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CBCDC member Tom Dolina serves Maryland at the Democratic National Convention . . .

and lives to tell about it!

Boston Convention Journal

by Maryland Delegate Tom Dolina

My experience really started Saturday night. Joan (my wife) and I went to a pool party. It was too late for me to eat so I just drank the “iced tea.” The iced tea fortunately had a great lemon flavor. Unfortunately, the lemon flavor was lemoncello, a liquor made of grain alcohol.

The plane left at 11:30 a.m. and I left sometime after that. I was certainly suffering seven degrees of separation. I was fortunate to sit with my wife and behind Jim Smith. We were able to compare agendas. Jim’s agenda had a couple more luxury events than ours. We both realized that we had way too many things to do given the amount of time we had. Sitting next to us was a lobbyist with the Home Builders Association. He had a lot of nice parties, and we were able to get an invitation. The plane landed in Boston and consistent with my condition, I landed several minutes after.

While we waited for our luggage, a camera-man and a reporter asked me if I was a delegate. I answered “yes.” The bright lights in the big city then started. Question and Answer. I held on. It turned out to be CBS News and a “set up piece.” Unfortunately, I did not see it until I was back in town.

We got to the Seaport Hotel, which is in the middle of a nearly empty side of Boston. I went straight to the steam room to get ready for the evening reception sponsored by Dominion Electric, another non-partisan group interested only in the well being of citizens. We had missed the two earlier receptions, but you get the picture: too many parties.

Anyway, we met with all the leaders and members of the Democratic Delegation. The reception

was interesting and fun, but let’s move on. Skipping through many events, including an affordable housing tour and talk by Mayor Thomas Mineno and his housing staff, a healthcare roundtable, think tank discussions, we go straight to Monday and Bill Clinton.

Bill Clinton is one of those people that until you see him in person you do not appreciate the artistry of his speech. He clearly took you through every possible emotion. Luckily during the day, we had had the opportunity to get about four (4) hours of sleep and go to an early morning breakfast at 7:30 a.m. which enamored itself in its redundancy of eggs, sausage and French toast every morning. We made it through that and went to the Kennedy Library and stayed there briefly so that we could go to the event for Congressman Wynn at the Four Seasons. We had a very interesting conversation with former Governor Glendening and his son. We nibbled on some lobster, shrimp, and oysters and drank wine. It was a gorgeous day in Boston.

Tuesday, do not tell anybody, but with the assistance of John Willis and a couple of others in the Maryland Delegation who have asked for anonymity, we snuck in through the kitchen of the Sonesta Hotel. We disguised ourselves as security and the press contingent for Mr. Willis whose name caused everyone to nod and agree. We got seats to see a tremendous line up. First, Howard Dean, who was phenomenal and I can now understand why so many people gravitated to him at the beginning, then Robert Reich the former Secretary of Labor under Clinton, and then the ever-funny, ever-controversial, ever-large Michael Moore.

I learned two things from this presentation.

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Greetings Members,

Exactly two months to the Presidential Election and we've got a lot of work ahead of us. Although the club did not meet in July or August, many members have been actively working in numerous ways to elect John Kerry and John Edwards on November 2. Our committees have also been active, using the hiatus from general meetings to prepare their strategies.

Chair Tom Dolina and his Program Committee have invited a member of the Kerry campaign to speak at our September 14 meeting about the upcoming election. The committee has also confirmed former County Executive Ted Venetoulis to speak about local Kerry efforts on October 12 (as we prepare for a GOTV effort), and it has invited Mayor Martin O'Malley to speak November 9 (when we will hopefully be celebrating!).

Matthew Joseph, Chair of the Voter Outreach Committee, and his team have prepared the club's first Voter Registration and GOTV effort in many years. Please see page 5 for details. Contact Matthew or me via email or phone to volunteer for these activities. Every member should consider volunteering for at least one Registration or GOTV effort. Each of us should consider being a block captain. Block captain duties are simple. You will be given a list of persuadable Democratic voters on your street or block, some whom you'll already know, and some you may not. You want to encourage them all to vote, maybe get some yard signs up or bumper stickers onto cars. It's a simple effort that will make a difference. And, you get to know more people in your 'hood at the same time!

Finally, Chair Bob Anbinder and the Membership Development Committee have put together a targeted mailing to attract new members to the club. It's a great experiment to see whether we can increase our visibility and membership.

This year, we all need to consider seriously what we can do to help elect John Kerry, one of the best qualified candidates ever for President. Consider Howard Dean's grades for involvement included at the end of Tom Dolina's "Convention Journal." As in any school, we can't all get "A"s, but there is no reason a committed CBCDC member should get below a "B"—not this year when the stakes are so high. The future of our country is at stake. Now is the time to put your commitment to work!



The Maryland League of Conservation Voters Keep Score

by Elisabeth Nelson

Legislative & Political Manager, MD League of Conservation Voters

In July, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters released the 12th Edition of its General Assembly Scorecard announcing the environmental voting records of state legislators. The publication rates individual legislators on a series of important environmental votes cast over the past two years.

“Aided by strong scores from the House and Senate leadership, the environment fared better over the past two sessions,” said Susan Brown, Executive Director of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. “Average grades are slightly higher but disturbing trends continue such as the growing gap between the political party averages.”

The Scorecard rated votes on important conservation issues impacting Maryland such as cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, encouraging smart growth, stopping air pollution, protecting coastal bays and critical areas and promoting clean energy.

Continuing a disturbing trend, the scores show a growing gap between voting patterns of Republicans and Democrats, with Republicans on average scoring less than half that of Democrats in both houses. Republicans scored 72 points behind their Democratic colleagues in the Senate and 60 points behind in the House. Maryland LCV officials worry that votes on the environment are becoming increasingly partisan in a state where environmental protection has had a strong non-partisan tradition.

In Baltimore County, the average Senate score was a 69% and the average House score was a 57%. Scores by district are below and more detailed information can be found at www.mdlev.org

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters is particularly pleased with the performance of Senators Jim Brochin (D-42) and Kathy Klausmeier (D-8) who received perfect 100% scores in their first two years in the Senate.

In addition, Delegates Adrienne Jones (D-10), Jon Cardin (D-11), Dan Morhaim (D-11), Robert Zirkin (D-11) and Steven DeBoy, Sr. (D-12A) are to be commended for their 100% scores.

DISTRICT	SENATOR	2003-2004 SCORE
8	Katherine Klausmeier (D)	100%
10	Delores Kelley (D)	93%
11	Paula Hollinger (D)	95%
42	James Brochin (D)	100%

DISTRICT	DELEGATE	2003-2004 SCORE
8	Joseph Boteler III (R)	25%
8	Eric Bromwell (D)	50%
8	John Cluster, Jr. (R)	18%
10	Emmett Burns, Jr. (D)	91%
10	Adrienne Jones (D)	100%
10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D)	90%
11	Jon Cardin (D)	100%
11	Dan Morhaim (D)	100%
11	Robert Zirkin (D)	100%
42	Susan Aumann (R)	44%
42	William Frank (R)	22%
42	John Trueschler (R)	50%

SAVE THE DATE!!!

CBCDC BULL ROAST

**Sunday October 17, 2004
2 - 6 p.m.**

The Lodge at Oregon Ridge Park

Hunt Valley, Maryland

- ★ **Silent Auction of Kerry Campaign Stuff**
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Send in your ticket reservations now!

For more information, please contact

Bob Derbyshire at 410-321-9055

The Project Vote Smart Experience

by Eleanor Kaufman, CBCDC member

When my husband Alex and I headed for Montana volunteering to participate in a program called Project Vote Smart, we had sort of an idea what to expect, but our experience went far beyond our expectations. We had read about the goals and were eager to participate in this bipartisan effort, now that the political climate has become so energized. PVS is about students, interns, volunteers and 45,000 members working to do what may be the single most important effort to preserve and protect our right to self govern in the century to come. Abusive tactics of political campaigns have stripped away dependable information about the candidates who wish to govern our lives. Hundreds of idealists--conservatives and liberals--from around the country volunteering together, spending thousands of hours researching the backgrounds and records of over 30,000 candidates for public office was an inspiring phenomenon.

We checked voting records, campaign finances, position statements, backgrounds, and evaluations done on candidates by over 100 competing special interest groups, and we amassed every public utterance, interview, and written statement that they made. The kind of information that is essential to prudent decision making in the voting booth. Information that is now available free of charge by just picking up a phone and calling one of the hundreds of student interns who have been trained over the toll-free Voter's Research Hotline, or through the Vote Web site and publications.

This all sounds deceptively simple but it was enormously difficult, requiring a collaboration between thousands of citizens willing to lay their differences aside at least long enough to ensure that no citizen is left without the means to instantly access the accurate, relevant information so essential to sound, knowledgeable decisions.

The Founding Board demonstrates the diversity of the political spectrum. John McCain, George McGovern, Bill Frist and Pat Schroeder to name just a few. To be on the Board one must bring in someone from a different party. The staff at PVS receives the minimum salary but the vast majority of the work is done by idealistic interns and volunteers like ourselves. What was particularly impressive for us was the effort by PVS to involve young people and inspire them in the importance and responsibility of citizenship.

Yes, we put in a full day of stuffing, folding, checking and doing whatever needed doing. My friend Marilyn and I helped out in the kitchen at times. Feeding forty or so ravenous young people is a lot of work. Alex and Allan, Marilyn's husband, did outside work, and I think were happy to escape the sometimes hectic office pace. Everyone had chores to assure the smooth operation of the ranch. After supper the long lovely evenings were filled with ball games, riding, swimming and boating. But just sitting back and watching all those crazy wonderful kids was fun. And, all this took place on a Montana ranch surrounded by mountains of pine, meadows of wildflowers and under a story book sky.

Contact Project Vote Smart

**www.vote-smart.org
1.888.VOTE.SMART**

In case you were interested . . .

“According to PoliticalMoneyLine.com, five times as many corporate CEOs, presidents and chairmen gave to Bush as Kerry: 17,770 to 3,393. Conversely, the number of professors who gave to Kerry is 11 times the number of those who gave to Bush, 3,508 to 322. Actors split 212 for Kerry, 12 for Bush; authors, 110 to 3; librarians, 223 to 1; journalists, 93 to 1; and social workers, 415 to 32.”

-TheWashingtonPost.com

**Make a difference.
Get involved with the CBCDC's
New Voter Outreach Opportunities**

Our Voter Outreach Committee has come up with some exciting opportunities to register likely Democratic voters and get out the vote (GOTV) of strong Democrats in November. These activities are extremely important not only for this election but also for the next election when there will be very competitive local races. We plan to fine tune and expand these strategies to make a major impact in November 2006.

Each of these activities will only take a few hours of your time. We hope that every Club member will volunteer for one voter registration activity and one GOTV activity.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The Committee has identified several key precincts in which there is under registration of Democratic voters. In these areas, we plan to do the following:

Door-to-door

We will knock on doors in key precincts for a few hours on Sunday, September 19th (rain date the following weekend). We will meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of Towson High School off Aigburth Rd.

Shopping centers

We will set up tables in front of grocery stores where the voters from key precincts shop on a Saturday in September.

Community events

We will set up tables at local community events. Currently scheduled are the Parkville Festival on Sept. 12 and the Baltimore County African-American Cultural Festival on Sept. 18.

Note: Everyone who registers voters must go through a very brief training session. We will offer the training at the Club's next monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14th. Those who cannot make it can show up early at Towson High School on the 19th, or we can make other arrangements.

GOTV

Follow up with registered voters

For voters who give us permission, we will contact them shortly before the election to remind them to vote.

Block captains

Each captain will receive a list of voters on their block who are Democrats but haven't voted every election. At your convenience, you will introduce yourself and encourage them to vote. You will also handle any requests for lawn signs or bump stickers on your block. If we can develop a block captain network across our area, we can make a tremendous difference in future elections.

For more information,
please contact Matthew Joseph
at 410-296-3544 or matthewjoseph@comcast.net.

BLURBS . . .

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The next newsletter deadline is September 20 for the October edition. Please send essays, reviews, or notices to jfontaine@gmail.com [Note: Jamie has a new email, please change your address books.]

GENERAL MEMBER MEETINGS

CBCDC General Member meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month, except July and August. We meet at the Carver Community Center in Historic East Towson. From York Road, head east on Towsontown Blvd. Make a left on Jefferson. The building is on your right, the entrance is on Lennox, and we meet on the Third Floor. Members begin gathering at 7 p.m. for social time. The business meeting starts at 7:30 and our Guest Speakers begin at 7:45 p.m. Meetings end by 9 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

According to CBCDC By-laws, "Dues in any fiscal year shall be due and payable on January 1." We have a number of members on our list who have not yet paid for 2004. Look on your mailing label. If it says "2003" then you have not renewed for 2004. This is your last newsletter if you do not send in 2004 dues by September 15.

NEW CLUB COMMITTEES

Standing: Membership Outreach and Recruitment Committee

Bob Anbinder, Chair

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This committee will be responsible for two duties: Developing ways to increase membership and welcoming new members that join.

Standing: Program Development

Tom Dolina, Chair

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This committee will set the agenda and contact speakers for each month's general meeting.

Standing: Hospitality

Gerri Brian, Chair

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This committee will have two duties: Bring, set up, and clear the food and beverages for each general meeting; and greet new members who come to the meeting.

Ad Hoc: Voter Outreach

Matthew Joseph, Chair

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This committee will be responsible for developing and implementing ways the club can increase Democratic voter registration in our area before November. This committee will come up with the ideas and strategies, then recruit help from the rest of the club.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

September 9- Baltimore for Kerry Meeting, Mark Downs Furniture, 11001 York Rd. 7 p.m.

September 13 - Baltimore Coordinated Campaign Fundraiser at the Bay Cafe, 2809 Boston Street from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. O'Malley's March and more. \$75. Contact 410-547-1068 ext. 210.

September 14 - CBCDC GENERAL MEETING. Speaker: Kerry Campaign Representative. Pick up yard signs, bumper stickers. Hear about Voter registration and GOTV efforts.

September 25 - Battle Grove Democratic Club Annual Jimmy Buffet Gala Bll and Oyster Roast. 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. Tickets \$30. Call Margie Brassil 410-377-6488.

September 30 - FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE. Starts 9 p.m. EST.

OCTOBER

October 3 - Pizza with Senator Mikulski. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Guests \$100. Contact Rachel at 410-547-8884.

October 3 - Support John Kerry at Oriole Park. 1:35 p.m. O's v. Red Sox. Purchase includes Kerry/Edwards T-shirt and raises money for John Kerry. Contact Allison at AllisonD@Synergics.com

October 5 - VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE. Starts 9 p.m. EST.

October 8 - SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE. Starts 9 p.m.

October 12 - GENERAL MEETING. Speaker: Former County Executive Ted Venetoulis. GOTV efforts.

October 12 - LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE.

October 13 - THIRD PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE. Starts 9 p.m.

October 17 - CBCDC Bull Roast. Oregon Ridge Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

October 20 - Ben Cardin's Old Fashioned Democratic Rally. Museum of Industry. Tickets available at CBCDC General Meeting Sept. 14 and Oct. 9.

October 19 - Reception for Jim Brochin. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Michael's Cafe. 2119 York Rd. Timonium. \$250. Call 410-547-1068.

NOVEMBER

November 2 - ELECTION DAY! GOTV!

Tom Dolina's Convention Journal, continued from page 1

One, rich people do not need a tax cut, they're already spending enough money; and two, voting is not enough if you want change.

We decided not to go to the convention that night even though we missed a fantastic speech by soon-to-be Senator Obama. Instead, I gave my delegate pass to Mayor Martin O'Malley's wife, Katie. She appreciated it (and, you never know when you might need a favor). Joan and I went to dinner and watched the highlights later. Frankly, we needed the sleep.

Wednesday was an important day for us because it was John Edwards' night. I had been asked earlier in the week to serve as the Edwards' whip to the Maryland Delegation. I really did not have to do much, although I did get some phone calls and perhaps I curried some favor. We got some extra that night because of our affiliation with John Edwards, so many passes in fact that we had extra. Joan's cousin who lives in Cambridge was the beneficiary of one pass. The funny thing between delegate and hall passes: the delegate passes allowed you to get on the floor and hall passes allowed you to get in the hall. There were a lot of hall passes on the floor because of a little system that we worked out. In any event, Joan and her cousin ended up sitting with the Wisconsin Delegation for a brief period of time while we waited for John Edwards. We listened to Martin O'Malley speak. It was hard to hear him but I thought he did a great job. I don't know what you thought of Edwards' speech, I thought he was a little flat (maybe that was purposeful).

It is now Thursday morning and we have to get up. We wanted to hit the last informative non-party event which was a healthcare forum with Ted Kennedy, Hillary Clinton, and also John Lewis (a congressman from Georgia), who is a very fiery speaker. The forum brought to light the third thing that I learned: that healthcare is not a privilege for a few but is a right and necessity for everyone.

The biggest challenge on Thursday was getting Joan a pass. We ended up going to the Park Plaza which was where John Edwards was staying. We dropped some names, looked important but no luck. So we went to plan B. I traded my delegate pass for two hall passes, and it worked.

The crowd was exuberant and the hall was extraordinarily crowded, to the point that the Fire Marshall shut down the floor. Everyone was trading passes at that point, but shutting down the floor stopped that practice quite quickly.

We were all fairly anxious about Kerry and how he would do. I always thought that Kerry was boring and uninspiring, but that night he hit a home run with a very good speech. We were all energized. We left the Convention Center and hit Boston in earnest. People were very excited and carrying out souvenirs from the Convention Hall. But the best thing we did that night was to go back to the Seaport to the packed lobby which included members of the Maryland Delegation—Joe Curran, Max Curran, Jim Smith, Curt Clifton, Martin O'Malley, Ann Beegle, Rob Johnson, Jon Cardin, Keiffer Mitchel and a host of others. Joe Curran bought the pizza, we bought wine and someone else bought beers and we sat in the lobby until we were told at 3:30 a.m. that we had to leave. We moved up to the Plaza level but at that point I had trouble staying with the conversation and there were only a handful of people left, so we walked to our elevator and went to bed.

The events that week underscored the importance of Conventions. Whether they are bland and blasé or they are fiery and divisive, they do bring people together for a common purpose – to provide great discussion and thought.

So here is the message, and it is straight from Howard Dean, on a grading scale from A - F, it goes like this:

- If you vote you get a "D"
- If you donate money to your candidate you get a "C"
- If you do all of that and volunteer you get a "B"
- But if you do all that and run for office, then and only then do you get an "A."

Thank you Volunteers!

Thanks to Priscilla Brown, Tom Dawes and Sue Walker for their help on Rep. Dutch Ruppensberger's phonebank in June. Dutch's staff greatly appreciated the effort in getting people out to his fundraiser.

Our Club made a difference! Thanks to Lenna Kennedy, Patricia Owen, Richard and Cathy Barbehenn, Lorraine Anderson, Peg Massey, Steve Lafferty, Larry Fogelson, Gerri Brian, Suzanne Walker, Tim Caslin, Wally Lippincott, Sharon Smith, Herb Lodder, Jen Porter, Noel Levy, Vicki Schultz-Unger, Randy Goldberg, and Margie Brassil for their individual donations to the MD Kerry Steering Committee to buy bumper stickers to plaster all over the state. Individual donations such as these have been the key throughout this election. And, the club also got some extra bumper stickers. Thank you all!

**Each one of us can help with visibility.
Here are some easy things you can do to help Democrats win:**

- 1) Use your talents to speak eloquently with our friends and neighbors about the important issues and ideals that are at stake in this election.
- 2) Look on the internet for campaigns, organizations and activities that suit you and your interests, and pitch in. The State Democratic Party website, www.mddems.org, has links to Democratic candidates and organizations.
- 3) Wear t-shirts from your favorite candidates to the market, the park, and while walking the dog.
- 4) Put signs on your lawn. Aid your candidate by increasing their visibility in as many ways as you can. Name recognition counts!
- 5) Place bumper stickers on your car. Most candidates have created durable yet easily removable stickers.
- 6) Have a house party to introduce your friends and neighbors to your favorite candidates.
- 7) Volunteer with a campaign!
- 8) Read newspapers and blogs, listen to and watch the news and respond when these outlets ask for public opinion.
- 9) **Make sure everyone you know is registered to vote -- and make sure they get to the polls.**

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Help Make Calls to Voters in Swing States

The drive is organized by Women's Voices, Women's Votes in conjunction with US Action, the umbrella organization for state citizen action groups. The target of the drive is unmarried women who are voluntarily disenfranchised. While the drive is nonpartisan and must remain so because of how it is funded, the target group is a progressive group of voters most likely to vote democratic and who have not voted previously.

There are 22 million women in this demographic making up 24% of eligible voters. Compare that to NASCAR Dads who are a mere 6% of the voting population and you can see the potential impact in getting these women to the polls. The calling list has come from census data and exit polls and the selecting and dialing is done by the computer. The calls will be to women in swing states. Once the computer connects the volunteer caller, s/he begins talking. Volunteer callers take voter registrations over the phone on simple motor/voter registration forms honored in all states. The caller fills out the form to mail to the registrant for signature. The forms go to DC to US Action/Women's Voices, Women's Vote where they are recorded and sent to the local Boards of Election. The DC group will use those registrations as the basis for the GOTV effort that will follow to actually get these voters to the polls. While you can't mention Kerry or Bush in your calling, you can talk about issues to motivate the person you're calling (much like the exhortation to "vote for stem cell research on Nov. 2nd").

The phonebank registration drive will be held at 22 West Street, Towson, at the market research firm of Sydney Hollander, long-time political activist. The firm is donating the space. Two Marylanders, Betsy Krieger and MaryJo Kirschman, have pulled together this drive at this location so interested people here can pitch in.

If you have time to make these calls, please email either Betsy at Kandel@charm.net or Mary Jo at mkirschman@excite.com. Or you can reach them by phone at 410-235-8869 (Betsy) or 410-254-7058 (Mary Jo).

From The Gadfly . . .
www.gadflyer.com

"Steele"-ing History

by Bart Acocella

Michael Steele ought to be ashamed of himself. In an effort to recast the GOP as the party of racial justice, he let fly with this last night: "And we [the nation, not the Republican party] have come even further since a majority of Republicans in the United States Senate fought off the segregationist Democrats to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Factually true. Manifestly manipulative and dishonest. There is a clear implication that it is a direct line from the Democratic Party of George Wallace and Lester Maddox to the Party of John Kerry and Bill Clinton.

Michael Steele, meet American political history. The descendants of the Dixiecrats are, of course, the 2004 Republican Party establishment. For four decades, Republicans have been all too happy to drive the civil rights wedge through the Democratic Party, throwing the GOP doors wide open to invite in all manner of racial retrogrades. Hell, Strom Thurmond left the Democratic Party in that same year of 1964 because it was insufficiently racist. Trent Lott is another for whom the inclusiveness of the Democrats became too much to bear.

Who is Michael Steele kidding? Racial demagoguery has been one of the pillars of Republican electoral success for more than a generation. And the Civil Rights Act was the midwife that birthed the Republican Southern Strategy that made possible the presidencies of Nixon, Reagan, Bush and Bush.

**Central Baltimore County Democratic Club
Annual Membership Form**

Annual dues are only \$20

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Home Phone _____

Email Address _____

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120 W. Seminary Ave. Lutherville, MD 21093

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On the Lighter Side . . .

Things you have to believe to be a Republican:

Saddam was a good guy when Reagan armed him, a bad guy when Bush's daddy made war on him, a good guy when Cheney did business with him and a bad guy when Bush needed a "we can't find Bin Laden" diversion.

The United States should get out of the United Nations, and our highest national priority is enforcing U.N. resolutions against Iraq.

Providing health care to all Iraqis is sound policy. Providing health care to all Americans is socialism.

A president lying about an extramarital affair is an impeachable offense. A president lying to enlist support for a war in which thousands die is solid defense policy.

You can also pay your yearly dues online at WWW.CBCDC.ORG

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