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## Libertarian Youth Caucus – February 19<sup>th</sup>



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Young Libertarians from around Maryland and Washington D.C. gathered in College Park to discuss current happenings in the Libertarian youth movement. Representatives were on hand from the University of Maryland (College Park and Baltimore County campuses), Johns Hopkins University, American University (DC), and the University of Baltimore. Several non-college affiliated young Libertarians were also in attendance.

The event began with a quick icebreaker that allowed students from different areas to introduce themselves and argue for or against their school's mascot. In true libertarian fashion, everyone ended up speaking

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*Program Committee Meeting*

2:00 pm Saturday, 2 April  
Bel Air, Maryland  
RSVP to Roy J. Meyers III

**Spring Convention**

Sunday, 15 May

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against their own mascot and proclaiming that the statue of liberty was in fact the best mascot, even though she represented no one's school.



Adam Bargar, president of the UMD College Park Libertarians, was the featured speaker for the youth caucus. Adam gave an inspiring speech on what the College Park Libertarians had done to turn their group around and make it one of the most recognized groups on campus (not an easy task at a campus with over 30,000 students). Adam told everyone about the need to get organized and to set goals for yourself and your group before the semester starts, so that you can act on them as soon as possible. For the College Park Libertarians, they set a goal of 100% recognition on campus for

the word "libertarian" during non-election years. During election years, they set a goal of 100% name recognition for libertarian candidates. Adam delivered a list of ways that they had accomplished their goal during the last semester as a starting point for other campus libertarian groups.

After Adam's speech, we turned to an open forum format and discussed what we wanted to set as goals for our college groups. Given that college students are typically young (and often unelect-

able for that reason), we agreed that it would be difficult to focus on getting candidates elected. Instead we agreed that the best course of action for our groups would be to: ① promote name recognition for candidates that *do* run; and ② get involved in local politics to learn how things are done and begin to influence local happenings. We discussed ways to achieve these goals, from monthly meetings to chalking and flyering to going to city and county council meetings. Each group is free to have independent goals, but we decided that we should have one state-wide event each semester to promote unity and discussion while helping the party in some way. This semester we're planning to do something for Tax Day, and next semester we hope to do some youth-oriented Libertarian outreach at a music festival.

The youth caucus closed with the group going to play pool, bowl, and banter. UMD College Park has expressed an interest in hosting another youth conference in the future, and plans will be forthcoming for youth (and young-at-heart!) events for this semester and beyond.

If you missed this semester's youth conference, but have a desire to join or form your own campus group – or simply want to interact with libertarian youth – please contact me.

— *Katrina Groth*

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MdLP Campus Coordinator



## Big Brother Goes to College

According to the Johns Hopkins *Gazette*, the federal government is considering a major overhaul of its higher education data collection system that would require colleges to submit information on a *per-student basis*, a potentially costly and privacy concern-riddled policy. Currently, U.S. colleges submit summary information once a year on categories such as enrollments, graduation rates, tuition prices, and financial aid.

The proposed new system will require *individual* record submission, including Social Security number, ethnicity, tuition, loans, grants, addresses, courses, and credit hours – with multiple reports per year. Academic experts question the value of the data, wonder if the huge expense will reveal anything useful about graduation rates (the ostensible purpose for the changes), and are fearful about the information being released to other agencies.

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# Update to the State of the State



- The Carroll/Howard County Central Committee fines were paid. The committee dissolved with the State Board of Elections, account closed and funds were transferred to the state where they are being held for future activity in Carroll and Howard counties.
- Howard County has begun to organize under Dave Querido.
- Katrina Groth volunteered to fill the role of Campus Coordinator and has helped organize a recent meeting (see her report...).
- Ashley Dorn has organized a campus affiliate at Johns Hopkins University.
- Dic Gleason is actively contacting Talbot, Queen Anne's and Caroline county libertarians to organize folks mid-shore.
- Database improvements are in process.

- Ballot access web site and supporting forms have been developed and deployed, organizing volunteer efforts.
- We are investigating options for a legal challenge to SBE policy regarding having professionals out every day asking people to register Libertarian.

— Roy J. Meyers III

## Movie Review – *Iron Jawed Angels*

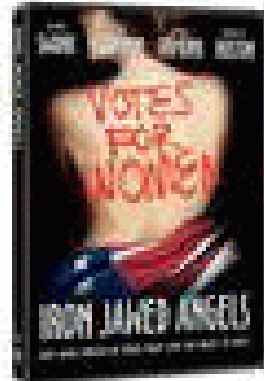
I saw this movie recently about the Women's Suffrage Movement and the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. I don't know how accurate the depiction is, but I thought it was an excellent and moving film. I couldn't help but keep thinking about the differences and similarities between their plight and the libertarian movement in the twenty-first century. All they wanted was that the concept of the Constitution and the word of elected leaders be followed, and it took terrible sacrifice and decades to succeed.

It was a major decision to proceed when the U.S.

entered WW I amidst a fervor of patriotism and support of a wartime president. How similar today to the fight against the Patriot Act while we are in a "War on Terrorism." The same reactionary response!

Thumbs up from me!

(us.imdb.com/title/  
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— Robert E. Glaser

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# Chair's Report



In January there were a few changes to the Executive Board. Chip Spangler resigned as Vice-Chair. Spear Lancaster was appointed to the Board and later voted the new Vice-Chair. Chris Panasuk resigned from the Board and Katrina Groth was appointed to replace him. Katrina is now the Campus Coordinator. Roy stepped down as Chair and from the Executive Board to become our Executive Director. I was appointed to the Board and voted the new Chair.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Roy, Chip and Chris for their work on

the board. I for one have a tough act to follow.

It appears that a dues increase for National will be taking effect on January 1, 2006. On February 26<sup>th</sup> the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) passed a proposal to increase its membership renewal fees from \$25 to \$50. The membership fee for new members will remain at \$25, but will be \$50 for renewal. The dues proposal passed with a vote of 11-6.

My understanding is that the dues increase was not a complete surprise. The LNC had considered dues increases at its August and November meetings. At the same time the increase was passed, a separate proposal was considered to take \$12 of the \$25 increase and pass it on to the Unified Membership Plan (UMP) state parties. Maryland doesn't participate in the UMP program (more detail on that later). The proposal to increase the UMP payment failed with a vote of 5-12.

These votes were controversial because they were cast using a secret ballot. One of the ideas behind the secret ballot is that LNC members can vote their conscience and not feel pressured by their constituents. The only problem is that it's difficult to hold your representative accountable if you don't know how he/she voted.

The entire MdLP Executive Board was against this dues doubling and passed this sentiment along to our representative for region 5, Dr. Jim Lark – who states that he voted against the \$50 fee. He voted in favor of the UMP increase. Jim was in favor of a smaller increase that would bring the National membership fee in the \$35 to \$40 range.

Mark Nelson, LNC Treasurer, has also made it known that he voted against both measures. He also believes that the secret vote on something as important as membership fees is a bad idea.

If we, the Maryland Libertarian Party, are bothered by the LNC using secret ballots, it has been suggested that we take the following course of action:

- Submit a bylaws change to the Bylaws Committee forbidding secret ballot votes;
- Or, submit a bylaws change limiting secret ballot votes to an enumerated list of subjects.
- Such change would have to be accepted by the Bylaws Committee and the 2006 Convention.

The LNC performed a dues expense analysis and concluded that they were losing \$4.03 per member. The analysis assumed a total membership of 24,000 members, with each paying a \$25 membership fee for a total of \$600,000 in revenue. (It has been

suggested by some that the loss disappears when membership exceeds 30,000.) Additional revenue comes in from donations. It was assumed that 32.26% of the total revenue comes from membership dues, and therefore 32.26% of the party expenses were allocated to membership. (I'm not sure that a matching percentage between revenue and expenses is a valid allocation). It also assumes that *LP News* is self supportive.

Income Analysis	
Members:	24,000
Dues:	\$25
Membership Revenue:	\$600,000
Total Revenue:	\$1,860,109
Membership Percentage:	32.26%

Expense Analysis	
Management:	\$950,000
Membership Share:	\$306,434
Renewal Expense:	\$48,393
<i>LP News</i> Expense/Profit:	\$0
UMP Expense:	\$342,000
Net Income/Loss:	-\$96,827
Loss Per Member:	-\$4.03

There are three more LNC meetings (May, August, and November) between now and the January 1<sup>st</sup> effective date. Modifications to the proposals may be made at any of these meetings. One example of how these changes can be made is that a representative moves for a suspension of the rules to consider a motion to reduce the proposed dues increase. Such a motion would require a two-thirds majority. A second example is for the UMP increase to be considered again.

So what does this all mean to the Maryland party? I don't believe that the proposal to increase the UMP payments affects us, because we do not participate in the UMP program. When a member in Maryland chooses to renew his/her membership with National and the MdLP – through us – presently the total membership fee is \$35. Of that \$35, \$25 is directed to the state party and \$10 stays with National. The state sends \$5 from its \$25 share to the affiliated county Central Committees. If a Maryland resident renews directly through National and not MdLP, then that entire \$25 stays with National (and state membership is not renewed).

The increase in LP National dues *does* affect the Maryland party and its members. We will need to make adjustments to the combined National/Maryland membership fee. Instead of keeping \$10, the LNC will instead keep \$35. If we keep the state memberships fees at \$25, then a combined National/Maryland memberships fee will be \$60.

A survey was done to help the LNC determine the ramifications of increasing the membership fee to the \$50 level. Based on the survey they concluded that membership would be reduced from 24,000 to about 16,900.

Personally, I need some time to look over the figures to see if the LNC came up with the correct conclusions regarding the dues increase. My gut feeling is that the increase is too drastic and it's a bad idea to double membership fees. We should be doing our best to increase our numbers. The financial losses regarding membership only appear when they are analyzed using several assumptions.

Each of us will have to decide if what we are getting from our National membership is worth the increase. Also remember that the increase is not planned to take effect until January 1, 2006 – and things could change between now and then. If the combined membership fee becomes too much of a hardship, you can always renew yours as *Maryland only*.

Yours in Liberty,

— Dave Sten

## Could This Be the Last April 15<sup>th</sup> You Need to Complete a Tax Return?



Many members of the Libertarian Party of Maryland are aware of H.R. 25 and S. 1493, the FairTax bill that will abolish the income tax, FICA taxes, estate taxes and Corporate taxes, in favor of a revenue neutral, but much less intrusive, non-regressive consumption tax. Not only have Spear Lancaster and I spoken to many of you about it, but the Maryland Chapter has endorsed the legislation, particularly as a step in the right direction. There are also a number of other members of our group, like Adam Schadt and Michael Fewster, who have gotten very active in the proposal.

The facts are that the legislation is being seriously considered and hopefully enacted, especially in relation to the establishment of a Presidential Advisory Panel to consider major changes to the U.S. tax system (see [www.TaxReformPanel.gov](http://www.TaxReformPanel.gov)). By July 31, 2005 the Advisory Panel is to submit to the Secretary of the Treasury a report containing revenue neutral policy options for reforming the Federal Internal Revenue Code. These options must:

- simplify Federal tax laws to reduce the costs and administrative burdens of compliance with such laws;
- share the burdens and benefits of the Federal tax structure in an appropriately progressive manner while recognizing the importance of home ownership and charity in American society; and
- promote long run economic growth and job creation, and better encourage work effort, saving, and investment, so as to strengthen the competitiveness of the United States in the global marketplace.

On Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, I attended a meeting of the Panel in Washington D.C. Surprisingly, there were perhaps 300 people in the audience, including maybe 30 members of the press and 12 tv cameras. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, gave the first statement to the group and he answered their very direct and specific questions by pointing out the value of a consumption based tax system toward economic growth. Former Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of State James Baker appeared by video, and he had even more positive things to say about a consumption tax! (As an aside, I can mention that on more than one occasion either a witness or a Panel member touched on claims circulated by some members of the public – that the Income Tax is “illegal” and is not a true obligation of citizens. This was always dismissed very quickly, with the statement that the courts have **NEVER** given the idea any credibility, and it is thus not worth addressing.)

As you might have noticed in press stories, and was very obvious to me at the hearings, the discussion of a consumption tax was always done in general, rather than FairTax itself. The problem with this is that there was considerable concern raised about how a straight consumption tax hurts the poor and is “regressive.” **IF** there had been reference to FairTax, which provides the “prebate” based on family size, not income, and the simultaneous end to FICA taxes, the “regressive” issue would have disappeared. This will come out soon, and certainly before Congress, but

personally I would have preferred it be noted from the very start.

One other very positive matter is that the designer of the plan and chief sponsor, Congressman John Linder of Georgia, has been assigned to the Ways and Means Committee, exactly where his bill has been directed.

**IF YOU** want to end the intrusion of the government into all of your financial records, if you want to close the IRS down, if you want to make April 15<sup>th</sup> “just another nice spring day,” do the following:

1. Send in your comments on the current tax system to the Tax Panel – this can be done online or in a printed letter.
2. Phone and write your congressman/Senator and tell them what you want!
3. Discuss the tax situation with your friends, neighbor, relatives and co-workers. Direct them to the FairTax web site [www.FairTax.org](http://www.FairTax.org), or call their number 1-800-FAIRTAX.
4. Contact Spear Lancaster or myself, and join us in our next **PERSONAL** meeting with YOUR congressman.

— *Steve Sass*

FairTax (volunteer) Regional Director,  
Mid Atlantic and New England

*The provision of the FairTax which eliminates the income tax and defunds the IRS has been key in bringing many Libertarians on board. Recent pronouncements from Greenspan and other television talking heads, while positive in the sense that they are in favor of a “consumption” tax, are also troublesome in that they proclaim that we need to proceed gently by “phasing in” such a consumption tax along with the current income tax. Of course, this is just what many Libertarians feared on this issue – that we would end up with more types of taxes with the inevitable result of greater overall taxation. Your editor believes that this perversion of the FairTax bill would turn out to be a poison pill for the effort – at least for Libertarians.*

Reported by the apolitical *T. Rowe Price Report* about Social Security Reform:

In general, focusing on the question of “actuarial” solvency diverts attention from a harder reality: there are no assets in the Social Security Trust Fund (SSTF) to be drawn down beginning in 2017, when the SSA operating budget slips into deficit.

The federal government has long made a habit of folding the SSA’s operating surpluses into its unified budget pot, spending the annual SSA surplus, and giving the SSTF a book entry asset of nonmarketable IOUs in return.

These obligations of the federal Treasury to the SSTF will total \$2.3 trillion (present value) at their peak in 2017, the last year of projected surplus in the SSTF. The next year, the SSA will start redeeming the IOUs to pay benefits not covered by payroll tax revenues, and the Treasury will have to borrow the required funds.

Thus, a political consensus to maintain a government-sponsored defined retirement benefit does not answer the fundamental question of where the money to pay it is going to come from...

# Join us at the Libertarian Party of Maryland 2005 Convention!

**When:** Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Where:** *Luigi Petti Restaurant* (www.LuigiPettiRestaurant.com)  
1002 Eastern Avenue (Bella Vista Room – upstairs)  
Baltimore, MD 21202 (in Little Italy)

**Convention theme:**

***Pragmatic Political Action***

**All activists – attend afternoon session!**

**Schedule:**

- 12:45 pm Registration and Check-In
- 1:00 pm Speakers (TBA – check web site for updates)
- 2:00 pm Afternoon break<sup>1</sup>
- 2:30 pm Speakers (TBA – check web site for updates)
- 4:10 pm State Central Committee Meeting – including regular business plus the following:
  - Nominations and Elections for the Executive Board  
All positions are open for election
  - Voting on motions to amend the State Party Program, if any (only motions presented and discussed in the Program Committee meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be considered)
  - Check your mailing label to verify that you are paid up and eligible to vote
  - Minutes of the previous Central Committee meeting (24 July 2004) are in the December 2004 newsletter  
Central Committee members may delegate a proxy (Sign and date a statement designating another member of the Central Committee as agent, granting that agent the power to vote in the Central Committee. Either mail the proxy statement to the Secretary (Robert E. Glaser, PO Box 321, Owings Mills, MD 21117), or the agent should present the proxy to the Credentials Committee upon arrival.)
- 5:30 pm Evening Break
- 6:00 pm Dinner Banquet<sup>2</sup>
- 7:00 pm Featured Speaker (TBA – check web site for updates)
- 8:00 pm Adjournment

**Directions:**

- From I-83 South turn left onto Eastern Avenue and *Luigi Petti* will be three blocks on the right.
- From Washington DC area take the Beltway (495) to 95 North towards Baltimore approximately 26 miles to I-395 North via exit number 53 toward Downtown. I-395 North becomes South Howard Street. Turn Right onto West Pratt Street. Turn Right onto South President Street. Make a final Right turn onto Eastern Avenue.

**Parking:** The *PMS Garage* on Central Ave. has a \$3.00 Sunday rate

<sup>1</sup>**Afternoon Break** (Appetizers/Vegetables/Salad/Sides):

Bruschetta – Garlic toasted baguette, topped with fresh chopped tomatoes, celery, red onions, basil, extra virgin olive oil and garlic  
Cold Antipasto – Salami, Capicola, Mortadella, Mozzarella cheese, olives, tomatoes, artichoke hearts and roasted peppers  
Fruit, Cheese and Cracker Tray  
Stuffed Mushroom caps with crabmeat  
Luigi Petti House Salad (served family style)  
String Beans

<sup>2</sup>**Dinner:** Your Entrée Choice of:

- ❶ Chicken Marsala – Boneless breast of chicken sautéed with portabella mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce
- ❷ Eggplant Parmigiana
- ❸ Pasta Primavera – Penne pasta with vegetables in a cream sauce
- ❹ Veal Saltim Bocca – Medallions of veal topped with prosciutto and mozzarella cheese sautéed with sage butter and wine sauce

Dessert Tray: Homemade Tiramisu, Homemade Cheesecake, Mini Cannoli

Alcohol: Cash bar available at 6:00 pm

Coffee, water, soft drinks and iced tea in pitchers on a table throughout the day

**Presentation or Sales Tables:**

Before April 8: \$25 with two full convention packages; \$35 with one full convention package; \$50 with none

Before May 7: \$60

After May 7: \$75

*We reserve the right to limit the number of vendors*



## MdLP May 15, 2005 Convention Payment Form

	Advance <sup>1</sup>	Youth <sup>2</sup>	Early <sup>3</sup>	Late <sup>4</sup>	
Central Committee Meeting <sup>5</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Name(s): .....
<b>Entire Convention Package</b>	<b>\$83</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>\$100</b>	Address: .....
Afternoon Only	\$31	\$25	\$35	\$40	Telephone: .....
Banquet Only	\$53	\$35	\$55	\$60	(for registration confirmation)
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<sup>2</sup> under 21 years of age as of 1/1/05 or older student active in campus/Libertarian organization and received before May 7					<sup>4</sup> received after May 7 (or at the door)
					<sup>5</sup> if you expect to attend please notify Roy J. Meyers III

Throughout history, poverty is the normal condition of man. Advances which permit this norm to be exceeded – here and there, now and then – are the work of an extremely small minority, frequently despised, often condemned, and almost always opposed by all right-thinking people. Whenever this tiny minority is kept from creating, or (as sometimes happens) is driven out of a society, the people then slip back into abject poverty. This is known as “bad luck.”

*— Robert A. Heinlein*

## Civil Unions – To Be, or Not To Be (They Be)

I don't understand why there is debate about civil unions – “to be,” or “not to be.” “They be” right now – *today*. The State has the paperwork labeled wrong. Take a close look at what The State calls marriage and you'll see that their “marriage” is already the Civil Union that folks are calling for.

In this “state marriage” or State Union, a couple gets a “marriage” license from the courthouse (a civil entity) and then makes a commitment in front of a justice of the peace (a civil officer). This Union is recognized in civil courts and is in effect until it's dissolved by civil divorce. It is a *Civil Union*.

Marriage, on the other hand, is a sacrament. It's not what happens in the courthouse. It's a holy vow made in the presence of The Divine, officiated by an officer of The Church. A Marriage vow is in effect until annulled by The Church – a civil divorce is not enough to release you from your vows.

The two unions are separate and not interchangeable. The Church doesn't recognize the Civil Union until the couple also takes Marriage vows. The State doesn't recognize Marriage vows until the couple also goes to the courthouse for a Civil Union.



Improper labeling is always confusing, but this time it's really causing an uproar. The State has every right to legislate the licenses and certificates that it issues. If The State announced an intention to change Civil Unions, it wouldn't raise an eyebrow.

But, when The State announces a change to “marriage laws,” it appears to step on Church toes – and folks get all riled up. From the beginning of time, religious documents or religious leaders have been the determiners of Marriage Law. It wasn't until Henry VIII that anything different was ever considered.

To clear up the confusion, licenses and certificates that are issued by civil authority should say “Civil Union,” and certificates issued by Church authority should continue to say “Sacrament of Marriage.” Let's correct the terminology, admit that we *already have* Civil Unions in place, put Marriage back into the hands of The Church where it belongs, and move on to debating “to be or not to be” in regards to changes in the laws for State Civil Unions.

*— Dawn Skully*  
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# Ballot Access

Ballot access, or the ability to run candidates, is mission critical for a political party. We currently have ballot access until December 31, 2006. To maintain ballot access we must have 35,000\* people registered Libertarian by that date.

\*35,000 = (1% of the electorate plus a little wiggle room)

If you want to help, please:



- register Libertarian;
- register others Libertarian;
- circulate the petition; and
- contribute otherwise.

Your rapid and dutiful assistance with ballot access – helping to pay off the “ballot access tax” permanently by 2006 – will ensure that parallel efforts in building the infrastructure to support successful campaigns and attracting, recruiting and training quality candidates can have our full attention from 2007 to 2010 and beyond.

The dedicated activist will want to get a clipboard or three (foam boards and rubber bands work too), print out a stack of petitions, registration forms, registration handouts and membership/information forms (you’ll find all of these at our website [www.MD.LP.org/bal1otaccess/](http://www.MD.LP.org/bal1otaccess/)), be equipped with a good pair of shoes, a water bottle, weather appropriate clothing plus sunscreen if needed. After carefully studying the petition instructions go find people and ask if they are registered voters in the State of Maryland. If they are, ask them to sign the petition. If they aren’t registered, or after they have signed the petition, ask them to register Libertarian (form in the December 2004 newsletter) to help you out for ballot access. After they register give them the handout. If you get someone really interested, have them fill out the membership/information form, too.

## Registration

Please download the voter registration application and register Libertarian. Return it to the Party address.

If you are willing to register others, you should contact your local election board and take the Voter Registration Volunteer training or get involved with your local county or campus organization for training and to locate outreach events where you can register others.

Regardless, you should ask your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to register Libertarian “to help keep a third party on the ballot.” You may want to lead with asking them to sign the petition first (it’s an easier sell)... You can give out the registration handout at right to people you register, which explains how we will use their information.

It is vitally important that with any registration you get:

1. ask them to write “more info” or “reg only” on the top, and
2. send it to our address – **NOT** to the local Board of Elections.

If they write “more info” we will send them mailings to join, volunteer etc. If they write “reg only” for registration only, we will at most (and maybe not even then) send them a letter before every primary letting them know how they can participate in the convention(s) to select Libertarian Party candidates. As we purchase voter registration lists and solicit to them, it is important to track the “reg only” folks so that we do not mail to them inappropriately when they show up as new registrants.

## Petition

Plan B – To avoid an “all our eggs in one basket” ballot access strategy, we are also collecting 10,000 signatures of registered voters on a party forming petition to be turned in January 2007 if the party is decertified for lack of the 35,000 registrations. This petition, if needed, will give us ballot access from 2007 through 2010.

The Petition – please copy from page 10 – **SINGLE SIDED ONLY** – petitions are valid on only one side and we must have originals – no copies.

The Petition Instructions (page 9) – very very important – please read to avoid having signatures invalidated or us having to send a petition back to you for completion.

## Join/Contribute Otherwise

Please join the Libertarian Party of Maryland. You can also indicate your volunteer and political interests and contribute for ballot access using the Membership/Interest Form (on page 11, or click at the bottom left of any of our web pages). Please ask others with an interest to join while you are petitioning and registering people.

Additionally, you can volunteer for support tasks: validating petitions, helping with mailings, transportation, hosting out-of-state petitioners – maybe you want to take on volunteer coordination?

## Send it in...

Send your petitions, registrations, memberships and contributions to the Party’s page 2 address. If you have questions, need tips or locations for petitioning, etc., please feel free to contact me directly. You should also send a brief email letting me know that you are petitioning so that you can be put on a private email list to receive any form updates and ballot access news.

Thanks,

— Roy J. Meyers III

### Important Registration Explanation

Thank You! You have registered as a Libertarian, thereby giving yourself more options at the polls. Please keep your registration active – that is: vote in the general election whenever possible. You don’t even have to vote for a Libertarian. You’re encouraged to vote for whom you think will do the best job. We endeavor to run Libertarian candidates who meet that standard.

\* Unless you indicate you want more info, you will be placed in our database as a “Registration/Ballot Access Only” person. We will contact you once every year to remind you that you should avoid the primary and provide information on how to attend the convention(s) so that you can select Libertarian candidates. The only time we would contact you beyond this is if the Party’s certification is ever again in jeopardy. At most, this could happen once every four years. We might ask you to sign (and get others to sign) a petition to help recertify the party. Also, should we ever become decertified and then recertified again, we’ll ask you to re-register as a Libertarian. We don’t want to bother you. Not only do we want to avoid expending valuable resources to contact you if you do not wish to be contacted, but we want to be polite, too.

\* Primaries – don’t go. If you go to the polls for a primary, you will be turned away. Primaries are internal party elections. The Libertarian Party selects its candidates at a meeting of the membership at local, state and national conventions. And you’re not a member unless you pay dues (currently \$25 State or \$35 State and National.) You can vote in the General Election or a Special Election (never in a primary election). General Elections are always in November. Special Elections are infrequent and you would likely know it if your county or town is having one. If you wish to participate in the convention to nominate Libertarian candidates, you’ll be given an opportunity to join and do so every year we send you a preprimary reminder letter.

\* Remember: Please vote in the General Election in November.

If you have questions, please call Roy at 410-879-5300.



**Thank You for circulating the petition to recertify the Libertarian Party in Maryland!** Circulating a petition is a solemn responsibility; please take a few moments to review the *State Board of Elections requirements for valid signatures and petitions*:

1.) County: Signatures must be separated by county. Make sure the signer uses a sheet for the county where he or she is registered to vote:

Allegany	Charles	Prince George's
Anne Arundel	Dorchester	Queen Anne's
Baltimore City*	Frederick	St. Mary's
Baltimore	Garrett	Somerset
Calvert	Harford	Talbot
Caroline	Howard	Washington
Carroll	Kent	Wicomico
Cecil	Montgomery	Worcester

\* use checkbox (not the blank) for Baltimore City

2.) Signers Information:

- a. Date - must be a complete date with a year component, preferably in mm/dd/yy format. The Board of Elections will invalidate the signature if the date is incomplete, MAKE SURE it is complete. Make sure the year is correct!
- b. Print Full Name – Must be at least one given name written out, initials of others, and surname.  
Bob Smith, S. Thomas Jones are good,  
R. L. Fuchs – BAD.
- c. Address – Street address – no PO Box unless signer insists the Board of Elections has it as their mailing address.
- d. City and Zip – No HDG or G’burg, write it out: Havre de Grace, Gaithersburg. Zip is a no brainer.
- e. Date of Birth – If the signer is hesitant, ask for just the month and day. Sig won’t necessarily be invalidated because of a missing date of birth.
- f. Signature – they must sign as they printed.

The Board of Elections will take a signature if the signer mixes up the printed and signed blocks. But your best bet with that, or any other signer mistake (copied DOB etc.), is to start a new sheet after that signer – so no one else does it.

3.) Circulator’s Information Block: Fill out your name, address, city, state, zip and phone. If you are bulk collecting, feel free to use your return address labels as long as you have your name written out (see guideline 2.b.). Be sure to write your phone number.

4.) Circulator’s Affidavit/Signature and Date

- a. Says you are 18, provided correct info for yourself, witnessed each signer, didn’t make up signatures, only let registered voters sign.
- b. Sign it **AFTER** the last signature is affixed. (Sign as you printed in the circulator’s information block.)
- c. Date - must be a complete date Please use mm/dd/yy format – and be sure to date it on or after the last signature date on the sheet.

*If all the above criteria are not met, signatures will be invalidated. Please be conscientious.*

**Petitioning Technique:**

Petition on sidewalks or public and private property where you have permission. DO NOT get arrested. Be friendly, courteous and respectful to everyone.

“Excuse me [Sir, Ma’am, Folks]... Are y’all registered to vote in Maryland? – Great! I am circulating a petition to recertify the Libertarian Party in Maryland, I only need about 10,000 more signatures to finish, can you help me out? Great... Registered in X county? ok... just fill this out, today is mm/dd/yy... please print legibly, sign in the last box. . . we won’t send you anything. [When finished] Ok... date, I can read your name... dob, signature. Great. Thank you so much for helping – have a great day!”

If someone doesn’t want to sign, let them go. There are plenty who will sign. About half the people who answer YES to being registered, will sign. Ask the person to register to vote Libertarian if they are not registered – after someone signs ask them to change their party affiliation. 35,000 registrations equals no more petitioning! Visit [www.md.lp.org/ballotaccess/](http://www.md.lp.org/ballotaccess/) for more info.

**Send your original completed petitions here:**

Ballot Access Drive  
 Libertarian Party of Maryland  
 PO BOX 1128  
 BEL AIR, MD 21014-7128

**Thanks!** Call 410-879-5300 if you have questions or need help finding a good location to go petitioning. (Rev 2005-02-15)

# State of Maryland - Petition to Form a New Political Party

We, the undersigned voters of \_\_\_\_\_ County or  (check if Baltimore City), support the organization of a political party to be known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Libertarian Party.

The State Chairman is: \_\_\_\_\_ David H. Sten \_\_\_\_\_, Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 16 Partridge Lane, North East, MD, 21901 \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTICE TO SIGNERS:** Please print or type all information other than your signature. Post Office Box addresses are not generally accepted as valid. By signing this petition, you agree that the above-named party should be recognized as a political party in Maryland and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in the County or Baltimore City named above and are eligible to have your signature counted for petition purposes.

**Please Note: The information you provide on this petition may be used to change your voter registration address.**

DATE (mm/dd/yy)	PRINT FULL NAME	VOTER REGISTRATION ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	DATE OF BIRTH	SIGNATURE, SAME AS PRINTED
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### CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that: (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained; (b) the information given to the left identifying me is true and correct; (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page; and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief: (i) all signatures on this page are genuine; and (ii) all signers are registered voters of the County or Baltimore City indicated at the top of this page.

Individual circulator's printed or typed name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR ELECTION BOARD USE ONLY**

Total Number of Signatures \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Invalidated Signatures \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Valid Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Circulator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Sign and date when signature collection is completed)

# Libertarian Party Membership/Interest Form

Title:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Greeting: \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter Registration Address**

**Mailing Address (if different)**

Addr1: \_\_\_\_\_

Addr1: \_\_\_\_\_

Addr2: \_\_\_\_\_

Addr2: \_\_\_\_\_

CSZ: \_\_\_\_\_

CSZ: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

On which phone do you prefer to be contacted (home/work/other/day/eve.): \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate times that are good to reach you at each number and how late is too late to call.)

Please inform me of upcoming events and activities by the following method(s)

e-mail  postal mail  phone Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to display these for the party or Libertarian candidates  bumper sticker(s)  yard sign(s)

I would like to volunteer for the Libertarian Party. I can help with:

Outreach events (fairs, shows)

Envelope stuffing/mailer preparation

Computer design (e.g. web/database)

Desktop publishing/graphic design

Campaigns

Media relations

Telephoning

Legislative research/monitoring (federal, state or local)

Petition/registration drive

Policy development

Public speaking

Political event planning

Write and call legislators when asked

Door-to-door outreach

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in becoming a candidate for public office.

I am interested in the following political issues \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Libertarian Party? \_\_\_\_\_

Become a member or contribute to the Libertarian Party! You will be supporting your county organization, as well as the state party (and national, if chosen). When you make a credit card pledge of at least \$10/month, you will receive membership and automatic renewal. Please check all that apply.

Yes, I will join the Libertarian Party!

Maryland and National LP Membership \$ 35

Maryland only Membership \$ 25

Additional general contribution (thanks!) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total membership/general contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to join or extend my membership with a monthly credit card pledge of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make an administrative contribution not subject to the \$4,000/election cycle contribution limit for the following project(s):

Ballot access \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Improve the membership/activist/prospect database \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any Total administrative contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Must use a SEPARATE CHECK -- put Admin. Contrib. and the project name (Ballot access, db, any) in the memo -- sorry no credit cards yet.

Payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

Check (payable to Libertarian Party of Maryland)

Credit (circle one) Visa Master Card Amex Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

New National Members: 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."

pledge signature \_\_\_\_\_

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Political contributions are NOT tax deductible.

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_



**In the News**

**Gerry Schneider's** letter to the (Montgomery County) *Gazette* was published on December 1 about Gov. Ehrlich's plan to subsidize doctors' medical malpractice premiums. He points out that voluntary agreement between patient and doctor to use binding arbitration is superior.

The (Montgomery County) *Gazette* published **Gerry Schneider's** letter on December 10, "Put Land Under Environmentalists' Protection." While it is perceived that the state owning public lands can benefit everyone, when politics is involved benefits will always be at risk. He suggests selling to environmental groups.

**Gerry Schneider's** letter to the (Montgomery County) *Gazette* was published on January 5 about outsourcing. He points out that it has not been a major factor in domestic job losses, and that it works both ways.

**Robert Glaser** submitted a letter to the *Owings Mills Times* on January 11, "Is Gulag Next" responding to Baltimore County Executive James T. Smith's calling for legislation that would authorize judges to sign off on search warrants allowing police officers to enter a site without knocking first, and a bill that would permit officers to check identification when they suspect that a crime has happened or is about to be committed.

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation thanked and praised **Gerry Schneider** for facilitating a February 2<sup>nd</sup> *Jefferson Café* with subject "The Empire Has No Clothes."

The (Montgomery County) *Gazette* published **Gerry Schneider's** letter on February 9 decrying offensive signs pictured from a high school Peace class. It engendered a counterreply with a followup letter from Gerry.

**Doug McNeil's** letter "Science education a key to our future" was printed on February 11 in the *Baltimore Sun*. He decries the Governor's appointment of two Cecil County school board members who question the way evolutionary theory is taught. He favors state Senate approval of such appointments, and urges voting against those who favor teaching pseudoscience.

The February issue of *Washington Senior Beacon* published **Gerry Schneider's** letter saying that "Each of us should be free to choose without government sanction what drugs we want to take."

The *Baltimore Sun* received **Tim Osburn's** letter on February 16 about the paper lamenting their lack of access to state officials and their concomitant lawsuit. Regarding "The Big Chill" Tim asks where the *Sun* was during Spear Lancaster's gubernatorial campaign – who was frozen out of coverage by the very same hypocritical newspaper!

**Gerry Schneider's** letter to the (Montgomery County) *Gazette* was published on February 18 about Bay cleanup through taxes. He promotes user fees as more effective.

**Tony Spezio** broadcasts a weekly internet "radio" show with his *Maryland Libertarian Forum* 2:00-4:00 pm Saturdays at the [www.LibertyFeed.com/libertarian.html](http://www.LibertyFeed.com/libertarian.html) URL.

**Nick Sarwark** continues to make monthly appearances on the *Metrotalk with Jerry Phillips* radio show on 100.3 FM and 980

**Editor's Corner**



The next issue will be mid summer. Thanks to all of this issue's contributors.

It is especially heartening to see some activity from the younger set. Katrina is working hard to promote campus organizations. If you can help out, contact her.

**COREY FULLER**

The Baltimore Ravens cornerback was acquitted January 29 of felony gambling and gun charges after being accused of running high-stakes card games at his home in Florida. Unlike his teammate Jamal Lewis, he proclaimed his innocence and fought the charges. Ravens: 1, Police State: 1. I feel so much safer knowing that authorities are protecting us from voluntary gambling. *Better not tell them about the Lottery, Keno, and – if the Governor gets his way – slot machines!* (I've even heard tell of people betting on the Superbowl, uh oh...)

**TECHNOLOGY vs. Liberty**

I was pleased to see the editor of trade journal *ECN* bring up privacy issues regarding technological improvements. DARPA is working on "Micro Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (MAVs)" which surely would be very useful in military operations. She says "Power challenges are keeping some of the smaller MAVs from getting off the ground, so this is as good a time as any to consider what security and privacy ramifications something the size of a bird (or smaller) could have on the average citizen and, perhaps, what sort of technology could keep any potential misuse of these useful and live-saving devices in check."

Regarding lead-free EU electronics products, I found a more descriptive explanation in *Printed Circuit Design & Manufacture* magazine, which reported from the PCB Design Conference East. It was observed that there is no drop-in replacement for lead and that there are problems with the alternative methods. The conversion is estimated to cost one hundred billion dollars, and it was asked "how might this be better spent?" It was pointed out that the move to lead-free was not the result of a reasoned, logical risk analysis, but that the movement was born with the lead-poisoning death of a child in Denmark. The parents lobbied against all lead-containing materials, and the EU parliament was moved by their emotional argument and ignored its own scientific council. The experts said that there is no evidence that lead-free solder will reduce pollution. In fact, the alternatives may prove even worse for the environment. But the law is the law, and the entire industry is gearing up for the changeover. The industry expert, Joe Fjelstad, is writing the Airbus consortium explaining that he'll never fly on any of their planes if they go lead-free, fearful of the lower reliability of the alternative soldering methodologies.

— *Robert E. Glaser*

AM (first Sunday of the month, 8:10 - 9:00 am). Go to the URL [www.MD.LP.org/audio/](http://www.MD.LP.org/audio/) to listen to archived show recordings.

**Steve Wilson** filled in ably for Nick on the February show.

*Congratulations to our public advocates. Please send in reports of your successes, too!*

# From the Trenches ... Affiliate Chapter Notes

## University of Maryland/College Park



The University of Maryland, College Park Libertarians continue a busy semester filled with activism and social functions. Already, we have hosted the Maryland Libertarian Youth Caucus and an outreach table at the "Second Look Fair," a showcase for student organizations. In the coming months, we plan on holding a Tax Day protest at the National Mall with other local campus groups, and hosting an on-campus, public showing of Trey Parker and Matt Stone's libertar-

ian-leaning comedy *Team America: World Police*. John Wyrwas and John Brinjak, respectively Vice President and Secretary of the group, are working hard on a campaign against mandatory meal plans for dorm residents. More information on their campaign can be found at [www.MealPlansSuck.com](http://www.MealPlansSuck.com). As for social functions, the College Libertarians were able to secure highly-coveted student group tickets behind the visitor's bench for the Duke game at the Comcast Center. Also, we made a trip down to DC to see CNN's "debate" show, *Crossfire* broadcast live (and afterwards, understood quite well why the show was being cancelled!). A barbecue is planned for the spring once the weather gets a little warmer. We also continue work on our website. We encourage everyone to visit [www.UMDlibertarians.org](http://www.UMDlibertarians.org) and register for the forums. It is a great place for local Libertarians to chat, post suggestions for the group, and debate controversial topics!

— Adam Baragar

## Baltimore City/County



At our February 6 meeting, we initiated a funding program for future candidates. The idea is to build up a "war chest" with annual donation pledges so that the fund grows even in off-election years.

The precise method of collection and candidate qualification requirements are still under development. However, the intention is to offer candidates "matching funds." This ensures that the assistance only goes to those candidates who are actively working their campaign and bringing in donations of their own.

The Towsontown Spring Festival is on April 30/May 1 this year. Please volunteer to help out at the booth!

— Steve Boone



**Our website has been overhauled. If you haven't checked it out recently, take another look!**

## Montgomery County



The Libertarian Party of Montgomery County would like to extend its deepest gratitude to Stephen Wilson for his service as Chair and, most recently, Treasurer.

We are currently seeking individuals willing to serve as Treasurer. We are also seeking someone who would be willing to take on the responsibility of scheduling and arranging space for party meetings.

The Montgomery County Fair is coming up from Friday, August 12th through Saturday, August 20th. We need volunteers to help man our outreach booth.

— Nick Sarwark

### In the 12/25/2004 Baltimore Sun

**Question: "Do you think the medicinal use of marijuana should be legal?"**

**Responses: 21 Yes and 1 No**

**(the one person responding "No" was afraid that fumes would waft into her townhouse).**

## Fowl Weather Friend



This freedom-loving **Dark-eyed Junco** can't take the heat, so the international citizen summers in Canada. Wintertime brings him to Maryland to forage on the ground, though he prefers frolicking in the snow. Won't initiate force, but is not easily intimidated. Groups of junco militias form and stand their ground against much larger bird cousin aggressors.



# Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

## Free State Project What is the Project About?

*The Free State Project* is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

## Free State Project Liberty in Our Lifetime

*We don't want to wait decades* for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

## Free State Project Where & Why?

*The state where we will move* was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

## Free State Project Get Involved!



*Join the Free State Project* and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at [www.freestateproject.org](http://www.freestateproject.org). Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants you!

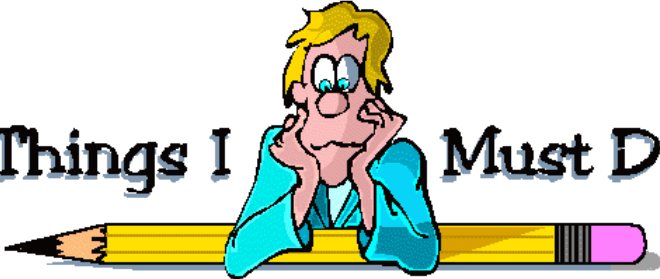
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# COMING EVENTS

Note: consult [www.MD.LP.org/events/](http://www.MD.LP.org/events/) for up-to-date info. Contact numbers for persons listed on page 3 are omitted here. Regularly scheduled events are listed separately on the back page. *Please mark your calendars now!*

## Things I Must Do



- April 2 (Saturday): 2:00 pm. Program Committee meeting in Bel Air. RSVP to Roy J. Meyers III
- April 11 (Monday): Maryland General Assembly closes
- April 13 (Wednesday): Noon. Drug War Panel with Gary Johnson, *Engineering Society of Baltimore*. Fee. Spear Lancaster
- April 15 (Friday): Tax Day protests
- April 30/May 1 (Saturday-Sunday): *Towson Spring Festival*. Bill Buzzell, 410-477-9173 Home, 1-866-576-9651 toll free 24-Hour voice mail, waBuzze11\*juno.com
- May 15 (Sunday): MdLP State Convention. Page 6
- August 12-20 (Friday-Saturday): Montgomery County Fair. Nick Sarwark



## WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN

Win/Win situations are good, **AND** the Maryland Libertarian Party has gone even further:

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- Libertarians are swept into power
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— *Steven Sass*



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## Regularly Scheduled Libertarian Gatherings

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

Gallery Gang (Annapolis): 7:45 pm Mondays Jan. 24 - April 11 to lobby legislators. Spear Lancaster

Libertarian Night Out (College Park): 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 5240 Paint Branch Parkway. Jim McLaughlin

LNO (Harford Co.): 7:30 pm. The date and location rotates. Roy J. Meyers III

LNO (Riva): 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm at *Mike's Crab House* on 3030 Old Riva Road, Riva. Chris Panasuk

Cecil County Libertarians: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm at the *Rising Sun Public Library*. Dave Sten

Liberty Lightning Bowling League: Alternate Sundays, 6:30 pm at *AMF Ritchie Lanes*, 6608 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie. Steve Boone


*Metro Talk*: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 8:10 - 9:00 am. Nick Sarwark on the radio, stations WBIG 100.3 FM and WTEM 980 AM.

*Maryland Libertarian Forum*, Tony Spezio host: 2:00-4:00 pm Saturdays at [www.LibertyFeed.com/libertarian.html](http://www.LibertyFeed.com/libertarian.html)

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