

Baltimore LP Holds Gas Card Raffle

<p>0657</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone #: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please send me information about the Libertarian Party.</p> <p>\$1 per ticket, 11 for \$10 Drawing 1/5/08 Authority William A. Buzzell, Treasurer, Libertarian Party of Baltimore</p>	<p>Baltimore Libertarian Party Gasoline Raffle</p> <p>1st Prize: \$200 gas card 0657</p> <p>2nd Prize: \$100 gas card</p> <p>3rd Prize: \$50 gas card</p> <p>\$1 per ticket 11 for \$10</p> <p>Drawing will be held Saturday, January 5, 2008 Need not be present to win.</p> <p><small>Authority William A. Buzzell, Treasurer, Libertarian Party of Baltimore Members of the Baltimore LP Executive Board and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.</small></p> <p><i>Did you know that Federal and State taxes account for 14% of the price of a gallon of gas? It's true! (Check it out at http://www.comp.state.md.us/publications/gasPrices.asp)</i></p>
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On Saturday, January 5, 2008, four members of the Baltimore LP gathered at the home of Lorenzo and Susan Gaztañaga to hold the official drawing for the fundraising raffle that had been going on since October 28, 2007. First prize was a \$200 Texaco gas card, second prize was a \$100 card, and third prize was a \$50 card. The raffle netted only \$44, but we feel it's worth trying again at a time of year when people are more able to focus on ticket sales. The raffle had a secondary goal of making contacts. Seven people indicated by checking off a box on their ticket stubs that they wanted to receive information on the Libertarian Party.

The winners were a very diverse group. Third prize went to William Roberson, a co-worker of Bill Buzzell's. Second prize went to Harford County Libertarian Mike Linder. The grand prize went to John Siegel, a co-worker of Alex Peak's.

— Susan Gaztañaga



State Convention
 Saturday, 1 March

discount deadline February 22!

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Liberty Gone Fishing

The other day I saw where Don Garlits (the Drag Racing legend) endorsed Ron Paul. I was happy to see that. It seems like every interest I have is under attack from the anti-liberty bunch. Hot Rods, Motorcycles, Guns, Trucks, and even *Fishing*. The last time I decided to go fishing I got disgusted and threw the whole rod and reel in the frikin water. All I wanted to do was be like Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn for an afternoon. I didn't really want to catch anything. I just wanted to sit on the shore and dangle a line and hook in the water on a nice afternoon. A stick, piece of twine, and a paper clip hook would have been just fine.

But to do that I had to find a shop that was still willing to jump through all the government mandated hoops and sell me a license. Then I had to figure out what type of license.

You need one for this and one for that; and one to fish from the tide line of this water to the next. You need a map, a compass, a calendar, a watch, a book to identify the type of fish, a magnifying glass to determine the sex, a measuring tape and a lawyer to figure out what you can catch, on what date, at what time, from what shore. Then there is bait you can use and bait you can't. Heaven forbid you tempt the fish too much, you might actually catch one.

Then there are hooks you can use and hooks you can't – that I didn't even know the names of. And I suppose the government agents that enforce all this stuff are pretty zealous, because it apparently isn't just a matter of sunup or sundown with these guys. They have the exact time listed for each day of the year. That leads me to believe they are like meter maids who stand ready to pounce when the little hand reaches the magic number. Don't fall asleep in your chair! If it had been just a matter of a small fine I might have shrugged it off and taken my chances. A small fine would have been a small price to pay for the oh so few days I get to have peace of mind in this hectic world. But I couldn't afford to have my car confiscated and I hear that some of these Natural Resource laws allow such things. So,

trying to be a law abiding (fearing) good little sheep, I broke out the little booklet that our government leaders spent millions of dollars and thousands of hours writing and tried to make sense of it all. But even the abridged version was more than I had patience for. Kaploosh! Rod and all!

— Paul Behne

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Campaign Contributions for Candidates



For the 2008 General election, the Libertarian Party of Maryland is seeking candidates to run for the congressional districts. At the annual convention, we will have nominations and then elections and acceptances of the candidates by the state party. And then the lifeblood of all campaigns begins with fund raising, in accordance with Federal Election Commission requirements. If a candidate plans on spending \$5,000 or less then

there is no reporting requirement for the candidate. If a candidate plans on exceeding \$5,000 then there are full campaign reporting requirements. Such monies will not be collected by the state party and then turned over to the candidates. Campaign contributions

will need to go directly to the committees of the individual candidates. Monies that are collected by the state party are used to maintain the party status through ballot access, community outreach, mailings, and other activities. This helps ensure the central committee has a neutrality about the selection of candidates. Monies may be used to promote the party in generic terms such as a billboard that reads: "Enough is Enough. Vote Libertarian."

Please be thinking of helping getting our candidates elected by contributing to their committees. Contributing monies will allow Libertarian candidates to challenge the other two parties for congressional seats. As such if every party member gave a few after tax dollars to each candidate, our campaigns will be able to give the citizens a real choice.

— *Michael Linder*
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Join us at the Libertarian Party of Maryland 2008 Convention!

When: Saturday, March 1st, 2008

Where: *Squire's Italian Restaurant*
6723 Holabird Avenue
Dundalk, MD 21222
www.SquiresCafe.com

Schedule:

- 1:00 pm Commencement¹
- 1:10 pm Kevin Zeese
- 2:00 pm Steve Kubby
- 3:00 pm Sebastian Sassi
- 4:00 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 February 18th will be considered)
 - Nominations and Elections for candidates for public office
 - Check your mailing label to verify that you are paid up and eligible to vote
 - Minutes of the previous Central Committee meeting (11 August 2007) are in the last newsletter and on the website
 - 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.)
- 6:00 pm Evening Break
- 6:30 pm Dinner Banquet²
- 7:30 pm Jim Lark
- 9:00 pm Adjournment

Directions:

- From the north: take 95 south or 83 south to 695 south to Essex/Key Bridge; exit at Merritt Blvd., go 2 miles, make right on Holabird Ave.; restaurant is 2 miles on the left
- From the south: take 95 north to Baltimore; take 895 Harbor Tunnel Thruway; go through the tunnel; take first exit past tunnel (Holabird Ave.); follow for 2 miles; go through intersection at Dundalk Ave.; restaurant is 1/4 mile on the right

Questions or more information: Bob Johnston, Chair*md.lp.org

¹ Afternoon:

Lunch: Pizza, Garden and Greek salad, Dessert

² Dinner:

Lasagna, Baked chicken, Green beans, Mashed potatoes, Appetizers, Dessert, Coffee, tea, soft drinks

Alcohol:

Cash bar: Budweiser & Miller Lite bottles; Coors Lite on tap; wine; name-brand liquors; top-shelf liquors and other bottled beer

The *Afternoon Only* plan includes daytime speakers and lunch

The *Banquet Only* plan includes Jim Lark and dinner

Program Committee Meeting

There will be a Program Committee meeting on Monday, February 18 at 8:00 pm (or whenever the Board meeting finishes up).

Location: Robert Glaser's residence in Owings Mills.
Please RSVP.



MdLP March 1, 2008 Convention Payment Form

	Advance ¹	Youth ²	Late ³
Central Committee Meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0
Entire Convention Package	\$60	\$45	\$70
Afternoon Only	\$30	\$25	\$35
Banquet Only	\$40	\$25	\$45

(Circle all charges above)

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone:
(for registration confirmation)

[If you pay by check the party receives more than by credit card]

Total Enclosed (payable to the MdLP): \$_____, or

Email:

Note special needs:

Charge to: VISA MC Discover (circle one)

Libertarian Party of Maryland

_____ exp. date: _____

Mail to ➡ PO Box 176

Abingdon, MD 21009-0176

Signature _____

¹postmarked by February 22; will receive a printed name badge

³postmarked after February 22 (or at the door)

²under 21 years of age as of 1/1/08 or older student active in campus/Libertarian organization and postmarked by February 22

Speakers:

Kevin Zeese

Kevin has been involved in political activism for over 25 years. He is currently president of *Common Sense Drug Policy*, an organization dedicated to reforming drug policy. He is the director of *Voters for Peace* which is working to end the Iraq War and prevent future wars of aggression. Kevin is the founder of *TrueVoteMD*, devoted to transparent elections and ending paperless electronic voting. He also was involved with *NORML* and the *Treatment Not Incarceration Coalition*. He ran as a third party candidate in Maryland for US Senate in 2006 with the endorsements of the Libertarian, Green, and Populist parties.

Steve Kubby

(via teleconference) Steve is running for the LP nomination for President. He is the founder and director of the *American Medical Marijuana Association*, which fights for the rights of Americans to protect their health without political persecution. He played a key role in the drafting and passage of California Prop. 215, a ballot initiative to legalize medical marijuana passed by the voters in 1996, and eventually went to jail defending that legislation. He was a candidate for governor of California in 1998.

Sebastian Sassi

Sebastian is the Vice-Chair of *Maryland Shall Issue*, devoted to obtaining shall-issue concealed-carry gun permits in Maryland. He also runs ProGunProgressive.org.

Jim Lark

Jim is the Region 5 representative for the Libertarian National Committee. He is a former LP National Chair (2000-2002). He is a professor of Systems Engineering at the University of Virginia, and spends a significant amount of time coordinating LP activity on college campuses.

Monitor the website for lineup additions and modifications

Chair's Report



My goal as Chair of the MdLP this year is to organize a full slate of candidates for the 2008 US House of Representatives elections in November. Of the eight congressional races, we currently have six potential candidates (shown at right).

Why run candidates? We don't have the organization or resources to win, or even be competitive.

By running candidates, even with nominal funds, we generate free publicity, and bring our ideas to the public.

There is a good chance that we will have the only anti-war/anti-Patriot Act candidate in each race.

By having a candidate in each race, we are automatically a threat to the two main parties, as the vote totals between parties continues to narrow in each election. Many elections are decided by less than 1%.

By running a full slate of candidates, we establish ourselves as **THE** alternative to the Democrat-Republican duopoly.

Please support our candidates. Even though some may be running as "paper candidates" – just putting their name on the ballot and answering questionnaires – they are still deserving of our respect and support. Most are long-time members of the MdLP, and they are willing to do what many of us won't, which is putting our names on the ballot.

The most productive thing you can do this year to help the Libertarian Party of Maryland is raise and donate money to help our congressional and presidential candidates. The election season is where we have the most options to present our ideas to the public. Money buys door-hangers, t-shirts, yard signs, pens, bumper stickers, etc. – all with the word "Libertarian" on it. Are you willing to work one extra day per month or an overtime shift or two to help fund our candidates?

Membership as of the beginning of the year is 61. It has been hovering between 60 and 70 for the last year.

Thanks to all our dues-paying members. Special thanks to our monthly contributors: Ruth Andrasco, Steve Boone, Bill Buzzell, Michael Fewster, Thibeaux Lincecum, Fred Kleiner, Donald McCorkle, Joe Miller, Matt Moselle, Donald Nicholas, Nick Sarwark, and William Shainline.

Ayn Rand had the pleasure of riding in a train locomotive, and told this story: The fireman complained that his job wasn't much; he had nothing to do on a trip except sit in his chair. I said that that would be an ideal job for a writer who could sit there and work out the plot of a story, and I asked why didn't he try to write a book. He said, "Why should I? The Government would take it all in taxes." Now there is common sense from the alleged common man...

U.S. Congressional Candidates

- 1st District: Dr. Richard Davis, Hurlock**
- 2nd District: Lorenzo Gaztañaga, Baltimore City**
- 3rd District: Sebastian Sassi, Baltimore City**
- 4th District: Thibeaux Lincecum, College Park**
- 5th District: Darlene Nicholas, Beltsville**
- 6th District: You?**
- 7th District: You?**
- 8th District: Benjamin Parker, Silver Spring**

Be sure to join us for the Maryland Libertarian Party convention, to be held on Saturday, March 1 at *Squires Italian Restaurant* in Dundalk (details on page 4). You will want to meet and hear our speakers:

- Kevin Zeese, *Political Activism: What Works and What Doesn't*. Kevin has been involved in political activism for over 25 years, and has and continues to participate in a myriad of groups against war, the war on drugs, and transparency in elections. There is more to politics than just the ballot box. Come find out how we can take advantage of Kevin's knowledge and experience. He will also discuss his 2006 run for the US Senate here in Maryland.
- Steve Kubby, *Candidate for LP 2008 Presidential Nomination*. Find out why Steve Kubby should be the LP's Presidential nominee for the 2008 election. Via teleconference.
- Sebastian Sassi, *Maryland Shall Issue*. Sebastian will discuss his pro-gun organization, dedicated to enacting "shall-issue" legislation. He will also discuss his recent battles with the Maryland State Police to obtain a concealed-carry permit while single-handedly driving out drug dealers from his neighborhood. He is a frequent guest on the WBAL-AM *Ron Smith* show.
- Jim Lark, *The Teachings of Chairman Jim: Some Helpful Hints for Leadership and Management*. LNC Region 5 representative and former LP Chair, our banquet speaker will provide important considerations for LP members who are in positions of leadership, no matter what level.

Come spend the day meeting and chatting with fellow libertarians over good food!

— Bob Johnston

Baltimore Sun business columnist Jay Hancock wrote an extensive piece in November about the Drug War: He proposes legalizing heroin and cocaine to alleviate crime. Economics is more powerful than government criminalization. Hancock mentions the effect it would have on our troops in Afghanistan and elsewhere. He also notes that Ron Paul is skeptical of the war on drugs, and calls him a "libertarian Republican."

Erwin Vogel – Still Active

— Gerald Schneider

I recently met with Erwin Vogel, the state's first Libertarian Party candidate when he ran for the House of Delegates in 1978. He was also the first winner of the Samuel Chase Freedom Award for his activity. Now 86, and living in Asbury Village in Gaithersburg (which has facilities for an LP meeting if desired), he still is active writing letters to the editors of periodicals, writing poetry (both witty and intelligent), participating in discussion groups such as The Jefferson Cafe that I participate in, and sometimes facilitate at Montgomery College, as well as my "Think Tanks" at the Holiday Park Multipurpose Senior Center in Wheaton. From time to time he has sent the following letter to members of Congress that I am including here as a sample of a great mind at work:

Dear Member of Congress:

In accordance with Article I Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States, I humbly request that the Congress grant me a "Letter of Marque."

I realize that this is an unusual request. However, if you consider the arguments set forth below, you may well agree that granting such a request may prove beneficial to the Congress and to our Country. There are many reasons why such a "Letter of Marque" should be issued. Among these reasons are:

(1) Basic Constitutional Grounds

Article I Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the sole right to declare war, and to grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal. For political reasons which I do not understand, Congress has condoned the usurpation of the former of these by the Executive, by silently agreeing to several recent wars without a formal declaration. Thus, many citizens feel that of the three "equal" branches of government, one is increasingly becoming "more equal" than the other two.

A grant of a letter of marque by Congress would help in asserting the independence of the Legislative Branch. Besides, every right granted by the Constitution should be exercised on occasion to prevent this right from becoming lost.

(2) Equity

In searching the records, I find that no such Letters of Marque have been issued to Maryland citizens in over 160 years. It is time to redress the balance particularly since, as you well know, Maryland is one of the more maritime minded regions of the country.

(3) Maritime Interests

Immediately upon receipt of favorable action by the Congress, I plan to foster the local shipbuilding and armament industry by constructing several large Brigantines capable of mounting substantial armament, twelve pounders or even larger.

(4) Employment and War on Poverty

I plan to provide employment to a substantial number of mariners thereby fostering our maritime traditions. Furthermore, I find that many of the very citizens presently disadvantaged by lack of education are the very same ones whose adventurous spirit and courage would be an asset to any fleet preying on enemy shipping. Thus, I would be able to do my part in the "War on Poverty," providing gainful employment to those otherwise unemployable. Note also that this would be done without any expenditure of public funds.

(5) Economic Grounds

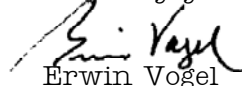
Rather than having to maintain a large naval force financed with public funds, my proposal of old-fashioned free enterprise warfare will not only relieve demands on the public treasury, but will actually provide substantial income since I am quite agreeable to the customary payment of a reasonable percentage of my conquests to the United States, in addition, of course, to the subsequent income taxes.

(6) U.S. Merchant Marine Interests

If the subject Letter of Marque permitted me to attack Panamanian and Liberian shipping one might observe a sudden increase in registry of U.S. Flag ships. Our merchant marine might again become the envy of the world, as in the former Clipper Ship days.

In summary, if Congress grants my application, I agree to abide by all the terms of the grant. While the greatest national benefit would accrue if the terms of (6), above, were included, I realize that other political reasons might exclude such a broad grant. I would be satisfied with more moderate terms, such as a limitation to Iraqi or Lybian shipping.

Sincerely yours



Erwin Vogel

Editor's Corner



The next issue will likely be June. Thanks to this issue's contributors.

As a libertarian and an engineer, I continue to be interested in the relationship between liberty and freedom and the continued advance of high technology. Corporate technology officers are sometimes caught in the middle, as with the recent controversies over telecommunications companies turning over records to the Justice Department. The complications of the FISA court, the Patriot Act, the Protect America Act (don't you just love the names Congress assigns these pieces of legislation), the rights of customer privacy, indemnification from lawsuits, etc. form a minefield that tech companies must traverse. Some companies seem to be rolling over to government requests, but others are rebelling. There is encouragement when the private sector recognizes the pitfalls of secrecy. In *CIOinsight* Larry Downes writes: "Bottom line: Chief Information Officers should support efforts to restore judicial oversight to the search and seizure of information. It's not only in the best interest of your job, but of your company and the nation."

The area of intellectual property theft (software, music, video pirating or unauthorized copying) is one which is currently undergoing a paradigm shift. None of us really knows yet what the future model will be for handling distribution of such material. Typically, government responds with additional lawmaking in response to theft instances. One case is illustrated by Jim Rapoza in *eWeek*:

The enemy I am talking about: government.

A perfect example of evil government intervention is a recent law in Germany. Commonly referred to as the "hacker tool law," the law makes it illegal to own, use, create or distribute a "hacker tool."

What's a hacker tool? Good question. The law doesn't seem to worry too much about that definition.

Analysts looking at the law seem to agree that it could easily mean common security and network analysis tools and would definitely include exploit-testing programs such as Metasploit.

The law has already prompted several security tool developers to move their projects out of Germany and leading security analysts such as HD Moore (one of the minds behind Metasploit) to say he'll be staying out of Germany.

Here in the good old USA we have the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The DMCA makes the act of circumventing an access control – even when there is no infringement of the copyright itself – criminal. I remember the folks at TechTV laughing about it when they discovered that a felt-tip marker used around the circumference of a protected DVD or CD "broke" the rights management system. Were Office Depot, Staples, and OfficeMax violating the DMCA by selling such instruments of access control circumvention? This is just another illustration that *possession* laws are inherently unfair and impossible to defend oneself from.



In the News

On October 20, the *Baltimore Sun* published **Doug McNeil's** letter "Time for Democrats to stop funding war." He says the Democrats spinelessly cave in to whatever President Bush asks for.

Gerald Schneider's letter to the (Montgomery County) *Gazette* was published on October 31. In "Don't provide certain services" he argues against government offering any services found in the Yellow Pages, and encourages that user fees supplant (not supplement) taxes.

The *Washington Post* printed **Doug McNeil's** letter on November 21: "What We'd Like To Decide." In its entirety, his letter is: "Instead of the Maryland General Assembly giving us a \$1.4 billion tax increase and a referendum on slot machines [front page, Nov. 19], why don't lawmakers just give us the slots and let us vote on the tax increase?" Doug adds: The answer to my question is that they won't put this unpopular tax increase up for a vote because they know with certainty that it would be defeated. Whenever they run out of money they always threaten to cut essential services like police and fire – but never the subsidies to their rich cronies.

Kevin Zeese's letter was printed in the *Baltimore Sun* on December 2: "Fund the transition to scanned ballots." He addresses access for the disabled, reliability, routine auditing, and reduced expense.

The *Gazette* published **Gerald Schneider's** letter on December 5, "HOC tenants-turned-owners could save county money." He suggests having the Housing Opportunities Commission turn ownership over to tenants.

Gerald Schneider's letter to the *Gazette* was published on January 9: "When are 'free' public schools not free?" User fees instead of taxes for schools would ensure funding accountability.

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

Gerald Schneider offers to fax copies of his letters to the editor to anyone in the state who makes a request.

When the *use* of an implement is irrelevant under the criminal law, the populace really has no inherent freedoms left. I was always amazed by how perfect the Communications Act of 1934 was: it didn't *prohibit* any person from listening to any radio transmission broadcast over the ether; it only made it illegal to *divulge the content* of such overheard messages to a third party. How beautiful! If you don't tell anyone, no one knows you did anything, and in fact it is perfectly legal. Too bad that the 1996 Congress replaced such wise legislation.

As in the past several years, Bob Johnston has put a lot of work into our Convention, and it should prove very worthwhile. I hope to see all of you there on March 1.

— *Robert E. Glaser*

April 15th is Tax Day

Tax his land,
Tax his wage,
Tax his bed in which he lays.
Tax his tractor,
Tax his mule,
Teach him taxes is the rule.

Tax his cow,
Tax his goat,
Tax his pants,
Tax his coat.

Tax his ties,
Tax his shirts,
Tax his work,
Tax his dirt.

Tax his tobacco,
Tax his drink,
Tax him if he tries to think.

Tax his booze,
Tax his beers,
If he cries,
Tax his tears.

Tax his bills,
Tax his gas,
Tax his notes,
Tax his cash.

Tax him good and let him know
That after taxes, he has no dough.

If he hollers,
Tax him more,
Tax him until he's good and sore.

Tax his coffin,
Tax his grave,
Tax the sod in which he lays.
Put these words upon his tomb:
"Taxes drove me to my doom!"

And when he's gone,
We won't relax,
We'll still be after the inheritance TAX!!

Accounts Receivable Tax
Building Permit Tax
CDL License Tax

Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Federal Income Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax
Fuel Permit Tax
Gasoline Tax
Hunting License Tax
Inheritance Tax
Inventory Tax
IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax),
IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax),
Liquor Tax,
Luxury Tax,
Marriage License Tax,
Medicare Tax,
Property Tax,
Real Estate Tax,
Service charge taxes,
Social Security Tax,
Road Usage Tax (Truckers),
Sales Taxes,
Recreational Vehicle Tax,
School Tax,
State Income Tax,
State Unemployment Tax (SUTA),
Telephone Federal Excise Tax,
Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax,
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Telephone Recurring and Non-recurring Charges Tax,
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Vehicle Sales Tax,
Watercraft Registration Tax,
Well Permit Tax,
Workers Compensation Tax.

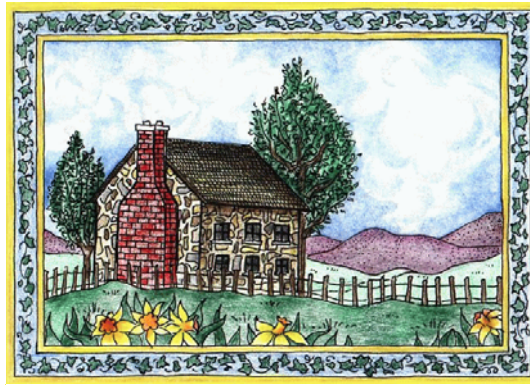
STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What happened? Can you spell "politicians!"

— from the internet

Nanny State



Well, it's 11:49 am and the last of the Safety Nazis and Energy Police have just left my home. At least until I need a permit for some other home improvement.

I built my home about twelve years ago, smack dab in the middle of twenty-one acres so that I could live as independently as possible and be left alone. It met all the modern codes when I built it, but the Safety Nazis and Energy Police never sleep. They constantly have to update and institute ever more stringent codes in order to justify their jobs. So, that meant more smoke detectors, and more GFI outlets – just in case I want to throw my toaster in the sink. Well, it already had a GFI for that, but now I can plug the toaster *into an extension cord and throw it in the sink*. I had to add more attic insulation too, because everybody knows we are

running out of energy. Of course when you live in an Igloo cooler you have to open a window for fresh air, but... maybe it'll save a penny over the next decade. That is if you don't count the energy it took to make the insulation, ship it, install it, and provide an inspector with a pick-up truck to drive all over the County to inspect it.

Now I'd like nothing better than to put a chain across the road and tell 'em all to stay out, but they would condemn my home and at some point send the sheriff or some other government agent to put me out at the point of a gun. The Safety Nazis are so determined to protect my life that they are willing to kill me to do it.

— Paul Behne

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February 14 (Thursday): Frederick Douglass and Terry Atwood memorial day (MdLP Central Committee resolution 2/20/99)

February 18 (Monday): 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting; 8:00 pm Program Committee meeting; both in Owings Mills. Robert Glaser

March 1 (Saturday): 1:00-9:00 pm. MdLP Convention. Page 4

April 15 (Tuesday): Tax Day protests

May 3/4 (Saturday/Sunday): Towsontown Festival. 10am - 7pm Saturday, 1pm - 7pm Sunday. To help set up, come at least an hour early. If you know anyone who needs some volunteer slavery hours credit for the free state school system, we can give out hours for time spent. Bill Buzzell 410-477-9173, 1-866-576-9651, waBuzze11*juno.com

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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/ (often!). Check page 3 for contact numbers not listed here.


Gallery Gang: Mondays while the Assembly is in session Jan. 14 through April 7, 2008 to lobby legislators before the session, attend, drinks afterward. Meet on the State House steps at *Lawyer's Mall* in Annapolis at 7:45 pm. Tony Spezio

LNO (Harford Co.): 7:30 pm. The date and location rotates.
Derek Mancinho

Baltimore LP: 7:00 pm Sundays as scheduled at the *Charred Rib*, 12 Ridgely Road, Timonium. Susan Gaztañaga

Cecil County Libertarians: 4th Friday, 7:00 pm at the *Rising Sun Public Library*. Dave Sten

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