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Marc Montoni:

"This is an exciting first step towards a professionally-run Virginia Libertarian Party."

Marc Montoni, new Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Virginia.

Sign here...

Hampton -- Some people... are just outgoing and gregarious. Joe Cadrin and Sharon Wood are two alike in that respect.

I met the two of them on a gorgeous "Indian Summer" day in Hampton recently, and worked and talked with them as they gathered signatures for our presidential candidate and former US Senate candidate. I wanted to see first-hand the techniques they have used to become the Virginia Libertarian Party's top volunteer petitioners.

Cadrin and Wood are Hampton residents who hail originally from Stuart, Florida. They wasted no time once they arrived in Virginia -- already, they've started one of the most successful local groups in the state, the Peninsula Libertarian Club.

Cadrin, 54, an independent management consultant, has never petitioned before. He first heard about the Libertarian Party in the eighties, and has voted for independents or Libertarians ever since.

Wood has never petitioned until now, either. She was introduced to the LP by her husband (Cadrin), but did not join until she saw Democrats having a pep rally for Clinton immediately after the impeachment

Big step for LPVA

Richmond -- In a bold move, the Libertarian Party of Virginia decided to hire an Executive Director. After assessing several bids, Marc Montoni, a well known Virginia Libertarian, was chosen to take on the role. His duties will include building party membership, answering the 1-800 number, and participating in fund-raising activities.

"This is an exciting first step towards a professionally-run Virginia Libertarian

Party," Mr. Montoni said. "As we gain members, run more candidates and raise more money, the establishment will not be able to ignore us any longer and will have to begin dealing with *our* issues. Once that happens, their politics will rapidly become nothing more than the anachronism that we already know they are -- because correct ideas will always, eventually, supplant incorrect ideas."

-- E TILLER

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Wood runs for US House of Reps

Hampton -- Sharon Wood has announced her intention to seek the endorsement of the Libertarian Party in her campaign for the US House of Representatives in the 1st District.

Wood, 48, was a prosecuting attorney in Florida for 16 years. She has always opposed the War on Drugs and the death penalty.



Wood wants more voter choice.

Wood is running against an as yet unnamed Republican. She stated she decided to run "because I don't feel right about complaining about where the country is going if I'm not doing enough about it". Her main objective is to give people more choice on the ballot this November. Wood can be

contacted at (757) 838 3470 or e-mail WoodforCongress@LPVA.com.

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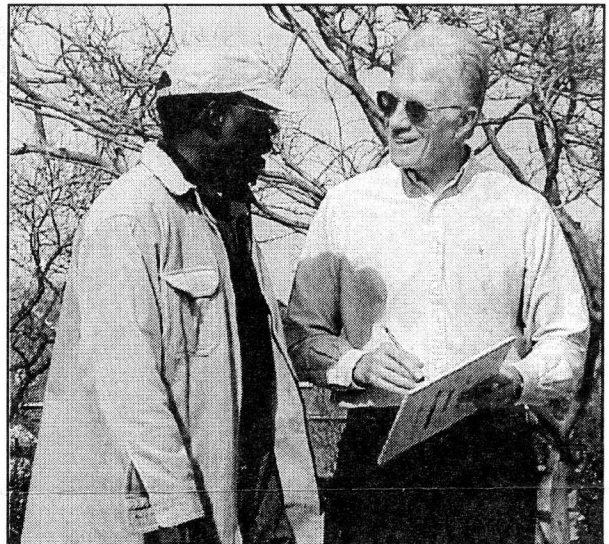
Successful petitioning

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vote. Cadrin then invited her to a Brown for President fundraiser appearance; and between that and a re-reading of *Atlas Shrugged*, she was convinced and joined the LP.

Cadrin and Wood assert that anyone, even those as inexperienced at petitioning as they were until this year, can be successful petitioners.

"You don't even have to spend your weekends petitioning -- just carry your boards around with you so you can get signatures from store clerks, passersby, at the dry cleaners, at your insurance agent's office [where she got eight signatures before she left], at LP meetings [where she got 10 more signatures from the waitress, hostess, etc], at the gas station [where she collects signatures while Joe puts gas in their car]," Wood states.

"It just doesn't take a lot of time if you



Joe Cadrin asks a passerby for his signature on a petition.

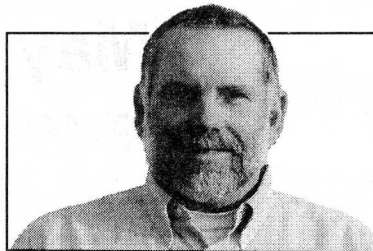
simply make it part of your daily routine," she said. "And if you do, you'll keep your weekends to yourself!"

-- M MONTONI

Bardinelli runs for Mayor

Eastern Shore --
LPVA member Frank Bardinelli has announced that he is running for Mayor of Hallwood, Virginia, against longstanding incumbent, Zeb Barfield.

Bardinelli, 50, has lived on the Eastern Shore since 1979, and owns Let There Be Light Services, a business maintenance service. He has officially been an LP member for two years, but stated that "I feel like I've been a



Bardinelli wants to represent people.

Libertarian all my life".

Mr. Bardinelli would like to introduce integrity and honesty into Eastern Shore politics. Resistant to the idea that special interest groups should dominate local politics, Bardinelli asserted "I want to represent the people." He sees this as a great "opportunity to get a

Libertarian into office." Bardinelli can be contacted at (757) 824 6153 or e-mail BardinelliforMayor@LPVA.com.

-- E TILLER

Inaugural 9th district convention

Wytheville -- The Libertarian Party of Virginia held its first Ninth District convention on Saturday, February 12, in Wytheville, Virginia.

Despite the unfavorable weather, seven members attended the convention. Gary Reams, LPVA Chairman and prospective candidate for U.S. Senate, attended and discussed his campaign.

Jim Lark of Pulaski was elected to serve as the 9th district's representative on the LPVA State Central Committee, while

Todd Pukanecz of Blacksburg was chosen as the alternate.

The convention featured a brief workshop on petitioning. Several attendees indicated that they would work to promote the ballot access effort now underway. Attendees also indicated that they would investigate opportunities for outreach efforts this year. In particular, there will be an effort to sponsor outreach tables at county fairs this summer.

-- JAMES W LARK III

Don't Miss

POLITICS 2000!



The Libertarian Party of Virginia

2000 CONVENTION

May 6, 2000

Fredericksburg

FEATURING

**David Boaz, Executive VP of the Cato Institute & author, speaks on
"Politics 2000: Exposing the Enemies of a Free Society"
Book signing of some of his important contributions to libertarian literature**

**Jim Lark, Vice Chair of the LPVA, on "The State of the LPVA"
Steve Dasbach, National Director of the LP, on "The State of the LP"**

**Convention business, including selection of delegates to the
National LP Presidential Nominating Convention in Anaheim**

Meet candidates for the LP Presidential Nomination

Candidates' Panel Discussion

Social Activities

State Congressional District Caucuses

The Site

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 Fax: 540-373-3641

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The Program

(Times & events subject to change)

Friday:	Hospitality Suite
Time TBD	
Saturday:	Registration
9:30AM	Welcome (Gary Reams)
10:30AM	State of the LPVA (Jim Lark)
10:45AM	State of the LP (Steve Dasbach)
11:00AM	Lunch – David Boaz "Politics 2000"
11:30AM	Convention <u>Business Session</u>
1:00PM	CD Caucuses, SCC Meeting, & Break
3:30PM	Candidates Panel Discussion
4:30PM	Reception
5:30PM	Dinner
6:30PM	Gary Reams & Ron Crickenberger
7:45PM	Hospitality Suite
9:00PM	

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Your View

How Can You be a Christian and a Libertarian?



I have often been asked how it is possible that I am both a Christian and a Libertarian. The presupposition behind the question is that both Christianity and Libertarianism are at odds with one another. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I believe the only truly free people are those who are capable and willing to govern themselves. As a Christian, I believe that the greatest success an individual can have at self government is to adhere to Biblical principles -- principles that many Libertarians will recognize. For example, don't steal, don't covet your neighbor's property, honor your contracts, don't commit fraud, to only name a few.

George Washington explained in his Farewell Address (September 17, 1796) that in order for a nation to prosper "...religion and morality are indispensable supports." He went on to say, "...reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle," and "Let it be simply asked, 'Where is the security for life, for reputation, and for property, if the sense of religious obligation desert?'"

Because so many of the clergy who fill the pulpits across the nation today were educated in state-run institutions, or directly benefit from a favorable tax status, many churchgoers are hard-pressed to hear that the Bible severely limits the scope and boundaries of governmental intrusion.

Christianity and liberty are irrevocably linked. The more one traces the origin of liberty, the more one will draw that conclusion. Jefferson said it best, "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them." (*Rights of British America*, 1774).

-- GREG CUNNINGHAM

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-- Daniel Webster (1834)

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-- Thomas Jefferson

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Call Jim Turbett (703) 750 9125. Fairfax@LPVA.com

Farlandria Libertarians (Falls Church - Arlington - Alexandria)

Every Wednesday from 5:30-7pm. Crystal City Marriot, lounge.
Call Dana Johansen (703) 960 9120. Farlandria@LPVA.com

Fauquier Libertarians

First Sunday of every month at 2pm. Legends Restaurant, Warrington.
Call Tim Ryan (540) 752 5211. Fauquier@LPVA.com

Fredericksburg Area Libertarians

Second Thursday of every month at 7pm. Fredericksburg Library.
Call John Mitton (540) 372 9954. Fredericksburg@LPVA.com

Highland Libertarians (Abingdon)

Second Wednesday of every month from 6-7pm. Warrington County Library.
Call Mike Porter (540) 628 2656. Abingdon@LPVA.com

New River Libertarians (Blacksburg)

Second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Bogen's Restaurant, Blacksburg.
Call Todd Pukanecz (540) 552 3586. NewRiver@LPVA.com

Patrick Henry Supper Club (Richmond)

First Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Picadilly Circus Cafeteria, Midlothian.
Call Marc Visconte (804) 530 1903. Richmond@LPVA.com

Peninsula Libertarian Club (Hampton)

Third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Hampton Public Library.
Call Joe Cadrin (757) 838 3470. Peninsula@LPVA.com

Prince William County Libertarians

Second Monday of every month from 8-9pm. Jazz Street Grill, Woodbridge.
Call Philip Hodson (703) 257 1712. PrinceWilliam@LPVA.com

Roanoke Valley Libertarians

First Wednesday of every month at 6pm. Salem Public Library.
Call Charles Pasley (540) 767 1776. RoanokeValley@LPVA.com

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... you think that means "No new taxes" means "We've already paid enough -- let's end them all."

... you think that 99 percent of the politicians give the other one percent a bad name.

... you think that it should be harder to get welfare than a building permit.

... you think that politicians should be limited to two terms: one in office and one in jail.

... you think that gun registration means sending in your warranty card.

-- PHILIP HODSON

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