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Ron Paul Returns to Denver !

By Jon Baraga

They say I must be crazy! They say I'm dreamin'. I say there are at LEAST one thousand freedom oriented individuals who will attend! So make me a prophet ... Or have me committed! I am proud and honored to announce the "Gateway to the West" rally for Ron Paul, Libertarian Presidential Candidate, Sunday, October 30, 1988, 6:00 pm, Temple Center, 1595 Pearl St., Denver. It will be the keynote rally for Ron's final 8 days of the campaign. Denver, Colorado has been chosen as the focal point and temporary headquarters for his final tour of the west.

The Temple Center auditorium is circa 1880's and is essentially perfect for old style political stump speaking. Abe Lincoln would be proud to have spoken there. Who knows, maybe he'll show up!

As always, your generous donation is the price of admission. All net proceeds will be split equally between the Colorado Libertarian Party and the Ron Paul campaign. As we intend to fill the auditorium, advance reservations are requested and recommended. Please register in advance and get reserved seats. Bring friends. Invite business associates. Participate in the finest Libertarian event ever in Colorado. Send the message loud and clear. Freedom is the message. Please send the request to us in the enclosed envelope together with a self-addressed, stamped envelope which we will use to send the tickets back to you.

Dear Jon:

Reserve me a seat _____

I'm bringing _____ friends.

Please send _____ complimentary tickets with my name on them to each of those listed below.

Total reserved seats - _____

I can't make it.

But here's a donation.

Find more libertarians with it. \$ _____

I want to help you make this a most successful event.

Please call me at _____, best time _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Gateway to the West
with
Ron Paul
Libertarian Presidential Candidate

Sunday, October 30th, 1988
Temple Center
1595 Pearl Street
Denver, Co 80203

6:00 pm Doors Open - Information, books, t-shirts,
campaign souvenir items available.
7-9 Pm Program

Walk for Freedom !

On Thursday, October 27th, we'd like you to walk your precinct or neighborhood distributing Ron Paul flyers to your neighbors. In one hour you can distribute 50 to 100 brochures. No need to ring the doorbell, just leave it behind the screen door or tucked under the door mat. Call the office at 837-9393 and tell us how many brochures you want. If you'd like to be most effective, do it on Denver's Capitol Hill, where David Aitken has walking lists of registered voters in his district so you can skip the homes of people that don't vote. He can be reached at 831-4334.

Debate Video !

Now you can borrow a copy of Ron Paul's response to the first Presidential debate! We have Beta and VHS copies available, call the office.

Cocktail Party

In November, the Denver area cocktail party will move to election night, November 8th, at the home of David Aitken 1240 Ogden #4. Park at your own risk in the north third of the Mountain Bell parking lot at 12th and Corona. 7:30 To 11pm, smoking on the porch. Please bring your favorite snack or beverage.

Calendar

2nd Saturday - Board Meeting. October 8th, at the CLP office, 12 noon.

2Nd Wednesday - Cocktail Party. At Victoria Mason's, 1270 Logan #8, (Carriage house behind main building, look for blue light) in Denver on October 12th. Cocktail party at 7:30. It's potluck; please bring some chips/dip or vegies to munch on. Need directions? Call Victoria at 831-1620.

Tuesday, October 18th, Candidates forum at East High School, 1545 Detroit, 7:00 pm - David Aitken's district.

Thursday, October 27th - Walk your precinct for Ron Paul! See story.

Sunday, October 30th. Ron Paul Visits Denver! See details elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesday, November 8th - Elections. Election night party at David Aitken's home, 1240 Ogden #4, Denver, 7:30 to 11pm.

2Nd Saturday - Board Meeting. November 12th, at the CLP office, 12 noon.

The Denver Cocktail Party, held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, needs a new home starting in December. Our current hostess, Victoria Mason, is moving to Boulder in the near future. If you'd like to host this gathering of 10 to 20 libertarians each month, please call the office, 837-9393, or one of the board members.

Aitken Campaign Rolling Along !

David Aitken's campaign for State Representative has moved into high gear with several candidate forums scheduled in the next four weeks. On October 5th, he will speak at Denison Auditorium, Health Sciences Center, 4200 E Ninth Ave, in Denver, 7-9pm. On October 18th, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods is holding a candidates forum at East High School, 1545 Detroit, starting at 7pm.

We've mailed about 4950 brochures to area voters. Each brochure also included a copy of the World's Smallest Political Quiz and Mr. Aitken's Performance Guarantee. This mailing would not have happened without the generous help of Robert Crago, Judd Ptak, Grace Reed, Harold Hamilton, and Dale Reed.

From the Chair...

By Mary Lind

Greetings!

I had trouble getting to sleep last Sunday night (9/25), so I clicked on the telly and found the presidential debate. Instant zzzz's.

I'll bet most viewers that evening had the same reaction. How about we wake those people up with the Libertarian alternative? We've only got about a month left until the election, and there are people out there just waiting to be converted. Why, just yesterday I was at the grocery checkout, and one of the baggers asked about the Ron Paul button that I was wearing. After two minutes of some fast talking, the three of them each took a brochure and excitedly said that Ron Paul had their vote!

Just think of how many people are out there like that. Now's the time to pick up steam with letters to the editor, voicing your opinion at public meetings, and calling in to talk shows. Here's a project that's easy and I'd like everyone to participate in: Flood the TV stations with phone calls and letters asking thme to include Ron Paul in their Presidential polls. They're all airing those polls ad nauseum, so we may as well make them interesting. Call in as many times as you can to all the stations. If it works, it'll be cheap and effective prime time advertising.

Unfortunately, Ron Paul has been excluded from the debates. A real surprise, eh?

Andre Marrou's visit was a success. His tour got good media attention and some new names for our contact list. A big THANKS to all who helped with the trip. The biggest THANKS goes to Doug Anderson, the coordinator for Andre's visit. Doug did a great job and an incredible amount of work. I talked with Marti Stoner at Marrou's campaign headquarters in Las Vegas, and she said Andre had nothing but good things to say about Colorado.

Keep an ear out for an upcoming Ron Paul visit. And let's have some good, old grass roots activism through the next month, shall we?

Keep up the good work!

The Choice City greet the Choice Candidate !

By Mary Lind

Vice-Presidential candidate Andre Marrou had a busy schedule in Fort Collins on Monday, September 19th. Marrou was the guest on the Will Huett show on KOOL, airing live from 8:30 to noon - "the longest radio interview I've ever had," as he put it. Marrou fielded callers during the show with his usual eloquence and intelligence, and response was very favorable.

Marrou lunched with Fort Collins mayor Ed Stoner and six other prominent local businessmen after the morning talk show. Mary Margaret Glennie and Mary Lind joined them (and accompanied Marrou throughout the day) and lunchtime conversation was very lively. The group was very receptive to Marrou and his ideas.

After a radio interview on KIIX, a local Fort Collins country station, Marrou spoke to a class of about 100 students at Colorado State University. A freshman level class titled "American National Government", the students appeared to be intrigued, and several spoke with Marrou personally after the class.

A short potluck was held with the members of a Constitutional studies group.

At least 40 people from Loveland, Boulder, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs attended a mixer at the Glennie residence. Many participants requested more information on the LP. The event was covered by four local newspapers, as well as by "Changing Woman" magazine, all of whom requested further interviews with LP officials before the election!

Over 500 Coloradans had the unique experience of listening to Andre Marrou, LP Vice-Presidential candidate, in a 5 day tour of the state. The tour included visits to Montrose, Delta, Paonia, Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, Fort Collins, Boulder, Golden, Lakewood, and Denver. While on the campaign trail in Colorado, Mr. Marrou spoke with media interviewers from across the state, including the ABC affiliates in Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs, KIXX in Fort Collins, and Chuck Green, VP of news at the Denver Post.

Probably the most successful event was the KIMN talk show in Fort Collins, where numerous callers promised to vote for the Paul/Marrou ticket! The trip culminated with a successful fundraiser in Denver at Victoria Mason's home. Mr. Marrou also introduced us to a new word; dukakistocracy, derived from the word "kakistocracy", meaning government by the worst people in a society, and "du" meaning twice.

Marrou Leaves Favorable Impression On Western Slope By Ron Bain

Democrats, Republicans, and Populists, as well as Libertarians came away from the keynote speech delivered by Libertarian vice-presidential candidate Andre Marrou at the Western Slope candidates' forum hosted by Delta-Montrose Liberty on September 17th remarking how well the former Alaskan state legislator presented himself and the party's positions.

Marrou's visit to the Western Slope garnered him quite a bit of news coverage, including an article in the Montrose Daily Press, a photograph in the Delta County Independent, and article and photograph in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, an interview on KDTA radio in Delta, and an appearance on a grand Junction TV news show.

One non-Libertarian was overheard, after seeing Marrou on television, to remark, "I kind of liked some of the things he had to say. I just might vote for him and Ron Paul."



Andre Marrou

Everywhere in Western Colorado that Marrou went, which included Glenwood Springs and Paonia, he reiterated the same message:

- Taxes have gotten out of control by being increased in small increments; now federal, state, and local taxes rob taxpayers of more than 40 percent of their income.

- Reagan's War on Drugs is a hopeless waste of taxpayer's money and a violation of users' rights to biological autonomy; drugs should be legalized or decriminalized.

- The greatest killer among drugs is tobacco; the federal government should quit subsidizing tobacco farmers.

- Japan's economy is thriving because America subsidized the Asian nation with a massive defense outlay, similarly the Soviet Union continues to exist only due to American subsidies in the form of technology and economic assistance; foreign aid and the policy of playing military policeman all over the world should be ended.

- Only gold and silver have value, paper does not; the only way to deal with the cyclical nature of economies is to return to the gold standard and allow inefficient businesses to fail.

- The federal debt as well as the Internal Revenue Service could be eliminated in eight years simply by not replacing bureaucrats who quit, retire, or die.

Marrou was accompanied on his Western Slope visit by Denver Election Commissioner Doug Anderson, who is the highest elected Libertarian official in Colorado, and was chauffeured by Bert Sargent, a ballot-qualified Populist candidate for Delta County Commissioner, who says he'll probably vote for the Paul/Marrou ticket.

u Visits Colorado



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, 98% 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: Vow to do what is necessary to win -- short of lying, cheating, and stealing. We'll leave those nefarious pursuits to the Republicans and Demibrats.

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.

From the Communications Chair

By Ron Bain

There are several topics I would like to discuss this month, foremost among them the need of the Colorado Libertarian Party for access to desktop publishing equipment, such as a Macintosh personal computer.

Those of you who have been enjoying the new graphic redesign and appearance of the CLiPboard might have noticed with this issue and the last that there has been some regression. That is due to the fact that I do not own the Macintosh SE on which I was composing the previous three issues of the newsletter; the computer was owned by my former employer, the Delta County Independent. Now I am editor of the Rifle Telegram, which uses typewriters and archaic Compugraphic typesetting equipment, and do not have access to Macintosh equipment.

If there's anyone out there who has a Mac Plus, a Mac SE, or a Mac II that they would be willing to lease, loan, rent, donate, or sell to the CLP or to me personally, please let me know through party HQ in Denver or my work number in Rifle: 625-1925. I have the software necessary -- just need the equipment. (Note: This issue was edited by David Aitken)

On another topic, I was proud to be involved with making the arrangements for Andre Marrou's visit to western Colorado. I have also been proud of Marrou and LP presidential nominee Ron Paul for not letting the anti-drug hysteria in this nation prevent them from voicing the Libertarian Party's "legalize drugs" platform plank. I fear that this country will be under martial law in five years if George Bush (who was responsible for a CIA runway being built in the Golden Triangle during his tenure as a spook) with his "Kill the durgies!" platform is elected into the White House. The Libertarian Party should definitely seek a coalition relationship with the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, the only other group in the country that publicly advocates the legalization or

decriminalization of any recreational drug.

Speaking of coalitions, I truly believe the party should lay aside its purist attitudes that do not allow association with non-Libertarian groups that agree with us on less than all issues. There is NORML, there is the Populist Party, there are the Association of Colorado Taxpayers, the Colorado Taxpayers Union, and Doug Bruce's Committee for the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. Let's agree with these groups to disagree on the subjects which we do disagree on, but work together for common goals on individual issues. This is the attitude of the group I formed in Delta and Montrose counties, and there we had Libertarians, Populists, Democrats, Republicans and independents working together to preserve the Constitution and private property rights as well as fighting for voter control of taxation. Such coalitions garner more widespread support, find it easier to get media attention, and exercise the old adage: "There's safety (read power) in numbers."

Also, now is the time most voters -- who are generally apathetic about voting until almost election day -- are beginning to think about the presidential race. Talk up Ron Paul and Andre Marrou to everyone you know; without TV, word of mouth is one of the best forms of advertising we have. By the way, who caught Ron Paul on C-SPAN in late September, responding to the staged Dukakis/Bush debate? Anyone note how the League of Women Voters was excluded, because their own standards would have forced them to include Dr. Paul in the debate?

Martin Runs for Mesa County Commissioner

By Ron Bain

On the Western Slope, the lone ballot-qualified Libertarian candidate is Robert C. Martin of Grand Junction, who is seeking a seat on the Mesa County Board of Commissioners.

Running in a three-way race with no incumbent, Martin believes he will make a good showing in the Nov. 8th election because neither of his opponents is well-known or well-financed. He has received coverage in at least three articles in the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, and received additional television publicity when Libertarian vice-presidential nominee Andre Marrou visited Martin's home in September.

In a poll that preceded the August primary election, a Grand Junction radio station reported Martin had a 2 percent share of support among Mesa County voters. It is certain that in Mesa County, where arbitrary tax increases and heavy-handed zoning enforcement have angered many citizens, support for Martin has increased dramatically since the pre-primary poll; no follow-up poll has been done, however, to verify that.

"Support for him is growing with libertarian-minded Republicans, prominent and otherwise," says Martin's wife, Liz, who is managing his campaign.

Martin also spoke at the candidates' forum hosted by Delta-Montrose Liberty in Delta County during September, at which Marrou was the keynote speaker. The number of voters registered as Libertarians in Delta County has tripled (from two to six) since the beginning of the year.

Funds are needed for Martin's campaign; send contributions to: The Committee to Elect Robert Martin, 2453 Broadway, Grand Junction, Co 81503.

Reporting the News Soviet Style

By Jon Baraga

Ever hear of the NES? It's the National Election Service, an entity created by ABC, CBS, and NBC to report election news on November 8th, 1988.

NES is refusing to report third party results on election night. In other words, unless you vote for the Republican or the Democrat, your vote does not count as far as the major broadcast media is concerned. The vote percentages will be reported as if third party candidates did not exist. NES refuses to acknowledge that people will vote other than Republican or Democrat. By lying to the public. By altering election results. By creating the impression that there are only two choices. (Which is only one more than they get in the USSR.) The Libertarians offer a very clear third choice. An alternative choice to the other two parties. NES insures that if you make that choice, your vote won't count.

This policy brings to mind several interesting and potentially mind-boggling possibilities. Just suppose LP presidential candidate Ron Paul were to poll 7 percent in New Hampshire, the Republican candidate polls 48 percent, and the Democrat 45 percent. In essence, Ron Paul would hold a percentage twice as large as the difference between the other two candidates, conceivably denying the Democrat the election. The country would not know.

Suppose Ron Paul were to poll 34 percent in Montana or Alaska with the other two candidates polling 33 percent each. NES would not report that a third party candidate had won those electoral votes.

Why is this NES policy? Good Question! Could it be that the two major parties are spending over \$100 million on the major networks this fall? Nah! They wouldn't let that affect their reporting the news accurately! Would they? Maybe you should ask them yourself. Call Bob Flaherty, Executive Director, National Election Service, 212-693-6001.

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Registered Libertarian Summary

Here's a summary of the number of registered Libertarians throughout the State. If your county's not on it, please consider helping out by going down to the County Clerk and Recorder's office, buying the list, and sending it to us. In the less populated counties, it takes about 15 minutes and 50 cents.

Adams	34	Eagle	3
Denver	145	Arapahoe	56
Jefferson	93	Delta	2
Boulder	75	Summit	1
Montrose	4	Unknown	26
Total		439	

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