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STATE CONVENTION MAKES HISTORY

by Ben Malisow

- With two outstanding Libertarian candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor this year, the Libertarian Party will be a strong force for liberty.
- Show your support for Bill Redpath and Gary Reams and get involved in their campaign efforts.

RICHMOND -- The State Convention of the Libertarian Party is over, and quite a bit was accomplished.

One pleasant surprise was the attendance of Jose Julio Diaz, Chairman of the newly formed Libertarian Party of Puerto Rico! Diaz complemented the Virginia LP and made a generous contribution to boot.

Convention-goers heartily endorsed not one, but TWO candidates for statewide office - a first (and second!) for the LPVA. The move graduates the Virginia LP from the eight remaining state Libertarian Parties that have not yet fielded their own statewide candidates. Virginia has the uncommon distinction of being the only state besides New Jersey to hold statewide elections this year.

We're ready for the challenge!

William Redpath sought -- and overwhelmingly won -- the endorsement of the Virginia LP in his run for Governor of Virginia. [Ed: See the Redpath "Campaign Update" article in this newsletter.]



Gary Reams also won the endorsement of the convention in his campaign for the Lieutenant Governorship. Reams intends to focus on a single issue: since Virginia has no provision for statewide referenda, and since Reams believes that the war on drugs is an injurious solution to a rather innocuous problem, his campaign is entitled the "Reams Reeferendum." Reams says he will ask those who vote for him to do so to send a message to the establishment: "repeal marijuana prohibition!"

For more information about the Reams campaign, visit the campaign website ReamsReeferendum.com; email LtGovernor@LPVA.com, or call the campaign office at 703-541-9000 in northern Virginia or DC metro area or 866-420-REAMS in other areas of the state.

In other actions, Marc Montoni was elected to be the new LPVA Chair, finishing the term vacated by Dana Johansen. Dana will be missed, but we're confident Marc can fill his shoes.

Strangely enough, a freak coincidence led the Reform Party to the very same venue, at the same date and time, as the LPVA - they were right next door as we conducted business.

-- [BEN MALISOW](#)

Ben Malisow is the Communications Director for the Libertarian Party of Virginia. Malisow brings his own journalistic experience to bear on the position; having been a freelance writer for six years, staff writer/columnist with the Las Vegas Weekly, columnist for GenNext and PLAY DC in the District, and General Manager and Vice President of [eDodo.com](#), an on-line humor publication. He hopes to spread the word about the growing Libertarian movement in the Commonwealth using a particular brand of good-natured wit and by speaking plainly.

OPINION

- The General Assembly redraws the district lines in Virginia once every ten years, using information from the US Census
- Roughly equal numbers of people are put into each district, sometimes taking into account racial and ethnic backgrounds
- Redistricting around the world is notorious for gerrymandering by whichever political party is in power at the time

"Hey, General Assembly, How About Logical Districts This Time?"

By [Marc Montoni](#)

The state legislature is about to re-draw district lines for most political offices. Would it be too much to ask to have logical and compact districts?

Forget ethnic and partisan gerrymandering; let's get some districts that halfway represent logical areas -- like instead of including parts of five counties in a Delegate district, cut it down to one or two -- and run the lines along ONE major road, when only a part of a county is to be in a district. This would make it easier for people to remember who their representatives are in various legislative bodies -- it's a lot easier to remember "Congressman XXX represents Henrico County and Richmond", than it is to remember "Congressman XXX represents this piece of this county, this piece of that county, four homes in this city..."

Maybe a computer should be asked to design the districts, rather than people.

I haven't heard anyone calling for a district that would guarantee an election of one of my ethnic group, so why should any other ethnic group be guaranteed a "safe" seat?

A suggestion I've heard that I agree with: double or triple the size of the US House, and the state House and Senate, so the districts will be smaller and each representative will be more local -- and more responsive -- to his or her constituents. This would have the added benefit of making a lot of campaign finance reform unnecessary: more representatives would mean each one would wield less power, and therefore would be a less tempting target to "buy" with campaign cash.



And another major change should be to limit each legislator to one bill per session. If one gun a month is good for gun owners, similar restraint on lawmakers would be good as well.

As a Libertarian, I agree with the admonition of our Founders: No one's life, liberty, or property are secure while the legislature is in session. The solution is to allow them to convene only rarely. Maybe allowing the legislature to meet only once every fifteen years or so would be a constitutional change we could all live with.

Marc Montoni is the Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

What do you think?

Tell us! [Send an email to the editor](#), or write via the Post Office:

Letters to the Editor
PO Box 28263
Richmond VA 23228

How to Get In The Papers: Shenandoah LP Makes News Again (and Again)

By [Marc Montoni](#)

The easiest way to "get in the papers" is to... well, DO something!

Newspapers almost always cover county board meetings. Bring the fireworks with you: get up and speak on the issues facing your county! Identify yourself! When you make comments to the Board of Supervisors or town Council, always say: "I am Joe Smith, I'm a resident of Everytown, and I'm a Libertarian."

Make an effort to get to know the reporters that cover your local Boards. After a meeting, walk up to them, shake their hand, and introduce yourself -- and of course, identify yourself as a Libertarian.

Engage in "LiberStruction".

LiberStruction is my made-up word for "obstruction for Libertarian reasons". When an issue comes up that's ripe for obstruction -- like a tax increase, or one of the many proposals to start "businesses" at the expense of taxpayers, we Libertarians want the world to know it's just not the right thing for a government to do.

When one of these things come up (which they do -- incessantly), do your best to get in front of the issue and lead the parade, in the eyes of the public.

We did that here in Shenandoah County with a \$10 million tourist train proposal. The Board was under a lot of pressure to give the train folks the \$10 million. Once we heard about it, we started writing letters to the Editor of all of our local papers; we sent out media releases and opinion articles, and so on. We spoke against the giveaway at Board meetings and other public forums. We helped build the public opposition to the point that the two public hearings that were held on the giveaway proposals were evenly split, for and against. The train people had spent years lobbying the Board and the state legislature, and were well-organized: they did very well at stacking Board meetings with their supporters. But we were catching up!

In the end, the Board saw that there was mounting opposition (much of it due to the steady agitation of the Shenandoah Libertarians), and turned down the project.

We have a clipping file that has pretty much filled up a loose-leaf binder notebook of newspaper mentions of the Shenandoah County LP and local members.

Get active in your own community! Liberty needs YOU to survive. Get active -- today!

REDPATH FOR GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN OFF TO ROUSING START

By [John Buckley](#)

William Redpath's campaign for Governor has gotten off to a rousing start. Even before his formal nomination by a packed and highly enthusiastic LPVA state convention in Richmond in early March, Redpath began making the rounds of Libertarian gatherings in the Old Dominion. He has spoken to Libertarian affiliates in [Richmond](#) (the venerable [Patrick Henry Supper Club](#)), [Loudoun County](#), [Prince William County](#), and [Virginia Beach](#), and to Congressional District Conventions in the 1st, 5th, and 9th Districts. In late April, he is scheduled to return to the 9th District and to [Roanoke](#) to help promote the statewide petitioning campaign for his candidacy and that of [Gary Reams](#)

for Lieutenant Governor.

The Associated Press distributed an article about Redpath's candidacy for Governor over the AP wire service, and newspapers and news radio stations across Virginia carried the story. In late March, Redpath was a featured guest of radio talk show host Tony Macrini in Tidewater, as well as on Glenn Corey's "Right Side Up" show, thanks to the efforts of Robert Dean, chair of the Virginia Beach LP. Along the way to Virginia Beach, Bill stopped in for media interviews with the Williamsburg Gazette and the Hampton/Newport News Daily Press.

The petitioning campaign is in high gear for both LP statewide campaigns. Thanks to the growth of the state party, especially among local affiliates, petition drives are underway from Abingdon to Alexandria, Winchester to Chesapeake (and Dinwiddie, and Orange, and Shenandoah, etc.). Fairfax County Libertarians lead the way, befitting the jurisdiction's population, with LP members individually pledging a combined total of just over 4,000 signatures. Richmond area LP'ers have pledged the next highest number of signatures (over 1,200). The Loudoun and Prince William affiliates are vying for 3rd place so far, with Virginia Beach on their heels.

Nevertheless, there's a big difference between pledge and performance, especially in light of the statewide goal, per campaign, of 16,000 gross signatures (state law requires 10,000 valid signatures, including at least 400 from each of the 11 congressional districts) for submission in early June.

One unique feature of the Redpath candidacy is his effort to promote alternative voting systems as a reform to the seemingly entrenched "winner take all" elections that the two major parties so love.



At the LPVA state convention, Redpath distributed a letter of endorsement from Otto Guevera, Libertarian member of the National Congress of Costa Rica (and candidate for President of Costa Rica), and Raul Costales, Secretary General of the Movimiento Libertario of Costa Rica (and former Florida LP chair), one of the fastest growing and most electorally successful Libertarian national parties in the world. In addition to Libertarian issues like market-based transportation solutions, universal education tax credits and separation of school and state at the post-secondary level, repeal of consensual "crime" laws, and initiative and referendum, Redpath intends to promote election reform such as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for single-winner elections and proportional representation in the State Senate.

Redpath's campaign slogan is a long-time principle of the libertarian movement, one which should resonate with the public's increasing distaste for meddlesome and intrusive government: "Anything that's Peaceful".

With Redpath's professional background as vice president of a financial consulting and valuation firm in the broadcasting, cable, and telecommunications industry, and successful tenure as head of the Libertarian Party's national ballot access drives from 1990 through 1996, the LPVA has a highly qualified and politically experienced candidate to lead our state ticket to major gains in 2001.

Redpath and Reams will be the FIRST-ever candidates for statewide office in the history of the LPVA. These two candidates are already proof of Libertarian growth in the Common-wealth.

For more information, or to volunteer for the petitioning campaign, see the Redpath for Governor web site, www.Redpath2001.org.

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John Buckley is the Campaign Manager for the Redpath for Governor campaign; was elected to the

Virginia House of Delegates in the early 1980's as a Republican; and later served as the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

Opportunity for Action!

by [Shelley Tamres](#), LPVA Ballot Access Coordinator

Two Libertarian candidates NEED YOUR HELP! Bill Redpath and Gary Reams, both former State Chairs of the LPVA, are running for Governor and Lt. Governor, respectively, this year. But they won't be running for anything if they can't get on the ballot.

They EACH need to turn in a candidate petition with 10,000 valid signatures and a minimum of 400 from each of the 11 congressional districts (current boundaries). State ballot access funds were exhausted last year on our paid drive to get the presidential petition completed. There are NO FUNDS for one, much less two, paid drives this year. WE MUST COMPLETE THESE DRIVES AS VOLUNTEER DRIVES!

We are also operating within the shorter timeframe for statewide candidate petitions other than president. The final deadline is the primary date for the statewide offices (2nd Tuesday in June). But in order to be CERTAIN of success, we are aiming at APRIL 30 for completion.

PLEASE HELP us get our first-ever non-presidential statewide candidates on the ballot in Virginia! If enough of us just get out there and do it, it won't take long. Petitioning is a numbers game...get a lot of people to circulate them and gather a few signatures each, and we're DONE.

I can mail out copies of BOTH petitions, plus petitioning instructions. Just [email me](#), give me a call at 703-450-0218; or enter this web address in your internet browser and simply download them:

<http://reamsreeferendum.com/petition/>

Many of our local parties will be organizing groups of petitioners and places to petition; if there is none in your area, contact the campaigns directly.

Other ways to help:

- Volunteer to make calls to organize places and/or people to staff them.
- Become a notary public and notarize petitions.

Let's get this behind us so Gary & Bill can hit the campaign trail and spread the word of Freedom!

Around the State

-- Blue Ridge Libertarians --

WINCHESTER -- The BRLP reports another person joined the LP at its March 19th meeting. Way to go!

The group also added a subtitle to their official name: "Coals of Liberty Supper Club"; which they will use in any local advertisements.

More recently, the BRLP volunteers collected petition signatures for Gary Reams & Bill Redpath in front of the old post office on the Loudoun Street Mall, on Saturday, March 31. BRLP petition coordinator Bill Wood is seeking additional petitioning locations, and needs volunteers to help him get petitioners out and to arrange the petitioning locations in advance. The next activity is to collect signatures on April 16th in front of the Post Office.



Gary Reams attended the BRLP meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd. Reams explained his campaign and answered questions.

The BRLP hopes to arrange LP participation at the Clarke Co., Frederick Co. and Warren Co. Fairs. Wood says that no one seems to answer the phone numbers in the Yellow Pages, but he'll "keep trying". Maybe they don't want any customers!!



The BRLP is also now seeking candidates for Frederick County's Board of Supervisors. "It's a good time to run, too", Wood stated. "Many local citizens are not happy with their local representatives. Anyone interested in running for County Supervisor should let me know immediately!"

Chair Wood recently sent out an email thanking his local volunteers. "I read the Letters in local papers, I see you working the local email forums, I see the petitions you turn in," he wrote. "When the Libertarian Party grows, it does so because of the work every one of us contributes."

Aye.

For more information about the BRLP, call the BRLP voicemail line: 540-667-0758, or send them [email](#).

-- *Farlandria Libertarians* --

FAIRFAX/ALEXANDRIA -- The Farlandria Libertarians are considering joining the Maryland LP in a joint picnic in May.

Neil Steyskal and Ben Malisow expressed a desire to start a student group at George Mason University.

Two local members, David Nemzoff and Sam Marsh, are considering running for House of Delegates.

For more information, contact Dana Johansen 703-960-9120 or [send them an email](#).

-- *Jefferson Area Libertarians* --

ALBEMARLE COUNTY -- Libertarian Party members attending this year's convention of the JAL at the Golden Corral restaurant in Albemarle County were treated to the convergence of the chairmen of all three levels of the Libertarian Party leadership. Attending the event on Sunday (4/9/2001) were James Lark, the Chair of the national Libertarian Party; Marc Montoni, Chair of the state Libertarian Party, and Gary Westmoreland, Chair of the local LP.

During the business session, the group held its annual election; returning all three officers from last year to the same posts this year. Those officers are: Gary Westmoreland, Chair, Nancy Howell, Treasurer, and James Lark, Secretary.

The group also discussed activities for upcoming months -- major activities in the near future are the petitioning efforts to get William Redpath and Gary Reams on the ballot -- the Libertarian Party's Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidates, respectively -- and also to organize a tax protest at the main Post Office on Route 29, on April 16th.

Reported past activities included the pursuit of petition signatures for the campaigns by JAL members, at the local Giant food stores, Post Offices, and DMV's.

Charlottesville-area voters who wish to investigate the Libertarians further should call the LPVA Freedom Line at 800-619-1776, visit the party's website: www.LP.org, or send their name, address, phone, and email address to Info@LPVA.com.

For more information about the JAL in general, call Gary Westmoreland at 804-831-1058, [send an email](#), or take a look at the brand new [JAL website](#).

-- Roanoke Libertarian Party --

ROANOKE COUNTY -- Jim Lark, National Chairman of the Libertarian Party, spoke at the monthly meeting of the Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party on Wednesday, April 4. The group reported record attendance of 20 individuals!

For more information about the group, call the RVLP at 540-767-1776 or call Charles Pasley, RVLP Chairman, at 540-721-2012; or send [email](#).

Shenandoah County Libertarian Party --

WOODSTOCK -- The smallest but feistiest local LP in Virginia held its most recent meeting on March 28. Nonstop media coverage of the members of this group has continued unabated.

Shenandoah LP members fought -- alone -- against several new County regulations, such as a new Radon ordinance (which carried an estimated price tag of an additional \$500 per new home), and requiring professional surveys before a home can be built on honestly-acquired private property -- adding yet another \$500 to \$1000 to the cost of a new home.

The latest efforts of the Shenandoah scrappers is to fight off a school system that wants every dime of every dollar every county resident earns -- and might not even stop there. A recent letter to the editor is expected to result in many howls of protest by "school employees" (who will write their responses on the clock, no doubt) and others who will benefit from the bloating of the budget that has been proposed. It's cool with the Libertarians, though -- it's all free publicity!

For more information about the Shenandoah Libertarians, call Marc Montoni 540-984-4608 or email Shenandoah@LPVA.com.

Submissions for Around the State for the July/August Virginia Liberty should be sent no later than June 1, 2001, to PO Box 28263, Richmond VA 23228 or Newsletter@LPVA.com. Please include photos (JPG's, GIF's, PICT's or photographic negatives).

Letters to Liberty

Social Security is Morally Wrong

Dear Editor,

Regarding Ben Malisow's article on ***Social Security, The Biggest Pyramid Scheme***, it was stated "There was probably a time when Social Security made sense, as it was the only humane way of accomplishing something that needed doing (requiring that Americans provide for their neighbors who could not do so for themselves), and, at least on paper, did so without visible detriment to any involved."

While I would grant that well-meaning (yet mistaken) people could have supported and may continue to support Social Security, I believe his article is misleading. It not only was not the "only" humane way, I would posit that robbing Peter to pay Paul is not humane at all! There is clearly a detriment to ALL concerned, visible or not. Additionally, this is NOT the Libertarian position.

As with most government programs Social Security can be condemned from both a practical and moral standpoint. While Mr. Malisow did a fine job of exposition from a pragmatic viewpoint, I believe it is a mistake to overlook or downplay the fact that Social Security is also morally wrong according to Libertarian principles.

What I believe was lost in the attempt was the fact that while Social Security may have been well-intentioned, it is still morally wrong. Its architects and supporters may be ignorant instead of malicious. No matter, we should gently (or not, as appropriate) help them see the moral light, not claim that "It just doesn't work. Mathematically or practically. (sic)"

-- D Hultstrom
Richmond

Reply from Ben Malisow:

Regarding your first point, there were two fairly unsubtle caveats in the statements you quoted: "probably," and "visible." I recognize that the gist of the statement cited in your first point may run contrary to same. The statement (and essay as a whole) was couched to be read not only by Libertarians, but the public at large.

Nobody is going win elections by trying to convince people we're right by explaining that they're wrong.

END Social Security NOW!!

Dear Editor,

The articles in the March/April 2001 Virginia Liberty about Social Security were good information, but to really hit home, one needs to take the logic another step toward very personal.

Social Security "takes" out of our pay, plus a like amount from the employer, coming up with the 15%. Most people "forget" about the matching from the employer. As stated, there is no "trust fund", just part of the "surplus" or better

known to us Libertarians as "overpayment". When one put funds into a retirement account (IRA, 401K, etc) we have to designate two beneficiaries; just in case a husband and wife die together.

However, with Social Security, if one dies, the spouse will get a reduced amount. If both die; Uncle Sam says "Oh well, thanks a lot" and it goes to someone else! To take it even further, check out the obits sometime and see the number of people who die prior to age 59. They certainly didn't get a benefit, and the spouse has to wait until they are 59 to get a reduced benefit. If one dies in the early 60's, one certainly will never come close to recouping what was put in.

As you state, it's time to kill Social Security. With the "Social Security surplus" being talked about today, there isn't much reason it couldn't be killed today, and with that surplus keep the current recipients on the dole. I'm 51 and wouldn't have any grief with killing it. Imagine taking that 15% increase and putting into my own retirement plan. In ten years, that could be a significant increase in the nest egg.

-- **G Kawlewski**
Hampton

Convention Made History

What a great day in Virginia history. I just returned from the LPVA State Convention. I wish everyone could have been there. William Redpath will be our Candidate for Governor. Gary Reams will be running for Lt. Governor.

We are making history. It was awesome to listen to these two men. I felt so happy when the entire group stood two applaud our chosen Candidates. William (Bill) and Gary are putting a lot of time, money and work into their campaigns. People, we need to help. We must gather signatures to get them on the Ballot.

As you know, we need at least 400 valid signatures from each Congressional District. I have so much faith in my fellow local Libertarians, I pledged that we in the Blue Ridge group can gather 200 names. That's only 10 signatures per person in our group. I have blank petitions if you would like to gather signatures on your own. Please email me at BlueRidge@LPVA.com if you can help, or call me at 540-955-0733.

Also Marc Montoni was elected State Chair. When our Great-great grandchildren discuss the second war for Liberty, they will say this man's name in the same breath as Patrick Henry. He works 24 hours a day for our Liberty. Before I left the convention, 10 people had joined the Party. More people were bent over the information tables signing the oath.

I end this with a plea: Help -- we need your participation.

Thank You!

-- [B. Wood](#), Chairman
Blue Ridge Libertarian Party (Winchester)

tuition fees would improve education

Dear Editor,

I have more than 20 years experience in tutoring children, both "normal" and those with various learning disabilities and/or behavioral problems. I also have a stepdaughter who is ADD/HD. I have seen the inherent flaws in our

current educational system first-hand - both in parent-teacher conferences and in the effects our system has on children, academically and emotionally.

Most parents and teachers assume that a prescription alone will solve all of their child's problems. This is a typical attitude, unfortunately, that reflects our desire as a society to "blame" everyone but ourselves for our particular problems.

In working with children as a tutor, I discovered that those who were often considered "highly disruptive" or "behavior problems" in the classroom were comfortable and made excellent progress in the environment of my tutoring center. We provided individual attention, limited student-to-teacher ratios to 6 to 1, and required respectful behavior from both the students and the tutors.

In today's classrooms, especially the "group" type, children are encouraged to "teach each other" - supposedly because this integrates the group and develops a sense of community. What it actually does is place education in the hands of the uneducated and frees teachers for the "important tasks" of paperwork, meetings, and salary/benefit negotiations with the state.

So-called "standards of learning" are touted as a "cure" for our dismal student performance, but few recognize that such "standards" also need to be applied to the educators. As an example, I had a student who received a failing grade on an essay in high school because the teacher told her that the plural of "fly" should be spelled "flys".

I believe one approach to alleviating the problems in our schools would be mandatory tuition payments by parents - graduated to income, but required of all. We are a society of materialists, whether we admit it or not. We expect "value for value received" in our commercial dealings and do not object to "getting what we pay for." Our current system offers "free" education - paid for by every taxpayer, whether he or she has children or not. As a result, parental accountability and parent-teacher conferences are a joke.

If we were required to directly contribute financially, we might pay closer attention to the quality of the "product."

-- **T Rolan**
Lanexa

What do you think?

Tell us!

If you would like to send a letter to the editor, please include your name and address, and send it to PO Box 28263, Richmond VA 23228, or email it to Newsletter@LPVA.com. Letters should be 200 words or fewer. The editors reserve the right to edit any letter submitted and there is no guarantee that letters submitted will be published, though every effort will be made to see that they are.

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or send email to [Newsletter@ LPVA.com](mailto:Newsletter@LPVA.com).

-- *Classified Ads* --

WANTED: File cabinet. We are currently in need of a 5-drawer file cabinet in good shape (letter size); preferably locking, and preferably black -- but 5-drawer is the main concern. Call LPVA voicemail, 703-715-6230, or email Director@LPVA.com.

WANTED: Old computer hardware, W95 compatible. These will be outfitted with Carl Milsted's "Quiz2d" software and loaned to local groups for LP information tables at fairs and shows. Call LPVA voicemail, 703-715-6230, or email Director@LPVA.com.

AVAILABLE: Four older computers with "Quiz2d" installed, for local LP groups LP information tables at fairs and shows. No charge for use but you must pick up/drop off Edinburg VA. Call LPVA voicemail, 703-715-6230, or email Director@LPVA.com.

FOR SALE: 1991 Honda CRX, 140k, 5 speed, AC, AM/FM/CD, runs good, recent tires, current inspection, well maintained with regular oil changes, \$3000 and 10% goes to LPVA. Call Marc, 540-984-4608 (Woodstock, VA), or email Marc@LPVA.com. Digital photos available via email upon request. This car has attended almost as many LP meetings in the state as I have!

VOLUNTEER CALL: More spare time than money? Start a local LP group. We are now organizing in every city, county, and town jurisdiction in Virginia. Call LPVA voicemail, 703-715-6230, or email Director@LPVA.com.

VOLUNTEER CALL: Outgoing individuals needed to become Precinct Captains for every precinct, including YOURS. Meet new libertarian party members and prospects within walking distance of your own home; help sign up those prospects, help recruit candidates. Call LPVA voicemail, 703-715-6230, or email Director@LPVA.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Monthly Pledgers needed. Support the LP -- help us become the mainstream Party of the century. Call LPVA voicemail, 703-715-6230, or email Director@LPVA.com.

Election 2001

It's time for a real change. It's time to stand up for liberty. For freedom and responsibility for all Americans.

With over 300 positions across Virginia coming up for election this year - there is an incredible opportunity to have Libertarians elected to office.

What kind of people run for local office? Ordinary people like you and me. People that believe everyone should be free to run their own lives, and not some bureaucrat in Richmond or Washington D.C.

Look at the election schedule below and sign up today to become a candidate, manage a campaign, donate money, or volunteer your time to spread the powerful message of freedom across Virginia. Wouldn't you do a better job than some Demorepub that wants to take your freedom and money?

May 8, 2001

Town Council, Town of Vienna

November 6, 2001

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Attorney General

House of Delegates (100)

Soil and Water Directors:

Counties:

Alleghany (2)

Bath (2)

Buchanan (2)

Charles City (2)

Clark (2)

Dickenson (2)

Dinwiddie (2)

Essex (2)

Frederick (2)

Highland (2)

James City (2)

King and Queen (2)

King George (2)

King William (2)

Loudoun (3)

New Kent (2)

Prince William (3)

Scott (3)

Shenandoah (2)

Spotsylvania (2)

Stafford (2)

Warren (2)

Wise (2)

York (2)

Cities:

Covington (2)

Fredericksburg (2)

Petersburg (2)

Williamsburg (2)

Winchester (2)

Covington (2)

Fredericksburg (2)

Commonwealth's Attorney

Sheriff

Commissioner of the Revenue

Treasurer

Board of Supervisors

(40 counties)

School Boards

(35 counties)

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Email Director@LPVA.com.

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What Is A Libertarian?

A Libertarian believes you should be free to live your life the way you choose.

The word "Libertarian", comes from the word 'liberty - meaning freedom.

The government has grown enormously over the years feeding on hard-working people like you.

Government projects end up hurting those they are supposed to be helping, and they are always costly and inefficient.

Libertarians believe you should keep your money, so you can support charitable organizations if you want - rather than be forced to support government pet projects that are doomed to failure.

Libertarians also believe you should be free to treat your body as you wish - as long as you don't hurt anyone else. If you work out, eat right and live a long healthy life - that's your choice. If you smoke, take drugs and eat all the wrong food - that's your choice also. Libertarians think you should make your own decisions and take responsibility for your actions - politicians should not be making decisions for you.

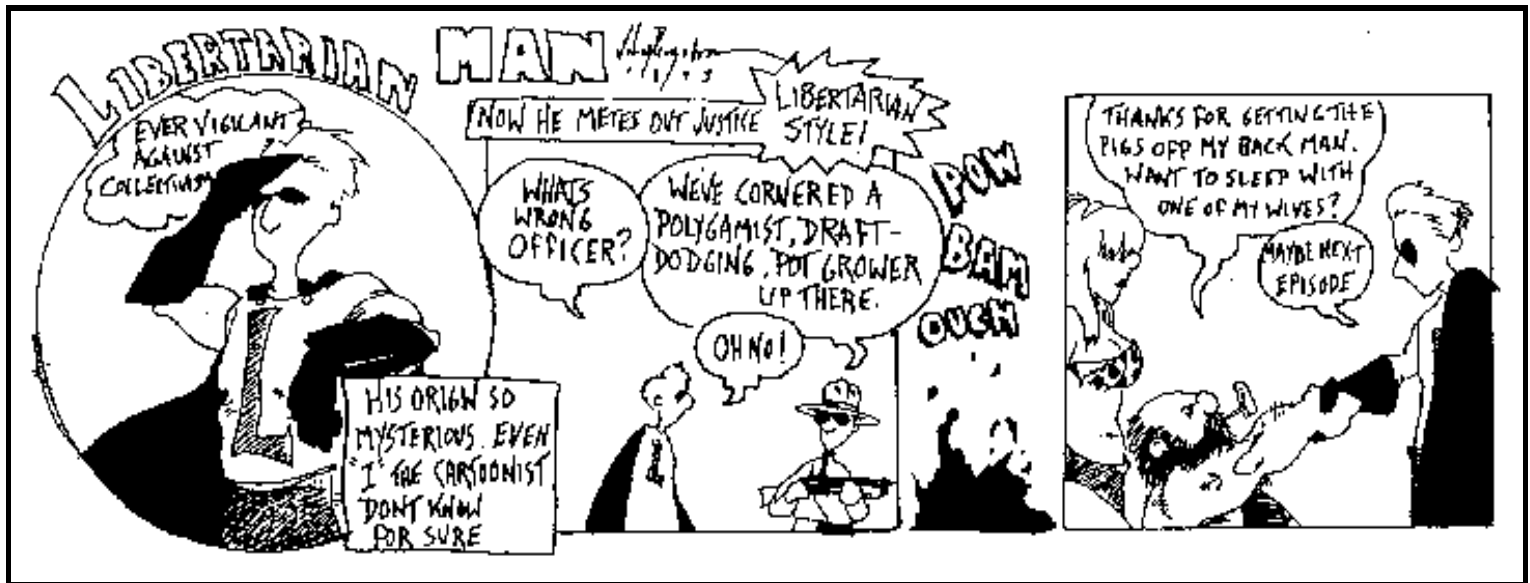
Libertarians also support your right to defend yourself in whatever way you choose. Libertarians defend the second amendment.

Libertarians believe that getting big government out of the schools will not only save you thousands of dollars in tax, but will also improve educational quality. You should have the right to choose where and how you educate your children, so that they will receive the kind of instruction and teaching that you determine is right for them.

Libertarians want you to be free to run your life, the way you want.

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