business.

Sandra Day O' CONNOR: There is also a compelling government interest in having a critical mass of Hispanics, as well.

Charles PINCKNEY: Sorry, folks, that I am late. I got ticketed for not being properly strapped into a Consumer Product Safety Commission saddle on my way up from South Carolina.

WASHINGTON: That's interstate commerce for you! Click it or ticket!

John ADAMS: I'd like to know if the government may enact Sedition Acts to deal with those who denigrate government officials.

John McCAIN: John, just call it campaign reform laws. We put the malefactors in a stockade and apply a hot iron to their tongues.

ADAMS: That's an excellent idea. I wish I had thought of it.

Patrick HENRY: I know not what course others might take....

Antonin SCALIA: Sir, this is a drug free convention! You cannot address the convention until you give us a urine sample.

Ben FRANKLIN: Say, George, that reminds me. Will the federal government pay to take care of my erectile dysfunction?

WASHINGTON: Only if they pay for my wooden teeth.

James MADISON: Sorry, I'm late. I just got here from having lunch at the Freemason lodge. I hope I didn't miss anything.

John Paul STEVENS: The Freemasons lodge sounds like a place of public accommodation. They had better hire gay lodge leaders.

O' CONNOR: Not to mention a critical mass of transgendered French Huguenots!

WASHINGTON: I believe that Mr. Hamilton wants to say something.

Alexander HAMILTON: Yes, I propose that the new federal government allow patents and copyrights to encourage the sciences and arts.

Thomas JEFFERSON: That sounds like a permanent monopoly to me.

MADISON: Why don't we just make it for limited times?

JEFFERSON: How do you define limited times?

Jack VALENTI: When Mickey Mouse says so!

JEFFERSON: I think the idea stinks. Next thing, they will start suing manufacturers of quill pens because they can be used to copy works for free!

VALENTI: Oh, go back to Virginia and your love slave Sally!

JEFFERSON: I did not have sex with that woman, Ms. Hemmings!

William CLINTON: Say, that's *my* line!

Roger SHERMAN: Can't we all just get along?

Rodney KING: Say, that's *my* line!

WASHINGTON: Hamilton, write something in about inventions. Let's move on to criminal trials.

George MASON: I propose that accused people have a right to counsel and trial by jury. (loud noises are heard offstage)

Gouverneur MORRIS: Those homeland security idiots! They made me remove my peg leg and that's why I couldn't get in for the longest time.

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John HANCOCK: And they confiscated my quill pen!

Al GORE: You know, I invented the quill pen.

WASHINGTON: Thank God they let me keep my false teeth!

David SOUTER: Oops, you said God. That's a 10 cent fine.

MADISON: Anyway, I like Mason's ideas on the rights of the accused to a lawyer and a jury trial.

HAMILTON: Even for a scoundrel like Aaron Burr?

John ASHCROFT: For someone like Burr, the President just has to label him an *enemy combatant* and then he can be shipped incommunicado to a remote island and held indefinitely.

JEFFERSON: Dang, I wish I had thought of that.

WASHINGTON: Sergeant-at-arms, find Mr. Burr and take him to a remote island and sic some dogs on him while you're at it.

Aaron BURR: Hey, I want a lawyer. Get me Raymond Burr!

HAMILTON: Sounds like nepotism.

BURR: I meant Perry Mason.

MASON: Sounds like nepotism. Looks like you lose, Burr.

Alberto GONZALES: Don't worry, Aaron, if you don't suffer permanent organ damage, it doesn't count as torture. (Burr is forcibly removed)

MADISON: Don't you think this is a bit excessive?

ADAMS: Careful or you'll be accused of treason.

HENRY: If this be treason, make the most of it.

SCALIA: Sir, I'm still waiting for your urine sample.

FRANKLIN: That reminds me, what about my erectile dysfunction?

Benjamin RUSH: I'll treat it if I get relief from malpractice suits!

WASHINGTON: Can I sue your leeches, at least? Now let's get back to modifying the Articles of Confederation.

KERRY: I was against the Articles before I was for it.

WASHINGTON: Hmm, it looks like rain! Paine, give me your umbrella, I don't want to get wet tonight.

Thomas PAINE: But it's *my* umbrella! It's not yours!

WASHINGTON: I'm confiscating it for myself under eminent domain for public use. I'm the Commander-in-chief! Don't be a big pain, Paine!

STEVENS: This sounds good to me.

PAINE: These are the times that try men's souls.

WASHINGTON: Now that I know I'll be dry tonight, let's discuss how we enforce the provisions of the new Constitution.

BUSH: That's easy. We get 140,000 foreign mercenaries from thousands of miles away driving around in unarmored HMMWV's. All us Americans can come out and welcome them as liberators!

HAMILTON: We can have a Supreme Court consisting of the finest legal minds and probing the deepest constitutional questions. I think that is a better solution.

CLINTON: That depends on the meaning of the word is.

MASON: How about if we make sure that the right of all citizens to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed?

ADAMS: What does that mean?

Sarah BRADY: It means that the government can ban lots of weapons but not all, make people wait to own guns, register the owners, and pass about 20,000 laws. Other than that, the rights shall not be infringed.

JEFFERSON: Boy, that sure clears it up for me.

ADAMS: Well, I don't understand but I guess we can let the Supreme Court interpret it. We can certainly count on fine legal minds to keep this country free and respect the Constitution just like we wrote it.

WASHINGTON: God bless the Supreme Court.

SOUTER: That's your second offense. That will cost you 25 cents plus you have to give Paine 5 cents for his umbrella.

WASHINGTON: We'd better adjourn or I'll have to call on Alan Greenspan to print me up some new paper money. I'm glad we accomplished a lot today. We have a living document that will last throughout the ages.

FRANKLIN: I don't think it will last any longer than my

RUSH: We know, Ben! But thanks to campaign reform laws, no one will be the wiser.

Would you like to contribute to Nova Liberty? Send your articles to Marianne Volpe at mvolpe@starpower.net.

Arlington County LP News

The Arlington County LP convention will be held on Friday, October 14, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the Silver Diner in Clarendon. Please email or call Chairman Shaun Whelden for more information at shaunw@liberateschool.com, telephone at 703-534-1488.

LP of Fairfax County News

The County Committee meets on the third Monday of the month at the Harverst Moon Restaurant, 7260 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, and everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be September 19, 2005, and plans for outreach events, candidate support and volunteer recruitment will be discussed. For more information about the LPFC, contact Chairman Tony Torres at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com or 571-214-8356.

The annual County Convention will be Saturday, November 12, place to be decided. All members of the Libertarian Party of Virginia who reside in Fairfax County are invited to attend. Members of the County Committee will be elected and potential changes to the LPFC Bylaws will be considered. Contact the Chairman for more information.

LP of Loudoun County News

Libertarians in Loudoun County meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Nido Italiano, 201 Harrison St SE, Leesburg, VA. Contact Tony Torres for more information at Fairfaxlp@lpva.com.

LP of Prince William County News

The LPPWC meets according to a new schedule. Please contact Chairman Kathy Mullin for more information at 703-221-9875 or PrinceWilliam@lpva.com.

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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 Marta and Nat Howard and Steve and Libby Dasbach, and Fred and Marcia Childress. 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 starts at 7:00 p.m., September 24, 2005, at the home of Fred and Marcia Childress at 3015 Aspen Lane, 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 and 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 – the more hosts, the better.

