Sisters support the second amendment

Washington, D.C. -- Annie, get your gun - because the gun shop will be padlocked soon. The assault on our "assault weapons" continues, and the outlook for freedom is grim. In every state, bureaucrats are trying to disarm Americans. And unfortunately, women seem to be leading the charge. I marched with the Second Amendment Sisters on Mother's day - the counter rally to the so-called "Million Mom March" which was organized by Clinton relatives, attended by Hillary and Tipper, and organized by a tax-exempt organization that by law should not be involved in any partisan politics.

I was glad for those who marched with me, but there should have been more. Ladies, we've got to get moving on this issue! We've got to get armed, not just with revolvers and semi-autos, but with the facts. A Washington radio station sponsored the "Million Mom March" because they actually see disarmament as "a women's issue". We must show them that self-defense, the defense of our children, and individual liberty are very much women's issues.

If you're a woman who has ever thought about firing or owning a gun, the time is now. There's nothing un-feminine about protecting yourself. Guns are no scarier than any other tool, once you know how to use them. And I can tell you from personal experience that if you want to See DEFEND YOURSELF Page 2

Defending the first amendment

Chesterfield -- In 1999, LP candidate Tim Belton attempted to purchase an ad in the Monacan High School newspaper, the Tribe Scribe. Principal Deborah Hinton rejected the ad, arguing that the "content was in conflict with school policies".

Belton discussed the issue several times with members of the school board without progress. The ACLU has since looked at the case, and see the ad rejection as a clear violation of First Amendment rights. They agreed to take the case to court for Belton at no cost.

What was objectionable about Belton's ads? The smaller ad simply stated: "As a Libertarian, I believe you have a right to do whatever you choose with your life and property; so long as you don't infringe upon or interfere with the equal rights of others to do the same", and then mentioned specifically: "abolish the sale of fuel and income taxes", "tax credits for real reform of education", "end the prohibition of marijuana", "protect and restore our personal liberties" and "preserve our second amendment rights". Liberty is offensive now?
Defend yourself

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acquire a personal skill that will leave you with a sense of empowerment and accomplishment, shooting is the way to go.

Do you have children? All the more reason to own a gun! Forget the myths and the lies. A recent study found that children given guns by their parents are actually less likely to commit crimes with guns than those who aren't. When the government says 13 children are killed by guns every day - they don't tell you that the majority of those "kids" are actually 17 and 18-year-old gang members. Trigger lock? Sure, if you like. But according to Professor John Lott, who's studied gun statistics for years, states with trigger locks actually see an increase in crime.

John Gotti's number one hit man, Sammy "the Bull" Gravano, was recently quoted in Vanity Fair as saying that criminals love it when their victims' guns are immobilized. (Socialists do too -- Sarah Brady allegedly said in a '94 issue of The National Educator "in order to create a socialist America, we can only succeed when the opposition is disarmed.")

Also from Professor Lott -- another myth debunked, that women who resist an attack are more likely to be hurt or killed. Problem is, the study that information came from didn't differentiate between what kind of resistance you use. Screams and fists? Yes, those are more likely to result in injury. A gun? Lott's study found that women who had a gun were the most likely to survive. And wouldn't your children be grateful for that?

The bottom line is, your children's safety is YOUR responsibility. Even if you have a 250 lb. husband, he can't always be there. And chances are you can't afford the ARMD guard that Rosie O'Donnell hired to protect her own child. It is your duty to equip yourself with the most effective tool so your kids need to defend themselves and your precious babies.

Ladies, the facts are on the side of self-defense -- for women, for men, and for our children.

By the way, Democratic 'anti-gun' California congresswoman Diane Feinstein has a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Annie, get your gun. Diane's already got hers.

--- NOELLE STEINBERG

Recommended gun rights organizations:
Gun Owners of America
Second Amendment Foundation
Second Amendment Sistars
Jews For The Preservation of Firearms

Shooting back

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Jewish neighborhood. There was a woman who lived down the street who had been in the concentration camps. The identification number that had been branded on her arm was plainly visible. I read books like The Diary of Anne Frank and All But My Life, and I watched movies like Fiddler. I was made vividly aware of what was happening in real life. The Israelis were our heroes -- they could do no wrong. Everyone knew who was good and who was bad, and it was not as cut and dried as陪着 military victories against the Nazis, etc., or against terrorists, and very angry when Israel was attacked in any way. As a result, the right to self-defense was taken completely for granted by me on a level below conscious thought.

I simply couldn't have imagined going quietly off to the Nazi death camps. My one wish would have been to take as many of them with me as possible. "Ironically, it wasn't until I met my ex-spouse that I learned my father wouldn't even allow guns in our house, although he'd served in the Army. But it was not his attitude about guns that I learned while growing up it was the Israelis.

The Israelis experienced terrorist attacks against school children about 20 years ago. They responded by arming the teachers and parents and had no further incidents of this kind.

Do I want my children attending schools with armed guards? Of course not. But I fear we may have no other rational choice. The only school attack that I am aware of being stopped was one where an adult on the scene had a gun. There are no easy answers. I just hope we begin pouring our energy into determining why these things are happening, instead of into knee-jerk reactions like adding to the 20,000 gun control laws already on the books.

Police cannot prevent crimes -- they can only hunt down and jail the 'perpetrators after crimes have been committed. It is up to us to protect ourselves. But were talking about the future: what would we do if we were to be told we could not choose to live in a country where government agents and criminals were the only possessors of firearms. Since joining the Libertarian party in 1977, I have learned there is a theoretical base for my own innate prejudices. The cornerstone of Libertarian philosophy is the belief that it is wrong to initiate force. Since government is an agent of force, the only proper role of government is to protect the rights of individuals.

So the next time I see my uncle, I intend to ask him, "What constitutes valid authority? I know that I would no more hand over my gun to the U.S. government than to the Nazis. And I do not agree that the Branch Davidians should have surrendered to a government that had exceeded its own legal limits in numerous ways.

In a utopia, no one would need weapons. But utopia is not an option. I just know that given a choice between the problems of freedom and the problems of tyranny, I will always choose the problems of freedom.

--- SHELLY TAMRES

Target Night, left to right: Shelley Tamres, Mat Thexton, Marc Montoni, Bill Lawry and Scott Elston.
My name is Richard Rider. For 23 years I’ve been a California Libertarian Party member and taxpayer activist. I’ve run for office several times, including as the 1994 Libertarian Party candidate for governor of California (another 48% and I would have WON that sucker!).

Rut I’m running this commercial ad both to save you money and to make me fabulously rich (well, less middle class, perhaps). Our family business -- Economy Telcom -- operates nationwide as an independent consulting firm in the field of long distance service and high-speed data line transmission. We are similar to an independent insurance agency in that we represent (currently 23) different companies to match programs with different client needs.

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To paraphrase a favorite cliche of our political opponents, it’s a win-win-win-win situation. You pay much less for long distance, you pay lower taxes on your smaller phone bill, I get rich, and your LP newsletter makes money on our ads. The only losers are the government and your present long distance carrier.

To sign up, or to discuss your situation, give us a call at 1-888-721-8141 extension 3333; or e-mail me at RRider@san.rr.com. Let’s do some business!
Why guns are right for women

I'll bet that when you mention the need for an armed citizenry and self-defense, many women don't see themselves in that picture. Instead, images of Arnold Schwarzenegger gunning down the bad guys with triple-barreled automatic weapons comes to mind. But beyond these images lies a truth that women cannot ignore. We are smaller and generally less able to defend ourselves against physical forces in a world where the weak are easy marks for predators. Crime shows and local news programs reveal more women are victims of crime. The fear generated by these images is often transformed into misguided attempts at more gun control.

The reality is that criminals don't obey the law. They still have their weapons and seek out any perceived "easy targets". The true equalizer for women is the gun. No other weapon can match its ability to thwart a would-be attacker. We women must learn not to fear guns, but to become familiar and proficient with their use through gun safety and shooting programs.

Only when we face our fear of guns and see them as nothing more than tools for protecting ourselves and our families, will we be less vulnerable to predators and have more control over our lives.

---MARIE BROMM

Protect your second amendment rights!

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Guns in schools

The occasional school shootings that have been magnified in the media to proportions of epic disaster can be greatly reduced by the citizens who live in the area. A typical school shooting will occur without much planning and usually when there is an adult on the premises. Crime-prone, and certainly too irresponsible, to be trusted with a firearm, much less a concealed firearm at a school.

My children attend local schools, and I would feel safe taking them if I knew the school would have a gun in the school. I have the right to be protected, and I want the schools to be protected.

---LARRY PRATT

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How Can You be a Feminist and a Libertarian?

I am a feminist and a Libertarian. Some may ask, "how can that be?" Well, to me, being a feminist means being a responsible and whole individual, who does not need the assistance of the government (or anyone else, for that matter) to get what I want.

I want a fair society. I don't wish to be employed because a quota needs to be filled. I don't wish to be employed because I have skills that are needed. I do not want to work in an environment where everyone knows that I was promoted because of my gender -- this only breeds resentment among co-workers.

I want a free society. I want to be free to raise my own children or employ others to do so. I want to be left free to educate my own children if I wish, or send them to school. I don't want the government to decide what is good for my children. I am a responsible individual and I am more qualified to make good choices for my children than any bureaucrat.

I want to be able to freely associate with anyone I want to, and desire the same ability for others. If I want to go to a women's only group, that's my choice. If a men's club does not want me as a member, I have neither the right nor the desire to force them to accept me.

Being a feminist means making my own decisions and being responsible for my own actions.

I am a feminist, not a victim. If I don't like the way my employer treats me and am unable to negotiate something better, I am free to go elsewhere.

I don't need special laws to protect me. I don't want special laws to select me. I am a feminist because I am a free individual.

— F. Tiller

State Central Committee
Saturday July 15 at 11am. Piedmont Conference, across from Glencoe (K) Park (Richmond)
Call Marion Voiles (703) 960-9120. Voiles@LPVA.com

Northern Virginia Volunteer Party
Third Saturday of each month at 7pm. Nick Durand's house, Pot luck dinner.
Call Dana Johnson (703) 960-9120. Alliances@LPVA.com

Social & Intellectual Libertarian Activist Meeting
Every Thursday at 7pm. La Madeleine, Bailey's Crossroads, Fairfax.
Call Jan Hatfield (703) 933-7670. JanHatfield@aol.com

Blue Ridge Libertarians (Winchester)
Third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Crabby Harry's Restaurant, Winchester.
E-mail Pitt Wood BlueRidge@LPVA.com

Fairfax Libertarians
Third Thursday of every month at 7pm. Landmark Inn, Tyson's Corner.
Call Jim Talbot (703) 750-9176. Fairfax@LPVA.com

Fairlandia Libertarians (Fairfax - Arlington - Alexandria)
Every Wednesday from 5:30-7:30pm. Crystal City Marriott, J.W.'s lounge.
Call Dana Johnson (703) 960-9120. Fairlandia@LPVA.com

Highland Libertarians (Abingdon)
Second Wednesday of every month from 6-7pm. Washington County Library.
Call Mike Foreman (540) 682-2056. Abingdon@LPVA.com

Loudoun County Libertarians
Third Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Cascades Regional Library, Sterling.
Call Paul Minor (540) 222-5127. Loudoun@LPVA.com

New River Libertarians (Blackburg)
Second Tuesday of every month from 6-7pm. Bagby's Restaurant, Blackburg.
Call Todd Kukianek (540) 582-3520. NewRiver@LPVA.com

Patrick Henry Supper Club (Richmond)
First Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Piedmont Conference, Midlothian.
Call Marc Monnet (804) 764-1776. Richmond@LPVA.com

Peninsula Libertarian Club (Hampton)
July 24th, then the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Hampton Public Library.
E-mail Greg, Greg Peninsula@LPVA.com

Piedmont Libertarians
First Sunday of every month at 2pm. Legande Restaurant, Warrenton.
Call Tim Ryan (540) 752-5211. Piedmont@LPVA.com

Prince William County Libertarians
Second Monday of every month from 6-7pm. Jazz Steak Grill, Woodbridge.
Call Robert McRae (703) 457-2363. PrinceWilliam@LPVA.com

Roanoke Valley Libertarians
First Wednesday of every month at 6pm. Salon Public Library.
Call Charles Parkey (540) 767-1767. Roanoke@LPVA.com

Something happened on the way to the Quorum

—or—

How to start a local Libertarian Party without really trying

We Libertarians have the best product known to humanity: freedom. And the best way to deliver our message is to form local Libertarian Parties.

One of our prominent members has defined a cycle to victory that I find persuasive. It goes something like: The national party finds (1) more and better federal candidates, who (2) generate more and better media coverage. This (3) draws in more new members who (4) build up the local parties enough to (5) cause more local and state electoral victories, (6) creating greater credibility to the party which attracts (1)...Pretty neat, eh? A cycle times around the cycle and we really start cookin'!

We need to build vibrant local party committees all over the Commonwealth of Virginia. Check the list of local Libertarian Parties in What's On, above, to see if there is already a local Libertarian group in your neighborhood. If there is, GET INVOLVED! If not, start one!

How do you do it? It's simple. Contact me at Alliances@LPVA.com. My phone number is (703) 960-9120 (please, only during reasonable evening hours). I will get you the contact list for your area. There is a list rental agreement to sign, but I don't think it is a big deal. I will also send you a copy of our training manual and related material. Part of the work will be to set up a functioning office system for the local party committee.

The next step is to contact the folks in your area and see if they are interested in helping out. I will come to your area and lead a training session for you and the other interested Libertarians to help get the local group started.

I am available to chat with you to get guidance or support. What kind of support? There is financial support for certain types of activities. We also have displays and banners and a professional quality canopy and other neat stuff! Let's chat.

— Diana Johannes
Alliances@LPVA.com
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Strange Virginia Laws

There was a law forbidding bathtubs in the house -- tubs had to be kept in the yard.

In Richmond, you must buy a license for 93 cents to sell song books on the street.

In Upperville, no person is allowed to read the Sun - while sitting chair while the airport church are going on.

In Norfolk, u u may go in public without wearing a corset. If Norfolk for hens to lay eggs be tween 4pm and 8am.

The Virginia Code (1930) had a statute: "To prohibit corrupt practices or bribery by any person other than candidates."

These laws and more can be found at: www.home.eznet.net/-usamens/laws/strange1.htm

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