

Convention Highlights

Colorado Libertarians gathered in Evergreen over the weekend of 22-24 March, listening to speakers who provided various perspectives on the libertarian movement, being solicited for support by two men who want to the LP's nominee for President, and deciding who should lead the state party for the coming year. The Evergreen Conference Center was a very pleasant place to have a meeting, with meals distinctly superior to the typical conference fare.

Featured speaker Don Ernsberger provided an overview of the progress that libertarianism has made as a political movement, and emphasized the special place of the Libertarian Party in keeping the politics of freedom alive and growing here in America and the effect that that has on the prospects for freedom around the world. He also urged Libertarians to become involved in promoting awareness of the Bill of Rights in this, its 200th anniversary year.

Attendees also had a chance to hear from Bumper Hornberger of the Future of Freedom Foundation and Larry Dodge of the Fully Informed Jury Association. Michael Emerling gave a presentation on communicating political ideas, and joined with Don Ernsberger and Andre Marrou on Sunday for a mini-workshop for potential candidates.



Featured Speaker Don Ernsberger providing a musical interlude on Saturday evening. Photo by Alan Wendt

In a development that perhaps reflects a renewed level of activism in Colorado, there were three volunteers to serve as State Chair, and two ballots were required to get a majority. On the first ballot, the vote was 7 for Jon Baraga, 11 for Mary Callan, and 11 for Keith Hamburger; in the runoff Mary Callan won with 17 votes, Keith Hamburger had 11, and there was one for None of the Above.

The convention had a choice for Campaigns Director and Communications Director as well, with Rick Shaw challenging the incumbent in each case. For Campaigns Director the vote was 16 for Bain and 13 for Shaw; for Communications Director it was 16 for Dehn and 12 for Shaw.

There was only one volunteer for each of the other two positions on the Board of Directors: incumbent Rob Herzfeld for Finance Director and David Bryant for Membership Director.



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Hello! My name is David Bryant. I was elected to the post of Membership Director of the CLP at the State Convention in Evergreen on Sunday, March 24. I need *your* help to make the Libertarian Party grow.

I have a lot of ideas about the methods we should use to spread the Libertarian message across the state of Colorado. Today I want to talk about two of those ideas: decentralization and local autonomy.

The Libertarian Party must always remain responsive to the needs and desires of its members. I believe that a decentralized form of organization will best serve this purpose. That is to say, I favor the formation of many small local groups of Libertarians who can be active in their own communities. As Membership Director, I will help form those small groups, and I will remain open to any suggestions *you* may make. Please feel free to write to me, or to call me on the telephone – my address and phone number are listed in the “Colorado Libertarian Directory”.

In my mind, the idea of local autonomy is inseparable from the concept of decentralization. Not only must the Libertarian Party be composed of many small local groups which have banded together voluntarily; each of those groups must also make its own decisions, free of any coercive influence that might be exerted by some higher level of the organization. To achieve our common goals, we must band together, for in unity there is strength. At the same time, we must always remember that each individual is

* Call the leader of your county affiliate and participate in its affairs. If there is no affiliate in your county, you can start one! Just call me, and I will gladly put you in touch with other Libertarians in your community.

* I am looking for volunteers who will commit a small amount of time (2 to 3 hours each week) to assist with the membership function. There are a lot of things that *you* can do – please call, or write, and I’ll help you discover new ways to broaden our membership base.

The political pendulum is beginning to swing in our direction. People are sick and tired of the established political parties and their unblemished record of broken promises. Today we have a chance to rekindle the fire of Liberty in America. With *your* help, that flame can be made to burn so brightly that it will never be extinguished!

Yours in Liberty,

David C. Bryant

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LOCAL MEETINGS

Denver



other two positions on the Board of Directors: incumbent Rob Herzfeld for Finance Director and David Bryant for Membership Director.



David Aitken and Lexy Dillon counting ballots in the election for CLP officers.

One of the main items of business in Chicago will, of course, be the nomination of a candidate for president, and the Evergreen meeting provided an opportunity for the delegates to meet both contenders in person. At the end of the meeting two straw polls indicated a slight preference among Colorado Libertarians for Dick Boddie: among attendees in general, there were 12 votes for Boddie, 7 for Marrou, 1 for NOTA, and 4 for "undecided". Limiting the voting only to people who plan to be part of our delegation in Chicago, the numbers were Boddie 7, Marrou 5, and undecided 3.

Whoever is nominated, we will be needing help from a lot of volunteers to circulate the petition required by the state to get his name on the ballot. Five thousand valid signatures are required, which means we probably need to gather about 8,000 to be sure of having enough. Keith Hamburger volunteered for the job of coordinating this effort, and took advantage of the presence of so many activists in one place to collect pledges totalling 5200!

Mary Margaret taking a moment to remind attendees of her next big event, the Women in Libertarianism conference in June (see page 7).

Convention organizer Mary Margaret Glennie's proposal to hold next year's convention in Ft. Collins on the weekend of 24-26 April was accepted; her tentative schedule features Bruce Evoy as the main speaker.

It looks like Colorado will be well represented at the national convention this summer. Fourteen people were selected to fill Colorado's delegate slots (plus one Colorado resident, Joe Dehn, is automatically a delegate by virtue of being on the National Committee), and four more agreed to be alternates.

Going to Chicago are:

Delegates:

David Aitken
Ron Bain
David Bryant
Mary Callan
Joe Dehn
Natalie Dehn
Phil Freytag
Jim Glennie
Mary Margaret Glennie
Rob Herzfeld
Bruce Lockhart
Dave Schrader
David Schumacher
Carol Steinheimer
Steve Straly

Alternates:

Ed Camerlo
Jane Freytag
Rae Christensen
Jon Baraga

The convention also decided to allow for additional alternates to be appointed by the Board of Directors, or by the delegates themselves once they get to Chicago.

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I think that the county affiliates of the CLP are the seeds from which a decentralized statewide network of activists will grow. I have already begun to plan for the expansion of the existing county affiliates, and I have some ideas about the counties in which new affiliates should be started. I will provide the details of these plans in next month's column. In the meantime, I need *your* help to expand our list of active members. Here are a few suggestions. If you have other ideas of your own, please act on them.

* If you have been an inactive member, please become more active. Send in your dues, if your membership has lapsed. Talk to your friends and neighbors about Libertarian ideals.

* Encourage your friends and neighbors to learn more about the Libertarian Party. Send me their names and addresses, either by mail or via the telephone. I'll send them a membership packet, with a personalized letter inviting them to join us in the fight for freedom.

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Colorado LP at the
same time!

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Denver

The Denver LP holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday of each month at the Healthy Habits restaurant, 865 S. Colorado Blvd. At their most recent meeting they heard presentations by candidates Doug Anderson and Mike Zink and the AZTEC '91 committee on plans for the upcoming election.

They also discussed the idea of establishing a "Media Fairness Award", to be given to a publication or station that has been willing to let people know that there is a Libertarian alternative to the two older parties. T. J. Scranton volunteered to serve as Secretary for the group.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 7 May; come to eat at 7:00pm (the restaurant offers a choice of salad, pasta, and soup bars); the meeting will begin at 7:30.

Jefferson County

Jefferson County Libertarians will next be meeting Wednesday, 8 May, 7:00pm, at the home of Jeff Michener, 25 S. Wadsworth, Lakewood. The topic to be discussed will be jury nullification. The "Power to the Jury" episode of Ron Paul's *At Issue* TV show, with FIJA organizer Larry Dodge as a guest panelist, will be shown.

Ft. Collins

Ft. Collins Libertarians have started a monthly breakfast meeting - first Tuesday at 7:00am. They have not yet settled on a particular restaurant as a permanent location, so call Mary Margaret at 484-8184 to find out where it will be this month.

For additional meeting information, check the calendar on page 8.

From Libernet

Which presidential candidate, if nominated, has the best potential for building the Libertarian Party? Which factors – organization? speaking ability? experience? – will make the most difference? The following messages, selected from a Libernet discussion, reflect a variety of viewpoints on this question. If you have a computer with a modem, you can follow the complete Libernet discussion, and enter your own comments, through several computer bulletin board systems in Colorado – see the list on page 4.

From: boba@hpwalq.wal.hp.com (Bob Alexander)

Date: Mon, 1 Apr 91 8:38:23 EST

Subject: Dick Boddie's appeal

Dick Boddie is basing much of his appeal on the fact that he is black, and thus would attract more publicity and would be able to reach out to groups we haven't reached before (to boldly reach where no libertarian has reached before ...)

I have my doubts about this. Do we *really* know he's black? What if he's wearing a disguise? Whoops! No, that's not what my doubts are.

My *real* doubts are about whether his black-ness will make a difference. First, the New Alliance Party ran black candidates in 1984 and 1988. I don't think they got any special publicity for it. Could it be that, since they're left-wing, no one found it remarkable? Maybe. But free-market blacks don't seem to get much attention from the media either (except from conservatives who like to point to Williams and Sowell as evidence that the free market isn't racist.) Often, free market blacks are considered to have sold out.

Second, Boddie's promises sound a lot like Russell Means' in 1988. Even after losing the nomination, Means said he would work to bring Amerinds into the movement. My impression is that he didn't succeed. Means was touted as "the great communicator" just as Boddie is today. Why should we believe Boddie will do better than Means (who also has a long and distinguished career as an Amerind activist, and thus would have more credibility with his intended audience than Boddie will have)?

Marrou has said that he wants to do extensive outreach on campuses *before* the convention. We'll see what he can deliver. Perhaps Boddie should make an effort to show us what sort of outreach he can accomplish.

I may yet become more optimistic about Boddie. I'll be hearing Boddie and Marrou speak later this month. Maybe Boddie can sway me with his communication skills.

From: berenson@cookie.enet.dec.com

Date: Thu, 4 Apr 91 15:42:22 PST

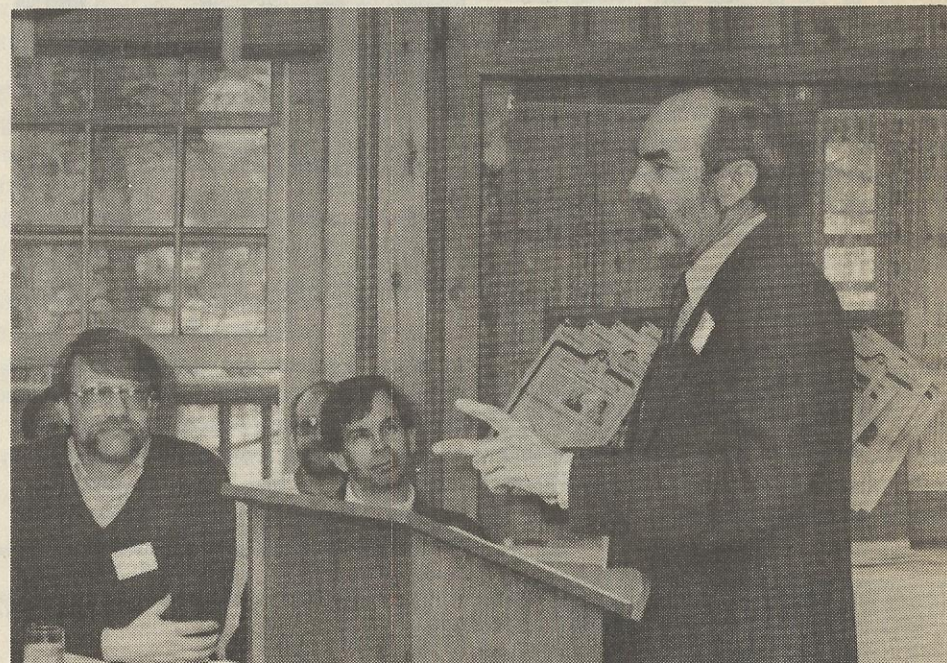
SUBJECT: Boddie vs Marrou

I've already contributed to Marrou. Is it because I've decided to definitely back him? No, its because he has someone in Colorado who contacted me and asked! If a Boddie funding request showed up in my mail tomorrow, I'd send him a contribution as well.

I want someone who will run a well organized campaign that is certain to get us exposure. I agree that the color of Boddie's skin will make his getting free coverage a little bit easier. BUT, I don't want to *rely* on such gimmicks. They may or may not work, but *money talks*.

Given that both men appear to be well within the political views I support, whomever wins the nomination will receive my full backing and energetic support.

Right now I lean to Marrou because of his campaign organization. But, its not an emotional commitment.



Andre Marrou addresses CLP convention.

Photo by Alan Wendt

From: mrl08033@uxa.cso.uiuc.edu (Michael R Linksvayer)

Date: Mon, 8 Apr 91 1:31:33 CDT

SUBJECT: This Bod's for U in '92

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Dick Boddie discusses campaign with convention attendees.

From: Tim Starr

Date: Mon, 1 Apr 91 16:19:42 PST

Subject: Marrou and Boddie

Tim Starr here. Both people running for the '92 presidential nomination have values to offer. In comparing them, the only may in which I can see that these values would exceed the other person's is in terms of lasting duration.

In this analysis, the organizational structure of Marrou is inventive tool-making and use which can be imitated and improved upon in the future. The uniqueness of Boddie synthesizes many different types of people who might be attracted to the LP. The lasting value of this would be the increased sponsorship/membership/public opinion rating.

Both of these are valueable, but what we have to ask ourselves is if the LP has a scarcer supply of ideas and communicators, or organizers, of fine rhetoric, or campaign-running tools. As much as I value the idea of freedom, I think we've got lots of that. What we need is something for people to do, for campaigners to do, for neophyte libertarians to do, things which will improve the LP's credibility by successful practice communicating libertarian principle.

Boddie does represent an interesting aspect of political activism emerging out of the civil rights establishment like the NAACP, ACLU, etc. Clint Bolick is publishing legal books touting the civil right to economic liberty, the ACLU I believe defended the civil right to keep and bear arms in a case with afro-american defendants, and I just saw an article in California magazine about an Oakland activist who is thwarting the black administration in advocating playing by the rules of the capitalist game in order for blacks to win, instead of their being victimized by redistribution policies.

If I thought it possible for Boddie to break onto the networks as a part of this new minority libertarian movement, I'd endorse his candidacy. But I have yet to hear of any plan to do so, to capitalize on this. If there is anything I've missed in this regard, I'd love to hear it. If there isn't, this is a topic which warrants attention in its own right.

So, what it comes down to is that Marrou seems to have a plan, and seems to be making tools which will be future capital goods, so he receives my endorsement.

If Boddie shows that he has a plan to capitalize on this new trend, then he will be the better candidate for the newsworthiness of it.

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Both are fine libertarians. I had had some doubts about Boddie because of how little I knew about him. However, his speech was impeccably libertarian, and I was really impressed when he was talking to the non-libertarian wife of a libertarian who asked Boddie to convince her. Her main concern with libertarianism is how education would be provided to the poor and disabled. Boddie pulled no punches, saying that government schools have failed to educate the poor and disabled, that if one third of people's incomes was not stolen, voluntarism and chairty would provide for the poor and disabled, and that while he does not like them, tax credits are a transition. (I think that education is the litmus test for whether one is a libertarian or a statist with libertarian leanings. Without exception, the people who I have met and claimed to have libertarian leanings, those who supported educational privatization turned out to be true libertarians, while those who support government education basically accept socialism, but are too smart not to see some of the bigger lies of government). Boddie is also good with people. After Boddie had fully explained the libertarian position on education in a very short time, the libertarian said to his wife "there, now are you convinced?" And Boddie said that no, of course she was not (which caused her to thank Boddie) and explained how people must reach a decision internally, and will come out with it when they are ready.

One of the biggest applauses Boddie got was when he said "yes, it's for my ego!". This man is an individualist, and a people person. This is the type of person we need to dispel the notion that individualism and cooperation and compassion are at odds. And Boddie can take this message to the black community, which needs it badly (just listen to some hard core rap - blacks are outraged at the system, but they are also brainwashed by the same system, so what comes out is confusion and anger. If this could be turned to individualism, blacks would do themselves one hell of a lot of good, not to mention giving the state a devastating blow). Boddie is already reaching out to black opinion leaders. He was in Portland Saturday for the Oregon convention, which also happened to be the site of a meeting of the Black Journalists Association (not the name, but something to that effect). Boddie was invited to speak at a moments notice. He got front page coverage in the Portland newspaper on Sunday.

Boddie can also appeal to the conservatives and intellectuals that other libertarian candidates have appealed to. Boddie is equally convincing speaking in many different modes. I doubt Marrou could even approach this flexibility. If Marrou did speak to a black gathering, I doubt he could sound much different then he would speaking to an NRA convention. Speaking of the NRA, Boddie says that the 2nd amendment is the most important, and that he is among the many California gun owners not handing over their guns to the state. He made a comment which I did not quite catch about using his AK-47 before they could take away his guns. One of Boddie's themes - "Affirmative Action - American Apartheid" will be loved by conservatives. Marrou could not get away with saying that and not being called a racist. Boddie also teaches several college courses in business law, government, and sociology - from an individualist perspective. He uses Robert Poole's "Cutting Back City Hall" as a text for some courses.

What about Marrou? Well, he's just not very impressive. He is much shorter than Boddie, all his actions are deliberate, and does not compare as a speaker (these are important for a political candidate). He also made a few dumb or annoying comments in his speech. One was to the effect that the Japanese government subsidizes Honda, and that's why Honda's are so cheap (where?). I'm sure that Marrou would be a fine candidate, but then so were Paul, Bergland, etc. The best Marrou can hope for is to do as well as Clark, and Marrou has no billionaire backing. The only two advantages I can see in Marrou are better organization and previous election. However, I do not think these are very significant, given that Marrou's organization has not performed wonderfully so far, and running a former Alaska state house representative will only point out to the average person how insignificant the LP is.

Sorry for the length and rambling nature of this post. Boddie's the man for '92. Hence we are forming one of the first local Boddie for President (maybe it'll be Students for Boddie, I don't know) organizations in the nation here in Champaign.

WOMEN IN LIBERTARIANISM CONFERENCE

NORMA JEAN ALMODOVAR — Prostitute's Rights Activist, former Los Angeles Police Traffic Officer, author of "Cop to Call Girl." 1986 Libertarian Candidate for Lt. Governor of California, a recipient of 1986 "Outstanding Young Woman of America" Award, guest on over 300 radio and TV talkshows, noted for her outspoken advocacy of women's right to control their sexual destiny; a lecturer at colleges on human sexuality/prostitution; sculptor, jewelry designer/mfg.. She served 18 months in California State Prison for daring to write an expose of the L.A.P.D.



PATRICIA CULLINANE is an educator, mother of seven, wife and businesswoman. In 1962, realizing first-hand the futility of politics, she began an extensive study of the freedom philosophy under the tutelage of Dr. Andrew Galambos at the Free Enterprise Institute. Two years later, stimulated by what she had learned, Mrs. Cullinane opened Carden Hall School in Newport Beach, CA which combined strong academics with the ideas of freedom. Carden Hall grew to become the largest full-tuition, independent day school in America. In 1977, Mrs. Cullinane sold her school to join her husband, Kevin, in the Rocky Mountains of Idaho where they operated Academy of the Rockies, a boarding school with a "work/study/adventure" curriculum. Late in 1979 Mrs. Cullinane and her husband were handed the reins of Robert LeFevre's Freedom School, and in 1982 they moved their family to Campobello, SC, where they built Freedom Country Executive Conference Center as a base for the Freedom School seminars. The Cullinanes are currently developing plans to build a small college.



June 21-23 in Ft. Collins

Featuring **BARBARA BRANDEN**

Barbara Branden is the author of the best-selling biography, The Passion of Ayn Rand. Since the biography's appearance in 1986, she has lectured extensively, across the country, on its subject. Educated in philosophy at UCLA and NYU, she was a friend and colleague of Ayn Rand for nineteen years, and was cofounder and director of the Nathaniel Branden Institute, and editor of THE OBJECTIVIST. She contributed a biographical essay to Who is Ayn Rand, a collection of essays exploring the writer's philosophy.

The Passion of Ayn Rand is presently under option as a possible feature film or television miniseries. Barbara Branden has begun working on a novel, tentatively entitled Price No Object, which will deal, in the form of a mystery, with the psychological factors which lead either to the pursuit or to the abandonment of one's values. Ms. Branden now lives in Los Angeles.



Women In Libertarianism June 21 - 23, 1991

Featuring **BARBARA BRANDEN**

Norma Jean Almodovar, Jan Prince, Joan Kennedy Taylor, Patricia Cullinane, Toni Nathan

Dagney Sharon, Marla Bottemiller, Mary Gingell, Andrea Millen Rich, Laura Stewart, Karen Allard, Toni Black and Pat Hartman

For: Anyone interested in expanding the role and number of women in libertarianism. Men welcome.

When: June 21, 22, 23 1991.

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. Airport shuttle from Denver delivers directly to U.P. Holiday Inn.

Lodging: U.P.H.I. \$53.00 per night plus \$4.75 tax. Total = \$57.75. Flat rate. 1 - 4 per room. Send reservations directly to the Holiday Inn at the above address. Convention rooms must be reserved by May 21, 1991. 35 rooms are being held.

Cost: Full package includes all programs, materials, and three (3) meals. Free Market and Information Tables: \$20

Regular: by May 20, 1991

\$70

Late: after May 20, 1991

\$85

TONI NATHAN is a broadcast journalist

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TONIE NATHAN is a broadcast journalist, writer, lecturer and public relations consultant. She has owned and operated three successful businesses. She has run for national office four times and is the first woman in the history of the United States to win an electoral college vote as the Vice-Presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party in 1972. She is presently Media Coordinator for the Marrou presidential campaign.



JOAN KENNEDY TAYLOR is the National Coordinator of the Association of Libertarian Feminists. She has been Associate Editor and then Senior Editor of The Libertarian Review (1977-1981), Publications Director of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research (1981-1985) and a Contributing Editor of The Freeman (1986). A member of the Libertarian Party from 1976 to 1983, she was the first woman elected to its Platform Committee (1977) and was elected to the Libertarian Council of California in 1980. Her articles and reviews have appeared in a number of publications, including Inquiry, Reason, Success, and The Wall Street Journal. She is the author of a book on individualist feminism that Prometheus Books will publish in 1992.



JAN PRINCE is a Communications Consultant and Counselor in practice since 1984. In addition to her private counselling practice she serves as a management consultant to firms seeking to strengthen team building skills. Ms. Prince is a frequent guest lecturer, workshop leader, seminar facilitator and radio talk show guest. She is a certified Neuro-Linguistic Programming practitioner, as well as a trained mediator and hypnotist.



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 Friday evening with Barbara Branden: \$30. Door: after June 17, 1991 \$100

PROGRAM

Friday: 6:30-7:30 pm registration, reception and cash bar
 7:30-8:00 pm welcome: Mary Margaret
 8:00-12:00 mn **BARBARA BRANDEN**

Saturday: 8:00-9:00 am breakfast
 9:00-10:00 am **JAN PRINCE** Fear And How It Imprisons Us
 10:00-10:15 am break
 10:15-11:15 am **DAGNEY SHARON (10:15-10:45) and MARLA BOTTEMILLER (10:45-11:15)**
 11:15-11:30 pm break
 11:30-12:30 pm **PANEL: FRIENDS AND MATES OF LIBERTARIAN MEN** Moderated by Jan Prince. Please sign up.
 12:30-1:30 pm lunch break
 1:30-2:30 pm **JOAN KENNEDY TAYLOR** Rediscovering Individualist Feminism
 2:30-2:45 pm break
 2:45-3:45 pm **MARY GINGELL (2:45-3:15), ANDREA MILLEN RICH (3:15-3:30), QUESTIONS (-3:45)** *Tentative.
 3:45-4:00 pm break
 4:00-5:00 pm **PANEL: NON LIBERTARIAN WOMEN** Moderated by Jan Prince. Please sign up.
 5:00-5:30 pm break
 5:30 pm depart for dinner at the Mishewaka Inn along the banks of the Poudre River
 6:00-10:00 pm dinner in the beautiful Rocky Mountains

Sunday: 8:00-9:00 am breakfast
 9:00-10:00 am **PATRICIA CULLINANE** TBA
 10:00-10:15 am break
 10:15-11:15 am **LAURA STEWART, KAREN ALLARD, TONI BLACK and PAT HARTMAN (15 minutes each)**
 11:15-11:30 am break
 11:30-12:30 pm **TONI NATHAN** Libertarian Women and Leadership
 12:30-1:30 pm lunch break
 1:30-2:30 pm **NORMA JEAN ALMODOVAR** Surviving Prison for Personal Beliefs
 2:30-2:45 pm break
 2:45-3:45 pm **BARBARA BRANDEN WRAP-UP**
 3:45-4:00 pm break
 4:00-5:00 pm **PANEL: THE MEN RESPOND** Moderated by Dave Schumacher. Please sign up.

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REGISTRATION The first 7 paid registrants will sit with Barbara Branden at the mountain dinner. The next 14 will sit with B.B. for a breakfast. Call 303 484 8184 for status.

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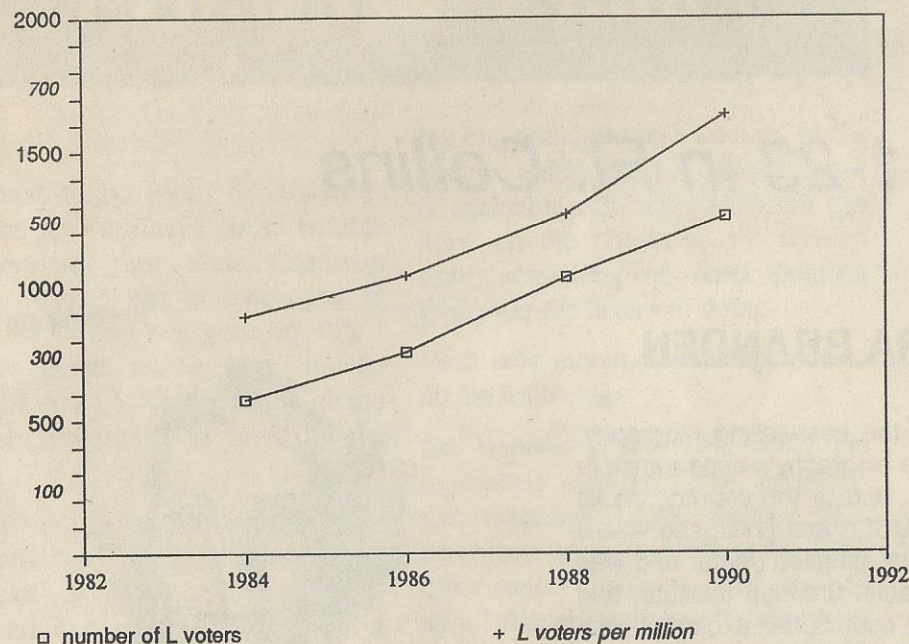
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Convention Reservation: ____Registration(s) at _\$70 R, _\$85 L, _\$100 D, _\$30 BB ____Table(s) at \$20 each TOTAL = ____

Mail registration, conference and table payment to: **WOMEN in Libertarianism; 1317 Lakewood Drive; Fort Collins, CO 80521**

Registered Libertarians in Colorado



The number of voters registered as Libertarians continues to increase. The state did not keep track of the number of voters registered with smaller political parties (which Colorado election law calls "qualified political organizations") until forced to do so as a result of a lawsuit won by the LP in 1984.

Both the absolute number of registered Libertarians and their number in proportion to the whole population of voters have grown over the years. The latter number grew even faster during the last two years, because the total number of voters dropped from a 1988 presidential-election high while the number of Libertarians continued to grow.

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ENDING OUR DRUG NIGHTMARE
PRIVATIZATION: SHRINKING THE STATE

Letters

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their choice of values, he should at least respect their choice.

The national Libertarian Party platform says that we "support" those resisting aggression. One of the reasons I voted against the resolution is because it backed off from the language of "support". Instead, the resolution says that we only "applaud and wish well". As a Christian, Mr. Hornberger should know that those who do not follow through on their claimed values deny their values by their inaction. He may think it a mistake to defend Kuwait, but I who "support" others who resist aggression am compelled to do something about it.

Mr. Hornberger also says that "the majority" condemned Socrates, crucified Jesus, gassed the Jews, and incarcerated Japanese-Americans. Wrong. The ruling elites did these things. And the majority stood idly by, giving their implicit consent to these atrocities. Unless we are willing to "support" those suffering aggression, and not just stand idly by, we will ourselves suffer aggression. Through the ages, many great Libertarians have addressed the issue of why we should defend others. In this century, perhaps the most poignant was that of a German Christian, "First they went after the Jews, and I did nothing for I'm not a Jew...".

Ron Bain, in his editorial, misstates the national Libertarian platform. He claims that it opposes "entangling alliances", and supports mutual defense alliances only on a pragmatic basis, just like our Founding Fathers did. Yet the platform renounces *all* mutual defense treaties. No

Colorado Libertarian Calendar

- Nationwide** 19 April
Let Freedom Ring – call those politicians! (see page 3)
- Ft. Collins** 20 April
Convention delegates meeting, 2pm, 1317 Lakewood Drive.
- Denver** 27 April
AZTEC '91 fundraiser (beer! chili!), noon, 1890 S. Adams Street.
- Atlanta, GA** 27-28 April
National Committee meeting.
- Wichita, KS** 4 May
Kansas state convention; speakers incl. Gene Burns; 316-269-9210 for info.
- Ft. Collins** 7 May
Breakfast Club, 7am; call 484-8184 for location.
- Denver** 7 May
Monthly meeting, 7:30pm (eat at 7:00), Healthy Habits Restaurant, 865 S. Colorado Blvd; 321-6780 for info.
- Colorado Springs** 8 May
Monthly meeting, 7pm, 627 Skyline Ave.; 471-8880 for info.
- Lakewood** 8 May
Jefferson County meeting, 7pm, 25 S. Wadsworth. Topic: Jury Nullification.
- Denver** 11 May
CLP Board of Directors meeting, 1pm, 720 E. 18th Ave.
- Ft. Collins** 13 May
Cocktail party, 7pm at Mary Margaret & Jim Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood

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only on a pragmatic basis, just like our Founding Fathers did. Yet the platform renounces *all* mutual defense treaties. No nation – not even Canada or Great Britain – passes the Libertarian Party purity test. Is it any wonder that the Libertarian Party wouldn't support those who would defend Kuwait.

Yet, who is any member of the Libertarian Party that he or she believes they would pass anybody else's purity test? When you realize that we all fall short of perfection, you realize that the national Libertarian Party condemns us all to stand alone before the criminals that roam this world.

Because he agrees with our Founding Fathers about mutual defense, maybe Mr. Bain, like me, *opposes* the Libertarian national platform on this topic. I certainly hope so.

Mr. Bain believes "a coalition of Arab-Middle Eastern nations", and not the United States, should have taken care of Saddam Hussein. On what principled basis? Are those nations more morally justified than the United States for conducting war? Or is it that they're there, and we're here, safe in isolation?

This "let somebody else do it" attitude bespeaks the kind of narrow-selfishness that turns most people off to the Libertarian philosophy. Neither most Libertarians nor most critics understand that the purpose of freedom is for each of us to be able to freely do good.

I understand that, when it comes to war, there'll always be shirkers. And, I respect that some people have renounced what they consider to be violence in self- or mutual-defense. But even though I, as a Libertarian, oppose government coercion of support for those resisting aggression, I myself offer it.

Clifford F. Thies
 Baltimore, Maryland

Ft. Collins 15 May
 Cocktail party, 7pm at Mary Margaret & Jim Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Drive; 484-8184.

Lakewood 15 May
 Jefferson Co. LP business meeting, 7pm, 165 S. Union, 9th floor.

Denver 18 May
 Convention delegates meeting, 2pm, 1641 Garfield St.

Denver 21 May
 Election – vote for Anderson and Zink!

Ft. Collins 21-23 June
 Women in Libertarianism conference; registration info on page 7.

Chicago, IL 29 Aug - 1 Sept
 "Liberty Triumphant", LP Presidential Nominating Convention; 708-475-0391.

Tax Limitation

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will be time for Libertarians to join with Bruce and other proponents of smaller government to get that initiative on the ballot. That means collecting signatures, and TABOR coordinator Clyde Harkins is already lining up volunteers. Call him at 303-869-6306 if you can help coordinate petitioners in your area, or just circulate the petition yourself.

But the success in Colorado Springs, where two anti-tax proposals were passed by the voters this spring, also means that other *local* initiatives have a good prospect for success. This is a project that local LP groups may want to consider taking on. A draft of a local initiative, based on the one in Colorado Springs, is available from the TABOR Committee; give them a call and find out what you can do to limit the growth of *your* city's government.