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C-SPAN Gives LP Redoubled Commitment For Coverage of 1991 National Convention

C-SPAN, cable television's public access network, has greatly increased its commitment to full coverage of the LP national convention, to be held in Chicago, August 28-September 1.

In recent meetings with Libertarian Party officials, C-SPAN has said that its 1991 convention coverage will go far beyond its coverage of the 1989 LP convention in Philadelphia. C-SPAN coverage of the Philadelphia convention is credited with bringing the LP over 1800 phone calls and over 1400 prospect names and addresses.

C-SPAN officials have said they plan to move their entire operation to Chicago for the convention week, building the week's programming around the convention. The network has already reserved 12-15 rooms, and a large suite to turn into a mini-studio for interviews. This compares to the two rooms

Dunbar Attends THRO Conference

Nick Dunbar, LP National Director, attended a THRO (Throw the Hypocritical Rascals Out) symposium in Tampa, Florida, last month.

The organization hopes to bring groups from across the country together who are interested in defeating incumbents and getting more control of government by the people. Dunbar was named to the Coalition for Better Government '92 steering committee.

they booked for the Philadelphia convention.

In addition to covering convention business sessions, panels and speakers, C-SPAN will be putting together talk shows for evening broadcast from Chicago, taking advantage of available Libertarian speakers and VIPs from the libertarian movement.

Nancy Lord Appears on CNN To Defend First Amendment

Nancy Lord, 1990 LP candidate for Mayor of Washington, D.C., appeared on "Crier & Co." on CNN in late April to discuss the legal principles of the Stuart Reges case, in which the federal government is attempting to pressure Stanford University into firing the professor for his statements admitting personal drug use and calling it a positive experience.

Lord, a practicing attorney, appeared on the talk show with a congresswoman and a representative of an anti-drug-abuse group.

Lord said there is no evidence that Reges ever used or possessed drugs, even if you accept drug laws as legitimate, and that using his public statements against him is "a gross violation of the first amendment, and the government is asking Stanford to be its agent."

Lord also stated that it was unfortunate that universities are receiving federal money in the first place, which is then used by the government to exert control.

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Libertarians plan strategy, goals

Wren Propp
Staff writer

State Libertarians said Saturday potential supporters want to see the party progress — but refuse to vote for them because the party is not perceived as big or powerful enough.

That frustrating cycle and the perception they are "also-rans" can be overcome by continuing to add candidates each election year to local ballots, said Joseph Knight, state coordinator for the party.

About 30 people gathered here for an all-day convention which included discussions on strategies, goals and issues for the party. Subjects included opposition to censorship and anti-obscenity groups, jury reform, and the Animas-La Plata Water Project.

The group also selected representatives to its national convention and celebrated its 20th birthday.

Legislative candidates from Farmington, McKinley County and Albuquerque spoke about their experiences during the past election year.

Illa Bolton, who ran against Rep. Albert Shirley, D-Gallup, last fall, received 31 percent of the vote — the highest percentage a Libertarian in a partisan race received nationwide in November, Farmington Libertarian Margaret Mathers said.

Mathers noted her support grew from one election year to the next in her opposition to Rep. Richard Cheney, R-Farmington. The first time she ran against him two years ago, she received 12 percent of the vote, she said. Last fall she received 21 percent, she said.

Bernalillo Libertarians Attila Csanyi and Paul Short also described their races.

Candidates said they spent most of their time educating people and clearing up mis-



Andy Porter staff photo

Libertarian Party members Jim Blacic, Joseph Knight, Matthew Symmonds and Evert Oldham talk Saturday afternoon during a break in convention activities at The Inn.

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conceptions about the Libertarian Party.

Knight, who ran a write-in campaign for governor last fall, said he spent hours explaining to reporters and others that Lyndon LaRouche wasn't a Libertarian candidate for president. LaRouche, an Independent candidate was later was charged and convicted on several criminal charges.

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Farmington Libertarian

Evert Oldham, who chaired the daylong meeting, said Libertarians should write legislators for approving a change in the state's rape law. The Libertarian Party supported changing the law to include spousal rape, he said.

"We should write them and thank them," he said.

Knight said Libertarians should learn to discuss the party's philosophy and goals with potential new members without arguing with them. He urged them to point out the similarities in principals

rather differences on various issues.

And those who oppose them shouldn't be allowed to "take the high moral ground" when arguing differences, Knight said. Supporters of the United States' involvement in Kuwait questioned Libertarians' stand against the war, he said.

"Our patriotism was challenged by the new world order storm troopers. We should say we are the patriots and you are the monarchists because they were over there supporting the monarchy of Kuwait," Knight said.

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Interest groups, cash wield influence over local issues

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The power of money and influential political groups played havoc on two local issues with statewide ramifications, speakers at the state Libertarian Party convention said here Saturday.

An Albuquerque physicist, Harry Murphy, and a local engineering consultant, Matthew Symmonds, noted powerful organizations have wielded changes or threaten changes in two very different arenas.

Murphy told the 30-member audience at The Inn that a current push to add to the state's anti-obscenity laws is influenced by a national organization founded by Arizona Charles Keating. Keating faces criminal indictments involving savings and loan failures.

Murphy said national Citizens for Decency in the Law had become powerful in recent years in New Mexico, which is one of the few states that doesn't have an anti-obscenity law.

The group began work a few years ago in Albuquerque by drawing a proposed city ordinance and have also been active in Las Cruces and statewide. The Farmington group has supported the city's efforts to enforce its obscenity ordinance and has paid for some legal representation in the city's cases, he said.

Pressure was placed on legislators in the past few years, but each year anti-obscenity measures have been tabled in legislative committees, he

"You don't want to make plans to build recreational areas along a river if you aren't sure there will be water in it," Matthew Symmonds said.

said. One measure that was defeated would have made possession of pornography exploiting children a felony. Distributing and producing child-porn is a felony in New Mexico.

One Albuquerque legislator told him she had received several calls and letters from those supporting the measures, but only his letter opposing the actions.

"Our real enemy is apathy," Murphy said.

Symmonds, a member of Our Land Inc., provided a history of the complicated Animas-La Plata Water Project and said its status and cost estimates have changed throughout the years according to the political whims of the Bureau of Reclamation and other groups.

Symmonds said he began to question the Animas-La Plata Water Project after becoming involved in the RiverReach Foundation in Farmington. The foundation is involved in developing conservation, recreation and development areas along the Animas River in Farmington.

"You don't want to make plans to build recreational areas along a river if you aren't sure there will be water in it," he said.

His questions intensified after ask-

ing Bureau of Reclamation officials for information about the project and being told they had one copy left — which he couldn't have, he said.

He noted that the project may go well beyond the multi-million dollar cost estimates of the Bureau of Reclamation and may climb to \$2 billion before it is complete.

Symmonds added that he felt opponents to the project were outspent during a vote last year on the county's part of the repayment contract by county-selected officials campaigning for the project.

A resident of a northern rural community near the La Plata River, he said his taxes to pay for a conservancy district escalated sharply recently — but he doesn't own any water rights.

However, grass roots organizations, such as Libertarian Party members, became involved in the project and helped the public examine the project more closely, he said.

State Libertarian Party Chairman Maurice McDonald said during a break in the meeting that the local party developed the program for this year's convention.

"Farmington has been an active part of it (the party) and they put it together wholly on their own," McDonald said.

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Libertarian challenger wins top post

Associated Press

EVERGREEN — Members of the Colorado Libertarian Party elected Mary E. Callan of Fort Collins as state chairwoman for the coming year, officials announced yesterday.

Callan, who served previously in the post in 1988 and 1989, was elected on a second ballot during a party meeting here yesterday.

Callan beat chairman Keith Hamburger of Colorado Springs and another challenger, Jon Barga of Denver.

David Bryant of Denver was elected with no opposition to serve as membership director. Re-elected to serve for another year were Ron Bain of Denver, campaigns director; Joe Dehn of Littleton, communications director; and Rob Herzfeld of Colorado Springs, finance director.

Colorado Libertarians also selected 14 delegates and four alternates to attend the Libertarian Party's presidential nominating convention, which is scheduled to be held this summer in Chicago.

科州自由黨今年出選
主席

【本報訊】三月十四日科州美國自由黨在EVERGREEN選出F. T. COLLINS的MARY E. CALLAN先生為今年的州主席，並選出十四名代表和四名後備參加今年夏季芝加哥召開的自由黨提名會議。

Charlottesville, VA

Libertarian presidential candidates express views

By KAREN LOEW
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Richard Boddie and Andre Marrou, competitors for the Libertarian party's presidential nomination, answered questions posed by a panel of journalists in the Newcomb Hall South Meeting Room last night.

Gov't. and Foreign Affairs Prof. Larry Sabato moderated the panel, introducing the candidates saying a benefit of third parties is their consideration of issues often ignored in the two-party system.

In Boddie's opening statement, he defined a Libertarian as "a person who is morally opposed to the initiation of force, fraud or coercion to achieve political and social ends.

"There is an alternative to the R & D party," Boddie said. He placed Republicans and Democrats in the same category because there is no difference between them, he said.

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force," Marrou said. "Our duty is to throw off the yoke of oppression," he said, quoting the words of Thomas Jefferson.

The candidates were asked if they had ever

used cocaine or marijuana, and whether that was a proper question for presidential candidates to have to answer. While both Marrou and Boddie said they had tried marijuana, they said it was not a proper question for candidates.

"Drugs should be a matter of personal choice," Marrou said. Boddie said later he was in favor of the legalization of drugs, and compared the progress of the war against drugs to the failure of Prohibition.

Both candidates said they are against taxes. "We should get rid of the IRS and the income tax," Marrou said. Boddie said,

"Taxation is theft, pure and simple."

Both candidates also said they are pro-choice, although Marrou outlined ways of decreasing the number of abortions "through non-political means" such as making adoption easier, legalizing the French contraception drug RU486 and transferring fetuses from womb to womb.

Regarding the Persian Gulf War, Marrou said, "This was primarily done, in my opinion, to get rid of the 'Vietnam syndrome' . . . We should not have been there." Boddie also said if he were president, the War would not have happened.

Libertarian candidates share views

By Christine Carlson
University Journal Staff Writer

Libertarian party presidential candidates Andre Marrou and Dick Boddie spoke last night in a forum billed as "The Libertarian Alternative: An Examination of the Candidates."

Marrou, who served one term in the Alaska House of Representatives following his election in 1984, traveled to all 50 states in 1988 as the Libertarian vice presidential candidate.

Boddie, an attorney with a law degree from Syracuse University, is his current opponent for the presidential nomination.

Professor Larry Sabato moderated the event. "We ought to be interested in third parties," he commented.

"There is an alternative to the R&D party," Boddie said.

Each candidate gave a two-minute opening address. Then both explained their philosophical views on the role of the government during two rounds of questions posed by a panel of journalists.

According to the party platform, "all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose."

The two candidates responded to their first question in a similar manner. When asked if either had smoked marijuana or cocaine, Marrou said that "we feel that drugs are a mat-



Journal photo by Jason Schechner

Andre Marrou and Dick Boddie field questions on their Libertarian platform last night.

ter of personal choice."

"I own my body," Boddie said. He added that as an undergraduate at Bucknell, he had smoked pot "in a DU [fraternity] house."

Sabato asked each candidate to express his feelings concerning the recent drug raids of Delta Upsilon, Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities.

"These people have nothing else better to do," Boddie said of the Drug Enforcement Agents.

He added that "government should not intervene" in the private lives of its citizens and that he would be happy to "stand on the steps" of the DU fraternity house to express his opposition to government intervention.

Boddie and Marrou expressed similar views on the issue of government taxation, environmental protection and foreign diplomacy.

Also, both Boddie and Marrou agreed that the American educational system should be priva-

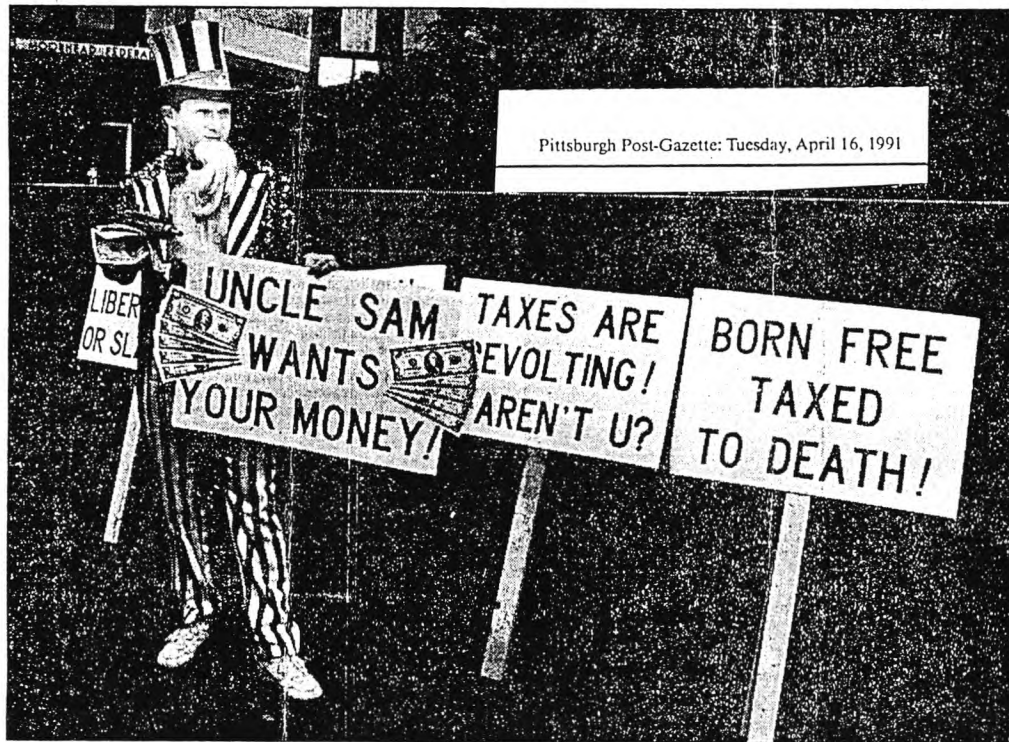
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By the end of the forum, the major difference Boddie cited between himself and his Libertarian opponent, Marrou, was that "I'm a black man who's a Libertarian and that's news." He also said that he would not accept national funds for his campaign.

Marrou, however, said, "I am pro-television; my opponent is not. I am pro-matching funds — to fight the federal government." He added that "I am pro-choice" and Boddie is pro-life.

Marrou said that in order to reduce abortion without government intervention, he would make adoption "a lot easier." He said that he would lift the FDA's restriction of the "morning after" pill.

Charlottesville, VA



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Unpopular Uncle Sam

Richard Calliguri and other members of the Libertarian Party demonstrated against income taxes outside the Federal Building Downtown yesterday. Midnight was the deadline for filing taxes.