



**Coming Up**

**October 30, 2007**

Last Day To Apply for Absentee Ballot, by mail or fax

**November 3, 2007**

Last Day To Apply for Absentee Ballot (in-person, at local registrar's office)

**November 6, 2007**

**General Election**  
*Remember to Vote!*  
*No Libertarian on the ballot?*  
*Write In!*

**January 19, 2007**

State Committee meeting.  
 TBA, Richmond. 1 p.m.

**March 2008**

**LPVA State Convention Business -- Elect National Delegates & state LP officers; amend LPVA Constitution.** NOTE: Membership in LPVA required in order to get a voting credential.

**May 6, 2008**

**Local Elections**  
*Remember to Vote!*  
*No Libertarian on the ballot?*  
*Write In!*

**May 22-26, 2008**

**LP National Convention**  
 Denver, Colorado  
 (Memorial Day weekend)

*To serve as a delegate from Virginia, you must be elected by the members at the state convention.*

**Nov 6: The LP 'Surprise!'**

[www.TaborVaSenate.com](http://www.TaborVaSenate.com)  
 The 'Soapbox' Campaign

[www.Marchenko.com](http://www.Marchenko.com)  
 The Ten Percent Solution

After a late start dictated by the rare opportunity for a one-on-one contest against a vulnerable GOP incumbent, we have been working hard to overcome well entrenched, and well-known, State Senator Harry Blevins. The task is intimidating. The incumbent has at least \$160,000 of mostly special interest money at his disposal to our total of under \$4000.

There are 117,000 registered voters in the 14th District, 44,500 of whom voted in the 2005 election and we see as likely voters we will target. Most are unaware that the incumbent is even opposed in the November election, as the local newspaper, which supports the incumbent, has not responded to press releases or in any way acknowledged my candidacy.

We do not have the funds to overcome this problem with paid advertising, so we are resorting grassroots methods of literature distribution, handshaking and phone contacts. The response from those we have contacted is encouraging, as Blevins is closely associated with last sessions Road Plan which is very unpopular locally.

So far, with the help of a small core of

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**'Open Primaries': Unconstitutional, Says Judge**

By Marc Montoni

Congress shall make no law... While many of our readers would have preferred that the 1st Amendment simply stopped there, the government must not violate the right of individuals to associate (or refrain from associating) with whomever they wish.

A Virginia statute that permits an officeholder seeking re-election to force his party to pick its nominee for the seat in an open primary is unconstitutional, according to a federal appeals court ruling on Monday, October 1.

The ruling may scuttle what many refer to as an "incumbent protection" measure. The Virginia GOP filed the lawsuit partially in response to continued deviations from the state party's official positions on issues such as spending and taxation; arguing the re-

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Amid the excitement and activity leading up to election day, the Marchenko campaign for Tuckahoe District Supervisor is gearing up for a last minute push and is hoping for a strong election day showing.

Since early September the campaign team has distributed over 4,000 candidate brochures door to door in key precincts. Marchenko has met hundreds of local voters and addressed citizens at a candidate forum on September 20th, a recent VCDL meeting and other events. He will address voters again at a candidate forum hosted by the Henrico Fraternal Order of Police on Monday October 8th and attend a Realtors Association candidate event on October 25th.

The campaign also plans a major yard sign and banner distribution push in the coming weeks as campaign contributions and volunteer support remain solid.

"We are very encouraged by citizen feedback," said Marchenko. Two issues seem to be working in Marchenko's favor. "Between runaway government spending and questionable land acquisition deals we have the attention of educated and engaged voters apparently fed up with the current

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[www.ArinSime.com](http://www.ArinSime.com)  
 It's Time for SIME!

The Sime for State Senate campaign, in the final months before the November 6th election, is working hard and flourishing in the hustle and bustle of the season. While focusing extensively on voter outreach, many events have both taken place and been planned to spread word about the campaign and deliver a message of limited government, lower taxes, second amendment rights, and school choice. An impressive schedule has been planned for October and early November.

A great fundraising event was held at the Starr Hill Brewery in Crozet on August 24th. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and

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**Was A Libertarian At Helm of the Fed for 18 Years?**

**The Greenspan 'Surprise'**

By James W. Harris

As chairman of the Federal Reserve for 18 years, Alan Greenspan was, quite simply, one of the most powerful and influential people in the world. He served six presidents as either Fed chairman or adviser, until his retirement in 2006.

Now he's written a controversial and bestselling new memoir, "The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World." In mere days it rocketed to the number one spot on the New York Times hardcover nonfiction bestseller list.

In it, Greenspan declares that he is a libertarian, more specifically, a "lifelong libertarian Republican."

The new book is igniting controversy among conservatives for its condemnation of the out-of-control spending of President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and the Republican-controlled Congress.

"The Republicans in Congress lost their way," writes Greenspan. "They swapped principle for power. They ended up with neither. They deserved to lose [the 2006 election, when they lost control of the House and Senate]."

Greenspan says his goal in government was to help move America towards free markets and limited government. Thus he was

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[www.MatthewTMartin.com](http://www.MatthewTMartin.com)  
 Big Splash at Local Events



Sept 15 saw the 2007 Glen Allen Day. This event organized by the Glen Allen Ruritan Club is the largest community festival in Henrico. The LP of Henrico has had a

presence at the event for the last three years. This year with two candidates running for Board of Supervisors (Matt Martin and George Marchenko), the LP of Henrico saw its largest turnout for the event.

The event featured the traditional parade down Mountain Rd as well as a number of exhibitors and many activities for children. This year there was also a car show (apologies from your photographer, the camera ran out of memory before getting to the car show). Libertarians had an entry in the parade and an exhibit booth.



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# Local Activities

## Virginia Beach Libertarian in FOIA Fight

By John Fenter

I first became interested in this topic in 2005, when I first noticed the signs on the airport entrance roads. The signs proclaim "ALL VEHICLES ENTERING AIRPORT ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH".

Given the 4th Amendment, and the lack of any Virginia statute or federal statute that I could find that specifically authorized such searches, I first called the Airport Authority attorney and asked her what authorized such searches. She replied that she wasn't going to "do my homework for me".

So, in 2006, I submitted my first FOIA request, which is when I found out that they DON'T have to do legal research for you. Of course, I had done legal research online and had come up with nothing. I then submitted a second FOIA request for records concerning the emplacement of the signs, hoping that there would be references in the documentation. THAT request was supposedly referred to the TSA by the Airport Authority, which failed to respond in accordance with VA FOIA law. My third request was for copies of correspondence with TSA addressing my second request. They failed completely to respond to that request. I then submitted my case to the Virginia FOIA Advisory Council in Richmond, and they agreed with me that the Authority had failed to obey the law.

At this point, I retained an attorney, Mr. Jack Donahue of the Thorsen & Scher law firm, located in Richmond. See:

[www.snipurl.com/VaAirtFOIA](http://www.snipurl.com/VaAirtFOIA)

We filed suit in Norfolk Circuit Court, and the Airport Authority then sat up and took notice. They attempted to negotiate a settlement, and provided some materials to my attorney, but they were too little, too late. The case was heard by Judge Morrison, and he found for the Airport Authority and dismissed. However, we felt that we had been

wrongly dealt with and filed an appeal. Our appeal was accepted after a 3-judge panel hearing at the Virginia Supreme Court last spring, and our case was heard by the full court this summer. As we expected, we prevailed on the facts and the law, Judge Morrison was reversed, and the Airport Authority directed to reimburse legal costs and fees. The decision is available at:

[www.courts.state.va.us/opinions/opnscvwp/1062563.pdf](http://www.courts.state.va.us/opinions/opnscvwp/1062563.pdf)

Note that this was a FOIA case, NOT a 4th Amendment case; we haven't even got to those ramifications yet.

What did we discover during the trial process?

1. The Airport Authority tried very hard to get out of FOIA by claiming "security" and Federal sovereignty for security matters. They failed.

2. The signs were placed at the direction of the Airport Authority due to their interpretation of TSA directions.

3. The legal authority claimed for the search of any vehicle entering Airport Property is CFR 1542.303, wherein the TSA may issue "classified" (Sensitive Security Information) Security Directives telling the Airport(s) what actions to take in response.

4. Effectively, what this means is that the TSA is claiming authority to search vehicles without a warrant or probable cause, based on "secret" Security Directives issued by TSA. These Directives will not be disclosed to the persons whose vehicles are being searched.

5. I am still unsure of whether or not anyone will be allowed to refuse a search,

turn and leave the airport. I am also unsure of what OTHER actions the TSA may direct in other Security Directives. An example may be confiscating firearms on Airport Property even though VA Code only forbids firearms carry in the terminal building, not on Airport property in general.

6. The signs are up 24/7. However, it is clear that there is no security directive in effect most of the time, since cars are NOT being searched routinely if at all. Therefore, I consider the signs to be "chilling" of 4th Amendment rights since the threat of a search is being made while no authority to search exists. Further research and action may be needed on this issue.

*John Fenter is an activist, curmudgeon -- and an LP member since 2001. He is also a member of the Tidewater LP. He is a retired Navy officer, having served in nuclear submarines. Fenter is also on the Board of Directors for VCDL.*

## FindOne

Here's a challenge to every member of the LPVA: Find One and Sign One.

This month, make it a point to carry an LPVA membership form in your wallet, and talk about the LP with your friends, family, and coworkers. Just cut out the form on page 8.

If you find someone ready to join, sign them up on the spot, collect their membership dues, and send them to me (LPVA Secretary Marc Montoni) for processing.

**Want to see \*your\* local affiliate activities reviewed on this page?  
So.... Take photos, write a review, and send it! We can't print it if you don't!**

## ARE YOU READY TO RUN FOR OFFICE?

The LPVA is eager to help you. The first step you should take is to fill out the prospective candidate form on our website:

**Campaign.LPVA.com**

The form requests basic information (your name, the office you're interested in seeking, and related data). Once you submit it, LPVA officers will contact you promptly to discuss how the state committee can help you.

Try it! You may also leave a message on the LPVA message line: 703-715-6230; or send a message to [SCC-All@LPVA.com](mailto:SCC-All@LPVA.com).

If you have questions about reporting requirements or qualifications, call the State Board of Elections at 800 552-9745, or visit them on the web: [www.sbe.state.va.us](http://www.sbe.state.va.us)

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**2/12/2008: Presidential & local primaries**

**5/6/2008: Local Elections**

- City Council (30 cities) (terms vary)
- City School Boards (18 cities) (terms match Council)
- Town Council (180 towns) (terms vary)
- City or Town Mayor, Town Treasurer, Town Recorder (Clerk) (If req'd by charter; terms vary)  
Primary if held: February 12
- Soil and Water Directors (4-year term)

**6/12/2008: Primary for 11/4 election**

**11/4/2008: General election**

- President (4-year term)
- U. S. Senator (1) (6-year term)
- U. S. Representative (11) (2-year term)
- Co. Board (Arlington) (4-year term)
- Co. School Board (Arlington) (4-year term)
- City Council (7 cities) (terms vary)
- City School Board (2 cities) (terms vary)
- Town Council (9 towns) (terms vary)

Note 1: Soil and Water Conservation District Directors are elected every four years in some counties and cities; see specific schedule for this office.

Note 2: If a City shares Clerk of Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer with a County, then the City elects at same time as County.

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## Marchenko

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system," Marchenko continued during a recent campaign stop at the Virginia State Fair.

Voters are also noticing the principled approach this campaign is taking. "We are not going after the incumbent or her record. We are not placing blame or pointing fingers. We lay out the facts, the numbers and the probable consequences of business-as-usual government," continued Marchenko.

"Citizens don't want to be caught in the cross-fire of nastiness. Henrico citizens are typically issues-based and expect conviction, enthusiasm and common sense," said Marchenko.

Marchenko has proposed a ten percent annual budget roll-back plan to return county government back to 2000 spending levels. He says there was no scarcity of government services in 2000 and a return to that level is essential to restore constitutionally functional government.

His analysis and understanding of the county budget has led to this bold objective that he believes can be accomplished through the elimination of extraneous departments, ending unnecessary (non-core) spending, reasonable privatization and reengineering non-instructional school operations.

"We are in a fight for the future of Henrico County," says Marchenko. "Runaway spending growth since 2000 is an indication of how expensive and intrusive government will be in the near future. This needs to be addressed now more than ever."

This Libertarian is making his stand for our liberty. Your interest is encouraged. Your actions even more.

Contact the campaign at [contact@marchenko.com](mailto:contact@marchenko.com) to volunteer to work a poll on election-day, or help distribute yard signs.

Or, contribute via the campaign website at [Marchenko.com](http://Marchenko.com).

## VL Hero Award

By Jim Lark

This is the eighteenth in a series of articles designed to recognize the efforts of volunteers who are tireless in their work for liberty.

The intent is to change the culture many of our "best and brightest" face within the Party, to one which gives stellar volunteers the praise and appreciation they are due.

This issue, *Virginia Liberty's* editorial staff hopes all Libertarians will join us in a loud round of applause for:

### Kathy Mullin

Since becoming involved with the Libertarian Party of Virginia in April 2003, Kathy has stepped up to the plate in several ways.

Kathy, who lives in Dumfries, currently serves as the chair of the Libertarian Party of Prince William County and the chair of the First Congressional District Committee. She has worked hard to build the LPPWC, a task that was made more difficult due to the fact that several active members of the organization have moved out of the



county during the past three years.

Kathy was a prominent member of the Bill Wood for Congress campaign during 2006. She made many valuable contributions to the campaign, not least of which included

her work with the petition drive that placed Mr. Wood's name on the ballot. (As one who has coordinated petition drives, I can appreciate her fine work in that effort.) She also played a starring role in the campaign's video commercial.

Kathy has established a reputation among her State Central Committee colleagues of being a competent and courteous leader who works well with others.

She is always willing to lend a hand on projects where possible, and she delivers what she promises.

Kathy is actually part of a Libertarian family: John and Sarah Mullin, Kathy's brother and sister-in-law, respectively, are founding members of the Libertarian Party of Henrico County. I believe Kathy joined the LP while attending a Richmond Libertarians social hour.

We salute Kathy for her many contributions to the LPVa, and for being a good teammate. On behalf of Virginia Liberty, we salute Kathy for her many contributions to the LPVa, and we offer our thanks and appreciation to her for being a good teammate."

## Squaring Off on the Virginia Forum

By Walt Thiessen



Aspiring political columnists...start your computers! I've created a new website whose purpose is to place libertarian opinion and rhetoric on an even

playing field with conservative, liberal, centrist, and statist opinion and rhetoric. We need you and/or people you know to become columnists in their spare time. The columnist gets to decide how rarely or how often new articles will be published.

The Nolan Chart website at [www.nolanchart.com](http://www.nolanchart.com) publishes political columns by writers from all five camps as measured by David Nolan's chart. The idea is simple. If we libertarians want to be heard in the public debate of issues, we can't wait for the major media to decide to include us. We must become the media. We must be the ones to bring libertarian ideas together with conservative, liberal, statist, and centrist ideas so that the public can evaluate them all, side-by-side.

We all know there are libertarian activists in Virginia who are skilled at writing letters to the editor, writing blog entries, debating in online chat rooms and Yahoo! groups, or simply fighting for liberty when talking with friends and associates. These are the people the Nolan Chart website seeks.

I've also created a second website with a similar theme: the Virginia Forum. The Nolan Chart is aimed at national discussion of national issues, while the Virginia Forum is aimed at discussing Virginia-based issues. The web addresses are similar, differentiated only by the beginning of the address. The Virginia Forum is at [VA.NolanChart.com](http://VA.NolanChart.com), whereas the Nolan Chart is at [www.NolanChart.com](http://www.NolanChart.com). The prefix is the difference: va vs. www. I can also fairly easily create other versions of the website for other states as demand requires.

The national Nolan Chart website was launched on August 19, 2007 and is already seeing considerable numbers of columns being written, and the site is already on pace for more than 500 unique and separate visitors in September alone. The Virginia Forum was just launched on September 19, 2007, so it is barely getting started. An account on one site will also automatically work on the other site, although articles created for each site are maintained separately from each other.

I especially need columnists for the Virginia Forum. I also need libertarians reading this email to contact liberal, conservative, statist, and centrist friends to encourage them to become columnists as well. Most of us personally know non-libertarians who have some level of skill in communicating their ideas, even if they are ideas we libertarians can't agree with. Well now those contacts have become an asset. Please encourage those people you know who disagree with you to become Virginia Forum columnists.

I've kicked off the first article. See:

**New Virginia Driving Law Shows Its Holes"**  
<http://VA.NolanChart.com>

However, I can't do it all myself. Virginia Forum needs the direct input of lots of aspiring writers. Let's make the libertarian presence on this forum overwhelming! Go to the home page and click where it says, "Be a Columnist" at the top of the page. Setting up an account only takes about five minutes. After that's done, you can immediately begin publishing your first article on any subject of your choosing, if you wish.

There are three rules that the website requires columnists to honor: (1) no purely personal attacks (ad hominems); (2) no spam, and (3) honor the rights (including copyrights) of others. For the purposes of the websites, an unjustified personal attack is defined as one where the attacker uses a

negative term without providing evidence in the article that the label is literally justified. So, for instance, if you want to call someone a bozo, you have to provide evidence that he dresses up in baggy clothes and grease paint on weekends to entertain at children's birthday parties. Anyone who spots a violation of this policy can easily report the violation at the click of a mouse button. The goal is not to prevent columnists from expressing negative opinions, but rather to insure that articles and discussions of those articles don't merely devolve into flame wars.

Readers are empowered to leave their own comments on the articles (subject to the same rules as above) and can even give a "thumbs up" for an article they like by clicking on a picture of a thumb at the beginning or end of the article.

With your help, we can make both the Nolan Chart and the Virginia Forum major sources of information and successful exposure of libertarian ideas to the public at large.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [webmaster@nolanchart.com](mailto:webmaster@nolanchart.com).

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# Open Primaries (cont'd from Page 1)

quirement allowed members of other parties or independents to in effect control internal party decisions -- which violated the right of the organization's members to associate with those who had a real interest in and allegiance to the organization.

The court ruled open primaries are constitutional if freely chosen by a political party because state law also provides the option of closing the nominating process by holding conventions or canvasses, known as "fire-house primaries."

"You cannot force a political party to accept people it doesn't want any more than you can force people having a cocktail party on their porch to accept people who aren't invited," said L. Steven Emmert, a Virginia Beach lawyer who specializes in appeals and is chairman of the Virginia State Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee.

The LP supports the right of all organi-

zations to conduct their affairs in whatever manner they wish.

Many Libertarians would also like to see the end of state government funding of internal party elections; asking why Libertarians should be forced to pay for the D and R primaries.

As an aside, this change may have important connotations for the LPVA. If it results in a legislative push to enact registration by party, there is a chance a party registration threshold for full party ballot access may be written into it. If so, Libertarians will need to be ready to meet with legislators to make sure that the requirements are made attainable & reasonable for alternative political parties.

Watch for further updates on this topic in future issues of this newspaper, or sign up for our statewide email announcements list to stay informed on this issue.

# Greenspan (cont'd from Page 1)

initially pleased to see the Bush administration bringing in allegedly pro-market conservatives he had known for decades.

"I indulged in a bit of fantasy..." Greenspan writes of the early days of the Bush administration. "I thought we had a golden opportunity to advance the ideals of effective, fiscally conservative government and free markets."

However, he says he was quickly appalled at the virtually unmatched spending spree the Bush administration launched. "Little value was placed on rigorous economic policy debate or the weighing of long-term consequences," he writes. (Talk about understatement!)

Greenspan has long been controversial in libertarian circles. He first drew the attention of the freedom movement as a close associate of Ayn Rand in the 1960s. Greenspan's excellent essay "Gold and Economic Freedom" appeared in Ayn Rand's 1967 book, *Capitalism, the Unknown Ideal*. In it, Greenspan made a strong and persuasive argument for the gold standard and against a federal central bank.

An excerpt: "Deficit spending is simply a scheme for the confiscation of wealth. Gold stands in the way of this insidious process. It stands as a protector of property rights. If one grasps this, one has no difficulty in understanding the statist's antagonism toward the gold standard." (That article is still well worth reading, and is available at the URL below.)

Greenspan became active in the federal government shortly after this article appeared, and many libertarians criticized Greenspan for having "sold out" and betrayed his free-market principles by becoming Fed chair. Particularly in his last years in office, he was accused by many of abandoning his zeal for hard money.

Others, however, applaud his pragmatism, and argue that he never abandoned or repudiated his core libertarian principles (including those in the above article).

For example, as Fed Chairman, Greenspan once told a Senate committee that all economic regulations should have sunset laws -- that is, they should have to be periodically renewed by Congress, and if not, abolished.

This appalled the senators. One of them, Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.) archly asked Greenspan if that meant the Federal Reserve

System should have a sunset provision, too. Greenspan answered without hesitating: yes. He then repeated his long-standing support for a gold standard.

Bill Bradford, former editor of the libertarian magazine *Liberty*, noted in 1997: "[I]t appears Greenspan has tried to implement policy changes coherent with laissez-faire capitalism whenever it was possible, and he has articulated his case when given the opportunity."

Whatever one's opinion of Greenspan and his actions in office (and please note, we at the Advocates favor the abolition of the Fed and private sector provision of money), it's certainly interesting and significant to see one of the world's most influential public figures using the label libertarian to describe himself.

(Sources: New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Alan Greenspan)

*James W. Harris is the President of the Advocates for Self Government. This article reprinted from The Liberator Online, with permission from the Advocates for Self-Government, www.TheAdvocates.org.*

# One-Minute Liberty Tip: Is 'Capitalism' a Dirty Word?

By Sharon Harris, Advocates President

For some audiences, the word "capitalism" is a positive word, and is fine to use.

But be aware: for many people, the word "capitalism" has major negative connotations. When they hear it, they instantly think of such things as: heartless runamok corporations looting customers, employees and investors; monopolies limiting choice and extorting the public; rich corporations exploiting impoverished third-world countries; and factories belching poisons and destroying the environment. They may actually picture ugly, greedy men smoking huge cigars! For many the word evokes anger, resentment and fear.

Is this what you want them to hear, feel and see in their minds when you describe your vision of an ideal world?

Remember this iron rule of good com-



Virginia is on fire. Not wild fire, thank goodness, and not the weather, either. I'm talking about what The Washington Post called "one of the most successful citizen uprisings . . . in recent memory."

A few months ago I wrote about these new, draconian abusive driver fees passed in Virginia. Politicians claim they needed more money to build roads, as if all the gas and car taxes we pay didn't exist. Knowing that voters wouldn't stand for yet another tax increase, politicians decided to sock it to the few by slapping fines as high as \$3,000 on driving offenses.

Well, citizens were furious. But we might never have known how our fellow citizens felt except for the fact that more than 171,000 Virginians have signed an online petition telling the legislature to repeal this abusive law. Wow. That's one in every 45 or 46 Virginians.

Who came up with this idea? Some mas-

termind political guru?

It was Bryan Ault, a software tester from Alexandria, who told me that he had started the petition because everyone he talked to opposed the law, just like he did. He said, "I needed a way to demonstrate that opposition to legislators."

Bryan Ault was smart. He posted the petition on Craigslist and MySpace. And he got some help from bloggers and various groups like the National Taxpayers Union. But the key to it all was taking action, taking that first step.

One citizen lit a spark and let 171,000 fellow citizens speak out.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

Common Sense by Paul Jacob is sponsored by The Sam Adams Alliance.

[ThisCommonSense.com](http://ThisCommonSense.com)

# Tabor (cont'd from Page 1)

volunteers, we have passed out flyers and knocked on doors in three urban precincts representing over 4000 likely voters and in selected neighborhoods for an additional 1000. Two additional precincts of about 2500 likely voters are assigned to volunteers who have committed to completing them on their own schedule prior to the election. Households in two large rural precincts containing 3000 likely voters have been contacted by phone, and five other precincts (6000 likely voters) are assigned to volunteers who have committed to calling their lists before the election. We will be walking another precinct of 1200 today and during the coming week.

This will bring the number of likely voters at least aware there will be an election to about 20% of the total.

In addition, I have attended candidate forums and appearances for the VCDL, Fraternal Order of Police, Medical Association, AARP, and the NAACP. I was interviewed for an hour on WNIS's Tony

Macrini's talk radio program and expect to be on that show at least one more hour before the election. An appearance on cable channel 48 WCTV is scheduled for October 24. Candidate questionnaires for over a dozen interest groups have been completed.

Local government allows campaign signs on public property adjacent to busy streets only in the last thirty days prior to an election, and, to the extent our budget will allow, they are going up this week.

These last thirty days will be a sprint to the finish for me, my family, and the small core of volunteers who have stepped forward, with precinct walks planned every week. This is a winnable race of enough voters can be activated to overcome the public employee union vote which will come out for the incumbent.

We are hoping more of the many Libertarians in driving distance who have not volunteered as yet will participate in these closing weeks. Anyone wishing to help can email me at [TaborVaSenate@aol.com](mailto:TaborVaSenate@aol.com)

munication: What matters in communication is what the listener HEARS. Once a word has commonly accepted bad connotations, it really doesn't matter what the actual definition is. Especially if you have only a short time to speak with, and connect with, a person or group.

If there are liberals or liberal-leaning people or young people in your audience, the word "capitalism" likely will not convey your message to them, and will likely turn them off.

Instead, try "the marketplace," or "free markets," or "free enterprise."

Not only do these phrases lack many of the negatives of "capitalism," they are actually more accurate. After all, libertarians defend any kind of voluntary economic arrangement, including communities based on consensual socialism or communalism. While the great majority of us prefer capitalism, and feel it is the best choice, a true free

enterprise or free market system respects the right of individuals to conduct their economic lives in any peaceful and consensual way they choose.

Further, in today's world, far too much "capitalism" is actually "state capitalism" or "crony capitalism," where big businesses partner with the government for legislation that gives them unfair advantages in the marketplace. And this is something libertarians strongly oppose. (This arrangement, of course, is what produces a lot of the negative imagery I mentioned above.)

Correct word choice is crucial to effective communication. You're not trying to deceive your listeners (and we would \*never\* recommend you do that). You're trying to communicate with them -- in language they understand. Don't handicap yourself unnecessarily with language that immediately creates barriers.

# Delegate Seats Up For Grabs in March 08

By Marc Montoni

Most of our readers already know the Libertarian Party of Virginia will be convening in March 2008 to elect new officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary) for the 08-10 term.

But there will also be a host of slots to fill for our national convention delegation.

If you're planning to attend the national convention in Denver, CO next May and you wish to be seated as a delegate, you should be prepared to actively seek election to LPVA's delegation.

In that light, Virginia Liberty hereby offers space to anyone who wishes to formally announce their candidacy.

Please be brief and to the point. Statements should be limited to about 250 words, or about the same as most papers' "letters to the editor". Candidates may include as much or as little information about their goals as they wish.

In the past, becoming a delegate hasn't been that difficult. However, there are a lot of important choices coming up at the next national convention, and therefore, competition for the available delegate seats may be stiff.

The best way to be fairly sure of winning a delegate seat is by working now to organize your city, county, town, and precinct.

Once you have an organization in place,

become active in your local community with your fellow LP members. Speak at your council meetings. Write letters to the editor. Sponsor LP information tables at local events, and sign up new prospects.

The more active you are, the more recognizable you will be to your LPVA colleagues, which will translate into votes for you as an LPVA delegate at the March 29th state convention.

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# America: Petition Your Government, Go To Jail

From The Sam Adams Alliance

Paul Jacob, the Sam Adams Foundation's Senior Advisor, has worked tirelessly for years to promote and protect the citizen initiative process. Today he was rewarded for his efforts, however, with an outrageous and baseless indictment from Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson, who is abusing the law to suppress the initiative process—and slander Paul's name in the process.

This is an outrage, not only for Paul Jacob, but for citizens across the country who have dared to assert their right to have a say in their government.

"This indictment unsealed today is not about the law, but rather 100 percent politically motivated. This is politics—very ugly politics," Paul said in a statement. "The highest legal office in the state of Oklahoma seems bent on silencing citizens through harassment and intimidation, threats and coercion. The goal is to silence me, and to frighten you, from petitioning our government."

"This is about daring to use initiatives—they just want to shut this process down," said Bob Costello, the Sam Adams Foundation president.

The indictment is based on so-called charges that when Paul served as an advisor to the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) petition drive in Oklahoma last summer (backed by Oklahomans in Action), he violated the

Oklahoma statute requiring petition circulators to be residents (a residency requirement currently being challenged in federal court).

Paul outlines in his statement that, as an advisor to the petition drive, he worked with Oklahomans in Action (the backers of the TABOR initiative) to obtain the best petition services, and then to monitor the drive's progress. Oklahomans in Action contracted with National Voter Outreach (NVO), a petition company that had conducted many successful petition drives in the past. The contract specifically stated that NVO be familiar with Oklahoma's petitioning laws.

Petitioners did not have an easy job of conducting the drive, however—in fact, they faced an aggressive campaign of blockers who were paid by the opposition to harass petitioners and prevent voters from signing the petitions. Needless to say, as a result many petitioners left Oklahoma, and not enough circulators could be found to successfully continue the drive.

However, Paul was then informed that under Oklahoma's residency statute, people could move to Oklahoma, immediately declare residency, and thus qualify to begin circulating a petition. NVO received advice and approval directly from officials in the Secretary of State's office, confirming this information. This information was also consistent with the Oklahoma Supreme Court's ruling in a previous case challenging a petition drive on the basis of residency, as well as with Paul's experience monitoring ballot drives in Oklahoma in the 1990s.

Therefore, NVO acted on this information based on the confirmation from state officials.

"The underlying state statute here is an unconstitutional attempt to deny the First Amendment rights of Oklahoma citizens," Paul said. "I believe it will be and should be struck down. But even so, during the TABOR ballot drive we sought to understand this statute and to abide by it. Let me say it again: constitutional or not, we obeyed the statute."

This all comes back to the fact that the Oklahoma government is playing dirty political games to silence Paul, one of the foremost defenders of the citizen initiative process, along with citizens who stand for their right to petition the government.

Eric O'Keefe, the Chairman & CEO of the Sam Adams Alliance and Foundation, issued a statement today about Paul's indictment:

"Paul Jacob is one of the most important political leaders in America. He has defied politicians of both parties by helping organize citizen petition drives so that voters could decide whether to impose term limits on politicians from Michigan to Florida, and from Maine to California. Last election cycle he worked to help taxpayers in Oklahoma and other states have the opportunity to vote to protect property rights and limit the growth of state budgets. He has been principled, tireless, and effective in these efforts. I have worked with Paul on many of these projects over the past seventeen years, and the Sam Adams Alliance is proud to have Paul as our Senior Advisor."

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## Sime

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beverages while meeting with the candidate and discussing the campaign. The evening was topped off with a tour of the brewery. On August 27th, Mr. Sime participated in a WMRA candidate's forum. The campaign also took part in both the Buena Vista parade and Highland County fair. On September 17, Mr. Sime took part in the Vesuvius Community Association Candidate Forum.

Following the forum, on September 18, he attended the Daily Living Center where candidates had coffee with members of Waynesboro's only adult day care program, and then participated in a game of chair volleyball. September 19th marked the Virginia Nurses Association 2007 Legislative Event & Candidate Forum at the McLeod School of Nursing at the University of Virginia. That Friday, Mr. Sime attended "DragonFest" at William Monroe High School in Stanardsville, and stayed for the high school football game that followed. This marked William Monroe's first home game of the season, which pitted the school against Western Albemarle High School.

On Wednesday September 26, Mr. Sime visited the Lexington Farmers Market. Mr. Sime has visited various farmers markets around the district, and stopped in the Lexington Farmers market to meet voters. October 8th marks a debate to be held by the Charlottesville Fraternal Order of Police beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following evening is the Pure Water Candidates Forum at 7:00 PM in the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors meeting room in Harrisonburg. On Oct 10, Mr. Sime will take part in the Nurses Legislative Forum & Dinner at 6:00 PM at the Augusta Community Care Building on the Augusta Medical Center Campus.

The Augusta County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Meet the Candidates" breakfast in which Mr. Sime will take part, on October 17th in Staunton and on Monday, October 22, the Augusta Free Press will hold a 24th District State Senate Candidates Forum at 7:00 PM at the Westwood Hills Elementary School.

On September 13, Mr. Sime had an Interview with the Augusta Free Press, which also became part of a subsequent recording for the Augusta Free Press podcast. Following the Augusta Free Press interview, Mr. Sime filmed a campaign spot for WHSV TV3 on September 18. Four days later, on September 22, the Sime committee filmed an official campaign commercial for use in upcoming television ads. A CNN Headline News taping in Charlottesville took place on September 25 in which local candidates were invited by Comcast Cable to sit down for a 5 minute "Newsmakers" interview which will run twice a day across the 24th District from October 15th - November 6th. On September 26, the campaign participated in an Allegheny Mountain Radio taping on 89.7 FM in Monterey. Mr. Sime, along with other candidates, recorded a two minute statement which will run periodically as part of their "Meet the Candidate" radio program.

With such a plentiful campaign schedule, the next six weeks are sure to fly by. Door-knocking and meeting voters throughout the district will remain a top priority leading up to Election Day, and will be coupled with numerous radio and television ads throughout the 24th District.

To find out more about the campaign, volunteer or make a contribution, please visit [www.arinsime.com](http://www.arinsime.com).



**In Memoriam:**

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# Sept 29th SCC Meeting

Summarized by Marc Montoni

*The State Central Committee is the policy making body of the LPVA.*

The most recent regular meeting of the State Central Committee (SCC) was held on Saturday, September 29, 2007, at the Gayton Branch Library, Henrico County, VA. The Chair did not attend, therefore, Vice Chair Jeff Bowles presided. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. Treasurer Kevin McKenna was absent; Secretary Marc Montoni was present.

Under LPVA rules, Libertarian Party Congressional District Committee Chairs are entitled to a voting seat at SCC meetings; or they can delegate the duty to any other LPVA member. District chairs in attendance included: Kathy Mullin (CD1 chair); Mary Buzuma (CD2); Bob Lynch (CD3); Liz Bowles (CD6); George Marchenko (CD7) (proxy); Jim Lark (CD9); and Bill Wood (CD10).

Unrepresented district committees (e.g., neither the chair nor his delegate attended) included Don Tabor (CD4), John Munchmeyer (CD5); Steve Dasbach (CD8), and Scott Wakeman (CD11).

Guests included Donny Ferguson and Jon Walker.

The following is a list of actions taken at the meeting.

- **Approved** the Proposed Agenda with minor changes, and the Draft Minutes from the July SCC meeting; both PASSED without objection. [Editor's Note: *Official Minutes are available by download from the LPVA web site or by requesting a printout from the Secretary.*]

- **Reviewed** a proposal by Positive Impact Consulting, LLC, a potential contractor for Communications Committee projects. No action was taken.

- **Approved** a Resolution of the SCC memorializing the untimely death of John Berthoud, a well-known activist in the freedom movement. Item PASSED without objection.

- **Adopted** January 19, 2007 as the date for the next SCC meeting, with a snow date of January 26. Henrico Public Library had

a consensus as the location. PASSED on a voice vote.

• **Adjourned** at 12:30 p.m.

**LPVA FINANCIAL CONDITION**

The Treasurer reported that as of the end of September, 2007, the LPVA's checking account held a balance of \$40,318.08. This amount included balances in several funds, as follows:

Ballot Access Committee	9,997.61
Business Services	79.05
Chair Discretionary	500.00
Communications	2,190.92
Financial Development	395.93
General Fund	10,729.27
Local Affiliates	7,442.82
Memb. Development	7,252.94
Political Development	621.89
Special Operations	1,506.30
State Convention	63.00
Targeted Contr - Holding	50.00
Virginia Liberty	994.65

The Treasurer also reported the following Revenue and Expenses for January through September, 2007:

<b>Revenue</b>	
Contributions For Party	250.00
Interest Income	352.39
LNC Membership	825.00
LPVA Membership Dues	1,595.00
Mailing List Sales	189.70
Pledge Program	230.00
Targeted Contributions	815.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,257.09</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Computer Software	335.02
Credit Card Processing Fee	317.75
Income Taxes	133.60
Internet Expense	359.82
Local Affiliate Activity	1,405.50
Office Supplies	14.69
Other Expense	217.00
Payments To LNC	1,500.00
Postage	213.88
Printing And Copying	815.01
Telephone	311.04
Virginia Liberty	1,297.55
Total Expense	6,920.86

**Net Income** -2,663.77

For the complete Treasurer's Report filed with the SCC, see the LPVA web site or request the Official Minutes from the Secretary.

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Pty	Candidate	Receipts	Cash
Henrico County Board of Supervisors, Tuckahoe District			
(L)	Marchenko, Geo.	\$1,906	\$1,316
(R)	O'Bannon, Pat	\$26,423	\$6,859
Henrico County Board of Supervisors, Brookland District			
(L)	Martin, Matt	\$2,759	\$911
(R)	Glover, Dick	\$24,308	\$16,843
Virginia Senate			
24th Dist (L)	Sime, Arin	\$35,320	\$7,084
24th Dist (D)	Cox, David	\$11,047	\$2,291
24th Dist (R)	Hanger, E	\$353,959	\$88,521
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Libertarian groups around the state

By Marc Montoni

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**RICHMOND:** City of Richmond LP. Meeting time & location varies. Jon Walker, <RichmondLP@LPVA.com>, or 804-915-7175.

## Tidewater Area

**ACCOMACK COUNTY:** Accomack County Libertarians. Bob Hutchinson <Accomack@LPVA.com>.

**GLOUCESTER & MATHEWS COUNTIES:** Local LP Now forming. Kevin Arden, 804-693-4004 or <Gloucester@LPVA.com>.

**NORFOLK:** Tidewater Libertarian Party. 2nd Monthly meeting, every third Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting. The Atlanta Bread Company, 675 Phoenix Dr., Virginia Beach. See the TLP web site [TidewaterLP.com](http://TidewaterLP.com). Tom Cantrell, <Tidewater@LPVA.com>, or 757-460-4017.

**SUFFOLK:** City Of Suffolk Libertarians. Ken Taylor, <Suffolk@LPVA.com>, or 757-923-1285.

**VIRGINIA BEACH:** Tidewater Libertarian Party. 1st Monthly meeting -- every first Saturday, 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for the meeting, in the private dining room of the Atlanta Bread Company (corner of Phoenix Drive and Saber Street) in Virginia Beach. See the TLP web site [TidewaterLP.com](http://TidewaterLP.com). Call Tom Cantrell, 757-460-4017, or write: <Tidewater@LPVA.com>.

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## Shenandoah Valley

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**PAGE COUNTY:** Page County Libertarians. Dave Switzer <Page@LPVA.com>, or 540-843-2057.

**SHENANDOAH COUNTY:** Shenandoah County LP. Meeting time & location varies; call or write for informa-

tion. Nancy Young, 540-477-2520, or write: <ShenandoahCounty@LPVA.com>.

**WINCHESTER:** Winchester Libertarians. For residents of Winchester, Clarke/Warren/Frederick Counties. Monthly meetings normally held on the third Tuesday of each month. For precise location of each month's meeting, or for other information, call or write Bill Wood, 540-955-0733, or <BlueRidge@LPVA.com>.

**COLLEGE:** JMU Libertarians. - see info for Harrisonburg (above) or write <JMU@LPVA.com>.

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**CHARLOTTESVILLE:** Jefferson Area Libertarians. For residents of the cities of Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Staunton, and the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Fluvanna, Greene, and Nelson. Quarterly business meetings and special meetings: time and location by announcement. Monthly "Happy Hour": at Mellow Mushroom restaurant (1309 W. Main St.), second Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please call Arin Sime (434-996-5226) or Jim Lark (434-973-5958), or write <JAL@LPVA.com>.

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**ORANGE COUNTY:** Orange County Libertarians. Don Ober, 540-672-2793

**COLLEGE:** UVA University Libertarians. ALSO: UVA Students for Individual Liberty. Contact the Liberty Coalition, <Liberty@Virginia.edu>, or 434-982-5016 (voicemail).

## Northern Virginia

**FAIRFAX COUNTY:** LP of Northern Virginia. Monthly meeting, 3rd Mondays, 6:45 p.m., location varies. Also sponsors monthly Potluck parties, always on the Saturday before the regular meeting. Steve Damerell, 703-851-4674, or <LPNOVA@LPVA.com>.

**LOUDOUN COUNTY:** LP of Loudoun County. Monthly meeting 4th Tuesdays. Location TBA. Contact David Englert at <dmenglert@gmail.com>.

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**LYNCHBURG:** Lynchburg Libertarians. For residents of Lynchburg and surrounding counties. Monthly meetings, 2nd Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Golden Corral (4005 Wards Road, across from Wal-Mart/Sam's Club). Dave Overstreet, 540-587-7597 or <Lynchburg@LPVA.com>

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**ROANOKE COUNTY:** Roanoke Valley Libertarian Party. For members residing in Roanoke, Salem, and Roanoke County. Monthly meeting, 1st Mondays. 6:30 p.m., Roanoke County Public Library, Hollins branch, 6624 Peters Creek Rd. Directions: 540-561-8024. Scott Shreckhise <JscottShr@aol.com>, or 540-767-1776.

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Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor.

Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life -- accordingly we support the prohibition of the initiation of physical

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Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals.

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