



# Virginia LIBERTY

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## Will the Libertarian Choice be on the Ballot This November?

by Marc Montoni

**F**ifteen thousand signatures. Most people can collect about 15 signatures per hour. So if one person had to collect all 15,000 required of the LP to get its presidential candidate on the ballot, that one person would have to spend 1,000 hours doing it.

That's a big chunk of time. For most people who work a forty hour week, that means they'd have to take 25 weeks off of work and devote that entire time to petitioning.

Fortunately, only one person doesn't have to do all of the work. There are more than a thousand Libertarians in Virginia. If each would spend just an hour this week collecting a page full of signatures, we would be done with the drive.

Several individuals have made major contributions towards the

drive already. For instance, petitioning coordinator Jim Lark has already collected 1,224 signatures as of press time!

George Marchenko and Jeff Bowles have each collected in excess of 100 signatures; Liz Bowles has collected over 250.

In fact, the petitioning this year is so far ahead of previous years that we already have in-hand about 3,000 signatures.

The ballot drive staff is hopeful that with nicer weather, more Libertarians will take to the streets with pens and petitions -- so that the Party can do an extra-early petition submission.

Successful petitioning means picking the time, days, and location carefully.

Location matters for most peti-

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## State Convention: Days Away!

*Gary Nolan. Aaron Russo. Michael Badnarik. James Bovard. They will all be there on March 26th and 27th. How about you?*

The LPVA State Convention is shaping up to be the most exciting Libertarian event in Virginia this year. Don't miss it! A registration form is on Page 11.

The organizers have done an excellent job of securing a first-class venue and a first-class speaker lineup -- including all of the major candidates for the LP's Presidential nomination.

The Libertarian Party is your voice in American politics -- and only you can decide what that voice will say!

At the State Convention, LPVA members will elect the Virginia delegates to the National Convention.

LPVA is allotted forty-nine delegate seats.

Help your Party chart its course for the next two years by running for one of those 49 spots!

If becoming a delegate interests you, please notify Steve Damerell (see below) of your interest and complete contact info as soon as possible -- so that you can be placed on the ballot that will be distributed to the LPVA members at the State Convention.

LP rules require that all Delegates be members of either the national or state LP; and must register at the National Convention (ie no proxies).

For more information about becoming a candidate to be a Virginia delegate, please contact:

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**(703) 851-4674**  
**Chair@LPVA.com**  
**4201 Wilson Blvd. Suite 110-164**  
**Arlington, VA 22203-1859**



## The REAL "Dean" Campaign

by Steve Damerell

**VIRGINIA BEACH** -- In a surprise unfolding of events in the first week of March, Tidewater LP Communications Director Robert Dean announced his bid for Mayor of Virginia Beach. Dean, a former city council-

man with broad name recognition and community connections, brings strong credibility to a race against an entrenched incumbent.

"Once I get sworn in, I'll be off

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## Whelden Runs for School Board

by Steve Damerell

**ARLINGTON COUNTY** --What do you do after you spend your entire childhood in the public school system, witnessing first-hand its waste and restrictions upon students?

If you're 20 year old LP member Shaun Whelden, the answer is to stand up and do something about it. He is running to bring a fresh perspective to the county's school board.

Whelden isn't softpedaling, either. He wants to get elected, and does not intend for this to be just an "educational" campaign.

Whelden is currently laying the groundwork for the election, which will take place this November. In addition, he has restarted the Arlington County Libertarian Party recently, and hopes that his campaign and his work for the local Party will go hand in hand.

"I suspect that the party will be up and running by the time this campaign gets going full speed," he mentions. "I've been working hard to try to

## Hogan Announces for 6th District U.S. House

By Marc Montoni

**ROANOKE** -- The 6th U.S. House District meanders basically along I-81 from Shenandoah County in the north, through many of the counties bordering West Virginia, down to the Roanoke area. And when LP members of that sprawling district held their convention in December 2003, they

found a new ally: Don Hogan. Hogan told the group he wanted to run for U.S. House as a Libertarian.

Hogan was a new member of the LP who had joined at Jim Lark's invitation at the June 2nd meeting of the Roanoke Valley LP.

Since few members were familiar

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Robert Dean (l) with LPVA State Chair Steve Damerell

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# Memo From The Chairman

## Select One...

Friends of freedom,

The 2004 campaign season is truly heating up, and Libertarians around the country are preparing to select our Presidential nominee. And this could be a benchmark year for us. If John Kerry wins the Democratic nomination (an increasingly likely event), then voters will have two candidates who supported the Iraq war, the Patriot Act and the ballooning deficits of the Bush Administration. Not only will there be a large protest vote to be reached, but the authentic backlash against big government that we've been waiting for could occur as well.

The Libertarian Party's Presidential candidate will be chosen at the National Convention in Atlanta this May, and you, as a current member of the LP, could be one of Virginia's delegates to help select that candidate. Please let me know if you're attending the National convention, and whether you'd like to be a candidate for one of LPVA's 49 delegate seats. We want to send a full contingent!

Virginians will elect National Convention delegates at the Virginia State Convention, scheduled for March 26-27 in Richmond. While attendance is not required to become a National delegate, I think you'll find that we have a great event set up, thanks to the efforts of Convention Coordinator Jim Lark and several hardworking Libertarians in the Richmond area. You can find details and a registration form in this issue of *Virginia Liberty*.

So now you know how to become a delegate. Who, then, do you vote for? The LP is in the fortunate position of having several active, viable candidates for its Presidential nomination this year. I'm not going to tell you

how to vote, but I will present some of your most prominent options.

**Gary Nolan** has set up shop right here in Virginia, and has appeared at the LPVA's Special Convention, as well as socials in Richmond and Northern Virginia. Nolan's staff includes former LP Executive Director Steve Dasbach and former LPVA Chair Marianne Volpe. Nolan announced his race early, and brings 30 years of talk radio experience to the job. Visit his campaign at:

[www.GaryNolan.com](http://www.GaryNolan.com).

**Aaron Russo**, in the eyes of many, is "fresh blood" for the LPVA's nomination. Russo ran for the governorship of Nevada in 1998 and received 26% of the vote in the four-way Republican primary. He is perhaps best known for his years as a movie and music producer, having managed Bette Midler's career and brought us such movies as *The Rose* and *Trading Places*. Many in the LP believe that these contacts best poise Russo to bring the LP increased media attention and financial resources. Visit the Russo for President's website at:

[www.RussoForPresident.com](http://www.RussoForPresident.com).

Finally, **Michael Badnarik**, a Constitutional teacher based in Texas, has also been in this race since its early days. Badnarik recently edged out Gary Nolan by six votes to win the Wisconsin Presidential primary. Like those of his opponents, Badnarik's platform rings true with Libertarians, with an emphasis on gun rights and school choice. View Badnarik's site at:

[www.Badnarik.org](http://www.Badnarik.org).

No matter who you may decide to support, I hope that you'll let me know you're interested in becoming one of Virginia's delegates to this year's Presidential Nominating Convention. These events have always been filled with good times interacting with your



Steve Damerell

fellow defenders of liberty, and this year promises to be no different. The campaign season is something to be excited about; I hope you'll become part of the group that shapes the way it unfolds.

Yours in liberty,

Steve Damerell, LPVA Chairman  
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## A Libertarian Hero Passes

**Falls Church** - Ron Crickenberger, Virginia Libertarian who served as the Libertarian Party's political director from 1997 to 2003, died Jan. 20 from cancer. He was 48.

"The quest for liberty -- everyone's liberty -- was Ron's passion," said Steve Dasbach, who worked with Crickenberger at LPHQ. "His enthusiasm was contagious, infecting thousands of Libertarians with the desire to run for office, volunteer for campaigns, and willingly contribute their hard-earned money to the cause of freedom."

In November, Crickenberger was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, which had spread to his bones and lymph nodes. He was admitted to Sibley Memorial Hospital in Northwest Washington, DC, approximately two weeks before his death on January 20. He is survived by his longtime partner, Noelle Stettner, of Falls Church, VA; a son, Jason; daughter, Anna; and newborn grandchild, Sabrina; all of the Atlanta, Georgia area. At presstime, a memorial gathering was scheduled for March 10th at the Quality Inn, Arlington Boulevard, in Falls Church.

## 2004 ELECTIONS

### November 2nd, 2004 State & National Elections

(Presidential Primary February 10, all other primaries June 8)

**President** (4-year term)

**U.S. Representative** (11) (2-year term)

**County Board** (Arlington) (4-year term)

**County School Board** (Arlington) (4-year term)

**City Council** (4 cities) (terms vary - set by Charter)

**City School Board** (2 cities) (terms vary - set by Charter)

**Town Council** (7 towns) (terms vary - set by Charter)

# With a Little Help From Our Friends...



By Liz Bowles

As many of you know, the Botetourt (bot-t'-t't or bot-t'-tot) County Libertarians were officially recognized as the Libertarian Party of Botetourt County, a local affiliate party committee of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, at the State Central Committee meeting in Fredericksburg on January 17, 2004.

We currently have an active group of 15, and one of our members, Jeff Bowles, was the only Libertarian elected to office in Virginia this year. We have been getting a lot of questions from LP folks about how we went from zero to qualifying for local affiliate party status in less than six months.

The answers are not particularly complex, and they have a lot to do with the support that we have received from the leadership of the LPVA.

Although I have been a libertarian in philosophy for as long as I can remember and actually joined the LP in 1998, I have only been an "activist" since June of 2003. This is a bigger jump than some of you may realize.

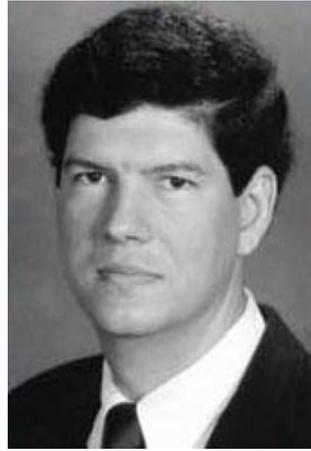
Without the support of the LPVA and certain key individuals, that jump and our success would have been impossible.

## **Exhibit A: Dr. James W. Lark, III, Local Affiliate Parties Chair.**

There most certainly would be no Libertarian Party of Botetourt County without Jim Lark. I believe that Jim Lark was the first flesh-and-blood Libertarian I ever met. I wish Jim Lark could be the first flesh-and-blood Libertarian everyone meets. He is the ideal person to chair the Local Affiliate Parties Committee.

I attended the Roanoke Valley LP meeting in May of 2003 with my son and my husband because the RVLP had announced that Jim would be speaking at that meeting. Although I had always been a libertarian in philosophy, I was a little leery of the

people. When I read that Dr. James W. Lark, III, professor of systems engineering at the University of Virginia (my alma mater) and former national



chair of the LP, would be speaking, I thought, "How wacko could this guy be?" Because it was Cinco de Mayo, I was able to bribe my husband and son to go with me to the meeting with the promise of dinner at a Mexican restaurant. We all found Jim and the members of the RVLP to be utterly charming, intelligent, and dedicated individuals, and my fear evaporated.

At that meeting, Jim took the initiative to ask us if we would be willing to serve as contact people for Botetourt County, and we innocently agreed. When people started contacting us, Jim guided us through the process of holding an organizational meeting and planning for the future of the LPBC. He has made suggestions and encouraged us at every turn. That kind of handholding support is absolutely critical for a newly forming affiliate, and Jim is particularly effective at it.

## **Exhibit B: Chuck Eby, LPVA Webmaster.**

Early on, we recognized the need to create a website for our group. In fact, I was reluctant to send out my first press release or create a letterhead until we had a website established. While I had done very basic informational websites for my students at Virginia Tech, I didn't have a clue about where and how to host a site outside of the university. Jim Lark wasn't sure, either, so he referred me to LPVA Webmaster, Chuck Eby, another gem of the LPVA. Chuck is one of the most competent people I have ever met. Not only was Chuck able to arrange web hosting through the LPVA service provider, but he also picked up several of the articles I did for the local website for publication on the LPVA site. That helped us build credibility both at the state and local

level. Furthermore, he encouraged us to post our events to the LPVA website event calendar, which generates email reminders to the local Roanoke-An-



Conservation District Director, Marc was able to advise Jeff on ways in which Marc feels he can make worthwhile contributions to liberty in such a capacity, which was partly responsible for Jeff's decision to run.

## **Exhibit D: Scott Mikell, Database Administrator.**

I don't believe I have actually met Scott, but one of the most valuable resources we received from the LPVA was the membership list. After I signed a "list rental agreement", I was given access to an Excel spreadsheet with the names and contact information for current and expired members of the LP, and those who had inquired about the LP, who lived in Botetourt or the surrounding area. I confess I had never done a "mail merge" before, but I figured it out, and within 30 minutes of receiving the list, I had a mailing ready to go to 40+ prospective members as well as an email contact list. This is another quite valuable resource for newly forming affiliates. I continue to send mailings periodically, and perhaps some of those recipients are lurkers like me who are just waiting for a good reason to attend an LP event.

## **Final Thoughts.**

Because we attended our first event in May of 2003, we came into the party during "interesting times" for the LPVA. We subscribed to the Forum email discussion list, so of course we became aware that there was some controversy and unpleasantness going on within the SCC and LPVA at large.

Know what? We didn't care. That was absolutely unimportant to us. It still is. What mattered to us was getting our affiliate going, and the LPVA leadership did its job for us. Along the way, I got very nice feedback and suggestions from other members like Brian Babb, Leonard Harris, and Dana Johansen. After Jeff's election in November, we got even more encouragement and advice, and Steve Damerell even drove down for our December meeting to congratulate Jeff and the group on our success.

I hope that other individuals and small groups will learn from our experiences and avail themselves of these resources and the expertise of these people to establish new (and strengthen existing) local affiliates. While the process may seem a little overwhelming at first, we got by with a little help from our LPVA friends.

nounce list as well. This is a fabulous resource for all affiliates, but especially for newly forming ones. The LPVA is extremely fortunate to have Chuck's expertise and willingness to devote his time to both the administration of the website and the articles he writes for it.

## **Exhibit C: Marc Montoni, Membership Chairperson/Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District Director.**

Marc Montoni founded the Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party, so without Marc, there very well might not have been an RVLP meeting for us to attend, and thus no LPBC.

Beyond that, Marc has assisted us in a variety of ways. When Marc first heard that we were organizing, he sent me a very nice welcoming email and a file of sample by-laws that were extremely helpful in crafting our own.



He also provided me with contact information for one individual who has turned out to be one of our most active members. Furthermore, when my husband, Jeff, was considering a write-in campaign for Soil and Water

# GET LOCAL!

A Directory of local Libertarians in Virginia

by Marc Montoni

Please notify the Newsletter Staff of all updates to this page:  
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<Communications@LPVA.com>

## Richmond & Vicinity

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY:** Libertarian Party of Chesterfield County. Meeting time & location varies. Greg Dorazio: <ChesterfieldCounty@LPVA.com>.

**HENRICO COUNTY:** "Patrick Henry Supper Club", 1st Tuesdays, 6:00 pm for group dinner, 7:00 pm for the meeting. Sponsored by the Richmond Metro Libertarians. China Buffet 7586 W. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23294 (in Merchants Walk Shopping Center). Leonard Harris, 804-266-6572, or <RichmondMetro@LPVA.com>.

**HENRICO COUNTY:** Libertarian Party of Henrico County. Monthly meeting at the end of the first PHSC meeting of each quarter. John Mullin, 804-673-9206, OR <Henrico@LPVA.com>.

**RICHMOND:** Weekly Social "Hour", every Friday, Sven Shine Inn, 1319 W. Main St, Richmond, VA 23220 (under the Lost Sock Laundry), 6:00-6:30 informal business session 6:30-7:00 social hour. Sponsored by the Richmond Metro Libertarians. Leonard Harris, 804-266-6572, or <RichmondMetro@LPVA.com>.

**RICHMOND:** City of Richmond LP. Meeting time & location varies. Greg Kontos, 804-355-1637, or <RichmondLP@LPVA.com>.

## Tidewater Area

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

**GLOUCESTER & MATHEWS COUNTIES:** Local LP Now forming. Kevin Arden, <Gloucester@LPVA.com>.

**NEWPORT NEWS:** Peninsula Libertarian Club. James Hicks, 757-591-9322, or <Peninsula@LPVA.com>.

**NORFOLK:** Tidewater Libertarian Party. 2nd Monthly meeting, every third Saturday, 8:30am for breakfast, 9am for the meeting. House of Eggs, 3320 N Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23518 (for directions, phone 757-857-1510). Brian Babb, 757-480-5534, or <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

**SUFFOLK:** City Of Suffolk Libertarians. Martin Robertson, <Suffolk@LPVA.com>.

**VIRGINIA BEACH:** Tidewater Libertarian Party. 1st Monthly meeting -- every first Saturday, 8:30am for breakfast, 9am for the meeting. Old Country Buffet, 1952 Laskin Rd, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact 2nd CD chair, Brian Babb, 757-480-5534, or <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

**COLLEGE:** W&M Libertarians. Now forming. Justin J. Andrews, <jjandr@wm.edu>.

## Charlottesville Area

**CHARLOTTESVILLE:** Jefferson Area Libertarians. For residents OF Charlottesville & Albemarle County. Regular meetings, time and location by announcement. Please call James Curtis, 434-295-4414, 434-973-5958, or write <JAL@LPVA.com>.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY:** LP of Cumberland County. Contact: Dwight Baker, <Cumberland@LPVA.com>.

**COLLEGE:** UVA University Libertarians. ALSO: UVA Students for Individual Liberty. Call Liberty Coalition voicemail at 434-982-5016, or write <JAL@LPVA.com>.

## Shenandoah Valley

**HARRISONBURG:** Harrisonburg/Rockingham LP. Re-organizing. Joseph Rudmin, <HRLP@LPVA.com>.

**PAGE COUNTY:** Page County Libertarians. Dave Switzer <Page@LPVA.com>.

**SHENANDOAH COUNTY:** Shenandoah County LP. Meeting time & location varies; call or write for information. Marc Montoni, 540-984-4608 or <ShenandoahCounty@LPVA.com>.

**WINCHESTER:** Libertarian Party of the Blue Ridge. For residents of Winchester, Clark/Warren/Frederick Counties. Monthly meetings at Coalie Harry's, Old Town Winchester. Call or write for information. Bill Wood, 540-955-0733, or <BlueRidge@LPVA.com>.

**COLLEGE:** JMU Libertarians. Now forming. Write <JMU@LPVA.com>.

## Northern Virginia

**ARLINGTON COUNTY:** Arlington Libertarian Committee. Meeting time & location varies; call for information. Shaun Whelden, 703-534-1488, or <Arlington@LPVA.com>.

**ARLINGTON COUNTY:** "Farlandria Libertarian Social Hour", every

Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Hamburger Hamlet, Crystal Square shopping center. Dana Johansen, 703-960-9120, or <Farlandria@LPVA.com>.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY:** LP of Fairfax County. Monthly meeting, 3rd Mondays, 6:45 pm, Harvest Moon Restaurant, Falls Church. Also sponsors monthly Potluck parties, always on the Saturday before the regular meeting. Dana Johansen, 703-960-9120, or <FairfaxLP@LPVA.com>.

**LOUDOUN COUNTY:** LP of Loudoun County. Now re-organizing. Bill Redpath, 703-779-4694, or <Loudoun@LPVA.com>.

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY:** LP of Prince William County. Monthly meeting, 2nd Mondays; Pizza Gourmet, 12425 Hedges Run Dr., Woodbridge, VA (for directions call 703-491-9343). The Social Hour kicks off at 7:00 p.m. business meeting begins at 7:30. Kathy Mullin, 703-221-9875, or <PrinceWilliam@LPVA.com>.

**COLLEGE:** GMU College Libertarians: Meeting time & location varies; call for information. Greg Carpenter, 703-975-4133 or <CollegeLibertarians@LPVA.com>; or Chuck Eby, 703-378-1188, <Webmaster@LPVA.com>.

**COLLEGE:** GMU Students for Individual Liberty: Meeting time & location varies; call for information. Zachary Gochenour, 703-993-5287, or <GMU@LPVA.com>; or Chuck Eby 703-378-1188, <Webmaster@LPVA.com>.

## Roanoke and Vicinity

**BOTETOURT COUNTY:** Botetourt County Libertarians. Monthly meetings, 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Fincastle Library (Back Door), 11 Academy St., Fincastle. Liz Bowles, <Botetourt@LPVA.com>.

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

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY:** New River Libertarians. For residents of Montgomery, Giles, Pulaski, and Floyd counties. Re-organizing. Please contact Jonathan McGlumphy, 540-231-3708, <NewRiver@LPVA.com>.

**ROANOKE COUNTY:** Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party. For members residing in Roanoke, Salem, and Roanoke County. Monthly meeting, 1st Mondays. 6:30 pm 8:00 pm, Roanoke County Public Library (central branch), 3131 Electric Rd (for directions, phone 54-772-7507). Charles and Angell Pasley, 540-767-1776 or <Roanoke@LPVA.com>.

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

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

## Lynchburg & Vicinity

**BEDFORD COUNTY:** LP of Bedford County. Rebekah Hoskins, <BedfordCounty@LPVA.com>

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY:** LP of Brunswick County. Mike Eck, <Brunswick@LPVA.com>

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY:** LP of Charlotte County. John Spadavecchia, 434-248-6610, or: <CharlotteCounty@LPVA.com>.

**HALIFAX COUNTY:** LP of Halifax County. Kelly Shaw, <Halifax@LPVA.com>.

**LUNENBURG COUNTY:** LP of Lunenburg County. Steve Kirkpatrick, 434-696-1714 or <Lunenburg@LPVA.com>.

**LYNCHBURG:** Lynchburg Libertarian League. For residents of Lynchburg and surrounding counties. Monthly meetings, 2nd Mondays, 6:30 pm, Monte Carlo Restaurant across from Applebee's on Old Forest Road, in Lynchburg. Dave Overstreet, 540-587-7597 or <Lynchburg@LPVA.com>

**MARTINSVILLE:** Martinsville Libertarian Committee. Garrett Rose, 276-629-3968 at home, 434-296-8159 at school, or write <Martinsville@LPVA.com>.

## Peninsula

**ESSEX COUNTY:** Northern Neck Libertarians. Michael O'Quinn, 804-443-1965, <NorthernNeck@LPVA.com>.

**FREDERICKSBURG:** Fredericksburg Area Libertarians. Stew Engel or Robert Buchanan, 540-582-8781 (Robert).

**ORANGE COUNTY:** Orange County Libertarians. Don Ober, 540-672-2793 or <OrangeCounty@LPVA.com>.

## Southwest Virginia

**BUCHANAN COUNTY:** Buchanan County LP. Michael Wilson: <BuchananCounty@LPVA.com>.

**LEE COUNTY:** Lee County LP. Mike Porter <LeeCounty@LPVA.com>.

**COLLEGE:** ASL. Libertarian Society at Appalachian School of Law. Michael Wilson <ASL@LPVA.com>.



# Ballot Drive

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tioning -- you want a high-traffic spot where you can ask large numbers of people.

Downtown malls are frequently excellent places to petition during lunchtime -- especially in spring and summer when workers take their lunch breaks outside. Plus, most downtown malls are public property -- which usually means the petitioner can petition without interference (which is not always the case when petitioning on private property).

Gun show visitors are also usually receptive to Libertarians -- many gun owners are now fully aware that only Libertarians stand with them at all times, and they are more willing to sign than many crowds.

Rock concerts at downtown stadiums are great for high numbers, but as most of the patrons are young, many are unsure of their voting status and so the validity rate may be lower.

LPVA has plenty of blank petitions and other materials available for LP members interested in petitioning. To obtain those supplies, contact the

## Petitioning Resources Available!

- Instructions
- Petitioning Tips
- Downloadable official petition form in .pdf

... Are all available on the LPVA's Presidential Petition Information page on the web:

<http://www.LPVA.com/main/HTML/2004PetitionDrive.htm>



will help pay for 100 signatures, \$500 will pay for 500, and so on.

Please make all donations earmarked for the ballot drive payable to the "Libertarian Party" and mail to:

**Jim Lark**  
ATTN: LPVA Petition Drive  
PO Box 274  
Free Union VA 22940

Dr. Lark can also be reached by phone at 434-973-5958; or email <JWLark@Virginia.edu>.

petitioning coordinator, Jim Lark. **IS PETITIONING REWARDING?**

Talented petitioners stand a good chance of winning cash or merchandise awards offered by some generous Party members. There will also be various awards for members who collect large numbers of signatures or who manage to collect various quantities rapidly (i.e., 100 in a day, etc).

So don't miss out -- grab a stack of blank petitions and hit the streets!

**DON'T HAVE TIME TO CIRCULATE? THEN DONATE!**

Many people don't have the time to petition. Whether it's work, young

kids, aging parents, or other things, everyone has other concerns distracting them from the time investment required to earn liberty.

That's where paid petitioners come in. LPVA members who can't afford to circulate the petition can help by sending in a contribution towards hiring paid petitioners. Each \$1 donated will pay for one signature. \$100

## Whelden

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publicize the Arlington LP, and I hope that this will motivate other LP members to assist."

It's rare for a student to graduate and immediately turn to the public to address the problems witnessed in the current system.

"Unlike the current superintendent and Board members, I am perfectly qualified to say, 'Look, I was in this County's schools from kindergarten to 12th grade. I know what was going on in there, and I can add a useful perspective about what's actually happening'."

Whelden does not, however, expect his first-hand experience to be the sole asset of his campaign - he is currently working diligently to develop a good package of issues as well. He would like to see the Arlington County School Board craft and pass a resolution requesting school choice from the Virginia legislature. And, seeing a school system with serious budget questions, Whelden wants to see the Board consider alternative methods of funding before taxpayers are told to open their wallets.

"The budgets are getting ever higher, so we need to find a way to meet them. Billboards and other advertisements at football fields might be one way to raise money voluntarily," he

said. Whelden notes that school boards have traditionally been leery of such advertising, but thinks that many voters would find it preferable to increased taxes.

Whelden is keeping an eye on the race's dynamics and his strategy as well. While the race is officially non-partisan, both of his likely opponents will be Democratically endorsed.

"I'll be going door-to-door, printing up flyers and attending all of the debates. I don't anticipate raising and spending a whole lot of money. It's very hard to unseat incumbent Democrats, but it can be done -- [school board member] Dave Foster did it in 1999, because it was a low-turnout election where he got his supporters to show up. Because of that, he squeaked out a

narrow victory and is still on the school board today."

Libertarians looking for more information on Whelden's campaign can call 703-534-1488 or send email to:

<ShaunW@LiberateSchool.com>.

The official campaign website is:

<http://www.LiberateSchool.com>

Campaign donations may be sent to:

**Shaun Whelden**  
6815 30th Rd N  
Arlington VA 22213-1601



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Please make all donations earmarked for the ballot drive payable to the "Libertarian Party" and send to:

**LPVA Petition Drive**  
PO Box 274  
Free Union VA 22940

# Robert Dean - VB Mayor

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and running," said Dean, indicating his strong desire to run a winning campaign. He brings to the race not only a resume of public experience, but a long history of community involvement. Since announcing his mayoral bid, Dean has assembled an army of volunteers and in-kind donations, prepared to distribute flyers, signs, design an advertising campaign and a web site at no direct cost to the campaign.

Dean also knows his race and his opponent well. He says of incumbent mayor Meyera Oberndorf, "She's been in office over 20 years, so I'm going against an entrenched incumbent, but her flaw is that she supports every tax increase that the city manager proposes." He goes on to note, "My real estate taxes went up 15.2% this year. My position is, let government come second. Give the taxpayers what they need for their homes first."

In the realm of campaign strategy, Dean brings several fresh ideas to the table. With a May 4th election date, he knows that he's facing a short campaign season, but he's not prepared to let that stop him. "We're going to be using Flash software to create eye-catching ads that will go out by mass e-mailings. They'll be so unique and interesting to view that people will want to pass them along to their friends."

In addition to strategic use of the Internet and his community connections, though, Dean brings with him a firm grasp of the race's issues. "Virginia Beach is poised to spend \$1.1 billion dollars on development at the oceanfront, including a new convention center that, according to our calculations, will take over 100 years to pay off. I want to be the champion on city council for small mom-and-pop businesses. They run the economy all around the world, not the big corpora-

tions that go for all the government handouts."

Dean brings other fresh ideas to the race as well. He proposes the establishment of a city Ethics Commission similar to one one used in San Diego, to investigate the relationship between special-interest campaign contributions and government handouts. "This commission would have teeth they could send people before grand juries. I want government to be as clean as humanly possible," notes Dean.

Additionally, Dean proposes the formation of a blue-ribbon commission of local CEOs to examine the city's budget, noting the success of such efforts by the Grace Commission and their recommendations to Congress on how to reduce the federal budget. He hopes to see this commission ferret out instances of waste and unnecessary spending, streamlining the city budget and reducing the city's need for high taxes.

This isn't the first campaign in 2004 to be headed by a candidate named Dean and promises to be a grassroot Internet revolution. But unlike the ill-fated Presidential bid of a tax-and-spend New England Democrat, Robert Dean knows his constituency, and his constituency knows him as well. And he offers more than anger -- he's promising positive solutions to bring the size and intrusion of government back under control. And that may be much closer to what everyday voters are looking for.

Libertarians may contact Robert Dean at <[RobertKDean@cox.net](mailto:RobertKDean@cox.net)> or (757) 427-6606 for more information. Campaign contributions should be sent to:

**Robert Dean for Mayor**  
1204 Shawn Dr  
Virginia Beach, VA, 23456.

## Lynchburg Party Formed

By Dave Overstreet

**LYNCHBURG** -- With over 50% more members than required, the Lynchburg Libertarians on March 9 became the organized voice for Liberty in the Lynchburg area.

Organizing originally began in August 1999, but was disrupted by the restructuring of a major local industry.

"It took us much longer than expected, but as our country's founders demonstrated, persistence prevails" said member Dave Overstreet.

Libertarians near the Lynchburg metro area are invited to contact the group's new chair for more information: **Rebekah Hoskins, 6279 Rocky Mountain Rd, Coleman Falls VA 24536-2564; 804-384-0729; or email [Lynchburg@LPVA.com](mailto:Lynchburg@LPVA.com)**.

# Meeting Summary: State Central Committee in Fredericksburg January 17

Edited by Marc Montoni

*The State Central Committee is the policymaking body of the LPVA.*

The regular meeting of the LPVA was held on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at 2:00 PM at Aunt Sarah's Pancake House in Fredericksburg VA.

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

- **Approved** the Minutes of the October 18, 2003 meeting (no corrections). [Editor's Note: *Official Minutes are available by download from the LPVA website or by requesting a printout from the Secretary.*]

- Reviewed reports. Paul Miller submitted both verbal and written reports on the McBride Campaign. Liz Bowles gave a brief report on the 6th CD Convention. Jim Lark gave a progress report on Convention planning.

- **Appointed** Bill Redpath as Chair of the Ballot Access Committee & reappointed James Curtis as Chair of the Audit Committee.

- **Approved** a Resolution recognizing the third Monday of February as "Libertarian Leadership Day", and officially recognized Ron Crickenberger as the first honoree.

- **Approved** official recognition of the Libertarian Party of Botetourt County as an LPVA Affiliate.

- **Postponed** all Standing Committee budget requests until the next SCC meeting, to allow the Budget Committee to integrate requests into a complete budget.

- **Approved** a revision to Bylaw 01.03 to establish the LPVA as a Political Committee with the Federal

Election Commission (FEC).

- **Authorized** the Treasurer to take actions needed to comply with Bylaw 01.03.

- **Rejected** a revision of Policy Document 03.06.02.

- **Approved** a revision to Policy Document 03.06.02

Motions not considered due to time constraints included 1) a proposed revision to Membership List Usage, policies; 2) a proposal to hire professional management, 3) a proposal to endorse an action of the PWCLP, and 4) a proposal to forego the Ballot Drive in favor of a write-in Campaign.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

### LPVA FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Treasurer reported that as of December 31, 2003, there was \$32,558.22 in the LPVA's checking Account. This amount included balances in several funds, as follows:

BAC	10,020.70
Business Services	2,525.65
Chair Discretionary	500.00
Communications	949.03
Copier Fund	288.12
Financial Dev.	4,077.79
General Fund	294.99
Local Affiliates	5,622.52
Memb. Generation	1,254.31

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

## Got a response?

Send Letters to the Editor to:

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or

The Libertarian Party of Virginia  
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4201 Wilson Blvd, Suite 110-164  
Arlington, VA 22203-1859

# The Book Nook

## Freedom Fiction for the Adult Reader

If you believe the people of any society exist for the state...

If your view of freedom includes at least some government control of human lives, including certain behavior, guns, drugs and other such "immoral" elements...

... **Freehold**, by Michael Z. Williamson will likely send you into apoplectic fits of indignant rage.

But if you believe the true potential of human beings can only emerge in a truly free society – a society without government control of individual behavior, government sanctioned "morality" and government appropriation of earnings by force – **Freehold** will have you yearning for change more than you ever did before.

It will reinforce – maybe even redefine – what you view as human existence.

But political and social psychological analysis aside... it's a damn good action thriller as well.

**Freehold** is filled with military action, intrigue and lots of futuristic military toys that appeal to tech nuts who love their hardware and love to imagine what kind of cool weaponry will exist in the future.

For the feminist in us, the main character is a woman – and a soldier. Kendra Pacelli, a Sergeant in the UNPF (United Nations Peacekeeping Forces). The world on Earth is just what you would expect from a future spawned out of the actions of political leaders today – a subhuman hell, where every human step is sanitized, equalized and regulated by the government – the United Nations.

Framed for the theft of military equipment by corrupt UNPF commanders, Kendra, feeling she has no other choice, stages a daring breach of the embassy of the Freehold of Grainne – a colony that not only refused to join the UN, but rejected refused most of the common standards of ship registry, public health, public standards, or even reciprocity of laws.

With the UN's guidance and control, the media paints Kendra as a thief and a fugitive, further reinforcing Kendra's determination to relocate to the only planet that will not extradite

her to be tried in the UN's kangaroo courts and ultimately punished for a crime she didn't commit.

The world she finds on Grainne is a stark contrast to Earth, and as Kendra adjusts to her new home and its unfettered, unforgiving freedom, she realizes that the life she led on earth – shackled, enslaved and controlled by the UN was merely existence.

What she finds in her new home is life – free, merciless, human life: people aren't registered and tracked.

There is no mandatory formal, government controlled education or licensing for any career.

Gun control doesn't exist. The Freehold citizens wear their arms in the open – not only to defend themselves, but to assert their rights. Anyone can purchase a firearm from a street vendor, if they so desire. No background checks, no licensing, nothing to impede a legitimate purchase. Period.

The free market dictates what businesses succeed and what enterprises fail.

Government officials are not elected by a barely informed, disinterested and disgruntled majority, seeking to gain as much largesse at others' expense. They give up the majority of their possessions, and subsist on a small stipend for the privilege of "ruling."

People are free to do as they wish, as long as they do not infringe on oth-

ers' rights to do the same. There is no appropriation of assets through taxes and no government sanctioned slavery or subsistence at others' expense.

Kendra's initial reaction is panic – panic at the lack of regulation that the UN-controlled system has forced her to accept as necessary for the common good, panic at the free and unrestricted access to guns and military hardware, panic at the lack of sexual inhibition or any regulation of "morality." In fact, the cardinal rule in this society seems to be "harm none" – a primary ethical principle in the Wiccan faith.

The quality of life, unfettered and unregulated, allows Kendra for the first time to discover who she is, what she's capable of and to develop a sense of pride in being a human being, determined, confident and responsible for her own life and her own destiny; she's free to earn, explore, achieve and succeed, instead of government controlled cattle.

But oppressive regimes are rarely satisfied with what they have. Their leaders become addicted to power and hungry for more, swallowing every society in their wake. And now the UN is coming for the Freehold, forcing the ultimate battle between tyranny and freedom – between oppression and liberty.

Mike Williamson's exuberant personality and sharp wit come through with every word he writes. He yearns for a Freehold with every page. He craves a Freehold with every paragraph. He thirsts for the liberty of a society that allows human beings to

be their candid, bold and shameless selves – free to achieve as much as they are able without interference from those who seek power over others. He unabashedly describes the good, the bad and the ugly in an absolutely free society, he doesn't whitewash his heroes or his villains, but portrays them as emotional, fallible and flagrantly human.

It is perhaps this – Williamson's ability to describe the height of human potential and create a society that best facilitates its development – that makes **Freehold** such an enjoyable read. And it is perhaps this same trait that is bound to give Libertarians

all over America inspiration to fight --

-- to realize what is possible, set their eyes on the prize and get it.

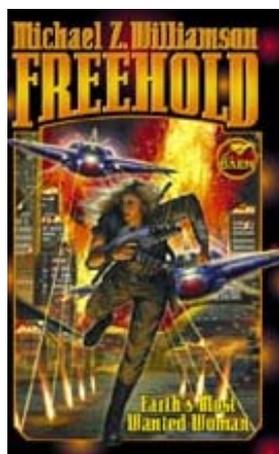
**Freehold** will be available in stores January 1, 2004, and you can preorder it from Amazon.com.

The first fourteen chapters are also available electronically on the publisher's website:

[www.Baen.com](http://www.Baen.com)

To order online, simply enter the ISBN number (0-7434-7179-2) in the search panel of your favorite online bookseller.

If you enjoy Mr. Williamson's work on **KeepAndBearArms.com** and want a signed copy, contact him directly at <[daggers@iquest.net](mailto:daggers@iquest.net)>.



**"I, before witness, declare myself an adult, responsible for my actions, and able to enter contract. I accept my debts and duties as a Resident of the Freehold of Grainne."**

-- Freehold Oath of Responsibility

## Richmond Libertarians Celebrate Eleven Years

by Leonard Harris

On February 3, 2004, the Patrick Henry Supper Club (PHSC) celebrated 11 years of promoting liberty in the Richmond area. The Club has been meeting monthly since February 3, 1992.

PHSC's February event was especially notable due to the visit of State Senator Ken Cuccinelli, Chairman of NoTaxHike.net, a grassroots organization of elected officials and

citizens of Virginia who oppose tax increases.

The meeting drew the highest attendance in over a year.

The wrangling over various tax plans continues even as this newspaper goes to press.

One from Governor Warner which raises taxes by a record \$1 billion and one from Senator Chichester which raises taxes even more. Cuccinelli is one of a handful of Senators opposing both plans.



Senator Cuccinelli

Other notable people also spoke at the event including VCDL President Philip Van Cleave, Former National LP Chairman Jim Lark, and LPVA Chairman Steve Damerell.

For more information about events in the Richmond area, see the website:

[www.RichmondLiberty.org](http://www.RichmondLiberty.org)

For more information about Cuccinelli's anti-tax increase views, see:

[www.NoTaxHike.net](http://www.NoTaxHike.net)

# Tug-Of-War in The Valley

Members of the Libertarian Party of Shenandoah County say their southern brethren "haven't got a prayer" of keeping up.

Botetourt County Libertarians, on the other hand, say the Shenandoahns need to either "work harder, or get out of the way".

The "prize" both seek are positions as local elected officials.

In 2001, Shenandoah County LP chairman Marc Montoni was elected to serve on the Lord Fairfax Soil & Water District Board of Directors (Shenandoah LP Treasurer Charlotte Patrick narrowly missed beating the second-placed finisher, a diehard socialist Democrat).

In November 2003, Jeff Bowles, of the Botetourt County LP, ran for the Soil and Water District, and won.

And thus a rivalry began.

"No batch of upstarts is going to outdo us," said Montoni.

Montoni's response was to nominate Shenandoah LP member Karen Kwiatkowski as an Associate Director of the Lord Fairfax District. Kwiatkowski was elected unanimously.

'Overt/Covert War In Angola: A Case Study of the Implementation of the Reagan Doctrine'. She earned her MA in Government from Harvard, and her MS in Science Management from the University of Alaska, Air Command and Staff College and the Naval War College seminar programs.

Kwiatkowski has authored two books, *African Crisis Response Initiative: Past, Present, and Future* (US Army Peacekeeping Institute, 2000) and *Expeditionary Air Operations in Africa: Challenges and Solutions* (Air University Press, 2001) and several papers, mostly on US Africa policy.



Karen Kwiatkowski

Kwiatkowski and her husband Hap have four teenage children, and live on a small farm in Mount Jackson, VA. She serves part time as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Maryland, American Military University, and James Madison University while she is completing her dissertation.

She also writes for Lew Rockwell's premier anti-state, anti-war, and pro-market website:

<http://www.lewrockwell.com>

See the Kwiatkoski article archive -- type the following URL into your web browser:

<http://www.lewrockwell.com/kwiatkowski/kwiatkowski-arch.html>

Kwiatkowski brings an unparalleled level of 'smarts' to the Lord Fairfax district, according to Montoni. "It's really nice having someone other than me talking about the need for District programs and personnel to treat private property with full and complete respect.

Kwiatkowski is a Ph.D. candidate at Catholic University in World Politics (ABD), with a dissertation topic of

Back at Shenandoah County LP headquarters, Montoni said "I challenge the Botetourt County LP to get more of their people into public office. In fact, I challenge all other local affiliates to do that as well. Competition improves the breed. And right now, we here in Shenandoah County know we're Number One. Come on -- knock us off that spot."

"If you can," he added.

## Libertarian Radio!

Head to <http://www.freedomworks.uni.cc/>, Saturday mornings at 7 AM to hear "FreedomWorks! The Libertarian Perspective," hosted by Florida-based Libertarians Michael Gilson de Lemos and Paul Molloy.

Call in at 1-866-TAN-1340.

# Leadership Institute: Training For Activists

The Leadership Institute trains people in "political technology." These are tactics and strategies that can be applied to any philosophy to make it more politically successful. The Institute is there to train conservatives, but since we share some conservative ideologies, they will take Libertarians as well.

Numerous Libertarians have attended some of these courses and recommended them highly.

Scroll down the left column of the Institute's web page and you will see all the courses they offer, such as their classes for Candidate Development, Public Speaking, and Public Relations. They give you personal feedback on how you can be more effective. Once you go through a course, you can take the materials and knowledge home and train others.

Here is a schedule of their training sessions. They are in Arlington, VA, but they go around the country as well.

## Public Relations School

March 8-11  
August 16-19  
December 6-9

## Effective Television Techniques Workshop (Level 1)

March 5  
April 16  
June 18  
September 24  
November 12

## Campaign Leadership School

March 21-27  
June 13-19

## Candidate Development

July 19-23

## Grassroots Campaign School:

June 12-13  
December 4-5

## Public Speaking School

July 30  
August 6  
November 12

## Advanced Public Speaking School

March 5  
November 19

## The Leadership Institute

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## Congressional District Caucuses to be Held at State Convention

Every two years, the LPVA selects its district leaders. Most Districts have organized and held their own conventions already, but some others will be holding caucuses to elect their chairmen for the next two years. As of right now, the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th have all held their own conventions. That leaves Districts 1, 3 and 4 to hold caucuses at the LPVA Convention.

The chairmen of each of the 11 District committees are empowered by the LPVA Constitution to represent their constituents as voting members on the LPVA State Central Committee.

If you are attending the state convention, look at your voter registration card to see if you are in any of the listed districts -- if you are, please be sure to attend the District Caucus session for your district at 1:30 pm the day of the Convention.

Here are the caucus announcements from the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Districts:

District 1 Caucus: Open to all LP members who legally reside within the 1st CD. Business: Election of a new District Chairman (and any other officers). NOTE FROM CURRENT 1ST CD CHAIR STEW ENGEL: If you are interested in serving as an officer of the District, please contact me at <stew@infionline.net>, or 540-374-9884.

District 3 Caucus: Open to all LP members who legally reside within the 3rd CD. Business: Election of a new District Chairman (and any other officers).

District 4 Caucus: Open to all LP members who legally reside within the 4th CD. Business: Election of a new District Chairman (and any other officers).

# Don Hogan -- US House

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with him, Hogan faced a grilling of tough questions -- but he won people over with his down-home manner and forthright answers. The 6th District Libertarians later officially endorsed Hogan (at a January meeting of the group).

This author caught up with Hogan recently and asked him why he was jumping into this particular race.

"I'm running for U.S. House in the 6th district because I believe people are tired of both parties and the direction they are headed," he said.

Hogan thinks while most people don't realize how much of their freedoms have been lost, others are aware -- and they want someone to vote for who will not be afraid to stand up for freedom. "I think there is a solution: 'change'," said Hogan.

"My campaign will reach people

who feel like nobody cares, and some who don't realize a third party is out there that can help. I'll let more people know that we Libertarians are for freedom; for restoring the rights that our country was founded upon. I think I will be able to get our cause out there and help build the membership of the LP," Hogan said.

Issues Hogan wants to focus his race on include the "National Sales Tax" idea, the abuse of Eminent Domain, Term limits, smaller government, the need to repeal the Patriot Act, and the Bush Administration's immigration amnesty plan (which Hogan thinks was a mistake).

He wants to stress the positive aspects of libertarianism; with emphasis on helping the public see the LP as the only party that will fight for the freedoms Washington is taking away

from all. Hogan wants people to see that the LP isn't just the party of "legalizing drugs".

Hogan has been involved in politics since high school and ran for public office before, running twice for Roanoke City Council -- the first time in 2000 as a Republican (winning 1788 votes); the second time in 2002 as an independent (earning about 800 votes).

Virginia ballot access laws require Hogan to collect the signatures of at least 1,000 registered 6th District voters. However, many signatures typically get struck out by the elections voters often sign the wrong form, leave out required information, or aren't registered when they think they are, etc -- so at least 1,500 gross must be collected to be fairly sure that at least 1,000 are valid.

Hogan said his petition drive has passed the halfway point; but noted that for a margin of safety he hoped more Libertarians will pick up his petition and circulate it alongside the Presidential petition to help gather the remaining signatures he needs to earn a place on the ballot.

"We need people in the 6th district to help join our cause to make a difference and help strengthen the Libertarian Party," Hogan said.

Hogan, 51, is the proprietor of his own business, ProServ, LLC, as well as serving the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Notary Public. He has been married to his wife Addrienne for five years and has a 16 year old son (Chris).

Hogan is one of the founding members of the Commonwealth of Virginia Association of Professional Process Servers (COVAPPS), and currently serves as the organization's Vice Chairman and on the Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the National Association of Private Process Servers. Hogan won the Roanoke area

Business Advisory Council's "Leadership Award"; was subsequently named the group's "Businessman of the Year 2003"; and finally was named honorary co-chair of the organization.

Former Republican Governor Jim Gilmore singled out Hogan for his community involvement by naming him as a "Patrick Henry Award" honoree. The Award described him as a "Distinguished and

Deserving Citizen for his steadfast devotion to the just and sound government of our Commonwealth".

To become involved in the campaign, contact the Hogan team:

**Don Hogan For Congress**  
**PO Box 13625**  
**Roanoke VA 24035**  
**540-293-8174**

<Hogan4Congress@Hotmail.com>



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The Federal Government's "final solution" to airport safety...

# Rex Curry: Origin of Pledge

On March 24, the Pledge of Allegiance case will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

There are few people who know that when they pledge allegiance to the flag they recite a pledge written in 1892 by socialist Francis Bellamy to promote socialism in the most socialistic institution — government schools.

There are few people who know that the socialist salute to the flag was a straight-arm salute, like the salute of the “National Socialist German Workers’ Party.” (astounding photos are only viewable at <http://members.ij.net/rex/pledge1.html>)

Those are issues in the pledge debate that pre-date the insertion of “under God” in 1954.

The pledge of allegiance was authored by the self-proclaimed socialist Francis Bellamy. Bellamy was the first cousin of the socialist, Edward Bellamy. Edward Bellamy’s futuristic novel, “Looking Backward,” published in 1888, and describing life in the year 2000. It was actually a totalitarian society where all private transactions are outlawed, where the government places all men in an “industrial army” and where the monolithic government school system is operated specifically as part of the “industrial army” system. Bellamy saw it as a utopia. The socialist ideas that inspired the pledge also caused mass atrocities worldwide.

The book spawned a socialist move-

ment in Boston known as “Nationalism,” the Nationalist magazine, and “Nationalist Clubs” whose members wanted the federal government to nationalize most of the American economy. Francis Bellamy was a member of this movement and a vice president of its socialist auxiliary group.

Bellamy had often lectured on the so-called “virtues of socialism and the evils of capitalism.” In 1891, he was forced to resign from his church because of his socialist activities. He then joined the staff of the magazine “Youth’s Companion” and wrote the pledge of allegiance. After the National Socialist German Workers’ Party tried to impose socialism on the world, the U.S. flag salute changed from the straight-arm socialist salute to the modern hand over the heart.

There is something more disturbing than all of the above: ***Most children are never told any of the preceding history in government schools, though each day often includes a collective robotic recital of the pledge.***

No one would trust the government to tell you the truth if it ran the newspapers. Why would anyone expect the government to tell children the truth in government schools?

As Libertarians say: The separation of school and state is as important as the separation of church and state.

That is the real solution to the pledge debate and all other school issues: remove government from education.

**Rex Curry is an attorney based in Tampa, and can be reached at <[rexxy@ij.net](mailto:rexxy@ij.net)>. To learn more visit:**

**<http://members.ij.net/rex/pledge1.html>**



**SAYING THE PLEDGE (circa 1912)** These elementary-school children saluted the U.S. flag with the original socialist salute and pledge that was written by the socialist Francis Bellamy to promote socialism through the most socialistic institution — government schools (socialized schools). It was similar to the salute that was later adopted by the National Socialist German Workers’ Party. The current hand-over-the heart pledge was adopted after the National Socialist German Workers’ Party tried to impose socialism upon the world. (photo courtesy of the Alabama Department of Archives and History). <http://rexcurry.net>



# Feeding Obesity

Obesity-related medical costs for 2003 totaled \$75 billion, according to research conducted by the nonprofit group RTI International and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And, their report concludes, taxpayers are footing more than half the bill for these ailments.

How’s this? Because, reports the Washington Times (January 22), Medicare and Medicaid — government health-care programs — “cover sicknesses caused by obesity including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, several types of cancer and gallbladder disease.”

In other words, the government subsidizes people’s poor lifestyle choices.

Predictably, government officials are clueless. “Obesity has become a crucial health problem for our nation, and these findings show that the medical costs alone reflect the significance of the challenge.” That’s how Tommy Thompson, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, sees it.

Never mind that a “nation” cannot have a health problem. Only individuals can have health problems.

Nations have problems when their governments try to fix individuals’ problems. The state creates programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, which force one segment of the tax-paying population to pay for the health care of another segment, creating the incentive to avoid taking personal responsibility for one’s own life and to make others suffer the consequences. Eat at McDonald’s; drive everywhere; avoid exercise; smoke cigarettes; drink to excess; use drugs or ignore health warnings, if you like — your neighbor gets your doctor bill. Well, half of it, anyway.

Then, when increased demand for services — the unavoidable result

when people don’t have to pay the full price for what they use — raises health-care costs, blame it on greedy doctors or the pharmaceutical industry and expand the government programs to cover even more people, even more sicknesses.

Then act surprised when the “significance of the challenge” — one hesitates to say “immensity of the problem” — in time requires even more government involvement.

It is unfortunate that people get sick. Sometimes it’s not their fault. But neither is it the fault of everyone else. A free society ought to leave such matters to individual choice. A free person ought to be able to choose to live an unhealthy life. Likewise, a free person ought to be able to choose to not be responsible for his neighbor’s bad decisions.

Of course, people should be free to give to charity — and they do, upwards of \$200 billion per year — to provide assistance for those in need.

However, there is another argument that should be considered: a healthy society requires that people suffer negative consequences when they do the wrong thing. How else are we to differentiate between good and bad decisions? And what better incentive could exist for people to do the right thing?

Encouraging individuals to avoid taking responsibility for their own lives is not going to fix “our national health-care problem.” It only feeds a hungry beast.

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# 2004 LPVA Convention

## Friday, March 26

**7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.:** Hospitality Suite (sponsored by Richmond Metro Area Libertarians) Open to all LPVA members at no charge, although donations will be greatly appreciated.

## Saturday, March 27

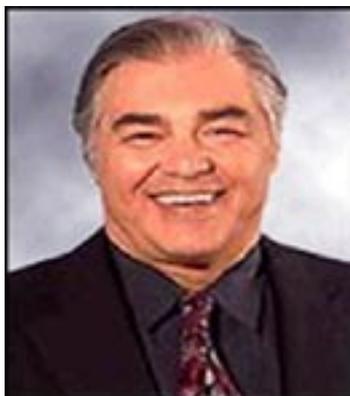
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.:** Registration; continental breakfast  
**9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.:** Welcoming remarks; "The State of the Libertarian Party of Virginia"  
**10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.:** Presentation on the McBride campaign  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.:** Presidential candidate forum  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.:** Lunch break (no luncheon scheduled)  
**1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.:** Business session:  
 Consideration of constitutional changes  
 Election of officers  
 Election of delegates to national convention  
 Consideration of resolutions  
**4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.:**  
 - Meeting of State Central Committee  
 - Fireside Chat with presidential candidates  
**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.:**  
 Reception (cash bar)  
**6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.:**  
 Banquet  
**Speaker:** James Bovard



Michael Badnarik



Gary Nolan



Aaron Russo

**When?** March 26-27, 2004  
**Where?** Richmond Marriott  
 500 East Broad St  
 Richmond, VA 23219  
**Cost:** \$50 Basic \*  
 \$95 Full \*  
 \* Note: LPVA Members may attend business sessions for free. Business sessions only for non-members will cost \$10.  
**Speakers:**  
**James Bovard**, author, *Terrorism and Tyranny* and *Lost Rights*  
**Aaron Russo**, candidate for LP presidential nomination  
**Michael Badnarik**, candidate for LP presidential nomination  
**Gary Nolan**, candidate for LP presidential nomination  
**Robert McBride**, 2003 LP candidate for Prince William County Board of Supervisors, Occoquan District.  
**Accommodations:**  
 Guests may call Marriott Reservations at (800) 228-9290 or (804) 643-3400 to make reservations. The Libertarian Party of Virginia convention rate offer expired on February 25; but you might be able to find a similar discount if you ask. Parking for hotel guests: \$9.00 per day (self parking) or \$12.00 per day (valet parking)

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