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The New Rules! LPCO has New Membership Program

By Rand Fanshier

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Libertarian Party of Colorado

The Libertarian National Committee voted to end the dues requirement for National Party membership last month, which will help the State party in several ways. Did you ever hear the old Chinese proverb, "He who cuts his own wood warms himself twice?" This principle will work in a similar way for us here in Colorado, as we roll out the new membership program (see page 15).

Under the Unified Membership Program (UMP), the old rules were, when a party member in Colorado sent in

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LPCO Outreach Booth—Denver People's Fair

Debunking the Myths of Referendum C & D

By Richard C. Randall

LPCO Legislative Director

Supporters of Big Government are aggressively attacking TABOR using both spin and out right lies. Their attacks are both general and personal. What started as a personal insult toward TABOR author, Douglas Bruce, has grown into their battle cry to "De-Bruce"! Supporters of Ref. C believe that government bureaucrats are more capable of making informed decisions about how and where to spend your money and your neighbor's money.

Referendum C ("C" is for Con) was designed to convince

Colorado that government bureaucrats know best, and to trust them to more wisely spend our money. By convincing enough people to willingly vote to give their money to the government, the government would be empowered to TAKE back the refunds owed to those who object.

The Libertarian Party believes the people of Colorado know best when making decisions about how and where to spend their money, and oppose Referendum C!

The Employment Spin

The recent recession hit Colorado hard. Our business downturn was worse than what most other states experienced. Colorado lost thousands of jobs in our state's

most vital business sectors: technology, construction, tourism and agriculture. Many economists say the recent recession was more severe in Colorado than previous busts. Businesses cut back on investment more quickly and shed more jobs than during the downturn of the late 1980s. The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that Colorado suffered the nation's second-largest job loss, more than 115,000 positions from March 2001 to January 2004.

The Employment Truth

This is exactly why we need TABOR! Colorado did experience an increase in unemployment from 2000 until 2003. However, the unemployment rate in Colorado has improved significantly; and

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continues to improve. The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that, as of June 2005, Colorado ranked 28th in unemployment with 4.9% of the work force unemployed.

Clearly, it would be irresponsible for government to

continue to grow during difficult economic times. If the people of Colorado have to tighten their belts, so should state government! TABOR did exactly what it was designed to do, LIMIT government growth.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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



Fellow Friends of Liberty,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and your new board of directors and describe our current achievements and future direction. I apologize for the delay in the newsletter's delivery. We have changed vendors and formats for this newsletter to improve quality and believe that it was worth the wait.

Leah Kelly is our Campaigns Director responsible for providing support and direction to our candidates and is currently working with Doug Anderson's campaign. Richard Randall is our Legislative Director and he has been working on building relationships and coalitions within the Colorado political environment. Sean Ayers is our Media Director and is in continual contact with our allies in the press. Rand Fanshier and Debbie Schum are our "people on the ground" as our two Outreach Directors (Western Slope and

Front Range) helping affiliates increase participation. Bud Martin, as the Treasurer, makes sure we don't spend all our money on candy. Patrick Esser has kindly organized and published this newsletter as our Publications Director as well as maintaining the website. Michelle Pogue is our Fundraising Director and will be organizing fundraising events and mailing. And Steve Gallant has volunteered to be our Records Director in charge of our mailing lists and contacts and is deploying a new database

system for the state party. All of these individuals are working very hard to accomplish our goals and drive us into the future with victory.

Since taking office our board has been meeting at least twice a month. We are continually in contact with each other as we progress toward completion of a number of projects. Some of these projects have been completed, some are underway, and some are ongoing. Here are some examples so far: After the LNC (Libertarian National Committee) ceased production of the "Libertarian Viewpoint" we decided to produce our own with a focus on Colorado specific issues. We have formed alliances with the groups involved in fighting "Super Slab" which have given us more visibility. We have partnered with Freedom Works to fight referendums C & D, thoroughly impressing their leadership with our enthusiasm and volunteer support. We have assisted HAPI (Health Advocacy in the Public Interest) in fighting forced immunizations and, as a result, several of their members

have signed up as Libertarians. We held a kick off party for Arapahoe County with sixty people attending. We have expanded the influence of the party in Delta and Mesa counties. We have put together a massive e-mail distribution list for those who wish to receive legislative e-mail alerts. We have increased our active membership. With five elected Colorado officials currently serving in office and one soon to be (Vote for Doug Anderson of Lakewood) we are making tremendous progress.

All of these things are needed to advance liberty but we aren't done yet. We still have many hurdles to cross. The LNC has decided to halt the unified membership program dues. This means that we will no longer be receiving our monthly disbursement of dues from the national office. In response to this we have decided to set up a "Contributing Membership Program". This will provide many benefits to the LPCO. We will be in more direct contact with the state's membership and all money sent to the state party stays in the state. We need your

help to continue advancing liberty and getting candidates elected. A monthly pledge aids us in budgeting and providing a stable income for the party so that we may continue advancing. We not only need funds but also volunteers. Please consider helping in any way you can. The most important thing you can do is become a contributing member to the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

While we still face many challenges we are making leaps and bounds. We are succeeding in the state of Colorado and we will continue to succeed with your help. The wave of voters is coming. Many people are disgruntled with their current party (either the Democrats or the Republicans) and we have the ability to give them a real choice in politics. The future of the Libertarian Party of Colorado is bright and our children's future will be secured by the efforts of all of us today.

Thank you for your participation,

Your friend in Liberty

Travis L. Nicks

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The Bold New Move of Big Mother the Libertarian Party

By BetteRose Ryan

At-Large Representative
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In Kansas City, during the last LNC meeting, many things were decided but the biggest, widest reaching decisions were the reduction of dues to zero and the elimination of the Unified Membership Program. This move was motivated by several things but the biggest factor was the need of our organization to move forward toward the goal of electing Libertarians to office.

According to our National Bylaws, anyone who signs the pledge is a member and remains a member until that person revokes his pledge. However, for the purpose of delegate counts and for the purpose of funding the National LP organization, dues were put in place. The amount of those dues were to be set by the LNC. What we have found as of late is that almost 48% of our members only pay the \$25 and another 4% donate even less than that amount. Our office staff has spent too much time chasing membership dues and dues paying membership numbers that there has been no time left to do what our mission statement says: Effect public policy by electing Libertarians to public office.

According to Michael Dixon, our National Chairman:

"For nearly 35 years the primary function of the party has been the counting, selling and managing of memberships. The activities of data entry, of membership solicitation, and of member support crowded out all other activities in our national office. When our candidates and activists asked for support they were told we were busy buying and selling membership lists and creating the next great pitch. In the bold new world, the national office will focus on raising money and performing services for affiliates and candidates. This is beginning immediately with training initiatives for state leaders and will continue later this year with several very exciting initiatives intended to provide broad-based activist training. At the same time

there will be a radical change in the relationship between the national and state organizations. For many years most states have been funded by the national LP. These payments, referred to as UMP have provided significant base-level funding for state parties. With the end of the national membership this program will also come to an end.

While the UMP was a collection of both state and national dues, many states ceased trying to renew or bring in new dues paying memberships. National spent all the money brought in by these dues trying to collect dues. There was no money left for candidate training or support. With this bold move toward a donor based organization, we will be raising money to support candidates, campaign managers, and outreach. Some of that support will be in direct funding, most will be in training.

Dues are set at zero starting in January. I have been asked if people should renew their dues this fall. Yes, you should renew your dues this fall if your dues paying membership expires for the following reasons:

- 1) Delegate count for this upcoming National convention will be based on the number of dues paying members a state has as of NOV. '05. It is important that as many as possible of your members be current with the \$25 dues at that time to insure good representation at the National Convention.
- 2) While the LNC has set dues to zero starting in January, the LNC cannot eliminate dues. The convention delegates of '06 will decide whether to keep the dues paying membership model or not. If the delegates chose not to eliminate dues, the LNC will then have to set some amount of dues. Your dues, if paid this Fall will be good until Fall of 2006, no matter what the new dues rate may be.
- 3) Your up to date dues will include a year's subscription to the National LP News. Personally, I look forward to receiving this publication. As of January 1, 2006, this paper will be by subscription only.

Do you have more questions? Feel free to contact me at BetteRose@AOL.com.

By Dawn Winkler
Executive Director, Health
Advocacy in the Public Interest

Just when you thought Big Brother couldn't get much bigger, Colorado came up with a solution. Big Mother.

This past session, the Colorado legislature passed two bills from the playpen, otherwise known as nanny state bills, SB087&HB1161. SB087 expanded our already existing vaccination registry (CIIS, Colorado Immunization Information System) and gave the health department the authority to directly contact us all regarding our children's vaccination status. 48% of children are currently in this registry. They do not have to ask your permission before entering your information and you cannot truly opt out. If you try, you end up in an "opt-out table". Amendments to make this system a true opt-out failed.

HB1161 actually takes money from purchasing vaccines to fund the tracking system. This makes a lot of sense when you realize that part of the reason for our supposed low vaccination rate was a vaccine shortage. Colorado couldn't afford to pay the higher price for DTaP vaccine during a national shortage, so the board of health suspended the fourth dose of this vaccine. It was the only category in which Colorado was low. For three years, our media kept blasting the "Colorado is dead

last in vaccinating" lie all over the newspapers, the television, and anywhere they could. Now that the medical establishment got their way and passed both of these intrusive bills, the Colorado Health Institute issued a 64 page report which came to the conclusion that, guess what? Colorado is right where it should be with vaccination rates, except for that pesky fourth dose of DTaP. They also cite poverty as a reason for low rates in some categories.

The big question is this; how will a multi-million dollar tracking system funded by our tax dollars (thanks to HB1161) solve vaccine shortages and poverty? The answer is that it won't. This tracking system was never about raising rates. It is about government control and the end of medical privacy and freedom of choice. If anyone truly wanted to raise vaccination rates, they wouldn't take money directly from the pool that purchases vaccines.

So what's next? The big lie that Colorado is last in vaccinating is being used to end TABOR.

In Colorado, we have the right to choose whether or not to vaccinate. Our law allows for three exemptions from school requirements. Most people however, including school officials, do not know we have the right to choose. How we shall be notified by the health department regarding our children's vaccination status is not specified within the text of SB087. It could be a phone call, postcard,

or knock on the door. This will result in harassment and coercion which we have already seen all across the state.

What's worse is that eventually this vaccination registry will be linked up with a national database. The registry isn't just for kids, it's for everyone. This is just one more step toward requiring a flu shot to get your driver's license. If Big Brother can't totally control us, then Big Mother will.

It will be interesting to see if the Colorado legislature will go for banning mercury, a neurotoxin, from vaccines for children and pregnant women as other states have already done. Look for proposed legislation next session. If they don't, then one thing will be crystal clear; the Colorado legislature does not care about what's best for our children. We already know they care nothing about our medical privacy.

Health Advocacy in the Public Interest (HAPI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting informed vaccination decisions and protecting parents' right to make them. HAPI is currently involved in testing vaccines for mercury content and helping in the nationwide effort to have mercury entirely removed from vaccines. For more information on your rights, vaccination issues such as the mercury/autism connection, or the vaccination registry please visit online at www.hapihealth.com or call (970) 641-7413.

New LPCO Bookstore

By Patrick Esser
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The LPCO Board has adopted a new "official" online bookstore, Bill of Rights Press, a growing Colorado Libertarian-owned bookstore that offers many great libertarian themed titles. BRP beat our previous profit-share agreement and has superb anti-censorship and privacy policies.

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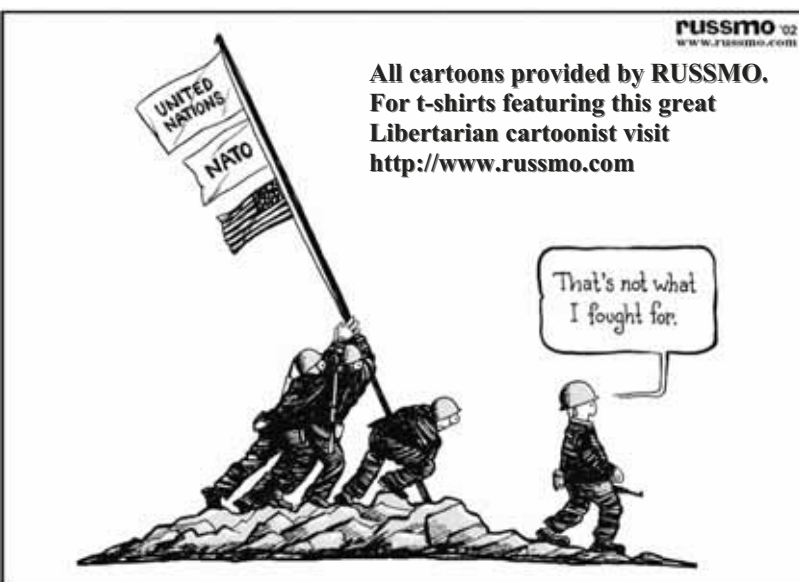
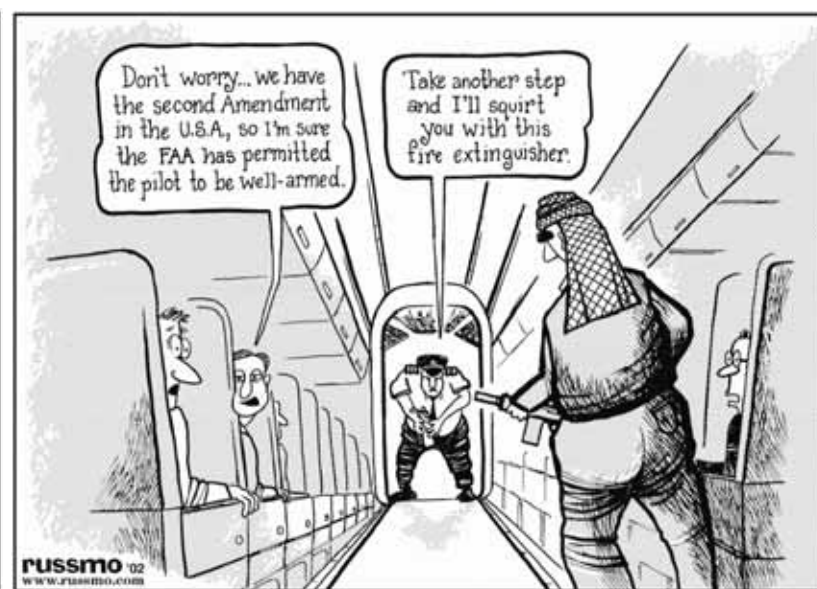
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Website Facelift Coming

The lpcolorado.org website will be getting a new facelift in the coming weeks.

The current site has a complex navigation structure which

requires you to dig through the various menus to find what you want. Organizing this structure can make visiting the site a more enjoyable experience

especially for those less web savvy.

The main index page will feature dynamic Colorado themed media. Headlining Liberty Alerts of current political issues with outreach events will

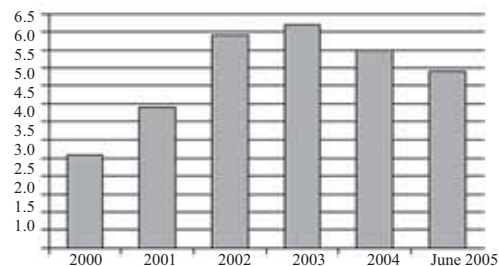
become the website's top priority. The site will also feature an interactive outlet for activists with an uncensored web forum to share libertarian topics and comments. A forum is an online chat and blog combined, where

discussions of related topics and replies can be posted on the web.

Anyone wanting to contribute ideas or volunteer efforts, please contact Patrick Esser at publications@lpcolorado.org.

Debunking the Myths of Referendum C & D

Colorado Unemployment Rate



2000	2.6%
2001	3.9%
2002	5.9%
2003	6.2%
2004	5.5%
June 2005	4.9%

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The Budget Spin

Ripple effects from Colorado's recession fell directly on state government – and on services many Coloradans take for granted. The revenue shortfall forced a billion-dollar cut in state spending. A billion dollars in budget cuts is hitting Colorado families hard.

The Budget Truth

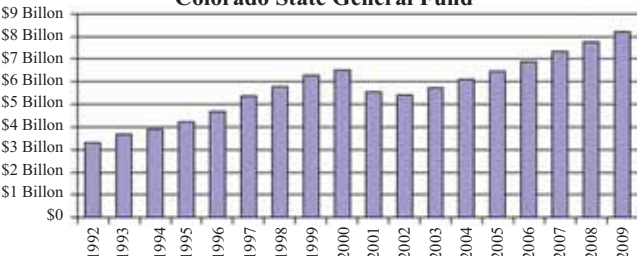
The 2005-06 Colorado budget is the largest in history! In fact, it is a 7% increase over the previous budget. So how did supporters of Ref. C spin this into "a billion-dollar cut in state spending"?

The state administers about \$14.6 billion in next year's budget. But less than half, \$6.2 billion, is in the state's general fund. There is another \$3.3 billion in federal funds that the state can only use for specified purposes such as highways and Medicaid. Finally, the state administers about \$5 billion in cash funds, money paid by citizens but restricted to specific purposes.

Reviewing the general fund since TABOR was adopted, along with forecasts available from a June 21, 2005, memorandum from the economists at Legislative Council, here is the past and projected future of the general fund, under current rules. (see below:)

So apparently, supporters of Ref. C interpret the billion dollar reduction in general funds

Colorado State General Fund



that took place over the two year period covering 2001-02 and 2002-03 to be a "cut" in state spending. This was NOT a budget cut! This was a temporary decrease in revenue due to the economic downturn. Supporters of Ref. C neglect to mention that the general fund has grown every year since 2002-03, and is expected to keep increasing every year under current rules. In fact, the 2005-06 general fund spending increased by over 4 percent!

This year's general fund's biggest items are:

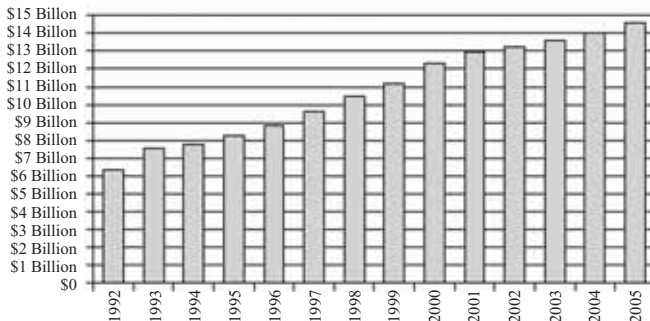
1. K-12 education, \$2.7 billion, up 7.3 percent from last year.
2. Medicaid and health care, \$1.38 billion, up 8.4 percent.
3. Higher education, \$598 million, up 1.7 percent.
4. Corrections, \$531 million, up 7.6 percent.
5. Human services, \$499 million, up 3.8 percent.

These "big five" departments consume more than 92 percent of the general fund.

The bottom line is that the total budget of Colorado has INCREASED EVERY YEAR since 1992, and this year's total budget is the largest budget in Colorado history.

So how are supporters claiming that there have been budget cuts? In a PowerPoint presentation published by the Independence Institute, Penn Pfiffner discusses how cuts in increases are reported as "real" budget cuts!

Colorado State Budget



As an example, Pfiffner cites alleged cuts to Medicaid during a period when spending for the program actually went up. Pfiffner notes that this explains "why government spending increases while politicians and the media constantly talk of 'budget cuts'."

If these non-existent budget cuts are hitting Colorado families hard, then wouldn't giving them the tax refunds required by TABOR help those families?

The Pension Spin

Colorado and local communities share in the pre-1978 pension plans for police officers and firefighters. The state still owes \$240 million over time to those plans. However, the recession has forced the state to miss its payments over the past two years, fostering uncertainty about the pension plans. Referendums C & D earmark a lump-sum payment of \$175 million, thereby concluding the state's obligation to these funds. Referendums C & D do not increase benefits.

The Pension Truth

Colorado Senate Minority Leader, Mr. Mark Hillman, has noted that "during a briefing ordered by Democrat leadership (at the beginning of the 2005 Colorado Legislative Session), budget staffers indicated that the Legislature was facing \$340 million in "budget cuts" this year and next. Capitol staffers work tremendously hard to report facts without partisan spin, but the majority party's purpose for convening the joint session was clear: to lay a foundation for dismantling the spending limit in the Taxpayers Bill of Rights. Over the next 118 days (the 2005 Colorado Legislative session), something amazing happened. Budget writers avoided those projected cuts and even increased general fund spending by \$480 million over two years, all without changing TABOR."

This means that legislators decided to spend \$480 million over two years - on OTHER programs that they deemed more important than their obligation to fund the pension plans for police officers and firefighters!

The Priority Colorado report (February 2005), which was commissioned by the Independence Institute and produced by the Reason Public Policy Institute, identified more than \$600 million in potential savings! However, the legislature has failed to find efficient ways of reorganizing state government, and it has failed to cut wasteful and low-priority spending.

The Public School Spin

Despite Amendment 23—the voter-approved constitutional provision that mandates a base level of spending on K-12 education—Colorado's public schools remain under funded. Many support programs such as preschool and kindergarten, as well as supplemental education such as reading programs, fall outside of Amendment 23. Also, Amendment 23 does not fund school construction and building maintenance. These expenditures were drastically reduced during the recession.

The Public School Truth

During the recent years of slower economic growth between 2001 and 2005, K-12 education's general fund appropriation grew by 12 percent. This increase was largely driven by Amendment 23 which mandates increased spending per pupil at the rate of inflation plus 1 percent, regardless of the state of the economy, or its impact on other state programs.

According to Colorado Senate Minority Leader, Mark Hillman, "Amendment 23 required that spending on K-12 education increase by \$100 million in 2005-06. However, general fund spending on K-12 jumped by \$181 million instead." That's

\$81 million OVER the minimum required by Amendment 23!

The College Myth

The state has cut aid to higher education about 30 percent since the 2001-02 fiscal year. That forces colleges to sharply increase tuition charges.

The College Truth

College tuition is actually "cash funds exempt," and thus not part of TABOR revenues, though it is part of the total budget. Recent tuition increases have not even taken effect yet. The tuition hike represents only a small fraction (less than 10 percent) of the total increase in the budget.

However, colleges are able to make adjustments to increase efficiency, cut wasteful and low-priority spending, and improve voluntary fundraising efforts. For example, avoiding constant scandals may enable the University of Colorado to raise more money.

Some might argue that the legislature should reprioritize subsidies to higher education under current budget rules.

However, higher education is almost exclusively a private good, not a public good, and a good case can be made that state subsidies should be further reduced, not increased. But, again, one's position on college subsidies is separable from one's position on Referendum C.

The Medicaid Myth

The state has (or will) cut Medicaid funding.

The Medicaid Truth

During the recent years of slower economic growth between 2001 and 2005, Medicaid's general fund appropriation GREW 16 percent. Medicaid and health care funding increased in the 2005-06 budget by \$1.38 billion, up 8.4 percent. There is absolutely NO indication that Medicaid funding will be cut.

The Immunization Spin

Colorado is last in immunizations.

The Immunization Truth

According to Ms. Dawn Winkler, Executive Director of "Heath Advocacy in the Public Interest" (HAPI), "the reason for our supposed low vaccination rate was a vaccine shortage. Colorado couldn't afford to pay the higher price for DTaP vaccine during a national shortage, so the board of health suspended the fourth dose of this vaccine, the ONLY category Colorado was low."

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Libertarians Support TABOR

Vote NO on Referendum C & D

By Richard C. Randall
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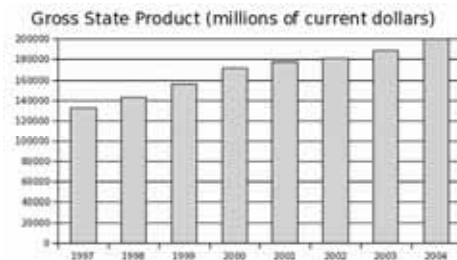
What is TABOR? TABOR stands for "Taxpayers' Bill of Rights," and plays on the name of Horace Tabor, a 19th century Colorado silver king.

1. TABOR is a set of constitutional provisions Colorado voters adopted in 1992 to limit revenue growth for state and local governments in Colorado and to require that any tax increase in any state or local government (counties, cities, towns, school districts and special districts) must be approved by the voters of the affected tax.

2. TABOR is principally a revenue limit, not a spending limit. It limits revenue the state government can retain from all sources except federal funds in a year to the previous year's allowed collections (not actual collections) plus a percentage adjustment equal to the percentage growth in population plus the inflation rate. Any revenues received in excess of this limit must be refunded to the voters.

3. The voters may vote to allow the state to keep the excess. TABOR limits the times when such votes may occur. Voters may also exempt their government from TABOR revenue limits for a set number of years. Both kinds of votes have passed in special districts, school districts and some small cities and in the city and county of Denver. The statewide vote that approved Amendment 23 in 2000 could be considered such a vote, because it allows the state government to retain as much of a TABOR surplus as necessary to fund the K-12 provisions the amendment included. Amendment 23 requires the General Assembly annually to increase base per pupil funding for K-12 education by inflation plus one percentage point a year through 2010, and by inflation thereafter. K-12 funding now accounts for 40 percent of the Colorado General Fund budget.

4. When revenues fall, the following year's limit on collections is still based on the allowed collections of the previous year. The result is that in years following a recession, allowed revenues will grow only from the worst



revenue collection year of the recession to the extent allowed by rate of population growth and inflation. So when the citizens of Colorado have to tighten their belts, so does the state government.

5. TABOR allows a cash-flow reserve of 3 percent of the general fund, but any use must be repaid in the following fiscal year.

Is TABOR a good thing?

In the decade before TABOR, Colorado's government grew at twice the rate of inflation plus population growth. In the decade after TABOR was introduced, Colorado state government continued to grow - at the same rate as inflation plus population growth. Overall, between 1997 and 2002, Colorado reduced taxes more than any other state, issuing annual tax rebates that totaled more than \$3.2 billion. Between 1995 and 2000 Colorado ranked 1st among all states in gross state product growth (the state equivalent to the U.S. GDP) and 2nd in personal income growth. Furthermore, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers, Colorado was one of only five states that did not run a deficit during fiscal 2002!

Critics of TABOR claim that it began as a success largely because of rapid growth in the state. But when that growth stopped, a couple of years ago, TABOR went from being a tourniquet to a noose around government. Upon reviewing the "Gross State Product" (see above chart), growth in Colorado has NEVER stopped.

In fact, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis Colorado still ranked 18th in personal growth during the 1st. Quarter of 2005!

While some destructive forces in Colorado want to gut TABOR, other states and other countries want to copy it. The editors of the

Wall Street Journal have touted tax and spending limitations and specifically mentioned Colorado's TABOR Amendment. Some 18 states, including Alabama and California are considering TABOR-type legislation.

Furthermore, the nation's most successful tax and spending limitation law has an international following. Guatemalans invited TABOR author Douglas Bruce to explain the virtues of limiting government growth and spending. Independence Institute President Jon Caldara did the same in Winnipeg, Canada.

What is Referendum C (and D)?

Originating as HB05-1194, Ref. C:
* Allows state government to keep and spend all revenues collected from existing state taxes for the next five years.

* Sets a new revenue cap at the highest level of state tax revenue reached between now and 2011. This allows the state to keep and spend revenues up to that new limit, and then adjusts the limit upward for population growth and inflation from that year on. Requires extra revenues kept under the new cap to be spent for: health care, public schools, state colleges and universities, and transportation projects.

* Beginning in 2011, Ref. C also adds another \$100 million a year to the new state revenue cap IF voters approve Referendum D. The tax revenues would cover bond payments for the Ref. D spending plan.

Originating as HB05-1333, Ref. D:

* Authorizes the state to issue up to \$2.07 billion in new multi-year bonds to speed up funding statewide for: roads; bridges and other transportation projects - up to \$1.7 billion; pension funds for firefighters and police officers - up to \$175 million, "crucial" repairs and maintenance in public school buildings, meeting the state's obligation in the settlement of a lawsuit - up to \$147 million, repairs at state university, college and community college

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The Highway Spin

Our highways in Colorado are falling into disrepair due to cuts in funding.

The Highway Truth

While it is true that total transportation spending has decreased from almost \$1.39 billion in 2001 to \$822million this year, under the new "Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) legislation (H.R. 3) enacted on July 29, 2005 and signed into law by President Bush Aug. 10, Colorado will receive more that \$2.45 billion during the next five years in highway funding - an increase of more than 46%, the highest increase of any state. Considering that the 2005-06 Colorado Transportation budget received \$291.4 million, this new funding will be an increase of approximately \$200 million per year for the next 5 years!

In 1998, Colorado's received a 90.5-cent return on its federal gas tax dollars. Under this new legislation, Colorado's rate of return increased to 92 cents on the dollar. We don't need Ref. C or D in order to fund adequate transportation in Colorado.

The Budget Spin

Without Ref. C we'll have \$2 billion shortfall.

The Budget Truth

During the 2005 Colorado legislative session, the legislature passed a number of NEW spending bills in anticipation of the passage of Referendums C & D. If you add up all this new spending, and the automatic increases built into this new spending, over 5 years you'll get \$2 billion of NEW

spending! If Ref. C fails, there will be no funding for this massive expansion of government.

The Reserves Myth

TABOR doesn't allow for reserves. We need to take a break so we can build up reserves.

The Reserves Truth

TABOR not only allows for reserves, it mandates them. The legislature raided these reserves and spent them all. But it's worse. They've already passed \$2 Billion in overspending for the next 5 years and Referendum D allocates another \$3 billion in over spending. With the Referendum C tax increase they'll only take in another 3.1 billion. How do they get reserves out of that math?

The Tax Increase Myth

Ref. C is not a tax increase.

The Tax Increase Truth

Ref. C sets a new TABOR revenue cap at the HIGHEST level of state tax revenue reached between now and 2011. This allows the state to keep and spend revenues up to that new limit, and then adjusts the limit upward for population growth and inflation from that year on. This is CLEARLY a tax increase!

Also, beginning in 2011, Ref. C also adds another \$100 million a year to the new state revenue cap. IF voters approve Ref. D. The tax revenues would cover bond payments for the Ref. D spending plan. This means that we can expect taxes to increase \$100 million EVERY year after 2011!

This means that Ref. C & D will mortgage away our children's income! For both your sake and our children, vote NO on Referendum C & D!

What is the LPCO doing to defeat Ref. C & D?

LPCO Chairman, Travis Nicks, made it official. The LPCO has joined a coalition of non-partisan groups OPPOSING Ref. C & D!

The LPCO began working with FreedomWorks to establish contacts and infrastructure to deliver fliers, bumper stickers and yard signs to activists.

Rick Randall has been coordinating with affiliates

and activists to ensure that (1) activists receive the materials from Freedom Works as quickly as possible, and (2) that parades, fairs and other events are covered with activists opposing Ref. C.

"The Libertarian Party of Colorado Rocks"

- Beth I. Skinner, State Director, Freedomworks during an appearance on "Backbone Radio" KNUS



For free literature, bumper stickers and yards signs opposing Referendum C; please contact FreedomWorks at either www.NoOnRefC.com or call (303) 887-1883.

DEA—Take My Cancer, Not My Medication!

By Patrick Esser

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Colorado is one of ten states (other states: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ME, MD, MT, NV and OR) where voters approved propositions allowing the use of medical marijuana. Since marijuana is not acknowledged as having medicinal uses in the Controlled Substances Act, the DEA does not recognize any of the states' propositions. On numerous occasions the DEA has targeted non-profit organizations that distribute medical marijuana in states with laws allowing it.

Such is the case with a Santa Cruz, California based co-op, Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana (WAMM.org.) On Sept. 5, 2004, dozens of armed DEA agents raided the group's marijuana growing facility destroying their gardens and arresting founders Valerie and Mike Corral on charges of drug trafficking. This co-op grew marijuana and distributed it free to its 300 members—85 percent of whom are terminally ill with AIDS, cancer or other painful diseases.¹

Why would the federal government find it so necessary to raid these clinics, which were 100% legal by all local and state laws? Does the DEA know more about medications than the medical field? Many medical organizations internationally endorse medical access to marijuana, including the American Public Health Association², the Federation of American Scientists³, and the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine⁴ to just name a few. Over eighty percent of Americans believe that cannabis should be legal to use for medical purposes.⁵

Angel McClary Raich of Oakland, California explains, "I owe my survival and my ability to lead a relatively normal existence to medical marijuana... I suffer from several conditions that cause severe, chronic pain... I am also battling an inoperable brain tumor, seizures, and life-threatening wasting syndrome,



Angel Raich with handful of Federally legal medical cannabis

accompanied by near-constant nausea, as well as several other diseases. This complex mosaic of interlocking medical problems has been a huge challenge for my doctors. Complicating my treatment has been the fact that I have severe chemical sensitivities and am violently allergic to almost all of the pharmaceutical drugs that are modern medicine's first, second, and third lines of defense against most of my illnesses...

"I owe my survival and my ability to lead a relatively normal existence to medical marijuana..."
Angel Raich

I understand that my case brings up an interesting point of law that fascinates judges and lawyers; But for me, it's a matter of life and death. With Cannabis, I can play with my kids, walk without a wheelchair, sometimes even get a few hours sleep at night. Without it, I couldn't go on for very long."⁶

Angel's physician, Frank Henry Lucido, MD declared,



Angel Raich inhaling medical Marijuana vapors in a hospital

unmanageable without cannabis... Angel has no reasonable legal alternative to cannabis for the effective treatment or alleviation of her medical conditions or symptoms associated with the medical conditions because she has tried essentially all other legal alternatives to cannabis and the alternatives have been ineffective or result in intolerable side effect. There are no other treatments that I can reasonably recommend for Angel, other than what we are already doing in her course of treatment. It could very well be fatal for Angel to forego

cannabis treatments because of a law that may purport to prohibit the medical use of cannabis."⁷

On October 9, 2002 Angel Raich, Diane Monson and two other anonymous Californian caregivers filed lawsuits against U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and DEA Director Asa Hutchinson in an attempt to prevent the DEA from impeding their rights to take medical marijuana. On December 16, 2003, the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit directed a preliminary injunction stopping the federal government from interfering with their use of medical marijuana. This was a great win for state's rights. However, the federal government appealed the decision to the Supreme Court. Recently on June 6th, 2005, the Supreme Court reversed the

"Angel will suffer imminent harm without access to cannabis... Angel needs to medicate every two waking hours. If she misses a treatment, it could quickly have dangerous repercussions for her health... The pain is bad enough even with cannabis, but it flares up immediately and becomes

decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Medical marijuana users are again DEA targets.

When something in politics is pushed that makes no sense, you can typically rely on the logical explanation—Money. Who would financially benefit from banning medical marijuana? Could it be law enforcement agencies gaining confiscations, private prisons needing more inmates, or the pharmaceutical industry eliminating competition? The health care industry is the third largest political action-committee (PAC) grouping in the United States only surpassed by Finance/Insurance and Organized Labor.⁸

One of the biggest mistakes made by medical marijuana lobby groups, is a blind faith endorsement of politicians. If these groups would research the monetary contributions made by pharmaceutical PACs, they would discover nearly equal distribution between Republicans and Democrats. What better reason for them to take a look at the Libertarian Party.

Endnotes:

- 1—Courtesy of Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, 309 Cedar St. #39, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, www.WAMM.org
- 2—American Public Health Assoc. Resolution 9513 "Access to Therapeutic Marijuana" concluded, "[the APHA] urges the Administration and Congress to move expeditiously to make cannabis available as a legal medicine."
- 3—Federation of American Scientists adopted in November 1994 concluded, "...Based on much evidence...the superior effectiveness and safety of whole cannabis compared to other medications, ... the President should instruct the NIH and the FDA to make efforts to enroll seriously ill patients whose physicians believe that whole cannabis would be helpful to their conditions..."
- 4—National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine, 1982. Marijuana and Health. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, article conclusion: "Cannabis and its derivatives have shown promise in a varieties of disorders..."
- 5—Time/CNN Poll conducted October 2002.
- 6—Courtesy Angel Wings Patient Outreach, Inc. PO Box 18767, Oakland, CA 94619, (510) 764-1499, www.angeljustice.org
- 7—Declaration of Frank Henry Lucido, MD in support of preliminary injunctions (Case no. C 02 4872 EMC, Raich vs. Ashcroft)
- 8—According to Political Money Line (FECINFO.com) for the '03-'04 political cycle-PAC Search by Grouping.



Angel Raich can walk after being treated with cannabis.

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buildings - up to \$50 million.
* Depends on voter approval of Ref. C to cover the bond payments by adding an extra \$100 million a year to new state revenue limit.
* Takes effect only if Colorado voters also approve Ref. C.
Does the State really need the money from Ref. C? Colorado Senate Minority Leader, Mr. Mark Hillman, has noted that "during a briefing ordered by Democrat leadership (at the beginning of the 2005 Colorado Legislative Session), budget staffers indicated that the Legislature was facing \$340 million in "budget cuts" this year and next. Capitol staffers work tremendously hard to report facts without partisan spin, but the majority party's purpose for convening the joint session was clear: to lay a foundation for dismantling the spending limit in the Taxpayers Bill of Rights. Over the next 118 days (the 2005 Colorado Legislative session), something amazing happened. Budget writers avoided those projected cuts and even increased general fund spending by \$480 million over two years - all without changing TABOR."

The so-called Colorado "budget-deficit" is really nothing more than waste and mismanagement. Independence Institute President Jon Caldara has stated, "Voters realize that Colorado's budget situation is not a revenue problem, it is a spending problem". "The legislature should focus on reinventing the way the state does business to encourage cost savings without large reductions in governmental service" Caldara said, citing Performance Based Budgeting, competitive contracting, procurement reform, and sentencing reform as methods to increase governmental output.

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Boldly Going Nowhere

By Bret Burquest

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The Free State Project is a proposal by a group of libertarians whereby 20,000 of them would settle in a localized area within one of 10 states by 2006 and exert the fullest practical effort toward the creation of a society in

which the maximum role of government is the protection of life, liberty and property. This entails reductions in taxation and regulation, reforms at all levels of government to expand individual rights and free markets, and a restoration of constitutional federalism and the principle of individual sovereignty.

Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire,

North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming were the original 10 target states. New Hampshire was selected (by a vote of participants) as the common destination.

New Hampshire's state motto is "Live Free or Die." It has the lowest state and local tax burden in the continental U.S. and the second lowest level of dependence on federal spending. It has a state house "citizen" legislature where representatives haven't raised

their \$100 per year salary since 1889. New Hampshire also has a culture of individual responsibility (for example, there are no seatbelt or helmet regulations for adults) and the lowest crime rates in the country (less unnecessary regulation inherently means less crime). Then a very interesting development took place.

In June 2005, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled 5-4 that the government has the right to seize private property

and transfer title to other private individuals simply to stimulate economic development.

While the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution allows government to seize private property and convert it into "public use," Supreme Court Justices Souter, Stevens, Ginsberg, Breyer and Kennedy believed transferring property to a private individual somehow constituted public usage.

Much of the public disagreed, including a man named Logan Clements of Los Angeles. Clements ran for governor of California in '03. His philosophy of a voluntary society and free-will capitalism is based on the 1957 novel Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand.

It turns out that Clements is one of the Free State Project participants, on his way to a better life in New Hampshire. It also turns out that Supreme Court Justice David Souter owns a 200-year-old farmhouse on eight acres near Weare, New Hampshire. Thus, a collision is about to occur.

Clements wants to build a hotel, similar to the one Justice Souter voted in favor of allowing private individuals to build after confiscating private homes in the court case, on Justice Souter's New Hampshire property. Accordingly, Clements has notified the local Weare township council, requesting they start eminent domain proceedings against Justice Souter's property, thereby promoting economic development for the area.

A counterproposal from the townspeople would turn Souter's property into a park commemorating the U.S. Constitution. Town Clerk Evelyn Connor has had to return checks from people wishing to donate to the cause.

I belong to a similar organization called the Get Outta Here Project—a bunch of grumpy hermits who have settled in northern Arkansas and discourage visitors. We believe in life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and minding our own business. Anyone wishing to contribute to our cause can send their donation directly to me.

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Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

Free State Project What is the Project About?

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

Free State Project Liberty in Our Lifetime

We don't want to wait decades for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Free State Project Where & Why?

The state where we will move was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

Free State Project Get Involved!

Join the *Free State Project* and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at www.freestateproject.org. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants you!



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LPCO AFFILIATE UPDATE

San Miguel Takes Shape

By Reilly Capps

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San Miguel County is known as one of the most politically freethinking counties in Colorado. And while the county largely votes Democratic, it has three elected minor-party candidates: one from the Green Party and two Libertarians. (Telluride's Town Council also has one Green Party member). Members of third parties make up just a small proportion of San Miguel's voters. Of the county's 5,269 registered voters, only 124 are members of minor parties.

Thirty-nine of those are Libertarians, according to County Clerk Doris Ruffe. And for a party with only 39 registered members - the party says it has 42 now - to have two elected representatives is unusual.

Trying to expand on its electoral success, Libertarians in the county are beginning to organize, forming the San Miguel County Libertarian Party. They held their first meeting in January, built a Web site (smclp.org), and have begun to talk about running more Libertarians in the November elections.

"Everybody's kind of a free thinker here," said Bill Masters, the Sheriff of San Miguel County and a Libertarian. "I think we kind of encourage free thought. We're also a highly educated population and that often encourages risk taking. I mean, hell, they elected me Sheriff."

Bob Dempsey, County Coroner since 1981, is also a Libertarian. "I got so disgusted - I was a Republican - and I got so disgusted with the Republicans, mainly their kowtowing to the religious right," Dempsey said. "They were getting away from their basis of less regulation ... I want more freedom and less security. When you start getting more security, you get less freedom."

Libertarians believe in smaller government, less taxes, a less aggressive and interventionist foreign policy, more personal freedom and more

power delegated to states and other local legislative bodies.

San Miguel is only the sixth county in Colorado to have a Libertarian Party affiliate. Most of the others are in large counties like Boulder, Denver and Arapahoe.

At its first meeting in January, five people showed up. The meetings have steadily grown, and at their third meeting last week, about 10 men and one woman sat around a table and expressed their frustration at the government, which they feel has over-extended its power and tramples on the rights and freedoms of its citizens.

Marc Guttman, the party's chairman, said that it's sometimes hard to be a Libertarian, since there are so many negative stereotypes around. Because Libertarians want a smaller government, people call them anti-government nuts. Because they oppose the War on Drugs, people call them pot-heads. Because they want to pay fewer taxes and keep more of what they earn, people call them selfish.

But Guttman is hardly a misanthrope. He's a doctor in the emergency room of the Telluride Medical Clinic, dedicated to fixing people up. He thinks that a smaller government would lead to a society filled with more private charity, with neighbors taking care of neighbors.

"In the past, the people who were having hard times could depend on their neighbors," Guttman said. "There used to be many charitable hospitals, doctors and nurses who would give their time voluntarily to people who need it. The problem is that government took over the job," and it doesn't do the job as well.

Eric Adolphi left the Democratic Party shortly after the Iraq War began and joined the Libertarians. "I don't feel that I 'left' the Democratic Party. They left me," he wrote in an e-mail. "After the Democrats essentially rubber-stamped the Iraq War and the U.S. Patriot Act, I was very disillusioned. They voted based on the ability to maintain their incum-

bency rather than vote for what was morally correct."

On nearly every question, Libertarians push for more personal freedom. They think that government is the problem, not the solution. And if you think Libertarians seek overly simple solutions to complex problems, remember that the ranks of Libertarians include people like Thomas Jefferson, Henry David Thoreau, and the co-creator of South Park, Trey Parker.

Masters is the nation's only Libertarian Sheriff. And although Masters has been the sheriff since 1980, he was long a Republican. Not that he really wanted to be. Masters was a Libertarian cop in Telluride when the job of Sheriff opened up. The Republican-controlled board of county commissioners said they would appoint Masters Sheriff. But they preferred, they said, to appoint a Republican.

"So I sold out," Masters said. But after years as an incumbent, with mounting frustration with the Republicans' big-government solutions and its Pyrrhic victories in the War on Drugs, Masters returned to the Libertarian Party and ran in 2002 on the Libertarian ticket.

Though some of his Republican friends were upset, Masters said the voters were open-minded. Dempsey, too, said voters supported his change of affiliation.

"I think every American's a Libertarian," Masters said. "When you really look at the core values of our party, I would say that the vast majority of our public's going to be Libertarian - they just haven't realized it yet."

Masters has become one of the country's best-known Libertarians, authoring a book called "Drug War Addiction" in 2001. Masters said he thinks party affiliation is irrelevant in local races, and that voters choose their officials based on personality and track record. But it's good to have Libertarians on the ballot, he said, because it gets a conversation going.

"It's good to have the debate," he said. "People can learn that there are alternatives to Republicans and Democrats, and there are alternatives to big government, and we don't necessarily need to be relying on government for everything."

ENDING PROHIBITION

Medical Marijuana

By Dr. Shawn Elke Glazer

In the medical school curriculum, the discussion of cannabis sativa or marijuana is limited to the drugs of abuse section. It was two years after my graduation that I first learned of its many benefits. My teacher in this case was a patient, a soft-spoken mother of two. She had HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) but without the lab results it was difficult to imagine this beautiful, active woman was ill in any way. Her secret? She brewed tea from the marijuana buds and drank it to curb the nausea from taking the complicated 24 pills a day regimen to keep the virus under control.

Horrified at the idea my patient was using an illicit substance that could cause her harm and with legal action she could lose custody of her children, I urged her to stop and use the legal alternative, a drug called Marinol. First we had to apply for assistance as this drug cost in excess of \$1,000 a month. In contrast her "home grown" remedy cost about \$50 per month, mostly electrical costs for lights. We also tried multiple other anti-nausea drugs without relief.

The change was dramatic, she began losing weight, her skin developed an ashy tone. The "T-cell" count that reflected the strength of her immune system dropped dramatically. She was moving from having HIV to full blown AIDs (acquired immunodeficiency disease). She was fortunate in having extended family help with childcare as she could not do so herself.

Clearly I violated the first principle of medicine - "do no harm." I relented and recommended she resume her marijuana tea. I began to research the gaps in my medical education and look with the eyes of science, not law toward the use of marijuana.

Marijuana has demonstrated usefulness in controlling

pain, reducing nausea, increasing appetite, relaxing muscle spasm, and reducing eye pressures in glaucoma.

There are many misconceptions about marijuana. The most common one is that patients are "high" all the time. Over time the psychological effects become less and less. It simply is not "fun" to the chronic user. Also, with estimates as high as 50% or more of US adults having tried marijuana, the "gateway" theory becomes untenable. Unlike alcohol, methamphetamines ("meth") and cocaine, violence associated with marijuana use is virtually non-existent. As far as association with the youth culture, the average age of medical marijuana registered patients in Colorado is around 47. A few patients are even in their seventies.

Also marijuana does not have to be smoked to be effective. When ingested as food the effects of it are long lasting. The toxicities of legal drugs especially opiates such as codeine and morphine are far more than marijuana.

Another argument is that purchasing marijuana supports terrorism around the world.

Indeed, as long as marijuana is illegal, a substantial portion will come from overseas sources.

Legalization allows it to be grown in the United States and resources used to protect our borders from illegal importation rather than harassing growers within the country. From a medical perspective, foreign grown marijuana is more likely to have contamination from pesticides and herbicides.

While it has been several years since I last saw this patient, the lessons she taught me have not faded. No liberty is more precious than control over one's own body and health.

Dr. Glazer is a Board Certified Family Practice Physician. She is not accepting patients at this time. Next Issue: Part 2, the Colorado Law and talking to your Physician about medical marijuana.

LPCO Convention 2005

By Steve Gallant
LPCO Records Director

The 2005 LPCO Convention brought together Libertarian activists from both sides of the Continental Divide. Held in Montrose, the convention and Wild West Liberty Fest were organized by the Western Slope LP, chaired by Lane Mills. The event received considerable local coverage with two front-page stories in the Montrose Daily Press and Grand Junction Sentinel.



Michael Badnarik, 2004 LP

On Friday night, May 6, a lively reception welcomed those who traveled over the Rockies to attend. LP 2004 Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik, who offered his Constitution class on Sunday, also joined the attendees.

Badnarik gave a keynote speech Saturday morning at Montrose's Friendship Hall, officially opening the convention to the public. Other speakers included Justin Plumlee of the Discerned American Digest and Pete Hendrickson.

Around the main hall, vendors offered libertarian-themed books, clothing, bumper stickers and other items. At other tables, attendees could find information about freedom-friendly groups and political efforts.



Rick Randall & Elizabeth Johnson selling LPCO Merchandise



Norm Olsen, presiding Chairman

At 1 p.m., the business portion of the state convention got underway. The business meeting was open to the public, but only party members were qualified to vote on the proposed constitution and bylaw amendments as well as the election of five of the nine board members. There was considerable turmoil over the eligibility of attendee Sharon Armstrong. Although she described herself as a lifetime membership libertarian who has voted for libertarian candidates, she acknowledged that she was a registered Republican. After some heated debate, it was ultimately decided that only those not registered with another political party were eligible to vote at the business meeting as per LPCO bylaws.



Justin Plumlee, founder of the Discerned American Digest

Bud Martin took the microphone to give 2003-2005 LPCO Chair Norm Olsen a gavel with an engraved plaque in acknowledgement of his contributions to the LP. Martin, Jefferson County LP Treasurer and administrative assistant to Olsen during his term, said that he

hoped this recognition of the retiring Chair would become a tradition in the party.

With 45 voting members present, the board members presented their reports, and nominations for the five board positions were made. Travis Nicks and Debbie Schum were nominated for State Chair. Nicks was the LP candidate for Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder in the 2004 recall election. Schum, the Delta County LP Chair, spoke briefly before endorsing Nicks for State Chair. Nicks won the position with more than 40 votes.



LPCO Board (left to right) Patrick Esser, Travis Nicks, Rand Fanshier, G.T. "Bud" Martin, Michael Badnarik (LP Presidential Candidate), Leah Kelley, Sean Ayers, and Rick Randall

The candidates for the remainder of the vacant positions ran uncontested and were elected by voice vote. Leah Kelly was elected Campaigns Director, Patrick Esser was elected Publications Director, Sean Ayers was elected Media Director, and Bud Martin was elected Treasurer. With alternate 2004-2006 terms, Rick Randall will continue as Legislative Director and Rand Fanshier will continue as Outreach Director. The positions of Records Director and Fund-raising Director remained vacant at the time of the convention, but I, Steve Gallant, previous Publications Director, has since been elected Records Director by the LPCO Board. Mark Brophy served a short term as the Fund-raising Director, but has lapsed. The board has since elected Michelle Poague.

Mike Humbert and Tim Jacobs of the Western Slope LP



Marla "Jojo" Ping (right), owner of Jojo's Windmill Restaurant and host of Banquet with waitress.

proposed LPCO amendment, bylaw and constitution changes. After a couple of hours of strong debate and several failed amendments to the proposal, the unmodified proposal passed by secret ballot. LPCO membership is now defined as having

Director position. The motion was amended to change the title to Affiliate Services. The proposal was voted down by voice vote.

Paul Tiger, Boulder LP Outreach Director made a motion for a resolution that the Board should focus more of its activity on supporting LP affiliates around the state. The motion

passed. After some closing words from former Chair Olsen, the business meeting was adjourned.

Saturday night, Liberty Jam rocked Friendship Hall featuring five rock bands: Toxic Zebra—heavy-metal from Montrose, Immoral Majority—Folk/Classic Rock from Denver, The New Waveforms—Industrial Rock from Boulder, Burrito Bandits—Blues/Classic Rock from Montrose and Severed Souls—Hard Rock from Montrose. Eddy LaBar of the Western Slope LP and lead man for Toxic Zebra provided the concert equipment for the show and paid for security. Although the attendance was lacking, the talent was not. Kudos to Eddy and all bands for a great concert!

After the business meeting, the Chuck Wagon banquet kicked off at Jojo's Windmill Restaurant. Keynote speaker Boston T. Party emphasized the need for tolerance within the LP and the importance of focusing on our similarities rather than our differences. BetteRose Ryan then spoke on behalf of the National LP concerning unity. A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Norm Olsen. Several Minutemen Awards went out to Debbie Schum, Mike Humbert, Tim Jacobs and Patrick Esser.

(Pictures courtesy of Eva Kosinski)



At the award ceremony (left to right), Mike Humbert, Rand Fanshier and Lane Mills

registered as a Colorado Libertarian. Additionally, proxy voting will be allowed at the next business meeting. Many long time Libertarians strongly opposed proxy voting, as it can be abused.

Additionally, this convention saw the creation of a new Board position. Rick Randall proposed the division of the office of Outreach Director into Western Slope and Front Range directors. The constitutional amendment barely passed with the required two-thirds of the 39 present, 26 voting in favor and 12 opposed. Debbie Schum was later nominated and elected Western Slope Outreach Director at the next board meeting. Randall also proposed the creation of a Membership

Legislative Alert Editorial

Great Libertarian Briefs

Get Us Out of the UN: Wasted Vote Syndrome

By Ron Paul

libertarian Congressman
(R-Texas), June 20, 2005

Congress voted last week to give the United Nations unprecedented new authority to intervene in sovereign states, under the guise of UN "reform." The reform bill theoretically provides for Congress to withhold 50% of US dues to the UN, but this will never happen. The bill allows the Secretary of State to make the ultimate decision about payment, and the State department strongly opposes withholding our dues in the first place.

In fact, the State department is the UN's closest ally in the entire federal government. This talk about withholding our dues is nothing but hot air designed to dup real conservatives outside Washington into believing Congress is getting tough with the UN. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Both the congressional leadership and the Bush administration are firmly committed to globalism, as evidenced not only by their commitment to the UN, but also by their position on trade agreements like CAFTA. Mark my words, in five years nobody will be talking about UN reform and our dues payments will be higher than ever.

The supposed reform bill will not change the bureaucratic nature of the UN, nor will it transform the nations of the world into wise, benevolent, selfless actors. It will, however, expand the UN's role as world policeman and establish the precursor to a UN army. If you don't think American armed forces should serve under a UN command, you should know that the reform bill establishes a "Peacekeeping Commission" charged with bolstering the UN's ability to respond with military force to conflicts around the globe - even in wholly internal conflicts that do not affect the US in the slightest.

Many conservatives have bought into the neoconservative dream of using the UN as a tool to advance an aggressive US foreign policy. But granting more power to the UN can only serve the interests of globalists, who see national sovereignty as an obstacle to their goals. The more we involve ourselves with the UN, the more we entangle ourselves in the affairs of other nations to our own detriment. America has nothing to show for our 60 years in the UN except for tens of thousands of dead or injured soldiers, and hundreds of billions of wasted tax dollars. The twentieth century—the UN century—was the bloodiest in the world's history. We must stop fooling ourselves that the UN is an instrument of world peace.

The problem is not that the UN is corrupt, or ineffective, or run by scoundrels. The real problem is that the UN is **inherently** illegitimate, because supra-national government is an inherently illegitimate concept. Legitimate governments operate only by the consent of those they govern. Yet it is ludicrous to suggest that billions of people across the globe have in any way consented to UN governance, or have even the slightest influence over their own governments. The UN is perhaps the least democratic institution imaginable, but both Democrats and Republicans insist on using it to "promote democracy."

We should stop worrying about the UN and simply walk away from it by withdrawing our membership and our money. We should demand a return to real national sovereignty, and respect other nations by rejecting our failed interventionist foreign policy. By doing so we would make the world a more peaceful place."

(Source: US Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX), "Can the UN Really Be Reformed?", 6/20/05 <http://www.house.gov/paul/>)

By Michael Badnarik

2004 Libertarian
Presidential Candidate

As the Libertarian Presidential candidate, I frequently face the wasted vote syndrome. People tell me that I'm a good candidate. They believe in what I stand for, but can't bring themselves to vote for me because they don't want to waste their vote.

If you were in prison and you had a 50% chance of lethal injection, a 45% chance of going

to the electric chair and only a 5% chance of escape. Are you likely to vote for lethal injection because that is your mostly likely outcome? Your survival depends on voting for escape even if that is only a 5% chance.

If you continue to vote for the Democrats or Republicans you are committing political suicide. The only chance we have of saving our constitutional republic is to vote Libertarian even if that is only a 5% probability of getting into office. To demonstrate that we are not satisfied with the status quo

voting for the lesser of two evils, if your candidate wins, and you still get evil.

The Libertarian party is the party of principle. We have candidates in every state, in every county that are principled, passionate and articulate. Please vote Libertarian and help us restore a free country!

From the 2004 Libertarian Party Presidential Debate Visit Michael Online at:

BADNARIK.ORG
OR
CONSTITUTION-CLASS.ORG

Outreach

By Debbie Schum

Western Outreach Director
Libertarian Party of Colorado

The LPCO is currently working together to publish a booklet to help potential affiliates form in Colorado. The booklet will be completed and operational this year.

Every county in Colorado is unique and by forming an affiliate, Libertarians can pinpoint tactics and issues that best suit their locale. However, the affiliates should never segregate from one another, as a unified front on statewide and national

issues is beneficial.

Electing candidates to office is obviously important, but my affiliate has discovered that being activists first and foremost allows our community to warm up to our philosophy and realize we are much more than just another political party pushing their politicians. Be open to working issues with other citizens who are libertarian minded. You just may find that they will include your affiliate in other issues later on, which can help tremendously with credibility. Be a part of the community, not an outsider. This makes your candidates more viable as well.

Booths are great, and try inviting politicians to your booth

if they agree with your stance on current hot local issues. They frequently will, as this gives them the opportunity/forum to talk about the issues, and it helps draw people to your booth.

When you don't have a candidate in an election, you can still host a forum or a debate between the other parties' candidates, helping your recognition factor in many ways. For example, you can provide LP literature to attendees and perhaps even get the candidates to take the Nolan quiz. Don't forget... hosting a debate allows YOU to form the questions! Most of all, make getting together FUN. Because liberty is and should be fun!

Republicans & Democrats

Two Reasons I Switched Parties

By Leah Kelley

Campaigns Director,
Libertarian Party of Colorado

As a lifelong Republican, I've always thought very highly of my opinion and the platform of the Republican party, but, guess what...you live and you learn better.

It was a over a period of many years, of crummy candidates for President, of legislation that I thought was unconstitutional, of legislators giving my hard-earned money away to corporations and art projects. It didn't matter who was Presi-

dent or what party had control of the Senate. The same old stuff, year after year until, in my heart, I felt **hopeless.**

It's all **hopeless**..... it doesn't matter who I vote for. It's all lies. I'll just stop paying attention to politics as usual, and watch the Michael Jackson trial, or the latest Monica Lewinsky scandal, or a rerun of Survivor. BUT WAIT....that's what THEY want you to do! (*insert whoever you think THEY are*)

I can't even describe when it happened, bit by bit over the years. I heard part of a speech by Harry Browne...I liked eve-

rything he said, but didn't really pay attention to what party he was with. One of those third parties...won't matter if I vote for him, it's a third party; they don't have a chance. BUT WAIT....we don't have a chance because we've lost **hope.** How dare THEY try to take away my hope! (*insert whoever you think THEY are*)

Then, one day...(don't know how I got there) I ended up on a Libertarian website. The more I read, the more hope I gathered! I somehow got in touch some guys with the local LP. There are more of us! More **hope!**

Eminent Domain Watch

Threat of the Three Headed Dragon

By Sharon Croghan
NoSuperSlab.org

There is a fearsome three-headed dragon, who has long been asleep in Colorado, and almost no one knows it is here. This dragon has the potential to destroy the lives of over 20,000 honest and upright citizens of the State, and there is no law on the books to protect its unwitting prey.

The first head awoke in 1989 when an idea was spawned between two wealthy Colorado businessmen. Their idea was to capitalize on a plan to create a "multi-modal transportation corridor" on the Eastern Plains of Colorado which would include a high speed toll road and a rail road line. This plan promised to make all of the investors millions of dollars. Interestingly enough, the brains behind the operation, Ray Wells, refused to provide information to the good citizens of Colorado on just who his investors are. He was often quoted as stating that they were "foreign" investors.

Colorado Revised Statute 7-45-101 allows for any three people to file a corporation with the Colorado Secretary of State for the purpose of establishing a toll road corridor, which they did. Front Range Toll Road Corporation sprang to life and the second head began to arise from its slumber. You see, CRS 38-2-101 allows for private toll road corporations to use eminent domain to take the land they need for a toll road.

Front Range Toll Road Corporation (FRTR), in its corporate by-laws established a 12 mile wide 210 mile long toll road corridor from "somewhere near" Wellington, Colorado on its northern terminus to Pueblo, Colorado on the south. The corridor gives the FRTR an exclusive right to build the toll road anywhere within the 12 mile wide designated path it desires. The president of the diabolical plan, Ray Wells, described this transportation

corridor as a "multi-modal transportation facility" and christened it "The Super Slab".

The proposed "Super Slab" highway was proposed to be a 660 foot wide 4 lane, high speed toll way with parallel rail lines running in the median between the lanes, with a one mile wide conservation easement on either side. Ray Wells claims the purpose of this easement is to limit growth in the rural areas, maintain open spaces near the road and reduce noise pollution. In fact, the conservation easements WILL limit growth to within the designated areas Ray decides he wants to develop to line his pockets and to pay for what amounts to nothing more than a legal land grab.

According to Ray Wells the intent of the project is to create the least amount of disruption possible for residents and the environment, so it will be located as far from developed areas as possible. Nothing could be further from the truth! The population count within the 12 mile wide corridor is close to 100,000 people, some long time multi-generational residents, but most who have moved into the corridor within the last 10 years without any warning of what was to come. At no time did he approach the residents and inform them of his intent. As there is no easily accessed public record of this toll road plan, most of us living within the corridor were completely blind-sided when the second head of the hideous dragon reared up in front of us. HB1030 came into the limelight and all the lives of the residents in the path of the toll road and its charging bulldozers changed overnight.

HB1030 is the legislation Ray Wells originally claimed he needed to begin construction of the Super Slab. It redefined a toll road to include tollbooths, rest areas, transportation facilities, and rail roads. It also created a state wide tolling authority to set the tolls, rather than having to negotiate tolls with each county the road passed through, it

established road maintenance and emergency service responsibility and set the speed limit on the road at 85 MPH.

HB1030 overwhelmingly passed the Colorado House in February 2005. Corridor residents finally got wind of this bill, mobilized and descended, some 1,200 strong, on the Colorado Senate Transportation Committee hearing of HB1030 on March 22, 2005. After hearing the impassioned testimony of 180 people at the hearing, the Transportation Committee effectively killed the bill, by tabling it for summer session review. Corridor residents breathed a deep sigh of relief. One head of the dragon had been lopped off! Ah, but the beast lived on. Ray Wells quickly announced after the hearing, he really did not need this legislation to build the road and planned to start construction in the next few months with a completion date for the project of less than 3 years. If he is moving forward with his plan, he is keeping the details close to his vest.

Corridor residents pulled together, and with the help of Senator Tom Weins, wrote two pieces of legislation to protect the property rights of all Coloradans from the unconstitutional abuse of eminent domain for the profit of a private individual, and to ensure the safe construction of any toll road. The first bill, SB05-230, removes the right to use eminent domain from private corporations to build a toll road, but specifically stated it does not limit the formation of Public Private Partnerships. The second bill, HB05-1342 set up regulations for the construction of private toll roads, (for which, currently there are none) similar to requirements CDOT would have to comply with to build a road.

These bills overwhelmingly passed both the House and Senate just before the close of session. Again, corridor residents breathed a deep collective sigh of relief. The relief was short lived, however, as Governor Owens immediately made it clear he did not like the legislation and hinted he would veto both bills, which he does the first week of June. He justified the vetoes by claiming private corporations will not come to Colorado to build toll roads if

Colorado Private Charities

Country Kids with Cancer

Helping rural kids and families with their cancer battle

Country kids with cancer is a organization that provides financial assistance to kids in rural areas fighting cancer. This organization, based in Durango, Colorado was founded by cancer survivor Sarah Shank.

Sarah was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in 2000 and had to travel over 800 miles every three weeks for her treatment at Children's Hospital in Denver. It was during one of these trips that Sarah came up with the idea of Country Kids With Cancer. Her organization has been instrumental in helping many families that live in rural areas with their travel

expenses, something insurance does not cover.

Ninety-eight percent of funds CKWC receives go directly to the families in need. The other two percent is used for mailing and office supply expenses. What a spectacular and rare occurrence to find a grass roots organization with such efficiency with it's funding.

If you would like to make a donation, visit them online at www.countrykidswithcancer.com or mail to:

Country Kids with Cancer
PO Box 3659,
Durango, CO 81302

they do not have the use of eminent domain to take the land they want for their toll roads and the regulatory bill was too strongly worded for practical application, especially on the EPA standards. The second head has a mortal wound, but is still alive.

Corridor residents feel a fatal blow has been inflicted on FRTR, nonetheless, Ray Wells has not admitted defeat, nor do we expect him to do so. The coalitions throughout the corridor are spending the summer fundraising and conducting meetings and information campaigns to increase public awareness of this threat throughout the state.

Since March 2005, toll road companies have cropped up all over the state. One developer, Lindsey Case, from Colorado Springs, CO has filed for 5 toll road corridors. Two encircle Colorado Springs, two parallel I-25 from the Springs to the Wyoming border and the fifth one follows I-70 from Denver to Eagle County. The sad truth is there could be a toll road corridor in place, which no one knows about, coming through your neighborhood or town. The worst part is unless you know the name of the corporation, there is no way to find out until the developer makes their plans public.

The third head of the dragon is the most dangerous, and still

slumbers. Before it awakens, the fatal blow must be inflicted. In the next session new legislation will be submitted to protect all the people of Colorado from the wrongful use of eminent domain and it will contain oversight for private construction of toll roads. Statewide support for this legislation will be key to again pass this legislation and possibly over-ride a gubernatorial veto. Let your senators and representative know all of Colorado deserves to be protected from the misuse of eminent domain for private gain.

For more information go visit www.nosuperslab.org online, each county has contact information for area organizers, plus has a wealth of information about the toll road and coalition efforts to defeat this disgraceful attempt to steal peoples land, homes and businesses in the name of public good.

This powerful and deadly dragon must be totally beheaded, once and for all, if any Colorado resident and their homes and businesses are to be safe from the sweeping destruction it will leave in its path.

Well-informed residents, wielding the powerful swords of involvement are our only hope to stop this threat, once and for all.



Doug Anderson has announced his candidacy for City Councilman for Ward 4 in Lakewood. As an experienced office holder and long-time resident of Lakewood, Doug is opposing the current City Council's tax and spend mentality.

A critical issue in this campaign will be the current City Council's proposed sales tax increase from 2% to 3%. The fairness of the increase is also an issue, since major corporations such as Walmart, and corporate developments at Bel-Mar and Colorado Mills will be exempt from the increase.

Doug knows that the City's budget shortfall can be corrected with common sense and fairness, not at the expense of taxpayers and small business owners. For this reason, small business owners, and members of the Lakewood T Party

are aligning themselves with Doug, ready to bring some common sense and fiscal responsibility to Lakewood City Hall on November 1.

Here's Our Chance to put our own Doug Anderson on the Lakewood City Council this November 1! It's a non-partisan race that WE CAN WIN!

With the success of the Lakewood T Party (a non-partisan effort to kill the sales tax increase) on the horizon, the Lakewood City Council will be tipped in favor of our "libertarian" ideals.

With Doug on the council, we will have a well-respected Libertarian in an position to influence, not only Lakewood, but surrounding communities, as well. We will also be adding an elected Libertarian to the company of Bill Masters, Sheriff of San Miguel County and Joe Johnson, Trustee, Weld County.

We need your help getting him elected! Please volunteer to help the campaign and/or send your contributions now. You don't have to live in Lakewood to make a difference!

Send contributions to:
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7172 Swadley Ct.
Arvada, CO 80004-1253

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Visit campaign site: www.votedoug.org

Come meet Doug Anderson at his Campaign Kick Off on Wednesday, September 7th from 4:30 to 7:00p at Jose O'Shea's at 4th and Union (Just west of the Simms exit off 6th). Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks provided. Big fun and we get our own party room. For details contact Mike Spalding at mbspalding@aol.com

Protecting Your Right to Petition.

Politicians fear petitions, especially those that limit their political power. However, petitions are a safety valve to correct abuses. If politicians act foolishly, or refuse to act, we must be able to protect our freedoms, our families, our finances, and our futures. The right to petition is so important, the Founding Fathers listed it in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

The **Petition Rights Amendment** shortens ballot titles to reduce the "legalese" that confuses voters. **PRA** protects petitions from being tied up in court for months on phony "single-subject" claims by opponents. **PRA** limits petition elections to November only.

Politicians keep trying to restrict our rights. They want Big Government to control our lives. We the People can restrain them by supporting **PRA** to guarantee our constitutional right to petition for the right to vote on needed reforms. In order to bring the "Petition Rights Amendment" to Colorado voters, on the 2006

ballot, the "Citizens for Petition Rights" need signatures! The Citizens for Petition Rights welcomes both volunteer and paid petition circulators to help put this vital reform on the ballot.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado supports this initiative and is working with the "Citizens for Petition Rights"

Douglas Bruce (TABOR author) has challenged the LPCO to collect 10,000 signatures for PRA! Let's show him that Libertarians are the bedrock for liberty in Colorado!

The LPCO is asking for 100 Libertarians to take action by collecting 100 signatures each. The important thing is to collect those signatures, notarize the petitions, and submit them to the "Citizens for Petition Rights" BEFORE December 1, 2005.

Contact Richard Randall at legislatedirector@lpcolorado.org or call (720) 348-6927 to get your petition packet today! For more details visit PRA2006.ORG

The New Rules! LPCO has New Membership Program

(Continued from Page 1)

their \$25 to National, the LPCO would get \$1 per month. As you paid higher levels to National, the state party would receive higher sums up to \$3 per member, in a lump sum check for the total membership.

Due to ongoing financial crisis the LNC originally planned increasing dues to \$50 by the end of the year. This was the original plan set in motion. But after much debate, instead dues were changed to zero and the payments to states like Colorado were terminated!

So, UMP is now history. In the new rules, the Libertarian Party of Colorado will receive ALL the money for membership contributions. When you fill out this form and sign the non-aggression principle we forward your information to national (but keep the money if any) and you are automatically a member of the State and National LP.

We are at this juncture desperately short on funds, and so would hope you'd consider more than the minimum, and preferably choose our 1776 Platinum Club as your way to support the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

The trick is, though, you won't continue to receive the LP News from Washington, DC just by paying membership dues on the form on page 15. You must subscribe at lp.org with an additional \$25 in order to continue to get the LP News. We encourage you to do so, as the LP News provides stories from across the country and helps you learn what works and doesn't work from LP activities in other States

As a side note, the right to vote at the State Convention, or be a candidate in Colorado as a Libertarian now requires a Libertarian affiliation on your voter registration. This was voted upon and passed in Convention 2004. This new

contributions program has no impact on that.

So, open your wallets, see what you can spare, take a look at the new level benefits we are offering this year, and contribute to the Libertarian Party of Colorado, the Defenders of Liberty!



Silver Liberty Coin available with Platinum Donation Membership Level or above.



Badnarik's Book, "Good to be King" is available with 1776 Platinum Club Level.

Bus Bench Placement Marks First Anniversary

by **Jim Frye**, Bus Bench Coordinator

June 2005 marked the anniversary of the first placement of an LPCO bus bench ad. Since last year we have placed additional



bus bench ads at:

- Wadsworth and Coalmine in Lakewood
- 44th and McIntyre in Wheat-Ridge (Two ads: facing east and westbound traffic in and out of Golden.)
- Hwy 72 & Hwy 93 near Boulder

Bus bench ad near Boulder

The bus bench campaign is one of many outreach efforts that the state LP has worked on this past year. Local affiliates are encouraged to sponsor bus bench ads in their communities.

The LPCO has created a specific bus bench ad account to fund the placement and monthly lease expenses. Rentals are approximately \$50 per month. If you would like to contribute money specifically for the bus bench campaign, please make a check payable to: Libertarian Party of Colorado, 1425 Brentwood Street, Unit 18, Lakewood, CO 80214

In the subject line of the check, note that this is for the bus bench ad campaign. For more information on this program you can contact Jim Frye at 303-478-5144 or e-mail BusBenchAds@lpcolorado.org



I would like to thank all the folks who have contributed time, design and money to make this effort a success.

DONATE TO NATIONAL LP

Cut out, complete the following form and mail to: Libertarian Party, 2600 Virginia Ave NW, Suite 100 Washington, DC 20037

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LPCO DONATION WITH MEMBERSHIP TO LP

Please note: To receive National's LP News requires a separate subscription at lp.org. Also, you do not need a paid membership to be a candidate, or nominate or vote for candidates and issues at the LPCO state convention. To do these things, you need a Libertarian Party Affiliation on your Colorado voter registration, so visit your county clerk or download a voter registration at vote.lpcolorado.org and get registered to vote as a Libertarian today!

The Libertarian Party is the party of principle. To publicly affirm what we believe - and to ensure that our party never strays from our principles - we ask our members to proudly sign this statement:

▶ I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: [required for LP membership] (If you don't sign, you will be a subscriber only)

I want to be a member of the national Libertarian Party as well.

To be a Contributing Member and receive issues of this newsletter (the Colorado Liberty) for one year, check off one of the following donation levels:

Silver Level (contribution \$25) receive a valuable packet including the latest newsletter, a membership card, outreach handouts, bumper sticker, subscription to email Liberty Alerts, how to contact Libertarians in your area, and more.

Gold Level (contribution \$50) receive all of the above PLUS our own LPCO t-shirt. Check t-shirt size: XXL XL L M S.

Platinum Level (contribution \$100) receive all of the above PLUS have fun with a real \$10 Silver Liberty Coin (from www.libertydollar.org)

Diamond Level (contribution \$500, \$1,000 or more) receive all of the above AND get a complimentary banquet invitation at the next State Convention.

- OR (this is our preferred monthly payment plans) -

1776 Platinum Club When you contribute with a recurring monthly charge of just \$17.76 per month or more on your credit card, you get a free copy of "Good to Be King" by 2004 Presidential Candidate Michael Badnarik, and all the Platinum benefits.

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Check here to not be listed in the newsletter or recognized for your membership level.

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UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

- ◆ *September 1st to 4th*—**Thunder in the Rockies**; Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland
- ◆ *September 2nd*—**Fall Festival**; Louisville
- ◆ *September 7th*—**Doug Anderson's Campaign Kick Off**; 4:30 to 7:00pm Jose O'Shea's
- ◆ *September 10th*—**Canyonfest**; Kittredge
- ◆ *September 21st*—**Referendum C & D Debate**; Hosted by LP of Delta County—Delta
- ◆ *September 23rd*—**Chile and Frijoles Festival**; Mercado, Pueblo
- ◆ *September 25th*—**Miner's Day Celebration**; Weld County
- ◆ *October 1st & 2nd*—**Cedaredge Apple Festival**; Cedaredge

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