**Calendar**

3/29 - Ron Paul in Denver! Jefferson County Fairgrounds. 15200 W 6th Ave 7:30pm. Oops. We didn't know 'til 3/22.

April 10th - Sunday, 2pm. Ron Paul, LP Presidential candidate will be on William Buckley's Firing Line, on Ch 6 in the Denver area. Invite some friends over to watch.

2nd Wednesday - Cocktail Party. At Victoria Mason's, 1270 Logan #8, (Carriage house behind main building, look for blue light) in Denver on April 13th at 7:30 pm. It's potluck; please bring some chips/dip or vegies to munch on. Come and watch the Ron Paul Firing Line interview! Need directions? Call Victoria at 831-1620.


4th Wednesday - CLP Board meeting at the office.

April 27-30 - Andre Marrou visits Colorado! See details.

April 30-May 1 - FIFE convention in Dallas. See details.

**Andre Plans Visit to Colorado!**

Andre Marrou, Libertarian Vice-Presidential candidate, is planning a visit to Colorado to speak to high-school and college students April 27 through 30. Volunteers are needed to cover expenses for airfare, transportation (car rental or loaner), lodging (prefers motels, will accept private room w/bath, clean sheets, etc), and meals. Please help Andre discover more libertarians! Call the office or Dave Daniels for details.

**Doug Anderson Addresses Newly Found Libertarians**

Hi! Is this the first or second CLIPboard you've received? If so, Welcome! You and 800 other Coloradans receive the CLIPboard because you're people with guts enough to back up your ideas on self-government by registering as a Libertarian, contributing, or volunteering; in a word, ACTION.

I hope you'll consider ways to spread your ideas. Be it an idea you've read in the CLIPboard and want to support, or an idea you have and need the help of other action people to implement. The basics of any political party's success rests on people being willing to contribute time and/or money. I hope you'll do both and have fun doing them. Attend the cocktail party and Breakfast Club, consider becoming a monthly pledger, and volunteer a little time each month. Give Dave Aitken a call at the CLP headquarters, 837-9393.

**Thanks**

Neal Lafon printed last month's CLIPboard. Bill Fargo, Doug Anderson, and David Aitken folded, stapled, and labeled it.

We'd also like to thank the following people for joining or renewing their membership since January 1. Charles Stogsdill, Vern Bickel, Robert Crago, Patrick Lilly, Ronald Hansen, Steve Thurman.

**Unsung Heroes**

The following people are the unsung heroes of the CLP. Why? Well, they've been paying the bills with monthly pledges in amounts from $3 to $25 per month. Believe me, that three dollar pledge is welcome. Your help would be most appreciated. Please call the office for details.

David Aitken Jon Baraga Robert Herzfeld
Brian Erickson Keaton Riggs Rodger Lang
George Ojdovich Elsa M Soyers Randy & Becky Fitzgerald
Alfred K. Carr Attilio B. Catanzano Patrick L. Lilly
Ronald Bain Lester N. Edgett Hazel Barrett
Dave Schrader Stephen G Davis Douglas Anderson
Gerald Hatch Dale C. Reed Grace E. Reed

**New Promotional Tool!!**

Our landlord, Paul Ruston, is letting us put a sign in the window of one of his vacant properties. It's right at the corner of 18th Avenue and Clarkson in Denver and has a good traffic count. The sign is 6 ft by 8 ft with 10 inch high letters. We can use it as long as the property remains vacant. Do you know someone who would let us do the same elsewhere? Will you help make signs to display?
The state convention, a combined convention for Colorado, Wyoming, and Alaska, will be held May 27, 28, and 29th in Fort Collins. The featured guest is Walter Block, Senior Economist at the Fraser Institute in Vancouver, BC. Ron Paul and Andre Harrou, our Presidential and VP candidates, may be there on Saturday afternoon. Russell Means, Indian activist, former contender for the LP presidential race, and founder of Freedom Is For Everyone (FIFE), will also address the convention.

It's at the University Park Holiday Inn, 425 W. Prospect Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80526. Rooms are $44.08 per night. Registration - before 1/15, $40.00; 1/15 - 4/15, $55.00; 4/16 - 5/20, $65.00; 5/20 -, $75.00. Send checks for registration to the hotel.

At the 1988 convention in May, we will decide where to have the 1989 event. Our choices depend on you being willing to make a presentation to this year's convention, telling us how you will organize and run it, and what kind of benefits will accrue to the Party. Contact the office for details.

The following issues, among others, will be discussed at the business meeting during the convention in May.

1. Victoria Mason is working on modifying membership requirements to conform to state laws. Basically, this change would allow participation in the business portion of the convention by all persons registered to vote as Libertarian. This issue will be first on the ballot, so if it passes, people who are registered Libertarians can participate in the rest of the meeting. Victoria can be reached at 831-1620.

2. Should we charge for subscriptions to the Clipboard if an individual is not a dues-paying member? How much?


At the state convention we will hold elections for the Party leadership. There are five positions open - Chairman, Campaigns, Membership, Communications, and Finance. This party will only be as successful as the people who do the work. Please volunteer to accept responsibility to get the job done.

1. The party Chairman is responsible for seeing that the various legal requirements are met, and conducts the board meetings. Public relations, media contact. Maintain contact with elected Libertarians. Maintain contact with Republican and Democratic party officials for candidate debates, etc.

2. The Campaigns chairman is responsible for finding candidates, seeing that legal requirements are met, and making sure that candidates are well-organized. Prioritizes races in terms of resource allocation.

3. The Membership chairman's duties are to see that membership renewals are solicited and processed, and to find ways to recruit new members. Membership chair plays a key role in a financially healthy party.

4. The Communications chair is responsible for publishing the Clipboard, handle speaking engagements (but not necessarily speaking), media contact, news releases, and conduct letter-writing campaigns.

5. The Finance chair pays the bills, handles the pledge program, raises funds, and generally sees that the Party operates in a business-like manner.

Congratulations! And Thanks! To Ken Riggs, Preston Adams and Grace Reed!! Through their efforts, we located 330 "new" Libertarians. Each arranged to get, from their county clerks, the names of the registered Libertarians living in their counties. Dave Aitken then entered those names in the computer and WOW, 330 people we didn't know about!

This is good news and bad news. The good news is obvious. We are now in touch with 330 more Libertarians - informing them of events and asking for their support. The bad news is twofold. First, we've contacted 5 out of 63 counties in
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Colorado, so there is a lot more to do. I hope you'll consider helping in your county. The second part of the bad news is, an awful lot of libertarians who are party members aren't registering to vote as Libertarian. Please know, we are no longer required by the state to register as unaffiliated. The courts have said we can register as a Libertarian. I hope you will do so.

If you would like information on any way you can help, call me at 757-8896.

+ ----- Aitken State Rep. Race Heating Up ----- +

David Aitken's race for State Rep. District 6 is becoming more active. We've purchased 10,000 of the World's Smallest Political Quiz which will give people a better idea of where they fit on the political spectrum. Printing of "Who Is a Libertarian?" is under way. Brochure design is being worked on by Sally Mason and Pat Shortridge. Many thanks to both of these women for their contribution.

Our loan program is starting to work. We've received $3500 in zero interest loans to help finance the effort. The funds will be invested, the interest only will be used to fund the campaign, and the money repaid in November. Call David Aitken (831-4334) for details.

+ ----- Ron Paul, Andre Marrou Petitions ----- +

The only way we will have a Libertarian presidential candidate on the ballot in November is if we collect signatures of 5000 registered voters. Please do your part by getting 5 or 10 from friends, neighbors, clubs you belong to, and co-workers. David Aitken took a petition to one of the clubs he belongs to, made a 30 second announcement about it, and got 13. Bucky Carr took it to work and got 28! If everyone got 10, we'd have it made!

The voting district referred to in the petition is the State of Colorado.

Due to the niceties of the legal system, you cannot sign a petition for which you are the circulator and have it count! Please sign someone else's petition (and they can sign yours).

The petitions are due in the Secretary of State's office on August 2nd. However, since the number of signatures turned in by members may be less than that required, we need several months notice to make up the difference. So, please return your petitions by April 30. That will give us 90 days to make up the difference.

Extra petitions are available from the office.

+ ----- Can we hit 1000 by November? ----- +

The Secretary of State reports that there are 878 registered Libertarians in Colorado. Can we boost that to 1000 by November? If you're not registered as a Libertarian, show them you care, that you're willing to stand up and be counted. Please change your party affiliation to Libertarian today.

+ ----- Andre Marrou, VP Candidate, Speaks! ----- +

Here are some of Andre's comments on how we can achieve a Libertarian society. Andre was elected to the Alaskan State Legislature in 1984.

1. Stop trying to purify our candidates from, say, 96% to 99% ideological purity. You would be amazed how many LP'ers give me books, pamphlets, articles, and letters aimed at increasing my purity. Even if I had time to read them, I still wouldn't at this point -- I'd spend my time aiming to:

2. Bring outsiders into the LP! Very few Libertarians actually do this. Ask yourself: how many persons have you brought into the LP this week? This month? This past year?

3. Run a few viable candidates for the smallest partisan constituencies and back'em to the hilt. Object: Actually win some elections. Pick a few races for your state House of Rep. or Assembly. Don't run a full slate for every single seat; we just ain't got the wherewithal yet. Don't waste your time, effort, and money trying to win Congressional, or statewide offices. Also, forget about local non-partisan elections, since the press won't credit the LP for winning them.

4. Remember: Credibility is gained by winning elections, not by running candidates! You want credibility? Win some partisan elections. You want to lose credibility? Run many candidates, all of whom lose.
5. Emphasize television; forget about a campaign brochure. DO NOT WRITE, MUCH LESS PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE, A CAMPAIGN BROCHURE. Use at least 50% of your campaign funds on TV, less than 25% on radio, and less than 25% combined for newspaper ads, bumper stickers, lapel buttons, yard signs, and other such nonsense. Remember: Newspapers were the prime mass medium of the 19th century, radio, the first half of the 20th, and TV is it nowadays! Note: The average Libertarian is an intellectual who reads a lot and watches television a little. The average voter is just the opposite: A non-intellectual who reads a little and watches TV about 6 1/2 hours per day!

6. Whether candidate or campaign worker, commit yourself: You to do what is necessary to win -- short of lying, cheating, and stealing. We'll leave those nefarious pursuits to the Republicans and Democrats.

7. Organize, organize, organize! You can't get over-organized, but you can become over-bureaucratized, (i.e., too many non-workers at the top). Your state and local LP's should be well organized, down to and including a captain for every precinct. Every state LP should have a self-paid, (via monthly pledges, direct mail fundraisers, raffles, etc.), executive director.

8. All in all, you have to beat 'em at their own game. Fortunately, this is not too difficult, considering how inept the opposition is. In fact, we've already beat 'em some 74 times. But bear in mind that it is their game, played by their rules.

9. Don't desert the LP and join another party to "take control" or simply to "get elected". It can't be done. Anybody who tries this is wasting time and resources.

One of the major fundraising efforts of the CLP is our hamburger booth at the People's Fair in Denver. This year the fair is June 4th and 5th. Our profit is usually over $400 and we need a committed libertarian to organize this fundraising event as well as others to man the booth. This profit will go towards campaigns and finding new libertarians. Please call the office or the Party Chairman for details.

We will also have an information booth in conjunction with David Aitken's campaign. The People's Fair is our chance to influence over 400,000 people. Please make a commitment today!

Charles Stogsdill is organizing the burger booth. Please help him have a successful event by volunteering a couple of hours of your time. His phone number is in the contacts section.

--- Wheatridge High School ---

We have been invited to set up a booth at Wheatridge High School during a political awareness day on April 28th. Tentative information indicates it will be from 10am to 2pm. Volunteers are needed to staff it, pass out literature, and answer questions. Please call the office if interested.

--- Ron Paul Action Item ---

If you'd like to see Ron on the Oprah Winfrey Show, please write the show at P.O. Box 909-715, Chicago, IL 60609. Ron also asks that you write and thank William F. Buckley, Jr., 150 E. 35th St., New York, NY 10016, for interviewing him.

--- Freedom Is For Everyone ---

FIFE will hold a get-the-ball-rolling meeting in Dallas on April 30/May 1. Party Chairman Dave Daniels may be driving down; if you're interested in sharing expenses, please call him. Call 415-326-5769 for details.

--- U.S. Congressional Race ---

In order to keep our status as a political organization, we are required by state law to run a candidate for U.S. Congress. Time requirements, except for petitioning, can be as much or as little as you'd like. If interested, please call the office.

Our previously announced candidate, Joe Thompson, had to terminate his race because he was not registered to vote as a Libertarian.
Colorado, Wyoming, Alaska Libertarians
1988 Joint Convention
FREEDOM NOW

For: Libertarians, libertarians, Democrats, Republicans, Unaffiliates, Moles, Skeptics, Conservatives, Liberals, Walter Block fans and OTHERS with a desire to be delightfully entertained and informed.

When: May 27, 28, 29, 1988, Memorial Day Weekend

Where: University Park Holiday Inn; 425 W. Prospect Road; Fort Collins, Colorado 80526
Take I-25 to Prospect Road Exit into Fort Collins. Straight west about 4 miles. On left.

Cost: Includes all programs, materials, Saturday luncheon and entertainment, Saturday banquet and Talent show.
Early Bird: before January 15 $40.00 Late: April 16 - May 20 $55.00
Regular: January 15 - April 15 $55.00 Door: $75.00
Business meetings only: free

Free Market and Information Tables: $20.00

PROGRAM

Friday: 6 - 8 pm registration
8 - 10 pm Welcome: Mary Margaret
WALTER BLOCK Objectivism vs. libertarianism.

Saturday: 9 - 10 am WALTER BLOCK A critique of the U.S. bishops statement on the economy, and of their neo-conservative critics.
10 - 10:15 am break
10:15 - 11:45 am state reports
11:45 - 1:15 pm luncheon and entertainment
1:15 - 1:30 break
1:30 - 2:30 pm WALTER BLOCK Defending the Undefendable.
2:30 - 2:45 pm break
2:45 - 5:00 pm L.P. Presidential and Vice Presidential presentation: Ron Paul and André Marrou campaign
5 - 5:30 pm vote on 1987 convention bids
5:30 - 6:30 pm break
6:30 - 10:00 pm banquet and Talent show with music by John Gilliam
10 pm ->

Sunday: 9 - 10 am WALTER BLOCK Austrian economics is one easy lesson.
10 - 10:15 am break
10:15 - 12 N U.S. (business session) platform, constitution, and by-laws
12 N - 1:30 pm lunch break
1:30 - 2:30 pm WALTER BLOCK Privatizing roads and highways.
2:30 - 3 pm break
3 - 3:30 pm election
3:30 - 4:30 pm board meeting

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Walter Block

Walter Block is a long time libertarian activist. He was a socialist student in Brooklyn College when converted to this philosophy by Ayn Rand and Nathaniel Branden in 1962. (They might not like the precise path he has taken since then, but that is another matter.) One of the earliest of the L.P. office seekers, he ran for New York State Assembly in 1968. After completing his studies for the Ph.D. in economics (Columbia University, 1972), he campaigned for the Vice Presidency on the Libertarian Party ticket in 1973.

Block is the author of the best-selling libertarian-cult favorite Defending the Undefendable, as well as four other books on economics, and is the editor of another dozen volumes dealing with the arcana of the dismal science. His tape recorded "Reply to Peter Schwartz's Objectivist critique of Libertarianism" has hit the Laissez-Faire Bookstore's list of top 15 best sellers. He recently appeared as "Mr. July" in the Libertarian Calendar published by the Freedom Party of Canada.

An active public speaker, Walter Block has addressed numerous state LP conventions, Libertarian Scholar's Conferences and Libertarian supper clubs. He has lectured for Libertarian International in London, Oslo and Stockholm, at the Future of Freedom Conference in California, and is a frequent attraction at Canadian Libertarian Party functions. He is an adjunct scholar for the Mises Institute, the Cato Institute, and is on the Advisory Boards of The Journal of Libertarian Studies, Reason Papers, The Radical Libertarian Alliance, The Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise and Ideer om Frihet, a Norwegian-based libertarian organization.

Block publishes regularly in Liberty, The Libertarian Party News, The American Libertarian, the Freeman and also in Reason magazine. An Austrian economist, he is co-editor, along with Murray N. Rothbard, of The Review of Austrian Economics, and has written for The Free Market, and the Austrian Economic Newsletter.

Walter Block

LIBERTARIANISM versus OBJECTIVISM
A Response to Peter Schwartz by Walter Block
Reviewed by Roy A. Childs, Jr.

Oh, no! Recently the Objectivist writer Peter Schwartz authored a scathing attack on libertarianism titled "Libertarianism: The Perversion of Liberty." In that pamphlet, Schwartz launched a harsh attack on libertarianism by taking the positions of some of its major advocates and effectively showing them down the throats of those advocates. Unfortunately, Schwartz won't let us carry his pamphlet, but here's an equally scathing response by the outraged Walter Block, author of Defending the Undefendable! Schwartz picked Block as one of his major foils in his pamphlet, and here Block responds with wit, insight, rigor, and a host of arguments and assertions that could only come from him. Block is in a class by himself: practically no one holds to the type of libertarianism that he espouses, so this response is Block's alone. He defends the Libertarian/Objectivist nonaggression axiom ("no one has the right to aggress against or initiate the use of physical force against other, nonaggressive humans"), but he goes on to claim that all other moral or ethical claims are merely personal preferences. In typical Blockian style, he goes on to defend perversion per se, making some preposterous and funny assertions. He assails Objectivism as a cult, and makes plenty of both acute and absurd points in defense of libertarianism in this lively talk. Block's defense of libertarianism and attack on Objectivism won't be to everyone's taste, but this tape will illustrate why he is one of the libertarian movement's most popular—and controversial—speakers and personalities.

BE WARNED: Block's lack of civility is almost equal to that of Peter Schwartz.

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Libertarians offer citizens platform for expression

Gary Harmon
Daily Sentinel

If Mesa County Liberty has anything to say about it, rugged Western individualism will find a new form of expression through the Libertarian Party.

A small political organization founded in Grand Junction with about a dozen people last May, Mesa County Liberty has only recently started to make some waves. But Chairman Steve Thurman said the organization is becoming known and will become more so as an election on the city's additional sales tax approaches, and as Paul Ferris continues his battle for his home against Mesa County officials.

Those issues, as well as the state's mandatory seat belt law, have attracted people to Mesa County Liberty, which now has a mailing list of 35 or 40 people, Thurman said.

Most recently, the organization distributed a boldly headlined flier declaring, "Your local government is out of control," and urging people to attend a Mesa County District Court hearing involving Ferris and to oppose the sales tax increase.

Ferris built a house in rural Fruitland without first obtaining a building permit, and because of his continuing refusal to get a permit, the county has threatened to destroy his home.

Jeff Leany, who organized a petition drive to force an election on the additional sales tax, isn't affiliated with Mesa County Liberty, but the organization is willing to help fight with him to defeat the sales tax increase.

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tax increase, Thurman said.
"In a bad economy, raising taxes doesn't make sense," Thurman said.

"The City Council has 13 months to let people forget that they're paying a little more each time they make a retail purchase, he said.
"Somebody needs to keep track of where the money is going to."

Mesa County Liberty's stance goes deeper than just opposing the sales tax increase. Thurman said the organization doesn't necessarily agree with taxing sales at all.

"It's just legalized theft. Nobody knows how to spend my money better than I do," he said.

Spending tax money — the council has earmarked $300,000 annually — to help the Mesa County Economic Development Council isn't proper, he said.

"Either Grand Junction has merits on its own or it doesn't, and the community shouldn't be made artificially more attractive than it is, he said.

Economic development is best left to private enterprise, Thurman said. "Let the private sector handle economic development, it can do a much better job of it than any government can."

Thurman said that the MCEDC may actually be stifling the Grand Valley's growth because it seeks out certain kinds of industries and not others, thereby limiting the kind of growth that can take place here.

Economic development isn't the only thing that government shouldn't be involved in, Thurman said.

Describing Libertarians as "fiscally conservative and socially liberal," Thurman said the party advocates "little or no government control in private lives or in the marketplace."

That makes Libertarians different from followers of Lyndon LaRouche or Constitutionalists, though there are some similarities with the latter, he said.

The organization's theme of individualism, he said, will have appeal.

"A lot of people feel just like we do and don't know that there's a tag applied to it," he said. Yet the Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in the United States, though well behind the Democrats and Republicans, he said.

While taking on the sales tax issue and the county on behalf of Ferris, Thurman said Mesa County Liberty is looking into still another issue, that of Sunshine Taxi's efforts to persuade the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to allow it to expand its service area. The commission in January refused to allow the expansion, saying that the market here wasn't large enough to support two taxi companies.

"Whatever happened to competition?" Thurman said.
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* ----- Voter Registration ----- *

In Colorado, you can register to vote as a Libertarian. Doing so helps promote the libertarian movement by letting elected officials know there's an alternative. Call the Election official in your county for details.

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