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STATE CONVENTION

The 1998 State Convention of the Libertarian Party of Virginia will take place on Saturday, May 2, at the Dulles Marriott, 333 West Service Road (just off the Dulles Toll Road), Chantilly.

At this time the list of confirmed speakers and panel participants during the morning session includes **Michael Lynch** (Washington editor, Reason magazine), Lawrence Gasman (senior fellow, Cato Institute), James W. Lark, III (advisor, The Liberty Coalition, U.Va., and "Success '97" faculty member), William Redpath (L.P. national ballot access coordinator), and Perry Willis (former L.P. national director and "Project Archimedes" leader). We are endeavoring to secure confirmation from other prospective participants.

The luncheon will feature an address by **James Bovard**. Mr. Bovard is the author of several books, including *Lost Rights* and *Shakedown: How the Government Screws You From A to Z*. His articles have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The American Spectator*, *Reason*, and many other publications.

The convention will feature an afternoon business session, at which party officers will be chosen, delegates to the upcoming national convention will be selected, and constitutional changes and resolutions will be considered. **LPVA members may attend the business session free of charge.**

To attend the morning session and the luncheon, the fees are as follows: \$50.00, if fees are submitted (or postmarked) by March 31, \$60.00, if fees are submitted (or postmarked) after March 31 and received by May 1, \$70.00 for registration at the door A hospitality suite will be sponsored at the hotel by the LPVA on the evening of Friday, May 1.

The Dulles Marriott is a luxury hotel featuring a health club, whirlpool, indoor and outdoor pools, a restaurant and lounge, and many other amenities (including free parking).

The special rate secured for LPVA convention attendees for Friday and/or Saturday night is \$54.00 (not counting the 9.5% tax) per night. This rate will be available until April 11; after that date, rooms are not guaranteed to be available at that rate. Members may contact the hotel directly at 703-471-9500, or by calling the Marriott toll-free line at 800-228-9290.

Additional information about the convention and registration will be sent to members and other interested parties in late February/early March. Contact: James W. Lark, III, Ph.D. Dept. of Systems Engineering University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA 22903 O: 804-982-2100.



CONVENTION BUSINESS

PROPOSED Resolution on the LPVA Platform on the Election Process

Whereas the LPVA agrees with the 80% of the U.S. population who recognize the U.S. election process is broken, sending 95% of the incumbents back to office and encouraging reliance on massive expenditures;

and whereas the LPVA recognize that people vote with a bias based on name recognition and that incumbency provides free name recognition while large expendi-

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EVENT CALENDAR



LPVA CONVENTION, MAY 2. The **State Central Committee**. To be held immediately after the Convention. Contact State Chair Dana Johansen.

The LP of Fairfax County will hold a social dinner, **the George Mason Supper Club**, Tuesday, **April 28** at the Mustache Cafe, 6723 Richmond Hwy. Alexandria, VA, across from the Beacon Mall, South of I-495/95 on Route 1. \$16 Buffet Dinner at 7 p.m. Cash bar from 6-7 p.m. Informal dress. Speaker is Marcia Dykes of Citizens For Sensible Taxation who speak about the plan for a tax funded stadium in Northern Virginia. RSVP 703-329-6857. All are welcome.

The LP of Fairfax County Annual County Convention April 18, Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., half way between the Beltway and Lohman Plaza. To elect officers, plan upcoming events. All are welcome. NO CHARGE.

The LP of Fairfax County Committee Meeting Tuesday, **Mar. 24**, 6 p.m. at the Amphora Restaurant, 377 Maple Ave. West in Vienna to discuss the Fair and Convention. All are welcome.

Patrick Henry Supper Club The schedule now will be the **first Tuesdays**, of every month except November which will be on the second Tuesday of that month.. At Morrisons Cafeteria, 8220 Midlothian turnpike, Richmond. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and program begins at 7.

On-campus activism. At the University of VA contact Jim Lark at 804-973-5958. At Washington and Lee, contact Wayne Dymacek at 703-463-6981.

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Libertarian Party of Prince William Co. For more information, contact Phil Hodson 703-257-1712.

Tidewater Supper Club, contact Sanford Pankin at 757-244-0516. Tidewater LP meets **2nd Saturday** of every month at the Oasis Restaurant on Kikkopan Rd 7:00 pm.

The Ballot Access Committee, for details on next meeting, contact: Shelley Tamres, 703-450-0218

Jefferson Area Libertarians For information, please contact Marianne Volpe, Chair, at 804-293-3976, or e-mail mev6e@avery.med.virginia.edu.

Students for Individual Liberty, Box 514, Newcomb Hall Station, Charlottesville, VA22904, 804-982-5016, e-mail liberty@Virginia.edu <http://darwin.clas.virginia.edu/~liberty>

The Future of Freedom Foundation See their ad in this issue. **The Vienna Coffee Club**. For details contact The Future of Freedom Foundation, 703- 934- 6101 or visit their web site at www.fff.org/freedom/daily/.

The LP of the Blue Ridge meets the **third Sunday** of every month at Hoss' Steak and Sea House, Rte. 50 E., Winchester. Contact Bob Snapp, chair, for details. (540) 722-6358. e-mail: cptfood@mnsinc.com

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tures can buy name recognition;

and whereas the LPVA understands that the only possible way to vote in the current election system is a vote in favor of a candidate; and whereas one of the principles is to favor choice;

and whereas the concept of "Full Option Voting" provides the additional choice in the voting booth to vote in opposition to a candidate;

and whereas the LPVA believes that providing the voter with the option to vote against a candidate will eliminate the bias in favor of incumbents and massive expenditures, leveling the playing field;

now therefore be it resolved that: the LPVA will support the effort to institute "Full Option Voting" in its own business and in local, state and Federal Government elections; and that the LPVA calls on the National Libertarian Party to include a plank supporting Full Option Voting in the Libertarian Party Platform.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LPVA
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY

(Italicized words to be removed, and underlined words to be added)

SECTION I. The LPVA participates in the Unified Membership Program of the Libertarian National Committee. Except as provided for in Article VII any person who has been a contributing member of the National Libertarian Party for at least thirty days and who resides in Virginia is ipso facto a member of the LPVA. Any person who has signed the membership statement of the National Libertarian Party and who contributes to the LPVA is a member of the the LPVA.

ARTICLE VI ENDORSEMENTS BY THE PARTY

The Party, its District and Local Committees, shall be empowered to nominate, support, endorse, contribute to, or otherwise assist candidates for public office *including assistance*. Such powers may be applied to candidates of other parties or independent candidates provided who 1) they certify in writing their agreement with Libertarian principles, and provided 2) that the National, State, District or Local Libertarian Party organization does not have a candidate for such public office.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE CONVENTION

The State Central Committee is offering all Local Affiliate Parties the opportunity to put on the next state convention. In exchange, the Locals would get to keep all the proceeds. Please bring your ideas to this year's convention.

Those not attending the state convention this year, but wishing to be a delegate to the July National Convention should get their names to Marc Montoni now.

PANKIN FOR CITY COUNCIL

by Marc Montoni

Sanford is a resident of Hampton, Virginia, and has been the LP contact for the Tidewater region for a couple of years. He has

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IMPORTANT NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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Shelley Tamres, district 10 rep, Sterling, 703-450-0218
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worked tirelessly to advance Libertarian issues in Hampton and the rest of Tidewater, and has been the main force behind LP organizing efforts in other cities in the area.

Sanford is not a stranger to long hours and low or no pay in the efforts he has made for Liberty: he has petitioned for ballot access for the party in a number of states over the years. Some of the petitioning efforts the Libertarian Party has been forced to undertake by some states have been very difficult complete with official harassment and Sanford has been there, working, nonetheless. Sanford has been a Party member since 1980 when he worked in Ed Clark's campaign for president.

Over the years, Sanford participated in and helped organize Libertarian activities, culminating with the founding of the Greater Hampton Roads Libertarian Party in 1993. One of his first efforts at running for elective office in Virginia was a run for City Council of Hampton in 1996, receiving about 800 votes about twice as many as Harry Browne collected in Hampton in 1996.

Since then, Sanford has gone from being a virtual unknown to being a frequent player in local politics. He has testified and campaigned against a taxpayer-supplied hockey stadium (Hampton Roads Rhinos). A measure that was defeated! He testified and campaigned against a taxpayer-supplied baseball stadium in York County. A measure that was defeated! He spoke against city council raising their own salaries 80% (but they did it anyway). He spoke in defense of property owners' rights; Sanford worked against raising the real property tax.

Sanford stands on his principles, gets up and speaks against power grabs, and reminds elected officials that someone is watching. So the next best thing to keeping an eye on dishonest politicians is to get elected and veto them outright. In that light, Sanford has decided to make another run for Hampton City Council. The election is May 5, 1998 meaning the time is now to start assembling a campaign war chest.

Local races usually offer the Libertarian the best chance of a victory for the dollars invested, especially since we have enough members around the state to bring a local candidate up to spending parity with the DemoRepublicrats. We'd like to raise \$10,000 for this race, which would make us at least competitive with the old-party candidates. Sanford already has some credibility and name recognition; now, he needs your support to buy the rest of it that the average voter only gets through repeated advertising, whether on TV or radio, posted on the street, handed to them in a parking lot, or sent to their mailbox.

Sanford already organized an effort to hand out his flyers at the polls back in November; so voters in his district have already started hearing about him. With your help, in a couple of months when the TV cameras go live, and Sanford starts getting invited to debate the other candidates, his campaign will already have excellent momentum and enough cash to support the effort. All monies raised through this letter will go towards direct advertising.

Please send a check today for Remember, the campaign budget is your donation; Sanford doesn't want to run a red-ink campaign! Send checks to: **Sanford Pankin**, Hampton Roads Libertarians, P.O. Box 5796, Newport News, VA 23605, 757-244-0516.

ASSEMBLY WATCH

by George Mason

SB 2 Constitutional amendment, agreements for sharing revenues. Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 3, 1998, election on a constitutional amendment which will authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law or special act for county-city-town agreements to share the revenues and costs associated with a particular land area designated by the agreement. The law shall provide for a special governing body to be selected by the governing bodies of the localities and

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for the powers of the special governing body. The law may provide for adoption of the agreement upon approval of the governing bodies of the participating localities. Fiscal commitments to finance the development and maintenance of areas under the jurisdiction of the special governing body will not constitute debt of the participating localities.

SB 322 Constitutional amendment;
Summary: Provides for a referendum at the November 3, 1998, election on a constitutional amendment which provides that the General Assembly may authorize one or more cities, towns, or counties, or any combination thereof, to contract debt as the result of an agreement to share revenue, tax base, or the benefits of economic growth. This class of debt is exempted from the ceiling on local debt for cities and towns and from the requirement for a local referendum for counties.

Mr. Mason advises against these amendments. SB 2 will add more government and SB322 will allow it to be fiscally irresponsible.

CRUCIAL BILLS FOR LPVA

by Shelley Tamres

The bills are: HB 47, HB 48, and HB 49. HB 49 would reduce the number of petition signatures required for candidates for statewide office and for Congress (this would help us immediately for the 1998 congressional elections). HB 48 would reduce the percentage of the vote required for us to be recognized as a Party. And HB 47 would allow us to petition our way into recognized Party status.

Please contact your delegates and demand that they support fairer ballot access for minor parties and independent candidates by supporting House Bills 7, 48, and 49. Let's FLOOD them with calls and faxes!!!

The following web site is the list of Election Law bills and can be accessed or read the text of our bills and to access all of the Virginia legislative info at: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504?981+sbj+024>. Contact: Shelley Tamres, LPVA BAC Chair, at 703-450-0218.

There are two other election law bills that are NOT GOOD NEWS. Please also urge your delegates to vote AGAINST HB 254 and to replace HB 12 with last year's bill HB 2341. HB 254 allows registration by party, but only for already recognized parties. HB 12 allows party names on the ballot for non-Presidential elections, but again only for recognized parties. Last year's HB 2341 allowed any candidate to use an identi-

fying label.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

FREDERICKSBURG LP

The initiative taken by Stafford County member Don Chewning has led to the revival of LP activity in the Fredericksburg area after a long hiatus. Following two casual get-together earlier this winter the group met on 31 January with state Chair Dana Johansen. Dana presented a very well thought-out set of plans for local party development. The blueprints stress professionalism and are organized so that they can be adapted by LP groups at all levels of expansion.

The Fredericksburg area includes the counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, Caroline, and King George, as well as the city itself. The organizers all expect to enjoy themselves while advancing the restoration of liberty.

Area members who want to join in the activities, or just wish to be kept informed, are invited to contact Stew Engel at 303 1/2 Caroline St., F'burg., VA 22401-6011, 540-374-9884, or stew@fls.infi.net. Fax: 540-374-9884 (call to arrange).

LP OF BLUE RIDGE ELECTIONS

At its Jan. 18 business meeting, the LP of the Blue Ridge elected its officers for the coming year. Those elected were: Bob Snapp, chair; Roland Riddell, vice chair; Mary Watkins, treasurer; and Rita Wood, secretary.

REDPATH SPECIAL ELECTION

Bill Redpath ran in the Jan 20, 1998 VA Senate District 33 special election to replace the resigned Charles Waddell. It was a short race and Redpath garnered 1% of the vote.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

by Jim Lark

Students for Individual Liberty, the oldest and largest of the Liberty Coalition groups at U.Va., has scheduled the following events for the Spring, 1998 semester:

Feb. 26 James DeLong, Competi-

tive Enterprise Institute, speaker: "Property Matters"

Apr. 13 Doug Bandow, Cato Institute, speaker: Topic to be announced Note that we hope to add at least two speakers to this lineup. I am pleased to report that we have activity this spring at Washington and Lee University, James Madison University, and George Mason University.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

by Jim Lark

On a personal note, I shall have the honor of serving as a member of the Platform Committee at the 1998 National Convention. Those LPVA members who have particular concerns about the platform are welcome to submit their concerns to me. Also, Bill Redpath has been chosen to serve on the By-laws Committee.

LIBERTY TODAY TV

Hosted by Matt Thexton on channel 10 (Fairfax County Cable). The shows airs on the 3rd and 4th weeks of a month, a new show each week. Each show will air: Sunday 9:30 PM, Monday 6:00 PM, Wednesday 10:30 AM. Catch it!!

Matt is looking for volunteers to be a part of the T.V. crew. On the job training provided. Call 703-536-5030.

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THE THOMAS PAINE CAUCUS

Join other LP members in the mid-Atlantic region interested in the classic libertarian ideas of Paine, Henry George, et al promoting liberty and a principled statement of ownership of the land within the LP platform. Former Vice-Presidential candidate Russell Means and LP co-founder Dave Nolan have expressed interest in the land question. Contact Paul Gagnon at 703-329-6957 or e-mail 74633.3520@compuserve.com.

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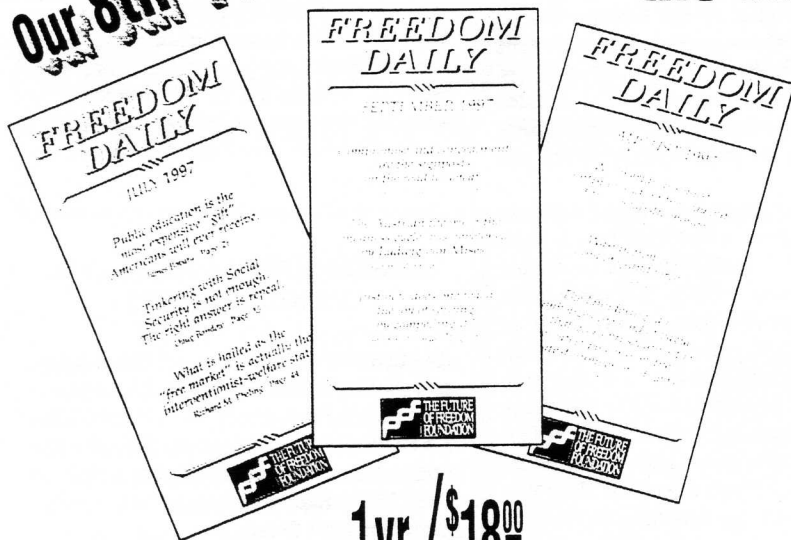
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