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June 6-8, 2008

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June 28, 2008

State Committee Quarterly Meeting

Tuckahoe Area Library 1:00 p.m. Richmond VA

Sept/Oct 2008

State Committee Quarterly Meeting

Time & Location TBA

September 6-7 2008

Libertarian National Committee Quarterly Meeting

Details & Location TBA

November 4, 2008

General Elections Remember to Vote, and Vote Libertarian!

Redpath: Anything That's Peaceful

Richmond - At the biennial convention of the membership on March 29, the Libertarian Party of Virginia formally nominated William Redpath for U.S. Senate.

Redpath's core issues are national security, the economy, tax reform, Medicare, Social Security, and free trade.

According to Redpath, "national security is the most important issue, as

According to Redpath, "national security is the most important issue, as without that, the benefits of a free society and prosperity cannot be enjoyed. Our national security would be enhanced by a withdrawal as quickly as can be effected without compromising the safety of US military personnel, a focus on Al-Qaeda as the US' greatest security threat and a non-interventionist foreign policy. The reduced cost of such a national security strategy would also benefit the economy.

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On tax reform, Redpath thinks it's time for a big overhaul. He suggests ending "the cheesy, half-baked, short-sighted Federal responses to the current economic situation, such as the forthcoming fiscal stimulus payments. Implement long-term solutions now. Reduce federal government spending." Redpath goes on to suggest the adoption of tax policy proposals crafted recently by the libertarian CATO Institute.

"I endorse the Hall-Rabushka Flat Tax, which will reduce Federal tax rates, For More Information:

www.Redpath2008.com



greatly simplify our tax code and foster great

entrepreneurship in the US. If, after Federal spending has been cut, the 19% tax rate proposed by Hall & Rabushka produces a Federal surplus, the tax rate should be cut to what the Congressional Budget Office estimates would balance the Enderal budget." says Redath

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Redpath criticized the current direction of the Medicare program, which he says "is in greater fiscal crisis than Social Security. Medicare is currently spending as much as the Medicare payroll tax is collecting - and is headed steeply into the red. Free-market solutions should be encouraged and the non-poor elderly should pay higher premiums to relieve the crucial long-term fiscal imbalance of Medicare."

On Social Security, Redpath says he supports "The 6.2% Solution," as proposed by the Cato Institute.

Redpath believes "Free trade is

Redpath believes "Free trade is extremely important in the cause of international peace." He wants the federal government to unilaterally drop trade restrictions and tariffs to order to improve Americans' standard of living and set an example by bolstering free trade around the world.

Redpath would abolish all Federal

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Larson: Bringing Message to 1st

atlett -- Libertarian Party member Nathan Larson has announced his candidacy for Congressman representing the 1st District of Virginia. As this issue goes to press, he has not yet been formally nominated by the 1st District Libertarian Committee (their district meeting is on June 3, several days after this issue was wrapped up).

Larson sees this campaign as a stepping stone to a more serious campaign for local or state-level office. "I want to build the network" of libertarians in the district, he said. He sees his campaign this year as a way to find new libertarians and turn them into LP supporters so they will be around for the next election.

"The primary goal of my campaign is to build public awareness and support for Libertarian ideas," Larson said. "I want to reach out to citizens who have not been exposed to our ideas, and make a case for how free market solutions can address the vital issues, such as national defense, health care, and traffic congestion, that they care about."



For More Information:

He cites transportation as a key issue of concern to voters. The Washington, DC area was recently ranked by the Texas Transportation Institute as having the second-worst traffic congestion in the United States. Larson proposes auctioning off the Interstate Highway System and rail systems such as Amtrak to private investors, who will recoup their investments through tolls and fares. These systems could then compete with one another to provide the best service at the lowest price. Funds for transportation improvements would no longer be allocated based on who has the most political pull. Instead, road and rail entrepreneurs would make construction decisions based on opportunities to profit by better meeting consumer needs.

"Traffic congestion affects the daily lives of millions of Virginians," Larson says. "Solving this problem will give people more time to spend with their families rather than sitting in gridlock. Property values in the 1st district will rise as more neighborhoods are brought within reasonable commuting range of DC. Drivers will spend less money on gasoline because they will be cruising along at 55 mph

www.NathanLarsonForCongress.com

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And your federal, state, and local governments, which provide an endless litany of things to write about.

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Truly Modern Wastewater Treatment

ay 29 2008 -- When I was a lad, most people insisted that government was the only institution that could provide a whole, vast array of services, including water and sewage.

Times have changed. Governments all over the world are loosening up their allegedly "natural" monopolies, allowing private companies to go to work.

In Alabama, a number of private developers now see an advantage in going into the sewer business. Rates of government-run sewage systems are so high that developers can make money by setting aside acres to treat the sewage of their own developments. And save customers money, to boot.

An article in Alabama's Birmingham News begins like this: "Home buyers at a new Ross Bridge neighborhood in Hoover could enjoy lower, more stable sewer rates than their neighbors on Jefferson County sewer if a privately run sewer plant is approved at the site, builders and regulators say.

The article quotes a local director of environmental protection saying that it just makes more sense to treat sewage closer to the homes. Centralized sewage is cumbersome and too expensive. "In ten years," he said, "this will be the primary way domestic wastewater is handled in the country."

So, when the subject of sewage comes up, don't sputter. You know what to say: Give the efficiency of the market a chance. Don't get soaked by government monopoly, natural or otherwise. After all, there's no use flushing your money down the . . . drain.

The Wrong Book?

ay 23 2008 -- Last November, Keith Sampson, a college student, was Found guilty of "racial harassment." He'd been caught reading a book while on break from a part-time job with the school.

The book is titled Notre Dame vs. the Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan. It recounts a conflict between Irish Catholics and the Klan back in the 1920s. The book is clearly anti-Klan.

Reading such history cannot amount "racial harassment," even if somebody complains that it does. But such a complaint was all it took to get Sampson in hot water with the hall monitors at his school, Indiana University/Purdue University (Indianapolis). According to Sampson, the "affirmative

action officer" found him guilty without ever talking to him or inspecting the book. The official accusatory letter states that "repeatedly reading the book . . . constitutes racial harassment in that you demonstrated disdain and insensitivity to your co-workers."
I'm sure Keith Sampson felt the univer-

sity was being insensitive to his need to have the bogus accusation properly investigated.

Months later, the university is finally reversing itself, thanks to a lot of bad publicity and the involvement of outfits like the ACLU and the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). But the school admits no wrongdoing.

If you ask me, the affirmative action officer has way too much time on his hands. Maybe he could spend it reading a book?

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Try it! You may also leave a message on the LPVA message line: 703-715-6230; or send a message to <SCC-All@LPVA.com>.

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11/4/2008: General election (presidential primary 2/12/08; all other primaries for

November elections occur on 6/12/2008)

- President (4-year term)
 U. S. Senator (1) (6-year term)
 U. S. Representative (11) (2-year term)
 Co. Board (Arlington) (4-year term)
 Co. School Board (Kriington) (4-year term)
- City Council (7 cities) (terms vary)
 City School Board (2 cities) (terms vary)
- Town Council (9 towns) (terms vary

Note 1: **Soil and Water Conservation District Directors** are elected every four years in some counties and cities; see specific schedule for this office.

Note 2: If a City shares Clerk of Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer with a County, then the City elects at same time as County.

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Take Action!

Name of bill: Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act. Bill number: H.R. 3343

Here's why we need this bill . . .

The federal government owes \$53.3 trillion in unfunded li-

abilities for Medicare and Social Security. Instead of figuring out how to fund these commitments, politicians keep promising to spend more and more, especially on health care.

It's important to understand that government spending on health care is the real cause of America's growing health care crisis. Government already pays for nearly half of all health care

in this country. This means that government is the primary determiner of what health care will cost . . .

- * Bureaucrats decide what the government will pay for any given procedure
- * Lobbyists from the health care industry influence the prices the bureaucrats set
 - * Insurance companies then follow the

Tax Refunds for Medical Expenses

government's lead in terms of what they will

Health care costs are soaring because the prices are set by bureaucrats and lobbyists, instead of by competition in the free market.

To get a better understanding of how damaging this is just look at what has happened to the quality and cost of Lasik eye surgery, which isn't funded by the government or insurance . . .

According to the federal government's Bureau of Labor Sta-tistics the cost of the Lasik procedure has dropped from \$2,106 in 1999 to \$1,626 in 2004! The quality of the procedure has also improved dramatically, even though the cost

has fallen.

We could have the same results for all health care procedures if prices were set by free market competition, instead of by bureaucrats and

lobbyists.

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But the problem gets even worse. Government tax polices have created incentives that tie most people's health insurance policies to their employer. This means "your" insurance companies work for your boss, and not for you. Losing your job could also mean a catastrophic loss of medical care.

America's health care crisis is entirely the creation of the politicians in Congress. And now they want to use the crisis they've

created to grab still more power and money, at a time when the government is facing a

looming bankruptcy.

Congressman Ron Paul has introduced a bill that would solve all of these problems, immediately. His "Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act" (H.R. 3343) would give

- * A 100% refund from your taxes on all money you spend on health care expenses, including health insurance premiums.
- * Make it easier for your employer to deposit the money it now gives to the health insurance companies into a Health Saving Account that would belong to you
- * This money would come to you tax free, and you could pay for both health care costs and health insurance premiums out of
- * This means you could buy health insurance that would belong to you instead of your employer
- * It also means that small medical expenses could be paid out of your Health Savings Account, which would allow you to reduce your insurance premiums by buying a Major Medical Plan instead of a Cadillac
- * Plus, you would earn interest on the money in your Health Savings Account, tax free -- you would get this interest instead of the insurance companies getting it (collecting interest on premiums is how the insurance companies make their money -- these profits could be yours instead)
 - * Plus, you would become your doctor's

customer, instead of the government or your insurance company being your doctor's cus-

* This would place the consumer in charge, and create competition that would lower prices and improve quality

Of course, neither the insurance companies nor the health care lobbyists want these changes, so you will have to fight for them. Use the form below to tell Congress to pass Ron Paul's "Comprehensive Health Care Reform Act" (HR 3343), and then ask your friends to do the same.

E-Z Instructions:

1. Go to:

www.DownsizeDC.org

- 2. Scroll down to the link that says "Get a Tax Refund for your Health Care Expenses" and click it;
- 3. Follow the instructions for sending your own customized message to your congressman in support of HR 3343.
- 4. Done!

Caucuses: Exploring the Philosophy

By Marc Montoni

id you know there was a caucus specifically for female Libertarians? Well, there is one. Anyone who has attended a Libertarian Party meeting knows that sex balance is way off kilter. So the LP Women's Caucus was formed to provide individuals who are concerned with outreach to women and, more generally, the Party's handling of female members. The National LP maintains a mailing list for the Women's Caucus; just point your browser to:

snipurl.com/WomensCaucus

On the foreign policy side of things, there is also a Libertarian Defense Caucus, which says it is "The Strong Defense Wing Of The Libertarian Party, And libertarians In Support of The War On Terrorism." To read more about the Defense Caucus, go to:

LibertarianDefenseCaucus.blogspot.com

Of course, there is also a caucus for the opposite position. Libertarians For Peace promote "an end to United States military intervention which we believe carries out an imperialist agenda that benefits powerful government and corporate special interests at the expense of the lives, liberty and prosperity of Americans and of peoples worldwide." Find them at:

Libertarians4Peace.net

Next issue, we will explore a few more

of the half-dozen other caucuses within the

Many readers may find the caucuses fascinating for their depth of thought -- especially anyone who has had the time to become familiar with some of the major-party caucuses; which focus primarily on promoting more giveaways to special-interest groups; the DNC Medicare Caucus, and

By Sharon Harris, Advocates President

n old libertarian joke provides a quick, funny and persuasive look at The difference between conservatives, liberals, and libertarians:

"Liberals want the government to be your Mommy. Conservatives want government to be your Daddy. Libertarians want the government to treat you like an adult."

To elaborate a bit:



Members and friends of the Loudoun County LP 'show the colors' after their meeting on May 29, 2008.

The "Daddy and Mommy" Metaphor

be your Daddy: a strict, authoritarian Daddy who forces you to be "good" according to his personal and often idiosyncratic definition of "good" -- even though you're an adult and may disagree with that definition. This Daddy punishes you severely for engaging in peaceful activities he condemns as sinful

Conservatives want the government to

Liberals want the government to be your Mommy: a smothering, obsessive, guilt-ridden, wildly

overly-protective Mommy who, in order to protect you from any conceivable harm or error, constantly and severely

The One-Minute Liberty Tip

restricts your freedom. This authoritarian Mommy also wants to force you to be "generous" to others. Should you disobey, this Mommy will punish you just as severely as her authoritarian conservative Daddy counterpart.

In other words, both liberals and conser-

vatives treat you like... a child.

Libertarians, in stark contrast, want to treat you like an adult: free to make personal

and economic choices for yourself.

Which do you prefer? To be treated like a child, or like an adult?

For the right listener or audience, this little metaphor can provide a nice "aha!" experience of enlightenment.

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Arrested For Celebrating Jefferson's Birthday

By James W. Harris

FreeTheJefferson1.wordpress.com/Defense-Fund/

• Thomas Jefferson mously said, "Dancing is a healthy and elegant exercise.'

Thus it seemed appropriate that a small group of young libertarians decided to celebrate Jefferson's April 13 birthday with a ten-minute "silent dance" at the outdoor Jef-ferson Memorial in Washington, DC.

The Jefferson Memorial is a large open-

monument, open to the public 24 hours a day. The twenty

or so libertarians met at the Memorial near midnight, a time chosen so as not to interfere with the constant flow of visitors davtime during daytime hours. Also in order not to disturb visitors, no audible music was played; instead, used iPods and headphones.

This was in way a demonstration or any attempt to provoke confrontation.

according to organizers. It was just lighthearted, spontaneous, kind of geeky fun. A videotape confirms the group was silent and non-disruptive, dancing gently; indeed, the bus loads of school kids who daily visit the monument are far louder and more disruptive. There were only a few other people at the monument besides the small group of libertarians, and none were disturbed. The group broke no laws.

Still, after just a few minutes, the National Park Police ordered the dancers to leave, using abusive and threatening lan-

released after five hours. She now faces a federal trial.

The arrest has drawn international attention. Writing in TheAtlantic.com, Megan McArdle notes: "As a resident of DC, I'm certainly overjoyed to hear that violent crime has fallen to a level where we can spare cards on the Sabbath."

In a time of war and severe attacks on fundamental

civil liberties, this may seem a trivial matter. But all across America, one hears more and more stories about heavyhanded arbitrary government law enforcement tactics, in schools, workplaces, and public places. Many fear America is rapidly becoming a very different place than "the land of the free." That Americans are being

conditioned to blindly obey state author-

ity without question.

We have a pretty good idea what Jefferson would have thought about this affair. After all, he said: "[R]ightful lib-erty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the limits of the law,' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the right of an individual."

[Editor's Notes: If this story wasn't grating enough, the local news channel -- amazingly -- picked it up and interviewed some of the "offenders" involved; and while the tape was running they recorded the sounds of a running they recorded the sounds of a bunch of school children in the memo-rial at midday. The din was deafening; and one would expect such after visiting any popular monument in DC. I would facetiously say "arrest those kids!" right here except one never knows if that would give these fellows some ideas that they

really should. A defense fund has been established for the young lady who was arrested. Point your browser to the link provided above, just under the title of this article.]

WANTED BY D.C. PARK POLICE



White Female 25-30 HT: 5 feet, 9 inches WT: 125 pounds

Suspect has been known to frequent the vicinity of national monuments. terrorizing passersby with her vicious moves.

guage. Brooke Oberwetter, a woman in her mid-twenties, was handcuffed and arrested when she simply asked why they were being expelled. The police refused to answer her question. She was later charged with "interfering with an agency function" and

valuable police resources to fight the silent scourge of ... dancing. Now that we have no more murders or muggings, it seems to me that we should also be looking at newsboys who smoke, women who attend the theater, and of course, the iniquitous habit of playing

National Convention Fun









n politics, it is always good to remember that one's compatriots are people too.

Of course, not everyone agrees. Judging by these photos of Arin Sime and John Munchmeyer, their level of disagreement over where to place the comma after the main participle on the third sentence of the fourth paragraph of the whosee-whatsis got pretty "hot under the collar". In fact, as you can see, John eventually grabbed Arin's

Before long, the rest of us, who were all obviously much more reason-

able folks, had to initiate force to separate these two. However, eventually the difficul-ties spread to the entire delegation when we tried to figure out what, exactly, a participle

We decided to punt and head for the

hospitality suites.
In all seriousness, while sometimes the business floor seems tedious and perhaps unnecessarily contentious, eventually the debates end and delegates go home, move on and do the best they can for liberty. Most of us look forward to the next convention -- where old friendships will be resumed and new ones begun. A Libertarian simply

cannot do better than to SHOW UP for a Libertarian convention. Ultimately, despite the differences simmering beneath the surface, most of us are seeking a freer society. When you rub elbows with a thousand or so other like-minded individuals, what you will feel is "reinforcement. There may or may not be another Libertarian on your block, or even in your county. But there are lots of us across the nation, we're here, and we're not going to fade away.

So look at the last photo, the one directabove these words. Everyone is smiling. If you didn't go to Denver, this is what you missed. See you next time!



Redpath (cont'd from Page 1)

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laws regarding consensual, voluntary activities. "As with the end of alcohol prohibition," he says, "the Federal government should repeal drug prohibition and allow the states to address this issue. Also, the Federal government should repeal the prohibition against online gambling and allow Americans the freedom to gamble, if they so choose, from the privacy of their own homes."

Redpath has been a member of the Libertarian Party since 1984, and has achieved a distinguished record of service and accomplishment.

At the national LP's convention on May 26, Redpath was re-elected to a second term as Chairman of the Libertarian National Committee (LNC). He is also the informal "Champion of Ballot Access" on the LNC.

He has served as Treasurer for the Libertarian Party on two occasions (1991-1993 and 2003-2004). He currently serves as the treasurer of FairVote, an electoral system reform organization formerly chaired by former independent presidential candidate John Anderson and currently chaired by former Nirvana bassist Krist Noveselic.

He has run for office as a Libertarian three times in Virginia; specifically, he ran for the House of Delegates (1993), the State Senate (special election in January, 1998), and Governor (2001). In his campaign for Governor, he and Lt. Governor candidate Gary Reams became the first Libertarian candidates for statewide office to be on the Virginia ballot. He is currently seeking the Libertarian nomination for US Senate in Virginia in 2008.

He served as Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Virginia during the 1989-1991 term; he has also served as Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the LPVA.

Redpath
is perhaps best
known for
his work on
ballot access.
He served as
Chairman of

Chairman of the Libertarian Party Ballot Access Committee from 1990 to 1997. In 1992 and 1996, the Libertarian Party presidential ticket was on the ballot everywhere in the United States. This marked the first time in U.S. history that a "minor" political party placed its presidential ticket on the ballot in all states in successions.

sive presidential elections.

He began petitioning as a volunteer for the LP in 1988; he gathered over 2,000 signatures for LP presidential candidate Ron Paul (including over 1,300 signatures in Virginia).

He became the Ballot Access Project Manager for the LNC in 2003. Through leadership, the LP presidential ticket was on the ballot in 48 states and the District of Columbia in 2004. He personally gathered over 3,000 signatures in five states in

On election days 1996, 2000, and 2004, Redpath gathered signatures for the Libertarian Party of North Carolina at the polling place at North Carolina State University in Raleigh to help qualify the LPNC for the North Carolina ballot for the upcoming four year cycle. On those days, he gathered 1,179,

712, and 550 signatures, respectively. The 1,179 signature effort is believed to be the largest number of signatures ever gathered for the LP by one person in one day.

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Redpath was born and raised in Findlay,
Ohio. He received his BA in Economics
and Political Science from Indiana University (1978) and his MBA from the Graduate
School of Business at the University of Chicago (1980).

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He is a Vice President for BIA Financial Network, Inc. in Chantilly, Virginia, a financial consulting and valuation firm that specializes in the appraisal of media and telecommunications businesses and assets. Prior to joining BIAfn in 1985, he was a Senior Financial Analyst with NBC in New York, an Internal Auditor with ABC in New York, Assistant Financial Manager of WISH-TV in Indianapolis, and on the audit staff of Arthur Andersen & Co. in Cincinnati.

He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst. He is also an Accredited Senior Appraiser in Business Valuation in the American Society of Appraisers and holds the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) designation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He and his wife, Melinda Moore, live in Leesburg, Virginia.

Larson (cont'd from Page 1)

rather than idling in traffic. Public transportation will benefit from privatization as well, because rail and bus systems that are poorly operated will be subject to hostile takeovers and bankruptcy, which would put them under new management."

Larson believes transportation privatization can also help curtail eminent domain abuses. "The private sector is adept at finding creative ways to assemble parcels of land needed for construction projects. For instance, shopping mall developers often hire dummy buyers to purchase land without revealing the true purpose of the acquisition, which would prompt property owners to hold out for a higher price. It is also customary, in the absence of eminent domain, for utilities to plan multiple possible routes for a new road, pipeline, or power line, and obtain bids from groups of landowners possessing the contiguous parcels needed for each route. A deal is then made with the first group of land-

owners to offer an acceptable price. These types of solutions are far superior than a system where government coercively seizes land for road construction, in most cases offering the landowner far less money than what the property is worth to them."

"For instance, the main argument I use for removing all restrictions on immigration is that this will create more American jobs. According to a Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation study, 460 out of one hundred thousand start a business each month, compared to 270

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Larson also notes that the campaign presents an opportunity to turn conventional wisdom on its head by showing how current government policies are counterproductive. native-born. Google, Yahoo, and Sun Microsystems were all founded by immigrants. Immigrants, by and large, are hard-working go-getters who come here seeking a better life for their families. Their fresh ideas and entrepreneurial spirit will help us compete in the global economy. Even low-wage laborers benefit our economy by helping drive down the cost of goods and services, thereby keeping the cost of living affordable and helping us fend off the outsourcing of American business overseas to low-wage countries such as China and India."

Larson is undaunted by the reality that it may take time to convince voters to accept radical change. "The typical politician seeks to follow public opinion and position himself in the mainstream, so that he can get enough votes to win the election. But I seek to be a public opinion leader, not a follower. My approach is to use consistent Libertarian ideas and use sound arguments to persuade the voters of the merits of our ideas. Over time, we can begin pulling public opinion in a Libertarian direction, so that the major party candidates will need to shift their own positions if they want to stay in the mainstream."

Larson acknowledges competing as a third party candidate is difficult, but says he can score points just by influencing Republicans and Democrats to support some of our proposals. "Not only does it result in Libertarian ideas being implemented as public policy, but it helps get the public accustomed to looking for private sector solutions, rather than asking politicians to fix their problems through big-government programs. All Libertarian policies share the common thread of less government involvement. As the attitudes of the public shift on certain issues, such as road privatization, they are likely to become more receptive to other Libertarian proposals, which can help future Libertarian candidates", he said.

Larson, a software engineer for a small government contractor, is a Certified Public Accountant and 2003 graduate of George Mason University. While studying under radical free market economists there, he became convinced of the merits of Libertarianism. He won election to the Student Senate on a cannabis reform platform and became involved with several Libertarian campaigns in Virginia. He lives in Catlett.

It's Barr/Root for 2008!

enver - The Libertarian Party has nominated former Congressman Bob Barr as its candidate for president for the 2008 election

for the 2008 election.

"I'm sure we will emerge here with the strongest ticket in the history of the Libertarian Party," Barr stated in his victory speech shortly after being selected as the Party's

solution and the Party's nominee. "I want everybody to remember that we only have 163 days to win this election. We cannot waste one single day."

More than 650 Libertarian delegates met in Denver from May 22 till the 26 for the 2008 Libertarian National Convention. After six rounds of voting Sunday afternoon, Barr was selected as the Party's presidential

"We're proud present to the to American voters Bob Barr as our presidential nominee," says Party Libertarian spokesperson An-"While drew Davis. Republicans and



Democrats will fight for their own power in November, Libertarians will fight for Americans. Bob Barr is one of the strongest candidates in the Party's 37-year history, and we look for him to have an enormous impact in the 2008 race. Republicans and Democrats have good reason to fear a candidate like Barr, who refuses to accept the 'business-as-usual' attitude of the current political establishment. Americans want and need another choice, and that choice is Bob Barr."

Bob Barr."

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in 1971 as an alternative to the two main political parties. You can find more information on the Libertarian Party by visiting www.LP.org. The Libertarian Party proudly stands for smaller government, lower taxes and more freedom.

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LP National Committee Doubles Up in Denver

Summarized by Jim Lark Edited by Marc Montoni

PVA members may not be aware that there are several levels of the Libertarian Party at which various decisions are made.

Virginia is part of the national LP's "Region 5 South". This region consists of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and is represented by Jim Lark of Free Union and Pulaski. The following is a brief summary of the actions taken at the May 22, 2008 and May 26, 2008 meetings of the Libertarian National Committee in Denver, CO.

May 22:

No actions taken!

May 26:

- **Received** a report from LP treasurer Aaron Starr that indicates the LP continues to be in good financial shape.

- Received a report from LP political director Sean Haugh indicating that the 2008 LP presidential ticket of Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn Root will try to raise funds in order to gain ballot access in the District of Columbia, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.

Heretofore, the LNC had determined that under current financial conditions, obtaining ballot access in those locations would probably be too expensive to justify the investment of resources.

- Appointed members to several standing committees for the 2008-2010 term, including the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee, the Convention Oversight Committee, and the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee.

The Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the LNC in certain circumstances requiring rapid action. The EC for the 2008-2010 term will consists of the four LNC officers (Chairman Bill Redpath, Vice Chairman Michael Jingozian, Secretary Bob Sullentrup, and Treasurer Aaron Starr), at-large representative Adm. Michael Colley (Alabama), and regional representatives Mark Hinkle (California) and Jim Lark (Virginia).

- Considered issues surrounding the need

to finalize a contract with the Libertarian presidential campaign concerning transfer of information involving donors, prospects, etc.

- Created the Advertising and Publications Review Committee, which will review materials distributed by the national party to ensure conformance with the LP's platform and bylaws.
- **Selected** the next LNC meeting date as Sept. 6-7, at a location to be determined.

Have a concern about actions taken by the LNC? To the right is contact information for the entire LNC. Get involved! This is your Party, and you have the right to know how it's being run!

For more information, see the official meeting minutes. They're available (once approved) on the national LP's web page:

lp.org/organization/archives.shtml

You can also contact the national LP Secretary, or your regional representative, for a copy of the latest report. Please see the LNC Directory on this page at the top right.

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Complete information next issue!

March 29, 2008 SCC Meeting

Summarized by Marc Montoni

The State Central Committee is the policy making body of the LPVA.

The most recent regular meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) was held on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the Richmond Marriott, Richmond, VA. The meeting was called to order by the newly-elected chairman, Jeff Bowles, at Vice Chairman Jim Lark, Treasurer Kevin McKenna, and Secretary

Marc Montoni were all present.
Under LPVA rules, Libertarian Party
Congressional District Committee Chairs are
entitled to a voting seat at SCC meetings; or
they can delegate the duty to any other LPVA
member. District chairs in attendance included: Mary Buzuma (CD2); Bob Lynch (CD3);
Don Tabor (CD4); John Munchmeyer (CD5);
Lis Bayley (CD6) and Bill Weed (CD1).

Liz Bowles (CD6); and Bill Wood (CD10).

Unrepresented district committees (e.g., neither the chair nor his delegate attended) included Kathy Mullin (CD1 chair); George Marchenko (CD7); Steve Dasbach (CD8); Jonathan McGlumphy (CD9); and Scott Wakeman (CD11).

Jim Lark noted that a 9th CD convention had been held; and said Vice Chair McGlumphy now rises to 9th CD chairmanship with Lark's election to LPVA VC. Lark also noted that noted that the Local Affiliate Parties Committee had re-elected him Chair of the body during their caucus at the convention.

The following is a list of actions taken at the meeting.

· Approved the Proposed Agenda with

no changes. Item PASSED without objection.

- Approved the Draft Minutes from the January SCC meeting after correcting two items in Budget motion. Item PASSED without objection. [Editor's Note: Official Minutes are available by download from the LPVA web site or by requesting a printout from the Secretary.]
- Reviewed a proposal to recertify Botetourt, Henrico (with provisional status for 30 days), JAL, Fauquier, Lynchburg L's, NRLP, RVLP, TLP, and Richmond affiliates. Item PASSED on voice vote.
- Re-Appointed Donny Ferguson to the Platform Committee. Item PASSED on a voice vote.
- Adopted June 28th in Richmond as the date and general location for the next meeting. Item PASSED without objection.
- Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

LPVA FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Treasurer provided a report of all revenue & expenses beginning with the last state convention and ending with the convention held this year, on March 29, 2008). As of March 31, 2008, the LPVA's checking account held a balance of §38,175.87. This amount included balances in several funds, although for this issue, we are not including them to make room for the 2-year summary.

1,375.14 Contributions For Party 991.76 Interest Income 1,000.00 LNC Membership LPVA Membership Dues 4,100.00 Mailing List Sales 189.70 Other Income Pledge Program 0.31 660.00 Renew Membership 825.00 State Convention Income 315.00 Targeted Contributions 1 032 72 UMP Payments From LNC 1,906.00 VA Liberty Advertising 100.00

Total Income

Expenses	
Campaign Contributions	1,000.00
Computer Software	335.02
Credit Card Processing Fee	778.54
Depreciation	703.06
Fundraising	361.23
Income Taxes	133.60
Internet Expense	684.69
Local Affiliate Activity	2,505.50
Office Supplies	23.10
Other Expense	290.76
Payments To LNC	1,750.00
Postage	602.97
Printing And Copying	1,119.70
Telephone	725.05
Virginia Liberty	3,632.01
Total Expense	17,063.71

Net Income -4,568.08

For the complete Treasurer's Report filed with the SCC, see the LPVA web site or request the Official Minutes from the Secretary.

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HENRICO COUNTY: Meeting dates and times vary. For more information, contact Henrico LP chairman Leonard Harris, <Henrico@LPVA.com>., or 804-266-6572.

RICHMOND: City of Richmond LP. Meeting time & location varies. Jon Walker, <RichmondLP@LPVA.com>, or 804-915-7175.

Tidewater Area

ACCOMACK COUNTY: Accomack County Libertarians. Bob Hutchinson <accomack@LPVA.com>.

GLOUCESTER & MATHEWS COUNTIES: Local LP Now forming. Kevin Arden, 804-693-4004 or <Gloucester@LPVA.com>.

NORFOLK: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 2nd Monthly meeting, every third Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting. The Atlanta Bread Company, 675 Phoenix Dr., Virginia Beach. See the TLP web site *TidewaterLP.com*. Tom Cantrell, <Tidewater@LPVA.com>, or 757-460-4017.

SUFFOLK: City Of Suffolk Libertarians. Ken Taylor, <Suffolk@LPVA.com>, or 757-923-1285.

VIRGINIA BEACH: Tidewater Libertarian Party. 1st Monthly meeting -- every first Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting, in the private dining room of the Atlanta Bread Company (corner of Phoenix Drive

Bread Company (corner of Phoenix Drive and Saber Street) in Virginia Beach. See the TLP web site *TidewaterLR.com*. Call Tom Cantrell, **757-460-4017**, or write: , <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: W&M Libertarians: <WilliamAndMary@LPVA.com>

Shenandoah Valley

HARRISONBURG: Harrisonburg/Rockingham LP. Reorganizing. To help, call Joe Rudmin, 540-433-0197 (h) or 540-568-2784 (w), or write <HRLP@LPVA.com>.

PAGE COUNTY: Page County Libertarians. Dave Switzer < Page@LPVA.com>. or **540-843-2057**.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY: Shenandoah County LP. Meeting time & location varies; call or write for informaPlease notify the Newsletter Staff of all updates to this page: Phone/Fax: 804-288-2766; or <Communications@LPVA.com>

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tion. Nancy Young, **540-477-2520**, or write: ${\rm <ShenandoahCounty@LPVA.co}$ m>.

WINCHESTER: Winchester Libertarians. For residents of Winchester, Clarke/Warren/Frederick Counties. Monthly meetings normally held on the third Tuesday of each month. For precise location of each month's meeting, or for other information, call or write Bill Wood, 540-955-0733, or <BlueRidge@LPVA.com>.

COLLEGE: JMU Libertarians. - see info for Harrisonburg (above) or write <JMU@LPVA.com>.

Charlottesville Area

CHARLOTTESVILLE: Jefferson Area Libertarians. For residents of the cities of Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Staunton, and the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Fluvanna, Greene, and Nelson. Quarterly business meetings and special meetings: time and location by announcement. Monthly "Happy Hour":

at Mellow Mushroom restaurant (1309 W. Main St.), second Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please call Arin Sime (434-996-5226) or Jim Lark (434-973-5958), or write <JAL@LPVA.com>.

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LP of Cumberland County.
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ORANGE COUNTY: Orange County Libertarians. Don Ober, **540-672-2793**

Northern Virginia

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FAUQUIER COUNTY: Fauquier County Libertarian Committee. Walt Thiessen at <Fauquier@LPVA.com>

LOUDOUN COUNTY: Monthly meeting 4th Mondays. Location Vintage 50 reasturant, 50 Catoctin Circle NE #100 Leesburg, VA 20176. Contact David Englert at DMEnglert@gmail.com. Visit the group Meetup page at Libertarian.Meetup.com/319/

COLLEGE: GMU College Libertarians: Meeting time & location varies. Write: <CollegeLibertarians@LPVA.com>

Peninsula

ESSEX COUNTY: Northern Neck Libertarians. <NorthernNeck@LPVA.com>.

FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Area Libertarians. JR Stevenson, **540-775-7722**, or <Fredericksburg@LPVA.c om>

Southwest Virginia

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WASHINGTON COUNTY: Contact Shawn Phelps via email at <hairborne200 0@yahoo.com>.

COLLEGE: University of Virginia - Wise. Campus contact is; Kenny Newberry. kenny_newberry@yahoo.com

Lynchburg and Vicinity

BEDFORD COUNTY: LP of Bedford County. Rebekah Hoskins, 434-609-0729 or <BedfordCounty@LPVA.com>.

LYNCHBURG: Lynchburg Libertarians. For residents of Lynchburg and surrounding counties. Monthly meetings, 2nd Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Monte Carlo Restaurant, 3230 Old Forest Road (across from Applebee's). Dave Overstreet, 540-587-7597 or <Lynchburg@LPVA.com>

Roanoke Area

BOTETOURT COUNTY: Botetourt County Libertarians. Liz Bowles, <Botetourt@LPVA.com>, or 540-473-2030.

CRAIG COUNTY: Libertaran-Party of Craig County. Doug Lucas, <CraigCounty@LPVA.com>.

FRANKLIN COUNTY: Franklin County Libertarians. Charles Pasley, <FranklinCounty@LPVA.com>, or 540-721-2012.

MARTINSVILLE: Martinsville Libertarians.

Re-forming. <Martinsville@LPVA.com>.

MONTGOMERY River Libertarians. For residents of Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, and Floyd counties. Monthly meetings are on the first Tuesdays of even-numbered months, Bogen's Restaurant, 622 North Main St, Blacksburg at 7:00 PM (social hour starts at 6:00). Please contact Jonathan McGlumphy, NewRiver@LPVA.com>, or 540-231-3708. Also see the NRL web site at:

www.NewRiverLibertarians.org

ROANOKE COUNTY: Roanoke
Valley Libertarian Party. For
members residing in Roanoke.

members residing in Roanoke, Salem, and Roanoke County. Monthly meeting, 1st Mondays. 6:30 p.m., Roanoke County Public Library, Hollins branch, 6624 Peters Creek Rd. Directions: 540-561-8024. Scott Shreckhise <JscottShr@aol.com>, or 540-

767-1776.

COLLEGE: VWCC: Libertarians of Virginia Western Community College: <VirginiaWestern@LPVA.com>

COLLEGE: VT: Libertarians at Virginia Tech. Jonathan McGlumphy, <VT@LPVA.com>, or **540-231-3708**.

Southside Virginia

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