

COLORADO LIBERTARIAN PARTY

People's Fair brings petitioning, fundraising success for DLP

By David Bryant
CLP Membership Director



CALENDAR:

July

Tuesday, 7th
Denver Libertarian Party,
7 p.m., 890 S. Colo. Blvd.

Speaker:
David Segal, on "The Importance of the American Revolution."

Wed., 8th
Boulder Co. Libertarian Party, public mtg. 7 p.m., The James Pub, 13th & Walnut, Bldr.

Tues., 14th
CLP Board of Directors, 7 p.m., 720 E. 18th Ave., #309, Denver

Tues., 21st
Aurora Libertarian Party, 7 p.m., Archie Malone's, Iliff & Buckley, Aurora.

The Denver Libertarian Party sponsored a booth at the Denver People's Fair this year, garnering more than a thousand Marrou/Lord ballot access signatures and raising almost \$200.

The Fair, held June 6th and 7th in Civic Center Park, drew a crowd of 250,000 people.

All the metropolitan area Libertarians who volunteered time at the booth had fun distributing 1,000 copies of the U.S. Constitution, and another 2,000 pieces of assorted Libertarian literature.

The DLP owes special thanks due to Larry Hoffenburg, who supplied the booth and tables, working tirelessly to organize the other volunteers.

Other kudos to volunteers include:

David Aitken; Doug Anderson; Chuck Bilbe; Joel Cannon; Greg Carroll; Josie Carroll; Richard Combs; Jan Duncan; Robin Ely; Robert Miller; Thomas O'Byrne; Jeff Orrok; Doug Seitz; Carol Stuckey; and Bert Weiner.

Marrou/Lord Update: Only 1,800-plus more signatures needed for Colorado ballot access; now is the time

By Chris Bogart
CLP Campaigns Director

Petitioning at the People's Fair was a smashing success! Although many have not yet been notarized or turned in to the CLP office, estimates are that 1,000 signatures were obtained by the volunteers at the DLP booth.

The Boulder Creek Fest was also a fruitful source of signatures; when the final tally is in, the number of notarized signatures should be more



Photograph by Ron Bain

Somebody Else for Prez

"Ma'am, would you sign a petition that would let you vote for someone else for president?" was a line that helped get a lot of signatures at the People's Fair. Pictured is Robert Miller, petitioning in front of the DLP booth.

than 400. Thanks to Howard Lambert for organizing the Creek Fest.

That means Colorado Libertarians have probably obtained about 3,200 of the 5,000 signatures needed to place Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord on the Colorado ballot as the Libertarian party's presidential ticket.

The national LP is concerned that the remaining signatures will be difficult to obtain, requiring a nationally-financed

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From the Membership Director

By David Bryant, Membership Director,
Colorado Libertarian Party

Usually I want to write about membership; about finding new members, motivating old ones, and building for the future of the Colorado LP. But today there's only one thing on my mind: BALLOT ACCESS! We have just one month left to gather another 5,000 signatures to guarantee that we qualify Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord for the ballot in Colorado. We've got to do it! Now!

There's a blank petition form enclosed in this issue of the CLIPboard. Take it out and circulate it! Get as many signatures as you can, take it to a notary, execute the affidavit and have it notarized, then send the petition back to the CLP office immediately. We must file the petitions with the Secretary of State's office by the end of July, so we need your petition back soon.

When you're circulating the petition, please be careful to observe a few simple rules:

- Only registered voters may sign. Please ask people if they're registered to vote in Colorado. If they're not registered yet, tell them they can do it easily at the county clerk's office or

any driver's license office.

- Don't sign your own petition. Sign someone else's copy. If you don't have a friend or neighbor who's circulating the petition, please call the office at (303) 837-9393 and we'll put you in touch with a member who lives near you.

- Remember that Natalie is not our friend. She'll throw signatures out if the petitions are not accurately executed.

- Feel free to photocopy this petition. Or call the office and we'll mail you some extra copies. Don't think that you have to fill up a lot of sheets, though. If each of us can get just 15 signatures, we'll have more than enough.

- Remember to get the petition notarized. Then send it to the Colorado Libertarian Party, 720 E. 18th Ave., Suite 309, Denver, CO 80203. And be sure to put it in the mail before the 25th of July.

Thanks for your help. I know that petitioning is not much fun, but everybody has at least ten or fifteen friends. So fill out that one petition right away, and I promise not to mention it again. And I'll write my next column on the topic of how we can gain permanent ballot access for the LP in Colorado.

Just think - this may be the last nominating petition I'll ever ask you to carry!

Yours in Liberty,

David C. Bryant



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Marrou/Lord Update

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"rescue" effort with paid petitioners. Let's not have an embarrassment like that occur in Colorado, where the Libertarian Party started.

Actually, about 7,500 signatures should be turned in, just so that there is a safety margin. That means a lot of work remains to be done.

A great petitioning opportunity for Denver-area Libertarians exists at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival, over the Fourth of July weekend. Contact Jan Duncan at 871-8824 if you can help out. There are supposed to be 200,000 people there, itching to sign Marrou petitions!

Live up north? John Diamant needs help for the July 4th celebration in Fort Collins. He's also got a last-minute push planned for the weekend of July 18th at the Foothills Mall in Fort Collins. Give him a call at 223-8961.

If we're going to make it with a challenge-proof number of signatures (Perot supporters just turned in 130,000 signatures for their 5,000-signature requirement), then we've got to push for it right away! The absolute, final, don't-look-back deadline is August 4th. Go petition on your lunch hour or on a weekend, set up a booth at a Fourth of July fair in your area, or go door-to-door if that's what it takes. Here are some petitioning tips:

- * Women will sign more often if you emphasize Nancy Lord.
- * Use a friendly approach. Smile and greet people!
- * Ask their help in getting a candidate on the ballot.
- * Limit each contact to one question - provide hand-outs.
- * Don't argue or get involved in lengthy conversations.
- * Thank the signers very much.
- * Use signage - it brings them to you!

Affiliate News

Denver

The next meeting of the Denver Libertarian Party will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7 at the Village Inn, 890 South Colorado Boulevard. David Segal will speak on the importance of the Revolutionary War to the history of libertarian thought.

Discussion will also center on the DLP's experiences at the People's Fair, and on deciding what can be done to help get Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord on the ballot in Colorado.

Come to the meeting! It's a great chance to meet fellow Libertarians, and to get involved in various political activities around Denver. For more information, call Jan Duncan or Richard Combs at 871-8824.

Aurora

The Aurora Libertarians will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 at Archie Malone's restaurant, Iliff & Buckley in Aurora.

Treasurer Chuck Bilbe is hoping to provide an as-yet unconfirmed speaker; there will also be a vote on whether the Aurora Libertarians will charge a membership fee.

The still-growing group recently tried to defeat a proposed ordinance under consideration by the Aurora City Council that would eliminate due process in the municipal condemnation of abandoned or unsightly properties, but it was passed by the council. Bilbe said he hopes the new condemnation ordinance will be challenged in court.

If you're an Aurora resident wanting to petition for Marrou/Lord ballot access, contact Bilbe at 690-4565; he'll put you to work.

Pocket-size, tri-fold outreach flyers are available from the Aurora group; contact Bilbe if you have a spot from which they can be distributed or if you want to hand them out.

Boulder

The Boulder County Libertarian Party elected Mike Russell as its new chairman, replacing retiring founder and chairman Kevin Bloom, during the business meeting held Sunday, June 14.

Other officers, including Treasurer Cooper Jager, Membership Director Howard Lambert, and Secretary Bruce Waters, were retained by the Boulder group. A new officer was added to the Board of Directors, in the person of Chuck Wright as Communications Director.

Jonathan Culver sparked a lively debate when he advocated that Libertarians run for the House of Representatives as "self-governing Perot independents" so that Libertarians could take advantage of the groundswell of support for H. Ross Perot's independent presidential candidacy.

Chairman Russell is proposing an "old-fashioned soap-box political rally" on the downtown Boulder courthouse lawn. Come to the July 8th meeting if you want to get involved.

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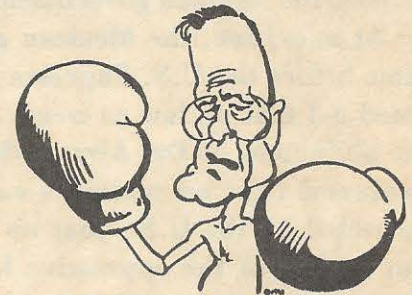
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Editorial

Supreme Court makes world domination a 'legal' U.S. policy

By Ron Bain

CLP Communications Director

Beware the Ides of June, for 'tis then that the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court issue their edicts. And the world quakes in fear.

On Monday, June 15, the U.S. Supreme Court in effect declared themselves the supreme arbiters of law in the world by upholding U.S. government arguments that defended the abduction of a Mexican national from Mexican soil for prosecution in America's Drug War.

The Mexican national, Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain, was wanted by the feds for his admittedly horrific role in the 1985 torture death of a DEA agent assigned to Mexico, Enrique Camarena. He took refuge behind Mexico's extradition treaty with the U.S., so in 1990, one of George Bush's goon squads invaded Mexico's sovereignty and dragged the doctor kicking and screaming over the border -- without the Mexican government's permission.

At mid-June, the Mexican government's protest came before the U.S. Supreme Court, which calmly voted 6-3 that no law or treaty had been broken by the abduction of Dr. Alvarez-Machain. Thus, they declared that no nation's sovereignty is to be respected by the U.S., that no citizen in the world can be free of the oppressive forces the U.S. Drug War, that no treaty that works against American "interests" will be honored, and that another nation's laws do not take precedence over the global reach of American law -- even on that nation's own soil.

The Justices have therefore established themselves as the ultimate lawgivers of the world, and have established America's military and paramilitary forces as the unquestioned enforcers of Bush's "new world order," which can be translated as "new world domination by America".

An unholy triumvirate never envisioned by the U.S. Constitution has been formed: the executive acts illegally, the legislative branch is neutered by indecision, and the judicial branch says "It's OK."

An Open Letter to Gov. Roy Romer:

Dear Governor Romer,

A June 13th article in the Cañon City Daily Record, and a conversation with Chaplain Allen Davis, one of two chaplains who have been terminated by the Department of Corrections (DOC) for budget reasons, has prompted me to write to you.

The chaplains probably contribute as much, if not more than other DOC employees to the rehabilitation of inmates, and consequently should be among the last to be terminated in budget cutbacks.

I am unable to comment on the relative merits of the chaplain positions and the women's prison programs, which were both being considered for cutback by DOC Deputy Director George Sullivan, but I would like to suggest that a solution to the prison budget shortfall could be found by the release of many inmates that are incarcerated for non-violent crimes.

Our penal system does not work well as a corrective measure. Some think our prisons may aggravate crime by serving as a training ground for minor offenders who upon their release become major offenders. Others say there is more crime inside than outside of our prisons.

I urge your consideration of the immediate release of all inmates incarcerated for first non-violent crimes, with substitution of probation for the same period of sentence being served and/or restitution. Over 45% of the inmates in the system are serving time for non-violent crime. I was unable to learn how many were first-time offenders, but the number is undoubtedly significant.

Reducing the population inside prisons to ease budget requirements is effective immediately and is in the best interest of Colorado's taxpayers.

Philip C. Freytag, Chairman
Fremont County Libertarian Party

Suggestions for Marrou/Lord Petitioners:

Make it quick (and simple if possible). Tell them it's difficult to give a short answer to complex questions, but...offer hand-outs for further information DO NOT ARGUE! Do not frighten or intimidate! Do not give the impression that we would change things immediately -- emphasize gradual change. Try to align with them, discuss something everyone could agree with.

Here are some suggested short responses to specific questions on issues:

Abortion - We are pro-choice -- that is all you should say. There is no need discussing this issue, as most people already have their minds made up. You can say that we don't believe in public funding for abortions.

Guns - We believe in the right to bear arms as specified in the Constitution, and crimes committed with any weapon should be punished.

Role of Government - The government should provide national defense and a criminal justice system (as outlined in the Constitution) to protect individuals from force and fraud.

Tony Anema
Denver Libertarian Party

Colorado Liberty to reappear Aug. 14; articles needed

Communications Director Ron Bain announced recently that the first edition of the revitalized *Colorado Liberty* will be published and distributed by August 14; Bain broke a bone in his right hand during June, so the original publication date of June 21 had to be delayed.

Experienced writers are needed to contribute newsworthy articles to this newspaper, which is to be directed toward free-thinking independent voters and Libertarian sympathizers. Topics should demonstrate Libertarian principles without proselytizing.

This newspaper will be mailed to 6,000 people, and another 4,000 copies will be distributed on the streets. It will be one of the largest public outreach efforts ever made by the Colorado Libertarian Party, and it will be more expensive than the distribution of a typical CLIPboard edition. Monetary donations as well as journalistic contributions will be needed to make this project successful.

The first edition is going to highlight Andre Marrou as the real alternative to Bush, Clinton and Perot, and will contain a feature about newsmakers in Colorado who are "closet libertarians." If you can help with distribution and labeling, call 837-9393 or 449-3809 to volunteer.

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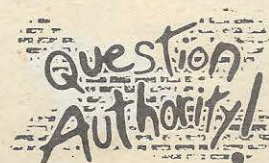
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