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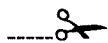
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BROWNE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT STATE CONVENTION

Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne will deliver the keynote address at the annual convention of the Maryland Libertarian Party, State Chair Jesse Markowitz announced at a meeting in Baltimore on July 28, 1996. This was later confirmed by Convention Coordinator Amy Rule. The convention will be held on Saturday, October 19, 1996 at the Columbia Hilton in Columbia, Maryland. Browne will also speak at a special fundraising luncheon immediately preceding the opening of the convention.

Harry Browne is an author, a public speaker, and an investment advisor. He became widely known in the early 1970's through his books *How You Can Profit from the Coming Devaluation*, *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World* and *You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis* (which was #1 on the New York Times best-seller list). Since 1974 he has published *Harry Browne's Special Reports*--a newsletter that provides commentary on the economy, investments, government, politics, and other social areas. He first declared his candidacy on August 14, 1994. On July 6, 1996, the Libertarian Party National Convention nominated him for President of the United States.

Since receiving the nomination, Browne has been a guest on an average of ten radio talk shows a day, including a number in Maryland. His radio commercials have aired several times a day in the Washington DC area, in an effort to influence national political correspondents to pressure the Commission on Presidential Debates to include Harry Browne. Numerous media personalities have declared publicly that Browne should be in the debates (notably Hugh Downs, of "20/20" fame), and some have even endorsed his candidacy. *(Continued on page 2, column 2)*



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Don't waste your vote.
Vote Harry Browne.

As the election nears, some folks are wondering who will win this election. I am not. I have a far more serious concern. How well will the Libertarian candidate, Harry Browne do? Both Clinton and Dole are long time politicians who believe, regardless of the question, that a government program is the answer. In the 1996 election, you really have only two choices: either vote for what you've always had, or vote for what you've always wanted--Harry Browne.

Why is it so important that we break this duopoly? Why not "hold your nose and vote for the lesser of two evils?" Harry Browne was interviewed recently and explained why we need to vote Libertarian, and get out of this liberals vs. conservatives paradigm.

"Liberal politicians keep proposing new programs that further reduce the choices we can make with our money and our lives. Conservative politicians often ... [object] that [these proposals are] too restricting or too expensive. But each year some of the programs pass despite the objections. And they pass permanently--because even when the conservatives have control of the government they rarely repeal what they once denounced.

"And the conservatives have programs of their own. They love anti-crime and national security programs even when they reduce the liberties supposedly guaranteed in the Constitution. Liberal politicians often fight such proposals--condemning them as intolerable invasions of our privacy and our freedom. But some of the programs pass. And they, too, pass permanently--because even when the liberals have control of the government, they rarely repeal the legislation they once denounced." (Contd. on page 3)

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Other convention speakers are Party strategist Gene Cisewski on "Electioneering Techniques" and Rick Henderson, Washington Editor for *Reason* magazine, who will speak on "Which Choice for School Choice--the Libertarian Debate."

The agenda for the morning business meeting will include the election of the seven member Executive Committee, reports from local affiliates and special committees, and the presentation for a final vote of a proposed amendment to the Party bylaws. Central Committee members may vote in person or by proxy. Look for the complete text of the proposed amendment in this newsletter.

The cost of the convention (advance registration) is \$45 for individuals and \$75 for couples. This includes all speakers and a buffet dinner. The Lunch with Harry Browne is an additional item at \$50. Formal invitations are going out to all members and recent subscribers around September 14, 1996. To be sure you receive your announcement, leave your name and address with our answering service at 1-800-MLP-1776 or through our web site at www.md.lp.org. You can also register now by completing and returning the form on page 1.

Susan Gazlañaga

**A vote for Bob is a
vote for Bill.**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PARTY BYLAWS

Our current Party bylaws require candidates to be nominated by means of a primary election. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 2. Local Nominations.

A. Nominations of persons by the Party for local offices (i.e., non-Federal and non-statewide offices) shall be determined by the local committees of the jurisdictions in which the offices are held, in accordance with the Constitutions and Bylaws of the Local Committees.

B. Where an office is elected by precincts in the jurisdictions of two or more local committees, and when the local committees nominate different candidates, the local committees may resolve the issue by mutual agreement. Failing such agreement, the candidate shall be selected from among the nominees by a primary process as described in Section 4, paragraph A, below.

Section 3. Statewide Nominations.

Nominations of persons by the Party for statewide non-federal offices shall be by a 3/5 vote at a meeting of the Central Committee.

Section 4. Federal Nominations.

A. Except for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, Libertarian candidates for federal office shall be nominated in primary elections in which all registered Libertarians may vote. *(Contd. on p. 3, col. 2)*

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I was told recently by a radio talk show host that even though she preferred the Libertarian candidate, she "had" to vote for Dole to vote against Clinton. Guess what!?! In Maryland, Clinton has such a commanding lead, that voting for Dole isn't going to help him. All it will do is allow Bob Dole to claim that you back his policies--he still loses Maryland. The best way to vote against either old party candidate is not by voting for the other, but voting for Harry Browne.

The more votes Harry Browne gets, the stronger our argument for real change. Also, the stronger the message to both old party candidates that it is time to reduce the size and scope and interference of government, not merely slow its growth. We are working very hard for every vote we can get. My hope is to break 3 percent this November. This would be a huge victory for us, since it would mean that our party status would continue for another two years.

Unfortunately, it takes money to win, to let voters know about us, and to get out the vote--and we do not have the dollars that Perot has. Without a huge volunteer effort, or many contributions, we may not break the 3 percent level. This puts us in a precarious position. If we do not get 3 percent of the vote, we need to turn in another 10,000 valid petition signatures to maintain our party status.

If the Libertarian Party of Maryland is to continue, we need your help--getting votes for Browne, or collecting signatures. PLEASE--do whatever you can.
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MARYLAND'S CAMPAIGN FOR THREE PERCENT

Some 60 people--Party members, spouses, significant others, and children--turned out for a picnic and Central Committee meeting at Damascus Regional Park on Saturday, August 3, 1996. There, State Chair Jesse Markowitz explained what 3 percent for Harry Browne in Maryland would mean for our party.

To maintain recognized party status, a party must receive at least 3 percent of the votes counted in all

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In the event that the State Administrative Board of Election Laws for any reason declines to place qualified Libertarians contesting for the Libertarian nomination races on its primary ballots, the Party shall conduct its own primary on the same day as the Maryland primaries.

B. To be included in the Libertarian primaries, a candidate must have submitted the endorsement of any two members of the Central Committee submitted to the Secretary no later than the date the certificate of candidacy is due by state law.

C. Presidential and Vice-Presidential Nominations: For any purpose which might be required by law, the nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States of America of the National Libertarian Party shall be the nominees of the Libertarian Party of Maryland.

statewide contests in a given election. Only once every 12 years do we have a situation in which the only statewide elections being held are for President and Vice-President of the United States. If the Browne-Jorgensen ticket receives 3 percent of the vote in Maryland this year, we will not have to collect signatures for two years. This time could be used to build up party registration to the 10 percent required to achieve permanent party status.

Jesse then presented Dean Ahmad's strategy for achieving 3 percent. Three percent equals approximately 60,000 votes. Typically, a campaign must spend \$2 per vote in advertising and promotion. It follows that we need to raise \$120,000 to be reasonably certain of reaching that 3 percent goal--twice as much as we have ever raised before. Should we succeed in raising this amount, we would proceed to seek group endorsements. The core message would be: "You know Clinton is going to carry Maryland--even Dukakis carried Maryland. Unless you really like Clinton, your vote is going to be wasted. If you vote for Clinton, Clinton wins. If you vote for Dole, Clinton wins. If you vote for Harry Browne, on the other hand, you may actually get something you didn't have before--a third party in Maryland!" We brainstormed for a bit to identify groups that could be expected to embrace our message with a minimum amount of persuasion, and came up with a list that included gun owners, Muslims, people involved in alternative medicine or non-traditional religions, home schoolers, and groups such as NORML and the Drug Policy Foundation.

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Collect more signatures, or contribute financially so we can hire professional circulators to gather petition signatures. Vote for Browne, work the polls, contribute towards leaflets, signs, billboards, radio ads etc. Contact me (301-990-7512 or Jesse@upx.net) if you'd like to help.

Harry Browne will give the keynote speech at the Libertarian Party of Maryland's annual convention on Saturday, October 19, 1996. I hope you will plan on joining us for this special event. If you would like to help with the convention, please contact **Amy Rule at (410) 730-7117**. If you'd like to help with the Browne campaign in Maryland, please contact **Earle Pearce at (410) 327-1776**.

Finally, I will not be running for reelection as Chair of the party. I have been honored to hold the job for the past two years, and it is time for me to pass the baton. I will continue working to build the Libertarian Party of Maryland--rest assured, you have not heard the last of me. Thank you to all the folks who have helped in our fight for liberty in Maryland. The successes I have had were due to your dedication, hard work and commitment. See you at the convention.

Jesse Markowitz

**A vote for Bill is a vote
for Bob.**

CREAGER VS. SABEL

A SPRINGBOARD TO THE STATE HOUSE

It finally happened! After nine months of preparation and often frustrating delays, Creager vs. the State Administrative Board of Election Laws (SABEL) was filed on Tuesday, August 20, 1996. For those readers who have not been following the case, I am suing SABEL for not allowing me on the ballot as a Libertarian running for U.S. Congress in the Eighth District. My complaint is based in large part on the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *U.S. Term Limits vs. Thornton* that it is unconstitutional for states to adopt their own qualifications for congressional service. The Court ruled that "An amendment with the avowed purpose and obvious effect of evading the requirements of the Qualifications Clauses by handicapping a class of candidates cannot stand."

The focus of my suit has shifted a number of times over the past nine months. At first, when the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) was involved, they felt that the *U.S. Term Limits vs. Thornton* decision did nothing for our case. Then Leo Hylan, a long time supporter of Libertarians and the Party, took over. Leo has a unique approach to the case. While he believes that the *Term Limits* decision can be very useful, he has expanded the argument to include other points as well. Based on the *U.S. Term Limits vs. Thornton* decision, he is arguing that Maryland State law imposes unconstitutional additional requirements on congressional candidates. Based on an Arkansas
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There remained the problem of raising \$120,000. We decided that if we could garner pledges totalling \$40,000 in the next two weeks, it might be doable, as the funds could be used as seed money to raise the rest. A pledge rally ensued, as Jesse tried to see how much could be raised from the group right in front of him. The proceedings were warmed up by a spirited bidding battle between Chairman Emeritus Ahmad and Former Chair Lorenzo Gaztañaga.

The pledge total came to \$17,000. Most of the pledges were conditional, (pledgers would be released from their commitment if the \$40,000 could not be reached). A few individuals made unconditional pledges to the Maryland for Browne Campaign.

Central Committee Meeting Gets Media Coverage

A reporter from the *Baltimore City Paper* who uses the pen name "The Nose" attended the picnic and wrote a positive article explaining and supporting the 3 percent effort which appeared in the August 14-21 edition of the paper. "Who are these Libertarians anyway, and what do they want besides three percent of Maryland's vote?" The Nose asked. "Markowitz described the Libertarian Party as being about, basically, the freedom of individuals to do what they want as long as their actions do not intrude upon another person's freedom." Earle Pearce and Doris Gordon were also quoted. The Nose concluded, "When the November election rolls around, and the Libertarian Party pins its dreams to Harry Browne's coattail, we should
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decision handed down in August, he is arguing that, after gathering 10,000 signatures for party certification, a party should not be required to gather an additional 3 percent for every candidate. To these arguments, he has added a challenge to the 10 percent registration requirement for third parties to obtain permanent recognition--a challenge that no one has brought before. The argument is that no state has a "petitioning" requirement higher than 5 percent. Obviously, the 10 percent registration requirement is more restrictive than a 5 percent petitioning requirement.

What's next? During the period immediately following the filing of my suit, my campaign committee sent out a press release to take advantage of the opportunities resulting from my filing. Leo and I appeared on the Zoh Hieronimus radio talk show (WCBM Baltimore) at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 9, 1996. The campaign will follow up with "real" campaigning. I want to concentrate on the nine precincts that make up the 14A Legislative District in order to prepare for a '98 House of Delegates run.

A number of people have volunteered to help on this effort. I will now be asking those people to work those nine precincts. A number of consultants have stated that it takes three to seven repetitions of a candidate's name to gain name recognition with the voting public. Without name recognition, a candidate cannot hope to gain the vote of the public.

We can start this process now. We should be able to contact the likely swing voters of the 21,000 voters in District 14A prior to November at least twice. Note that a typical candidate for State
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A MINORITY VIEW*by Walter E. Williams***THE BROKEN WINDOW FALLACY**

With each reading of the late Henry Hazlitt's "Economics in One Lesson," I'm impressed by how clearly this economist/columnist understood basic economics and how much better off we'd be with one iota of his insight.

In Hazlitt's broken window story, a hoodlum tosses a brick through a baker's window and flees. The baker is furious, but a person in the crowd that gathers reminds the baker that his misfortune has a bright side. The \$250 it takes to replace his plate-glass window will create work for the glazier. And, after all, if windows were never broken, what would happen to the glass business? The baker was also reminded of the multiplier effects. The glazier will have \$250 to spend with other merchants, who in turn will have \$250 to spend with still other merchants, and so on. One just might conclude that the brick-throwing hoodlum, far from being a public menace, was a public benefactor.

Hazlitt says that the first conclusion is correct: more business for the glazier. The glazier will be no more unhappy to learn about the vandalism than an undertaker is to learn of a death. The baker, however, will be out \$250 that he had planned to pay the tailor to make him a new suit. Because he has to replace the window, he has to do without the suit. So, instead of having a window and a suit, he has to make do with just a window. The glazier's gain in business is the tailor's loss of business. From the community's point of view, it's poorer by one suit that would have come into being. It's easy to see the hoodlum's act as stimulating employment because the new window will be visible. Since the baker can't buy a new suit, the unemployment for the tailor is invisible.

"Williams," you say, "What's the big deal about that story?" There are many examples of how we buy into various versions of the "broken window" fallacy. Some history professors teach that, while World War II was a terrible thing, it brought us out of the Great Depression. No such thing. Yes, there was an increased demand for guns, tanks and bombs. Neither Santa Claus nor future generations gave us the resources to fight World War II. America had the resources at the time of World War II to make war equipment. Those same resources could have gone into houses, cars and refrigerators.

A variant of the broken window fallacy is when mayors, labor bosses and the chambers of commerce tell us we need to use tax money or float a bond to construct a convention center, new sports arena, or bridges because of all the jobs that will be created. Taxpayer money comes from taxpayers. If taxpayers kept their money, they would spend it on cars, home remodeling and other things that would also create jobs. So, like Hazlitt's broken window story, certain jobs are created while others are
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Assembly must address a district of approximately 50,000 voters. This district is manageable! The follow-up contacts can occur in the next election cycle. This campaign needs your help now in preparation for 1998. Please contribute your efforts (and your money) now!

Bob Creager

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all pay attention--the outcome may alter Maryland politics long after the Browne campaign is a footnote in the history textbooks."

The impact of this article was later reinforced when a letter by Libertarian T. Bruce Godfrey appeared in the September 4-11 edition of *City Paper*. Bruce thanked the paper for covering the picnic, but took issue with the use of the word "slacken" to describe what we want to do with Maryland's ballot access laws. "In my opinion," he wrote, "it is the Maryland Democratic and Republican parties that 'slackened' themselves from the current burdensome and terribly expensive procedural barriers. In my view, the current Maryland ballot-access laws constitute a punitive poll tax against grass-roots activists in Maryland who want a greater choice on election day than two mildly different flavors of vanilla."

Anyone desiring copies of the complete article and letter may contact Susan Gaztanaga (410-325-2813) or Doug McNeil (410-685-6979).

Susan Gaztanaga

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reduced or don't come into being. The advantage for politicians pushing government spending is that the created jobs are visible, but the jobs that are eliminated or don't come into being are invisible.

Social Security is another variant of the broken window fallacy. People who support the program marvel at its benefits. They have no idea of what there'd be if the same money were put into private retirement plans. Among those benefits would be a higher national savings rate, a greater investment rate and a higher gross national product which, according to some estimates, would be 18 percent higher. All that is invisible, while Social Security checks are visible.

Reading Hazlitt will make you more informed than most economists.

HEARD ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Certainly you are aware of some of the things that are available on "Talking Books"/audio cassettes. Business training and language study have long used this medium. Today, however, this form of communication has become much more extensive. You may not realize what a resource is available to you, and some of the advantages it has.

TIME--Everyone has many things they have to do, want to do, or are just used to doing. In themselves they take away from time you might spend reading, but, in fact, with an audio book they make what might otherwise be wasted time available to you. The most common example might be using a tape player in a car when commuting, but that might be misleading if you assume that a long trip is needed. Listening in five or ten minute increments--the time it takes to drive to the market, a ball game, or a friend's house--is not a problem. Comprehension will be hindered no more than when reading a few pages before you fall asleep at night.

EXTRA DIMENSIONS--Some audio books include sound effects and multiple readers for different voices, but most don't. Even in the straight voice, however, one can often get an extra factor that would not be available in the written word. For example, not only would I probably never have spent time reading Kirk Douglass' autobiography "The Rag Man's Son," if I had read it, I would not have gotten a fraction of the feeling I obtained hearing Kirk Douglass himself read the book. I felt that he was personally telling me stories of his past.

NEW SUBJECTS--There are many things I might like to know about, but don't have enough of a "call" to sit down and read a full book. Steven Hawking's "A Brief History of Time" is a case in point. While I can't claim to understand all he explains, a lot did come through on the audio tape.

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INVOLVEMENT AND FEELINGS--Audio books add something to the written word, but still leave much to the imagination--they leave a very different impression from books or movies. I had never read anything by Stephen King, but his works come across very well on tape. The *Shawshank Redemption* was a good movie, but an even better tape.

A NOTE OF WARNING--Most audio books are abridged versions of the written document. Usually, the shortened version is understandable and worth hearing. Sometimes, however, I feel that critical items have been omitted, and I lose some comprehension. Personally, I strongly prefer unabridged copies, even those on 8 or 12 cassettes.

The 3% Solution!

A NOTE OF GUIDANCE--Audio books are about \$15 to \$20 (similar to hard back books), although some are under \$10 and a few are over \$100. However, I believe that all public libraries have significant areas of audio books, and there is even a nationwide commercial rental firm.

I highly recommend that you investigate this terrific "high tech" resource. Whatever your interest, from Chaucer and Shakespeare to Dave Barry, you will probably find it on tape. [P.S.--I have a number of wonderful tapes, and would be happy to swap with any other avid listener.]

Steven M. Sass

LIBERTY SOAP BOX

This section of the newsletter might be compared to Boston Commons or Hyde Park in London. In past issues, there has been some stimulating dialogue on the subject of abortion. In the next issue, Libertarian, vegetarian, and animal rights advocate Louis Levin shares his views on "Libertarianism and Animal Rights." He promises to answer, on the pages of this newsletter, any letters his article might generate--whether pro or con.

The Liberty Soap Box apologizes to Glenn Howard, whose name was inadvertently cut off from the bottom of his excellent piece on the LP abortion plank.

THE LIBERTARIAN CLUB OF BALTIMORE

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Buzzell, the "Libertarian Club of Baltimore"--the Baltimore area Libertarian outreach group's new name--can now be seen on State Adopt-a-Highway signs marking a mile-long stretch of Charles Street where tens of thousands of motorists travel every day as they come into Baltimore from the 695 beltway and leave the city back onto the same road.

Meetings have since changed to a weekly basis: Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at *Ditto's*, 3728 Hudson Street (cor. of Hudson and Easton). Turn south onto Eaton from Eastern Avenue.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The Libertarian Party of Maryland is changing the way we track membership. Due to the confusion and difficulties of having people renewing throughout the year, memberships will now be on a calendar year basis. This means that anyone getting a membership between now and the end of the year will get a '97 membership--good for all of next year.

If you have not yet joined, or your membership has expired, please take this opportunity to join with us through all of '97. Membership dues remain \$15 for a State membership, and \$30 for a combined National and State membership. The combined membership is a great deal. National is normally \$25 alone--this way you get both.

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Calendar of events

1st & 3rd Sunday Washington Area Libertarian Alliance, Tom Fishbeck
Every Thursday **Libertarian Club of Baltimore**
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 WSER, 1550AM from 12:30-2pm

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND

1996 Convention

Saturday, October 19, 9AM to 10PM at the
Columbia Hilton, Columbia MD

special guest

Harry Browne

Libertarian for President

Luncheon

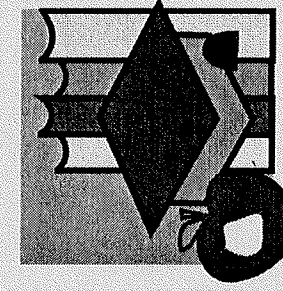
An extra event this year. Help the LPMD raise some extra funds for Campaign '96 and our ballot status petition drive and get a chance to meet Harry Browne! (This event is NOT included in the base convention price)

Keynote Address

Libertarian Candidate Harry Browne will kick off the afternoon's activities. Bob Creager, LPMD Candidate for the MD House of Delegates, will join Harry on the Campaign '96 Trail.

Campaign '96

Gene Cisewski, DCLP Chair and Lee Snellings (both former Republican activists) will share some of their campaigning experiences with us.



What Choice for School Choice: The Libertarian Debate

Rick Henderson, Washington Editor of Reason Magazine, discusses the merits - and drawbacks - of the various proposals to reform the US Educational System.

Registration:

YES! I'll be there for the MDLP convention.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Luncheon Selection (check one)

Chicken

Tuna

Vegetarian

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Individual Event tickets available at the door

_____ Individual registration(s) at \$4.5 \$ _____

_____ Couple registration(s) at \$7.5 \$ _____

_____ Dinner(s) only at \$2.5 \$ _____

_____ Luncheons at \$5.0 \$ _____

Libertarian Party Membership* (see back) \$ _____

Additional donation enclosed: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

*Membership info:

Do Do Not request to become a voting member of the state Central Committee.

For new National Members only:

I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals" signature: _____

Central Committee Meeting

As usual, the Libertarian Party of Maryland will conduct its semi-annual Central Committee meeting in the morning, from 9:30 till 11:30. Items on the agenda include election of officers for the next year and a vote on an amendment to our state constitution. Remember, if you wish to vote at this meeting, you must be a central committee member with dues paid current. If you wish to become a voting member, you can do so at this meeting as long as you have registered as a Libertarian with your county board of elections, pay dues, and request voting status. The meeting is of course open to all at no cost. The convention proper will convene at 1:30.

We will be verifying all data in our member database at this convention; please check the mailing label on this flyer to confirm your voting status and expiration date. If there is not a "V" on the first line of the mailing label on this flyer and you wish to vote at the Central Committee meeting, you must update your status. If your expiration date is past, we haven't received your renewal. Please send in your dues renewal (\$30 for state/national, \$15 for state only) with your convention registration. (All renewals from the convention will carry you through 1997 on the new annual dues structure). If your dues are current and you don't have the "V", we probably just don't have your request for Central Committee voting status on file; make sure you check the box on the registration form.

Convention Registration

Cost for the convention will be \$45/individual, \$75/couple. The Luncheon with Harry Browne is an additional \$50. Cost at the door will be higher. There will be a **limited** number of luncheon and dinner tickets available at the door; **please pre-register**. Individual event tickets will be available as follows: Each session \$10, dinner only \$25.

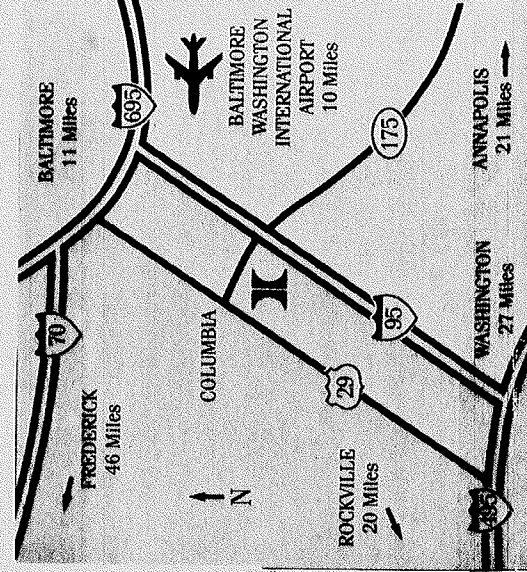
Dinner will be a buffet including Braised Beef Brisket with Garlic and Thyme in Red Wine Sauce, Baked Cod with Herb Crust and Red Pepper Coulis, and Pasta Primavera (vegetarian) as entrees, with assorted salads and dessert.

The Luncheon with Harry Browne features a selection of: Penne Pasta with Grilled Summer Vegetables in Tomato Basil Sauce, Grilled Marinated Tuna on Oriental Noodles with Cilantro, Ginger & Butter, and Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich with Mushrooms, Caramelized Onions and Monterey Jack cheese. Please indicate your preference on the reply card.

Libertarian Party of Maryland
4323 Rosedale Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Hotel Information/Directions

The Convention will be held at the Columbia Hilton Inn, 5485 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD. From I-95 take Exit 41B, Route 175 West toward Columbia. Turn left at the 5th traffic light onto Thunder Hill Road. Go ½ block. Turn right into 5th driveway, The Inn is at the top of the hill.



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