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IS DEMOCRACY DYING IN VIRGINIA?

JIM VENCILL TO RUN FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Jim Vencill of Nokesville has declared that he will run for House of Delegates in the Thirteenth District. A supporter of libertarianism since reading the works of Robert Ringer 20 years ago, he rejoined the Libertarian Party at the Prince William County convention last November after an absence of a few years.

Jim was born in Sidney, Nebraska and lived in nearby Kimball until entering the army for a four-year tour. He learned electronics in the army and in night school, and currently is the owner of The Technology Group, a systems integration company specializing in computer telephony. Jim has been a resident of Virginia for the past 15 years.

The Vencill campaign marks the fourth consecutive year that there has been a Libertarian on the ballot in Prince William County. Jim was inspired to run for office by the efforts of the Reams campaign last year. He expects to further popularize Libertarian ideas and contribute to building a professional political organization in Prince William County.

Jim intends to run on a platform of support for the First Amendment, restoring the Second Amendment, repealing drug prohibition and eliminating the business tax on gross proceeds (a business 'license' known as BPOL). Under consideration by the campaign committee are issues such as massive tax credits for parents who remove their children from public school and place them in private school or school them at home. Development issues and legislation to allow Virginia residents to withdraw from the Social Security system are also being discussed.

Jim's campaign manager is Jane McKenzie of Sterling, a contracts manager with a major corporation. His campaign treasurer is retired Air Force veteran Pat

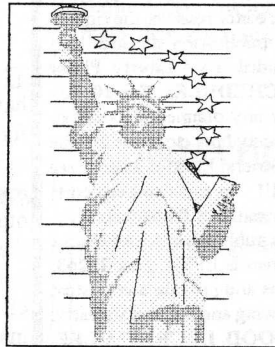
Snider of Dale City. His communications director is Cynthia Neil of Woodbridge, a long-time fan of Ayn Rand and Objectivism. Both Pat and Cynthia were supporters of the Reams for Congress campaign.

Jim is opposed by incumbent Republican Bob Marshall. There is no Democrat or independent in the race, so this will be a great opportunity to talk to dissatisfied and open-minded voters. See page 4 for how you can help Jim and the other LPVA candidates.

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by Shelley Tamres

I just received a copy of the candidate lists for the November 4 election from the State Board of Elections. I've compiled some statistics for House of Delegates candidates. Three of our six candidates are in 2-way races. An incredible 47 candidates out of 100 seats, all incumbents, are running UN-OPOSED! An additional 12 seats are lacking candidates from both major (Dems & Reps) parties. Ten of these are incumbents opposed by "independents" (including 3 of ours). One is an independent incumbent opposed by an independent. The last is a Dem vs. a Reform, no incumbent in that race. Only 7 races have no incumbent; 93 of the



EVENT CALENDAR



The State Central Committee, Sept. 6th, in Charlottesville, 12 noon lunch, 1 p.m. meeting, Oct. 4 in Richmond. Contact State Chair Dana Johansen.

The Future of Freedom Foundation See their ad in this issue.

The Vienna Coffee Club. For details contact The Future of Freedom Foundation, 703-934-6101 or visit their web site at www.fff.org/freedom/daily/.

Patrick Henry Supper Club The schedule now will be Tuesdays. The new emcee is Shelby McCurnin. At Morrisons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian tumpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and program begins at 7. Schedule: The following are the dates of the next Patrick Henry Supper Clubs through December. September 2 (1st Tuesday) Candidate Night -- meet some of the Libertarians running for office in Virginia this November. October 7 (1st Tuesday) Speaker: Susan Atkins -- Modern Nightmares in Medicine. November 4 (1st Tuesday) ELECTION NITE!! Run for Office! December 2 (1st Tuesday) "Clinton Isn't Santa Claus" Mini-Class; also, we have a speaker (topic TBA): Mr Robert Holland.-- Marc Montoni

The LP of Fairfax County will hold the next meeting September. Contact Paul Gagnon, 703-329-6857 for more information.

Liberty Toastmasters, Little Cafe at Arlington courthouse, on the 2nd and last Mondays of the month, 6:45 p.m., contact Bryant Cochran at 703-780-7587.

On campus activism. At the University of VA contact Jim Lark at 804-973-5958. At Washington and Lee, contact Wayne Dymacek at 703-463-6981.

Libertarian Party of Prince William Co. For more information, contact Phil Hodson 703-257-1712. Second Saturday of each month at 11AM at Bertucci's Pizza in Manassas.

Tidewater Supper Club, contact Sanford Pankin at 757-244-0516. Tidewater LP meets 2nd Saturday of every month at the Oasis Restaurant on Kikkapan Rd 7:00 pm.

The Ballot Access Committee, for details on next meeting, contact: Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218
Libertarians of Loudoun Co. will be having their

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monthly get-together beginning at 6:30 pm on Aug.8 at 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164. Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218, shelleytam@aol.com.

Jefferson Area Libertarians For information, please contact Marianne Volpe, Chair, at (804) 293-3976, or e-mail mev6e@avery.med.virginia.edu.

Students for Individual Liberty, Box 514, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, VA22904, 804-982-5016, e-mail liberty@Virginia.edu
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100 current House members are running for re-election. Total candidates for House of Delegates: Democrats: 70, Republican: 68, Reform: 5, LP: 6, Other: 13, Total: 162.

CAMPUS LIBERTARIAN GROUPS ACTIVITIES

Those who are interested in participating in this meeting should contact Dr. Lark at his Free Union address: J.W. Lark, III, P.O. Box 274, Free Union, VA 22940, 804-973-5958. E-mail correspondence should be sent to jwl3s@virginia.edu.

LOCAL AFFILIATE PARTIES

The Libertarian Party of Prince William County will have an information table at the Prince William County Fair for the second consecutive year. This is the largest county fair in the state, visited by many thousands of people. The fair is open for ten hours each day for nine days, and the labor required to keep our table staffed far exceeds the resources of the fledgling LPPWC. Last year, we were greatly assisted by volunteers from Fairfax County and elsewhere, who made the effort possible and productive. Without the contacts that we made at the fair, our membership would have been insufficient to establish an affiliate party in November, and there would be no LP candidate in Prince William County this year. Among the people who joined the LP as a result of the fair are Bill Lawry (LPPWC Secretary), Cynthia Neil (LPPWC Director of Communications), and Jim Vencill (Candidate for House of Delegates). The fair runs from noon until 10 PM daily during the period 8 - 16 August. Get a free ticket and the satisfaction of building a winning team in Virginia; volunteer now. Call Philip Hodson, 703-257-1712.

Jefferson Area Libertarians have adopted Route 20, South of Charlottesville. The Adopt-a-Highway program is run by the Virginia Department of Transportation to keep the Commonwealth's roads clean using volunteers. To participate in the program an organization agrees to pick up trash along a 2 mile stretch of road at least four times a year, VDOT provides trash bags, safety vests and pick up of the trash bags. The organization gets two signs on the highway emblazoned with their organization's name. To participate in the program, call 1-800-PRIDEVA, or call me at 804- 293-3976 or e-mail at mev6e@virginia.edu. At the recent meeting of the Jefferson Area Libertarians on July 9 Mr. James W. Lark, III, was appointed Secretary to fill the term of Mr. Joseph Rudmin. Mr. Rudmin leaves our organization to teach English (and Libertarianism) in Lithuania on August 1, 1997. He was instrumental in the formation of JAL and his enthusiasm, hard work, and love for his fellow Libertarians will be sorely missed in the months to come. We wish him the best of luck in Lithuania. We are indebted to Mr. Lark for his willingness to take on another tough, time-consuming job in addition to his other commitments. JAL plans to run an information booth at two county fairs this summer: the Orange County Fair (July 25,

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IMPORTANT NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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- ★ **Tomas Estrada-Palma**, LPVA Vice-Chair, Woodbridge, 703-492-7095, e-mail testrada@citi.net.
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- ★ **Scott Elston**, LPVA Treasurer. 2800 Aspinald Dr., Richmond, VA 23233
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- ★ **Jay Rutledge**, Virginia Sixth District Friends of Liberty, 1823 Blenheim Rd., SW, Roanoke, VA 24015, 540-981-9213 email is: noborders@gnn.com
- ★ **LPVA**, PO Box 28263, Richmond, VA 23228, 1-800-619-1776. web site is <http://www.lp.org> or <http://LPVA.com>
- ★ **Brad Barnhill** as the LAP (Local Affiliate Parties) Chair. 109 Shale Place, Charlottesville, VA 22902, 804-295-2312. email bradbva@chv.mindspring.com.
- ★ **Marianne Volpe**, Jefferson Area Libertarians, 817 White Rock Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22902, 804-296-0955 e-mail: mev6e@virginia.edu
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- ★ **Shelley Tamres**. Ballot Access Chair, 703-450-0218. e-mail: shelleytam.@aol.com. 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164.
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26, 27) and the Albemarle County Fair August 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31). If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact Nancy Howell at 804- 978-4866, or Marianne Volpe at 804-293-3976 or e-mail: ev6e@virginia.edu).

LIBERTY TODAY AIRS

The premier episode of Liberty Today aired on Fairfax cable TV Channel 10 at 10:30 PM on Thursday 3 July and again at 11:30 PM on Saturday 5 July. The program is produced and hosted by Libertarians Matt Thexton and Chris Wright. During the first episode, Matt and Chris introduced themselves and the program format to the viewers. They also discuss the Orwellian concept of mandatory and paid volunteerism and proposed legislation in the District of Columbia to require taxi owners to operate only air-conditioned taxi cabs not more than six years old.

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- help distribute literature
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- help with press releases
- help with fundraising activities
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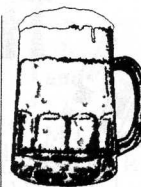
Most policy debates between libertarians and statists focus on the role of markets versus governments. Dr. Fred Foldvary in the Jan. 1997 issue of the Freeman believes this to be a misleading distinction. He believes we should be asking not whether the market or the government can do the best job, but whether the governance should be voluntary or coercive.

Governance is required for the provision of collective goods. Markets can determine the demand for private goods, but finding out the individual demand for collective goods is a problem, especially in ascertaining pricing. However, Foldvary points out that governance can be consensual and contractual even with collective goods.

Spencer MacCallum, in The Art of Community, points out the similarities in functions between hotel and city governance. The hotel, like city hall,

provides management, collective goods: a town square (like a lobby), streets (like hallways), transportation (elevators), fire protection, recreation, and other services. The collective goods are paid from the rental paid by guests and user fees pay for individually consumed items such as phone calls and room service.

Hotels, like condo and homeowner associations, are a contractual community. They provide services that make the territory more valuable, increasing economic rent (the value of a specific space), which in turn pays for the collective goods by market processes. Taxation of labor, capital, and sales is not required! However, market processes, demonopolization of operations, and decentralization are required. Foldvary maintains that consensual communities are models for tax and governmental reforms because they bring society closer to voluntary governance.



THE SAM ADAMS AWARDS

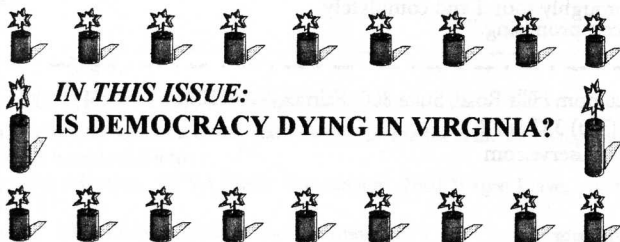
Hoist a double tankard to Phil Hodson, the chair of the Libertarian Party of Prince William County. He has devoted uncounted hours to making the LPPWC a viable entity, the Reams for Congress campaign an inspiration, and many other contributions to the cause of liberty. Phil is soft-spoken, a do-er, not a talker. Most importantly, he just keeps on going like an energizer bunny. Rumor has it that he really is only 22 years old.

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