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Ziegler Elected!!!!

On November 8th, Steve Ziegler joined a very exclusive club. This club requires dedication, commitment, drive and a willingness to sacrifice. Steve became one of about 125 elected officials in this country who are Libertarians.

On December 19, 1994, Steve will be sworn in to serve a four year term on the Charles County Board of Education.

I. Dean Ahmad, former MDLP State Chair and one time State Senate Candidate, came aboard the Ziegler campaign after the primary. Dean used his campaign experience and the strategies from the Sal Guzzetta campaign workshop last year to help Steve to victory.

According to Dean, "Our target was to get more votes than the fourth place primary winner." Steve had finished seventh in the primary, just making it to the General Ballot. With only weeks to go and a budget of only \$2,000, the Ziegler campaign began its push with lawn signs, a newspaper ad just before the election and lots of people at the polls. Steve and his people were able to cover 17 different precincts on election day. This was

more than four times as many as any other candidate for School Board.

Steve reports that the Charles County Republican Club distributed sample ballots recommending Steve and two other candidates for the four open seats. According to the Steve, the large turn out for the Ellen Sauerbrey certainly helped his campaign. "My guess is that the (Republican Club) recommendation gave us about 750 votes," said Dean. "Loss of those votes would have put Steve about tied with the fourth place winner."

As it turned out, Steve did better than expected, coming in a solid third instead of the projected fourth. This placed him above one of the incumbents. "In fact," said Dean, "Steve was less than a hundred votes

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Becker takes 3%

Montgomery county Libertarian Scott Becker got 3% of the vote in his race to oust House of Delegates ballot access foe Leon Billings in District 18. See page 8.

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FROM THE CHAIR

Jesse Markowitz

In assuming the responsibility as the new chair of the Maryland Libertarian Party, I find many exciting projects already underway. During the past two years, Lorenzo Gaztañaga gave us his great leadership. He put plans into motion that will give us strong growth in the future. I'm honored to be following in his footsteps and hope all of you will help me to be as effective as Lorenzo.

In asking for your help, I also want to express my personal gratitude to many of you. A big "Thank You" to all of our candidates, volunteers, and contributors. You have made a difference.

Joe Harrington won election to the Brunswick City Council and Steve Ziegler won a seat on the school board in Charles County. These two winners are just the beginning for the Libertarian Party. Scott Becker and Wayne Dougherty ran serious campaigns, laying the groundwork for future victories. We already have two people planning their election campaigns for 1995 races! Starting this far in advance will give us a better shot than ever before.

So how about that election? It took days for officials to finally figure out who would be our next governor. Republicans in Maryland gained 15 seats in the House and 6 in the Senate. Nationally, they took control of both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House in one fell swoop. Yet well-known conservative Republicans like Ollie North were not able to overcome very liberal Democrats. Did everybody turn Republican overnight? Certainly not. I think Theodore Lowi writing in USA Today said it best:

This year's elections show as never before the need for a political system with more than the two Old Parties.

Chair (cont.)

He's not the only one suggesting a need for a new political party. Libertarians have been around for more than two decades. But we haven't always done the things we have to do to be taken seriously as a third party. So now it's time to roll up our sleeves and go to work to make sure that our view of smaller government emerges as a dominant force in Maryland politics.

So how do we do this? The first step is to become an officially recognized political party in this state. We are not recognized as a political party in Maryland right now. One of those exciting projects I mentioned earlier deals with this problem.

In order for us to become an official party, we have to get the signatures of 10,000 registered voters on petitions. The campaign is underway. We've already gotten 2,000 of the signatures. But we need your help now to get this done as soon as possible.

What's the rush? As soon as we turn in our signatures and get our petitions validated, we become an official party. That means that all voter registration cards will have a new space for voters to check. People can actually register as Libertarians; instead of just checking the box marked "Other." The sooner we get this done, the sooner we can find new Libertarians to help us with our campaigns.

Once this task is done, the ballots will identify our candidates as Libertarians – not "other." This is very important. In other states where candidates ran as Libertarians, they beat people listed as "other," "Independent," or specific parties of different

names more often than not. It clearly shows the public that people are drawn to our message as opposed to the message of other, smaller groups.

Finally, by completing this task, our 1996 Libertarian presidential ticket will automatically be placed on the ballot. We won't have to scramble at the last minute to get signatures. This is a responsibility we have to take seriously. If we just wait and then ask the national party to bail us out, aren't we behaving just like liberal politicians? I don't want to call Washington and tell them we can't take care of ourselves. It's fundamentally important that we take care of our own responsibilities.

Will you help us? Give me a call and I'll make sure that you get as many copies of the petition as you can fill with signatures. Ask your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. You simply have to tell them that all we want is a chance to be on the ballot so that voters have more choices. If you have more time, we would also welcome your help in going to shopping centers and other places people congregate. That kind of effort will really help us get this project done within the next two months. But even if you can only get ten signatures from people close to you; that would be a big help. Please call me.

These are exciting times. We are well on our way to changing the way people think about government. I look forward to your continued support and help in the months ahead. Together we can make it happen!

Convention Report

The 1994 Maryland LP convention, held on Saturday October 15 at the Frederick Holiday Inn was a resounding success.

The morning was taken up by the MD LP Central Committee meeting. After the routine reports from Secretary, Treasurer, and Fund Raising, other business conducted at the meeting included reports from Charles County candidate Steve Ziegler and Regional Rep Dan Karlan. MD LP activists Norman and Amy Rule announced with Dan the plans for the first ever Regional LP convention, to be held next August here in Maryland. "The UnConvention," as named by Dan, will be a private venture managed by the Rules. Watch this space for more information.

Also announced at the meeting were the new "800" phone number for the Maryland LP - 1-800-MLP-1776. The new MDLP brochures, which were designed earlier this year, can finally be printed now that we have the new phone number.

The highlight of the business meeting was the election of the new executive committee. See the next page for a brief intro to our new officers.

After lunch, the convention proper proceeded with the Keynote addresses from our candidates. Although Scott Becker was unable to attend, he thoughtfully sent his address on tape.

The first of the major sessions of the afternoon featured National Director Perry Willis, discussing Operation Safe Streets and

other news from national HQ.

After his talk, Perry was interviewed by Julia Robb, a reporter from the Frederick News-Post. Her excellent article, which appeared on October 17, also included comments from candidate Steve Ziegler and Dr. Mary Ruwart.

The second session, "Assisted Suicide: Do we need a law?" was highlighted by Dr. Mary Ruwart's touching story of her sister Marty's experience of ending her life with the assistance of Dr. Jack Kevorkian. Panelists John Walker and Richard Doerflinger added to the lively discussion.

After dinner, outgoing Chair Lorenzo Gaztañaga took the opportunity to recognize some of the outstanding activists of the year with the new "Defender of Liberty" awards:

Dan Anderson for Grassroots Activism
Glenn Howard for Unsung Hero
Earle Pearce for Media Outreach
Wayne Dougherty for Consistent Activism

Then dinner speaker Julian Simon kept us entertained with his lively presentation on "Why things are bound to get better!" Finally, the FUNdraising added to our coffers, contributing to a very successful day for the MDLP.

Convention Committee Chair Amy Rule would like to thank the committee (Doris Gordon, Jim McLaughlin, Lorenzo and Susan Gaztañaga) for all their hard work to make this day a success.

The new MDLP Executive Committee

Chair: Jesse Markowitz has served as Treasurer for the Maryland Party for the last two years, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and is also the Alternate Regional Representative to NatCom for Region 5.

Vice Chair: Kevin Schaefer is serving his second term as Vice Chair. He is also head of the Fund Raising Committee.

Treasurer: Doug McNeil has served as the Assistant Treasurer for the past year. He is the current Chair of the Baltimore City Libertarian Party, and is running for Baltimore City Council in November 1995.

Secretary: Susan Gaztañaga continues as Secretary. She also serves as Treasurer for the Baltimore City Libertarian Party.

Parliamentarian: Lorenzo Gaztañaga has served as State Chair for the past two years, and is running for Baltimore City Council in November, 1995.

Asst. Treasurer: Dan Anderson was the organizer and first chair of the Harford County LP. He also coordinated the Maryland LP License Plate program.

Asst. Secretary: Steve Ziegler, Charles County contact, has just been elected to the Charles County School Board.

From the Editor:

This is my last issue as Editor of the Free State Libertarian Letter.

Three years ago, then State Chair Dean Ahmad asked me to take over as Editor. At that time, I had "edited" two issues of the Montgomery County Newsletter-primarily meeting announcements. I agreed to take the state newsletter without planning any real changes.

Plans change. The newsletter changed. And the Party has changed. The Maryland LP has added seven new county groups, we have two Libertarians in office and I see new faces at every party function I go to. These new faces are getting involved. The State Executive Committee is composed entirely of members who have joined in the last four years.

New Faces. New Ideas. New Directions. One of these New Ideas is the Mid Atlantic Regional Libertarian Convention. In August, 1995, you should see fellow Libertarians from Region Five and surrounding states converging on Baltimore for a weekend of speakers, ideas, debate and fun. Amy (my wife) and I will be organizing the show. If you want to participate, let us know. While this will be the first Regional convention, I have a feeling it won't be the last.

Why am I doing this? Why not relax after three years? You might ask Dean why he's been there for the Party for all these years. Ask Steve, Wayne, Scott and Joe why they ran for office this year. Ask Dan why he organized the LP License Plate program. Ask Milt Palmer why he's agreed to be your new editor.

As the cliche goes-It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

Exit, Stage Right, . . .no, Left, . . . no, Centrist, . . . no, Libertarian!

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4th Monday of each month Bel Air Public Library	
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3rd Monday of each month location varies	
PG County	Jim McLaughlin (301) 464-8856
Washington County	Marc Giannoni (301) 824-2657

AROUND

Harford

County Chair Derek Mancinho reports that the Harford County group is planning on contacting political appointees who have expressed Libertarian leanings. These appointees usually have influence over the formation of policy and how policies are administered. By building up a network, Derek hopes to be able to have some influence on the political scene in Harford County.

Derek also notes that the November meeting will be held as scheduled on the 28th. Please contact him for information regarding the December meeting.

Frederick

The Frederick County chapter of the MDLP sponsored an information booth at the Great Frederick Fair, which was held from Sept. 17-24. Nearly all of the LP literature on hand was distributed, and signatures were collected for restoring the Party's ballot status. Several local "Other Party" candidates came by.

While county chair Wayne Dougherty appreciates the assistance of several Party members, he would like to especially thank Curt Selby, who helped construct and erect the booth, and Rodney Lewis, a new member who spent the first Saturday of the Fair under the sun, distributing literature as Curt and Wayne worked feverishly to get the booth up.

The next Frederick LP meeting will be held in January. Contact Wayne at (301) 834-6179 or Kirk McKee at (301) 371-6931 for details.

THE STATE

Baltimore City/County

The Baltimore City/County Libertarian held a workshop at the November 20th meeting on Letters to the Editor. Baltimore City Chair Doug McNeil had several letters that had been published in the Washington Post, the Washington Times and the Baltimore Sun. Doug pointed out the things that editors look for, tips on writing and hints to get your letter published. Members were encouraged to bring their "almost" published letters for suggestions and fine tuning.

The December gathering will be an informal meeting/Mid Winter Holiday of Your Choice Party. It will be held on December 18. Please call Doug for the time and location.



Montgomery

The joint Montgomery County/Maryland State LP Holiday Party will be held at the home of Doris Gordon (13424 Hathaway Drive, Wheaton MD) on Saturday, December 10 at 7PM. The party is traditionally a pot luck dinner. Please contact Delores Blum at (301) 670-9660 to coordinate the menu.

LIBERTY ON-LINE

Many members of the Maryland LP can be found on the information superhighway. Here is a list of frequent haunts and ID's for some of the Maryland LP regulars:

America On-Line:

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JesseMarko	Norman Rule
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Dean Ahmad	Susan Gaztañaga

Remember that any MDLP member with a computer & modem can access this bulletin board, which also offers access to national libertarian boards LPUS and LIBERNET. Contact Dean for details.

Libertarian Wins Election in Charles County

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out of second place. Just a few more people at the polls and Steve could have beaten both incumbents!"

According to the Charles County Independent, "The votes for Ziegler, who was well-known in the county for being (School Board Superintendent) Carter's strongest critic during the campaign, could represent a backlash against the administration's policies and style. There is a large block of county residents who have been angered by, among other things, what they see as aloofness of the administration in dealing with community concerns." But, Steve warns, "Just a philosophical approach is not going to work."

Steve would like to thank everyone involved with his campaign. "Obviously, we owe this victory to the people who contributed to the campaign and who volunteered. Among those in the latter category are: Dan Anderson, Terry Atwood, Collins Boxall, Wayne Dougherty, Wayne Eijertson, Barry Falherty, Lorenzo Gaztañaga, Susan Gaztañaga, Linton Floyd, Doris Gordon,

Diane Jarvis, Jack Jones, Jim McLaughlin, Carolyn Mitchell, John O'Hara, Francis O'Rourke, Kevin Schaefer, Jim Voris, Mary Wade, Aaron Walker, Pastor Warren, Allison Ziegler, Beth Ziegler, Cathy Ziegler, Scott Ziegler. My thanks to all of them as well as to all of the financial contributors, and to any volunteer whose name has been inadvertently omitted."

Dean would like to point out that contributions can still be made to retire the campaign debt, most of which was from a loan from the Ziegler family. Contributions can be sent to Ziegler for Board of Education, 9300 Woodland Road, Pomfret, MD 20675.

(The Editor would like to thank I. Dean Ahmad for supplying a copy of the Ziegler Campaign post-mortem. Anyone interested in reading about the "nuts and bolts" of the Ziegler campaign can download it from the Imad-ad-Dean BBS. The file name is POSTMORT and is located in the MDLP file section, area 5.)

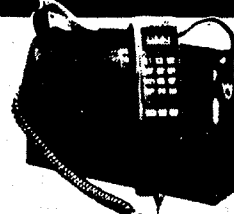
Becker Takes 3% in District 18

Dr. Scott Becker, Montgomery County Libertarian, took an unadjusted 3% of the votes in the November 8th Elections in Maryland District 18.

Scott, who was forced to run as "Other," ran a strong campaign with a heavy emphasis on the problems of ballot access and the problems a non-demopublican has.

District 18, a heavily Democratic area, sends three delegates to Annapolis. Because the race was a "vote for three" ballot, Scott's adjusted figures were closer to 10% of the vote, a very respectable first showing. (editors note: in the Districts bordering 18, Democrats took 15 of 15 seats with an average of 23.6% of the vote. Republican candidates averaged less than 13% in these districts.)

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Call Delores Blum at (301) 670-9660 to coordinate pot luck dinner
- 18 Baltimore City/County Meeting/Winter Holiday party. Call Doug McNeil for info.
- 26 The regularly scheduled Harford county LP meeting will NOT be held on the 26th.
Call Derek Mancinho for more information.

JANUARY

- 15 Baltimore City/County Meeting 7PM contact Susan Gaztañaga for location
(410) 325-2813
- 16 Montgomery County LP Social Meeting, call Terry Atwood for info.
- 22 County Chairs Meeting. Contact Jesse for details.
- 23 Harford County LP Meeting 7:30 PM Belair Public Library
- TBD Frederick County LP meeting. Call Wayne Dougherty (301) 834-6179
or Kirk McKee (301) 371-6931 for details

NEW MDLP BROCHURES AVAILABLE

As mentioned in the write-up on the convention, a new MDLP brochure designed over the summer is now ready for production. The MDLP would like to extend special thanks to Don Allen of D&A Printing for giving his fellow Libertarians a great deal on the printing of our new brochure. Don lives in Cecil County MD, although his business is located in Darby, PA.

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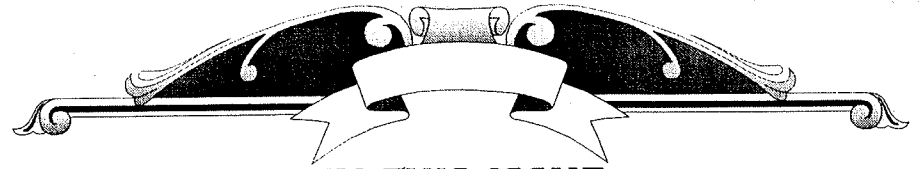
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