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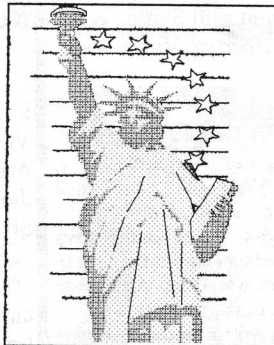
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for Phillips Publishing, in Potomac, Maryland. He has lived in Reston for eight years, with his wife, Karen. A libertarian activist since 1979, he was a

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Marta Howard, House of Delegates, District 35, 216 Elm St. Vienna, VA 22180, 703-938-4878, Howard, is a professional musician and educator, with a Master's from the Manhattan School of Music in viola and music theory, and a doctorate from the University of Iowa. She currently performs chamber music in the Washington area, and plays with several local orchestras. Howard is a devoted volunteer, including WNYC radio in New York, and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club in Vienna. Current volunteer activities center around the national LP and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Howard is a self-described lit drop demon, working for the campaigns of John Buckley, Gordon Cruikshank and Bill Redpath. She and her husband Nat have lived in Vienna for three years. She wants voters in Virginia's 35th



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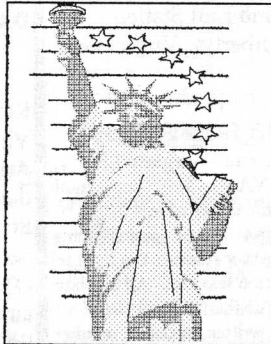
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The Ballot Access Committee will be meeting on Saturday, June 14, at 11:00 am, in Charlottesville, just prior to the LPVA State Central Committee meeting. Both meetings are being held at The Hardware Store Restaurant. All interested parties are welcome at the BAC meeting. Info and/or directions: Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218

Libertarians of Loudoun Co. will be having their monthly get-together beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, June 13, at 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164. It's potluck supper & whatever goes. Hope you can join us for a party! Info: Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218

Jefferson Area Libertarians will meet July 9, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at the OldHardware Store Restaurant, Charlottesville, VA. For information or directions, please contact Marianne Volpe, Chair, at (804) 293-3976, or e-mail mev6e@avery.med.virginia.edu.

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PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

Feb 20 Tax Day activities, proposed LPVA Constitution changes for any planned convention. **Apr 20** City Election issue, July 4 activities are planned, county fairs etc. **June 20** The Re-up issue. **Aug 20** This is a standard issue. **Oct 20** the General Election issue. **Dec 20** Holiday issue.

VIRGINIA LIBERTY NEEDS YOU!

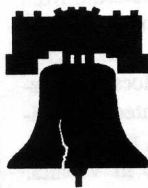
In order to keep costs down, the editor has reduced the number of pages and will mail to LP members only. The editor asks for voluntary contributions to enhance this publication. Make checks to the LPVA and state that it is for VA Liberty. The address is LPVA, Box 28263, Richmond, VA 23228. Help us to reach future libertarians and provide a consistent vehicle for informing the LPVA membership of our fast growing and active state party.

Quotations of Chairman Groucho

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THE BATTLE FOR LIBERTY REQUIRES RESOURCES TO FIGHT WELL—SUPPORT OUR VIRGINIA CANDIDATES. WRITE A CHECK TODAY .

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District to know how much the government relies on coercion to accomplish its self-serving goals, and that we don't have to look to the government to solve our problems.

Robert Buchanan is a Sales Manager for a snack food company. He has an Associates Degree in Parks and Recreation and is currently serving in the Virginia National Guard. Rob decided to run for office to help grow the Party. He hopes to create local affiliates in Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties as a result of his campaign. Treasurer: 108 Willow Place, Sterling, VA 20164.

THE CANDIDATES NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO GET STARTED, PLEASE SEND A CHECK TODAY TO THE ADDRESSES MENTIONED IN THIS ARTICLE. MORE INFORMATION ON OUR CANDIDATES WILL BE GIVEN IN THE AUGUST ISSUE.

Former LPVA Chair Campaigning for Pork

Rick Sincere, former chairman of the Libertarian Party of Virginia, is one of 11 "candidates" vying to kiss a pig at the Arlington County Fair on August 24. The "prize" will go to the candidate who raises the most money for the Warren G. Stambaugh Foundation, a non-profit devoted to meeting the needs of Virginia's mentally and physically disabled citizens. O'Leary explained to Sincere that the "Kiss-a-Pig" contest aims to raise about \$35,000. The foundation's grants are not limited to Arlington or Northern Virginia, but will be distributed statewide. He added that this effort shows how libertarians, whether party members or not, can get involved in their communities, helping dispel the misconception that we are aloof from our neighbors. Sincere told Virginia Liberty that there are two ways to help him win the "honor" of kissing a pig. First, send him a check made out to the Warren G. Stambaugh Foundation with "Rick Sincere" written on the memo line. Second, send a check made out to Richard Sincere (with "Kiss a Pig" on the memo line) so that he can solicit further contributions through direct mail, phone calls, and newspaper advertising in Arlington. Mail your contributions to: Rick Sincere/Kiss-a-Pig, 1300 S. Arlington Ridge Road, Apt. 307, Arlington, VA 22202-1932. Contributions to the Warren G. Stambaugh Foundation are fully tax-deductible. If Rick wins the contest, contributors of \$25 or more will receive a photo of him kissing the pig. If you have any questions, or would like to assist Rick Sincere in his campaign to smooch the pork, telephone him at 703-920-4023 or send him e-mail tPigKisser1@aol.com.

BAC (Ballot Access Committee) NEWS:

by Shelley Tamres, BAC Chair

I met with State Delegate Callahan to receive feedback on our election law bills that failed to move out of committee in the 1997 legislative session. The BAC is meeting in June to decide whether to modify the bills in 1998. I am still seeking additional volunteers to meet with/write letters to their state representatives to lobby these bills. We especially need to find "lobbyists" in the districts of the members of the Privileges & Elections (P&E) Committees. We will be searching through the membership database in an effort to locate members in these districts. If you live in any of these districts,

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- Bill Winter**, LP Communications Director

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Signature _____

I may attend. Please send me a complete information package.

* Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, and occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

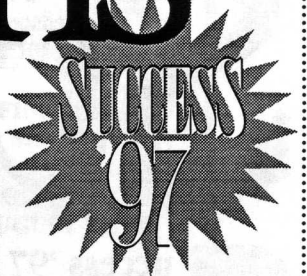
"It was one of the most informative meetings I've ever attended. I've brought back all sorts of ideas."

— EMILY SALVETTE, LP OF MICHIGAN

"I was very impressed with the level of expertise [of] all of the speakers. I have not stopped talking about it."

—MICHAEL DIXON, LP OF ILLINOIS

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■ **Fundraising:** How to raise \$100 per member per year. Topics: Developing revenue and expense budgets; monthly pledge programs; direct mail; event fundraising; personal solicitation; telephone fundraising.

■ **Making It Happen:** Ideas are great, but success takes *action*. This session covers the essentials of planning and management — setting goals; developing timelines; preparing budgets; finding *effective* volunteers.

Success '97 Speakers

■ **Steve Dasbach:** National LP Chair

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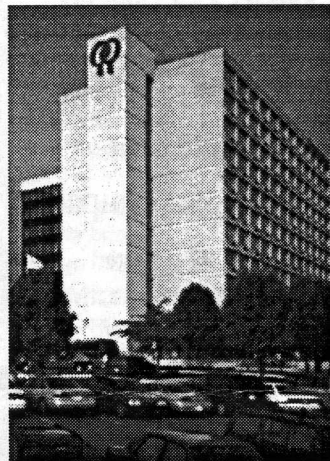
■ **Ron Crickenberger:** National LP Political Director

■ **Michael Cloud:** One of the LP's all-time champion fundraisers

■ **SPECIAL GUEST**

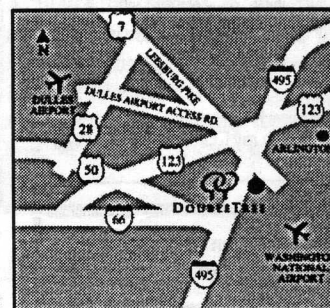
Jacob Hornberger:

"The Stonewall Jackson approach to Speech and Debate: How to Tackle the *Tough* Issues and Win." Jacob (Bumper) Hornberger was co-captain of the debate team at Virginia Military Institute. He delivered the highly acclaimed keynote speech at the 1996 national Libertarian Party convention, and is one of the movement's most compelling and passionate orators.



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IMPORTANT NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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CAMPUS LIBERTARIAN GROUPS ACTIVITIES

Libertarian groups at the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University recently concluded their activities for the 1996-97 school year. These organizations achieved a considerable degree of success in their efforts to promote libertarian ideas in their communities. Students for Individual Liberty (S.I.L.) at the University of Virginia concluded the school year by celebrating their 10th year of activity (a national record for longevity among libertarian student groups). S.I.L. will welcome back several of its top activists next year, while bringing in at least two new activists of demonstrated competence and enthusiasm. Planning is currently underway to increase substantially the number and quality of outreach activities.

University Libertarians (U.L.), the major L.P.- oriented organization at U.Va., will undertake an LPVA recruiting drive next fall. In addition, U.L. will endeavor to assist LPVA candidates this fall in Richmond and Northern Virginia, and to promote the efforts of the Jefferson Area Libertarians (the local LPVA affiliate). The Washington and Lee Libertarians are preparing for a big effort next year. Jason Sorens, president of the group, will serve as a summer intern at the Cato Institute. He hopes to bring several speakers to Lexington next year, and to build links with sympathetic organizations at W&L. If all goes as planned, libertarian groups will be active at James Madison University and George Mason University next year. Summer Gathering of 9th District Libertarians? Jim Lark, 9th District State Central Committee member, is attempting to put together a meeting of 9th District libertarians this summer. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together LPVA members for an afternoon and/or evening to discuss ways of increasing our efforts to promote liberty. At this time, the dates under consideration are July 25-27 and Aug. 1-3. The proposed location for the meeting is Wytheville. 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.

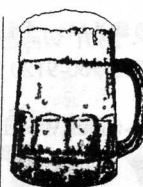
FROM THE EDITOR- Paul E. Gagnon

The editor graciously allows Irene Carpenter of the LPFC and campaign manager for Marta Howard this space to speak her mind.

Our thanks to all of you who sent in your reservations and checks for the Charles Murray/campaign Workshop event scheduled for May 31. We had hoped to have a response large enough to finance 2 or 3 Virginia House of Delegate races this Fall. Unfortunately, we fell short and I'd like to explore why we fell short and what we can do to be more successful in our fund raising and our interest level for campaign events in the near future. The most important message I received from this experience is that libertarians are not accustomed to thinking about campaigns and what is needed not only to finance them but to create the energy needed for success. At this point, winning a campaign for any office is probably not a realizable goal, but achieving a percentage of the vote and gaining recognition for libertarian ideas and candidates most certainly is. There are many narrow reasons why the Charles

Murray event failed to gain enough sponsorship—time of the year, day long commitment, nearness to Memorial Day, etc. None of these should be determinative when scheduling such an event. To get someone of Charles Murray's stature and name recognition it is necessary to pick a date far in advance to mesh with her schedule. I spoke to Mr. Murray in January to secure a May date. When I called him with this postponement, he was receptive to rescheduling in the Fall. I am very excited and optimistic about our future in the political arena when we have nationally recognized figures willing to help us locally. If we use them judiciously they can be tremendous assets.

Editors note: Irene is an ex-Republican activist who has embraced the LP wholeheartedly. She is a self-described political animal and takes great pleasure in committing a political act everyday.



THE SAM ADAMS AWARDS

The winner of June's Sam Adams Awards is that stalwart of the Libertarian Party—Marc Montoni. Known to his friends as "Big Foot," for reasons the editor would rather not know, the editor urges all members to hoist an icy tankard to Mr. Montoni whose service to the LPVA can never be repaid.

LPFC DOING AN "IN YOUR FACE" CAMPAIGN

The LPFC is planning to put up "Vote Libertarian" signs along the roadways in conjunction with the candidates signs. The trouble is we don't have the money to do it. Please send contributions to : The LPFC, 7011-A Manchester Blvd., Suite 1776, Franconia, VA 22310, make checks payable to the LPFC and note that they are for the "In Your Face" campaign.

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