



Free? State LIBERTARIAN

October 1999

Newsletter of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MARYLAND

Notes from the Campaign Trail

The first big event in the Lorenzo Gaztañaga for City Council campaign was the Independence Day parade on July 3rd in Dundalk. Campaign manager Nancy Millionie had set up an eye catching display, dressing her youngest daughter, Katie, as the Statue of Liberty, and recruiting Wyatt Rogers to drive his red pick-up truck draped in red and white campaign banners. Lauren Hill was also there in the red, white and blue colonial style dress she designed and made herself. We marched behind a huge Libertarian Party banner — an obviously diverse group of senior citizens, a baby, young children, veterans, Barry Costello in his wheel chair, and one very pregnant Nicole Brooks. When we passed the two reviewing stands, it was thrilling to hear the voice over the loud speaker announce the “Maryland Libertarian Party, with Lorenzo Gaztañaga, candidate for Baltimore City Council from the First District.” The announcer at the second reviewing stand was Frank Lubner, of WCBM’s *Sean and Frank in the Morning*. He had difficulty pronouncing *Gaztañaga*, and Lorenzo had him say it over and over again, until he jokingly said that Lorenzo should pay him for the extra publicity!



We had hoped that Lorenzo would be on the ballot by then, but we still had a few more signatures to collect. Out of the 831 that we submitted on July 6, only 471 were valid. We needed 509 valid signatures to get Lorenzo on the ballot, so we mustered the troops one more time and brought Robert Lynch back from Richmond for a return visit (he had

already collected the bulk of the 831 we turned in). Finally, on July 30, we received a letter from the Baltimore City Board of Elections reviewing the totals to date and concluding, “You have as of this date, the adequate number of signatures to be on the 1999 General Election Ballot.”

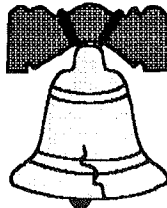
We started going door-to-door, introducing Lorenzo to his would-be constituents. Lorenzo appeared at three candidate forums: one in June hosted by the NAACP, one well publicized forum sponsored by the Project 1999 coalition (League of Women Voters, NAACP/Baltimore, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and major Baltimore area colleges and universities), and one sponsored by Harbel, a northeast Baltimore community association.

So far, we have held two meet-the-candidate neighborhood cook-outs (we end up feeding 10-15 children for every adult contacted), and plan to continue holding similar events indoors in different areas around the District. Each time we have made good contacts, finding people willing to support Lorenzo by putting up signs and helping out at the polls on Nov 2.

September 14, the day of the Primary Election, was a valuable dry run for the Big Day. In addition to Lorenzo, we had nine volunteers handing out literature to voters leaving the polls, thanking them for voting and asking them to vote for Gaztañaga in November. We got to see which polls were busy and which ones were slow.

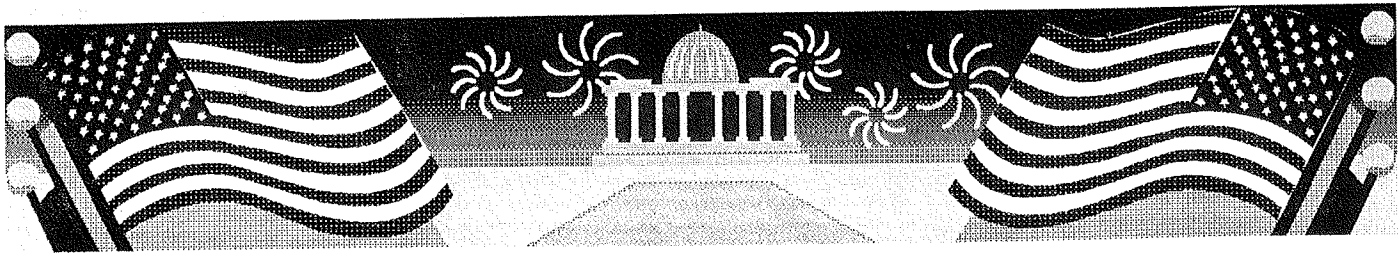
continued on page 5

CONVENTION



OCTOBER 16

See Information on page 2



Maryland Libertarian Party Annual Convention

Date: Saturday, October 16

Location: *Galeano's Restaurant* (in Little Italy)
413 South High Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Schedule: 10:00 am - Noon: Central Committee meeting

Noon - 1:00 pm: break for lunch

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm: speakers

Richard Stevens: "Gun Control - Dial 911 and Die"

Carol Moore: "Waco and its Implications"

Lorenzo Gaztañaga, Baltimore City LP candidate

6:00 pm: Dinner with guest speaker WWRC radio talk show host Gary Nolan

Additional fun and surprises

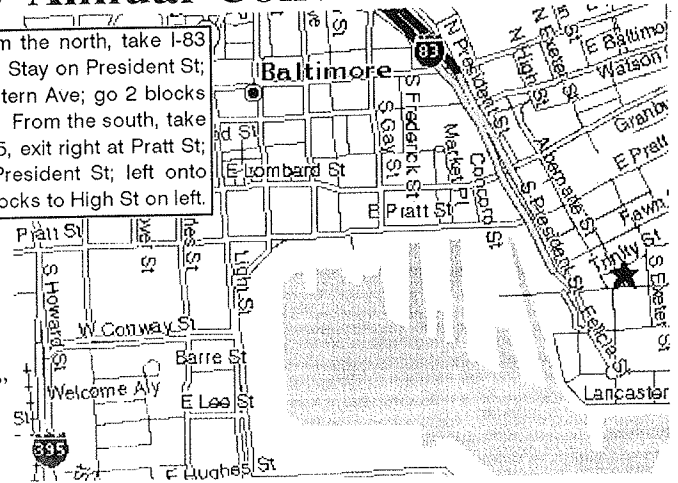
Cost: \$25 mail-in/\$30 at-the-door per person (*no charge to attend the Central Committee meeting*)

Additional information: check on the web at www.MD.LP.org/events/convention99.html

Please clip and mail completed form with check to:

Stuart Simms
10605 Glenwild Rd.
Silver Spring, MD 20901-1602

Directions: From the north, take I-83 south to the end. Stay on President St; turn left onto Eastern Ave; go 2 blocks to High St on left. From the south, take I-95 north to I-395, exit right at Pratt St; turn right onto President St; left onto Eastern Ave; 2 blocks to High St on left.



Name

To receive confirmation of receipt of check:

Address

Email address:

Telephone number:

(or contact Stuart via SWSimms@aol.com or 301-681-4455)

Number in Party ____ Amount enclosed \$ ____ (make out to the MDLP)

Free? State Libertarian ISSN 1076-3155

The *Free? State Libertarian* is published quarterly by the Libertarian Party of Maryland. All material is copyrighted 1999 and may be reproduced provided credit is given as follows: "Reprinted from the *Free? State Libertarian*."

Submissions and corrections should be emailed to LPMd.Newsletter@ICEngineering.com, or mailed to LPMd Newsletter, PO Box 321, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Editor: Robert E. Glaser

The Libertarian Party of Maryland

4323 Rosedale Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814

1-800-MLP-1776

Libertarian BBS: 301-656-4714

National LP HQ: 202-333-0008

Check www.MD.LP.org regularly for the current event calendar, hot topics, email listserv, debate pages, photo album, and more! Be certain to submit current event information to LPMd.Event@ICEngineering.com to get your data online.

Notes from the Chair

As we draw to the end of summer, it's time to take a look at what's happened since our last convention, and look forward to what's coming up at our next one.

1999 saw us get recognized as a full-fledged political party by the State of Maryland. We now have ballot access until December 31, 2002, at the very least. We can keep the access for even longer by registering 1% of the State's voters as Libertarian by that date, and that is, of course, the focus of our next couple of years.

It will also, not coincidentally, be a major item of business at the upcoming October 16, 1999 convention. We'll be devoting some time for a brainstorming and strategy session following the morning's Central Committee meeting.

One important factor in the "1% Solution" will be outreach, and the Party has increased its activity in that regard at major fairs. Kevin Wolf organized the volunteers for the Howard County Fair this year, our first time at that event. Continuing events included:

- Towson/Town Spring Festival Nancy Millionie
- Montgomery County Fair Bill Galvin/Keith Halderman
- Harford County Fair Derek Mancinho
- Anne Arundel County Fair Spear Lancaster
- Great Frederick Fair Wayne Dougherty
- Essex Day Bill Buzzell

Our volunteers have helped this happen, and I thank all of you for it! We're getting reports that many people are coming to the booths, expressing interest, getting literature, and volunteering their time and services to the Party at a stronger pace than ever before. Great work, gang!

By the time you read this, we'll have even more festivals under our belts, including one in Takoma Park, Gaithersburg, and the Fells Point Festival. Thanks to those who coordinated and worked them as well!

We can finally answer the age-old question, "who do you have as candidates?" with a name for 1999. It's old news that Lorenzo is on the ballot for a 1st District City Council seat in Baltimore, but I can tell you, from working with the

campaign on the streets, that this is a very exciting race, and has great potential for us. We're able to place window and yard signs where they'll be seen by many, and Lorenzo's absolutely *fantastic* on a one-on-one with the voters.

This year was also a good one for publicity for the Party. Senator Andy Harris [R-9] asked our group, "What, do you guys have assigned seats in the Gallery? We see you there every week!"

We offered testimony against the tobacco tax hike and on other measures. We spoke before various civic groups, including the LaPlata Rotary Club, and I did a 20 minute interview with WNAV-1450 AM's Brian Nieman on the Maryland LP and our stands on various issues. He plans to invite me back when the General Assembly reconvenes.

Our press releases hit papers such as the *Maryland Independent* in Charles County, the *Montgomery Journal*, and *The Washington Times*. News of our submitting signatures in January was heard on broadcasts on numerous radio stations, including WTOP, WBAL, WCBM, and WNAV.

Behind the scenes, there have been some changes that we're happy to talk about. For the past several months, the Executive Board has discussed having a set of standard operating procedures that we wanted to discuss and implement, so that we would set some sort of structure for our future growth. One of our goals has been to make the operation more professional, and these SOPs will assist in that process. We're likely to have at least some of them, especially dealing with the Executive Board's activities, ready for the October convention.

And this year, there are some changes to that, as well. We're returning to a one-day-only affair, with speakers and a strategy session. The details are being finalized as I write this, but there's certain to be a dynamic program followed by a sumptuous banquet at a bargain price. By all means, plan to join your fellow Libertarians at this once a year happening.

Our work isn't done, but we've made good headway. Let's keep it moving!

For liberty in our lifetimes,

— *Steve Boone*

State Executive Board Officers

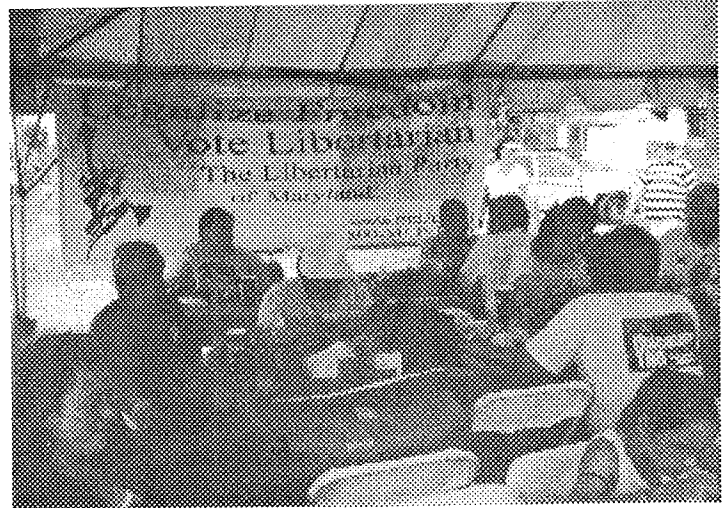
Chair	Steve Boone	410-628-6170	LPChairMD@aol.com
Vice Chair	Spear Lancaster	410-923-3331	Maimon@aol.com
Secretary	Stuart Simms	301-681-4455	SWSimms@aol.com
Treasurer	Joe Miller	410-789-3899	Hatsiwear@aol.com
Assistant Treasurer	Michael Audi	410-727-2252	m.audi@juno.com
Membership	Wayne Dougherty	301-834-6179	WDarty@aol.com
Outreach/registration	Bill Galvin	301-990-0015	Bilib@juno.com

The executive board meets on the second Monday of every month. All meetings are open. Contact Steve Boone for location.

County Affiliates

Anne Arundel County	Spear Lancaster	410-923-3331	Maimon@aol.com
Baltimore City	Susan Gaztañaga	410-325-2813	DiazVivar@aol.com
Baltimore County	Nancy Millionie	410-833-8991	LibertyGr1@aol.com
Frederick County	Wayne Dougherty	301-834-6179	WDarty@aol.com
Harford County	Derek Mancinho	410-836-3104	Mancinho@aol.com
Howard County	Kevin & Deborah Wolf	410-750-8531	Wolf8495@aol.com
Prince Georges County	Shay Jones	301-864-7838	theden@mindspring.com
Montgomery County	Glenn Howard	301-585-1793	glenn@tidalwave.net
Washington County	Kurt Saberg	301-241-3036	freedom1@innernet.net

Tawes Crab & Clam Bake (July 21)



WOW! What a day, we had at Tawes, eh?

I had the opportunity to meet and chat with people I haven't seen for a while, people I've only "met" through email, and those with whom I see regularly.

This day, IMHO, was a COMPLETE SUCCESS!! Good outreach to the Demopublicans and the Republicrats (Great shirts, Steve — well done!), great LP solidarity, good fun, food, and general merriment. I still can't believe the people that walked by our tent and did doubletakes when they realized the LP is alive and well in Maryland! That group of George Bush fans that had to poke their heads in the tent to see how many LP'ers were there was great!!! Any of you who did not make this extraordinary event must get there next year — we have a whole year to plan, let's get 60 or so out next year!

Now I have to tell you the amazing events on the ride home. It was Lauren, Neil, Adele, and me in the car. We stopped at a bookstore, where it turns out the owner was on his way home from the Tawes Clambake and just happened to be in his store to check his messages, etc. Well, after we perused his books for a while, I came across nine volumes from 1909/1910 that contained the 1778 through 1780 Journals of the Continental Congress!!!! Great condition, and haggled a pretty good deal on the whole set! What a find! Coincidence? No way! The Fates were kind that day! I'll be researching and studying those for the next few weeks, at least. Watch for the new quotes I extract!

Thanks to all who attended Tawes. Let's take this thing over the top!!!

— Ed Akehurst

Legal vs. Criminal

Thought leads to action. To throw off the chains of voluntary servitude, we must understand the American way. Europe evolved into a society believing rights came from the State represented by a ruling personage or party. In Europe in general, a citizen may only pursue activities that are expressly "allowed" or "legal".

American society is young and holds onto the reality that rights come from the creator and belong to each individual. Not the collective people. Not the State. Not the rulers. Over time, America may emulate all the bloody activities of Europe following the historic evolution toward self-destruction. Can a King or a Congress engage the people in a savage attack on some other group if the people simply refuse to support (fight) the war?

In America, the natural and self-evident concepts of the flow of rights and authorities were reclaimed. The Bill of Rights states that authorities (powers) not "specifically" conferred upon administrative (governmental) bodies remain to the people from which all authorities (powers) originated. In our system of law, the citizen is free to do whatever he wants

unless it is made *criminal* by the passage of law supported by juries.

The European citizen may do only that made *legal* by the State, while the American citizen may do anything not specifically made *criminal*. To be incarcerated in America requires a law making an activity "criminal", proof the accused committed the criminal activity, and the people, represented by the jury, agree that *both* the activity is criminal and the accused did it. The jury is the fourth check and balance set up by the Constitution.

To ask "is it legal" is to seek permission of the State to pursue an activity. Americans do not ask permission to live! We declared our right to life, liberty, and property long ago. The only appropriate question is one of "is it criminal". Americans are only concerned when the activity is a published (law) transgression upon individual people's human rights that defines it as criminal. For example, do Americans seek to "legalize" marijuana, or do we seek to "decriminalize" that activity? That is, unless our thoughts are to behave as servants of the collective State!

— Leonard Penn

from page 1, *Notes from the Campaign Trail*

When O'Malley pulled off his stunning 53% sweep, we spent the next few days analyzing how he did it, and how Lorenzo could win doing some of the same things (obviously, he can't match O'Malley's financing). We concluded the following:

1. O'Malley started late and came on strong at the end, while the other candidates started early and petered out at the end.
2. Although we couldn't see what was going on behind the scenes, O'Malley must have had a phenomenal get-out-the-vote apparatus. I saw one van, chauffeured by a young man dressed vaguely like a leprechaun, delivering voters to my polling place. There were probably also phone banks of people calling up voters to get them to the polls.
3. For every two poll workers for Stokes, O'Malley had four or five *at every poll*.

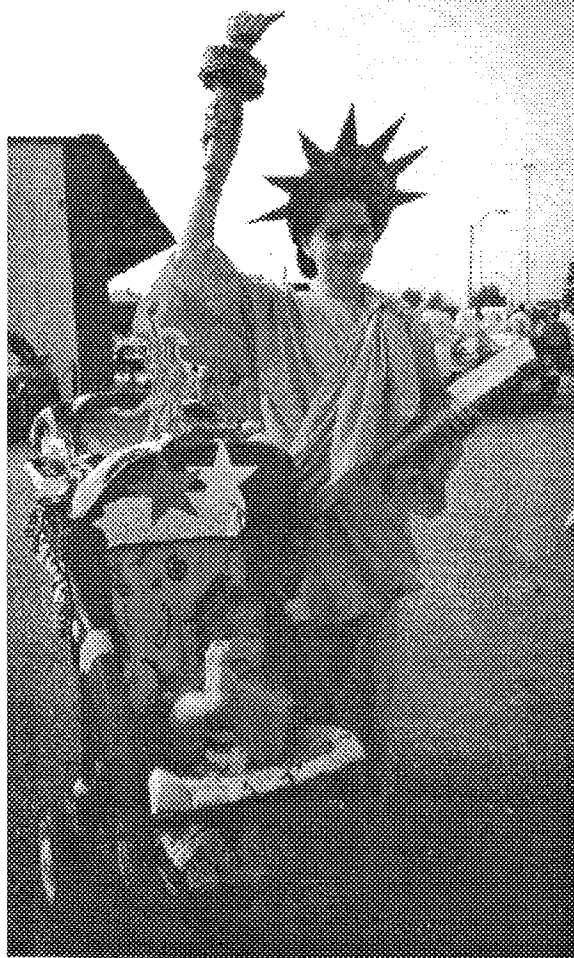
Conclusion: Lorenzo *can* win (that's win, as in get elected) if we meet the following conditions:

1. Two or three people working the polls in each of the 60 precincts on election day. Since most people can only work for part of the day, we aim to mobilize 200 volunteers. (We know there are far more than 200 Libertarians in Maryland. Hello out there!)
2. At least 10 people calling up voters to get them to the polls.
3. We blanket the district with literature during the final two weeks before the election.

The roadmap is clear, let's all join the caravan and drive it to our mutual destination: **liberty**.

— Susan Gaztañaga

Left: Katie Millionie & Stephan Brookes prepare for the parade.
Right: truck's ready, too!



You Can Help!

Let me ask you a question: What is the best time to get involved in public affairs? I don't know what your answer will be, but mine is "When there's a chance that my effort will make a positive difference." This is such a time.

Do you want Lorenzo to be on the Baltimore City Council? I hope your answer is "yes." "But what can *I* do?" you are probably thinking. I'm glad you asked. Here are our most urgent needs — can you see yourself doing any one of these?

- Volunteer as a poll watcher or poll worker on election day (Tuesday, November 2). The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. If you can spend all day — great! If you can only give a few hours before or after work — we'll take that, too.
- During the week and a half before election day, can you help us leave fliers at the door of every district resident? We also need help with signs.

So, what's holding you back? Let me guess:

- "I'm too shy to approach people." You can place literature at people's doors without ever talking to them. You can stand with Lorenzo at an intersection holding up a sign. You can drive by the polling sites with signs on your car.
- "What'll I do with the kids?" Bring them! They'll be the best ambassadors a candidate could have. And they'll be getting a valuable lesson in how representative government is supposed to work.
- "I'm too old/my feet are bad/I don't have transportation." Do you have a phone? We need to follow up with calls to volunteers. It would also help to have people calling voters on election day to GET OUT THE VOTE.

Do you want to see liberty prevail? You don't get a chance like this every day. **NOW** is the time to stand up and be counted. Call Lorenzo at 410-325-2813 or email his campaign address: Lorenzo499@aol.com.

Impressions from Working the LP Booth at the Montgomery County Fair

Here is a sample of discourse found on the MDLP listserv. John makes some observations and asks for comments. Spear accommodates with a response from his point of view.

Greetings!

I spent an evening the other week helping out at the ol' libertarian booth at the Montgomery County fair. I really had a great time. It was a very satisfying thing to be able to give people a more positive impression about libertarianism and the LP of Maryland in particular. I think that several people were very much impressed, and we may have won some converts that night.

It also surprised me the remarkable cross section that the people who came to the booth represented. One negative thing did occur to me, however... it seemed to me that parents with children seemed to shy away from the booth. I wasn't sure if this was because they wanted to do things that would keep the kids occupied, or if they held some kind of concern about what libertarians held in store for their families.

I wondered why, and later spoke with a friend of mine about what he thought it could have been? We had a very thoughtful conversation about some of the potential implications of what a libertarian world would be like. He had a rather dim view... "Would there still be parkland that anyone could visit?" he asked... "and what about beaches... would there still be public beaches... I doubt it." He went on to express concerns about having no zoning laws "every place would be open for business... you could never find a place to live where there wouldn't be someone hawking wares to you from across the street." He also thought that using civil court cases against people who pollute your property would be difficult to impossible. He said "sure... I'll take Exxon to court for dumping crap in my backyard."

He thought it was this kind of thing that turned parents off... a fear that the world would turn into one big market... with no wholesome natural environments available for growing up in.

What would my fellow libertarians have me say to these charges? I did a fair job... but I'm pretty sure I left him unconvinced (I'm not sure I even convinced myself!).

Best Regards,

— *John Prue*

John, your comments about working the booth at the fair were interesting. You mentioned that parents with children were not stopping. I worked the Howard County fair for two days, and the Montgomery County fair also for two days. I did have some parents with children stop, although I admit that most often folks were by themselves or with other adults.

As the father of two sons and three grandchildren, I can tell you that keeping them occupied while you try to get information, *any information*, is a challenge. It is pretty hard to try and get into a philosophical discussion when the kids want to go on the rides, etc.

To say that perhaps parents were concerned about what the Libertarian Party held in store for their children seems a bit stretched. How could they be concerned if they had not stopped and did not know what we stood for? Unless, of course, they were capable of ESP... I think that it is a truism that all parents are concerned for their children, but they would have to have some information before they could take action.

I would be interested in meeting your friend. He seems like a lot of frightened Americans who can't imagine living in a world where he has to take responsibility for something. Sounds like he really feels that before governments there were no beaches. Or parks for that matter. I have been told that the most visited park, and also the largest tourist attraction in America, is Disney World in Orlando. Ask him if he has ever attended. Ask him if he liked it and if he felt safe there etc... Also ask him if thinks he will find any 1 million dollar outhouses there.

On our 43rd wedding anniversary, my wife and I went to North Beach, where she claims I chased her around all day (her version) on one of our first dates, and in spite of all the zoning and government protection, the beach was not even accessible, nor could you even enjoy the view. They had built condos on piers right out into the water.

Perhaps your friend has visited Houston, Texas. They have no zoning, and there are many lovely residential areas. Everything works, and if you were not told that they have no zoning, you would never know it. Jessie Ventura was saying in an interview that the reason he ran for mayor was that a local real estate developer wanted the city to put in a very expensive sewage system so that he could develop a parcel of land he owned. Jessie and some of the other residents went to city hall and explained that this was not needed and that it would benefit no one but the developer. The vote for the project was 7 to zip. So much for zoning and the fantasy that you can depend on OUR democratic representatives.

Your friend was also worried about polluting. Check out England, where the streams are privately owned, and see how fast it takes to be sued if you dump something upstream that affects someone downstream. Also check out the areas where the government owns everything, like Russia, etc., and if he can look me in the eye and tell me that it is less polluted there than here, I will buy him a steak dinner at his choice of places.

Please remind your friend that OUR PUBLIC officials are not quite the philosopher kings that Plato mentioned in the Republic. The milk of human kindness does not flow in their veins. They have not defied gravity, greed, envy, jealousy, hate etc... Perhaps I can arrange for him to view one of these chaps putting his pants on. He might feel somewhat less obligated to prostrate himself for them after that.

Thanks for your help in getting the story out about the LP. Yours in Liberty,

— *Spear Lancaster*



LP tent at the 1999 Montgomery County Fair, August 13-21.

MDLP Picnic

The annual Maryland Libertarian Party picnic was held on Sunday, August 8th this summer at Gude Park in Laurel. The weather held out for most of the day, but as the festivities were winding down, a deluge appeared from the sky. At left, picnic organizer Randy Bryan supervises Earle Pearce, acting barbecue chef for the day.



Rights vs. Privileges

My major concern with my fellow Libertarians is their lack of understanding of the basic structure of our organized society. We live in a system ordered by published law — what we want to achieve must therefore be compatible with, and hopefully supported by, these same laws or our proposed changes to these laws. How is any of that possible if we Libertarians spout theory, and never get down pragmatically to the issues of related laws? Eg. Libertarians insist on changing laws while having not the slightest understanding of what laws are nor exist. Libertarians want lower taxes and fees while ignorantly listing some major taxes and fees that are neither. Libertarians want to get government off the backs of the citizens, then ignore simple laws which when used would accomplish the desired result.

Ignorance of the system of laws we live under only weakens the viability of the Libertarian movement to that of highfalutin babbling complainers. I will try to bring some reality into this melee by advancing my fellow Libertarians' education on matters of law.

A right is a lawfully supported "power to act" granted through the gift of life. A privilege is a benefit (eg. authority to wield another's power) granted by the owner/creator of that right. If I allow you (by choice or otherwise) the authority to beat me up, then I have granted you a special privilege/benefit. Otherwise, I best swear out a complaint against you.

If an activity can be taxed, then with prohibitive taxation it can effectively be denied. The same applies with the use of licensing and regulations. Therefore, rights may neither be licensed, regulated, nor taxed for otherwise they are not rights, but privileges. Privileges are historically advantages not available to the general citizenry such as granted an executioner to cut heads off.

Privileges are often confused with contracts: agreements entered voluntarily by two or more parties, defining an obligation, providing a consideration, and containing means of exit. The creator of a job controls who may enjoy this benefit/privilege while the worker may insist on its conversion to an agreement via contract. Cities that accept monies from the national or state government are entering into voluntary contractual relationships.

Citizens have the *right* to voluntarily convert their *rights* into *privileges*, often losing more than is gained! An authority may demand possession of a license, conformity to regulations, and/or paying a fee/tax/remuneration for an activity felt to be a *right*. Look closely to determine if: 1) it really is a privilege, 2) it was voluntarily converted to a privilege by some prior act, or 3) the agency is overstepping its authority by demanding you do a #2 on yourself. A job is not a right, while whom you cohabit with is, unless you converted it voluntarily by obtaining a license.

— Leonard Penn

Essex Day — What a Success!!!

Here are reports from two participants on one of this summer's outreach events, which occurred on September 12th. Sure sounds like fun:

I had an interesting experience yesterday while working the booth in Essex. A chap came up and asked what the libertarians stood for. I explained that we stood for personal liberty, and that we thought that a lot of government was ineffective. That society would be better off if the citizens paid less taxes and had more control of their money. He said he liked big government. I told him that he was at the wrong booth. That he needed to visit the democrats.

He then went on to ask about a few other things, and finally he said, "I would like to help you people out." He took out a \$100 bill which I had him give to Bill. He told me his name, but said that he did not want to be on a mailing list. So I gave him a paper with the meeting dates for the local Libertarian meetings. He said he would be sure to come by.

We also had quite a few other people come by, and I don't know if I am getting more at ease with answering people's questions, or if this was an especially friendly crowd, but the responses were really encouraging.

— Spear Lancaster

With perfect weather, the amount of people in attendance was great. The booth looked great, as usual when Bill is in charge of set-up (Thanks Bill!!!). There were people stopping and asking questions non-stop. I remember at one point, there were five people, each speaking with someone from the booth, and more were gathered around listening or waiting to ask their own questions!!

We received cash donations, registered several people to vote, handed out many voter registration forms, had someone join the LP (Local/State/National), had people express interest in helping us with volunteer work, and had many, many good conversations with people, including several long ones with those opposed in some degree, who turned around their views somewhat by the time they left (one of these even gave a good sized cash contribution after they realized we were truly fighting for LIBERTY — way to go Spear!).

The support from the local LP'ers (and some of us not-so-local) in running and manning the booth was incredible. Good fellowship and much fun was had by all. Thanks to Bill, George, Spear, Nancy and Katie, Kevin and Debbie, Steve, Alan, and anyone who came after I left or that I forgot to mention!!!!

All in all, this day was a great success and will go down in the annals of history as a great boost to the party!

— Ed Akshurst

From the Trenches ... County Chapter Notes

Anne Arundel County

I worked the Howard County fair for two shifts and was pleased with the quality of people I got to speak with. I also worked two shifts at the Montgomery County fair. There seems to be some real change brewing. People are sort of bewildered. They see and hear a lot that is going on, and speculate, but are not sure as to what it means. I feel that they sort of know that things are not going to continue as before. There seems to be an undercurrent that something is going to break.

This time last year, I had a much more difficult time trying to get people to agree that the current political situation is not effective, and is not delivering the goods. This is especially true for people under 50. When you ask them if they feel that they will get a break on their social security they don't hesitate to say no.

They also are less reluctant to discuss the drug problem and gun restrictions. It appears to me that just about everyone knows that the war on drugs is lost. Even the government officials know it, but they are making too much money and enjoying too many nice-paying jobs to come to grips with it.

Some of my easier dialogue is probably due to reading and listening to tapes. Also because of interacting with other libertarians. But I still feel that there is more going on than just that.

We have been having some really nice meetings on the third Friday of the month at *Piezano's* in Annapolis, and welcome everyone to join us. There have been about a dozen members attending the meetings, and we have had some pretty interesting discussions. *Piezano's* is located at 2019 West St. Please call if you need directions.

I also attended the governor's meeting on gun safety Friday, August 27th. But that's another story!

— *Spear Lancaster*

Baltimore City

The LP activity in Baltimore City has focussed on Lorenzo's campaign. Please see the article on page 1 for its status.

— *Susan Gaztañaga*

Baltimore County

Our walk in the Independence Day Parade in Dundalk was terrific! Approximately 20 people donned LP shirts and hats and carried flags and banners, waving to the thousands that lined the parade route. Of course, Lauren Hill, our "Miss Liberty", was a hit in her red, white, and blue gown; and Katie Millionie endured the heat bravely in her Statue of Liberty costume. Thanks to Wyatt Rogers for providing our float that played Beach Boys tunes, and introduced our City Council candidate. We had a great time, and were well

received by the crowd. We definitely want to walk in the parade next year!

The booth at the Essex Day festival was successful and busy, and our promotion on packs of matches is meeting with agreement from a lot of smokers. We have also heard two very interesting stories.

At Essex Day, I met a young lady who attends a Baltimore County High School who had taken "The World's Smallest Political Quiz" in her Government class in 9th grade! She said that her teacher "wanted to find out where they were coming from, politically," and had used *The Quiz* to make the determination. This young lady, by the way, found from it that she was a Libertarian.

Ed Akehurst reports that a man who teaches an American Government class in a County school, and who just happens to be a Libertarian, stopped by a booth recently and collected a big sampling of Libertarian literature for his class. The man said that the curriculum requires him to present Democrat and Republican literature, and he wanted to have the Libertarian perspective available to his students, as well.

Social gatherings continue throughout Baltimore County in Owings Mills, Timonium, and Dundalk. If you're reading this newsletter, and I haven't met you, why not? Check out the meeting calendar and join us some time!

— *Nancy Millionie*

Montgomery County

We have just finished covering the Montgomery County Agriculture Fair! Many thanks to Keith Halderman who coordinated the volunteer effort, and Bill Galvin who took care of much of the logistics. They both spent much time at the fair. Our booth looked as colorful as ever. Also many thanks to the many LP members who took time from their busy schedules to spend a few hours sharing the Libertarian experience. We had a number of volunteers from other counties that helped out, particularly from Prince George's County. This was a big help for a nine-day fair, which we covered twelve hours a day. Planning for this event spans several months. Two people that I know of registered Libertarian on the spot. More voters are sympathetic to our cause now that the Demorepublic party is floundering.

This year we plan to expand our outreach coverage by our presence at the *Takoma Park Folk Festival* on Sunday September 26th. On the same day we will be at *Gaithersburg Old Towne Days*, a regularly attended event for us now. To complete our fair season, we plan to have a booth at *Germentown Oktoberfest* on Saturday October 9th.

The week I wrote this, I was in Minneapolis, and visited the Libertarian booth at the state fair to say hello. They were appreciative of me stopping by. If you get a chance while you are out of town to look up the local LP and stop by for a meeting or other affair, it will help spread a sense of

unity, and you may pick up some new ideas!

Have any of the counties considered covering a computer show? Since many of our members are computer professionals, it seems like a logical choice to cover computer events. Please let me know your experiences or any insights or connections you may have.

— Glenn Howard



John & Barbara Pattillo

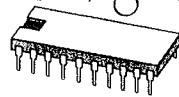
31 Allegheny Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
410.828.6116

Advertising Rates:

Full Page	\$60.00
3/4 Page	\$50.00
1/2 Page	\$40.00
1/4 Page	\$30.00
1/8 Page	\$20.00

Make checks payable to the Md. Libertarian Party and send along with copy to P.O. Box 321, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

IC Engineering, Inc.



PO Box 321
Owings Mills, MD
21117-0321 USA

Electronic Systems Design Services
Telecommunications + Microprocessor-based

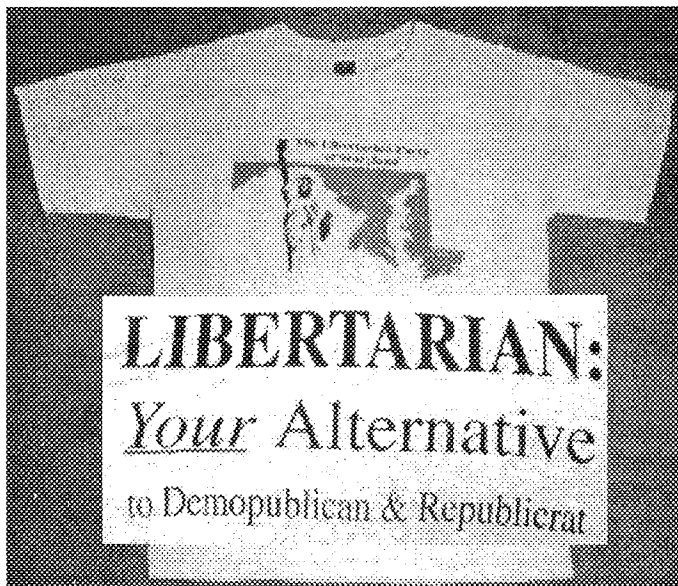
www.ICengineering.com

(410) 363-8748

Robert E. Glaser, Ph.D.

Get your very own MDLP T-Shirt!

Available in Medium, Large, Extra Large, and Extra Extra Large. \$10 each. Contact Steve Boone.



PRE-PAID
LEGAL SERVICES®, INC.
AND SUBSIDIARIES

*Serving America's
families since 1972*
Pre-Paid Legal Services®, Inc.
Legal expense plans

Steven E. Boone
Independent Associate

17-E Hogarth Circle
Cockeysville, MD 21030

Res. 410-628-6170
Cell 410-608-5648
Goobgrover@aol.com

Membership Highlights Include:

- Unlimited Toll-free Consultation with an Attorney
- Attorney Letters and Phone Calls on your behalf
- Document review
- Will Preparation
- Moving Traffic Ticket Representation
- Help with Consumer Complaints
- Trial Defense Services
- Pre-Trial Services
- IRS Audit Services
- Discounts on:
 - Collections
 - Divorce & Child Custody
 - Trusts
 - Bankruptcy
 - Corporate
 - ... and more

*Networking with quality Law Firms all across America!
...all for a VERY low monthly rate.*

Note: Not all benefits available in all states. • PPL logo reproduced under License #TMLIC-102.

Event Calendar

Note: consult www.MD.LP.org/events for up-to-date info. Contact numbers for persons listed on page 3 are omitted here. The LDDS's are listed separately on the back page.

October 9 (Saturday): 6:00 pm. Lorenzo Gaztañaga fundraiser dinner at *Galeano's Restaurant*, 413 S. High Street (corner of Eastern Ave.) Nancy Millionie

October 9-10 (Saturday-Sunday): Germantown Oktoberfest. Outreach! Glenn Howard

October 10 (Sunday): 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. ABATE rally. Motorcycle ride around the State House helmetless. LP table at the AA county fairgrounds. Steve Boone

October 16 (Saturday): 10:00 am - 9:00 pm. **Maryland LP State Convention.** See page 2

October 18 (Monday): 6:30 pm. Prince George's Libertarians. *Franklin's Deli* in Hyattsville (301-927-2740), located south of College Park at 5121 Baltimore Ave (US Rte 1) just south of Lustine. Shay Jones

October 18 (Monday): 7:30 pm. Montgomery County LP Business Meeting. Jeff Keller (jkeller@erols.com, 301-540-6421) for details and directions.

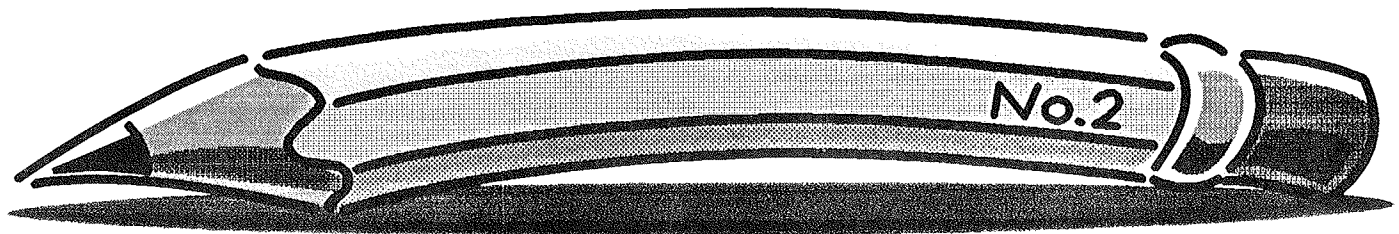
November 2 (Tuesday): 7:00 am - 8:00 pm. **Election Day.** Help at the polls with the *Lorenzo Gaztañaga for Baltimore City Council* campaign. Nancy Millionie [page 5]

November 15 (Monday): 6:30 pm. PG Lib's. See October 18

November 15 (Monday): 7:30 pm. Montgomery County LP Social Meeting. Glenn Howard for details and directions.

November 22 (Monday): 6:00 pm. Baltimore County Central Committee meeting at the *Dragon House* restaurant, Garrison Forest Plaza, Owings Mills. Nancy Millionie

December 20 (Monday): 6:30. PG Lib's. See October 18



Libertarian Party of Maryland

www.MD.LP.org/state_party.html

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: day _____ evening _____

Combined MDLP/National dues \$30

Maryland-only dues \$20

Additional donation: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Payment (circle) Check MasterCard Visa

Card# _____

Exp Date: _____

Signature _____

New National Members only:

The National LP requires all members to sign in agreement with the following statement: "I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."

Signature: _____

I'd like to volunteer for:

- Envelope stuffing
- Outreach programs
- Computer work
- County organization
- Campaigns Publicity/PR Event planning
- Other _____

Please mail to:

Libertarian Party of Maryland
4323 Rosedale Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20814

Anyone may become a member of the LPMD. To become a voting member of the LPMD Central Committee, your voter registration must be Libertarian, or you must have attempted to register and been denied (during periods when the party has not yet turned in petitions for re-certification). To join the Central Committee, you must verbally certify your registration status and your agreement with the non-aggression principle with your local chapter officers or the state Membership director, Wayne Dougherty. For more information, contact Wayne at Wdarty@aol.com or (301) 834-6179.

www.MD.LP.org

Libertarian Social Meetings

Stay up-to-date on MDLP activities with our online calendar of events: visit www.MD.LP.org/events (often!). Check page 3 for contact numbers not listed here.

LDDS (Libertarian Drinking and Debating Society): *Second Chapter Sports Bar* Conkling & O'Donnell Streets, Baltimore, Thursdays, 7:30 pm. Earle Pearce, 410-327-1776

LDDS West (Montgomery County): *Bennigan's* on Rockville Pike in Federal Plaza near the intersection of Twinbrook Parkway (behind the Texaco gas station) 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7-9 pm. Glenn Howard.

LDDS North (Baltimore County): *Lounge of bowling alley in shopping plaza across from the State Fairgrounds*, Timonium. 2nd and 4th Fridays, 7:30 pm. Nancy Millionie.

LDDS East (eastern Baltimore County): 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm at the *Poplar Inn*, at the corner of Merritt Blvd. and Wise Avenue. Nancy Millionie.

LDDS AA (Anne Arundel County): 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm, at *Piezano's* in Annapolis, just east of the Rt. 2 and West St. intersection, next to the TrakAuto store. GMJ (redleo@juno.com).

LDDS WC (Washington County): 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at *Richardsons Family Restaurant* on Rt. 40 (Dual Highway) in Hagerstown. Kurt Saberg.

Northwest Baltimore Supper Club: *Dragon House Restaurant* in Garrison Forest shopping center, Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills, 4th Monday, 7:00 pm. Nancy Millionie.

1-800-MLP-1776

Libertarian Party of Maryland
4323 Rosedale Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Baltimore, MD
Permit #1719

State Membership Exp: 12/31/1999

Robert E. Glaser
3213 Patmor Rd
Owings Mills, MD 21117-4003