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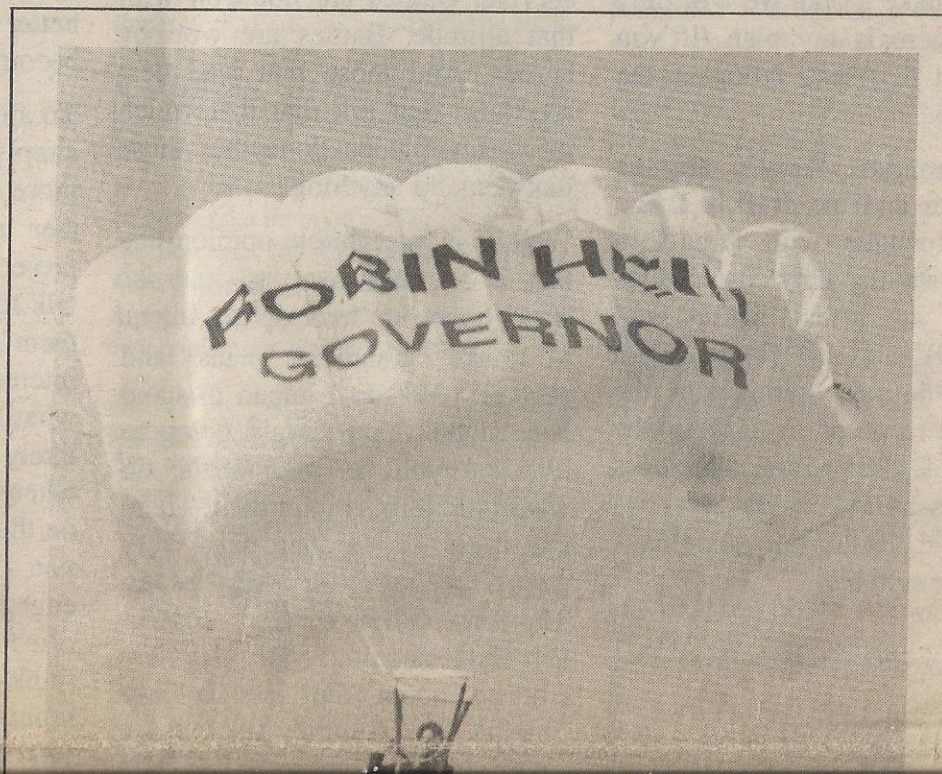
It's official – the Democrats and Republicans on 9 June selected their candidates by overwhelming margins and there will be no gubernatorial primaries. Libertarian Robin Heid will face Democrat Roy Romer and Republican John Andrews in the November general election.

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Robin Heid for Governor

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Less faith in government. More trust in People.

Citizens, I'm running for governor because the police state shadow lifting from Eastern Europe is drifting over here.

You know what I mean. Every day, government steals more of our freedom, property and choices under the pretext of making the world "safer" for us. Worse, many of us aid and abet this criminal assault against our freedom by cheering on government when it attacks others.

Thomas Paine would weep were he to see it. The penman behind Washington's sword understood that to remain free we must guard the freedom of others – "even our enemies" – as jealously as we guard our own. "For if we violate this duty," he cautioned, "we establish a precedent that will reach to ourselves."

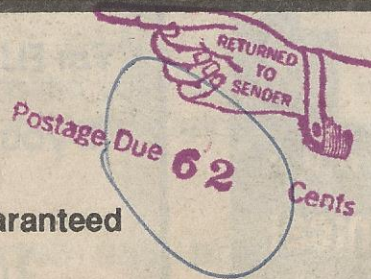
And so it has. Because we fail to protect the rights and freedoms of people *we* don't like, people who don't like *us* see no reason to protect our freedom either.

That is why tyranny is advancing upon us all and the only solution is for each of us to stop government from attacking our fellow citizens, even if we dislike the choices they make and the way they live.

— Robin Heid

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From the Chair

Over the past couple of months I have been asked by several people (usually non-libertarians) what I am going to do as the new state chair to help the LP. Well, I have tried to make the point that (to steal from someone, I'm not sure who) leading libertarians is like herding cats. If you try you will only end up frustrated, and will most likely anger the cats. But most say that if I don't choose to lead and make a plan we will only fail. So, here is my plan (if you can call it that) and I hope some will follow.

The Libertarian Party's attitude toward war and the draft is a fine position to take with regard to how we should fight the battles that face us. These battles will (hopefully) not be fought with guns but they are battles none the less. And most of us disdain the thought of even these bloodless skirmishes almost as much as we dislike war itself, but sometimes both are inevitable.

We feel that if a war is worthwhile and just we need not order or demand loyalty and support. If what we are fighting for is truly worthwhile we will have as many soldiers as we need, and likely more. And those soldiers that fight voluntarily are the only ones that are worth using. Slaves or others who are not truly devoted to the cause will not fight to win, they will at best merely struggle to survive. Battles are not won with that attitude. Battles are won by heroes. And those that lead best are those that ask that which is worthwhile be done, not those that demand anything.

Well, it is my humble opinion that this is the best way to win the struggle we are in. I do not intend to make grandiose plans and schemes. Nor do I intend to stand here alone. I am simply going to ask that you, as individuals, do what you think is important. There are those of us that have very strong feelings on gun issues. There are others that are concerned about taxation. Still others are worried about the loss of our liberties with the drug war. All are

concerns and positions on single issues or those who are willing to listen to new and original options to those problems that have been so difficult to solve. Some examples could include the NRA, Amnesty International, Pro-Choice groups, Pro-Life groups, motorcyclists, science fiction enthusiasts, business organizations and even such groups as the ACLU. All of these organizations have members who would be likely to accept the LP position on some issues. If we can enlist their support on those issues and show them that we are serious people with well thought out positions on most major concerns, we will be better able to work to help them become true lovers of freedom.

To approach these groups you can simply attend their meetings. Even more effective would be to volunteer to work with them on a project you can support. As you talk to these people and work with them try to find those who are interested in and supportive of what you have to say. You will likely find closet libertarians anywhere you look. But don't give up on those who openly disagree with you either. The people who will engage in heated discussions will often be those who are willing to think about other options and points of view. Don't think that

your area who can help and who might be interested in organizing an affiliate. Local affiliates are probably one of the best tools for getting something done.

I have been told that the Libertarian Party will not become an effective and important political force until we have more formal organization and strong leadership.

Well, as far as strong leadership is concerned you don't have it with me. I intend to do little more as state chair than I did before as a lone libertarian voice in the wilderness. I consider what I have done to be important and effective, but it sure isn't going to make the difference between winning or losing. On the other hand, if we have thousands of these lone voices working we can make a difference.

Formal organization is also, in my opinion, out of the question. Organized libertarians is an oxymoron. I have given up any thought of grand plans and schemes much for that reason. Who of you would follow a ten year plan to a Libertarian President? It is much better to tell you that our goal is to have a Libertarian in the White House within the decade, and then leave it up to you to do what you would consider effective.



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liberties with the drug war. All are right and all of these issues, and many others, are important. Those of us on the board do not need to sit and decide what the party should be working on. We should be fighting on all of these fronts and many more.

As a Libertarian I would like to ask all of you to think of the infringement of our freedoms that concerns you most. After you do that you should decide what you can do to alleviate it. If you are concerned about gun issues you may wish to attend a gun show and talk to gun enthusiasts about the LP's stand on those issues. Perhaps you could set up a booth. I have, in the past, simply thrust printed statements upon attendees to introduce them to the LP. There is no way of telling if that is effective, but it is a start.

We all need to work to identify those groups that will share our

points of view. Don't think that just because you haven't gotten them to submit you have lost. Often you will later hear them using the same position with someone else that you thought you would never get them to accept. The message of freedom is difficult for people who use their mind to dismiss.

If you need help for any of your efforts, please, ask. You likely know several libertarians. Many of them will be happy to assist a worthwhile effort if they are simply asked. If you need support be sure to be specific about what tasks need to be done. If you need money, tell everyone you ask exactly what the money will be used for. If you don't know who to ask contact your local organization. If there is no local organization consider starting one and contact a board member. We will try to find you names of people in

it up to you to do what you would consider effective.

I have been told that this will never work. I am looking for you to prove those that say so wrong. Next month I hope to see this newspaper filled with articles stating what you did, and why it worked. Or if it didn't we need to know that too, and why you think your effort failed. We need to learn from one another's mistakes as well as our successes.

The people of this world are going to have to take ownership of it back. That is to whom it rightfully belongs. And no powerful leader is ever going to give it to them, they will have to take for themselves. And that is exactly what I hope the above plan will lead to.

For Liberty,
Keith L. Hamburger

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From the Editor

Well, this is the third issue of the *CLiPboard* that I have edited, and by now I probably should have written an introductory editorial. You know, one that tells you about my vision of what the paper should be. One that explains how the CLiPboard can serve the LP and you, the readers. One that begs you to submit material for publication.

That's going to have to wait until next month, because I have something more urgent to write about -- something that just can't wait until next month. It's about the very reason the Libertarian Party exists. It's about elections. It's about candidates. It's about you.

There are many ways to work for the cause of Liberty. Many have nothing at all to do with electoral politics. I'll say more about the others, and how this newsletter relates to them, next month. But the reason we have a Libertarian *Party* is to participate in elections. The Libertarian Party is here for the benefit of those libertarians who have decided that running for public office is the way, or one way, to further the cause of Liberty.

This is nothing new to you, I'm sure. Why is it an urgent topic, now, in June?

Very simply, because the choices you and other Coloradans will have in November are being decided now. At just about the time you receive this issue, the petitioning period for Libertarian candidates will be starting. In six weeks it will be over.

Are you satisfied with the candidates the Democrats and Republicans are offering this year for Congress and the state legislature?

You know what this state and country needs -- Freedom. You know the regular politicians aren't likely to give it to us, or even really, seriously raise it as an issue. You know that you can do better.

Many Libertarians seem to want to wait out the time between elections, or even the whole four years between presidential elections. Then they wonder why we have such poor choices on election day, and complain that the press ignores us.

Well, the press will only take us as seriously as we take ourselves. What else do they have to judge us on but the work we put into our efforts? When 1992 comes around, and NES has to decide whether to count our votes, they'll look back at the last election to see if our votes were *worth* counting. There certainly won't be any votes worth counting in races where we don't have a candidate. In 1992, the 1990 election will be history. There won't be anything anybody can do to change it. But right now, for a few more weeks, the 1990 election is in the future. There *is* something you can do about it. Something that can add to the choices of voters not only this year, but in 1992, and beyond.

When you go in to vote this November, will there be a Libertarian candidate for State Representative in your district? Very likely not, unless *you* run. Maybe you care more about measures like FIJA. Sure sounds like a great idea. Will it be on the ballot? Very likely not, unless *you* help petition. This November, you and your neighbors will go through the motions of making a choice, by

Nobody But You

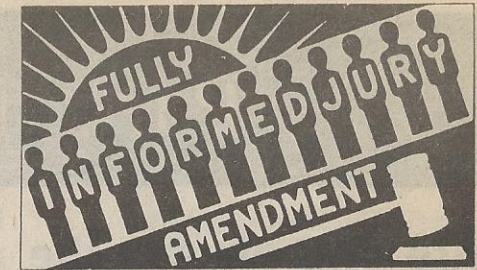
by Jim Glennie

"Nobody but you." A popular love song begins with these committed words. Your personal romance with individual liberty is indicated by your presence on the CLiPboard's short mailing list. Our full list is about 5,000. The short list is about 1,400.

You received a petition for the Fully Informed Jury Amendment in last month's mailing. The FIJA Alliance is seeking 100,000 signatures in order to assure ballot status. It is quite literally up to you. *You* are FIJA's best hope. Nobody but you. Can you possibly imagine ANYONE more committed to individual liberty than you? I can't. So if *you* don't circulate a petition, who will? FIJA is a real, live, practical, right-now chance to dramatically increase individual liberty.

I have two progress reports. The first is that those who are circulating their FIJA petitions are having fantastic success. The lowest number of signatures per hour is 10. The second report is that we need almost every ONE of you to circulate your ONE petition. Each ONE is important and absolutely needed in order to assure ballot status.

The possibilities for filling your petition



are: (1) circulating it yourself, and (2) paying someone else to circulate it.

If you choose to circulate it yourself, the best method seems to be going to a designated location such as a (1) grocery store parking lot (after obtaining permission), (2) post office, (3) court house, (4) public library outside entrance, or (5) a public college or university and committing yourself to spend about 3 or 4 hours on 3 different occasions. A petition with 96 signature blanks takes a maximum of 9-10 hours to fill.

If you choose to pay someone else, the going rate is 50¢ per signature or about \$50 per petition. Most of you know someone who could use the \$50. And some of you would prefer donating \$50 than 9 hours of your time. Others would prefer the 9 hours. Please choose one or the other. This chance at enhanced individual liberty is worth your commitment. THANK YOU. Nobody but YOU!

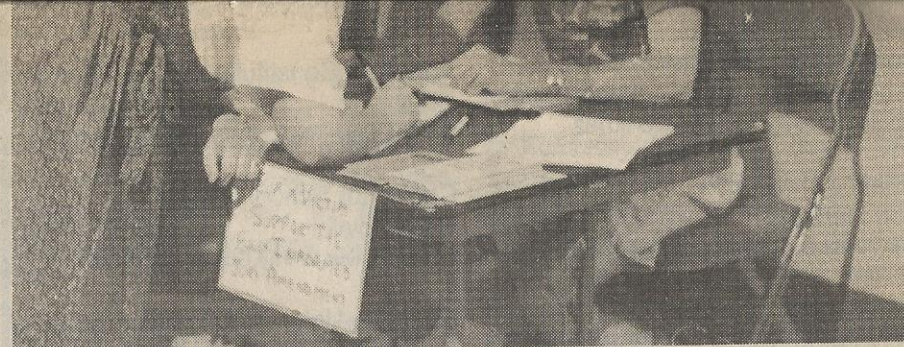
Please return all petitions by July 27, 1990.



Democrats and Republicans are offering this year for Congress and the state legislature? How about for county offices? For many legislative and local races, the incumbent may not even have a challenger from the other "major" party. Elections are about choices -- will there be a real choice for you and your neighbors this November? Have you considered what *you* can do to provide a real choice, by being a candidate yourself?

November, you and your neighbors will go through the motions of making a choice, by picking from a preselected set of options. The choice of what options there will be is the really important choice. That choice is being made right now. How will you choose?

— Aitken



Petition circulator Dave Aitken collects another signature for FLJA.

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THE PROBLEM: Runaway Taxes.

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Exceptions by voters or for emergencies are allowed. 1991 local tax savings are about \$17 million statewide, less than 1% of property tax revenue. There is **no cut** in State government revenue. State funds will insure against a loss of vital local services. \$17 million is \$5 per citizen and is what the State spends in **just one day**.

Amendment One doesn't tell governments how to spend tax money or what laws to pass. It doesn't freeze their revenue, which will grow with the economy, but their **share** of our money should increase only by voter approval. Giving them a **blank check** hasn't worked. Waiting 2-4 years after a tax hike to vote them out hasn't worked. What other "employee" can take all the money he wants from his "employer" (us) without permission?

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Will you donate supplies, printing, office space, or other services? Will you do clerical or phone work? **Will you give money?** In 1988, we got 568,549 votes (42 1/2%) with very little money. **Amendment One** has been revised to increase its appeal, but we must raise over \$500,000 for advertising. (The special interests fighting us always spend more.) \$250, \$100, \$50, even \$25 will help. Please mail your contributions to the TABOR Committee, an all-volunteer campaign. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

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Party News

Are you always the last to know?

The national LP recently established a "telephone tree" to facilitate the rapid dissemination of important news. This "tree" starts with Vice Chair Mary Gingell calling a small group of people, who then each call a preassigned list of other people, who each call ... Through the magic of exponential growth that quickly turns into quite a few people. After just three layers, all state parties have been notified, plus national LP staff.

Some state LPs have set up their own trees to continue spreading the news within the state. The person who gets the initial call may call people in various parts of the state, who are each responsible for notifying people in their local calling areas. How many layers a state tree has will depend on the size of the state and the number of activists who want to be involved.

Messages from the national tree are also posted to Libernet and sent to a number of individuals who have fax machines or accounts on CompuServe. Members with fax machines could easily be part of a state tree - this would allow the information to be passed on to them automatically and accurately with a minimum of work on the part of tree volunteers.

The national tree has been used four times since its establishment in January. Usage is intentionally kept low. Because it is used only for situations of a really urgent nature, those who agree to be part of the tree know that they are volunteering for a limited amount of calling.

Here in Colorado we have the informal beginnings of a state tree. By formalizing and expanding it, we can ensure that LP activists in Colorado all get the national messages, and also have a facility to spread the word about important news at the state level. Please consider volunteering to be a part of this tree. All you need is a phone!

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The "Defenders of Liberty" Continue . . .

by Karen Allard

Region 1 LNC Representative

There is good news from the National Libertarian Party! As the April 27 and 28 LP NatCom meeting convened in Austin, Texas, there was much to discuss regarding the many Libertarian Party projects.

Membership is again at an all time high. As of April 27, there were 8,795 paid National LP members as compared to 7,907 at the time of the December NatCom meeting. The financial picture of the LP is good. Media visibility is improving with the work of the LP media advisor, Tonie Nathan. Ms. Nathan was instrumental in getting Larry King to interview David Walter, National LP Chair, and Karl Hess, LP News editor, on his radio show resulting in nearly 2,000 calls into the National LP headquarters.

David Nolan, chair of the advertising committee, completed the TV and print ads with the theme "Libertarian Party: THE DEFENDERS OF LIBERTY". Several states have used the ads during April with some mixed results. Of the 4 or 5 states who used the ads, Maine had the best results with 50-60 inquiries. The advertising committee will be reevaluating the TV ads and the cost.

Campus organizing is going well with Don Ernsberger and Jim Lark making swings through some of the campuses to assist them. Contacts on the universities and colleges have reached over 236.

Mary Gingell has started the Affiliate Party News which is sent to all state chairs. To establish better communication between the National LP and the affiliate parties, Mary has set up the national LP

goal. However, there was an increase of 352 members, a 4% increase.

The census project has been a big success for the outreach committee. There has been a great response to the census mailing: donations for a defense fund, return of the census resistance card, and media attention. Don't forget to send your census resistance card into the national office. Other outreach projects have been contributing to more members and activism: prospect mailings to outside lists, tax day, July 4th celebration, and Bill of Rights Day. The 2nd edition of Liberty Today will be available soon.

The campaigns committee has identified key races in several states: all legislative races. Four candidates in region 1 have been tentatively identified as candidates who will receive help from the national LP.

The finance committee has sent out numerous fundraising letters, all of which have been very successful. One in particular, however, has stirred up some controversy because of its content. The NatCom discussed the letter, issued a letter of apology, and came to a resolution on the matter. See the June issue of the LP News for further information or contact your Regional Rep.

There is much happening at the national level. The national LP hasn't had this much media coverage, record breaking membership growth, and good financial standing in a non-presidential year. The "Defenders of Liberty", that includes you, keep up the good work! If you are not involved, I urge you to call your local LP organization and sign up right now. Your help will make a difference! Thank

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between the National LP and the affiliate parties, Mary has set up the national LP telephone tree. Timely messages or newsworthy items can get to the local LP organizations. The LP Field Coordinator, Marla Bottemiller, has made several trips to speak at local LP events, LP state conventions, and to assist local affiliate parties.

The Ballot Access Committee has continued to develop a working relationship with 51-'92 and presented an aggressive plan to continue working on ballot access.

The membership packets have started going out to the national LP members. The packets include a bumper sticker with the ad theme "Libertarian Party: DEFENDERS OF LIBERTY", a membership card, and discount coupons from Libertarian vendors. The membership contest fell short of its 1,000 members

LP organization and sign up right now. Your help will make a difference! Thank you.

Fair Booth

The CLP fair booth is being taken out of winter storage and readied for use in Robin Heid's campaign and general outreach projects.

First event is a freedom fair in Boulder on the 4th of July. Lexy Dillon is coordinating volunteers to staff the booth; call her at 789-4323 if you can spend a few hours helping out.

Perhaps you know of a fair or festival in your area where the booth could be put to good use. Many local events are low cost and don't require too much advance reservation. Try to find out the details as soon as possible and let Lexy know so we can make scheduling plans.



Who defends your right to choose your own way of life?

Libertarians believe that you have the right to pursue happiness as you choose, so long as you do not use force or fraud in your dealings with others. The law should protect the liberties of all people—married and single, straight and gay, conventional and unorthodox—and should treat all individuals equally.

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Where Shall We Meet in '91?

For the last several years, the CLP annual convention has been held in Ft. Collins. This year several people indicated that they would like to see more variety in location, and the Board of Directors has decided to accept proposals from any individual or group that is interested in serving as convention organizer or sponsor.

One suggestion that has been made is to have the convention on the Western Slope. This might be attractive both to residents of that area and to others who could take advantage of the occasion to enjoy a little vacation away from the city.

On the other hand, 1991 is the year of the LP presidential nominating convention, and a location away from a major population center and airport might prove inconvenient both for candidates and prospective delegates.

A successful convention calls for advance planning, and the Board would like to set the date and location as soon as possible. Anyone interested in submitting a plan should try to do so by mid-July.

Proposals should include as much detail as possible about: location, date, program of events, costs, and who will be handling the various aspects of the convention. Obviously not all details can be decided this far in advance, and before a commitment is made, but the more detail the better. Proposals should demonstrate that a specific hotel or other facility has been identified and found to be suitable. If it is necessary to propose alternate dates or locations, each one should represent a real possibility that has been checked out as to availability and cost.

Membership Up

Colorado and National Total Rising Steadily

Membership figures released by the national LP office for the past six months have shown a significant increase both for Colorado and nationwide. The national total increased 19% since December, while for Colorado the increase was 37%.

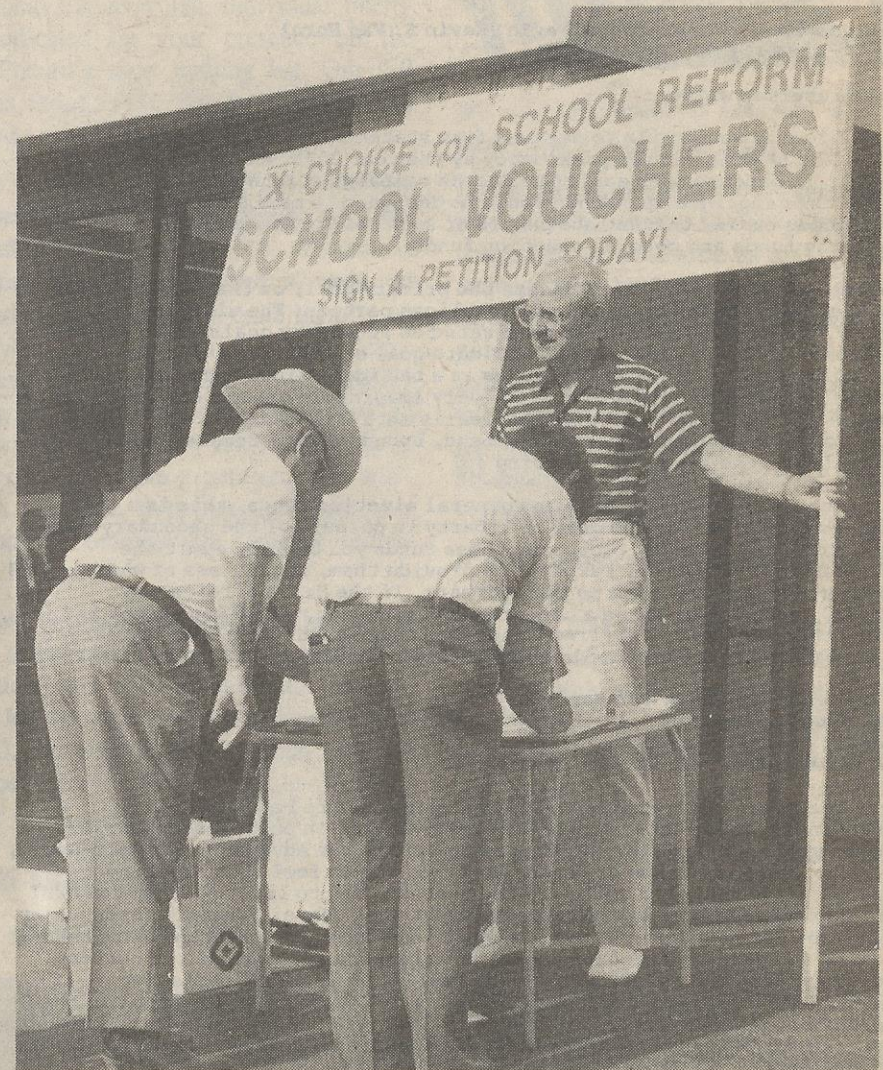
Colorado did a lot better than average, but several states showed even greater increases: Alaska grew by 57% and Maine by 100%!

Colorado and other Western states show relatively more acceptance of the libertarian way of thinking, and this is reflected in the statistics. When membership figures are adjusted for population, Colorado ranks 7th. In first place is Alaska, followed by New Hampshire. All the other states that are doing better than Colorado by this measure are in the West, and the rest of the top ten are either in the West or in New England.

State comparisons are done using paid *national* memberships, since these are the only membership figures that have the same meaning from state to state. Some state LP's, including Colorado, count as state members anyone who is registered to vote Libertarian; others base membership on dues, the pledge not to initiate force, or both. (Some states do not have registration by party, or have it but don't allow Libertarian as one of the choices.)

Colorado's growth, though not as dramatic as some, was relatively steady. Overall growth nationally has also been continuous, except for a dip at the end of February.

Educational Choice Movement Comes to Colorado



Educational Choice—breaking the monopoly of the public school establishment and giving education consumers more options—is a concept that is looking more and more attractive to parents, students, and taxpayers.

money is still involved. But they do provide a chance for parents to retake control of their children's education, new opportunities for children from poor families and for children with specialized needs, and a desperately needed reality check on the current educational system.

dates or locations, each one should represent a real possibility that has been checked out as to availability and cost.

The schedule must allow time for a business meeting which will include election of officers, consideration of platform and bylaws, and selection of delegates to the national convention. What other kinds of events -- speakers, seminars, other meetings, meals, entertainment --to include is up to the convention organizers, but the proposal must include at least a general outline of the format.

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all growth nationally has also been continuous, except for a dip at the end of February when a large number of renewals came due at once a year after the delegate allocation deadline for last year's national convention.

In addition to generally reflecting the attitudes of residents and the work of the state and local LP organizations, the state by state membership figures are used in computing the number of delegates each state is allowed at national conventions, and in grouping states for representation on the National Committee.

more and more attractive to parents, students, and taxpayers.

With the public schools in a continual crisis and making ever increasing demands on the financial resources of local communities, proposals for introducing competition offer the hope for both increased effectiveness and lower cost.

Voucher and tax credit plans will not themselves achieve the Libertarian ideal of "separation of school and state" -- tax

families and for children with specialized needs., and a desperately needed reality check on the bureaucrats who now run the public schools without competition.

In Colorado, the voucher idea is being sponsored by the Colorado Action Center, affiliated with the free-market oriented Independence Institute. The plan would provide parents with vouchers based on the amount of money the state government is now providing their local school districts.

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Colorado Action Center Hugh C. Fowler, Executive Director
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Text of the "Voucher Amendment"

Section A. The provisions of Section 34 of Article V, and Section 7 of Article IX of this Constitution notwithstanding, the General Assembly shall provide by law that, to be effective with the 1992-93 school year, all state monies appropriated for general support of education, including those for the equalization of property taxes, in the elementary and secondary schools shall be apportioned among all Colorado students between the ages of five and twenty-one, and that the value of each individual share of such apportionment, in the form of a voucher, shall be under the control of each student's parent or guardian; emancipated minors shall control their own vouchers. The express object of such apportionment is to afford said parent or guardian or emancipated minor a reasonable opportunity to choose appropriate elementary and secondary educational services from among the various resources available, including public schools (which shall accept the voucher in payment for services rendered) and non-public schools (which may accept the voucher and redeem its value from the state), as provided by law. A district shall not be required to accept students from without the district in excess of a reasonable capacity, as determined by the directors, to provide that quality of educational services which is the object of this amendment. Nothing in this section shall impute to any state agency any authority over the educational programs of non-public schools.

Section B. In carrying out their duties under Section 15 of this Article IX, directors shall, effective with the 1992-93 school year, provide for the election of a board of supervisors for each public school, a majority of whom shall be parents or guardians of students in such school, and shall delegate to such board plenary powers for the management of educational programs in such individual school, including but not limited to the employment of principals and teachers responsible to such supervisors, terms and conditions of employment for all employees, courses of instruction, and such other programs and rules as shall be deemed necessary by the supervisors. Such powers shall not be delegated by the board of supervisors to any other board, authority, or association. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the efficient coordination of these provisions with Section A. of this amendment.

From Libernet

From: decwrl.dec.com!argosy!kevin (Kevin S. Van Horn)
Date: Fri, 18 May 90 13:12:01 PDT

Scott Lieberman writes:

>
 > What I really would like to see is a firm statement by the delegates that
 > [...] the LP WILL win the presidency by the year 2008. With that as
 > a goal, it becomes much easier to decide campaign strategy. Also,
 > since the campaigns up to then would be designed to maximize votes,
 > it becomes easier to convince people of such things as accepting
 > matching funds and general election funds ...

Winning elections must *not* become the primary goal, or the LP will become no better than the Democratic and Republican parties. The ultimate goal is liberty, and we must not become so fixated on secondary goals (like winning elections) that we undermine the ultimate goal of liberty in pursuing them. A campaign designed to maximize votes is a bad idea, since the most effective means of garnering votes (promising every imaginable group a chance to dip into the taxpayer's pocketbook) is clearly anti-libertarian. Yes, try to get all the votes you can, but do not bend, budge, or compromise your principles in the slightest in doing so!

As to accepting matching funds and general election funds, this is a good example of undermining the goal of liberty in pursuit of the secondary goal of winning elections. By accepting these funds you tacitly admit the legitimacy of robbing the taxpayer to provide them, regardless of what protestations you may make to the contrary. If the Mafia offered you \$100,000 in stolen goods as a campaign contribution, would you accept it? If not, then why are you willing to accept stolen goods from that far larger and more threatening criminal organization known as the U.S. Government?

TO: Libernet (Kevin S. Van Horn)
FROM: Scott Lieberman
SUBJECT: Political purity
DATE: 19 May 90 17:45:38

If you feel that a libertarian political party has to be 100% pure in everything it does, then you are wasting your time in politics and should instead give as much money and time as you can to the Advocates for Self-Govt., FEE, Cato, Reason, or one of those. However, if you feel that electing libertarians to public office is the fastest path to liberty, then you MUST accept doing a few non-libertarian things to get there, primarily because we did NOT set up the electoral system. What is wrong with an LP candidate taking matching and general election funds, but speaking out against the current funding system when asked? (I have the feeling that only Libertarian publications even care about such things. I bet that every newspaper in the land (except perhaps for the Orange County Register), loves public funding of elections, and would never think to ask a presidential candidate's opinion on that subject.)

If someone is willing to run for president on the LP ticket and is willing and able to get \$10 million of private funding (and remember the Republican-Democratic imposed limit of \$1000 for contributions), then I'll be the first to get on his/her bandwagon. Until that happens, I think it's a waste of time to run someone for president with all the work that entails, but not let him/her accept public funds.

Also, a candidate can say stuff (especially in TV commercials) like "Everyone needs access to health care" or "We have a serious drug problem in this

These messages have been selected from a recent Libernet discussion of whether LP candidates should accept government funds for their campaigns. Other topics recently discussed on Libernet include the census, how candidates should deal with questions about abortion, privatization of roadways, the national LP's "Panama" fundraising letter, Edward Bellamy, sexism, government plans to change the currency, private police, the drinking age, Libertarians' attitudes towards gays ...

From: uunet!ficc!jeffd
Date: Sat May 19 05:18:15 1990

We should keep refusing the tax monies -- but we should be more aggressive about *publicizing* that refusal. Speakers, try to work it into your presentations ... or, if a questioner asks if we would be any different from the Democrats if in office, cite this as concrete evidence that we would.

Jeff Daiell

From: cs.rutgers.edu!josh
Date: Mon, 21 May 90 02:36:58 EDT

If LP candidates accept government funding they'll be divesting themselves of their principles a hell of a lot faster than the Democrats or the Republicans did after their parties were originally formed.

I will NEVER vote for any politician of any party who accepts public funds for any excuse whatsoever.

--JoSH

From: batcomputer!kwatson@misdev.pyramid.com (Kennita Watson)
Date: Mon 21 May 1990 08:58:10 PDT

> Winning elections must *not* become the primary goal....
 > Yes, try to
 > get all the votes you can, but do not bend, budge, or compromise your
 > principles in the slightest in doing so!

I basically agree with this. I think that all we have to do to start winning votes is to stop describing libertarianism in the most stark and unappealing of terms, as we usually do, and to speak to the people we want the votes from.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: MOST PEOPLE DON'T CARE ABOUT PRINCIPLES. So while we should not compromise our principles, we shouldn't talk to those people about them, but about how the applications of our principles will get them the things they do care about: stability and organization, freedom and spontaneity, or harmonious human relationships.

> As to accepting matching funds and general election funds, this is a good
 > example of undermining the goal of liberty in pursuit of the secondary goal
 > of winning elections.

I basically agree with this, too. But I think we'd get a lot more mileage out of a Robin Hood maneuver: we accept the funds, and pick some method of returning them to the taxpayers. Say, we take 10% of them to advertise on CBS that the rest will be returned to any taxpayers who write to us and ask for them. We could send the "Presidential Election Fund \$1" (plus a bunch of libertarian literature) to anyone who answered, or prorate amounts based on copies of old tax forms to the first 50,000 (but still send literature to everybody), or whatever -- but give it back somehow. I think we'd get publicity out of this that would easily rival using it for our campaign(s) directly.

Also, a candidate can say stuff (especially in TV commercials) like "Everyone needs access to health care", or "We have a serious drug problem in this country, and I'm going to get the money to solve it" without being the least bit non-libertarian- that's what political media consultants are for.

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Kennita

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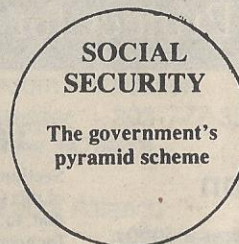
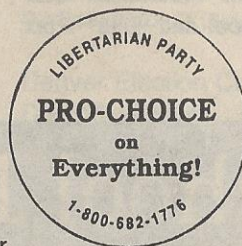
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How can I participate?

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If the electronic mail system at your school or work is connected to Internet, you may be able to participate in Libernet using your regular mail account. Send a message to:

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soldiers will.* Frederic Bastiat

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of government funding
From: hub.ucsb.edu!6600tim%ucsbuxa (Tim Starr)
Date: Mon, 21 May 90 16:11:32 PDT

Those who oppose government funding as a violation of individual rights have the right to accept it as retribution for said violation.

Political Candidates can accept matching funds or any other subsidy; women in need of abortions can accept government payment; students can accept government financial aid; government employees can accept their paychecks (as long as the job is one that should be done by someone), all so long as they meet this criterion.

It is morally incorrect to oppose such candidates, as they favor individual rights by so acting; they reclaim some of their capital, which makes them more competitive with statistis of all persuasions, and it goes towards securing the rights of all.

Re: caompanying on principle: present the ways in which the principles of individual rights are virtues; that is, in which they will enable people to gain and/or keep their values. First, their values must be determined. Supply means of achievement of the values that are most in demand first. Campaign on a supply-and-demand basis, in the currency of politics.

Denounce statistis as using inflated currency in order hide their bankruptcy. Show the value of yours.

SUBJECT: Purity
From: ficc!jeffd
Date: Mon May 21 05:26:25 1990

If the LP is not 100% pure, then it is not libertarian.

Secondly, the goal of the LP is not -- and should not be -- to elect persons to public office. The goal is/should be to bring about a free society.

It will be harder to achieve such a society, even if we elect hordes of candidates, if we do not, during the campaigns, build a constituency for the changes we want -- and it will be hard to build a constituency for libertarianism by, in the very act of campaigning, embracing statism.

Again, we should reject the funds, but aggressively publicize our rejection and the reason for it.

Jeff Daiell

PS - I have run for office twice before, so this isn't just the "ivory tower" elitism of someone who's never been in the fray himself.

TO: Libernet (Kennita Watson)
FROM: Scott Lieberman
SUBJECT: Matching Funds
DATE: 22 May 90 16:12:02

I like your idea of returning the funds to the taxpayers. However, purists in the Party would probably object to your using 10% of the money for advertising!

Let me restate my position this way- I would much prefer to see a presidential candidate win without using matching funds, but given that money is being stolen from us to pay for the Democratic and Republican campaigns (the money that taxpayers divert to the campaign fund has to be made up SOMEWHERE), I see it as a pure self-defense maneuver to accept the funds for LP candidates. If asked, an LP Presidential candidate should certainly state his opposition to the current system, but as Kennita sez, people don't give a hoot about principles, and it is not in the best interests of eventually liberating the USA to have us publicize our principles instead of whatever works to garner publicity (again with the disclaimer that no candidate should ever advocate anything ANTI-libertarian).

YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL

by Gene Levy

My next door neighbor hates me. Worse yet she is a high official with the City of Denver. Worse yet she is a Budget and Planning department high official who all city government high officials depend on to build bigger bureaucracies. When she went after me, I felt the whole city bureaucracy was after me.

I was served notices for not having my snow shoveled off the front sidewalk. This bothered me because in the blizzard of 1987 the city got the notice to me while the storm was still raging. It must have been delivered by dogsled because the streets in front of my house were impassable. Kids were playing in snow drifts in the middle of our street. Roads at Montbello, Windsor Gardens and Stapleton were near impassable. The only vehicle to come down the street after the snow plow came through was an ambulance to take the man across the street to the hospital. The City notice must have been delivered by the ambulance because it and a dogsled were the only vehicles that could have reached our block.

Not only do my neighbor and her associates in government hate me, her dog despises me. Every summer it ferociously barks at anything that moves after 10 P.M. Around the 4th of July forget about sleeping. Also forget about breathing. I believe that my City official neighbor has trained her Fido to place its excrement on the fence under our kitchen window. I've watched it. With a whole dog run to excrement in, it goes along the fence between the two properties next to

for not cutting the vegetation to government regulation.

I am retired and rent out apartments to make a living. My neighbor must be determined to drive me out because she launched a campaign to take away my income by lowering the number of units I may rent to the point that I won't be able to pay the expenses and the taxes which go to pay her generous salary. I feel that it is a crime but there is nothing I can do about it. When one of the inspectors she called was visiting me regarding her complaint about my rentals, at 3:00 in the afternoon, my neighbor emerged from her house and drove away. I wondered if she worked at home on City business. When I asked the inspector about it, he said that most City officials of her rank and stature are on the "honor" system. They come and go as they please. I was infuriated but said nothing. I also felt helpless. I remembered a Paula Woodward report on Channel 9 a couple years ago about City employees on sanding trucks who took trucks loaded with sand at 8 A.M. and drove around the city all day without dropping any sand on the streets. They even hired a temporary employee on the truck to help them. They stopped numerous times for coffee. They urinated on a 7-11 parking lot. One employee left his truck for a time, probably near his home, and was picked up sometime later. A year later Paula Woodward did a similar story on a pothole crew. Not much had changed. I guess the "honor" system goes from my neighbor to the bottom rung of the ladder in City government.

The taxpayers of Denver owe me a debt of gratitude. When my neighbor comes home during the day to plot against me, she's not at the helm of State. She's not at the City and County building planning bigger and more expensive bureaucracies

publicity (again with the disclaimer that no candidate should ever advocate anything ANTI-libertarian).

SUBJECT: government funding
From: cs.rutgers.edu!josh
Date: Tue, 22 May 90 15:34:36 EDT

Tim Starr writes:

Those who oppose government funding as a violation of individual rights have the right to accept it as retribution for said violation.
Political Candidates can accept matching funds or any other subsidy [etc.]

I think this is a clear case of the erosion of principles by way of political opportunism. The libertarian's hope of changing society is *not* by way of gaining political power and wrenching us onto the One True Path by force. Our hope is to make people see that the present system is morally corrupt, and that there is a workable alternative that is not. This requires a strict adherence to principles even when it means foregoing what would be advantages in the scramble for power. Just remember, the scramble for power is not what you're here for.

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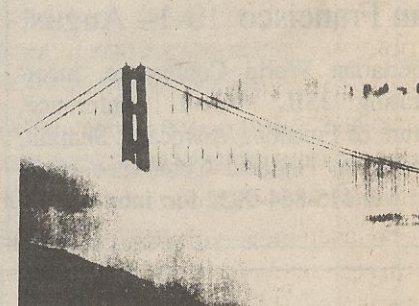
fence between the two properties next to our kitchen window. The odor is terrible. My neighbor can close her double pane windows to block the odor and the barks. She probably has air conditioning. I have to pay her salary through my taxes. I can't afford air conditioning and double pane windows.

My neighbor's dog excrement was another source of a violation. The vegetation inside my fence was generously nourished by Fido droppings and in less than a week grew to a height one inch beyond the city's vegetation control height. The rest of the lawn was legal, but next to Fido's run I was a criminal

at the City and County building planning bigger and more expensive bureaucracies for all of the people to pay for. She's not planning myriads of regulations that take freedom from people including myself and give it to an all powerful government. However small, every cloud has its silver lining.

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CUT Annual Meeting, 9am, Days Inn at I70 & W Colfax; call 239-8130 for info.

Denver 23 June

ACLU conference on Bill of Rights and racism, call 861-2258 for info.

Statewide 26 June

First day for candidate petitioning.

Denver 1 July

Robin Heid campaign kickoff barbeque, 4pm, call Jon Baraga at 722-1626 for info.

Denver 3 July

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

Statewide 4 July

Independence Day - FIJA petitioning.

Boulder 4 July

LP booth at Freedom Fair, call Lexy at 789-4323 to volunteer.

Colorado Springs 7 July

Meeting/party at 1:30pm; Tom & Ilene Preble's, 12630 Mt. Shasta Drive, call 495-0609 for info.

Denver 14 July

Robin Heid on the Issues:

Guns and Drugs

The mounting hysteria over citizen possession of military small arms is the kind of problem Supreme Court Chief Justice Louis Brandeis had in mind when he wrote that "the greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."

To seize such arms from "ordinary" citizens in the name of public safety is an encroachment upon liberty so dangerous it can only be described as throwing gasoline on a fire that is already eating at the foundation of our freedom.

The War on Drugs is that fire and the foundation against which its flames are licking is the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. Right now, governments at all levels are attacking its primary amendments because this undeclared war demands it.

The prohibition of cocaine and other currently illicit psychoactive drugs is in reality a legislatively-created price support system that increases crime rates and subsidizes the selling of drugs to children and has them killing each other on school playgrounds to get in on the action.

This price support system also visits upon us an even greater danger: The irrational drive to prohibit the possession of "semi-automatic assault weapons" for the stated reason of keeping them from the hands of drug dealers. This irrationality takes several forms:

will continue to tote them, but to the arbitrary excesses of the governments which have precipitated the crisis.

Preserving the militia upon which the security of a free state depends is the fundamental consideration missing from all of the talk about finding a "constitutionally sound" way to prohibit these weapons while "accommodating police and sporting interests". Well, there *is* no constitutionally sound way to prohibit militia weapons because *the Second Amendment ain't about duck hunting.*

In a free society, the militia is composed of individual adult citizens who bear their own military small arms, in voluntary associations, independently of government. The militia does not exist at the pleasure of the police or so that citizens can hunt: It exists to voluntarily assemble at the call of government to repulse foreign invaders, and to dissuade, through their individually-armed presence, the tendency of governments to impose tyranny upon the People they were created to serve.

The last time the Supreme Court ruled on the matter was in 1939 (*U.S. v. Miller/Arkansas*), when it not only reaffirmed the *right* of Americans to own and bear military weapons, but strongly suggested



presages dictatorship. That is the lesson of history, from republican Rome to the elected government of Nazi Germany; and if more Americans don't remember it soon, then we will dishonor our heritage by overseeing – or perhaps overlooking – the establishment in America of a socialist police state.

The only way to preserve our liberty is to make sure the balance of power remains in our hands. That is why we must end the War on Drugs; it has become the primary camouflage under which advances the attack on the guns which maintain our freedom. Drug prohibition must end before the Bill of Rights disintegrates under the assault. We must immediately take steps to relegalize all currently illicit drugs or we will continue marching down the road to the illegalization of all guns -- and the tyranny which follows.

We must dare to think that the 2nd

People's, 12630 Mt. Shasta Drive, call 495-0609 for info.

Denver 14 July

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Winston Churchill

the hands of drug dealers. This irrationality takes several forms:

- 1) Prohibition of the guns allegedly carried by people who sell products prohibited 57 years ago is a silly way to curb the violence of their trade.
- 2) The net result of illegalizing certain guns and certain drugs is to increase their price and demand -- making millionaires of entrepreneurs willing to brave government prohibition, and criminals of otherwise decent, productive citizens.
- 3) Most importantly, seizure of military small arms from We the People leaves us vulnerable not only to the criminals who

Arkansas), when it not only reaffirmed the *right* of Americans to own and bear military weapons, but strongly suggested that *good citizens have a responsibility to bear them*. The high court cited a wealth of previous legislation supporting that position, recounting early American state laws wherein all able-bodied men were encouraged and sometimes required to maintain, at their own expense, a combat-capable firearm, with bayonet, extra ammunition, blanket and backpack.

It is force of citizen arms that maintains individual freedom by keeping government power in check. Seizure of citizen arms, particularly those capable of competing on equal terms with government,

tion of all guns -- and the tyranny which follows.

We must dare to think that the 2nd Amendment ain't about duck hunting and relegalization ain't surrender. And if we find disconcerting the idea of such dangerous things in the hands and bodies of ordinary citizens, then we must ponder the counsel of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote in 1820: "I know of no safe repository for the ultimate powers of society but the People themselves: And if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, then the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion."

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