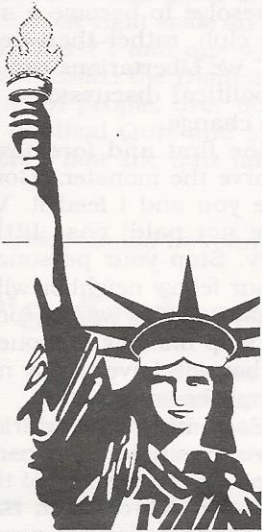


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Calendar:

July 15

CLP Board of Directors will meet at noon at the CLP headquarters at 720 E. 18th Ave., Suite 309, in Denver.

Somebody is being remiss in mailing their calendar announcements to the CLiPboard. This space is reserved so that activists all over Colorado can announce upcoming meetings and events, such as cocktail parties or chapter meetings, to their fellow Libertarians.

Either no one is doing anything, or somebody is failing to do their public relations job. When's the next meeting of the No More Drug War Foundation? When's the next meeting of Mesa County Liberty? When is the next Fort Collins cocktail party?

People expect to see these items in the CLiPboard, so mail your announcements to CLP HQ!

Louw amazes conventioners

Nobel Peace Prize nominee Leon Louw, a South African writer, activist and free market advocate and analyst, amazed those attending the 1989 FREEDOM NOW convention held in Fort Collins over the Memorial Day weekend with five highly informative, far-ranging talks.

The author of *"After Apartheid: The Solution for South Africa"* announced the birth of the "world's first global revolution," citing events in China, Poland, the U.S.S.R., Italy and New Zealand, where capitalism, privatization and demands for political freedom are all the rage.

The Communists, Marxists and other authoritarian statisticians "are in a state of disarray" and are heading "back to the

drawing boards," Louw said. "They're studying Rothbard in Polish universities."

Revolutions often take 70 years to complete their cycles from conception to full implementation, Louw noted, so we are lucky to be able to recognize this global revolution at this early stage.

Louw also touted a new study which analyzes the relationship between tax burden and growth of gross national product in various nations, The Marsdan Study, which Louw said proves low rates of taxation encourage faster economic growth than do high rates of taxation and subsidization.

"The rich get rich, and the poor get richer faster," Louw said.

Full new CLP board meets twice

For the first time in months, a full five-member complement of Colorado Libertarian Party directors has met twice in two months, discussing the progress of the CLP/Colorado Union of Taxpayers lawsuit against Gov. Roy Romer and the need for more consistent and reliable fundraising.

At the Memorial Day weekend state convention held in Fort Collins, CLP Chairman Mary Lind was resoundingly re-elected to a second term in office. Also re-elected were Finance Chairman Dave Aitken and Communications Chairman Ron Bain.

New blood on the CLP board includes Denverite Mark S. Nairne, president of the No More Drug War Foundation and former media liaison with the Great American Peace March, and Colorado State University student Chris Bogart, a Fort Collins resident.

Now, with the Western Slope represented by Bain and northeastern Colorado represented by both Lind and Bogart, the CLP board is beginning to take on a truly statewide complexion. But it's definitely time to start seeing more activity in the Colorado Springs/Pueblo region of the state.

Communicating

By Ron Bain,
CLP Communications Chairman

With this issue of the CLiPboard, the Colorado Libertarian Party is taking one of the last of many steps toward stability and self-sufficiency in our outreach and publishing efforts. To put it succinctly, we're back on a Mac!

Yes, we found a computer time self-service rental outlet where I can sit down behind a Macintosh SE for \$10 bucks an hour and plunk out the CLiPboard in state-of-the-art desktop publishing style. With the use of a LaserScanner and Laser-Printer, our publication will take on a very respectable and aesthetically pleasing look.

But, this is costing money, in addition to the printing and postage costs we were already encountering in publishing the CLiPboard each month. Each issue, all costs considered, ranges between \$300 to \$400 in monthly expenses to the CLP.

Therefore, the CLP Board of Directors took the move in May of establishing advertising rates for display and pre-printed advertising. The rates are more than reasonable, and, in the case of the inserts, can be somewhat offset by providing assistance in stuffing the inserts into the individual copies of the CLiPboard.

Currently, our monthly circulation is approximately 1,300; we have a mailing list that could reach 4,500 each month if we could afford the postage. We **will** afford the postage if advertising from the CLiPboard boosts our revenues, and we'll buy other mailing lists to boost our circulation even further.

That's 4,500-plus rugged individualists, lovers of freedom, who would gladly give their business to other entrepreneurs of like minds....if they only knew that like-minded businessmen existed. Most Libertarians are self-employed; how many of you have thought about trying to expand your business through the mail or over the telephone?

Call us....we can help you achieve that goal. And in doing so, you'll be helping the Colorado Libertarian Party print and distribute even more better-looking, informative CLiPboards. And you'll help those folks out there who want to do business with other Libertarians. Everybody profits, any way you look at it.

Yours in Liberty,

Ron Bain

Letters to the CLiPboard: Are we serious about elections?

Dear Editor:

Do Libertarians really want their Libertarian-thinking friends elected?

Do Libertarians really want to change the system?

My involvement with Libertarians in the last five years makes me question the sincerity of many I've met on these questions and others. New Jersey Libertarian John Schafer recommended, "We should resolve to become a successful Libertarian social or supper club, rather than (remain) an unsuccessful political party." We Libertarians can enjoy the "complaint sessions", the political discussions, etc., but must admit they don't cause change.

But what to do? I feel the first and foremost way to change the system is to "starve the monster." Government exists and GROWS because you and I feed it. Voluntary government officials (those not paid) pose little or no threat to Libertarian society. Stop your personal flow of funds to government and your fellow neighbor will have to pay more. Sooner or later that neighbor will become disenchanted -- he'll endeavor to stop his flow of money to government and the next neighbor will have to pay more. The domino effect occurs and people begin to notice.

But how do you do this? Easy! It's the Libertarian ideal - Free Enterprise: Your Own Business. You can't "stop" taxes but, if you pay income tax in excess of the lowest rate (not itemizing, lacking a sales tax number, etc.) you're supporting and blindly donating to further government. Make three goals: 1) deduct your income taxes paid at the existing job, 2) consistently use your sales tax number, and 3) make your new business income surpass your old jobs' income. And you don't have to quit your job in order to do these things. You can easily start an in-home business or any business after hours.

If you're insistent you're unable to be your own boss and run your own business, then admit you're dependent and go to work for the government. I'd much prefer you work for government and try to change the system from within versus blindly donating to the system -- Federal, state, county and/or city.

Christians are frequently called hypocrites and criticized for not living their religion. Libertarians might fail the same test. Are you a hypocrite?

Steve Ault
Fort Collins

Member faces trials with U.S.P.O.

Dear Editor:

Please change my address as indicated above. It has just come to my attention that due to incompetence, the post office has closed my box and rented it to someone new. This has occurred even though the box rent had been paid through March 1989. Because my box was closed without my knowledge, there was no forwarding address. Therefore, all mail addressed to my P.O. box during the past several weeks has been returned to the sender. Please forward any mail that has been so returned to my new address. Thank you for helping me out of this mess, and think of this story the next time there is a postal rate increase.

Richard W. Warren
Denver

People's Fair poll points out strengths, weaknesses

By David Aitken
CLP Finance Chairman

The Colorado Libertarian Party's information booth at the 1989 People's Fair held in Denver on June 3rd produced lots of interest, 50 new names, and some interesting numbers.

The main feature of the booth was Operation Political Homeless, on loan from the Advocates for Self-Government. The display, as it was used, consisted of two large posters, one with the left-right scale and the heading "What's Wrong with This Chart?", and one with the latest version of the Nolan chart, called the Diamond Chart. These displays attracted lots of people, over 80 of whom took the World's Smallest Political Quiz and left it with the booth attendants. Here's how the quiz takers answered the 10 questions:

Question	Yes	Maybe	No
Military service should be voluntary	64	6	10

Gov't. should not control TV or the press	69	2	9
Repeal laws on sex by consenting adults	66	7	7
Drug laws should be repealed	51	14	15
Let people immigrate and emigrate freely	50	14	16

Personal Freedom Total			
Farmers should farm without subsidies	59	15	6
Free trade is better than tariffs	64	11	5
Minimum wage laws eliminate jobs	38	16	26
End taxes; pay for services voluntarily	37	13	30
Europe, Japan should pay own defense	69	6	5

Economic Freedom Total			
	267	61	72

The issues which seem to give Libertarians the most trouble are drugs and immigration in the social and personal freedom area, and those involving minimum wage and taxes in the economic area.

CLP's Anderson proposes newspaper ad campaign

By Ron Bain
CLP Communications Chairman

Denver Election Commissioner Doug Anderson, a Colorado Libertarian who represents more constituents than any other elected Libertarian official in the state, has decided that not enough people know what Libertarians stand for, and has decided to educate Coloradans with newspaper ads.

There are approximately 150 weekly and daily newspapers in the state, and Anderson has begun raising funds with which to purchase ads in some of those newspapers. The question remains, though, which newspaper to advertise in.

The highest percentage of voters for Ron Paul, by county, in the 1988 election were in San Miguel County, so should the ads be placed in the **Telluride Times-Journal**? Robert Martin, running for Mesa County commissioner, got the highest percentage of votes of any Libertarian candidate in 1988, so should the ads be placed in the **Grand Junction Daily Sentinel**? On the other hand, **The Denver Post** ran some positive information about Libertarians in the last election, so should the ads be placed where the largest number of people will see them?

To resolve these questions, Anderson has decided to be democratic about making the decision: donors to the ad campaign program may vote for one newspaper with each \$10 that they donate. Vote for one newspaper, and donate \$10; vote for five different newspapers, and donate \$50.

Newly elected CLP Membership Chairman Chris Bogart is writing the copy for the ads, which have been appearing in the Colorado State University student newspaper for more than two months as a test marketing effort. They present a question in bold relief at the top, such as "Should government set a minimum wage?", and then below spell out the Libertarian position on that issue: "We believe the employer and employee are the only people who can decide the best wage for a job. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the proposed minimum wage hike will cost 750,000 jobs." A local telephone number that will be answered by a human being, not a machine, will be included, along with a graphic image of the Libertarian Party symbol: the Statue of Liberty.

"We must begin advertising," stated Anderson, noting that activism levels in Colorado are lagging behind other states. "When did you see an ad, anywhere in Colorado (in 1988), for the Libertarian Party?"

Advertising rates for the CLIPboard:

\$4 per column inch or \$2 per half-column inch. This box, for example, would cost \$5. Pre-printed inserts cost 10 cents each, or seven cents each if stuffing labor is provided. A quarter-page is \$20; a half-page is \$40 and a full page is \$75. Mail copy and pre-payment to CLP HQ, CLIPboard Ads, 720 E. 18th Ave., #309, Denver, 80203.

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Ft. Collins to host '90 con

Fort Collins will once more be the site of the 1990 state convention of the Colorado Libertarian Party (and the parties of whichever states choose to join in) after those voting at the Memorial Day weekend bid presentations for the '90 convention narrowly rejected a Glenwood Springs proposal.

Mary Margaret Glennie, one of the CLP's most active activists, convinced the conventioners attending to stick with the familiar in 1990, so the convention will once more be held at the Fort Collins Holiday Inn although a few weeks prior to Memorial Day to satisfy state laws regarding political organizations. Newspaper columnist Walter Williams will be the featured speaker.

While she had the floor, Mary Margaret Glennie also announced that her FREEDOM NOW project to persuade 1,000 Libertarians to move to Fort Collins is working. She also noted that the CLP's pledge program has been revitalized by a "KISS: Keep It Simply Splendid" program she started. Five dollars a month gets Libertarians state and national party memberships, the **CLIPboard** and the **Libertarian Party News**.

Outgoing membership chairman Jon Baraga had proposed a 1990 convention in Glenwood Springs at the Hotel Colorado with Russell Means speaking, but a narrow vote favored Mary Margaret Glennie's presentation. So it's Fort Collins again next year!

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