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Dear Friends,

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying your summer. It is hard to believe that it is almost over! Soon the leaves will turn, the temperature will cool and the fall fairs and football games will be upon us.

It seems that just yesterday we were debating the budget and expanded gambling. Thank you to the many who called, prayed, sent emails and letters encouraging me to continue the uphill fight against an industry that preys upon "the least of these."

God gave us four institutions to build strong and stable societies: family, community, church and government. The first three often do a much better job of addressing problems like drug addiction and crime prevention. In fact, the stronger these three institutions are, the less we need government-funded detoxification programs, prisons and parole officers.

Most Americans are suspicious of government and recognize its inherent inefficiencies. When asked to name something government does well (aside from take more money each year), it usually takes us a while to answer.

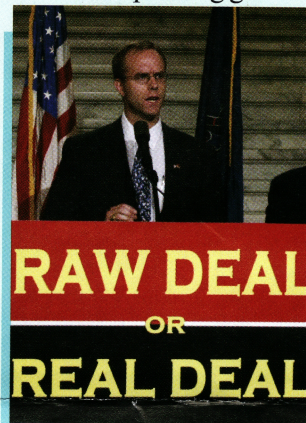
Yet when faced with a problem like drug addiction, the first institution we often ask to address the issue is government, with one of its myriad of (ineffective) programs. It seems we quickly forget that the three other institutions often provide more complete answers.

Liberty requires strong families, active communities and vibrant churches. It wilts under the weight of ever-expanding government. With the former comes opportunity. With the latter comes bureaucracy and bondage.

That is why I will continue to stand against gambling-not because I'm opposed to another entertainment choice, but because I am opposed to an industry that tries to create as many addicts as possible; an industry that could care less about the consequences it creates-broken families, more isolated communities and under-occupied churches. What it promotes are new government programs and higher taxes to deal with the addiction problems, added burden on our criminal justice system, etc.

For these same reasons I will also fight to protect traditional marriage, as it has been defined for the last 5,000 years by every society, and the liberty of all of us, not just a fringe minority seeking special rights.

Jefferson warned that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. It will remain in our grasp only so long as we understand that it rests on strong families, active communities and vibrant churches. The battle is not over. I will continue to do my part to protect our liberties and stand up for the things that are important to our community.



At a late night press conference, I explained how the gambling bill takes money promised for property tax relief and gives it to pet projects in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,

Gib Armstrong
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For his role in saving the life of a young boy seriously injured in a car accident on Route 272, Ed Burrell received the 2004 Valor Award at this year's Statewide Firefighter's Fair.

Statewide Firefighter's Fair Huge Success

In June, I was pleased to welcome firefighters from across Pennsylvania to Rawlinsville Fire Company's Firemen's Fair at Muddy Run Park. The weekend event included fun carnival activities, fire engine and helicopter rides, and music.

The highlight of the weekend was a recognition ceremony held Saturday evening. The five Lancaster County Firemen who gave their lives in the line of duty over last decade were recognized. Dennis Drennen, president of the Rawlinsville Fire Company, rang a bell after each of the five names was read. The bell belongs to the Lancaster City Fire Department and was used for decades, starting in 1883, to call city fireman to action.

State Police Captain Steve McDaniel, Commanding Officer of Lancaster's Troop J, presented New Providence Ambulance Association Member Ed Burrell with a Valor Award for his role in saving the life of a young boy seriously injured in a car accident on Route 272. The day's festivities concluded with a finale of fireworks over the lake.

Thanks to the many sponsors who made the event possible, we had a great time and raised some much-needed funds for Rawlinsville Fire Company. We look forward to doing it again.

100th District Volunteer Fire, EMS Providers Receive More Than \$150,000 in State Grants

County receives more than \$900,000

Our local volunteer fire and EMS responders are the first line of defense in protecting our communities, our homes and our families. This year, these brave men and women who occasionally risk their lives and make regular sacrifices on our behalf received some unexpected, but much-needed, financial support.

That was thanks to \$25 million in grants to volunteer emergency service providers authorized by the state legislature. Under the legislation, local volunteers will receive grants up to \$15,000 for projects like construction/renovation, purchase or repair of emergency equipment, debt reduction and training.

The Ambulance Association in Christiana, Conestoga and Wakefield will receive over \$6,000 each. Fire companies receiving grants in the 100th District include:

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| ◆Bart Township Fire Company, \$10,346 | ◆Keystone Wildfire Crew Inc., \$8,745 |
| ◆Christiana Fire Company No. 1, \$11,129 | ◆Paradise-Leaman Place Fire Company, \$10,346 |
| ◆Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company, \$10,988 | ◆Pequea Volunteer Fire Company, \$10,529 |
| ◆Eden Fire Company No. 1, \$13,215 | ◆Quarryville Fire Company No. 1, \$9,825 |
| ◆Gap Fire Company, \$10,485 | ◆Refton Community Fire Company, \$10,526 |
| ◆Highville Fire Company, \$10,607 | ◆Robert Fulton Fire Company, \$9,564 |
| ◆Intercourse Fire Company, \$9,978 | ◆Strasburg Fire Company No. 1, \$10,607 |

Pennsylvania is one of the first states to provide this type of direct grant. This is the third time such grants have been dispersed since the program began in 2000.

I will continue to support programs like this that help those who do so much for our communities. For more information, visit the Office of The State Fire Commissioner Web site at www.osfc.state.pa.us.

Quarryville Library Happenings

SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR GRANT WRITING SEMINAR!

If you belong to an organization that occasionally asks for state or federal funding, you might want to consider attending the next grant writing seminar. Getting money out of the state or federal treasury can be complicated, and the application itself can be confusing. Let us take the mystery out of it. The seminar will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 19, at the Quarryville Library. Cost is \$100 per organization (not person). Refreshments will be served. If interested, please call Susan Delfert at 786-4551.

Fall Programs

- Sept. 1** Business and Money Seminars begin - call library for details
- Sept. 4-6** LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- Sept. 11** 10:30a.m. - Grandparent's Day Program
- Sept. 13** 10:30 a.m. - Tacky the Penguin Story Time
- Sept. 15** LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 4 p.m. FOR SOLANCO PARADE
- Sept. 22** 10:30 a.m. - Computer Workshops begin - call library for details
- Sept. 23** 4:30-6 p.m. - Chess Challenge (ages 9 and up)
- Sept. 25** Home and Garden Tea - call Linda at 529-2216 for details
- Oct. 9** 10:30 a.m. - Hot Diggity Dog Program from the Lancaster Museum of Art
- Nov. 6** 10:30 a.m. - Behind the Science from the Maryland Science Center
- Dec. 11** Holiday Cookie Sale

Fall Book Sale

- Oct. 20** 6-8p.m. - Preview for Members of Friends (Annual memberships available at door-\$5.00)
- Oct. 21** 9a.m.- 8p.m.
- Oct. 22** 9a.m.- 5p.m.
- Oct. 23** 9a.m.- noon

Preschool Story Times (all Story Times being at 10:30 a.m.)

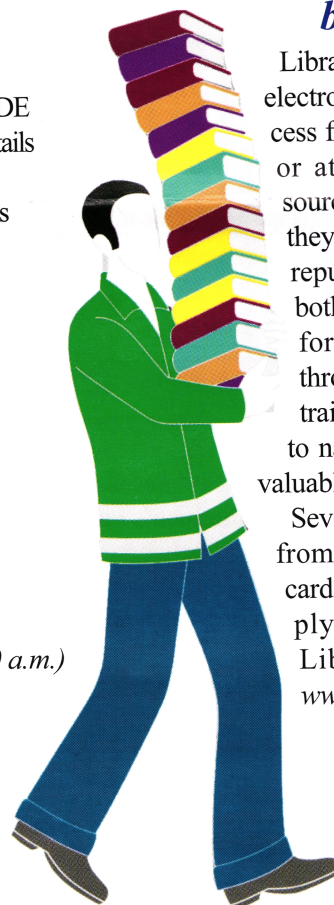
- 18 months to 2 years: Mondays and Thursdays
- 3 year olds: Fridays
- 5 year olds: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Our **Fall Reading Program** is just around the corner. Great programs and reading activities are planned for all ages.

Did you know that your library isn't just about books anymore?

Libraries today offer a wide range of electronic resources that you can access free of charge at home, at work or at your public library. These sources, accessible via the Internet, they are accurate, authoritative and reputable sources of information, both safe for children and powerful for business people. Librarians throughout the county are specially trained to teach their patrons how to navigate the databases to access valuable information.

Several resources can be accessed from home by using your library card's barcode. To give it a try, simply log on to the Quarryville Library's homepage at www.quarryvillelibrary.org.



Keeping Families First

School Start Dates

Lampeter-Strasburg School District:

Tuesday, August 31

Solanco School District:

Monday, August 30

Penn Manor School District:

Monday, August 30

Pequea Valley School District:

Monday, August 30

Attention All High School Juniors and Seniors:

Would you like to learn first-hand about how government works behind the scenes, serve your friends and neighbors, all while earning class credits? If so, you might be interested in being an intern in my Quarryville district office. Interviews of interested junior and senior high school students are underway. For more information, call Laura in the Quarryville office at (717) 786-4551.

Armstrong Hosts First Annual Children's Expo

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on October 9, I, along with Sen. Gibson E. Armstrong, will host a Children's Expo at the Strasburg Fire Company. Among other things, the event will include: Whitaker on Wheels starring "Stuffy on the Road;" "Body Works," teaching kids about healthy lifestyle habits; the Strasburg Fire Department will teach children what to do in the event of a fire with their amkie "smoke" trailer; a visit from the State Police, and the Insurance Women of Lancaster County will have Sparky the Dog on hand to teach "Stop, Drop and Roll."

Seat belt checks and traffic safety information will be provided by PENNDOT, and "Larry and Vince" will teach kids about the importance of seat belts. Parents will be able to protect their children through Kid Print, while kids learn about bicycle safety.

These are just a few of the activities planned for the children. Food will be served. We hope to see you there!



Sportsman's Corner

Receive updates on laws, regulations and wildlife education. Purchase a hunting license online. Visit the Game Commission's Web site:

www.pgc.state.pa.us

2004-05 Hunting Seasons & Bag Limit Listings Now Available

Free brochures highlighting the 2004-05 Hunting Season and Bag Limits are available by calling my office. (See back page for contact information).

Other available brochures include:

- ◆Wildlife Notes: Provides information on Pennsylvania wildlife.
- ◆Hunting Booklet: Provides hunting dates, bag limits and other information.
- ◆Pennsylvania Fish, Boat and Game & Wildlife regulations and codes.

Senior Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Pennsylvanians age 65 and older may purchase hunting and fishing licenses at reduced rates of only \$13 for a hunting license and \$4 for a fishing license. Lifetime licenses are also available (\$50.75 for hunting and \$16 for fishing). Free fishing licenses are available for Pennsylvania veterans with 100 percent service-related disabilities.

Buy your licenses at sporting goods stores, the County Treasurer's Office, or The Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, (717) 787-4250 or the Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 1673, Harrisburg, (717) 705-7800.

Hunting Licenses for Military Personnel

Active duty military personnel can hunt in PA for \$1, a savings of \$19 off the regular \$20 price. The licenses can be purchased at a Game Commission Regional Office or from the County Treasurer's Office. It is one small way we can say thank you for your service to our country!



Resolution Recognizes Contributions of Sportsmen to Environment

Sportsmen make a tremendous contribution to the recreational and economic vitality of Pennsylvania. Recently the House passed a resolution to recognize their importance to our economy and our environment.

Did you know that over 38 million American hunters infuse \$70 billion directly to the economy, with a ripple effect of \$180 billion? Additionally, hunters contribute \$1.7 billion every year to various conservation programs.

Each year anglers support 1 million jobs and small businesses in communities across the United State and purchase \$3.2 billion in basic fishing equipment. In Pennsylvania alone, they spend \$2.2 million.

American hunters spend \$21 billion every year—\$1.2 million of that is spent in this Commonwealth on licenses and equipment, and adding significantly to the wildlife lands that are kept pristine for future generations.



Visiting Harrisburg



The Solanco Chamber of Commerce visited Harrisburg this spring to meet with me concerning legislation affecting the residents and communities of southern Lancaster County.

Students from Solanco High School visited the State Capitol to tour the capitol with me and ask questions about government and legislative issues.

2004 Fair Guides Available at My Office

Copies of the 2004 Pennsylvania Fair Guide are now available at the district office. The guide lists the dates, locations, events and contact information for over 100 Pennsylvania agricultural fairs and events this fall in Pennsylvania.

Several million visitors will attend fairs across the state, including the local Solanco Lancaster Fair this Sept. 15-17 at Memorial Park in Quarryville and the Lampeter Community Fair scheduled for Sept. 22-24 at the Lampeter Fair Grounds.

For a free Fairs Guide, visit my Quarryville office at 215 D East State Street. More information is also available at www.pda.state.pa.us or call (717) 787-5342.

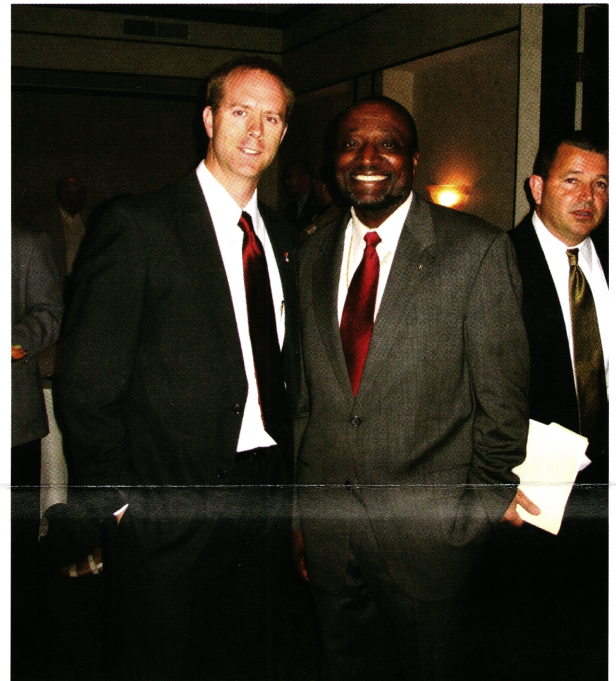
Best wishes to all the participants. We will see you there!

Working Hard For You Legislative Link Kicks Off With Wide Success

Keeping you informed on the issues you care about is very important to me. But staying in contact with 60,000 constituents is not easy. Newsletters like this one only come a few times a year — with limited information on just a few issues. Now there is a new way to keep in touch! It is called the **Legislative Link**, a new electronic newsletter. Because it comes via email, it costs much less, so I can keep you better informed and save your tax dollars. Best of all, your newsletter will be written just for YOU. By establishing your Constituent Profile, you let me know what information you want me to include in your newsletter.

To set up your account, visit www.repgibarmstrong.com, click on the **Legislative Link** box in the upper right corner and follow the three simple steps. You can update your profile or stop distribution any time.

Thank you for helping me stay more accountable to you. I look forward to serving you via the **Legislative Link**.



I had the honor of talking with Mr. Alan Keyes, former presidential candidate and U.S. Ambassador to the UN, and now a candidate for the U.S. Senate in Illinois, at a recent pastors' conference in Harrisburg. Keyes explained to a standing-room only group of Pennsylvania pastors how our liberty is founded on traditional families and the Juedo-Christian heritage of our founders.

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