

The Libertarian Party of Colorado announces the 35th Annual State Convention

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By Michelle Poague
LPCO Fundraising Director

Friday Night Pre-Program

7:00 pm Cocktails at Martini's (the hotel lounge)

Saturday Program

8:00 am Coffee/Registration

9:00 am Business – State Constitution Changes

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Business – State Bylaws Changes

1:00 pm Awards Luncheon

1:45 pm Business – Colorado Candidate Nominations, National Delegate Selection and State Board Elections

3:45 pm Break

4:00 pm Candidate Training Workshop

6:00 pm Casual Cocktails at Martini's

Please join us Saturday, May 13th at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, Denver Stapleton Plaza. Registration begins at 8:00 AM with coffee and tea service. The meeting is FREE to all attendees and the Awards luncheon is ONLY \$20. (see page 11)

For those who will be joining us from out of the city, the Radisson has offered us rooms for only \$89 a night. Please make your hotel arrangement directly at 303-321-3500 and tell them you are with the Libertarian Party of Colorado to ensure you get the special conference rate.

Please call 303-358-6047 and let us know if you plan to attend. We need an accurate count so that we may arrange enough space and refreshments for all participants. Luncheon tickets must be reserved by Friday, May 5th. Lunch choices are Turkey or Vegetarian. Luncheon tickets may be purchased by Visa, Mastercard, Personal Check or cash.

Be sure to check the web site at <lpcolorado.org> for the proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws. Please note: there will be no fundraising banquet at this year's convention, though we may choose to solicit donations throughout the day and hope you will join us for cocktails after the close of the convention.

Stealing Ballot Access

By Patrick Esser
LPCO Publications Director

The Libertarian Party has found itself in a concerning predicament: the LP is large enough in many states to get ballot access for its candidates, yet small enough that it can not fill all available candidates. When a candidate of another small party wants to get their candidate on the ballot without having to

get the required signatures to run on an "independent" ticket, it could be easier to just steal the ballot access from the LP. This scenario seems like some sort of conspiracy straight out of fictional political novel. However, this scenario was recently halted by the Missouri Libertarian Party (MoLP).

The MoLP executive directors were contacted by a man wanting to run for the 7th Congressional seat in the August

Libertarian Primary attempting to fill a ticket that the MoLP did not have a candidate for. Springfield, MO resident, Glenn Miller paid the MoLP the fees required to file with the secretary of state and planned to promote his Libertarian ticket publicly. Luckily, the MoLP discovered the real party that Mr. Miller is involved with, "The White Patriot Party." Some of Mr. Miller's political slogans include: "Let's git er

done! Vote White!", "Aliens out, jobs in, equal rights for whites" and "Support Israel and You'll Burn in Hell." (taken from the "Glenn Miller for Congress" website, www.whity.org)

The MoLP Executive Committee directed the party's Treasurer to decline or return any payment from Miller for the purpose of filing for office, and directed the Chair to notify the Missouri Secretary of State's office of that action. The resolution noted that Miller is publicly associated with other parties, and that his attempts to

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The Mission Statement of the Libertarian Party: "To move public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office."

Letter from the Chairman

By Travis Nicks
LPCO Chairman

W hew! We have been busy and it is only getting better. The fundraiser in February was a SPECTACULAR success and not only raised monies from within the party but also from outside the party. Our "partners" and friends showed up and had quite a good time. We presented well deserved awards and the whole time everyone was having a lot of fun gambling, drinking and socializing. Special thanks need to go to Michelle Pogue for planning and implementing the fundraiser as well as her most excellent support staff; Elisabeth Johnson, Barb Schneider, Severin Schneider, and (our ever tireless treasurer)



prieties and has been a beacon of Liberty in the council meetings. Joe Johnson has continued his service to the people of Frederick with his usual zeal and has addressed several liberty issues within the town. San Miguel has exposed an eminent domain abuse and we are devising a strategy for gaining maximum effect. CSU Campus Libertarians are moving forward and are very active (GO SETH!). Delta County is still watching the county commissioners with hawk's eyes.



lected in our total membership. We are appearing regularly on several radio stations. We gain new media outlet connections each month. We appeared in the magazine "5280" in a featured article. I was contacted by the Denver Post for my comments on recent events at the capital. All of this exposure is helping gain momentum for our upcoming candidates. If you are interested in running for office this year your coverage in the media will be better than ever before. At the upcoming convention we will be going over some things with anyone who gets a nomination regarding how best to get the media to come to you.



review all the amendments and resolutions on the website so you can come prepared with your arguments. We will be posting all the initiatives to the website as they come in.

Your Servant in Liberty,

Wes Long. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope to see you at future events. If you missed Casino Night take a moment to check out the photos on the website.



In other business, we are moving forward with the proscribed plans of action. With Doug's election to Lakewood City Council he has been able to bring light to city impro-

formed a county committee, Pueblo is having regular meetings, and Aurora is gearing up to fight a tax increase. Affiliate participation is on the rise.

We have been getting more exposure in the media and it is being re-

Speaking of the convention. This year promises to be full of good debate. We have several amendments and issues to discuss as well as nominations for our candidates. Please



Stealing Ballot Access (continued)

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file with the other two parties in Missouri demonstrated that his filing with the Libertarian Party represented a brazen effort to exploit the MoLP's ballot access "to advance public positions that are antithetical to libertarian principles and interests."

Darla Maloney, MoLP State Chair, said that the Libertarian Party had good reason to be suspicious of Miller's motives: "As one of Missouri's three officially established political parties, we must be very careful to defend our reputation against those who would seek

to exploit our party structure to crassly promote their own personal political agendas. Given Mr. Miller's public statements about the Libertarian Party and its positions, we have to conclude that his filing for office as a Libertarian is frivolous."

Greene County Libertarian Party Chair, Keith L. Rodgers, suggested that Miller should look elsewhere: "By going 'party-shopping,' Glenn Miller has proven he is just looking for

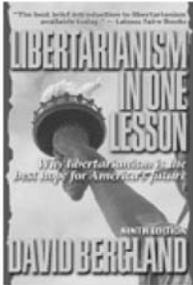
a 'flag of convenience.' Miller has other options: He can run as a write-in candidate, or he can do the hard work and get signatures to run as an independent. The Libertarian Party has the same right to refuse service as asserted by the Democrat and Republican parties. Miller has the right to run for office, but we are not obligated to, nor do we support, his beliefs."

Greg Tlappek, Executive Director of the MoLP, added

"While we defend everyone's right to free speech, we simply cannot condone the message that Mr. Miller promotes. For one thing, Libertarians explicitly reject the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals. His message of hate and divisiveness is completely at odds with our philosophy of social tolerance and protecting the rights of all individuals." *Thanks to the Missouri Libertarian Party (www.molp.org)*

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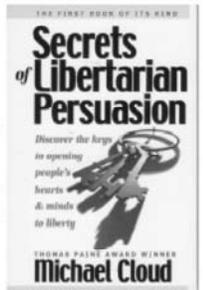
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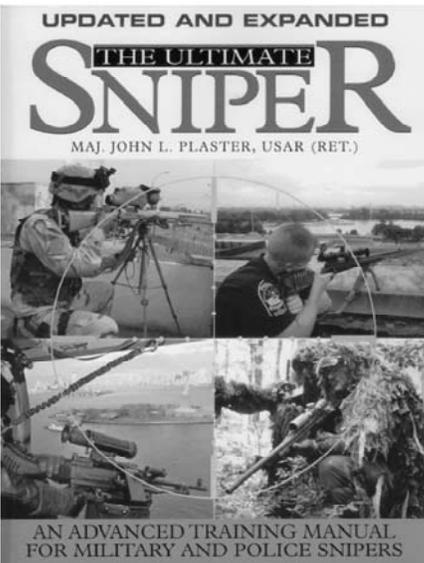
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"Defend Colorado Now" Petition

By Richard Randall
LPCO Legislative Director

Defend Colorado Now (DCN) is a pro-citizen, pro-legal-immigrant initiative to amend the Colorado constitution to deny non-emergency public services to persons unlawfully present in Colorado. Like the successful Proposition 200 in Arizona that passed in 2004, DCN will save limited state and local tax dollars by ensuring government expenditures reach intended recipients. DCN will begin gathering petition signatures in April. If DCN supporters collect the required number of voter-registered signatures (nearly 68,000) by August, the proposed amendment will be placed on the November, 2006 ballot for voter approval.

See the actual language online at: www.defendcoloradonow.org/amendment/language.html

The initiative was originally filed by Congressman Tom Tancredo and carried forward by Bill Herron. Current proponents for the initiative include former Colorado Governor Dick Lamm, Waldo Benavidez, Director of the Auraria Community Center—a west Denver social service agency, John Andrews, former President of the Colorado Senate, and DCN director Fred Elbel.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado Board of Directors has reviewed the DCN initiative and find it consistent with the National Libertarian Party Platform (Article I. Individual Rights and Civil Order, Sec. 18. Immigration, see last sentence in The Principle statement):
"The Principle: We hold that

human rights should not be denied or abridged on the basis of nationality. Undocumented non-citizens should not be denied the fundamental freedom to labor and to move about unmolested. Furthermore, immigration must not be restricted for reasons of race, religion, political creed, age or sexual preference. We oppose government welfare and resettlement payments to non-citizens just as we oppose government welfare payments to all other persons." While Libertarians may support this initiative for different reasons than the major parties, and different reasons than DCN, we should not confuse libertarian objectives with those of other groups supporting this amendment. There may be groups supporting this initiative who are decidedly non-libertarian. But this should not deter support for an initiative that promotes a Libertarian principle.

HOWEVER, there is another impact of this initiative that is

not being discussed. In order to obtain non-emergency government services, individuals will necessarily be required to prove their citizenship. While this could be proved through a copy of one's birth certificate, this requirement could also promote use and acceptance of the National ID card (the "REAL ID Act" was signed into public law (109-13) on May 11, 2005 and comes into effect after May 11, 2008). A decidedly non-libertarian objective (Reference the National Libertarian Party Platform, Article I. Individual Rights and Civil Order, Sec. 13. The Right to Privacy)! So while the DCN initiative could be a step toward dismantling the welfare state, it might also be a step toward building a growing police state.

We should be vigilant to ensure that the control of illegal immigrants is not used as justification for creating a police state. And remember the words of William Pitt, "Necessity is

the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

Because of potential conflicts in satisfying one Libertarian principle at the expense of another, the Libertarian Party of Colorado Board of Directors will not be taking an official position on this initiative. As always, the individual is best qualified to determine their position of support or opposition. The LPCO Board of Directors urge all Libertarians to respect the differing positions on this initiative likely to emerge within our party.

The Declaration of Independence defines the sole purpose of government as being to secure the rights of the governed. Therefore, the welfare system has never been a legitimate function of the United States government. The Libertarian Party would propose completely dismantling the welfare state, not only for illegal immigrants, but for everyone.

A case for the Colorado Petition Rights Amendment

By Richard Randall
LPCO Legislative Director

As the November 2006 election draws near, Colorado voters will be asked to approve Amendment 38, the Petition Rights Amendment. During the months leading up to the election, there will be debate over whether Amendment 38 strengthens our Constitutional Republic, or reduces it to mob rule through Direct Democracy.

The Declaration of Independence states: "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Embracing this concept, Article IV, section 4 of the United States Constitution guarantees every state in the union a republican form of government. This was followed by the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states that the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

This means that our government only has such power as is delegated to it by *the people*. Surely there must be a mechanism for *the people* to regulate, granting more or less power to, the government. This is accomplished through the *petition* process.

The petition process described in the Colorado State Constitution, Article V, section 1, states: "... the people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and amendments to the constitution and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the general assembly and also reserve power at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any act or item, section, or part of any act of the general assembly."

This means that, through the petition process, the people of Colorado may:

- ##Propose Laws
- ##Propose Constitutional Amendments
- ##Approve or reject (repeal) ANY laws passed by the legislature

Through these actions, the petition process acts as a faucet, controlled by the people, allowing our collective representatives more or less power. If our representatives begin to abuse the power delegated to them, the people can restrict this power. If the people deem the collective representatives to require greater power, then this power can be delegated to them.

Opponents arguing that the Petition Rights Amendment promotes mob rule through Direct Democracy fail to understand that the petition process already exists; and is an integral part of our representative government. Without the petition process, the people of Colorado would not have been able to restrict the power of government through enacting the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) Amendment, or to protect the rights of medical marijuana patients through the Medical Marijuana Amendment.

Because of politicians who fear the people will limit their political power, Colorado now has the nation's most anti-petition legislation.

- ##The Colorado secretary of state's 49-page manual admits, "The initiative process is complex and lengthy."
- ##The state and each city have separate rules, which change frequently!
- ##Today, you CANNOT petition your county, school district, or special district for any ballot issue!
- ##Current Colorado law requires "single subject" petitions. This allows petition opponents to delay a petition up to six months by falsely claiming it has multiple subjects. Also, disputes can be raised years after voters approve the petition, and overturn the election!
- ##Thousands of Colorado petitions are regularly thrown out over minor technicalities. For example, signing "Bob," instead of "Robert;" not listing the year you signed the form; using the wrong color ink; writing your city and state, out of habit, instead of writing city and county; omitting your apartment number, the

word "street," your Zip code, etc.

- ##Today, local governments are able to stall petitions they dislike by claiming that only some may be voted on that year, based on the petition's content.
- ##Despite Colorado law requiring our voter information guides be written by "nonpartisan research staff", legislators still control voter information guides.
- ##Currently, there is no effective penalty for spending tax dollars to influence elections. This has led to government officials using our own tax monies to oppose citizen initiatives.

Unless we restore our rights to petition, we now stand to lose our ability to restrict government power. As *the people* lose their ability to petition, our servant government becomes the master. Our petition rights in Colorado have eroded to a point where it is now the responsibility of the people to restore these rights through the Petition Rights Amendment. Support Amendment 38.

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Gather with fellow Coloradans and expert speakers, Morgan Reynolds, Ph.D. and author Don Paul, in a multi-media presentation. As Americans we owe the fallen and their loved ones nothing short of the truth no matter how painful the questions we must ask ourselves.

The event, on March 31, 2006, 7 p.m., at Teikyo Theater in the Loretto Heights University Campus, presents to its participants a series of unreported realities that happened before, during, and after 9/11.

Reynolds and Paul will report the disturbing and unique facts surrounding the tragedy of 9/11. Throughout the investigation in this case there has been a lack of court jurisdiction, crime scene evidence, subpoena power, normal law enforcement, due process, prosecution, and trial.

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"It is hard to exaggerate the importance of a scientific debate over the collapse of the twin towers and building 7," says Dr. Reynolds, who served as director of the Criminal Justice Center at the National Center for Policy Analysis in Dallas and is now a professor emeritus of Texas A&M University.

"The government's collapse theory is highly vulnerable on its own terms. Only professional demolition appears to account for the full range of facts associated with the collapse of the three buildings." Reynolds was chief economist for the Labor Dept. under the Bush administration on 9/11.

MORGAN REYNOLDS, Ph.D.

and **DON PAUL, Author**

Friday March 31, 7pm

Doors open at 6pm for exclusive video previews
 Concession stand and an intermission. Program ends at 10:30pm

Troubled Conscience about September 11th

By Rand Frashier
 LPCO Outreach Director

It was at least two years after the disaster before I began to look into what really happened on 9/11. After all, it was way too big for the government to have been complicit; surely someone in the know would have spilled the beans. But then I took a look through the agencies which seemed to deliberately stand down that day instead of doing their jobs, and I listed the ones that after 911 seemed to have as a primary task to discard or conceal relevant evidence and derail any normal criminal investigation.

Then I did the math. An elementary momentum analysis, using a spreadsheet and data and formulas I checked and double-checked with my own hand, proved beyond any doubt that the WTC towers could not have fallen by damage or fires alone—that they were demolished. The implications were obvious; regardless of how implausible, some alphabet agencies—or people in their employ—at the Federal, State and local levels actually were instrumental in the murders of all those people and the destruction of so much property.

But I have continued doing



Copyright© CBS Broadcasting my job in the LP here at the state level, for years, pushing back here in Colorado at the misuse of government power in so many little ways. All the time also pushing back in my mind the reality that these little things make no difference in a country that has essentially just had a coup d'etat, where the leadership doesn't protect the people but kills them for geo-political utility.

So I formed, with a few wonderful Libertarian friends, a private production company entirely outside of my role in the LP. On March 31, you will have the opportunity to see the results of our dedicated effort to have a world-class event, with a thousand people in their seats here in Denver. Hope you can make it, it would mean a lot to me to have you there, to share what you may remember in years to come as the most sobering experience of your life, a moment that changed everything.

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National Animal Identification System

By Leslie Applegate
The Goat Source

The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) is a plan by the Government

to develop a comprehensive information system that will support ongoing animal disease monitoring, surveillance, and eradication programs. It is as of yet still in development. The basic tenants of this program revolve around "Premises ID" and individual "Animal ID". The Draft Strategic Plan put forth by the USDA states "There is broad support for NAIS among government, industry, and public stakeholders.", when in fact the program has had very little publicity up until lately. The Industry" that supports this program seems to be only the large "Ag Corps" and not the small family farmers, hobby farmers and self sufficient homesteaders. The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) which has pursued a National ID program, includes such well-known industry entities as Cargill Meat Solutions, Monsanto Company, Schering-Plough, and the National Pork Producers Council. Further, of those NIAA members listed as "National Associations and Commercial Organizations," nearly 25% appear to be manufacturers and marketers of identification technology systems. The Draft Strategic Plan cites surveys that are overwhelmingly in favor of a mandatory program of monitoring, but fails to disclose how many people were surveyed and what their interest was, rendering the statistics meaningless.

The "risk of an outbreak of a foreign animal disease" is given as one of the driving forces behind this program. However, the USDA is busily assuring us that our current programs in place are totally adequate for the protection of

our food supply. The diseases of main concern are listed as foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). FMD is a disease of primarily economic importance and is not transmissible to humans. It can have devastating effects on the herds it affects but is not a threat to the food supply. There has not been, to my knowledge, a case of FMD in the US in 70 years. To date, we have had only two cases of BSE in the US. The banning of meat and bone meal in ruminant feed has reduced the risk of BSE and it would occur only in older cattle that may have contracted BSE before the changes in feed regulations. No humans in the US have contracted BSE or the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, or at least none have been diagnosed or reported that I know of. Simply testing all slaughtered cattle for BSE would eliminate the risk to the food supply. This would be an easy and relatively cheap fix to a minor problem. Primarily, BSE is an economic problem affecting export of beef to other countries. As an aside, since the idea for the program is to protect the food supply, why are horses included in this program? Most of the people I know who raise horses don't eat them.

"If USDA decides to make all or parts of the NAIS mandatory, APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) will follow the normal rulemaking process."
- From the USDA's NAIS website

NAIS would be a tremendously expensive program, in a year when the overall Dept. of Agriculture budget is proposed to be cut by 3% to \$92.8 billion. The program funding proposal presented in the President's budget proposal is for \$33 million to be spent on NAIS. However the Draft Plan makes it clear that the producers would have to bear the cost of this plan.

Most small producers operate on the edge anyway and the added cost of NAIS is very likely to cause some of them to go out of business. The tags that

are being considered are RFID tags, which mean that the equipment to read the tags would have to be available. While the USDA won't "force" you to purchase a reader, operations with more than one species of animal and several of each species would find it extremely time consuming (not to mention expensive) to have to travel to the nearest "tagging station" every time a tag needed to be read. Some species (goats) are very hard on ear tags, with a very poor retention rate. Most owners of show animals don't want to punch holes in their prize animal's ears, with the attendant issues of disfigurement and infection. The only ones who are really enthusiastic about RFID tags seem to be the manufacturers. Talk about a captive market! You have to buy it, from them of course, and you have to replace lost tags. Plus, every year there are new animals needing tags. This is a goldmine for the tag producers (who by the way support NAIS enthusiastically). Note, that the large producers (feedlots and such) will not be held to the same standards as the small producer. Tagging would not be required of all animals, only a lot ID would be required, with all animals in it, supposedly, staying together until slaughter. I can see many opportunities for mistakes and outright fraud in this approach. The USDA admits fraud and counterfeit tags would be a problem.

The biggest objection I have heard to NAIS is that it is an invasion of privacy. Livestock is considered private property and it is unconscionable that the government will require all livestock owners to not only report how many and what kind of animals they have, but where they are and where they go every time they "come-ingle" with other animals. This would set a very dangerous legal precedent. What other kinds of private property would the government then consider "fair game"? The information would be kept in a large data base, which the USDA admits that they would not be able to guarantee would stay secure. Privatization of the data base was being considered, but the plan has been changed, just



"The USDA plans to make every owner of even one horse, cow, pig, goat, sheep, chicken, or pigeon register in a government database and subject their property and animals to constant federal and state government surveillance, and the animal owner will have to PAY for the privilege of owning animals!"

- Stop Animal ID Organization
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recently, due to objections that a private database could not and should not be entrusted with data that the government collected from producers. The USDA professes to be concerned about "bioterrorism", yet wants to collect information about all of the livestock producers in one neat tidy package, just waiting for some hacker to break in and use it. Any data base can be hacked and the government should know that!

Many animal owners simply would not comply with the regulations and the USDA would have to spend many tens of thousands of dollars tracking down these people and I can imagine many of the cases would end up in court, costing more thousands of dollars, none of which would further the end of preventing the spread of disease. The professed mission of the USDA is to promote farming, agriculture, and the rural way of life, not being the "farm police".

In conclusion, the USDA's

Mandatory Property and Animal Surveillance Program is an affront to the Constitution of the United States and the rights guaranteed her citizens. It will be costly and ineffective, and will do nothing to protect our food supply. Indeed, if an infected animal is found in one of the slaughterhouses, I suspect the corporation owning the animal will use the program to point a finger at the original owner of the animal, disclaim any responsibility for harm and tell the public what a shining beacon they are for protecting the common citizen from the terrible threat of disease.

NAIS is only the tip of the iceberg. The erosion of our constitution rights will continue unless we stand up and object, loudly!!

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Legal theft of private property is still theft

By Kathy & Tom Fauth
Elizabeth, CO

In Montrose, we heard stories that are all too familiar in Colorado these days. "It's a land grab by developers under the guise of a road, with no provision to insure that the road will actually be built in a reasonable length of time. There is no need for the road. Farm land, homes, irrigation water (Uncompaghre Valley Water Users Assoc) are all under threat of eminent domain to make room for high density housing and commercial development. It will be a joint financing through a county/city relationship with private developers over 20 or 30 years. There is a meeting scheduled but the details are pretty vague." In Kit Carson, there is a plan to build a useless bypass around the

town; of course property will be taken if it is not given.
A Colorado Springs Council Member protests: "Senate Bill 169 requires that the determination of whether a particular area is a slum area must be made on a parcel by parcel basis, rather than on an area-wide basis. It would severely limit urban renewal authorities' ability to rehabilitate urban areas". In Boulder, city built and maintained, cracked sidewalks were enough to allow condemnation for 'urban renewal' for private gain.
Another form of 'corporate welfare' that is never mentioned, Your City or County and even the state can create an enterprise zone to lure businesses to locate in a specific location and then offer the businesses all types of tax breaks. Our governments give tax breaks to the corporations

and then 'take' our homes and businesses for 'urban renewal' to increase tax revenues.
"Once again a majority of this court has proved that if enough people get together and act in concert, they can take something and not pay for it. But theft is still theft. Theft is theft even when the government approves of the thievery. Turning a democracy into a kleptocracy does not enhance the stature of the thieves; it only diminishes the legitimacy of the government." Justice Janice Brown
Sign the Petition to Stop Eminent Domain for Private Gain. Support HCR06-1001. To circulate a petition or more info about Legal Theft of Private Property call or email

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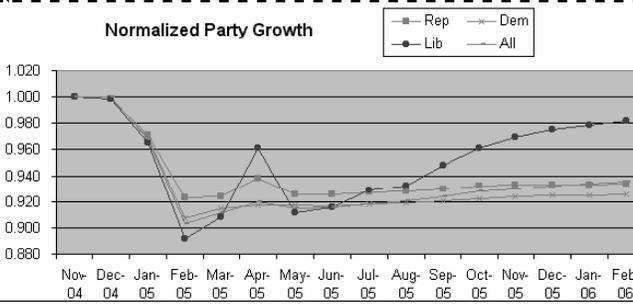
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- There are several openings right now that we could really use your help:
- # Manage a Small Membership Gift Inventory
 - # Make T-Shirts (it's easy and we can train you)
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This is your opportunity to help the Libertarian Party of Colorado move forward.
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Harry Browne: Libertarian Hero and Icon!

By Patrick Esser
LPCO Publications Director

Harry Browne was a great Libertarian writer, politician, inspirational speaker, radio talk show host and investment adviser. Harry authored thirteen books, of which his third book, "You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis" was #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. His first book, "How You Can Profit From the Coming Devaluation" published in 1970 accurately predicted the coming inflation due to the devaluation of the dollar by the federal reserve making him a Libertarian sooth-sayer of sorts. Harry's third book, "How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World" is my favorite and is now a libertarian, must-read classic.

Harry Browne was the Libertarian Presidential candidate in both 1996 and 2000. During these elections, the LP managed to get on all 50 states ballots. Harry received the second highest number of votes in Libertarian Presidential election history.

Harry's recent contribution to liberty was that he co-founded the Downsize DC Foundation, a non-profit organization whose focus is an educational mission to demonstrate that small government (Downsizing DC) leads to Human Progress. Harry also had two weekly radio talk shows on the Genesis Network including "The Libertarian

Conversation" and "The Money Show."

Harry was also the President and Senior Political Analyst of the Free Market News Network on which he had his own internet-based show, "This week in Liberty."

From 1974 to 1997, Harry published a financial newsletter called the "Harry Browne Special Reports." He was considered an expert on economics and appeared on hundreds of media programs including "The Larry King Show" and "The Today Show."

Harry Browne was born in New York City and grew up in Los Angeles. At the time of his death he had been living just outside Nashville, TN. He died of Lou Gehrig's disease on March 1, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Browne and daughter, Autumn Browne.

Harry Browne will surely be missed and the Libertarian Party has lost a great advocate of liberty and freedom. Famous Harry Browne Quotes: "A little government involvement is just as dangerous as a lot — because the first leads inevitably to the second." "For those looking for security, be forewarned that there's nothing more insecure than a

political promise." "I want a government small enough to fit inside the Constitution."

"Not only can no one predict the future, we don't under-

stand the present—and there isn't even any certainty about the past."

"The free market punishes irresponsibility. Government rewards it."

"The government is good at one thing. It knows how to break your legs, and then hand you a crutch and say, "See if it weren't for the government, you wouldn't be able to walk'."

"There already are 20,000 federal gun laws and regulations on the books. If those laws haven't made America safe by now, why should we think 20,001 laws will suffice?"

"From the cranberry cancer scare of the 1950s to the Alar-in-apples hysteria of the 1980s, from the "new ice age" of the 1960s to the "global warming" of the 1990s, environmental alarms almost always turn out to be false. Few non-political scientists fear ozone loss, global warming, or acid rain. These are just issues that some people hope to use to reorder the lives of the rest of us."

"So what is government?... Very simply, it is an agency of coercion. Of course, there are other agencies of coercion -- such as the Mafia. So to be more precise, government is the agency of coercion that has flags in front of its offices."

"Republicans campaign like Libertarians and govern like Democrats."

"You are where you are today because you have chosen to be there



COLORADO PRIVATE CHARITY National Sports Center for the Disabled

The National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) began in 1970 as a one-time ski lesson for children with amputations for the Children's Hospital of Denver. Today, the NSCD is one of the largest outdoor therapeutic recreation agencies in the world. Each year, thousands of children and adults with disabilities take to the ski slopes, mountain trails and golf courses to learn more about sports - and themselves. With specially trained staff and its own adaptive equipment lab, the NSCD teaches a variety of winter and summer sports and activities to individuals with almost any physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral diagnosis.

The mission of the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) is to provide quality outdoor sports and therapeutic recreation programs that positively impact the lives of people with physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral challenges.

The NSCD offers a variety of exciting summer adventures, including AbilityCAMPs, rafting, kayaking, canoeing, special camps, horse pack trips, therapeutic horseback riding, mountain biking, camping, and rock climbing.

The NSCD offers a variety of exciting winter adventures, including therapeutic horseback riding, alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, Nordic hut trips, snowshoeing, and ski racing. Their programs are designed for individuals, families and groups and are available for all levels of ability, from beginner to advanced.

Skiing down a mountain, saddling up a horse, or rafting along a river are enjoyable experiences for many people. But for an individual with a disability, these activities can signify the road to a fuller life.

Each year, more than 3,000 individuals with disabilities discover the benefits of recreation through the National Sports Center for the Disabled. Whether a five-year-old with

Down Syndrome, or a 65-year-old recovering from a brain injury, our programs provide many challenges as well as incredible rewards.

Sports and recreation activities are expensive, and our participants depend on us to provide equipment, instructors, coaches and training. The NSCD receives only 17 percent of its revenue from participant fees, retail sales, and other sources. The remaining 85 percent comes from philanthropic gifts, grants, events, and sponsorships. Here's an example of what your dollars will provide:

• \$45 will help purchase a ski-bra, a device that holds the tips of skis together.

• \$75 will enable us to enhance and expand the training we provide to our volunteers.

• \$100 will help us refurbish old equipment.

• \$210 will purchase an outrigger, the forearm crutch with a ski tip attached.

• \$600 will feed a horse in our therapeutic riding program for a summer.

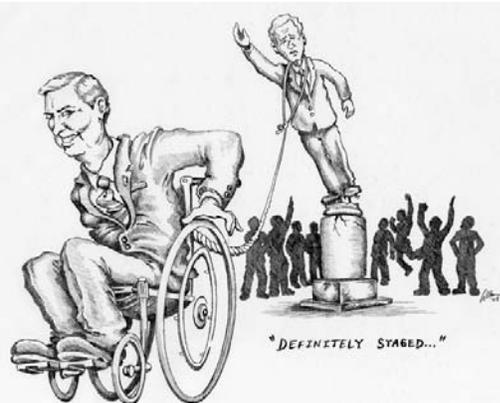
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• \$5,000 will help us underwrite the costs our weekly ski program for children with disabilities.

If you are interested in providing a gift of property and/or securities, or if you would like to speak with someone about the NSCD's Planned Giving program, please contact Geoff Brown at 303-293-5314; or via email at gbrown@nscd.org. Visit them online at: <http://www.nscd.org>

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Ending the game of marijuana prohibition in Colorado

By Mason Tvert
Campaign Director, SAFER

In November, voters approved Initiative 100, amending Denver city ordinances to make the possession of less than one ounce of marijuana legal for adults 21 and older. In doing so, it became the first major American city to vote to remove all penalties—civil and criminal—for private adult marijuana use. It also became the first city to legally remove itself from the marijuana prohibition game.

Unfortunately, however, the state and federal government are still playing.

City officials say their hands are tied and that state law forces them to continue punishing private adult marijuana users. Although we at SAFER do not necessarily agree and have faith in Denver's status as a home-rule municipality, we do acknowledge the need to change state law and "untie the hands" of the cities and towns around Colorado. After all, there is absolutely no reason why any city's police and prosecutors should be forced to use taxpayer dollars to directly counteract the will of the taxpayers.

Thus, SAFER has proposed a statewide ballot initiative to effect the same legal change as I-100, but at the state level. If adopted by Colorado voters in November, the measure would exempt adults 21 and older from the statute pertaining to simple marijuana use and possession and render it legal for private adult use and possession.

"Alcohol poisoning is the primary cause of more than 300 deaths each year." According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Lee Maisey of Great Britain smoked six joints a day for 11 years and died from cannabis toxicity—the ONLY known medically recorded case of marijuana poisoning.

Beware! Young and Old—People in All Walks of Life!

This may be handed you by the friendly stranger. It contains the Killer Drug "Marihuana"—a powerful narcotic in which lurks Murder! Insanity! Death!

WARNING!
Dope peddlers are shrewd! They may put some of this drug in the or in the or in the tobacco cigarette.



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U.S. Federal Bureau of Narcotics poster used in the late 1930s and 1940s.

"Both the Governor and the Attorney General (John Suthers) of Colorado have called for a "statewide marijuana showdown." So there WILL be a battle to get this on the November ballot. However, the SAFER message that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol and, thus, individuals should have the option of using the less harmful substance without penalty is already resonating with the media and the public.:"

"Several LPCO affiliates are already working with SAFER to train volunteers and help collect signatures across the state. If you're interested in volunteering for this effort, please visit the SAFER campaign site at: <http://www.safercolorado.org>"

- Richard Randall, LPCO Legislative Director

More importantly, it will let Colorado cities and towns decide for themselves whether it makes sense to continue punishing adult marijuana users. Those localities that maintain or wish to add a city ordinance prohibiting marijuana will be free to do so, but those cities that have removed such ordinances—such as Denver—would no longer be forced to spend their limited resources on something so petty as the simple possession of small amounts

of marijuana.

SAFER kicked off the petition drive March 1st to collect the nearly 68,000 signatures of registered Colorado voters needed to place the initiative on the November 2006 ballot and it has until the first week of August to submit those signatures to the secretary of state.

If the measure passes it will take Colorado out of the game of marijuana prohibition, leaving the federal government—and any cities that enact local ordinances prohibiting marijuana—as the sole player. We are confident that if there is no city or state law to enforce, there is little the feds can do to continue marijuana prohibition as we know it in Colorado.

The game will be over.

Eliminating the 3rd Party Threat

By Jim Babka
President, DownsizeDC.org

If General Motors set the rules by which Ford could do business, Ford would soon be bankrupt. Sadly, the incumbents in Congress can do to their competitors what General Motors cannot. If H.R. 4694 passes into law...

#You will no longer be able to use your own money to support or oppose any candidate for federal office.

#All campaign funding will come from the government, with winners getting more money in the next election, and losers less.

#The only way third parties and independents can get full funding from the government will be to collect petition signatures equal to 20% of the votes cast in the last election. This is a huge barrier. And it is made even worse by the fact that paid signatures will not be accepted.

#It is a well-established fact that challengers must spend more than incumbents in order to unseat them, but under this law there is no way any challenger could ever outspend an incumbent.

#Your tax money would be used to fund candidates you oppose.

#Candidates unwilling to take government funds would be prohibited from raising any money at all.

#Citizens groups would also be prohibited from spending money to fund communications that discuss electoral campaigns.

Please send a message to Congress opposing H.R.4694 visit online: <http://action.downsizedc.org/wyc.php?cid=42>

Jim Babka, President
DownsizeDC.org, Inc.

Subsidize Mental Health in Aurora?

By Jim Frye
LPCO/Arapahoe Activist

After just defeating a proposed 4-mill property tax increase in November that would have added an additional \$10 million tax burden to the residents of Aurora, we will now be voting on yet another tax increase measure, May 2nd.

The Aurora Mental Health Center is pushing this two-tenths of a percent sales tax increase to fund various mental health services in the city. This tax increase would generate approximately \$9.6 million a year.

By helping one group of people, this tax will place an additional financial burden on our neighbors with disabilities, our seniors living on fixed incomes and single parents struggling to stay above the poverty level.

If this tax increase is approved, Aurora will have one of the highest combined sales tax rates in the State of Colorado.

I urge all you residents of Aurora to turn out, on May 2nd, to vote NO on this sales tax increase measure.

The Planetary Bill of Rights: An Introduction

By **Melissa Rhiannon**
aka "Lady Liberty"

Ahe Planetary Bill of Rights Project is a unique new organization whose goal is to give the entire world its first modern Bill of Rights.

People sometimes ask me how this project came about. About 6 years ago, I was thinking about the U.S. Bill of Rights. The founders of this country did a pretty good job, given the context of their times and experiences. They were able to draft a Constitution with a Bill of Rights that have held the US together for over two hundred years and may hold it together a little longer, but I doubt much longer. They did the best they could with what they had to work with at the time, and considering the political diversity of the people involved.

But I thought, hind sight is 20/20. And looking back on it, with the perspective of how things have evolved and changed over all those years, I felt sure it could be improved upon. I'd been through my own experiences, which had led to my slowly evolving from a liberal of the '60's into an individualist, someone who now felt very strongly that individual (the only legitimate human) rights should be held to be inalienable and sacrosanct over the mob whims of pure democracy.

So with my 20/20 hindsight, I thought it would be an interesting project to see what could be done to bring the Bill of Rights into a modern context, clarify some things, and enumerate some things that needed enumerating. And why should it be just for those of us here in the United States? Why shouldn't it be for anyone in the world? For any individual (or nation) that would be free?

I've had a few comments suggesting not to enumerate it, as it was leaving the door open to coercive collectivists to deny any rights that were not enumerated. (I use term "coercive collectives" because I have nothing against "voluntary

collectives," such as private companies, organizations and other collectives that don't force participation at gunpoint, I'm only opposed to forced collectives.)

Coercive collectivists can deny all individual rights anyway. I came to the conclusion that the more enumerated the major derivative points were, the better. You would not draft a contract to build a house that just said "build the house" assuming that the builder would know what you wanted. In fact, in many legal circles there is a saying, "a contract not in writing, is not a contract." So I thought, I should enumerate as many of the fundamental, more-prominent rights as possible.

This project has been an evolving thing but I think it's finally pretty close to what I wanted it to be. Who wrote it? Only me. One individual. In the spirit of Objectivism, I didn't write it out of altruism, I wrote it because it gratified me to do so, as an individual-liberty work of creation. I considered a few suggestions along the way, sometimes for syntax, sometimes for slight improvements. But I wanted to prove what one individual could do, when she

*"La libertad no es negociable."
- Jose Marti, Cuban patriot*

was willing to stand up and declare a set of modern enumerated rightful human individual rights. I wanted to prove that just one liberty-loving person COULD make a difference. Now imagine adding millions more.

I've been asked how I intended to get any government to enforce it. I don't. The design of this project is not to create a one-world government, there are already people working on that, and I'm afraid they may succeed. The intention of this is quite the opposite; to create a subscribed Bill of Rights that any freedom-loving individual

anywhere in the world can adopt for their own and assert against all others, within the framework and with the eventual support of a huge voluntary

*"In any compromise between food and poison, it is only death that can win. In any compromise between good and evil, it is only evil that can profit."
- Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged.*

collective. The essential thing is that no one forces people to subscribe to it.

I'm thinking that it should be a non-profit organization, yet not filed as a tax-exempt 501C3 with the US government, because of the legal and political complications from doing that. I envision a non-profit organization in which shares of stock are sold, with each one being an individual share

of liberty. The more shares sold, the more people supporting and asserting liberty in the world. The stock certificate might contain the Planetary Bill of Rights printed on it.

Some coercive collectivists who didn't understand this project, have said to me that it was unnecessary, because the United Nations already has a "Declaration of Human Rights" (the UNDHR), but go look at that. I haven't personally seen very many things as absurd. It amounts to a bill of coercive collectivist or socialist entitlements. Everyone is entitled to a good job, for good pay? Everyone is entitled to this and that... Who pays for it all? If their entitlements have to be paid for by enslaving others, how are those rightful "rights"? How absurd. This has nothing to do with any absurd UN fantasy declaration.

Why do I doubt the US will hold up much longer? Because most people have lost their understanding of liberty. They even equate it with democracy.

Democracy is not liberty. Democracy is the opposite of liberty, mob rule, 6 wolves and 4 sheep voting on what's for dinner. Oops, the sheep lost, break out the barbecue sauce. And with the advent of instant polling, our country has deteriorated into an almost pure poll-driven democracy.

Individual (human) rights are the only true and rightful rights and they must be held to be sacrosanct, inalienable, and not be subject to compromise, otherwise they can be voted or regulated away. So I've attempted to create a Planetary Bill of Rights that expresses these ideals. As evidenced by the numbers of

*"The next time you are tempted to ask: "Doesn't life require compromise?", translate that question into it's actual meaning: Doesn't life require the surrender of that which is true and good to that which is false and evil?" The answer is that that precisely is what life forbids - if one wishes to achieve anything but a stretch of tortured years spent in progressive self-destruction."
-Ayn Rand.*

people who vote libertarian in elections, the number of people in this world who appreciate and understand the legitimate principles of liberty is small indeed, so this project will also require efforts at education.

Some people have expressed to me, that there are so few people in the world interested in real liberty, that this would be an impossible task, that it would take large enough numbers to win elections, which seems impossible. But I say; think outside the box. One individual CAN make a difference, so what if you had a voluntary collective of them, agreeing to join forces and assert their rights against all others?

The way things have been going in the world, coercive collectivism is dividing and conquering us and we're slowly hanging separately. I think something like this could be the last best hope for freedom in the world, the last best hope of preventing a one-world-government Big Brother style tyranny, most probably led by

the UN. People always point to how the NRA, with its 4 million members, has such a powerful influence in U.S. elections. So, say only about 1-3% of the people in the world appreciate real liberty right now, before we begin a vast educational effort.

*"A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty one percent of the people may take away the rights of the other forty nine."
- Thomas Jefferson*

Imagine then, that if we can gather millions of people worldwide, to adopt this Planetary Bill of individual Rights, how much influence they could have in asserting it against all others.

The plan is to start with that tiny minority of individuals who already appreciate legitimate liberty, gain their support, and bootstrap the project from there, into education and gaining more support, so it becomes a self sustaining force for individual liberty in the world. That's the goal, and I'm asking for your help. Please go and read this Planetary Bill of Rights that just one individual created. There are more than one of us now, interested in supporting and adopting it. Major startup funding is needed to give it some momentum, to help start the process of marketing it to the world. Education will be needed. We also want to have it translated into as many languages as possible as the project progresses.

We need an angel or two to help fund the project and get it started up. Then we'll have a full time staff and have plans to build a headquarters in the mountains. These are ambitious tasks. But someone once told me that if your goals seem possible, they're not big enough. "The journey of one thousand miles begins with a single step." And so it begins.

The Planetary Bill of Rights Project can be read at www.planetarybillofrights.org It only takes a single spark to start a fire. Please pass the word, in the name of liberty!

Contact Melissa at email:
LadyLiberty@
PlanetaryBillOfRights.org

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