Walter Williams to Speak in Ft. Collins

Popular newspaper columnist and George Mason University economics professor Walter Williams is scheduled to speak in Ft. Collins the weekend of April 20-22. Dr. Williams will be addressing delegates to the 1990 annual convention of the Colorado Libertarian Party, meeting at Colorado State University and the University Park Holiday Inn.

Dr. Williams is the author of four books, including *The State Against Blacks* and *South Africa's War Against Capitalism*. His weekly column appears in approximately 90 newspapers across the country. He has also appeared on many national TV shows, including Nightline, Crossfire, Face the Nation, and the Larry King Show.

Friday, April 20th, Dr. Williams will be speaking at CSU’s Lory Student Center, starting at 8:00 pm. Saturday, April 21st, he will speak at the Holiday Inn starting at 8:30 am.
**FIJA Kicks Off Petition Drive**

The drive to qualify the Fully Informed Jury Amendment for the November 1990 ballot began March 31st with a special petitioning weekend, and volunteers around the state got their first opportunity to see how the petition would be received by Colorado voters.

FIJA would amend the Colorado state constitution to require that jurors be informed of their power to acquit criminal defendants on the basis of their own judgement of the law and its applicability to a particular case, rather than being bound by the instructions of a judge and allowed only to consider the “facts”.

Jurors already have this power, but few

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**Additional Speakers**

The convention will run through Sunday, April 21st. A new speaker has been added to the schedule for the luncheon on Saturday: Jacob “Bumper” Hornberger, founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation. At the banquet on Saturday night, Larry Dodge, national coordinator for the Fully Informed Jury Amendment, will join the previously announced Walter Jenkins.

Official party business at the convention will include the nomination of candidates for statewide office, the election of CLP officers for the coming year, and selection of a site for the 1991 convention.

For more information about the convention, contact Mary Margaret Glennie, 303-484-8184.

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From the Chair

by Ron Bain,
Acting CLP Chairman

It has been a privilege and an honor these past six months to not only serve the people of Colorado as chairman of the state party, but also to, however inadequately, fill the shoes of so intelligent (and beauteous) a woman as Mary Lind.

The concerns and pressures of my personal and business life will no longer allow me to devote as much time to the chairmanship as I feel the position deserves, therefore at this month's convention I will relinquish the chair to some other dedicated, hard-working individual, perhaps Keith Hamburger of Colorado Springs, who has indicated an interest in the post.

It has been a fast-paced and, I think, successful six months since I took over from Mary. We've formed or reinforced alliances with groups such as the No More Drug War Foundation, TABOR, the Denver Taxpayers Association and the FUN Party (kind of like the GOP nickname for the Republicans, it's quicker and easier to pronounce and understand than "Libertarian"). Several letters to the editor — by myself, David Aitken, and others — have been printed in local newspapers. Volunteer staffers at the office began sending out comprehensive information packets to the people who ring our HQ telephone number (something that had never happened before). Improvements in the CLiPboard were made, although admittedly there are still problems which often prevent it from arriving during the first week of the month, as it should. New Communications Chairman Joe Dehn plans to eliminate those problems in the coming months.

I'm disappointed though that many of the things I wanted to accomplish remain undone: there are several days and hours of the week that remain open at the office for volunteer staffers; we tried and failed to hire a commission-paid fundraiser; we never made it to Telluride to try to form an affiliate in San Miguel County, which voted more heavily for Ron Paul in 1988 than any other Colorado county; we never bought a Macintosh for the office; our database remains on the computer of a board member who is retiring from service, rather than in the office where volunteers can access it; and we never hired a part-time office manager.

I'm hoping that Keith, if he becomes chair, and the rest of the new board will adopt these goals as their own, as well as add to the list with suggestions of their own.

I also hope that someone from the Western Slope will show up with a well-prepared proposal to hold next year's convention in Glenwood Springs or Telluride, or anywhere but Colorado's version of Wichita, i.e., Fort Collins. It's a nice town, but we've all had three years in which to check out all the tourist spots and attractions. Let's face it, conventions are first and foremost parties -- in a state with mountains and rivers, why party in the equivalent of Kansas?

Running for the board wouldn't be a bad idea for someone from the Western Slope (hint: the Campaigns Chair is going to be open and I can think of no one more qualified to hold that post than the most successful Libertarian candidate we fielded in Colorado in 1988, and that is Robert Martin of Mesa County Liberty. Or at least one of his campaign staffers, like Kim Benham or Steve Thurman. Whaddya say, guys?), either.

To close, let me part from the office of chair with a quote from lyrics by my favorite rock band, The Moody Blues: "There you go, man. Keep as cool as you can. Face piles of trials with smiles. It riles them to believe you perceive the web they weave. And keep on thinking free.''

In peace and in liberty,

Ron Bain
Pro-Choice on What?
In the Feb. 1990 issue of CLiPboard, page 7, is an ad of the CLP Curio Shop advertising bumper stickers and buttons with the slogan "I'm Pro-Choice on Everything!". "Pro-Choice" is an euphemism for "Pro-Killing". Unless it is the official position of the Libertarian Party to be for "Pro-Killing", then I believe it is a mistake for the Libertarian Party to use this euphemism.

If we can't stop the killing, we sure as heck are not going to be able to stop the stealing. And if the Libertarian Party is for "Pro-Killing" - then I am out of the Libertarian Party.

George W. Connell
Parachute, CO

Editor's note: All libertarians, by definition, are in favor of individual choice, in all matters which do not violate the rights of others. In general, the various philosophies on which libertarians base their political ideas also put a high value on human life. Thus, most libertarians would be happy to describe themselves both as "pro-choice" and "pro-life", if not for the special meanings that those labels have taken on in the abortion debate.

No man need sacrifice himself to others, but neither should he sacrifice others to himself.
John Hospers

The slogan "Pro-Choice on Everything" is intended not as a blanket endorsement of the so-called "Pro-Choice" movement (which includes many un-libertarian elements), but rather as a challenge to the assumptions of those so-called "liberals" who self-righteously proclaim themselves to be defenders of choice and freedom. In actuality, they apply such concepts only when it is convenient for them, and are all too ready to deny choice in other areas of life. Libertarians, on the other hand, are for "choice" as a matter of principle. How to apply libertarian principles in the case of abortion is, unfortunately, still a matter of honest disagreement among LP members.

Repeal the 16th!
Talk show host Irv Homer, radio station WWDB-FM, 166 Levering Mill Road, Bala, PA 19004, has started a drive to REPEAL THE INCOME TAX (16th AMENDMENT)! Gives great presentation of Libertarianism. Help him to get on radio shows as a guest, and to receive cards urging repeal of the income tax.

If you would like a tape of his excellent interview on WOAI, San Antonio, let me know (512-259-1776).

Mary L. Graham
Cedar Park, TX

According to information prepared by the Secretary of State at the last General Election, voter registration was equally divided numerically between Democrats and Republicans, while voters registered Unaffiliated outnumbered either of these parties by some several thousand. There are also voters registered with third parties in the State of Colorado.

Now it occurs to me, that it should be incumbent upon a public servant who has sworn or affirmed an oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of Colorado, and to faithfully perform the duties of the office upon which he is about to enter (Constitution of Colorado, Article 12, Section 8), to also publish information as to independent or third party candidates since this category covers more than one third of the total registered electors.

Furthermore: Article 2, Section 5, Constitution of Colorado, guarantees that all elections shall be free and open, and that no power, civil or military, shall at any
Letters, continued

time interfere to prevent the exercise of the right of suffrage. Furthermore (Article 7, Section 11): the General Assembly shall pass laws to secure the purity of elections, and guard against abuses of the elective franchise.

During the 1988 General Election, there were a total of four independent or third party candidates who achieved ballot access in the State of Colorado at the Representative level. All third party or independents must achieve ballot access through the petition process, with the number of signatures required firmly stated in the Election Laws of the State.

The success of four independent candidates in using the petition process caused the establishment General Assembly such concern that they passed Senate Bill 129, which became law on May 9, 1989, merely six months after the General Election. Senate Bill 129 increases the signature requirement for nearly every office in the State by from 100% to 330%. Section 28 of that Act states: "The General Assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety."

By this cowardly and deceitful Act, done on the pretense of guaranteeing the purity of elections, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado has abused the elective franchise of which they are the alleged guardians, and in so doing they have further violated, by their declaration that the independent and third parties are a danger to the peace, health, and safety of the State, Article 2, Section 11 of the Colorado Constitution and Article 1, Section 9, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

LET FREEDOM RING, AGAIN
by Richard J. Zore

1989 was one of the hardest if not the hardest year ever for American gun owners and the concept of an armed citizenry. From almost the first day, gun owners were under attack, due in no small part to the Purdy incident in Stockton, Cal. But while the attack on the Second Amendment intensified to unprecedented proportions, something else happened too. The year saw many grass-roots groups form and begin to fight back.

One of these groups organized an event called Let Freedom Ring. Let Freedom Ring is the commemoration of the events of April 19, 1775. On this date the British forces stationed in Boston set out for Concord, Massachusetts in an attempt to confiscate or destroy military supplies which were being stored there by the colonial militias of the area. A good part of the supplies were muskets, powder and ball. Unfortunately for them they not only failed to accomplish their mission but they succeeded in providing the spark that marked the opening of hostilities of the Revolutionary War. Even back then, Americans had no stomach for gun control.

Let Freedom Ring was born out of the frustration of a group of gun owners who corresponded with each other over a computer bulletin board which was dedicated to firearms. One of the members, Gary Reiter, came up with the idea of having an electronic protest march (or, to put it another way, a protest march via the telephone) on the 19th of April. The date was chosen partly for historical significance, partly for pragmatic considerations.

A number of things, first and foremost, participate in the event itself. This is actually easier than first imagined. Let Freedom Ring workers who can only do so much. As I mentioned earlier, this is a grass-roots movement, the more who get involved.

Grass Roots Firearms Rights Group
Announces Second Annual Electronic Freedom March

Take Back America announces that LET FREEDOM RING '90, its second annual electronic protest march, will take place on April 19, 1990. On that day gun owners throughout the United States are asked to call their elected and appointed officials at the federal, state, and local levels to ask that their right to keep and bear arms be protected. Gun owners are asked to follow-up their phone calls with letters or FAX to reinforce the message.

LET FREEDOM RING '90 is not aimed at any specific piece of legislation, but rather at the continuing assault on gun owner rights taking place in the United States. Across the country proposals have been put forth to ban the sale and/or possession of specific firearms and accessories, introduce or expand waiting periods, registration, and arbitrary police rejection of the right to keep and bear arms, and give bureaucrats the power to decide which guns are "good" and which are "bad". Recent actions by the Federal BATF have shown a trend to using administrative redefinition of terms to ban specific firearms. On April 19, Gun Owners will demand that these infringements of the Second Amendment be halted and attention turned towards reducing criminal activity.

Take Back America is a nationwide grass-roots movement dedicated to the preservation of individual liberties, the right to keep and bear arms, and the philosophy that gun control is not a substitute for crime control. We do not accept contributions, but encourage volunteer participation.

Take Back America P.O. Box 1608 So. Lancaster, MA 01561
constituted as it stands ...

Constitution.

By way of explanation, Article 1, Section 9, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution declares: "No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed". The dictionary definition of attainder: "Act of attainting, or state of being attainted. Dishonor."; ex post facto: "Done or made after a thing but retroactive upon it; retrospective; as, an ex post facto law is any law enacted with a retrospective effect."

Article 2, Section 11 of the Colorado Constitution declares: "No ex post facto law, nor law impairing the obligation of contracts, or retrospective in its operation, or making any irrevocable grant of special privileges, franchises or immunities, shall be passed by the general assembly."

Therefore, it becomes quite obvious, to any who has an eye to see, that Senate Bill 129 by its very intent is both a bill of attainder and an ex post facto law, pass by the Colorado General Assembly in absolute violation of both the Colorado Constitution and the United States Constitution, "the Supreme Law of the Land".

Furthermore, by the very act of allowing this Bill to lie on his desk beyond the ten days limit, thus allowing it to become law without his signature, Governor Romer becomes an accomplice in a blatantly unconstitutional act.

Do we dare call this Conspiracy? Or shall we call it what it really amounts to: treason against the people who entrusted the preservation of these rights protecting documents to their care?

Wake up Colorado! It’s time to clean the House – and the Senate – and the County Courthouse.

Howard E. Fields
Chairman, Colorado Populist Party
Olathe, CO
MENSAJE ABIERTO A LOS PUEBLOS DE CENTRO Y SUD AMÉRICA

"AQUELLOS QUE NO APRENDEN DE LOS ERRORES HISTORICOS ESTAN CONDENADOS A REPETIRLOS"

Jorge Santayana

Los miembros del Partido Libertario de los Estados Unidos deseamos que la gente sea libre de la adicción y el abuso de drogas. Deseamos vivir en paz, sin miedo de ver morir a tanta gente por manos de los narcoterroristas.

Creemos que el gobierno de los Estados Unidos debería aprender de los errores del pasado. Durante los años 1919 a 1933, con el fin de terminar con el uso de bebidas alcohólicas, el gobierno de los Estados Unidos declaró ilegal la producción, distribución, venta y consumo de estas bebidas. La gente se alegró pensando que la imposición de la "Ley Seca" sería el final del abuso del alcohol.

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Los frutos de esta nueva política serán que:

Cesará la pérdida de tantas vidas inocentes. El crimen disminuirá. Se restaurarán las formas pacíficas de comercio regular entre nuestros pueblos.

Cesará la enorme ganancia de la venta de estas drogas. El negocio y los narco traficantes desaparecerán, como desaparecieron los gangsters de la época de la "Ley Seca".

Encontraremos formas justas y humanitarias de ayudar a los adictos al vicio. Formas que estén basadas en el derecho de cada individuo de ser dueño de su propia vida.
virtieron en una terrible plaga. Las altas ganancias por ventas ilegales de lícor crearon una poderosa clase de criminales. Luchas armadas en las calles entre bandas rivales de antisociales llegaron a ser comunes y corrientes. Muchas vidas inocentes se perdieron.

Actualmente el gobierno de los Estados Unidos está repitiendo el mismo error y ha declarado ilegales las substancias que durante muchos siglos han sido cultivadas y usadas pacíficamente en América del Norte, Centro y Sur América, sin causar violencias y sin asesinatos. En estos momentos, el gobierno de los Estados Unidos está escalamiento un alto nivel de “Guerra Anti-drogas” para ejecutar sus leyes.

Haciendo la situación aún más grave, ya que este problema no ha podido resolverse internamente, el gobierno de los Estados Unidos pretende resolverlo llevando esta “guerra” a Centro y Sur América, con las ter-

problema de salud y no como un problema político con solución militar. Intentos por parte del gobierno de los Estados Unidos para terrorizar a la gente y prohibirles que tomen sus propias decisiones, no pueden eliminar el abuso de las drogas, al contrario, lo intensifican. Ni el encarcelamiento lo elimina. Las prisiones de los Estados Unidos están llenas de gente que continúa fumando marihuana y usando cocaína.

Manaña en la ciudad de Washington, el Partido Libertario de los Estados Unidos anunciará la fundación de la Liga para Terminar con la Violencia de la Drogas. El dirigente de esta unión será el Honorable Ronald Paul, ex-diputado de la Cámara de Representantes de los Estados Unidos, y el candidato del Partido Libertario a la

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Robin Heid, potential LP nominee for governor, calls for an end to the "War on Drugs" at a rally March 15th on the steps of the capitol.

GET ON THE FREEDOM BANDWAGON!
People all over the world are...in Poland, Hungary, ...

Party News

A Bold Strike for Liberty

In mid-February, as George Bush was on his way to Colombia to plot an expanded "drug war" with the presidents of several Latin American nations, Libertarians from around the country joined in a project to present an alternative message to the peoples of the Americas.

Conceived and coordinated by Bob Waldrop of Utah, Operation Bold Strike brought the Libertarian message to Colombia in the form of a full-page advertisement in El Tiempo, a major daily based in Bogota. The Spanish text of the ad was prepared by Alicia Clark, former national LP chair. The ad was signed, and paid for, by approximately 100 state chairs and other LP members.

More than 70 letters have been received from people in Colombia in response to the ad, and the event received coverage on Televisa, a TV network that reaches audiences in Spanish-speaking countries around the world. The text of the ad was also reprinted as a commentary by El Diario of La Paz, Bolivia.

News about the ad, and the associated announcement of the Coalition to End Drug Violence, appeared in newspapers or on radio/TV in various places around the U.S. where local LP activists contacted the press. LP activists were interviewed in several cities.

English Translation of the "Operation Bold Strike" Advertisement

An Open Message to the People of Central and South America

"THOSE WHO DO NOT LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF HISTORY ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT THEM"

-- George Santayana

Members of the Libertarian Party of the United States want people to be free of drug abuse and addiction. We want people to live in peace, without fear of death at the hands of narcotics terrorists.

We believe the government of the United States should learn from the mistakes of the past. During the years 1919 to 1933, in an attempt to end the use of alcoholic beverages, the government of the United States outlawed the production, sale and consumption of such beverages. The prohibition failed, and the results were drugs, both legal and illegal, and the deaths of millions of people throughout the world.
Just and humanitarian ways can be found to solve the problem of drug addiction. These solutions should be based on the right of each individual to own his life, body, work and property. Each person must be responsible before society and family for all his decisions and actions. We condemn the intervention of any government in the life and problems of other peoples, not in Colorado?

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The results of this law were the opposite of what the United States Congress intended. Alcohol abuse became a terrible plague. High profits from illegal sales of liquor created a powerful class of criminal gangsters. Gunfights in the streets between rival criminal gangs were common. Many innocent people were killed.

Now, the United States government is repeating the same mistake and has declared substances illegal that for many centuries were cultivated and used peacefully, without violence and murder, in North, Central and South America. At this time the government of the United States is escalating the enforcement of these laws to the level of a "War on Drugs".

To make the situation even worse, since the problem cannot be solved internally, the government of the United States is exporting this war to Central and South America, with the terrible consequences we are all aware of for the people of all the Americas.

Instead of free and peaceful trade, the United States government offers bullets, bombs, helicopter gunships, import quotas and trade penalties. Once again, in the United States and in Central and South America, there is a powerful class of criminal gangsters. There are gunfights in the streets and many innocent people are being killed.

It is time to treat drug addiction as a health problem, not as a political problem with a military solution. Attempts to intimidate people in making these choices cannot halt drug abuse, to the contrary they intensify it. Even prison can’t stop the problem. Prisons in the United States are full of people who continue to smoke marijuana and use cocaine.

Tomorrow, in Washington, D.C. the Libertarian Party of the United States will announce the formation of a Coalition to End Drug Violence. The chairman of the Coalition will be the Honorable Ron Paul, former member of the United States House of Representatives and the 1988 Libertarian Party Candidate for President. We will call for a Drug Peace Summit to be held later this year.

Peace and safety will be a reality when the people of all the Americas re-legalize the use and sale of marijuana and cocaine. This action will bring the following benefits to our countries:

-- The deaths of the innocents will cease. Crime will diminish. The formerly peaceful patterns of trade between our countries will reassert themselves.

-- The enormous profits from the sale of drugs will cease. The business of the gangsters selling liquor disappeared at the end of "Prohibition".

-- Just and humanitarian ways can be found to solve the problem of drug addiction. These solutions are based on the right of each individual to own his life, body, work and property. Each person must be responsible before society and family for all his decisions and actions.

We condemn the intervention of any government in the life and problems of other peoples, and we do not agree with the decisions and actions of the United States government in Central and South America.

The undersigned members and leaders of the Libertarian Party of the United States present our love and respect for all people, the light of our conscience, the power of reason and the record of history as proof of the truth of our declaration.

Presented to the people of all the Americas on the 15th day of February, 1990.
THE FULLY INFORMED JURY: "LET THE PEOPLE KNOW."

"Your honor, we the jury find John Peter Zenger NOT GUILTY of seditious libel."

So ended the trial of the courageous publisher who, in 1735, dared to print the truth about the corrupt British governor of the New York colony. Those jurors were fully aware of their right to judge both the law and the facts in a criminal trial. Their verdict of acquittal was a resounding denunciation of the law denying freedom of the press.

Americans owe a debt to those jurors. Growing out of their decision came the demand for freedom of the press and freedom of speech. Over fifty years later those rights were established in the U.S. Constitution.

** Each of us, as jurors, still has this power to judge the law as well as the facts. The higher courts have recognized this power of the jury (although some don't like it and don't require that judges inform jurors about it).

The jury has an "unreviewable and irreversible power... to acquit in disregard of the instruction on the law given by the trial judge..." U.S. v Dougherty, Court of Appeals, 473 F.2d, 1113, 1972.

"It is universally conceded that a verdict of acquittal, although rendered against the instructions of the judge, is final, and cannot be set aside; and consequently that the jury have the legal power to decide for themselves the law involved in the general issue of guilty or not guilty." Sparf and Hansen v U.S., 156 U.S. 51, 1894; dissent by Gray and Shiras.

"If the jury feels the law is unjust, we recognize the undisputed power of the jury to acquit, even if its verdict is contrary to the law as given by a judge, and contrary to the evidence. This power of the jury is not always contrary to the interests of justice." U.S. v Moylan, Court of Appeals, 417 F.2d, 1002, 1969.

** Jury nullification is a solid American tradition. In addition to the Zenger case mentioned above, it was the refusal of Massachusetts jurors to convict their neighbors in the notorious Salem Witch Trials that finally led to the repeal of "anti-witchcraft" laws. Jury nullification also played an important role in the abolition of slavery. The fugitive slave laws, by which individuals were incarcerated for aiding slaves to escape their bonds, were rendered ineffective and eventually repealed after several juries acquitted those accused. The end of Prohibition was hastened when prosecutors couldn't convince juries to convict those charged with liquor law violations.

** America's founding fathers proclaimed the value of jury power.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, in letter to THOMAS PAINE in 1789:
"Trial by jury, I consider as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."

JOHN ADAMS, second U.S. president, said in 1771:
"It is not only [the juror's] right, but his duty... to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment, and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court."

JOHN JAY, first Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, in 1794:
"The jury has a right to judge both the law as well as the fact in controversy."

SAMUEL CHASE, Supreme Court Justice and signer of the Declaration of Independence, in 1804:
"The jury has the right to determine both the law and the facts."
"The jury has the right to determine both the law and the facts."

FIJA is the acronym for The Fully Informed Jury Amendment. The Colorado FIJA Alliance has been formed to place the citizen-initiated amendment to the Colorado Constitution on the November 6, 1990 ballot. The amendment would require Colorado Courts to inform every juror of his right to judge the law as well as the facts in criminal trials.

** Four states already have constitutional provisions similar to FIJA. In 1990, organizations in 23 additional states are attempting, either through the initiative or the legislative process, to amend their constitutions to include FIJA. The purpose of FIJA is simple: to require courts to inform all jurors of this traditional, well established, legal power.

American's need FIJA. Do you want to help? Site coordinators, petition circulators, and money are greatly appreciated: Call or write to: Colorado FIJA Alliance; Jim Glennie, 111 E. Drake Rd. #7048, Fort Collins, CO 80525; (303) 484-8184 evenings, (303) 223-2612 daytime.

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The following are excerpts from a recent discussion on Libernet, concerning potential LP nominees for President in 1992.

FROM: Scott Lieberman
SUBJECT: 1992 Presidential Candidate

Personally, I would not mind seeing John O. Public as the Libertarian Presidential candidate, if he scored at least 70-70 on the Nolan chart. As we have seen with Ron Paul, getting a minor celebrity to be our candidate is only going to give us incremental, not exponential growth in the vote total. I see the presidency as winnable for Libertarians within 20 years, and the way to do that is to get ever increasing vote totals. As long as the candidate doesn't say ANTI-libertarian things, I don't care what he (or she) says as long as it gets us more votes (more votes = more money and more media coverage).

What I would like to see from ANY potential candidate is a firm commitment to running as many TV commercials as possible. The candidate MUST see himself as a political candidate, not as the Libertarian messiah. Also, I would like to see a commitment to being on the ballot in all 50 states AS A LIBERTARIAN, a feat even Ed Clark did not accomplish. The way to do that is to have such an effective fundraising machine that the million or so that kind of ballot access would cost would be only a small portion of the candidates budget.

FROM: David Moffett
SUBJECT: 1992 LP Presidential Candidate

I have never talked to him, but the thought has occurred to me that Tom Peters might be a possibility as LP Presidential Candidate. He is helping move the corporate culture in the USA toward libertarianism, by publicizing the benefits of individual freedom and responsibility, self-managed teams, and managers existing to serve rather than exploit.

Does anybody know what his political views and ambitions are?

FROM: John Logajan
SUBJECT: Tom Peters

Hmm, if this is the guy I've seen on PBS a couple of times doing shows about American competitiveness, you may be on to something there. He is quite a "showman", almost an evangelist of his brand of competitive enterprise.

An interesting idea you have there. Let me encourage you to follow up on it.
CLP Offices To Be Filled

One of the important items of business at the upcoming CLP state convention will be the election of a new Board of Directors. Unlike some boards, the CLP's consists entirely of officers with specific jobs — if you want to do one of these jobs, the convention is the time to volunteer!

According to the CLP Bylaws, the State Chair is "the chief executive officer of the Party". The Chair presides at meetings, and appoints additional party functionaries as required.

The Campaigns Director is responsible for coordinating political campaigns, identifying candidates and issues. He/she also substitutes for the Chair in case of temporary absence, and acts as recording secretary for legal purposes.

The Membership Director is responsible for recruiting members, maintaining membership records, developing membership education programs and publications, and assisting in the formation of local affiliate chapters.

The Communications Director is responsible for coordinating news media relations, publishing the CLiPboard and party position papers, and operating a speakers bureau.

The Finance Director is responsible for the party budget and treasury, and has primary responsibility for fund-raising.

Each of these positions is really several jobs rolled into one, and they need all the help they can get. If you don’t want to take responsibility for an entire area (or if you don’t like attending meetings — the Board meets once a month), consider

THE FULLY INFORMED JURY AMENDMENT
(to be added to Article II, Bill of Rights)

Section 31. Fully informed juries. (1) It is the natural right of every citizen of this state, when serving on a criminal trial jury, to judge both the law and the facts pertaining to the case before the jury, in order to determine whether justice will be served by applying the law to the defendant. It is mandatory that all jurors be informed of this right.

(2) Before the jury hears a case, and again before jury deliberation begins, the court shall inform the jurors of their rights in these words: "As jurors, your first responsibility is to decide whether the defendant has broken the law. If you decide that he has, but that you cannot in good conscience support a guilty verdict, you are not required to do so. To reach a verdict which you believe is just, each of you has the right to consider to what extent the defendant’s actions have actually caused harm or otherwise violated your sense of right and wrong. If you believe justice requires it, you may also judge both the merits of the law under which he has been charged and the wisdom of applying that law to the defendant. Accordingly, for each charge against the defendant, even if review of the evidence strictly in terms of the law would indicate a guilty verdict, you have the right to find him innocent. The court cautions that with the exercise of this right comes full moral responsibility for the verdict you bring in."

(3) As part of their oath, the jurors shall affirm that they understand the information concerning their rights which this section requires the court to give them, and no party to the trial may be prevented from encouraging jurors to exercise this right. For the jurors to be so informed is declared to be part
FROM: Rodney Mood
SUBJECT: 1992 Presidential Candidate

I agree for the most part, except that it appears that former LP pres. nominees have had some anti-libertarian things to say. Ron Paul was Pro-Life, for instance. Sure, there are a few libertarians who agree with Ron on this, but most of the LP members are pro-choice and I believe our candidate should express that as well.

So, I guess I agree with Scott with about a 70-70 Nolan chart grade, but there are also a few issues where not only do I think our candidate should NOT SAY anti-libertarian things, he or she should also not land on the non-libertarian side of the Nolan chart. The issues I feel are the most important are: drug usage, abortion, gun control, foreign policy, and income taxes.

FROM: J.R. Prohaska
SUBJECT: Tom Peters

I've been curious about Tom Peters for several years now, but I don't think he's anywhere close to being a doctrinaire libertarian. One thing that puzzled me was his coming out for Cranston a few years ago and really slamming Zschau. Very puzzling to me since Zschau seemed very libertarian.

I've seen Tom Peters speak several times, both on PBS and at local bookstores, and I like him but I can't figure him out. At one point he seemed very keen on raising taxes, for example. Won't get my vote, no matter how much I enjoy listening to him.

I'd be very interested to hear from people who have some insight into him (and McKenna for that matter). I've never recovered from their support for Cranston.

FROM: Jeff Daieill
SUBJECT: 1992

> Personally, I would not mind seeing John
> Q. Public as the Libertarian Presidential
> candidate, if he scored at least 70-70
> > on the Nolan chart ...
> > 70-70? That leaves room for a lot of
> > authoritarian positions. Why go through the
> > agonies of a third party if we're going to settle
> > for a statist?
> > What I would like to see from ANY potential
> > candidate is a firm commitment to running
> > as many TV commercials as possible ...
> > a commitment to being on the ballot in all
> > 50 states AS A LIBERTARIAN ...
> > As things stand now, only a personally
> > ultrawealthy libertarian could accomplish this.
> > No non-libertarian with that kind of fundraising
> > ability would accept our nomination; he/she
> > could win the nomination of one of The
> > Gruesome Twosome.
> > Finally, I would like to see the candidate
> > accept any and all matching funds ...
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FROM: Bruce Baechler
SUBJECT: Re: Walter Williams

My first question about Walter Williams (or any other potential LP presidential candidate) is, "Is he a member of the Party?" If someone is not willing to join the LP well in advance of seeking our nomination, I think it smacks of opportunism.

So, the first thing people who want Williams to be our candidate in 1992 should do, IMHO, is get him signed up! This should be done BEFORE selling buttons and otherwise promoting his candidacy.

Does anyone know if he has been approached, and if so, what his response has been?

The history of the great events of this world is scarcely more than the history of crimes.

Voltaire

How to Join Libertarian

Libernet is a nationwide facility for Libertarian news and discussion. If you have a personal computer with a modem, you can participate in Libernet through any of the computer bulletin board systems listed below. There is no cost to access these boards, other than normal telephone charges if you are outside the local calling area.

Dehnbase Emerald Littleton 303-972-6575
Foxx Empire Fort Collins 303-484-4359
World Peace Denver 303-320-4822
Colorado Libertarian Calendar

Denver 7 April
CLP Board of Directors, 12:30pm at headquarters.

Ft. Collins 15 April
Easter Dinner, 12n at Mary Margaret & Jim Glennie’s, call 484-8184 to make reservations.

Ft. Collins 16 April
Cocktail party, 7pm at Mary Margaret & Jim Glennie’s, 1317 Lakewood Drive; 484-8184.

Nationwide 19 April
Let Freedom Ring; call all public officials and let them know we care about Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Denver 19 April
Future of Freedom Foundation inaugural supper; 303-777-3588 for info.

Ft. Collins 20-22 April
State Convention, CSU Lory Student Center (Fri), University Park Holiday Inn (Sat-Sun).

Statewide 27-30 April
FIJA petitioning weekend. Contact Jim Glennie, 303-484-8184.

Austin 28-29 April
Libertarian National Committee meeting.

Denver 1 May
Cocktail party, 7:30pm at 1450 Adams;

TV Ads Running in Denver

The CLP is currently running television advertisements to recruit new members. Timed to coincide with the annual “tax day” (April 16th this year), the ad campaign emphasizes the LP’s opposition to high taxes and government spending.

The ads were produced by the national LP’s Advertising Development Committee, chaired by former Colorado resident David Nolan. The ADC makes the ads available to state and local parties, who are then responsible for planning and financing ad campaigns in their area.

The CLP is running the ads on cable channels in the Denver metropolitan area. There are two ads, one addressing big government and taxation in general, and the other specifically relating to the income tax. The latter features a 1040 form being ripped up, representing the LP’s goal of totally eliminating this burdensome and intrusive tax.

Both ads conclude with a screen prominently displaying the LP’s national toll-free phone number. Callers will receive a packet of information and an invitation to become a member.

TV for membership recruitment is a promising approach for the LP, and after the results of this campaign have been evaluated planning will begin on future projects of this kind. Possibilities include: running the ads on regular broadcast stations (significantly more expensive per spot), targeting cable systems in areas where LP candidates have done well in past elections, and a continuing program of advertising on the Denver system.

The ads produced so far are intended as the start of a series which will address additional issues of concern to potential members. For example, another ad might focus on the question of gun control, or educational choice.

If you would like to see these ads continue to run in Colorado, please consider contributing to the TV ad fund!

CLP CURIO SHOP

Buttons, bumper stickers, and patriotic propaganda of all flavors!!

Bumper Sickers - $1
Vote Libertarian

T-Shirts
Question Authority $12
I’m Pro-choice on Everything

Buttons - $1

Cocktail party, 7:30pm at 1450 Adams; 321-6780.

Ft. Collins 5 May
Open house with Vince Miller and Jim Elwood of ISIL; 2-6pm at 1317 Lakewood Drive; 484-8184.

Colorado Springs 5 May
Meeting/party at 4pm; call 633-2433 for location.

Ft. Collins 21 May
Cocktail party, 7pm at Mary Margaret & Jim Glennie's, 1317 Lakewood Drive; 484-8184.

Statewide 25-28 May
FIIA petitioning weekend. Contact Jim Glennie, 303-484-8184.

A general State education is a mere contrivance for moulding people to be exactly alike one another; and as the mould in which it casts them is that which pleases the predominant power in the government, whether this be a monarch, a priesthood, an aristocracy, or the majority of the existing generation; in proportion as it is efficient and successful, it establishes a despotism over the mind, leading by a natural tendency to one over the body.

John Stuart Mill