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## CREAGER ENTERS CONGRESSIONAL RACE

**S**aying "People can't trust Democrats and Republicans in Congress anymore," a Burtonsville resident entered the eighth Congressional District race as a Libertarian. Robert Creager, 46, filed papers with SABEL today to be placed on the March 5 primary ballot. In announcing his campaign, Creager said, "If the people in the eighth district really want lower taxes, and less federal government I'm the only choice. The Democrats and Republicans have a 100 year track record of more taxes and bigger government."

Creager said as the campaign unfolds, he will focus on five main themes. "First, we must bring down the deficit with spending cuts, not new taxes on working

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people and senior citizens." Creager said his 5 themes will include cutting the deficit, reducing the military budgets to reflect the end of the cold war, reforming welfare, fighting violent crime, and making health care affordable for everybody.

Creager lives with his wife Jane and children Ananda, Jennifer, and Robert in Burtonsville. He earned a BS in Management from University of Maryland, and will receive his MBA this month. He is a senior staff member for

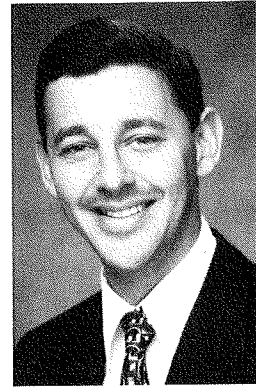
BDM, a systems integration company headquartered in McLean, Virginia.

## MARYLAND IS ALLOCATED 19 DELEGATES

**T**he National LP has allocated Maryland 19 delegates to send to the National Convention on July 3-7 1996. These delegates will represent Maryland in casting votes for a Libertarian candidate to run for President and Vice President of the United States. The delegates will be chosen at the Central Committee Meeting planned for mid April at the Laurel Public Library. Following this meeting, a dinner is planned at Seibels Restaurant where the Presidential candidates will attend to answer any questions and to meet the delegates. If you would like to attend the meeting and/or dinner, please call Amy Rule at 410-730-7117.

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**CHAIRMAN'S LETTER**

*"The time has come for the people of Maryland to have more than two choices"*

**A**n exciting trend is developing in Maryland today. A growing number of people are aware of the discriminatory ballot access laws AND are interested in making the system more fair.

Why is this significant?

With election laws being more fair, our candidates have an opportunity to compete on a level playing field. Given that opportunity, we can present our programs and plans and offer the voters a real choice. The time has come for the people of Maryland to have more than two choices.

To make this happen, to offer the opportunity for fairer elections, the law must change. The legislature will be considering the Pinsky Fair Ballot Access Bill this session. If you'd like to help in the efforts to have this bill passed, please contact Scott Becker at 301-589-2177. He will let you know how you can best help.

In the meantime, even with the unfair laws, we have great news. The

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## State Denies Creager Ballot Access

**R**obert Creager, Libertarian Congressional Candidate for the 8th district was denied ballot access by the state board of Elections of Maryland this past December. Although Creager filed all of the necessary papers and fees, the State refused to accept his Libertarian candidacy. According to the LP State Chair, Jesse Markowitz, Democrats and Republicans who filed papers have been qualified by the state. Markowitz said "Libertarians demand fair and uniform treatment." The ACLU has agreed to take his case to court

based on the May 1995 US Supreme Court decision issued in *US Term Limits vs Thornton*. In that ruling, the court ruled that states can regulate election "procedures," but cannot impose "qualifications."

**"Libertarians demand fair and uniform treatment."**

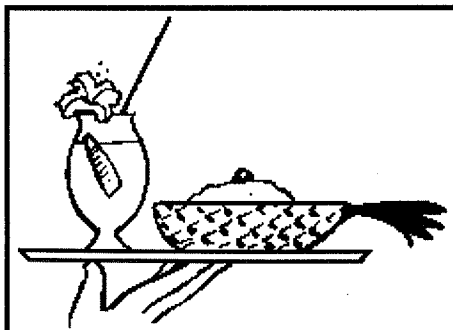
"This is a direct attack on the people's right to choose who they want representing them," said Creager. "By denying Libertarians the same right to get on the ballot that the Democrats and Republicans have, the state is discriminating against an entire class of people."

## Separation of School and State Alliance To Form MD

**O**n Feb 10, the Separation of School and State Alliance will be holding a meeting at 7pm at Ruth Mayer's home in Odenton. This alliance is a grassroots nonprofit organization with no political or religious affiliations. Their purpose is to educate the public on full separation which they define as ending government compelled attendance, financing, curriculum, testing, credentialing and accreditation. Some of their endorsers include John Taylor Gatto, NY State 1991 Teacher of the Year, Ed Crane, Pres of the Cato Institute, Robert W Poole, Jr Pres Reason Foundation. For further information or directions, please call Ruth at 410-672-5609. (You can visit their web site at <http://www.sepschool.org>)

## Atwood Runs for Congress

**T**erry Atwood has announced his candidacy for US Congress in the 8th district. Mr. Atwood is currently serving on the MD LP Executive Committee as Secretary and is the Montgomery County Chair. Since he is the second libertarian candidate to run in this district against Connie Morella, he will be participating in the Libertarian primary on March 5.



On April 13, the MD LP is co-hosting a cocktail party in Washington DC to give its members an opportunity to meet some of the Libertarian Presidential and hopefuls. Look for further information in our next issue.

## DC Activist Elected

At a meeting of the Logan Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission last night, Commissioner David Morris was unanimously elected to chair the local governmental body representing more than 13,200 people in central Washington, DC.

Morris beat an incumbent when he was elected to represent his single-member district in 1994. He is the treasurer of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia and a leader in the District's successful term limits campaign.

At last night's meeting, his colleagues representing other neighborhoods making up that part of D.C. from the Capitol Mall to R Street, NW between 9th and 15th Streets NW, elected him to lead their jurisdiction.

## District 8 Primary

The Libertarian Primary for District 8 will be on March 5, 1996. Libertarians registered in this District will have an opportunity to vote either at the polls or by absentee ballot. If you need more information or haven't received your ballot, please call Keith Halderman at 301-926-1594.

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*A  
Minority  
View*

## WHEN SHOULD VIOLENCE BE INITIATED?

I've always argued that immorality is the root cause of most of our great social and economic problems.

By Walter E Williams

Let's put my argument in another light by going to first principles and asking: What's the moral basis for initiation of violence by either a person or government?

Part of the answer is simple and has a broad consensus: A person is morally justified to use violence when another initiates violence against his person or his property. Self-defense is one of those "unalienable rights."

Governments represent people's efforts to collectively provide self-defense. We authorize governments to carry out our natural right of self-defense. The only legitimate purpose for government initiation of violence and threats is to prevent or punish those who'd use it against others. By granting government a new monopoly on the use of

violence, more order is created, and there's less preying upon the weak by the strong. The bottom line is moral government use of force cannot have a purpose exceeding private use of force.

Let's examine this generality and ask: Do people have the right to rape, murder or steal? Fortunately, most Americans would answer no, but the next question poses a problem. Is there a moral basis for granting government officials the right to rape, murder or steal? Most Americans would give a no answer for rape, but they'd be speaking with a forked tongue if they said they were against government murder or theft.

"Doggone it, Williams," you say. "You've just insulted the entire nation." Let's look at it. Do people have a moral right to take someone else's money, by threats or force, for themselves or to give to someone

else? If they don't have the moral right to do so privately, how can they grant government that right?

You say, "Government programs like welfare, Medicare and farm handouts aren't the same as theft; they're a result of a democratic process." Such a position differs little from saying that acts, clearly immoral when done privately, become moral and perhaps even laudatory when done by government.

The moral bankruptcy of that position becomes clear if we apply it to rape. Some might object to my calling welfare, Medicare and farm handouts theft and prefer to delude themselves calling them income redistribution. That being the case, might we give sanction to government-sponsored rape by renaming it "compassion" redistribution?

Next: Suppose I want to manage my own retirement needs and resolutely refuse to pay into Social Security. The first moral question you might

ask is: Have I initiated violence or the threat of violence toward anyone? The answer is a clear no.

Then, if I have not initiated violence and threats toward anyone, what is the moral basis for threats and violence being initiated against me? Plus, if I resolutely refuse to obey Social Security mandates and refuse to submit to fines, property confiscation and arrests, the

ultimate penalty will be death at the hands of government. Some might argue that government initiation of violence is just deserts for disobedience; however, laws do not necessarily establish morality, as is clearly demonstrated by the Fugitive Slave Act, Nazi anti-Semitic laws and South Africa's former apartheid laws.

The founders of our nation, clinging to the self-evidence of "certain unalienable rights," risked execution for treason and went to war with Britain for tyrannical acts of Parliament and King George that pale in comparison to today's tyrannical acts of Congress. Today's tolerance of tyranny highlights a danger of democracy, namely, tyrannical acts assume an aura of moral legitimacy when there's a majoritarian process.



***"What's the moral basis for initiation of violence by either a person or government?"***

## Opportunity Knocks: Ballot Access Reform

by Glen Litsinger

Since last I wrote, 1996 arrived, and the portent of struggle seemed to ride the winds of the great blizzard that shut down the federal government, even when the politicians wouldn't. The looming battle may well decide the most crucial question for the coming century: whether Americans choose Brand A or B of Statism, or the path that promises the ultimate return of prodigal America, triumphant and free.

For the Libertarian Party of Maryland, the first battle of the campaign has already begun, with the reintroduction of the Fair Ballot Access bill. Last year it failed by a single vote, and it has an excellent chance to pass this time. If it does, permanent ballot access will be one step closer, and the next century could well see the LP's star rising. Imagine the GOP and the Democrats fighting it out for second place in the hearts of Americans, and smile.

But, for now, Maryland has the nation's second most restrictive ballot access law, after Florida's. The

Club of Two, as I'll call it, has erected barriers to newcomers that the current members never have to surmount, because it's their Club and their rules, see. Humor me now, as I try to explain those rules calmly, without damaging my keyboard.

The first thing an aspiring political party needs is legal recognition as a *qualified non-primary party*. We achieved this status again this year when 10,000 registered Maryland voters agreed to sign a petition stating, in effect, the LP is worthy of legality. Once the State validated the 10,000th signature, we won the right (a) to ballot access for our Presidential candidate, and (b) to register voters, at the cost of desperately needed funds and near-exhaustion of our activists. Note that the State LP has gained ballot access for exactly none of

its candidates at this point, a fact that elludes many who, like me, assumed that when the national Party organization trumpeted its gain of Maryland ballot status, state Party candidates had *ipso facto* earned the same right. Not so! We at the state level have another, much steeper hill to climb before we can play with the big kids.

There is but One Way to get, and stay, on the ticket permanently, and it applies to presidential candidates as well: if 10% of Maryland's registered voters are registered Libertarians. The exact number needed now can't be pinned down precisely, but in the '92 Presidential election it was exactly 246,301. (How difficult is that? Suffice to say we didn't come close, and if we make it this year the champagne is on

me). If we somehow beat the odds by registering a quarter million people who mostly have never heard of us, the Party and *all* its candidates will

have *permanent* ballot access—no more petition drives, or registration drives, even if we never win a seat. And, we will have achieved *primary party* status, meaning we have the right to hold primary elections. Herein lies our Catch 22: the primary system acts to perpetuate our non-primary status, because in order to vote in a party's primary the voter must register *in that party!*

Now, with the exception of the presidential candidate, LP candidates for partisan district-level and state-wide offices may still get on the ballot, by getting 3% of registered voters in their district (the district being the whole state for state-wide offices, etc.) to sign -- here we go again—another petition. If they succeed they get one-time ballot access, which has no bearing on the ballot status

of the Party as a whole.

However, we can at least avoid the 10,000 signatures requirement in '98 so that our 10% registration drive can continue uninterrupted, and preserve ballot access for our Presidential candidate in 2000, if we meet yet another requirement: receive at least 3% of *the total of all votes cast for all state-wide offices, including national (President, US Senate) and state-level offices (Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General)*. This year, a once-in-twelve-years situation arises: *just one state-wide office—the Presidency - is up for grabs*. This is important, because in two out of three Presidential elections there are two statewide contests (including one US Senator, while in non-Presidential statewide elections there are either three or four depending on whether a US Senate seat is contested. In '98 *four* offices will be contested. The LP candidate(s), whether we have one or four, will then need four times as many votes to meet the test. To illustrate: if 2 million voters each voted in all four contests, the aggregate LP vote would have to be 240,000 (3% of 8 million). Four LP candidates, then, would have to average 60,000 votes each. At the other extreme, a single candidate would have to draw all 240,000 votes to pass the test. Furthermore, we'd lose what we've gained if we ever fail this test in the future before achieving permanent ballot access.

Confused? Well, passage of the 1996 Fair Ballot Access bill, introduced again by the Hon. Paul Pinsky in the State Senate, will at least simplify the law. It would lower the 3% voter petition signature requirement for *independent* candidates to 0.5%, which is in line with the national average (note that the ACLU considers 0.1% to be a reasonable upper limit), and eliminate that requirement entirely for qualified non-primary parties (like ours).

Therefore the imperative: *we must do all we can to help the Pinsky bill succeed!* We've begun by joining the Coalition for a Democratic Maryland, which consists

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# Libertarians in Cyberspace

**S** *By RJScribe*

urfing the 'Net...Browsing the Web...Cruising in Cyberspace. Call it what you like, but everyone seems to be doing it these days, and Libertarians are no exception. Libertarians have established a formidable presence on the Internet and in cyberspace—from the glitzy World Wide Web site of the national Libertarian Party to a host of newsgroups, mailing lists, databases, and homespun electronic newsletters.

I have compiled a list of electronic sites of interest to libertarians and like-minded thinkers. Unfortunately, given the vastness of cyberspace and the fact that I am still quite the novice Net Surfer, the list is certainly far from comprehensive. Nevertheless, I have accessed as many of these sites as my Web Browser and expertise would allow and offer my own comments where appropriate.

If anyone knows of additional cybersites of interest to libertarians and like-minded thinkers, please e-mail them to MDLPNEWS@aol.com for inclusion in a future issue. Also, there's a book on the market, Politics on the Net, by Bill Mann, which includes Libertarian cybersites. The book, published by QUE, retails for \$24.99, and, get this, lists the LP under the heading "Major Political Parties" in its Table of Contents. We're making headway Folks!

## WORLD WIDE WEB (WWW) SITES

**The Libertarian Party (National)**

**URL:** <http://www.lp.org/lp>

**Description/Comments:** The LP WebPage provides information about the philosophy, programs, activities, beliefs, party platform, and history of the organization. It also provides e-mail addresses of officers, managers, committees, and staffs. One can join and receive information by filling out an on-line form. No on-line searching available.

**The World Wide Libertarian Pages**

**URL:**

<http://www.libertarian.com/wwlp/index2.html>

**Description/Comments:** The Mother of All Libertarian Websites. Sponsored by the Future of Freedom Foundation, Freedom Lawyers of America, and Arlington Coin Center, this Website contains a wealth of information of interest to libertarians, and its creators are working diligently to improve an already superb production. The Website has hyperlinks to News, Libertarian-Owned Businesses, Organizations, Periodicals, Student Organizations, Mailing Lists, Newsgroups, and much, much more. This is a must stopover on your next cyberspace excursion.

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★ **The Libertarian Party of Maryland** ★  
★ **URL:** <http://www.upx.net/lp> ★  
★ **Description/Comments:** Home Page of ★  
★ the Maryland Libertarian Party. Still in ★  
★ its infancy, but I like what I see so far. ★  
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★ this Web site has great promise. And ★  
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**The Democratech Party**

**URL:**

<http://www.direct.ca/democratech>

**Description/Comments:** Home Page of the Democratech Party, a political party which advocates replacing representative government with direct democracy using modern electronic technology. While the Democratech party professes to take no positions on any issues, its sample referendums clearly indicate an inclination toward libertarian/free market approaches.

**Comment:** Definitely worth a visit. While I personally don't like the idea of direct democracy, since we'd still be vulnerable to tyranny of the majority, I like the idea

of relegating politicians to the trash heap of history, as the Democratech Party advocates. But as I see it, there's a conflict here, as individualism and direct democracy, as they seem to be advocating, are incompatible.

**Campaign Central Home Page**

**URL:** <http://www.clark.net/ccentral>

**Description:** A comprehensive guide to Election '96. And I mean comprehensive. If you like, you can get a blow by blow account of the State Treasurers' races in each state. An excellent source of information and research tool. Non-partisan.

**Harry Browne for President**

**URL:** <http://www.HarryBrowne96.org>

**Description/Comments:** Website of the Harry Browne for President Campaign '96. Very nicely done with numerous hyperlinks to campaign statements, letters to supporters, Why Government Doesn't Work, bumperstickers, you name it.

## USENET

### NEWSGROUPS

**Address:** [alt.politics.libertarian](mailto:alt.politics.libertarian)

**Description:** A Usenet Newsgroup providing information and discussion about libertarian ideology.

**Comment:** From my brief encounters with this newsgroup, it seems as though the participants in this newsgroup are the same as those in the Rush Limbaugh Newsgroup (alt.fan.rush-limbaugh) and the anti-Clinton Newsgroup (alt.politics.clinton). The discussions were nearly identical in each case.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Libertalk**

**How to Access:** E-mail [mfhowry@umich.edu](mailto:mfhowry@umich.edu). Write [libertalk@umich.edu](mailto:libertalk@umich.edu) in body.

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## *The Secret of the League* by Ernest Bramah

**T**he *Secret of the League* is a visionary tale of what happens when a free society takes a turn toward socialism. Ernest Bramah, son of a prominent businessman, became disturbed at the leftward movement of his beloved England in 1907, and wrote this novel to illustrate where England could be a decade later, should this trend continue.

With uncanny foresight, the author wrote of a government becoming ever more intrusive, pitting class against class, and imposing taxes on productive businesses, ultimately driving them out of existence. The result was to coerce the working class into total dependence on the largesse of their government. (Sound familiar?)

Soon, Bramah introduces the plot element that has drawn so many comparisons to Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*, written decades later. In Bramah's book, an obscure group of wealthy and middle-class, pro-business, sick-to-death-of-onerous-taxes individuals come together to form The Unity League, a secret organization that reminds one of the renegades in Galt's Gulch. However, in Bramah's work, the League formed with the mission of resurrecting the free market ideal, whereas Rand's inhabitants of Galt's Gulch had written off the society they left behind, leaving it to decay on its own.

The protagonists are Sir John Hampden, a well-respected non-aligned politician, and naval hero Captain Stobalt, who uses the pseudonym George Salt (rhymes with Galt, get it?). Together they join to form an alliance to fight the corrupted system. First taking on the powerful coal mining unions by organizing a massive boycott, they eventually set into motion a chain of events which would ultimately topple the anti-capitalist parties that permeated the novel's version of 1918 English politics.

*Literature in Review*



by **Antonia Camillieri**

The archaic language and slang of early 20th century England made reading this novel somewhat of a chore. However, contributor Daniel Jencka does an admirable job of explaining some of the more obscure vernacular by adding a glossary in this revival of the long out of print novel.

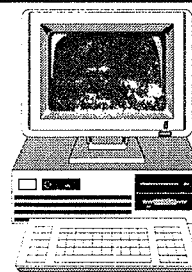
Aside from the language of the times, the author tells his story very effectively, peppering it with typically dry British humor.

Mr. Bramah had great insight into a society totally dependent on government for its sustenance. To spread information to its members, the League employs a fictional device called the telescribe, which is remarkably similar to the modern-day fax machine.

Randians will appreciate the similarity of *The Secret of the League* to *Atlas Shrugged*. Although there has been some controversy as to whether Rand copied Bramah's ideas, there is no evidence that Rand actually read the earlier work.

With today's American leaders interpreting constitutional principles to fit their needs, passing repressive laws, and bowing to special interests, the turn of events described in *The Secret of the League* has many modern-day implications. The prophetic Mr. Bramah could just as well have been looking across the century into the future of contemporary United States. Many parallels could be drawn from his story—from the confiscatory nature of today's taxes to using starving women and children as emotional battering rams to further their agenda.

But will we heed his warning?



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## MAILING LISTS

### Libernet

Description: Libertarian-related information distribution list.

Contact Address: owner-libernet@dartmouth.edu (Barry S. Fagin)

E-Mail: libernet-request@dartmouth.edu

## DATABASES

### U.S. Libertarian Party

#### URL:

[gopher://otax.tky.hut.fi/70/ftp/think.com/pub/libernet](http://gopher://otax.tky.hut.fi/70/ftp/think.com/pub/libernet)

AOL: Internet Connection, Gopher, Search All Databases, U.S. Libertarian Party.

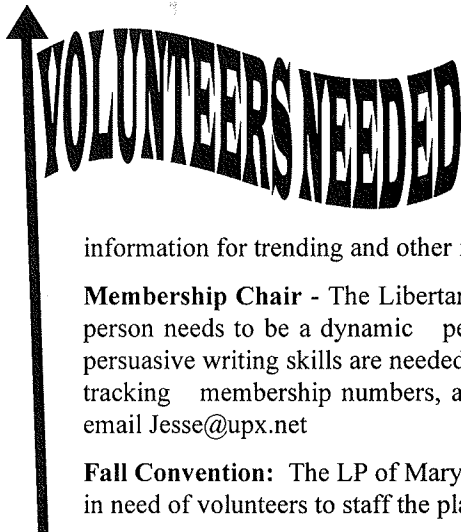
Description/Comments: The U.S. Libertarian database contains information about the Libertarian Party and the Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA). Main files include articles, FIJA, leaflets, logos, miscellanwous, newsclippings, proposed bills, platforms past and present.

## NEWSLETTERS

### Libertarian Electronic Network Newsletter (LENN)

How to Access: Can be downloaded by e-mailing [KGSAM@aol.com](mailto:KGSAM@aol.com)

Description/Comments: Founded in July 1995 by Sam Grove, this lively and entertaining publication serves as a clearinghouse for commentary and discussion. Its readership has grown from 26 to 150. Its 10th issue was just released, which incidentally included an article by yours truly. Sam is a hard-core libertarian—a must download.



**Data Base Manager** - The Libertarian Party of Maryland is now accepting applications for a data base manager. We are looking for someone with a strong computer background who would like to assist us in the management of our database. Responsibilities would include selecting extracts of the database to receive targeted mailings, as well as looking for duplicate records, and other issues. Also, analyzing database information for trending and other information. Contact Jesse Markowitz at 301-517-1757 or email Jesse@upx.net

**Membership Chair** - The Libertarian Party of Maryland is now accepting applications for a membership chair. The person needs to be a dynamic people person interested in growing the party. Strong personal relations as well as persuasive writing skills are needed. Responsibilities include creating membership recruitment and retention programs, tracking membership numbers, and membership problem resolution. Contact Jesse Markowitz at 301-517-1757 or email Jesse@upx.net

**Fall Convention:** The LP of Maryland is starting to plan its Fall Convention, which will be held 3rd Sat of Nov, and is in need of volunteers to staff the planning committee. Please call Amy Rule for further information at 410-730-7117

**LIBERTARIAN EXCHANGE:** A resource for party members to list personal advertisements. \$1.00/type line, items must be paid for and submitted by advertising deadline.

**HUMAN VALUES DISCUSSION GROUP:** We bring together people with diverse views, for an open-minded exploration of human values questions, including social issues, politics, arts, and the relation of people to nature and technology. Call the Human Values Network at 410-944-0868 (Baltimore)

**ABORTION AND RIGHTS: APPLYING LIBERTARIAN PRINCIPLES CORRECTLY.** This article explains why abortion is unlibertarian. Send \$2.00 to Libertarians for Life, 13424 Hathaway Drive, #18, Wheaton, MD 20906, 301-460-4141 or email Doris.Gordon@iad.blkcat.com.

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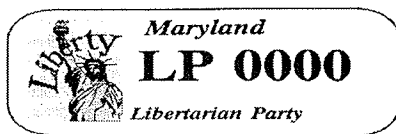
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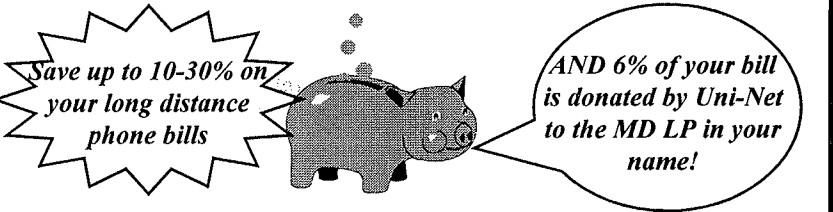
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which consists of civil rights and civic groups, and other minor parties seeking reform of the current law. And, notably, the ACLU has agreed to assist our own Bob Creager in challenging the current law, pursuant to his campaign to unseat Rep. Connie Morella. Beyond that, each of us can do much to help:



1. **Register in the LP now!**
2. **Write to your State Senator and Delegates**, and implore them to cosponsor, then vote for, the Pinsky Fair Ballot Access bill. You don't need to mention party affiliation, just say that you're a constituent who opposes the current law on whatever grounds you choose to mention. And mention that the bill has broad-based support and ACLU backing.
3. **Write letters to editors** in local publications.
4. **Call your favorite political talk show** and lobby for this vital legislation.
5. **Show this article** to your Republican and Democrat acquaintances.
6. Chances are they are totally unaware of and outraged by the draconian nature of this law, and wind up supporting our effort to change it.
7. **Encourage any civic organizations, church groups, or any other politically active associations to join the Coalition.**
8. **Finally, ask sympathetic friends** if they'd consider registering in the LP to help us achieve ballot access. Point out that they could still vote for any Party's candidate in the general election, although they would forfeit the opportunity to vote in the primaries.

*Imagine, if you will, the plush feel of the leather-bound chairs, the smell of fresh paint on the sign that reads "Libertarians: Welcome to The Club!". An older member, with grudging admiration, greets you: "Put your feet up, friend, and relax. You have paid your dues."*

It's time, ladies and gentleman, to realize that dream.

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Libertarian Presidential candidate is already on the ballot in 28 states (including Maryland). We are on track, and while there is still much work to be done, we **WILL** be on the ballot in all 50 states and Washington DC.

Who will the Libertarian Party run for our Presidential Vice-Presidential ticket? That is up to you. At our April meeting, delegates will be selected to represent Maryland at our National convention. This year we will be sending a record number of delegates - 19. These delegates will vote at the convention to select the candidates.

The National convention will be held in Washington DC, and I expect many of our members will want to go. If you are interested in representing Maryland at the National convention this July you should plan on being at our April meeting.

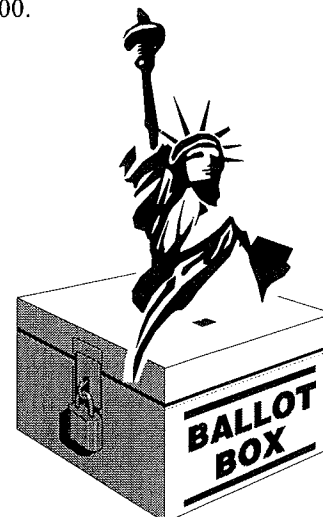
We also have more great news. Terry Atwood has entered the race for US Congress in the eighth congressional district. Since both he and Bob Creager are looking for the LPMD's nomination, we will be holding a primary to determine who will represent the Libertarian Party against Connie Morella.

We are always looking for more candidates and campaign workers. If you are interested, just drop me a line. What an opportunity we have!!!!

*Jesse Markowitz*

## NJ Convention

New Jersey will be holding its LP convention on March 16, 1996 at the Landmark Inn in Woodbridge, NJ. Speakers include WABC's Lionel, LP Presidential and VP candidates and an expose on New Jersey's Auto Emissions Law. Tickets are \$35 before 3/2 and \$45 after 3/1. For more information call 1-800-201-NJLP in NJ or 201-670-9000.





## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND

- ◆ Automatic membership in your local county chapter (if one is organized)
- ◆ Subscription to the *Free State Libertarian*
- ◆ Full access to the Inad-ad-Dean BBS, where you can access Libernet, LPUS, and Maryland LP Sections.
- ◆ Contact Dean Ahmad at 301-951-0539 for more information.
- ◆ Maryland DMV-issued organizational license plates for your car. They are available to members for \$16 plus your regular registration fee. Contact Dan Anderson at 410-676-5687 for an application.
- ◆ Eligibility to sign up for the Uni-Net Long Distance Service in their affinity program. Six percent of your phone bill will be donated to the MDLP in your name each month. Contact Jesse Markowitz at 301-990-7512.
- ◆ Discount rate on joint State/National LP membership, which includes subscription to the *LP News*.



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- Additional donation toward the fight for liberty in Maryland \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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I would like to become more active within the MD LP. My interests are:

- Membership  
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 Newsletter  
 Electoral Campaigns  
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 Other

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### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS/CONTACTS

Maryland LP Info  
National LP HQ  
New Member Info Only  
Libertarian BBS (after 6:00pm & on weekends)  
Ballot Access Information  
Human Values Network

1-800-MLP-1776  
202-543-1988  
1-800-682-1776  
301-656-4714  
301-589-2177  
410-944-0868

Scott Becker  
Mike O'Mara

## Calendar of events

1st & 3rd Sunday Washington Area Libertarian Alliance, Tom Fishbeck  
3rd Sunday Baltimore City/County Meeting  
4th Sunday Human Values Network, Mike O'Mara  
2nd Monday Executive Committee Meeting  
3rd Monday Montgomery County Meeting  
4th Monday Harford County Meeting, Bel Air Public Library  
3rd Wednesday Frederick County Meeting, 8:00pm

2nd Monday Tune in to "Let's Talk" on WSEB 1550AM from 12:30-2pm

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Feb 10 Separation of School & State  
Mar 5 Primary, 8th District  
Mar 16 NJ Convention  
Apr 13 Cocktail Party  
Apr Central Committee Mtg  
Election of Delegates  
Jul 3-7 National Convention

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