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Paul petitioning becomes urgent

There's only about one month left to obtain more than 4,000 valid signatures on ballot access petitions for Ron Paul, the Libertarian Party presidential nominee for 1988.

Recognizing the urgency in the state that is the birthplace of the Libertarian Party, the national Ballot Access Committee has assigned 12 trained petitioners to Colorado to quicken the pace of Paul petitioning. These dozen campaign workers need places to stay while in various regions of Colorado — contact the Colorado Libertarian Party headquarters in Denver if you can help.

Local petitioning coordinator Bill Fargo reported at the last CLP board meeting that only about 1,000 signatures had been obtained by early June. A total of 5,000 valid signatures of registered electors is needed

by August 2nd to place Ron Paul's name on the Colorado general ballot in November.

Petitioners earn 50 cents per signature for obtaining Ron Paul signatures. If you want to start circulating a petition in your area, contact Fargo at the CLP headquarters.

Newly elected CLP Chairman Mary Lind says it will be an "embarrassment" to Colorado Libertarians if Ron Paul's name does not appear on the state ballot this November. We already know who the Demopublicans are going to put on the ballot — George Bush, a drug-running spook, and Michael Dukakis, the hand-picked man of the Kennedy clan — so the urgency to place Ron Paul's name on the ballot should become even more pressing. Bill Robinson is the Coloradans for Paul coordinator.

Calendar:

July 8

Delta-Montrose Liberty meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Gunnison River Pleasure Park. Any Interested Delta or Montrose County residents should attend. Call Ron at 323-6853 for more information or directions.

July 13

Board meeting and Cocktail Party chez Victoria Mason, 1270 Logan #8 (carriage house behind main building, look for blue light) in Denver on second Wednesday of each month. Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.; cocktail party at 7:30 p.m. It's potluck — bring some chips & dip or veggies to munch on. For directions, call Victoria at 831-1620.

August 2

Ron Paul petitioning deadline.

Heid challenges 'Peppermint Patty'

Daredevil parachutist, novelist and former(?) Republican Robin Heid is challenging Congresswoman Pat "Peppermint Patty" Schroeder (D-Denver) for her First Congressional District seat in Congress.

Heid is maintaining his registration as Republican, but has joined the Colorado and national Libertarian parties and has gained approval as the CLP nominee for Schroeder's seat. Asked if he had experienced any hassles from the office of Secretary of State Natalie Myers concerning his registration status, Heid replied, "Not yet."

Having already gained the attention of the Denver media by jumping off of a downtown skyscraper last September to promote his novel, "Sport Death: A Computer Age

Odyssey" (he goes to trial for the second time on charges of trespassing and reckless endangerment on July 21; the first trial ended in a hung jury), Heid says his notoriety will help him defeat Schroeder.

"I seriously think I have an opportunity to win...if certain things fall into place," Heid commented over the telephone. "I think I represent a wild card that will change all the equations."

His campaign, Heid says, calls for a referendum on the drug war. He has drafted a 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which will end the prohibition against psychoactive drugs. Heid says he'll use his enthusiasm for parachuting to gain media attention and to promote his campaign.

From the Chair

By Mary Lind,
CLP Chairman

Greetings!

I'm quite pleased that Ron (Bain) has granted me the opportunity to keep in touch with you each month through the **CLIPboard**. Lots of exciting things are happening in the Libertarian Party!

First, on an urgent note: Get active in petitioning for Ron Paul. We're horribly behind schedule with less than one thousand signatures as of the June Board meeting. We need to get 5,000 signatures to the Secretary of State's office by the first week of August; this translates to 7,500 to 10,000 signatures total to be assured of receiving enough valid ones. What an embarrassment it would be to us all if Ron Paul could not even get ballot access here in the birthplace of the Libertarian Party. We cannot afford to "let the other guy do it."

Get petitions from Bill Fargo (call him at the party office) and set a goal for yourself — hit the post office or the street on your lunch hour, for example, and nail down at least 20 signatures a day. Do it after work, at local public meetings, at fairs, rodeos, or anywhere. It's not hard — just do it! 'Nuff said.

I'm pleased to say we have a fantastic group of candidates to put up against the Demopublican party this fall. After speaking with all of them, I'm very optimistic about our chances for capturing a good percentage of the vote and getting more Libertarians in office. Our adversaries are listening like never before, and the battered voters are ripe for change. Do your part and either run for office or help someone who is.

I'm looking forward to going to non-Denver, Colorado, to activate more affiliates. Active outreach is a primary goal of your Board in this election year. Each of us will be traveling to various areas in the state to personally get the ball rolling. Contact us for information on starting your own group or hosting a local cocktail party.

On a more personal note: I'm new to the state party, and need all the input and criticism that you'd care to dish out. Feel free to call me at my home (686-5541) at any time to speak your mind or just chew the fat.

Here's to a great year!

Yours in Liberty,

Mary Lind

Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that 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.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life — accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action — accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property — accordingly we oppose government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

Media watch:

The described articles appeared in Colorado newspapers during the months of May and June:

Fort Collins Coloradoan - Sunday, May 29 edition featured a front page color photograph of Libertarian presidential candidate Ron Paul, plus a B-section front page article about Paul's appearance at the joint Alaska, Wyoming and Colorado convention in Ft. Collins over the Memorial Day weekend.

Grand Junction Daily Sentinel - Monday, June 6 edition featured a syndicated opinion column by Ethan Nadelmann of *The New Republic* headlined "Severing the drugs-crime connection," detailing how black-market profiteers could be put out of business by legalizing drugs and how about \$10 billion in related criminal justice efforts could be saved.

Delta County Independent - Wednesday, June 8 edition featured a front-page news brief reporting News Editor Ron Bain's election as communications chairman for the Colorado Libertarian Party.

How To Say "NO" To ALL Proposed Tax Increases

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. Property taxes have destroyed YOUR right to own property. With property taxes you can never fully own anything. Government siezes your property if you don't pay your annual **RENT**. All you are doing when you purchase property, is paying for the privilege of renting from the government.

CENTS vs. PER CENTS. Taxes are generally levied as **PER CENTS**, not cents. You only have 100% of every dollar. Every tax increase takes a greater percentage of your one dollar. You keep less of the whole. Government takes more. If there were **NO TAX INCREASES**, Government would still get more whenever the wealth of the community as a whole increased. There would be more dollars to take the same percentage from.

NUMBERS GAME. When you purchase something from your favorite shoe store, sports shop, restaurant, or supply shop, you do so without having to know all of the numbers involved in managing each particular business. You decide if the product being offered is at a price you are willing to pay. Politicians love to play **NUMBERS GAMES**. You don't have to play. Just say "no."

AVERAGES. One numbers game is called **AVERAGES**. Politicians especially enjoy this game. It's played nationwide. Every one and every program below the average can cry for increased funding. As those below the average then rise above the average, a new and higher average results. You've got it! A never ending spiral onward and upward slices deeper and deeper into **YOUR** dollar.

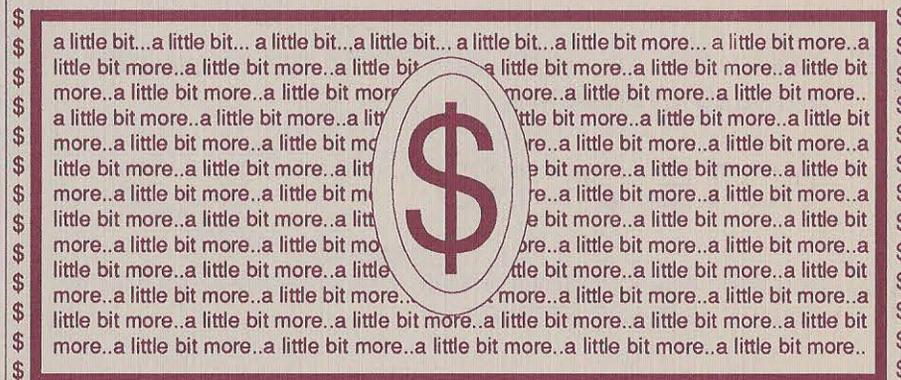
EMERGENCIES. This is probably the most successful of political games. Just continue to say "no." Tell them to find better fiscal managers. Tell them to calm down. Tell them they will survive. "An emergency on your part, does not constitute a panic on my part."

SALARIES. "Our people deserve higher salaries." "We're worth more." Do you deserve a higher salary? Are you worth more? Are you able to **DEMAND** the salary you feel you are worth? Do you rob your neighbor because you deserve a higher salary?

THE BEST. "We want the best." Do you want the best for your home and family? Can you always afford the best? Or do you have to budget and sometimes "make do?"

NEEDS PLEA. "This program is obviously needed. How could you possibly turn us down?" Good fiscal managers set priorities. Top priorities receive available funding. Lower priorities are cut. Of course, it is a good political scam to publicize cutting top priorities. The cutting of lower priorities would not receive as much sympathy.

The **LITTLE BIT** Game. Here is something you can play called "The **LITTLE BIT** Game." Take a black magic marker. Black out one "little bit" from your one dollar. Now black out another "little bit." How about another "little bit?" How about "a little bit more?" Keep going until your little bits don't seem like "a little bit" any more. Is too much of your dollar being blacked out by **TAXES** compounded in "little bits?"



Each government program only taxes you "a little bit." Each new form of taxation only robs from you "a little bit." Each tax increase is just "a little bit more." **YOUR DOLLAR** is getting smaller and smaller. Perhaps this process should be reversed.

GOOD CAUSE HOAX. This is a good "guilt trip" game. Supporting a good cause **DOES NOT** mean supporting increased Government taking of **YOUR** dollar.

YES TO GOAL. NO TO MEANS. Most individuals are well intentioned, compassionate and concerned. Voluntary, peaceful, neighborly solutions are available to those who seek them.

OLD MacDONALD REVISED. Uncle Sam he had a tax. Ee ei ee ei oh. And to this tax he added more. Ee ei ee ei oh. With a little cent here and a little cent there. Here a cent, there a cent, every where another cent....

IF: you don't want even more property TAKEN from you,

VOTE NO

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

IF: you know that property taxes have destroyed your right to really own property (What happens if you don't pay your annual RENT to government?),

VOTE NO

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

IF: you have examined the actual, real, live results and know that increased spending of taxpayer dollars DOES NOT equate with increased quality of education,

VOTE NO

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

IF: YOU HATE TO VOTE, BUT HATE BEING UNJUSTLY ROBBED EVEN MORE,

VOTE NO

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

IF: you don't buy into GUILT TRIPS, EMERGENCIES, NUMBERS GAMES, HORROR STORIES,

VOTE NO

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

IF: You believe that taxing YOUR PROPERTY IS NOT the answer to a growing multitude of funding demands,

VOTE NO

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

IF: you are a principled, non violent, peaceful school employee who refuses to be blackmailed into believing his job should be dependent upon robbing property owners,

VOTE NO

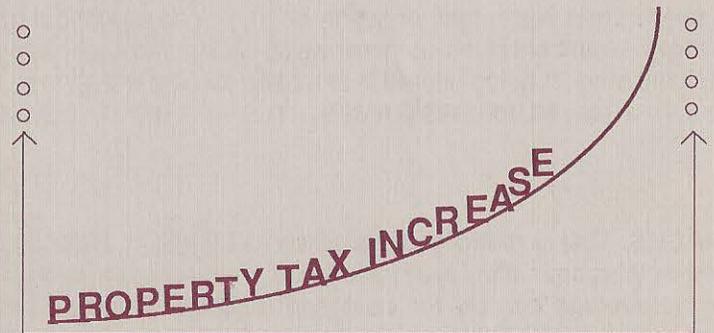
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TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1988



- **BETTER** alternatives exist for funding education.
- Increased taxes **DO NOT** equate with increased quality.
- Property taxes have destroyed your right to own property.
- Ask your questions. An information and questions meeting will be held Tuesday, April 26, 7:30 pm in the REA building at 4809 South College.



New CLP Board meets

The newly elected CLP Board's June meeting began on time, immediately prior to the Cocktail Party at Victoria Mason's, with all members present except for Communications Chairman Ron Bain, who appointed Bill Fargo as his representative at the meeting.

Finance Chairman David Aitken reported that he had negotiated a reduction of \$20 per month in the office rent. Aitken also reported that approximately \$300 in membership contributions was raised at the state convention, held in Ft. Collins over Memorial Day weekend. Presently, the CLP treasury contains \$800 and all bills are current.

Membership Chairman Jon Baraga reported that he's coordinating a speaker's workshop with Craig Green. He will also advertise in future **CLIPboards** for speakers to conduct outreach efforts. Baraga will also be contacting groups in Colorado Springs and Fort Collins to form county affiliates.

Campaigns Chairman David Daniels reported that Jeff Kelly had dropped out of the Fourth Congressional District (Greeley) race, but that Jim Phelps had announced his candidacy in the Sixth Congressional District. Phelps' candidacy was unanimously approved by the board.

Bain telephoned in a report, saying he needed input from each of the board members to put in the **CLIPboard**, such as officers' reports, photographs, editorials and newspaper articles about Libertarian candidates or ideas from all over the state.

Party Chairman Mary Lind reported that the CLP had maintained its official status as a political organization in Colorado by submitting the names of the new Board on June 8 to the Secretary of State's office. However, Lind reported, next year's submission of Board names must be made no later than May 1, or the CLP will lose all standing with the Secretary of State's office as an official political organization.

The Board discussed creative fundraising methods, noting that an standing offer has been made to provide matching funds for a worthwhile project. The Board decided the first such worthwhile project will be the acquisition of a computer for the party office.

The meeting was adjourned to the Cocktail Party, which was attended by CLP candidates Robin Heid and Dan Nibbelink.

Hamburger booth reports moderate success

The CLP Hamburger Booth at the recent Denver People's Fair sold almost 500 hamburgers and raised \$196 for the party. Charles Stogsdill organized and ran the booth, earning the Board's thanks for doing an excellent job.

Stogsdill was assisted by several volunteers, who showed up for several hours to cook and serve the burgers. They also deserve a round of applause: Victoria Mason, Stanley M. Larson, Bob Hurt, Lyman S. Hall, Tim Kern, Douglas Nusbaum, George D. Wetzel, Edward M. Warner, John D. Williams, Penn Pfiffner, Elizabeth Hurt, Dan Nibbelink, Jacalyn D. Erickson, Geoffrey Lloyd, Chester A. Ptak, and Pat Wagner.

Although less money than anticipated was raised, perhaps attributable the really hot weather and the location, the

**YES! I'd like to help
the cause of freedom
in Colorado. Here's my:**

**___ one-time ___ monthly
donation of:**

___ \$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___

1988 Campaign Update:

The following Libertarian candidates have announced candidacies for public office or are actively pursuing their campaigns in Colorado:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
David Aitken	State Rep. Dist. 6	Active	831-4334
Geoffrey Lloyd	RTD Dist. A Denver	Annecd.	733-7962
Robin Heid	U.S. Cong. Dist 1	Active	320-1910
Dan Nibbelink	State Rep. Dist. 25	Annecd.	NA

Aitken reports his campaign, which involves mostly door-to-door walking of the district, is moving along nicely. As of June 15, he had completed walking three precincts and was working on the fourth. He reports reception seems to be favorable.

One person indicated she was about ready to change her vote to Libertarian, Aitken said, while another said he would for Aitken again.

Aitken is offering voters something unusual in the political arena: a performance guarantee! The guarantee includes a promise to follow three provisions: 1) not to vote for a bill which increases taxes or fees; 2) or one that contains a net increase in spending; and, 3) or one that reduces basic rights to life, liberty and property as stated by the Colorado Constitution. His guarantee also contains a promise to donate \$500 to charity each time any of the three provisions is violated.

To help Aitken's campaign, call 831-4334 or 837-9393.

associated information booth passed out 1,500 copies of the World's Smallest Political Quiz and raised about \$70 for David Aitken's campaign.

The quiz, which fair-goers were told to take "in the privacy of your own mind," evoked a lot of laughs and smiles. An opinion poll which asked people the leading question "Does the government do a good job?" yielded the following interesting results:

**Always - 10
Usually - 17
Sometimes - 76
Seldom - 217
Never - 759**



CLP officers and Libertarian contacts:

Mary Lind, Party Chairman 686-5541
 Jon Baraga, Membership Chair 722-1626
 David Daniels, Campaigns Chair 733-7757
 Ron Bain, Communications Chair 323-6853
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 David Aitken, Finance Chair 831-4334
 CLP Office & Party HQ 837-9393
 720 E. 18th Ave., Suite 309, Denver, CO. 80203
 Mesa County Liberty 243-1088
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 Delta-Montrose Liberty 323-6853
 Ron Bain, Chairman
 Organizing Delta and Montrose Counties
 Bill Robinson, Ron Paul Contact 756-6601
 Penn Pfiffner, Nat Com Contact 427-4357

More registered Libertarians discovered at co. clerks' ofcs.

Denver Election Commissioner Doug Anderson's campaign to discover the names and addresses of more Libertarians by checking voter registration lists in each Colorado county is progressing nicely. Each one of these Libertarians, if we didn't know about them before, becomes a full-fledged member of the CLP and begins to receive the **CLiPboard** thereafter.

So, if you live in a county not listed below and haven't done so already, go to your county clerk's office and ask for a listing of the registered Libertarians. In small counties, sometimes it is a free service; in larger counties, you might be asked for a cent or two per name. It's part of the CLP's current outreach effort, so do your part!

Here's the current listing, compiled mostly by the efforts of Anderson, CLP Finance Chairman David Aitken, and Communications Chairman Ron Bain. Each reported that it was very easy to persuade the workers in the county clerks' office to relinquish or research the lists:

Adams	37	Denver	128	Summit	3
Arapahoe	60	Eagle	3	<u>Unknown</u>	11
Boulder	82	Jefferson	96		
Delta	2	Montrose	4	Total	426

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