

Doug Anderson wins

Longtime Libertarian activist Doug Anderson has WON his race for Lakewood, Colorado City Council, Ward 4! In a close race with incumbent, Tom Booher. Doug Anderson's Campaign fought tirelessly opposing Lakewood's 50% sales-tax-increase in which major corporations such as Wal-Mart, and corporate developments at Belmar and Colorado Mills are exempt from the tax (unfairly placing the burden on Lakewood's small businesses).

Travis Nicks, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) commented, "The Libertarian Party of Colorado is excited for Doug! We're very

proud of Doug Anderson and his Campaign's victory. He ran an honest old-fashioned grassroots campaign, it's a win for the Citizens of Lakewood. I couldn't think of a better person to serve on the City Council. Doug's values are rooted in liberty, he'll do what's right for the taxpayers and small business owners of Lakewood."

Doug Anderson: 3,399 votes (40.36%)
 Tom Booher: 3,278 votes (38.93%)
 Rich Olver: 1,172 votes (13.92%)
 Walt Heidenfelder: 572 votes (6.79%)

Why is this a big deal? Doug defeated the Republican incumbent, Tom Booher in a conservative ward in Lakewood. Yes, it was a non-partisan race, but Doug is not shy about the fact that he is a Libertarian. Since Lakewood is the 4th largest city in Colorado, this victory should be especially encouraging to others planning on running for office.



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Ballot Issue Victories

By Richard Randall
LPCO Legislative Director

The VAST Majority of tax increases fought by LPCO activists were defeated (10 of 12)! Successes are in bold.

Referenda C & D
 Referendum C Passed - 578,411 (52.0%) to 533,620 (48.0%)
Referendum D Failed - 547,433 (49.4%) to 561,479 (50.6%)

I believe that Ref. C passed because of **1.** the misleading language in the "State Ballot Information Booklet" (i.e., "Without Increasing taxes..."), **2.** the massive propaganda campaign supporting it (supporters out spent opponents by at least 3:1), and **3.** "RINO" (Republican In Name Only) support (e.g., Bill Owens).

While our "tax and spend" opponents were able to punch a hole in the "Taxpayer's Bill of Rights" (TABOR) with the passage of Ref. C, the Libertarian Party of Colorado has made

good on its promise to be the defenders of TABOR... and to be the Party of Principle. We fought to the very end. The LPCO has earned a great deal of well deserved respect, and is truly the political wolverine of Colorado - small but fierce.

But there is a silver lining from this defeat. In order to effectively combat Ref. C & D, the Libertarian Party of Colorado formed alliances with MANY fiscally conservative groups. FreedomWorks in particular worked very closely with us. Ms. Beth Skinner, Director of Colorado FreedomWorks, publicly praised the Libertarian Party of Colorado on multiple occasions. In the future, we will be working with FreedomWorks - and many of these groups - to promote LIBERTARIAN ideals.

Through defeating Ref. D, you loyal and dedicated activists who sacrificed many, many hours have saved the tax payers of Colorado well over \$1 billion! That's something to be proud of!

Lakewood 2A - Sales Tax Increase Passed: 21,204 (53.2%) to 18,619 (46.8%)

Despite our best efforts to defeat Lakewood's 50% sales-tax-increase, in which Wal-Mart and large shopping districts at Belmar and Colorado Mills are exempt from the tax (unfairly placing the burden on Lakewood's small businesses), there is a silver lining in this defeat as well. The Libertarian Party of Colorado had formed a coalition with the grassroots fiscal conservative group, "Lakewood T Party" to combat 2A.

"Lakewood T Party" also supported Doug Anderson in his campaign for Lakewood City Council. As we watched the election results come in, we vowed to continue to maintain and strengthen our alliance in Lakewood!

Cedaredge 2B - Sales Tax Increase Failed: 293 (34.22%) to 569 (65.78%)

The citizens of Cedaredge



(Delta County) obviously agreed with the Libertarian opposing position (written by LPCO Western Slope Outreach Director, Debbie Schum) contained in the "Ballot Information Booklet"!

Boulder Issue 2A - Increase City Worker Pay/Benefits Failed: 7,787 (34.5%) to 14,768 (65.5%)

Frederick Issue 2A - Hotel "Pillow Tax" Failed: 712 (46.84%) to 808 (53.16%)

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

Letter from the Chairman

By Travis Nicks
LPCO Chairman



VICTORY!!! The results are in and we won several major battles on election day (11/01/05). Doug Anderson won his city council race, ousting a republican incumbent, and was inaugurated on November 24th. While Referendum C passed, it was a narrow race and was defeated heavily in counties where we had high activism (Delta and Weld are only two examples). Referendum D did not pass. Weld County defeated initiative 100 and Frederick defeated proposition 2A. Both were tax increases. Denver I100 (marijuana

possession) passed. We received high praise from Freedom Works and Lakewood T Party for our efforts. This is only a small sample of our growing success.

As we go into winter we are gearing up for our 2006 cycle. We have many local and municipal elections we are attempting to win in the spring. Also, we are working on campaigns for the general election in November. Our work with coalitions is becoming more profitable for us in the form of more media and more new members coming to the Party. We will be forming new coalitions and strengthening old ones with the upcoming property rights battle. With your help we will have a constitutional amendment to the Colorado Constitution protecting private property rights in the state. We are still looking for volunteers

and candidates, in all areas and for all activities, to help us defend your rights. Every effort helps, no matter how small.

The pendulum of government control is swinging back to the people. We are gaining momentum. The Libertarian Party of Colorado needs to be ready to guide the people of this State in restoring their lost freedoms and holding elected officials accountable. We have done many good things so far this year but we need to do great things. We need your help in doing much more. I consider my personal involvement in the party and all of my financial donations as an investment for the future of my (not yet conceived of) children. If we plan on having "Liberty in Our Life-

time" then we need to work hard and measure results. As with any investment, I expect excellent returns so far. I hope to show the Membership that their investments are not in vain but are yielding measurable, valuable returns. Please consider investing in our future liberty and if you already do we appreciate it greatly. The time for the Libertarian Party has come. It is our day now. We need to be fully prepared to act and well stocked, in order to prevent failure. The true battle for liberty is waged within the individual. It is in the last act of free will that one chooses to surrender to apathy.

Your Servant in Liberty,
Travis Nicks

A CLOSER LOOK



Bringing Reality Into Focus

Featuring veteran radio talk show host
MICHAEL CORBIN



A Closer Look at a Colorado Libertarian Talk Show Host

By Patrick Esser
LPCO Publications Director

Have you scanned the radio dial or internet lately seeking something interesting to listen to? How about tuning in to A Closer Look (ACL) with Michael Corbin, a Libertarian talk show host in Colorado? ACL is a nationally syndicated talk show that airs 10AM to 1PM on KHNC 1360 AM radio and on www.4acloserlook.com.

ACL is a great source for unusual and obscure topics that

can not be found in the mainstream media. ACL provides an informative approach to a wide range of topics, performing exhaustive research and regularly featuring guests such as renown authors and speakers.

Corbin's style is somewhere between that of Neal Boortz and Art Bell. Important political topics are discussed, such as national issues like the destruction of US sovereignty with the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and local issues like ballot inconsistencies with the

Boulder electronic voting system. Controversial topics are occasionally discussed, such as 9/11 conspiracies and secret societies controlling government and world economics. Corbin's topics are always informative, such as medical science breakthroughs like nanotechnology which may eliminate heart disease to the disability insurance industry's attempts to cheat clients.

Corbin commonly features Libertarian viewpoints and issues. Richard Randall, the LPCO Legislative Director has been a

regular guest on the show. Corbin has featured many other Libertarian activists and candidates as guests, such as Michael Badnarik, 2004 Libertarian Presidential Candidate.

Libertarians should strongly support Corbin's show. Without corporate sponsors or main-stream media coverage, ACL needs our financial support and encouragement. Several ways that you can help ACL grow and prosper:

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- Subscribe to the ACL Report, a monthly magazine that is the official publication of a

Closer Look Radio Program, which is available in either print or electronic PDF versions.

- Send a donation to the ACL Radio Program. You can easily send a contribution online via Paypal.
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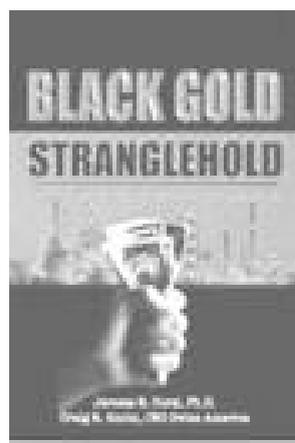
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 By Katherine Albrecht & Liz McIntyre

RFID, which stands for Radio Frequency IDentification, is a technology that uses computer chips smaller than a grain of sand to track items from a distance. And as this mind-blowing book explains, plans and efforts are being made now by global corporations and the U.S government to turn this advanced technology, these spychips, into a way to track our daily activities—and keep us all on Big Brother's short leash.

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 By Jerome R. Corsi, PhD. & Craig R. Smith



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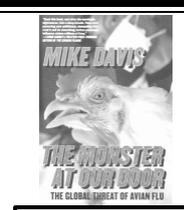
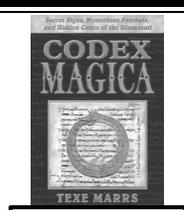
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 By Keith Anderson

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Liberty Day A Voluntary Educational Mission

By **Andy McKean**,
Liberty Day Co-Founder

We are asking all citizens who believe that future generations should have a functioning knowledge of the United States Constitution to step up! We recommend visiting our website to see students at www.LibertyDay.org. Encourage a classroom, facilitate a special speaker, promote Liberty Day Kids to individual or business sponsors to help an educator obtain engaging, relevant materials for their students. The possibilities are as endless as your time and imagination will allow!

We are pleased to offer to post all confirmed program information received in our office on our website. Send your ideas, share details of your students' successes, express appreciation for support or request assistance. We'll add any pertinent information sent to heather@libertyday.org. You can also find ideas for program activities, sponsor student mate-



Jr. Girl Scouts at the Greeley Stampede Parade

rials or contact Liberty Day to serve as a volunteer. Thank you for your willingness to become involved in any way you can! Citizens throughout our nation should be honored by your support of this vital endeavor to raise awareness about the contents, meaning and significance of our founding documents in a positive manner.

Liberty Day is a nationwide 501C3 non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Colorado. Our volunteers include members of Lions, Kiwanis,

Ruritan, Sertoma, Exchange Clubs, American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, Veterans, Bar Associations, Press Associations, law enforcement, elected and previously elected officials and many more! Congressmen, Senators, Governors, and state legislatures have passed resolutions or written letters of support for Liberty Day in at least 28 states.

In the past 9 years, well over 500,000 Americans have been given their own pocket-sized copy of the Constitution and many have been quizzed by Liberty Day Kids. Our history affirms that it is grassroots volunteers who are the foundation of positive change through new initiatives and community involvement in our nation! In the words of our first President, "The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered... deeply, ... finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people." George Washington, First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789

"How can you preserve, defend and protect that which you do not know?" - Andy McKean

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

The Libertarian Party of Colorado needs your help!

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If you are a college student interested in an internship with the LP, we will work with your internship coordinator to develop a program that provides valuable insights into state politics, campaigns, legislative issues, political outreach, publications, and the operation of a political non-profit.

We are currently looking for an administrative assistant to take meeting minutes, organize archives and maintain records. We are also seeking a membership coordinator to process new memberships and membership renewals.

If you are interested in a volunteer or internship position with the Libertarian Party of Colorado, please call us at 303-837-9393 or e-mail Records Director Steven Gallant at recordsdirector@lpcolorado.org.

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Call LPCO Campaigns Director, Leah Kelly at the Campaigns Hotline at 303-521-1844 to sign up! Or email her at Campaigns@LPColorado.org.

Safer Alternative for Enjoyable Recreation

By **Mason Tvert**

Executive Director, SAFER

Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER) is a non-profit grassroots organization working to establish a more effective and judicious marijuana policy in Colorado and throughout the nation.

SAFER—like many other drug policy organizations—envision a society in which the private adult use of marijuana is treated similarly to the private adult use of alcohol. And like many of those organizations, we believe the means to achieve that vision is the promotion and establishment of a system in which marijuana is regulated in a manner such as alcohol.

Unlike any organization, however, the overarching goal of SAFER is to effect sociopolitical change conducive to such efforts by drawing a direct comparison between marijuana and alcohol. Polling and other testing shows a strong correlation between those who believe marijuana is less harmful than alcohol and those who believe marijuana should be taxed, regulated and made legally available to adults.

SAFER's mission, therefore, is to educate the public about the relative safety of marijuana as an alternative to alcohol, which is undoubtedly the more harmful drug both to the user and to society.

We began raising eyebrows (and awareness) on campus at



the University of Colorado-Boulder and the Colorado State University, where SAFER organized students and successfully passed referendums demanding that the university penalties for marijuana violations not exceed those penalties for alcohol violations. We are still working on implementation of the recommended policy changes and will be returning to the campuses next spring to follow up with the stubborn administrators at each school.

Recently, however, SAFER has imported its message to a larger venue: the City of Denver.

We developed, initiated and campaigned for the successful Alcohol-Marijuana Equalization Initiative (I-100) in Denver, which was adopted by voters this November. The measure, which passed comfortably with nearly 54 percent of the vote, effectively repealed all civil and criminal penalties for the private adult use and possession of marijuana—a first for any city initiative in the country.

More importantly, the passage of I-100 garnered international attention and raised awareness across the country of the pitfalls of marijuana prohibition.

We are now engaged with unresponsive city and state officials in a battle for implementation of I-100. Although our opponents in City Hall say Denver police will continue to cite adults for marijuana possession under state law, this has yet to occur—there has not

been a single citation since November 1!

Clearly the voters' voices have been heard, regardless of whether these politicians acknowledge it publicly.

Now SAFER is looking toward the future, and—along with our ally Sensible Colorado—we foresee a state-wide initiative to establish a system in which marijuana can be regulated like alcohol and made available to adults. We will also be taking our message and passion on the road to repeal unreasonable marijuana policies in cities and on college campuses nationwide.

Visit SAFER online at www.saferchoice.org



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Referendum C Watch Sovereign Citizens Rights Under Siege

On November 1, 2005, the people of Colorado were asked to vote on Ref. C, which suspended TABOR (Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) for 5 years.

- Despite the fact that a statute can never legally supercede the State Constitution, this is what voters were asked to allow (Ref. C originated as HB05-1194).
- Despite the fact that Referendum C could result in the largest tax increase in Colorado history, the first words describing it in the "2005 State Ballot Information Booklet" stated "Without Increasing taxes..."
- Despite the fact that Referendum C contained only vague references as to how the excess TABOR revenue would be spent, voters were led to believe (told) that specific percentages of the revenue would be spent on K-12 Schools, Health Care, Community Colleges and State Colleges. The details of how the money was to be spent was in a different statute (HB05-1350), which is subject to change by the State Legislature.
- In order to prevent the people of Colorado from changing the spending structure specified in HB05-1350, through a citizen petition, the State Legislature included a "Safety" clause.

Ref. C passed with 52% of the vote. But who is responsible for this "con" job on the people of Colorado? Who voted to place this referendum on the ballot?

The following is a list of all of the Colorado Legislators who voted for Referendum C to be placed on the ballot. When their terms expire, please show your appreciation by voting for their opponents.

Colorado House of Representatives:

- Benefield, Debbie (D)
- Berens, Bill (R)
- Borodkin, Alice (D)
- Boyd, Betty (D)
- Buescher, Bernie (D)
- Butcher, Dorothy B. (D)
- Carroll, Morgan (D)
- Carroll, Terrance (D)
- Cerbo, Michael (D)
- Coleman, Fran (D)
- Curry, Kathleen (D)
- Frangas, K. Jerry (D)
- Gallegos, Rafael (D)
- Garcia, Michael (D)
- Green, Gwyn (D)
- Hodge, Mary (D)
- Jahn, Cheri (D)
- Judd, Joel (D)
- Larson, Mark (R)
- Lindstrom, Gary (D)
- Madden, Alice (D)
- Marshall, Rosemary (D)
- Massey, Tom (R)
- McCluskey, Bob (R)
- McFadyen, Liane "Buffy" (D)
- McGihon, Anne (D)
- McKinley, Wes (D)
- Merrifield, Mike (D)
- Paccione, Angie (D)
- Plant, Tom (D)
- Pommer, John V. "Jack" (D)
- Ragsdale, Ann F. (D)
- Riesberg, James (D)
- Romanoff, Andrew (D)
- Rose, Ray (R)
- Solano, Judy (D)
- Soper, John (D)
- Todd, Nancy (D)
- Vigil, Valentin "Val" J. (D)
- Weissmann, Paul (D)
- White, Al (R)

Colorado State Senate:

- Anderson, Norma (R)
- Bacon, Bob (D)
- Entz, Lewis H. (R)
- Fitz-Gerald, Joan (D)
- Gordon, Ken (D)
- Groff, Peter C. (D)
- Grossman, Dan (D)
- Hanna, Deanna (D)
- Hagedorn, Bob (D)
- Isgar, Jim (D)
- Johnson, Steve (R)
- Keller, Maryanne "Moe" (D)
- Kester, Kenneth (R)
- Owen, Dave (R)
- Sandoval, Paula E. (D)
- Shaffer, Brandon (D)
- Spence, Nancy (R)
- Takis, Stephanie (D)
- Tapia, Abel J. (D)
- Taylor, Jack (R)
- Teck, Ron (R)
- Tochtrop, Lois (D)
- Tupa, Ron (D)
- Veiga, Jennifer (D)
- Williams, Suzanne (D)
- Windels, Sue (D)

By Sharon Croghan

NoSuperSlab.org

Front Range Toll Road, also known as Super Slab, is a proposed toll road cutting the Eastern Plains of Colorado in half, stretching from Wellington to Pueblo. This toll road will affect nearly 200,000 people living within the 12 mile wide, 210 mile long corridor; families young and old, historical sites, prime family farmland producing meat, milk and food crops, businesses, schools, even towns. For what end? "The betterment of Colorado", as the originator, Ray Wells claims, or to increase the wealth of a few at the expense of many, as most reasonable people believe?

Or could there be an even more insidious, underlying, scheme underway related to this project. Due to an antiquated 1800's mining law in Colorado Revised Statutes, private toll road corporations in Colorado have the right to use eminent domain to take the land they want for a toll road project without regulation or regard for the people who will lose their property.

Do the eminent domain laws of Colorado regulate private corporations or do they only apply to government takings, which, all too often, are unjust and done with little or no regard to the costs of the citizens involved. Since no one has tried to use this antiquated law since the 1800's the application of law will have to be determined by the courts, which with the recent Kelo vs. New London decision, seems to have tilted the scales towards blessing private takings and helping to clear the path for this outrageous land grab.

What has occurred to pave the way for this project to yet again rear it ugly head? Massive unjustness of government seizure across the country and an influx of the idea of a globalization of our country. Dana Berliner, Institute for Justice Lawyer, in a study of eminent domain abuse from 1998-2002 found 10,000 cases of abuses in 41 states. In the past, the eminent domain clause of the Fifth Amendment was understood to apply to takings which will be for a public use and has a clause to protect the property owner: "[n]or shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation", while a difficult pill to swallow, we understand the necessity for. As with many of our God given rights, the "public use" language has been modified and distorted to "public purpose", a broad term, allowing government officials to take property and turn it over to private corporations for commercial development, which they define as being for the broader public good, usually to increase the tax base to allow for greater spending on public projects they deem as necessary or a benefit for all. The public purpose takings; being forced out of ones home, business, church or private lake, in order to make way for a multi-million dollar company, an upscale mall or even plush condominiums in order to increase the tax base for the local government is immoral and un-American.

Certainly, the redefinition of the Fifth Amendment has opened doors previously closed to private corporations wishing to obtain land at less than market value, but the second piece of the puzzle is what seems to have spurred the FRTR to push forward with its planned land grab disguised as a toll road. Our Federal Government has embraced the ideal of a global economy by implementing the North American Free Trade Agreement, (NAFTA) and now Central North American Trade Corridor Agreement (CNATCA), along with several other foreign trade and transportation agreements. From these agreements, a massive, national highway project is underway to connect

Mexico with Canada. Texas has embraced this project with a huge multimodal toll road project. The first phase of this project, dubbed the Trans-Texas Corridor, is planned to be a 1200 ft wide and 312 miles long, slatted to include 10 vehicle lanes, 6 rail lines and a 200 foot easement for utilities, as described in the Phyllis Spivey article Internationalizing U.S. Roads. This piece of the road will originate at the Oklahoma/Texas boarder cross Texas west to east, eventually ending at the Mexican boarder, the exact location being announced after extensive environmental studies and public-involvement process is completed. The tentative plan is to eventually connect the Tran-Texas Corridor (TTC) highway with Hwy 287 in Colorado, continuing north-east, crossing the Northern states on into Canada.

How does Texas plan to fund this massive \$6 billion toll road project? Foreign dollars were actively searched out by Texas officials to fund the TTC project, eventually settling on a company from Spain, Cintra/Zachry. There seemed to be no shortage of companies willing to invest in toll road corporations in the US, but at what expense to American citizens? A group called Corridor Watch says the Texas toll corridor is being developed with "complete disregard for public will and the citizens of Texas", quoted from the article, Internationalizing U.S. Roads, by Phyllis Spivey.

The FRTR project closely mirrors the Texas project, down to the implication of investment of foreign dollars in the project. Hence the need for the legislation, HB05-1030, FRTR tried to pass last session redefining a toll road to include things such as rest areas, gas and service stations, hotels, restaurants, rail roads and utility easements.

The Texas project is underway, steamrolling its way across Texas seemingly unchecked. If Coloradoans do not rise up, like a Tsunami across this state in opposition to this and similar projects, we too will experience the loss of our sovereign civil rights as property owners, as the Super Slab marches across our state unchecked with the blessings of our states highest officials.

Do you remember these bumper stickers?

From the Victory in Colorado Libertarian Campaign

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Would you like to see the Libertarians expand their influence to become a more powerful proponent of justice, freedom and liberty?

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Wouldn't it be great to expand the Colorado Liberty, official

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The Libertarian Party of Colorado needs your help— Please advertise! Contact Patrick Esser at (970) 275-0181 or email at advertise@lpcolorado.org

Note: According to postal regulations, insurance and travel agency advertisements are not allowed.

Political Animal Icons

By Patrick Esser

LPCO Publications Director

Throughout history, just about every political party has been associated with an animal to represent its party. When you see a donkey, you think Democrat. When you see an elephant, you think Republican. What animal best represents the Libertarian Party? The Statue of Liberty is not an animal and is controlled by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which is headquartered in Paris, France as an official world heritage site. Before you decide which animal should represent the Libertarian Party, perhaps you should know why each political party has been associated with their animal representatives.

The donkey was first associated to the Democrats back in 1828 with the seventh president, Andrew Jackson. The donkey was used by cartoonists of the time to criticize then-presidential candidate, Andrew Jackson, poking fun at Jackson as being a jackass. Jackson embraced this animal icon stating that he was stubborn and steadfast because he was right. This strategy against Jackson backfired and he won the election. After Jackson's presidency, the donkey representative faded and was replaced for many years by the rooster, thanks to a Indiana Democrat representative, Joseph Chapman who was accused of "Crowing about his record."

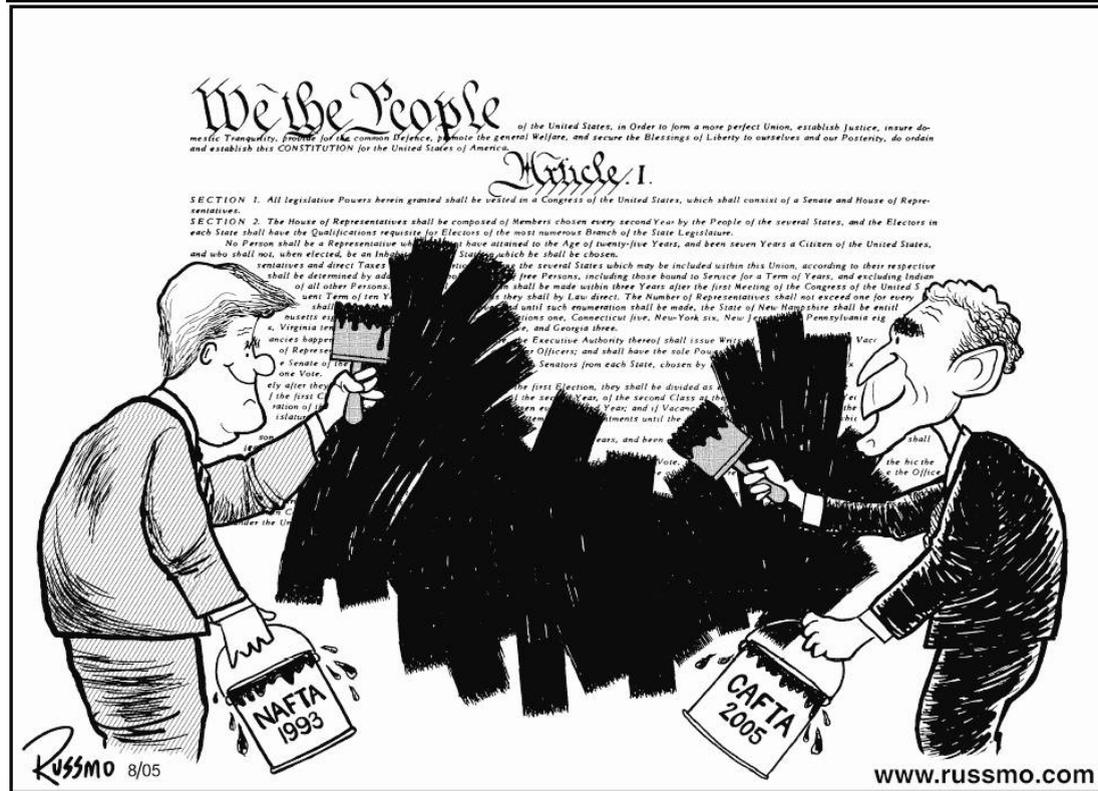
The Democrats adopted the rooster with such phrases as, "I Crow For Harrison and Morton." In the 1870's, the donkey reappeared representing the Democrat party in cartoons in the first nationally published magazine, the Harper's Weekly. The cartoonist was a Republican sympathizer, Thomas Nast who presented the donkey as a undignified, negative icon.

In 1874, the same cartoonist, Thomas Nast had a popular cartoon that first showed the elephant representing the Republican Party. At the time, the N.Y. Herald (the voice of the Democrats) was circulating rumors that Ulysess S. Grant was going to reform the constitution and run for a third term. Thomas Nast countered with a cartoon of a donkey representing the Democrats and the N.Y. Herald, hiding in a lions skin (labeled Caesarism) scaring all the other animals that represented the other political parties of the time. A prominent elephant depicting the Republican voters was shown not scared and crushing the reform. Many cartoons since then have represented the Republican Party as an elephant.

In the 1970's the Republican Party officially adopted the elephant as its mascot. However, the Democrats have never officially adopted the donkey. Both parties have heavily used the animals for and against each other.

Many other animal icons have been used throughout political history. In 1869 the

Libertarian Cartoons



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prohibitionist party adopted the camel - which can travel long distances without having to stop in a bar for a drink. The communist party has long adopted the bear, as Monarchies have adopted the lion.

So what animal would best represent the Libertarian Party?

The free state project suggests the porcupine. Tennessee, North Carolina, Utah, Hawaii, Delaware and Iowa Libertarian State Parties have adopted the penguin. Many other suggestions have included the wolverine, badger, and eagle.

Perhaps a good representative

would be the Big Horn Sheep: few of them exist, they will flee before confrontation, but will defend themselves quite readily with their big horns (using their heads) when necessary. They survive in unfriendly (political) climate and navigate rough terrain (debates) with agility.

Preparing to Run as a Candidate

By Leah Kelley

LPCO Campaigns Director

Here are a couple of questions that candidates wonder about when they are just starting out:

1. What do I say?
2. What do I do?

What Do I Say?

Just think through why you are running in the first place. Start with some basic self-examination. Why am I doing this? And what do I want to accomplish? You want to be perceived as somebody who wants to DO SOMETHING, not someone who wants to BE SOMETHING. You are not running so you can be a congressman or a councilman. You are running because you want to help change things. Be clear why you are running, because you are going to be required to answer that question over and over again. You want to be able to look the questioner in the eye and honestly explain why. It's an important part of your message. We have found that tying your campaign in with an issue that everyone is currently passionate about, such as Ref C & D, is very helpful in defining your campaign and your base of supporters.

Do your homework on the basic issues. This is not the same as simply reading the newspaper and forming your own opinions. You must have an informed, credible opinion that you can defend under fire. And you should also learn the other side of the debate. You don't have to agree with any of it, of course, but you should understand it for argument's sake. Also, you should understand the emotional and personal dimensions to these issues. For example, the issue of tax increases. In many cases people aren't interested in hearing you detail a complex policy filled with fiscal projections. What they really want to know is where is your heart on this issue? Do you care about them? Do you share their fears? If you do, then they are ready emotionally to hear your facts and figures. If you don't care, then maybe they've got better things to do

than to listen to you. That's human nature.

As for your opponent, your challenge is to offer a strong contrast: watchdog for the taxpayer versus wasteful spender, new energy versus tired status quo, new ideas versus failed policies, etc. Contrast is vital. Otherwise voters see no reason to fire the incumbent and hire someone new.

Write, or ask someone to write, a one-page biography about you. You want it to demonstrate that you are capable - that you have met problems and dealt with them successfully. You want it to reveal that you are very much a part of the community you aspire to represent. Places and people; organizations and causes; significant awards and achievements should be mentioned. And certainly you want to include your family. I would just emphasize one crucial point: Every phase of this bio should be 100% accurate. You can bet it will be analyzed with great scrutiny by the opposition. And if there is anything inflated or misstated or misleading, you can have real trouble with reporters. Many campaigns have self-destructed this way. When in doubt about the accuracy of your bio, be modest and be cautious.

What do I do?

Understand the responsibilities of being a candidate. As the candidate, you are highest power in the campaign. You are the chief fundraiser and vote getter. Everything revolves around you. With all of that comes enormous responsibility. Not only do you have to go out and campaign, but you have to be able to provide leadership for the rest of the team. You're going to be picking and choosing people for the campaign, but it is your name alone on the ballot. So you want to make sure that what is going on in your name is good. You need people who are competent and trustworthy. You won't have time to be micro-managing them.

When you're looking for a campaign manager, remember that the job description is not the same as for a corporate manager. Indeed, running a campaign is more of an entrepreneurial job. You need the instincts of an

entrepreneur - creating something out of nothing, rather than simply managing resources that already exist.

Talk to your "kitchen cabinet" - unpaid, unofficial advisors to help keep the campaign on course. Sometimes a candidate benefits from listening to old friends and trusted colleagues, political or not, people who know you; people who can say "no" to your face; allies who would fight for you during the campaign. You can often use such a group to help make major decisions - decisions about the use of time, money and talent.

Have good quality photographs taken of you and your family. You will need them for the press kits, brochures, etc. You'll need them in digital format, handy on a CD. Above all, you must look trustworthy. Men, get an expensive haircut and get rid of the facial hair. It worked for Abe Lincoln, but it won't work for you. Look around at other people who have been elected; they were all very well groomed. There's a reason for that. Ladies, get a fresh new hairdo, one that looks current. Not the same hair you've had since the 70's. Never underestimate the value of your appearance. You're being judged by it too.

Start raising money immediately...waiting is a mistake. Make a list of those folks you could approach for a contribution. Start with friends, family, business associates and ask for a check, not a pledge. You don't want to be chasing people for checks they would have given you in the first place if only you'd asked. Don't make fundraising more complicated than it has to be. Just get started. The trick is, just do it. Ask, ask, ask.

A final thought, elections are a very tough, demanding business. You're going to have highs and lows - and you need the stamina to get through it. You also need to pace yourself - that's important. What's most important is just do the very best you can ...because win or lose you live with yourself afterwards. You will return to your family and friends who respect you for having had the courage to enter the arena and fight for your beliefs. So enjoy the adventure of it all; the unpredictability, the unexpected excitement, and the many new friends you will make.

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Denver Rescue Mission

"Helping the Colorado Homeless"

During the year, the Denver Rescue Mission provides shelter, food, clothing, education, and work discipline.

Your donation of \$27.60 will feed 15 homeless people and offer the opportunity for rehabilitation and education to those seeking to change their lives.

The Denver Rescue Mission's chief goal is to meet people at their physical and spiritual points of need. They provide food, shelter, and clothing, along with practical programs of education, Christian teaching, and work discipline with the aim of returning the poor, needy, and homeless to society as self-sufficient, productive citizens.

The mission has four residential facilities: **The Crossing** is transitional housing for post-graduates, homeless families, interns and visitors; the **Lawrence Street** facility serves up

to 700 meals daily with 110 overnight beds, rehabilitation program, and education center; the **Champa House** provides housing for single mothers and their children with amenities including on-site childcare and educational opportunities; the **Harvest Farm** is a 100-acre working farm that provides food for Mission residents and includes a rehabilitation, educational and work training programs.

The Family Rescue Ministry is a program designed to help provide housing for homeless, working families. In 2003, they placed 97 families in housing.

Mail donations to: DENVER RESCUE MISSION, PO BOX 5206, DENVER, CO 80217 or visit them online at:

www.DenverRescueMission.com

*All information in this article is from the Denver Rescue Mission's website.

EDITORIAL

Media Monopoly and Liberal Bias

By Ron Bain

Delta County Watchdog
Editor and Publisher

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Before I returned to journalism five years ago after an 11-year period of self-employment, I argued there was no liberal bias dominating the media, only individually liberal reporters.

Now, after being fired successively by a Ward Churchill apologist and a publisher who pushed the Referendum C rip-off, I take it back.

Liberalism is a disease that has infected American media from the smallest newspaper to the largest news network.

Locally (*Colorado Western Slope*), newspaper publishers have abandoned their Constitutional role to cry out against government abuses and keep the public fully informed.

Instead, the newspapers available in Delta County obfuscate, hide the truth, attempt to manipulate public opinion and serve as lapdogs to government bureaucrats.

But it is in such an environment that a simple "coffee rag" such as the Delta County Watchdog can thrive, grow and throw off the shackles of media monopolies and liberal bias.

Do you want the straight facts without government spin? Do you want to know what happens in semi-secret government meetings announced only in 6-point type in the back pages of the county's legal publication? Do you want your opinion to be respected, not changed?

To subscribe to the Delta County Watchdog, contact Ron Bain at (970) 249-8704, email: ron@deltacountywatchdog.com or visit the watch dog online at deltacountywatchdog.com

Ballot Issue Victories

(Continued from Page 1)

Weld County Initiated Question 100 - Property Tax Increase Failed: 20,036 (44.25%) to 25,246 (55.75%)

Weld county's I-100, a 1 Mill-levy property tax to support a non-profit corporation (Envision), which provides services to citizens with developmentally disabilities, was soundly defeated! Envision clearly states on it's web site that it is NOT a charity. Only 0.5% of it's funds come from "private" donations.

Taking money through forced taxation – regardless of how worthy the cause – is still a form of theft. The citizens of Weld County agreed with the Libertarian opposition to this tax – eloquently stated in the "Ballot Information Booklet".

Multi-District: 3A – St. Vrain School Dist. Mill-levy Property Tax Increase
Boulder & Weld Counties: "Shall St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J Taxes be increased \$17,323,000 annually..."

Boulder County - Failed: 14,720 (49.0%) to 15,325 (51.0%)

Weld County - Failed: 2,833 (40%) to 4,249 (60%)
Combined - Failed: 17,166 (47.0%) to 19,361 (53.0%)

Upon reviewing the election results, I believe that the "Ballot Information Booklet" may have had a significant impact in several areas. All 5 of the Weld County tax increases (Ref. C & D, Frederick 2A, Weld County 3A & I-100) were defeated with little more opposition than the "Ballot Information Booklet". Huge thanks to Joe and Elizabeth Johnson in Weld County and Ralph Shnelvar in Boulder County for submitting "CON" positions opposing the tax increases in their areas!

Denver I100 - Marijuana Legalization Passed - 57,540 (53.5%) to 50,090 (46.5%)

Denver's "Initiated Question 100" (I-100), the "Alcohol-Marijuana Equalization Initiative" — which removes criminal penalties for possession of up to one ounce of marijuana among adults 21 and older — was the only ballot initiative the LPCO actively supported. The Libertarian Party of Colorado, with activists from Denver,

Boulder and other surrounding counties, actively supported SAFER (Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation) in this campaign.

While many view this victory as largely symbolic, it does signify that the people of Colorado are growing increasingly tired of the oppressive, counterproductive prohibition of marijuana and the war on drugs.

Montrose County Public Safety Ballot Initiative 1A Failed: 6,396 (60.1%) to 4,254 (39.9%)

Montrose County Road and Bridge Construction Initiative 1B Failed: 6,381 (61.1%) to 4,055 (38.9%)

Montrose County Fire Protection District Referendum 4A Failed: 4,419 (52.9%) to 3,939 (47.1%)

Huge thanks to the Western Slope Libertarian Party who contributed to these defeats by posting signs across the county, sign waving at major intersections and having numerous comments in the local newspaper opposing the measures.

Support the LPCO

By Michelle Poague
LPCO Fundraising Director

This past election season Colorado Libertarians were fighting battles on several fronts, but today The Libertarian Party of Colorado is one step closer to its goal of moving public policy in the direction of liberty by increasing the number of Libertarians holding office. Doug Anderson has won a council seat in the third largest city in Colorado. Not only that, but we successfully defeated several tax increases. We should take pride in our victories. Colorado is the birthplace of the Libertarian Party and has never been afraid to hold people personally accountable for their actions. The citizens here are willing to hold people accountable even if those people are police officers or high ranking government officials. Many other states followed our lead and designed TABOR bills of their own. This fight is not over.

During this campaign season the Libertarian Party of Colorado was able to create lasting coalitions with many fiscally conservative groups. These groups include, FreedomWorks, The Colorado Club for Growth, the Lakewood Tea Party, the Colorado Union of Tax Payers, and the Independence Institute.

Through these coalitions, many people have discovered that the Libertarian Party is, and will remain, the party of principle as we grow. Hundreds of new people now know that the Libertarian Party is here to stay.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado was able to increase public awareness, acceptance & support for Libertarian ideals. Our activists met with voters, neighbors, and people on the streets. We strengthened the Libertarian Party at both state & local levels by increasing the parties respectability, visibly, members, activists, and contributors. The more individuals who share our vision, the faster we can work to build a nation that respects American traditions of limited government, individual freedom, and personal responsibility. Working together, we can turn our vision of a

better America into a reality. We need to keep this momentum going and to do that, we need the infrastructure to support it. Imagine how difficult planning your monthly budget would be if you didn't have a regular paycheck. If you didn't know from week to week if you would have the money to make your car payment, it would be pretty tough to plan for anything above the bare necessities. That's why we need you to become a 1776 Member today.

We need you to make a monthly pledge of just \$17.76 on your credit card. So we can cover the bare necessities and be able to focus on the big opportunities that knock on our door each day.

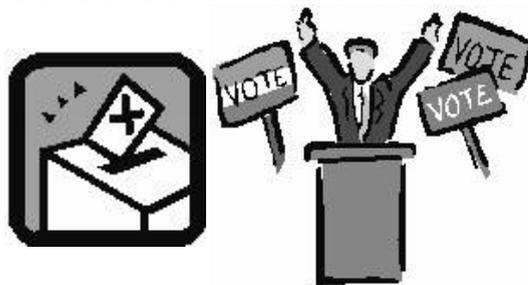
With your support, the Libertarian Party of Colorado can continue to work against new tax programs, oppressive legislation and National ID systems. We will find winnable races, even some races that usually have unopposed candidates. With your help the Libertarian Party can give them the choice they deserve, a choice between a libertarian and a non-libertarian.

Please join us, become a 1776 Member today. Fill out the pledge form on the last page of this newsletter and help make Colorado the Flag Ship of Liberty. Your dollars are the lifeblood of the Libertarian Party. Your monthly pledge of just \$17.76 will allow us to reach thousands of people!

Thank you for being a part of all of this. Running good candidates for winnable offices with local impact can help move this country toward true freedom, individual responsibility and a limited government. Your donation or monthly pledge can help make this happen.

If you can't join the 1776 club today, remember the Libertarian Party and your local affiliates are always looking for volunteers to help Libertarian candidates or to help educate the high school and college age students on the libertarian ideals. Whatever you do will be appreciated. See page 11 for donation form.

More Election Results Worth Noting



By Leah Kelley
LPCO Campaigns Director

Here is an interesting analysis of the election in Weld County.

Some absentee and provisional votes have not been counted yet. These unopposed races were not Libertarians, but could have easily been Libertarians!

FORT LUPTON WARD I
1 candidate - won unopposed.

FORT LUPTON WARD II
1 candidate - won unopposed.

GREELEY WARD II COUNCIL
1 candidate - won unopposed.

NORTHGLENN DIRECTORS
Many of the candidates ran unopposed.

BRIGHTON MAYOR
2 candidates, only 57 votes cast.

BRIGHTON WARD I
3 candidates, only 52 votes cast.

Other Jefferson County Races:
ARVADA CITY COUNCIL-MEMBER AT LARGE

1 candidate - won unopposed.

ARVADA CITY COUNCIL-MEMBER DIST 1
1 candidate - won unopposed.

ARVADA CITY COUNCIL-MEMBER DIST 3
1 candidate - won unopposed.
WESTMINSTER CITY MAYOR
1 candidate - won unopposed.

Arapahoe County CITY OF ENGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL JUDGE
1 candidate - won unopposed.

Let's be on the lookout for some easy races like these for April 2006!

New to the Libertarian Party? Start Here:

By Rand Fanshier
LPCO Outreach Director

Are you one of the five hundred plus new party members who joined us this summer? If so, you are among the early adopters who are helping the LP become the fastest growing party in Colorado, and the third

Let's discuss different things you can do to get started taking Colorado back for the individual, away from these lifelong bureaucrats and their immoral partners in the private sector.

largest party in the country. And, it is most likely you are here because you have become clear that 'our' government has been taking us in the wrong direction, and you'd like to do something about it. Because you have taken this first step, of joining a political party with the same principles as Thomas Jefferson and Samuel Adams, we are growing and will eventually prevail. I want to let you in on a secret the Republicans and Democrats have: Your single Libertarian voter registration is more of a blow to them than a hundred of their own. You count for a hundred or more! Let there be no underestimating how important you are in this battle we are in against the big-government, socialist, and far-right forces arrayed against us.

It is no longer enough to simply defend liberty, because the Republicans and Democrats have progressively added so many unnecessary laws, regulations and taxes it is difficult to perceive the land of our birth as the "shining beacon on the hill" as our founding fathers intended.

It has been said that politics is war by other means, and if you are like most libertarians you probably have despised politics, politicians, and the whole machine that seems to always conspire to take away your natural or God-given rights. Nevertheless, we have found no better means than politics for people to work out their differences in a peaceful manner, so I hope you will consider being willing to debate and fight those who think you have no rights, in the same political arena where they have

been successfully making the government your master, you the slave.

Let's restore freedom in Colorado! Here are a few ways to get going.

First, check out our membership levels and pay some membership dues. In order to maintain a presence in Colorado the state party must have income.

Contact Treasurer Wes Long, treasurer@lpcolorado.org, if you have questions on the membership form.

Second, read the LPCO Legislative Alerts -- the e-mail publication distributed regularly by the State Party. There will be notices in there which need your attention and activism. Contact Legislative Director Rick Randall, legislativedirector@lpcolorado.org, with any questions you have.

Third, get together with local Libertarians committed to results, around a pitcher of beer, or a pot of coffee... and don't just talk -- make plans of action! Contact the Outreach Directors, Rand Fanshier or Debbie Schum, outreach@lpcolorado.org.

Fourth, Election 2006 is fast approaching. We need qualified candidates, and campaign teams. This means you! Contact Leah Kelley, campaignsdirector@lpcolorado.org, for information and training.

Finally, WRITE letters to newspaper editors, internet chat rooms, and call into radio and TV stations. Let's start hearing about how government is not the only or best solution to pressing social issues. Contact Sean Ayers, mediadirector@lpcolorado.org, to report hot leads in the press.

Our Republican and Democratic opponents fear

Politics is not some strange thing people do in Washington or at the State Capitol. It begins at home, with each of us reminding our friends and neighbors what America used to be all about, and can be again.

Libertarian growth and the power-house we are becoming, and so they are using political 'jujitsu' to keep us out of the arena. Their first priority is to re-cast us as something we are not. They want the public to perceive us as gun-toting,

pot-smoking, anarchist nut-cases, and will stop at nothing to make sure that this is the image the public has of Libertarians.

So, as you go to work to restore America to its traditional values of freedom and liberty, do not let the "Big Government" types dishonor you: Your stature is greater than theirs, show it! You hold the moral high ground -- so stand proud, you are in great company.

Laws have of late been used by politicians for reasons of control instead of liberty, but laws in and of themselves are not a bad thing. In fact libertarians believe in the rule of law and want a government that limits itself to laws that protect our rights and keep us free and sovereign, in a mutual agreement of non-aggression.

TABOR demise exaggerated

By Mark Hillman
Colorado State Treasurer

Rumors of TABOR's demise have been greatly exaggerated. Passage of Referendum C might have scarred the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, but the wounds were not fatal. In fact, Colorado taxpayers enjoy more protections against growth in government spending than those in any other state. Perhaps the most frightening fruits of Ref C's passage are the hidden incentives for the Legislature to hike fees even higher to inflate the TABOR spending base as well as the inevitable carnage when spending-hungry special interests realize that there's not enough money to fund everyone's pet projects.

State government now has five years to budget without a TABOR safety net against excessive spending. That's a real danger to aggressive advocates of government growth because, just as the economy might produce more than the \$3.7 billion price tag commonly associated with Ref C, it could also produce less.

Meanwhile, TABOR still provides important obstacles to runaway government:

- Even during the five-year "timeout," government still cannot increase tax rates without a public vote. It's one thing to convince people to forego a refund but quite another to convince them to dig even deeper into their own pockets.

- The wisdom of TABOR is that the economy grows faster than population plus inflation. It's simple really: ask yourself, which do you expect to be more productive -- monopolistic government or a competitive economy?

After it passed in 1992, TABOR methodically slowed the growth of government, reducing government's share of the state's economy (as measured by TABOR revenues) from 7.3 percent of personal income to 6.9 percent. The recession -- not TABOR -- then cut those revenues to 5.2 percent in 2002-03.

When Ref C expires, even a "ratchet-free" TABOR demands spending restraint. Last year, TABOR-bashers were advocating a limit based upon personal income growth -- aka, PIG. This year, the Ref C campaign said "the glitch" was the so-called ratchet. Now the glitch is gone, but the wisdom of TABOR remains.

From 2000 to 2004, personal income grew at an average of 5.5 percent per year, compared to 4.3 percent for population. If the economy grows as expected during the next five years, PIG will increase by a total of 33.3 percent while inflation plus population grows at 18.5 percent. Based on those estimates, TABOR will save taxpayers \$5.7 billion in just the first five years after the limit is reinstated. A PIG limit would save taxpayers next to nothing.

- Because of its interaction with other Colorado spending limits, TABOR still locks in

a six-percent cap on growth in general fund spending. Most everything above that limit goes toward highways and capital construction -- not toward creating long-term reliance on costly government entitlements.

- While it's inevitable that spending interests will take another whack at the spending limit when Ref C expires, TABOR requires those causes to ask taxpayers for permission. Rather than taxpayers fighting to keep their own money, spendaholics must convince taxpayers that their earnings are better spent on government than on their own families and businesses.

As former Senate President John Andrews, an ardent opponent of Ref C, recently noted: "Our Taxpayer's Bill of Rights remains a vital protection to liberty and a political asset to be envied by Americans elsewhere."

Even after the passage of Ref C, no state in the nation protects taxpayers' pocketbooks like Colorado.

TABOR has proven its worth to Colorado and continues to present a strong defense against expansive government because the taxpayers remain in control. We may not win every battle, but TABOR's principles are still worth defending in Colorado and across the nation.

Mark Hillman can be reached at: mail@markhillman.com.

Bus Bench Advertisements

Continue in the Denver metro area

by **Jim Frye**, Bus Bench Ad Coordinator

Motorists and bus riders in the Denver metro area continue to be exposed to the Libertarian message.

Bus bench ads in Boulder county, WheatRidge and Lakewood convey the libertarian message daily to thousands of motorists in the area. In WheatRidge, two ads face both east and west on 44th avenue leading into and out of Golden. Drivers in Lakewood can spot the bus bench ad at Coal Mine and Wadsworth.

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



Please specify on the check that the donation is for the bus bench ad campaign. Thanks again to all the folks that have made this outreach effort a success.



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