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## Ballot Access Battle Ahead

With the 1998 Maryland Legislature about to convene, the LPMD is gearing up for what will hopefully be our last battle to reform ballot access in Maryland.

State Senator Paul Pinsky will be reintroducing his fair ballot access bill that lost by one vote last year. The Pinsky Bill is the proposal that the LPMD, along with non-partisan Marylanders for Democracy (led by LPMD activist Scott Becker), has been working to get passed for the last several years.

However, the Pinsky Bill has some competition this year. In response to the 1994 Gubernatorial race and the many charges brought about it, Maryland formed a Commission to Revise the Election Code. The Commission's report, due back in this legislative session, reportedly has some very nice - and some very bad - ballot access proposals.

The Pinsky Bill reduces the number of petition signatures a candidate must collect to be on the ballot. Current Maryland law requires petition signatures of 3% of the registered voters eligible to vote in a given election. So for a typical House of Delegates seat, about 3000 signatures are needed. Under the Pinsky Bill, that would be reduced to 1%. The base 10,000 signatures to

attain official party status is unaffected by the Pinsky Bill. If the party does not have official status, the individual can still be on the ballot as an independent.

The Commission's proposals include the drop to 1%, but have some other items, some good, some bad. On the good side, once a party achieves recognized status, it will be easier to maintain. Currently for a new party to remain qualified, their candidates must receive 3% of the total vote in all statewide races. In a year with both presidential and US Senate elections, if the LP was not able to get a senatorial candidate on the ballot, we'd need 6% for the presidential candidate to get an average of 3%. The commission's proposal looks only at the presidential or gubernatorial race, and drops the percentage to 1%.

The bad news is, in order to qualify in the first place, the requirements are actually increased. Currently, 10,000 signatures are needed every two years. Under the Commission's proposals, qualification would be for four years, but at more than double the current requirements. The actual requirement is also a percentage of statewide voters, which currently comes to about 25,000 signatures.

The Libertarian Party must make a concerted effort this year to get the Pinsky bill passed, and to encourage the adoption of the Commission's report, preferably amended to retain the 10,000 signature requirement. Grassroots lobbying of our legislators is one of our primary weapons. See the insert on the County Activist pages for info on how to find who your legislators are and how to contact them. Let's get 1998 off to a great start by getting this critical legislation passed! ♦



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## Notes from the Chair

A happy, healthy, active New Year to everyone!

1997 was a year in which the Maryland LP began to develop weapons in its arsenal to both grow and spread the message of Liberty around the state. We started outreach projects, which began as pure learning experiences and became more polished and professional as time went on. Our folks went to far-western Maryland--Allegany and Garrett Counties--to participate in their County Fairs, and we began to spread the message that there is a political alternative to the Democrats and Republicans. Former Chair Amy Rule and I even sat down with Ellen Sauerbrey and discussed our concerns for ballot access laws. But, that was only the beginning!

1998 is going to be a very exciting year for Libertarians in Maryland. I urge all of you to do what you can to join in on the fun! And, if you don't know a lot about political activity, we're going to offer a soup-to-nuts session called "Politics 101" this winter and spring. Although the dates are not set in stone at this point, we're talking about having one in Easton in February, and another in Hagerstown in March. The material presented will be the same, but it will bring the LP closer to some undeveloped areas in Maryland and give an opportunity for some of our people in those areas to get into the mix as well.

The new Executive Committee team formed because we had a vision of growth for the LPMD. Strong, sustainable growth. We saw 1998 as a year in which the Party would attain a growth unknown in the past, do outreach in more and more areas of the state, and even begin to become a player on the political

scene in Maryland. We're primed, we're pumped, and we're ready!

By the time you receive this newsletter, new Libertarian Drinking and Debating Society groups will have begun in both Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties. The original LDDS in Baltimore City is still going strong, and has been a remarkable tool for recruiting. After all, being a part of a political movement has to have some fun in it! More than one participant has been transformed into a working activist through that group. Check your local listings on the contact page for dates, times, and places. Or, you can check out the recently reactivated state web page at <http://www.md.lp.org>.

And, if you've got nothing better to do on a Monday night, why not wander to Annapolis and join the Libertarian Gallery Gang? We'll be sitting in the public galleries watching the weekly evening session of the General Assembly in "action." Before the evening's festivities, we'll be around to lobby legislators. When the evening session is over, a group of us will wander to a watering hole [undecided at this writing] to compare notes and hoist a brew or two. The Monday night series will begin January 19 and continue through till April 13, when the Legislature stops for the year. Who knows? After the General Assembly's 1998 session ends, an LDDS may continue in Annapolis as well!

A Legislation Action Committee, headed by Vice Chair Bruce Godfrey, will be keeping a close eye on the General Assembly, sending out action alerts when issues of interest come before the lawmakers. Volunteers and letter-writers are needed for this project, and I urge

you to get in touch with Bruce if you're interested in helping.

As you may know, last year a group of hard-core "roadies" from the Libertarian Road Show Crew traveled over the state to assist at various County Fairs and other festivals. This year, we're posting a big "Help Wanted" sign for folks interested in helping to staff various booths. It's easy to do, it gets to be fun, and it's a great way to get out and meet people.

Not only that, but we're going to greatly increase the number and types of events we tackle, and we're going to need volunteers to help us staff them. There will be something for just about everyone. We're planning on adding participation in parades, flower shows, and even flea markets to our repertoire. We're going to try



*1997 Chair Amy Rule presents 1998 Chair Steve Boone with a Defender of Liberty Award*

again for a booth at the State Fair and maybe pull a couple of other surprises.

Okay, the Maryland LP is admittedly somewhat small right now. How are we going to handle the mass influx of people who will flock to join us in 1998? We've got that covered, too! Several counties with dormant organizations are targeted for revitalization, and some neighboring counties with available activists are

going to be similarly chosen for new groups. New areas could include "missions" to the Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, and a renewed effort in Western Maryland.

The Executive Committee and County Chairs cannot accomplish these great things alone. We need your help because it's a team effort! If you've thought about getting more involved, drop into an LDDS. If you thought it might be fun to help with an outreach project, try it! There will be plenty of chances for you this coming year.

There is a new spirit of enthusiasm and hope "infecting" some activists in this Party... let's hope we all catch it!

Working for Liberty in our lifetime,  
Steve Boone, LPMD Chair❖

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## Stepping Down . . .

Well, what a year! I believe we've set the stage for a period of phenomenal growth for the LP. In my seven years with the party, I have never seen the "L-word" in as many newspapers, received such un-hostile reactions when revealing my political views to outsiders, and seen such excitement within the party.

I knew when I took the job of Chair that I wasn't the best person for the job. I could never keep up the energy level my predecessor, Jesse Markowitz, gave to the job. But I think we accomplished some good things this year. I'm proudest of the efforts to bring us into the real political arena by meeting with Republican Ellen Sauerbrey in an effort to secure Republican support for the Fair Ballot Access bills coming up again in Annapolis.

But I was never so happy as when I began to get to know Steve Boone, and realized that here was the leader we had been looking for. He has real political experience with the Republican party. He's an action-oriented personality. And a pretty nice guy, too!

Perhaps the biggest struggle both Jesse and I have had to deal with has been the necessity of the Chair doing "everything." If the chair has to spend all his time coordinating basic PR and fund-raising, working with databases, planning events, and trying to organize a herd of cats to work together, (to use Dick Boddie's analogy) there's not much time to work on strategic issues. It's not specifically a lack of vision which prevents us from achieving our goals; it's been a lack of TIME for vision!

I am very happy to report that my suggestion of a planning session after our convention has had the wonderful effect of energizing small groups of activists to "claim" their projects, so Steve can focus on real strategic issues.

So now I step back, leaving the helm of the party in very capable hands, and go back to what I love - desktop publishing. Norman and I will be doing our best to get the newsletter back on a regular schedule, with a real focus on the good work being done across the state.

It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve as LPMD Chair. Thank you all for your all your work this year.

Yours In Liberty!  
Amy Rule❖

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If your county doesn't have an affiliate, why not start one? Contact Steve Boone for more information.

## County Activist Corner

### Prince Georges County: LDDS South Inaugurated

The Libertarian Drinking and Debating Society in Baltimore has served for more than a year as a weekly clubhouse, face to face "chat room," political strategy war room and all-purpose watering hole for many LP activists in the Baltimore area and beyond. On November 30th, the LDDS concept arrived in College Park. Thirteen LP activists and friends gathered at R. J. Bentley's Filling Station for drinks, food and fellowship at the inaugural of "LDDS South."

At the meeting, attendees discussed many topics ranging from future LP growth and strength in PG County to the new proposed ballot access statutes to libertarian themes in science fiction. Earle Pearce, the founder of the LDDS in Baltimore, gave a brief statement of the history

of the LDDS in Baltimore and his analysis of its unstructured nature as the key to its success. Like its counterpart in Baltimore, the meeting neither convened nor adjourned, took neither votes nor minutes, and the only business transacted was paying for food and drink. Earle led the group in the one semi-structured item of the evening - the traditional hearty toast of all assembled "To Liberty!" Everyone reported having a great time and a renewed sense of optimism.

The group will begin regular meetings beginning January 11, 1998. All LP activists and friends are strongly encouraged to attend LDDS South meetings. For further information about LDDS South, please call Bruce Godfrey at his law office at 301- 627-9236. Hope to see you there! ♦

### Montgomery County hosts state Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 6, activists from around the state gathered in Wheaton at Doris Gordon's home for the traditional LPMD "winter holiday of your choice party." A grand time was had by all, and the traditional gift auction raised over \$400 for the county treasury.

Chair Glenn Howard announced the inaugural meeting of Montgomery county's own LDDS. They will meet on Monday evenings at the Hamburger Hamlet, at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Democracy Blvd in Rockville beginning on Jan 6. Contact Glenn for mor info. ♦

### Calling All Activists!

Is there something exciting going on in your county that you'd like to share with your fellow activists around the state? I know there's a LOT of good work being done out there - here's your chance for your 15 minutes of fame! County Chairs - please send us updates on your meeting schedules and locations so we can include them. Let's celebrate our accomplishments! And maybe a little cross-county rivalry, perhaps? ;-)

## Libertarian Social Organizations

### LDDS: LIBERTARIAN DRINKING & DEBATE SOCIETY

Second Chapter Sports Bar, Baltimore, MD  
for more information, contact  
Thursdays, 7:30  
Earle Pearce  
(410) 327-1776

### LDDS SOUTH (PG COUNTY)

R. J. Bentley's Filling Station, College Park, MD  
for more information, contact  
GodfatherX@aol.com  
Sundays, 7:30  
Bruce Godfrey  
(301) 627-9236

### LDDS WEST (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)

Hamburger Hamlet, Rockville, MD  
form more information, contact  
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Glenn Howard  
(301) 585-1793

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Your organization not listed? Send info to LPMDNews@aol.com or to the address on the inside cover for inclusion in future issues of Free State Libertarian!

## Baltimore County: Winter Picnic and elections

On Sunday, November 9, the ever active Baltimore County LP gathered at Nancy Millionie's barn for a "winter picnic" and their annual election of county officers. Despite the chilly, damp weather, about 20 folks came out to share food, fun, and discussion. Congratulations to the new Baltimore county Executive Committee:

Chair: Nancy Millionie  
 V/C: Neil McIver  
 Secretary: Saul Baker  
 Treasurer: Lauren Hill  
 At-Large members:  
 Ed Akehurst  
 Steve Boone  
 Renzo BrunDelRe



The BCLP executive committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses who donated merchandise for fund-raises for the Baltimore County LP:

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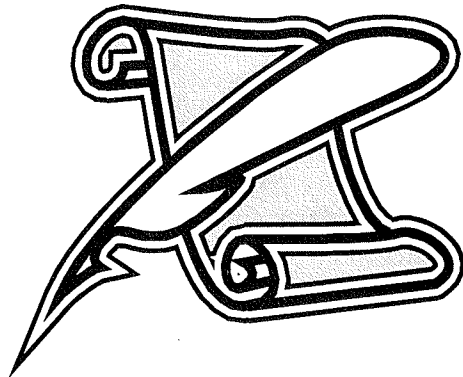
One Hundred Pennies  
 Cherryvale Plaza  
 11714 Reisterstown Road  
 Reisterstown, MD 21136  
 410 517-2465

The Travel Station  
 Cherryvale Plaza  
 11712-D Reisterstown Rd  
 Reisterstown, MD 21136  
 410 526-3906

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## Libertarian Project of the Quarter: Ballot Access: Write to your legislators!

The only way we can pass fair ballot access legislation is with grassroots constituent lobbying. Second to visiting with your state representatives, letter writing is the most effective tool we have.

To find out who your legislators are, you can call your local board of elections, or look it up on the Maryland State Government home page at: <http://archive3.mdarchives.state.md.us/>.

To find out how your legislators voted on last year's fair ballot access bill (SB293) that lost by only one vote in the House, you can call

legislative reference at 410 841-3810/3886 from Annapolis/Baltimore, or 301 858-3810/3886 from the DC area. Other areas can call 1-800-492-7122 extension 3810. Voting records are not on the web site at this time.

The address to write to your state Delegates is:  
 The Honorable (name)  
 Lowe House Office Building  
 Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The address for Senators is:  
 The Honorable (name)  
 James Senate Office Building  
 Annapolis, MD 32502-1991

Your letter should indicate your support for the Pinsky Bill. You may also want to support the Election Commission's proposals, but urge an amendment to retain the current 10,000 signatures to become a new party.

If you need more information, contact Scott Becker at 301 589-2177, or by email at [MD4DCY@aol.com](mailto:MD4DCY@aol.com). (Please put "ballot access" in the subject line.) Scott will gladly answer your questions, and even help you write your letter.❖

## Convention Wrap-up

### LPMD's first 2-day convention a resounding success!

On Saturday October 19 and Sunday October 20, over 40 Libertarians from around the state gathered at the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn for the LPMD's annual convention. In a departure from the past, the business meeting was scheduled for Sunday, with all day Saturday being taken up with presentations and panel discussions.

Libertarian candidate for Philadelphia District Attorney Leon Williams was unable to make it due to a last minute scheduling problem. But Dr. Steve Ziegler, one of the two Libertarians currently serving in elected office in Maryland, stepped in to give the Keynote Address.

Dr. Ziegler emphasized the need for the LP to stop debating and start DOING! His tenure on the Charles County School Board has been a frustrating one because he is a lone libertarian against the "statist quo." He encouraged all libertarians to get active in politics, spreading the word wherever possible.

Gene Cisewski also spoke of the need for Libertarians to focus on grass-roots activism. The great Libertarian "break-through" is not going to come from a celebrity presidential candidate. It will come when there are enough libertarians elected to local and state offices to have a real effect on local government. Membership is not enough; we have to reach out to the voters, many of whom will never JOIN any political party, in order to win elections.

Steve Boone continued the morning's theme with some fowl puns. A statue-of-liberty gowned duck perched on his shoulder, Steve reminded us that "if it walks like a duck and quacks like a



*Steve & the Statue of Liberduck*

duck, it IS a duck! And if we want to BE a political party, it's time we started acting like one!" This means getting our hands dirty out in the real world of politics; running for local office, finding ways to "sell" our message to the public at large, and becoming a part of our communities.

After lunch, the presentations took a more issues-oriented turn. In a panel discussion of "Religious Liberty - the Forgotten Liberty", Dr. Edward Doerr of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State was joined by LPMD activist and Islamic scholar Dr. I. Dean Ahmad, and Terelynn Marks, a practicing witch. After an opening statement from LP activist and recently ordained minister Earle Pearce, the panel tackled issues such as the role of government in religious issues such as reproductive choice and parochial schools, as well as tactics for spreading the libertarian message of true religious liberty to the religious communities.

Shari Steele, Esq., of the Future of Freedom Foundation then presented a chilling look at how the government is trying to stifle freedom in "Cyberspace - Liberty's Homeland?" Between the Communications Decency Act and the attempts to regulate encryption software, it's apparent that "Big Brother" is a lot closer than we want to think!

## 1997 Defenders of Liberty



"Mr. Congeniality" to Earle Pearce for founding the LDDS in Baltimore.

"Mr. Dependable" to Bill Buzzell for his unceasing efforts.

"Visiting Activist" to Todd Altman, who though not a permanent resident of Maryland has been one of the most active of the Baltimore crowd this summer.

"Girl Friday" to Nancy Millionie, who took care of more details than most of us would care to think about!

"For Perseverance Through Adversity" to Bruce Godfrey. In a year when his family's home burned down, he nearly lost his law practice, and faced several personal crises, Bruce never wavered in his activism.

"For Putting the ACT back into Activist" to Steve Boone. Need we say more?



Dinner was highlighted by the presentation of several awards. First, "Road Show Crew Chief" Steve Boone presented awards to all those who had joined him "on the road" spreading the Libertarian message at the many county fairs and festivals this summer. Recipients included:

Todd Altman  
 Allen Ascherl  
 Nancy Millionie  
 Neil McIver  
 Bruce Godfrey  
 Jesse Markowitz  
 Ginny Dow  
 Amy Rule  
 Ed Akehurst

Outgoing State Chair Amy Rule carried on the tradition of recognizing the year's outstanding contributions with the Defenders of Liberty Awards. (See insert on previous page).

The high point of the evening was the presentation of the Samuel P. Chase Freedom Award to Lorenzo and Susan Gaztañaga. Master of Ceremonies Dean Ahmad presented the first ever joint award to honor the Gaztañagas' long and varied service to the LP. Over the past 5 years, both have served on the state EC. Lorenzo served 2 years as state Chair, and rejoined the EC this summer when nobody else was willing to take over the Treasurer position. Susan is currently the Baltimore County Chair. They served as editors for the Free State Libertarian this past year, and



*MC Dean Ahmad with Chase award winners Lorenzo & Susan Gaztañaga*

are always available whenever volunteers are needed to get something done.

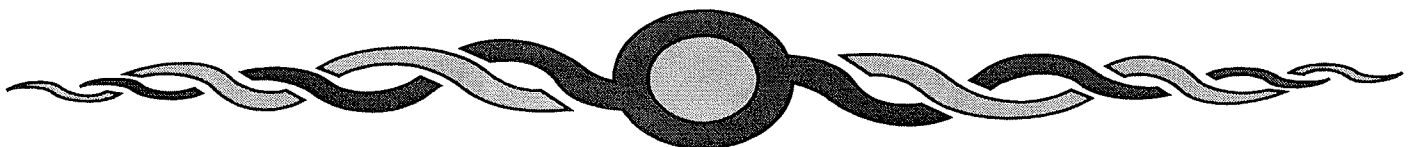
At Sunday's Central Committee Meeting, the primary order of business was the election of the new state Executive Committee. The laborious balloting process was averted when just seven candidates were nominated. A motion to accept the slate was unanimously passed. The new EC is listed on page 2.

Other action at the meeting included the formation of two informal committees to study platform issues which will be raised at the Libertarian National Convention this summer. Lorenzo Gaztañaga (401 625-2813) heads up a committee to study land issues, and Doris Gordon (301 460-4141) leads the committee on

Abortion. Anyone interested in participating on either committee can contact the chairs directly.

After the meeting, an informal strategy session was planned. Much to the delight of new chair Steve Boone, over 40 people decided to stay Sunday afternoon and join in the strategy session. The group broke up into smaller units to discuss membership, database, campaigns, our internet presence, and other key issues. Committees were formed to act on the ideas generated.

All in all, it was an amazingly successful weekend. Many thanks to Convention Coordinator Bruce Godfrey, Hotel Liaison Jesse Markowitz, and all the folks who volunteered to make the convention a success! ♦



# A SLAM-dunk! for Liberty by Steve Boone

Back in August, Texas LP Chair Jay Manifold invited Libertarian activists from all over the country to attend a State Libertarian Activists Meeting--otherwise known as SLAM--on the weekend of November 14th and 15th. The stated goal of the meeting was to get a group of LP activists together to try and see how "The Theory of Constraints" [TOC] by Eliyahu Goldratt, an Israeli production expert and author of several books on the subject, might apply to our party.

Basically, TOC takes an overall view, from start to finish, and the participants start by identifying those items which are "undesired effects" [UDEs] from the current method of operation. Many times a primary UDE turns out to be the main goal, and other effects sit in a subservient role.

In Texas, we identified 18 undesireds, and chose "*There are not enough libertarians in office to effect public policy*" as the primary

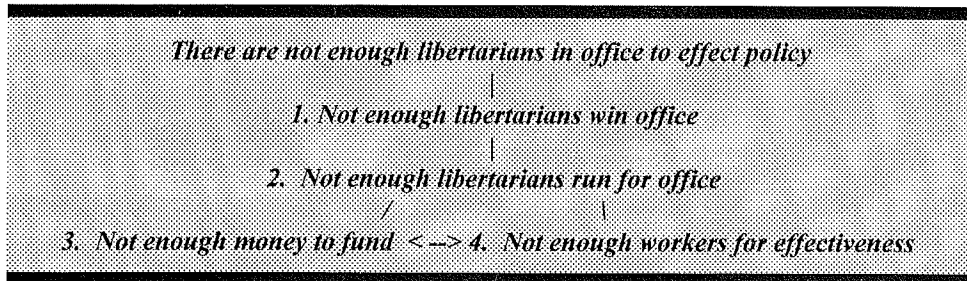
effect that we wanted to work toward. Since we are still a political party, getting libertarians into either appointed or elective positions is how we're going to take steps toward more liberty.

When the UDEs are identified, the next step is to determine causes for such effects. These causes can be from all over the board, and one cause could conceivably affect more than one UDE. As an example, the following causes [some of which were UDEs themselves] were noted as reasons there are not enough libertarians in office:

1. Not enough libertarians win office.
2. Not enough libertarians run for office.
3. Not enough money to fund campaigns.
4. Not enough volunteers to effectively campaign.

Going further and further into causes, even all the way to the most obvious level, eventually one or two root causes seem to be at the bottom of all the other causes. That is where the effort begins to correct the problems, and once the problems are identified, solutions can be proposed, and people tend to "own" a portion they want to tackle.

Links are established. Just using the few items above, we can chart the following:



That gives a brief idea of the process. In Dallas, it took 10 hours on Saturday, and four or five hours on Sunday. In all, thirteen people traveled to the conference, and there were 6 state chairs in attendance: from Idaho, Minnesota, Texas, Alabama, DC, and Maryland. Amy Short from Maryland, Gene Cisiewski from DC, an activist from Florida and several others from Texas made up the rest of the team.

As a result of the experience in Texas, it was thought that the process might just benefit the Maryland Party

as well, and on Saturday, December 6, 1997, beginning about 9:45 AM and ending about 7:30 [with a lunch break included], fifteen activists from around the state began the same journey, a sort of "Son of SLAM." The group determined that the root cause for the Maryland LP was:

*There is a lack of an effective strategic plan as a result of a lack of vision and poor communications.*

This conclusion fits well with the results of the post-Convention strategy session, where a number of different projects began. An issues committee has formed to draft a platform for the Maryland Party. Another group is working on starting a telephone tree project, where even members who are not online can get quick information on matters that

affect the state party. Yet another plans to offer "Politics 101" seminars in Easton and Hagerstown so that would-be activists will be able to learn what it takes to

start up a county organization and work towards goals in their own areas. All this will inevitably address the concerns of the root cause, and even help to bring us to MORE libertarians elected/appointed to positions of influence.

The worksheets from the meeting will be transferred to electronic media and will be available in the near future for those who would like to examine them. Comments on the material will always be welcome!❖



## 6 Weeks in New Jersey

LPMD activist Norman Rule reports on his experiences with the Sabrin Campaign

At the start of September, 1997, I got a call from a good friend, Jackie Bradbury.

"How would you," she asked, "like to make Libertarian History."

Well, it isn't every day that you have a chance to "make history." I was intrigued.

"Tell me more," I said.

With those three simple words, I was on the most exhausting and exhilarating, frustrating and inspiring, stupefying and enlightening rides of my life.

I was going to New Jersey.

When I arrived, the Sabrin campaign headquarters was a hotel room ... a small one at that. Jackie greeted me at the door and led me through a maze of boxes, files and assorted empty Diet Dr. Pepper bottles.

"We've been delayed in getting into our office space," she explained. Yeah, you guessed it. Government paperwork. Without the Official Seal of Approval, we couldn't move in to our new suite of offices. And till then, most of our business was being done out of her hotel room. What fun.

But persistence (and a good real estate agent) prevailed and we finally had our Certificate of Occupancy.

But did we even have a campaign? This was before the ELEC (Election Law Enforcement Commission) decision to allow Murray into the

debates. And without those debate appearances (and the matching campaign funds that were tied to them) the Sabrin campaign was just another peripheral Libertarian campaign. Better funded, perhaps, but no different.

We sat, we waited, we paced... And finally on September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm, we got the good news. With just over 46 days to go till election day, Murray was in the debates.

Believe me, we could feel every one of those 46 days weighing us down.

Each week seemed to be too short, but each day was far too long.

Each of us at the Sabrin Headquarters had our major tasks. As volunteer coordinator, I got to beat the bushes for people to leaflet homes, place signs, cheer at rallies and generally carry Murray to the State House on their shoulders.



*The Sabrin Team: (from left) Lou Stefanelli, Ena Wheeler, Norman Rule, Jackie Bradbury, Murray Sabrin, Hal Turner.*

I was inspired by the flood of calls that started to come in. NJLP members, Republicans, Democrats... all asking "What Can I Do To Help?" I was frustrated by people I did call who thought that at \$25 donation took the place of hard work and long

hours. But we persevered. With volunteers coming from Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York and Maryland (kudos to Steve, Allen, Nancy, Tony, Amy and anyone else I have forgotten) as well as New Jersey, we succeeded.

Succeeded? But Murray lost.



*Norman's favorite photo - the media sat up and NOTICED us!*

Yes, succeeded. In six weeks in New Jersey, we made the people of New Jersey and the National Press pay attention to a Libertarian Candidate. We had live TV and radio coverage in two of the five biggest markets in America. (NYC and Philadelphia provide most of NJ's news coverage). We had our say in nationally televised debates. And we gained respect for the Libertarian Party and Libertarian ideas.

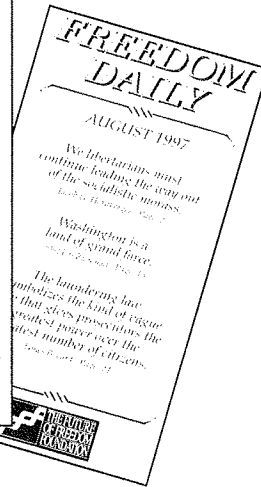
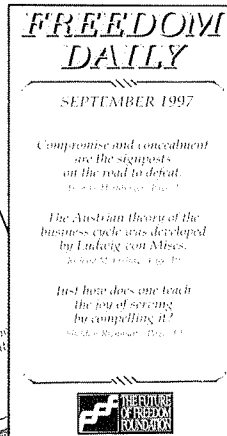
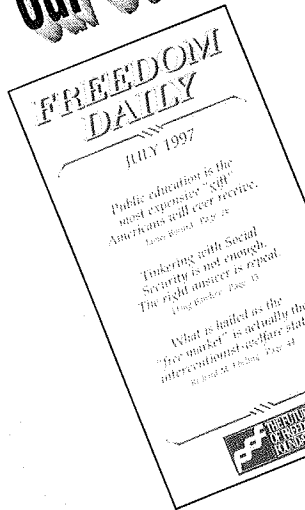
Did we "Make Libertarian History?" Absolutely.

Can we do it again? Yes.

But we have to DO things. One thing my experience taught me. Campaigns and change are NEVER the result of a debating society. The people who get up, get out and DO something are the folks who will win back our freedoms.❖

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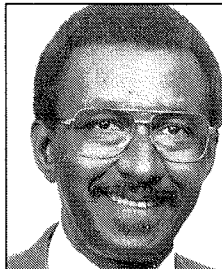
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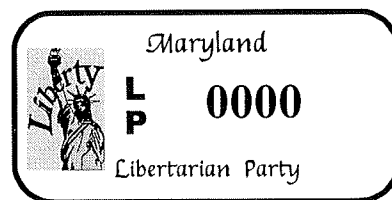
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