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## CONVENTION TIME!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! All Virginia Libertarians are hereby invited to the LPVA State Convention in Charlottesville on the weekend of March 23-24.

It will be held at the Boar's Head Inn, about three miles from the University of Virginia campus.

You will be informed and entertained by an impressive lineup of speakers. They include:

JIM LEWIS: 1984 Libertarian candidate for Vice-President of the United States. Jim campaigned in

43 states and engaged in hundreds of interviews and speeches. He will speak on the current status of the Libertarian Party and his views on its future.

DON ERNSBERGER: Co-founder of the Society for Individual Liberty.

JOHN HARLLEE: Publisher of the Southern Libertarian Messenger and one of the most entertaining speakers in the entire libertarian movement.

VINCE MILLER: Chairman of Libertarian International. He will speak on budding libertarian activities in many countries around the world.

The program may also include foreign policy expert Earl Ravenal, noted psychologist Peter Breggin, and SIL co-founder Dave Walter.

Sunday afternoon there will be a business meeting. Activities will include the election of the new officers for the State Central Committee, selection of the Virginia delegates for the Libertarian National Convention at Phoenix in August, and adoption of changes in the LPVA constitution and by-laws.

Besides the official schedule of events, these

conventions always offer a great opportunity to mix with libertarian activists from around the state. So come on up to Charlottesville for a weekend of fun and fellowship with the Virginia Libertarians!

P.S.: The convention package fee for events and meals is just \$39. Please help our planning by sending us the fee in advance. Please make checks payable to Libertarian Party of Virginia and mail to 824 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23220.

---Jim Elwood

## TAKING LIBERTIES

by Marc Montoni

Time to write some letters, again! There are a quite a few initiatives now under consideration in the legislature in Richmond that libertarians should let their positions be known about:

HB 1676-Would eliminate localities' abilities to restrict mobile homes set up on private property. Currently, many localities are telling a lot of people to remove their mobile homes from their property and allow them only in government approved "parks". Tell them we are FOR passage of the bill.

HB 1380-Provides for the seizure and forfeiture of any vehicle driven while driver intoxicated. In other words, if a friend of yours is using your car and gets stopped for drunken driving, you lose YOUR car. This one is yours courtesy of Del. Wm. T. Wilson of Covington. AGAINST.

HB 1631-This one, courtesy of Del. W.R. O'Brien, Jr. of Va. Beach, would make it illegal to serve a pitcher of beer to an individual drinking alone. AGAINST.

HB 1496-This wonderful measure from the august mind of Del. Theodore V. Morrison of Newport News requires "that when 'retail establishments' won't or can't accept

'currency of any denomination' in payment for a purchase, the customer may take the merchandise anyway, provided he leaves his name and address with the retailer. This means that if Del. Morrison purchased a 25 cent snack at a sidewalk kiosk and offered to pay for it with a \$100 bill, the little merchant would either have to change it or allow him to walk away with his snack without paying. Apparently it would be up to the kiosk operator to try to collect his quarter later." [Source: Richmond Times-Dispatch, January 28, 1985.] AGAINST.

HB 1720-From Del. S. Vance Wilkins Jr. of Amherst comes a gem that would

"regard as a litterer anyone whose name is on a magazine, envelope, 'or other papers or material' found on 'the highway, right-of-way, property adjacent to such highway or right-of-way, or private property.' That person would be guilty of a misdemeanor. Such trash might have fallen from a refuse truck or it might have blown from a legal public dump, but it would be up to the accused...to prove that he did not improperly discard it himself." [Source: Times-Dispatch, Jan. 28, 1985.] AGAINST.

And of course, a host of

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## LIBERTARIANS OF THE MONTH

This month, I would like to extend my applause to the Libertarian Party of South Carolina.

They have done an excellent job of organisation-building. Their vote total was up from .5% in 1980 to over 2% statewide in 1984. Good job, SC!

This is an excellent figure, because you've got to run quite a few candidates and collect fair percentages with each to do it. And that, friends, is exactly what they did: they ran almost as many candidates for Congress as did the Republicans. The next step for this rising young star of the Libertarian Party will probably be gradually increasing vote totals, now that they are running candidates all over the state.

The South Carolina group puts out a clean newsletter (S.C. Libertarian) that students can get for \$5 and anyone else \$15.

--- editor

### CLASSIFIEDS

#### FOR SALE

**VIRGINIA** Libertarian back issues: 1984 set(6 issues) \$6 and large SASE. Postage pd. 7333 Hermitage Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-4308

**70 AMX** 2-seater, needs everything, but good restorable car, 390, AT. Marc Montoni, as above

**LIBERTARIAN** Literature - Mixed Bag: Pamphlets, newsletters, etc. \$3. Libertarian Library, Box 24269-X, Denver, CO 80224.

#### PERSONALS

**SWM**, desires non-romantic relationship with libertarian female, must be attractive and under 25, send picture and describe yourself. Box 100 care this paper.

Dear Linda-Happy Valentine's Day-secret libertarian admirer

To LC from JH-Happy Valentines Day!

## CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

by Marc Montoni

In order to qualify as a candidate for the office of **Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General**, a person must be: 1) Qualified to vote for and hold the office sought; 2) At least thirty years of age; 3) If a candidate for Gov. or Lt. Gov., must be a resident and registered voter of Virginia for at least five years immediately preceding the election; 4) If a candidate for Attorney General, a resident of Virginia admitted to the state bar at least five years prior to the election.

Paperwork must be filed by 7:00 p.m. on 6/11/85. This includes: Financial Disclosure Form, Certificate of Candidate Qualifi-

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others. I would strongly suggest to our readers that they contact the Division of Legislative Services [or Div. Legislative Information] and get: 1) a House Bills Calendar, 2) a Senate Bills Calendar, and 3) a 1985 Cumulative Index of Bills, Joint Resolutions, and Documents. Read through them carefully, for it has a brief description of each bill. Find the ones you want to find out more about, and get the D.L.S. or D.L.I. to send you a copy of each. Remember, these bills are playing with YOUR life. Ignoring what these paperpushers are doing will not make them go away! Let your legislator know you are watching him.

Various other bills which nibble away at freedoms include the seat belt crap, the 21-drinking age bills, a bill by Del. Stafford (R-Giles) that would kick out of state schools any students that have not registered with the Selective Service, and others too numerous to list. My fingers would become skeletons if I were to try typing them all up. Come to think of it, not just my fingers.

cation, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer, Declaration of Candidacy, and Petitions of Qualified Voters. The first goes to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, all the rest go to the State Board of Elections.

Incidentally, we now would need 12,653 valid signatures to get a candidate on the statewide ballot.

There are numerous other reports, etc, that need to be kept up to date by the candidate; so please call the State Board of Elections for complete info.

In order to qualify as a candidate for the **House of Delegates**, a person must be 1) Qualified to vote for and hold the office sought; 2) Twenty-one years of age by the time of the election; 3) A resident of the Commonwealth for one year immediately preceding the election; 4) a resident by the time of filing, of the House district to be represented.

### TIDBITS

#### Public Schools Found Inadequate

Washington - A recent report by the Carnegie Institute found that American businesses are now spending \$100 billion per year to teach their employees.

The report stated that traditional schools from Kindergarten to college are producing workers that lack basic communication & problem-solving skills. [I think we could have told them that and saved them the money they spent on doing the study... ---Ed.]

According to the report, "employee training by large corporations now rivals four-year colleges in the number of adults taught and dollars spent" to do it. "Businesses now offer courses in everything from basic reading to high school chemistry to good management practices."

"It cited various estimates that corporations are spending at least \$40 billion a year - and as much as \$100 billion, if worker salaries paid during training are counted - teaching

No U.S. government employee is eligible to hold office.

Paperwork must be filed by 7:00 p.m., 6/11/85. Financial Disclosure Forms must be filed with the Clerk of the House of Delegates; Appointment of Campaign Treasurer gets filed with the Electoral Board of the county or city where the candidate resides; while Declaration of Candidacy and Petitions of Qualified Voters must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County or city where the candidate resides.

250 valid signatures of voters within the candidate's district are required for ballot status.

Please remember that there is additional paperwork that must be kept current during and after the campaign, so please call the State Board of Elections and request a candidate information packet for the office you seek.

nearly 8 million U.S. workers. By comparison, four-year colleges spent about \$60 billion teaching 7.65 million people in 81-82, the latest figures available."

[Source: Times-Dispatch]  
[This obviously dispels objections to arguments in favor of privatizing schools-it just goes to show that what government can't and won't do, businesses will do. Why? Because they need educated people. If public education is phased out, the need won't be phased out with it, as Democrats and their National Education Association bedfellows be-

#### AFTERWORD

Washington - The IRS dispensed over \$800,000 last year to citizens who gave the agency information on tax cheats last year. The identities of the informants, who have to fill out a form detailing how the IRS can prove fraud by the suspect, are kept confidential.

Looks like a system of massive neighborly snooping and squealing is finally upon us.

# LETTERS

## A Push For Paul

Editor,

Libertarian Paul Jacob, draft non-registrant, was arrested by the FBI at his home on December 6, 1984. After being a fugitive for over 15 months, Paul will take his fight against registration to the courts, where his legal costs are expected to exceed \$20,000. Paul deserves both our moral and financial support now.

I would like to suggest that we all start writing letters to the Phil Donohue show urging their consideration of having Paul as a guest to present his anti-draft, anti-registration views. Write to: The Phil Donohue show, c/o WNBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY. 10020. Attn: Darlene Hayes.

I welcome any comments or suggestions regarding Paul's case or the draft resistance movement in general.

Ken Miller

[Ed. note: You can send your contributions and letters to either of the following addresses: Paul Jacob Defense Fund, c/o Arkansas LP, P.O. Box 15724, Little Rock, AR 72116; or at 4701 N. Hickory St. Apt. U, North Little Rock, AR 72116.]



## LEADERSHIP, WHERE'S MY MONEY?

Editor;

It's good to see the Virginia Libertarian being published on a regular basis, and also being done well.

I've got one problem! Nowhere in any of the recent issues has there been a form for new LPVA member-

## PROPOSAL EXAMINED

Editor,

I think it's great to have a regularly issued newsletter again.

I would like to comment on Al Ander's "Tidewater Page" of last issue.

Al stated that he believes that the LPVA should run a full slate of candidates this year if possible, from Governor on down to House and local candidates. Even if it had to be a write-in campaign or as 'independents', I'm sure Virginia Libertarians would be delighted at the prospect.

More importantly, this is probably the boldest step we could take to proclaim the LP as a viable alternative, one that's here to stay, which will help us establish a basis for future Libertarian vote totals. I would be willing to bet that most political analysts, Larry Sabato included, would agree on this.

For the possible candidates, it would lend name recognition & a measure of legitimacy to future campaigns for House & local office. For those reluctant to drop a long-shot campaign for House this year, the aforementioned advantages would be theirs in Congressional races next year and state House/Senate

elections the year after.

Let's remember the Illinois LP candidate for Congress who received the media support of four major conservative groups. Could we not hope for such a boost in Virginia? We will eventually have to convince Virginia voters that 'Libertarian' is not synonymous with 'liberal', but emphasises Liberty!

I believe those who have been active politically, as I was in College, and who are familiar with nuts and bolts of necessary campaign procedures will agree that such a campaign is possible to mount. Running a statewide candidate can only help us even if he/she is only a figurehead candidate for Lt. Governor. Practical politics virtually demands it.

The Democrats may nominate one or more minority candidates this year; the Republicans may nominate one or more losers of previous elections, and probably some of their usual lack-luster figures.

Besides the better than usual opportunity for protest votes, we would benefit in increased publicity and media attention.

I invite feedback on this.

Will Wells

ship, subscriptions, renewals, change-of-address, etc. I've enclosed a form from a very old issue. I'm sure others have had this same problem.

There's an old saying: "You pays your money, and you takes your chances." That has been my past experience with LPVA membership and subscriptions. That brings up another problem: I have never seen a financial statement, a budget, or even a set of financial goals put out by the LPVA. And yet, on the back page of Virginia Li-

bertarian, there is a form for making contributions on a regular basis, by bank card, no less! I do not doubt the good intentions or the integrity of the LPVA leadership, but I have noticed that the management of the LPVA seems to be somewhat less than dynamic.

I can't help but wonder what happens to all of the funds that are contributed (after all, there must be millions!). Perhaps this mystery would be a good topic for a future issue.

David A. Horne

## PRINCIPLES — BUT DO THEY WIN VOTES?

Editor,

Principles, principles, the Libertarians preach principles. This Party will survive and spread only if we find better ways to reach the American people. A good product cannot sell on its quality alone; one asset for good sales is a good salesman.

The poor results in '84 were largely blamed on members' lack of participation, but perhaps we would have been more involved and enthusiastic if the candidate had had the strengths that Ed Clark had in 1980. David Bergland did not have the character that Clark had, and I don't vote for someone I am not impressed by simply because he is a member of a party.

Additionally, libertarians need to understand human nature a little more clearly: People will not buy a product if it does not seem useful or practical. Therefore, libertarian principles must be put in realistic terms. We have to talk more about phasing in procedures that are feasible rather than "ideal situations."

I believe the American people truly want change and would ultimately choose what the Libertarian Party offers. They are not extremists, however, and won't listen to those who are. So let's try to better understand their perspective and answer their questions with principle—but principle based on step-by-step, practical change. Then the public may see that it can really work.

Stacia & Jarron Frye

[The Fries make some important points here. I invite them and everyone else out there to send me your ideas for specific proposals that are presentable to the public. I will be more than happy to print them.---Ed.]

**'Non-Registrant' Responds**

Tombstone, Ariz.--- Mr. Thomas A. Pitcher was asked by the Selective Service recently to fill out a registration form.

"I knew they were hard up for men, but..." he said. Pitcher is 81 and a retired Army colonel to boot.

[Source: Times-Dispatch]

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

1-800-682-1776. LP new member information (outside Texas)  
713-686-1776 Business number, National Libertarian Party  
713-492-6608 LP News advertising or news

**Ballot Access Researcher:** Phil Friday, Box 145, Urbanna, VA 23175

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**Volunteers needed to fill the following positions:** 1) 5th District chairman, 2) newsletter editor (beginning mid-1985), 3) publicity chairman. LPVA HQ for info.

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**YES!** I want to support the efforts of the Virginia Libertarian Party! Enclosed is my contribution. I understand that half of my contribution to LPVA of up to \$100 (\$200 if married) qualifies for a direct tax credit. I understand that all contributions of \$10 or more will get me a 1-year subscription to Virginia Libertarian. I've checked the appropriate boxes below:

**Pledge:** ☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15 ☐ (other) \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for ☐ 12 ☐ 24 months, beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 1985.

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☐ Expanding newsletter circulation ☐ Fundraising efforts  
☐ Education/Outreach material ☐ Recruiting new members  
☐ Whatever is most needed

**I would like to help out by (check all that apply):**

☐ Becoming a candidate for public office  
☐ Petitioning ☐ Organising a local group  
☐ Distributing Literature  
☐ Helping out other libertarian candidates  
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**From the Chair****ANOTHER MODEST PROPOSAL**

If crime is the hottest issue in this year's Virginia elections, then education is probably a close second.

The main reason that these two issues need to be addressed by libertarians loudly and often is that politicians are using the problems in prisons and schools as an excuse to gain public support for higher expenditures to "solve" these problems. Of course, few people realize that failure is endemic with the current system, so many are swept along to support bigger budgets and higher taxes.

The Robb administration came into office with a strong commitment to improve public education--with little imagination on how to do it. In the normal manner of bureaucrats, they have attempted to make an inefficient system more efficient by expanding it, which paradoxically makes it less efficient. The proposals are all for longer school days, longer school years, more pay for teachers, more teachers, more equipment, larger or fancier facilities, increased standardization of testing and curriculum, more studies, more bureaucracies. All of this flies in the face of the fact that learning is a totally individual process, which is usually stunted by the current factory system of schooling and its emphasis on conformity. Children have short attention spans, so longer school days will mean that much more wasted time for both student and teacher. It will also mean that much less time for homework, which can be the best learning time for the student. If the system isn't changed, then paying teachers more won't improve the results, either.

Libertarians may realize that the only real solution to the education problem, among others, is to separate it completely from government. But the average Joe doesn't. We must

get people to question authority before we can convince them to rebel against it. A good attack strategy is for libertarians to ask people "if the government was doing such a great job of educating our kids (solving crime, poverty, whatever), would we even be talking about it?" Since the problem is being discussed, the government must not be doing the job. Then it will be much easier to get them to start thinking of alternatives to the status quo.

Let's dig up the facts, expose the fallacies that underlie public education, and advocate removing government barriers to private education; then later we will be in a position to realistically propose the phasing-out of the public-school system.

Jim Elwood

**JANUARY CONTRIBUTORS**

Bob Hunt	\$150
David A. Horne	\$20
Will Wells	\$10
Lemuel M. Nash	\$25
Craig & Susan Dods	\$10

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