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Reprinted below is a press release from National LP Headquarters dated September 8, 1992. Congratulations.

The Libertarian Party has finished the petitioning to be on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia," Libertarian Party national chair Mary Gingell proudly announced today.

The last petition was turned in on Tuesday, 8 September, in Minnesota. A total of 3,186 signatures were submitted at 9 a.m. by the Minnesota Libertarian Party to the Secretary of State's office at the state capitol in St. Paul; 2,000 were needed.

In several states, other paperwork remains to be done, or state officials still must confirm that enough signatures were collected.

In Alaska, a lawsuit involving a petition deadline is pending. but party officials expect these final steps to be completed shortly.

"The Libertarian Party will be the only political party, other than the Democratic and Republican parties, to be on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia on November 3rd," Ms. Gingell proclaimed.

"The Libertarian candidates for President and Vice President, Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord, are the only actively-campaigning, viable national alternatives to the failed two party system" she said.

"Rep. Marrou and Dr. Lord deserve to be invited to the national television debates. Their names should be included in the questionnaires for the opinion polls."

"America's third largest party will field more than 750 candidates for office this year, including more than

140 for Congress. We are the agents of change."

Libertarians believe "That government is best which governs least." Rep. Marrou, 53, was elected as a Libertarian in 1984 to the Alaska House of Representatives and served from 1985 to 1987.

Dr. Lord, 40 is both a medical doctor and a practicing attorney.

CONFIRMATION

Since this news release, we have won the court case in Alaska and the state is not appealing. We are now listed in several sources as the only 3rd party to have gained 50 states plus the District.

Even with limited resources and a total lack of coverage, we managed to achieve our goal 24 hours before the Perot camp.

COUNTY REPORTS

MONTGOMERY

This year marked the first year in too long that the Montgomery County LP made an appearance at the Montgomery County Fair, held August 21 to 29.

Terry Atwood, Montgomery county chair, reported that the party had a good location, good response and good weather for most of the fair.

During the fair, Operation Politically Homeless was in full swing, drawing over 250 participants. Hopefully it will surprise no one that over 50% of the participants ended up in the Libertarian sector of the chart. (These figures almost exactly mirror the results at the Charm City Fair and a booth set up at the University of Md during the Earth Day celebration.)

In addition to opening a lot of eyes, the Montgomery group had 50 people sign up

for information on the LP. These names are being added to our growing list of prospects and fellow Followers of Liberty. The group also took in \$150.00 in donations, most of which went to cover the cost of literature and other fair expenses.

Terry said that over two dozen people from several counties assisted in the 1992 Fair. Among those, Tom Estrada-Palma and Irwin Vogel went above and beyond the call. Tom set up a makeshift booth after wind blew down and damaged the original and Irwin was very helpful in the all important exchanging of fair passes and the original booth set-up.

BALTIMORE CITY

by Lorenzo Gaztanaga

An initial meeting to restart Baltimore City LP activities was held on July 12, 1992 at the home of Clifford and Carol Theis. We decided to hold meetings on the second Sunday of every month.

At the follow-up meeting on August 9, we voted to adopt the by-laws drafted by Cliff and elected officers: Doug McNeil as Chair, Lorenzo Gaztanaga and Tim Giles as Vice-Chairs, Susan Gaztanaga as Treasurer and Clifford Theis as Secretary. On August 31, 1992, the State of Maryland officially recognized the Baltimore City Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Maryland.

The voter registration ad featuring Dean Ahmad and Gerry Schneider ran on the Baltimore city cable monopoly on CNN (channel 14) and CNN Headline News (channel 15) a total of 16 times during prime time from September 7 to September 18.

The last day of the voter registration ad coincided with the first day of the Charm City Fair, successor to the debt ridden Baltimore City Fair. The booth was staffed by three to six people at all times during the three days of the fair, September 18

to 20. Maryland LP Chair, Dean Ahmad, candidates Wayne Dougherty and Tom Estrada-Palma, as well as Libertarians from other counties joined with the Baltimore group to make our booth the busiest in the fair.

Thanks go out to everyone who came. The Nolan chart created the kind of audience participation which was noticeably lacking at the lackluster booths of the Republican and Democratic parties. Half of the more than 100 passers-by who participated in the quiz turned up in the Libertarian section of the chart.

In addition, Susan and Lorenzo Gastanaga had the thrill of seeing their name (and that wonderful word Libertarian) in print in the Baltimore Evening Sun in The Forum letters section.

AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES

There are over 1600 registered Libertarians in Maryland. Most of you registered in the past few months. Less than 1/4 of you are Party members.

Because of this massive influx of new names, our mailing lists have swelled tremendously. Unfortunately, our treasury hasn't.

If you are not a member please join today, or help us in the cause of liberty by sending a donation. Even \$5 goes a long way. (\$20 goes even further.)

HOWARD

by Amy Rule

There's something about being the wife of the editor that makes it mandatory that I write SOMETHING for the newsletter, even if I'm NOT a county chair at the moment. (That is, if I want to ever use the computer again!)

For those of you who don't know, Norman & I just bought a house in Howard County. Since I can't be Chair of Montgomery County

anymore (good luck, Terry!), I guess I'll just have to start organizing Howard county. Actually, Dean threatened not to take my resignation from Montgomery unless I promised to get things moving in Howard. No rest in an election year! I'm really not planning a lot, since I'm still trying to find things like the box with all the Libertarian stuff in it. But we will have the Howard County party organized by the end of 1992. Anyone interested, call me at (410) 730-7117.

ABORTION CHOICE:

In Harmony or in Conflict with the Rest of the Libertarian Party Platform?

For this new LFL flyer, send SASE to:

Libertarians for Life
13424 Hathaway Dr., MD1
Wheaton, MD 20906
(301) 460-4141

Doris Gordon, National Coordinator
Paid Advertisement

St. MARY'S

Sid Briscoe, St. Mary's county chair, reports the LP's unofficial participation in the St. Mary's County Fair, Sept. 24 - 27. The group is also working with the SIL to present a Home Schooling Workshop in October.

Announcing.. The Maryland Libertarian Party 1992 Convention.. ..
You're invited! Let's get together!

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
(Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.
Business meeting at 1:30 a.m.;
Convention program begins at 3 p.m.)

WHY: To share some food, some ideas, and
the excitement of the coming Presidential
election. To elect new state officers. To have fun.

WHERE: Colony South Hotel
7401 Surrats Road, Clinton, MD.

DIRECTIONS:

Take Washington Beltway to Exit 7A
Go South on Rt. 5 (Branch Avenue) toward Waldorf
After about 5 miles turn left onto Surrats Road (at light)
Make immediate right into hotel parking lot

THE SPEAKERS:

I. Dean Ahmad, Ph.D.: Md. LP Chair; 1988 LP US Senate candidate;
Second Vice-President of the Montgomery County Civic Federation;
Recipient of 1990 Chase Freedom Award

Wayne S. Dougherty: 1992 LP Candidate for US Congress

Tomas Estrada-Palma: 1992 LP Candidate for US Senate; Former
Maryland LP Chair

Jack Jones: 1988 LP Candidate for Riverdale Council; 1990 Republican
Candidate for Md. State Delegate

James McLaughlin: 1992 LP Candidate for US Congress

Thomas Mathers: 1983 LP Candidate US Congress

Clifford Thies, Ph.D.: Heritage Foundation Scholar; Former MD LP Chair

Erwin Vogel: 1978 LP Candidate for Md. State Delegate; Recipient of 1988
Chase Freedom Award.

Brian Wilson: WRC Morning Drive Time Talk Show Host

Stephen Ziegler, D.D.S.: Charles County Chair Pro-Temp

THE PROGRAM:

1:00-6 p.m. REGISTRATION

- 1:30 p.m. MARYLAND LP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING:
(Admission Free)
State of the State Party Address; Executive Committee
Election;
Plans for 1994 Petitioning; etc., etc.
- 3:00 p.m. WELCOMING REMARKS (Ziegler)
KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Estrada-Palma)
CANDIDATE ADDRESSES (McLaughlin; Dougherty)
- 3:30 p.m. WORKSHOP: WINNING 1994 STATE DELEGATE RACES
(Ahmad, Jones, Mathers, Vogel)
- 4:45 p.m. NATIONAL HEALTH CARE ANALYSIS (Thies)
- 5:30 p.m. LIBERTARIAN SONGFEST (Ahmad)
Hear the hit song of the LP National Convention ("Thomas
Jefferson" performed by the composer!)
- 6:30 p.m. DINNER WITH BRIAN WILSON
Featuring Announcement of the 1992 Samuel Chase Freedom
Award Winner

DINNER MENU:

Wedge of Melon with Strawberry

Your choice of:

London Broil

Maryland (All Backfin) Crabcakes

Vegetarian Plate

Curly Fries Corn Fritters Apple Pie ala Mode Coffee, Tea or Decaff

Join us ! Send in the registration form on page 6 (under Dean's column)

FROM THE CHAIR
I. Dean Ahmad, PhD, MDLP Chair

We have an exciting convention lined up. Banquet speaker will be the witty and irreverent WRC talk-show host Brian Wilson, who has declared on radio that he always votes Libertarian because it is the only way he could look himself in the mirror the next morning. There will also be a panel on health care, a workshop on winning 1994 state delegate races, and addresses by our three local candidates: US Senate candidate Tomas Estrada-Palma, District 5 Congressional candidate James McLaughlin, and District 6 Congressional Candidate Wayne Dougherty. I will also perform a few libertarian folk songs including my original composition "Thomas Jefferson" which, if you will forgive me for tooting my own horn, received a standing ovation from the delegates at the national LP convention last year when it was broadcast on C-SPAN.

I have also been assured by Steve Ziegler, who secured the Colony South Hotel, where the convention will take place on Sunday October 25, that the food there is spectacular. My mouth is already watering at the menu of London Broil or Maryland Crab Cakes. Backfin meat only folks, so you know it's the real thing!

The agenda of the business meeting (which begins at 1:30 p.m.) will include election of a new executive committee, plans for petitioning the 1994 elections, and a proposal to require primaries for our elections in 1994. I will of course give the usual state-of-the-state-party address. Expect good news. At the end of August we had 1516 registered Libertarians in the state, and a paid state party membership of 176! All-time records all, as is our national LP membership in state of 229.

I want to be at the Maryland LP convention

Name: _____ Mail to: Maryland LP
Address: _____ 4323 Rosedale Ave.
City and State: _____ Zip _____ Bethesda, MD 20814

For information call 301-951-0539

___ single reg. @\$40 ___ second person @ \$35 Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Choice of entrees: ___ London Broil ___ Crabcakes ___ Vegetarian

Reservations must be received by Oct. 17 for above rates to apply.
After that date price will be \$50 per person. Tickets at door subject to availability.

Undiscounted rates will be charged for individual events subject to availability
(\$15/feature speaker no dinner; \$35/with dinner; \$10/other event).

MD LP Executive Committee:

Chair: I. Dean Ahmad(301) 951-0539
Vice Chair: Amy Rule (410) 730-7117
Treasurer: Bill Buzzell (410) 477-9173
Asst. Treasurer: Kirk McKee (301) 371-6931
Secretary: Luther Jett (301) 330-3970
Asst. Secretary: Tomas Estrada-Palma
(301) 942-4427
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after 6:00 PM and on weekends

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National LP Headquarters: (202) 543-1988
1-800-272-1776 or 1-800-682-1776

Affiliate Parties / Contacts:

Affiliate Parties Committee:
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Baltimore City: Lorenzo Gaztanaga
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BaltimoreCounty: Bill Buzzell (410) 477-9173
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Charles County and Southern Maryland:
Stephen Zeigler (301) 932-6808
Frederick County and Western Maryland:
Kirk McKee (301)371-6931
Howard County: Amy Rule (410) 730-7117
Montgomery County: Terry Atwood
(301) 229-4092
PG County: Don Monroe (301) 779-8722
St Mary's County: Sid Briscoe (301) 737-4287

Libertarian Party Membership Form

() \$15 State/Local annual dues *
Includes subscription to
the Maryland LP Newsletter

() \$27.50 Combined National/State/Local**
Includes subscription to *L.P News*
and the Maryland LP Newsletter

() Additional donation toward the fight for Liberty in Maryland \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
County _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

The Federal Election Commission requires the we ask the following information

Occupation _____
Employer _____

* I do do not want to become a voting member of the MD LP Central Committee

** New National LP Members only: "I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals:"

signature: _____

Send To: Dean Ahmad Maryland L.P. 4323 Rosedale Ave, Bethesda MD 20814

FREE STATE CALENDAR

October 19, 1992
7:30

Montgomery County LP
Social Meeting/Work Party

National LP HQ
1528 Pennsylvania Ave, SE

October 24, 1992
2:30

St. Mary's County SIL
Home Schooling Workshop
with Linda Crandall

Charlotte Hall Library
contact Sid Briscoe at
(301) 737-4287 for info.

October 25, 1992
1 to 3 PM
3 to 9 PM

Maryland LP
Central Committee Meeting
Convention

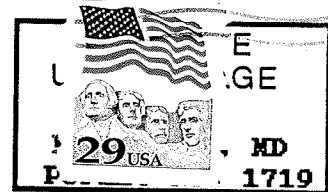
Colony South Hotel
7401 Surrats Rd.
Clinton, MD

November 3, 1992

VOTE LIBERTARIAN!!!!

Call (410) 730-7117 to add your events to this calendar

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