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Party members are welcome at the meeting. Please call John Berntson for details at 719.532.0118.

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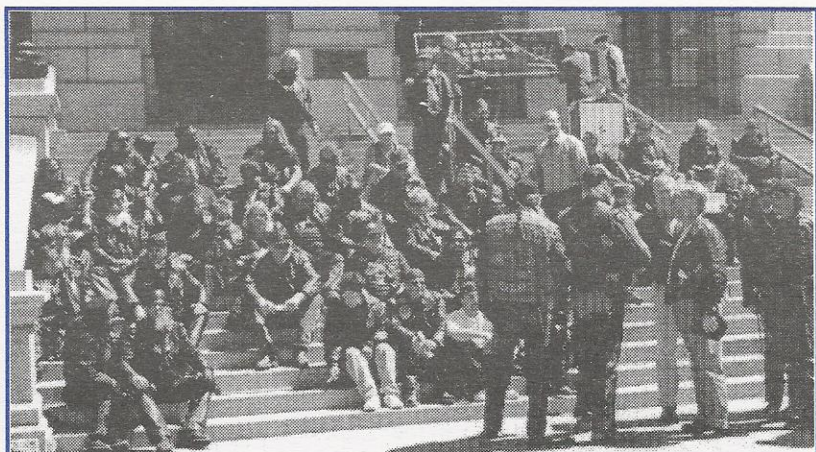
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## LP Joins Protest of Police Files

"We're here because of the First Amendment." That's what biker and self-described "liberal Democrat" Bill Jones told a crowd of around 90 at the state capitol April 21.

Jones joined with members of the Libertarian Party, Riders for Justice, the Tyranny Response Team, and other organizations to protest the collection of files on peaceable ralliers by the Denver police department.

U.S. Senate Candidate Rick Stanley led a rally of around 30 people earlier in the afternoon below the capitol before joining the other event. He described himself as an "anti-politician," saying,



LP Candidates Ralph Shnelvar (standing center) and Rick Stanley (front, facing camera) talk with members of Riders for Justice before an April 21 rally to protest record-keeping on peaceful protestors by the Denver police.

"I believe this country needs citizen legislators."

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## Hickson Runs for Lieutenant Gov.



Desiree Hickson and Ralph Shnelvar join Carol Geltmeyer, Hattie, Lilith, C.J., and Liam.

Desiree Hickson filed paperwork with the Secretary of State April 12 to become a Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Hickson said, "I am running to eliminate the job of Lt. Governor. When elected, I will serve vigorously. I will also lobby vigorously for the elimination of this pointless and wasteful position."

Carol Geltmeyer, Secretary for the Libertarian Party of El Paso County, said, "We're really proud of Desiree in our county. Not only does she do a lot for us, but now she's running for Lt. Governor. You couldn't ask for a better Libertarian candidate."

Candidates Ralph Shnelvar (Governor) and Steve D'Ippolito (U.S. Senate) also joined Hickson at the Denver office, as did Frank Atwood. Carol's daughter Hattie and Desiree's children C.J., Liam, and Lilith tagged along.

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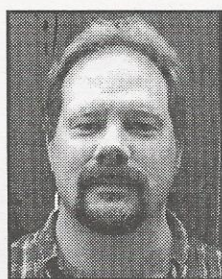
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# Notes from the Chair: Run!

A couple of decades ago, I was introduced to Doctor Who. If you have not heard of it, it is a British science fiction series, generally well written, but with the special effects of a Godzilla movie. It was in more or less continuous production for twenty-six years, before ending its run in 1989. Having been raised on Star Trek and the pap that Irwin Allen foisted on us, Doctor Who took some adjustment to my thinking. It was weird. But I was soon a fast fan.

Being in production for so long, the series built its own traditions. For instance, an early story had the Doctor



solving a problem through a lot of technical hocus-pocus. The writer had written a lengthy technical explanation for what the Doctor had done, but the actor could not memorize the lines and nobody else understood it in any case. So, right there on the set, a paragraph of technical data was condensed into: "I reversed the

polarity of the neutron flow." Thereafter, for a quarter of a century, whenever the Doctor had done something terribly technical, he simply explained that he had reversed the polarity of the neutron flow, and the story went merrily along its way.

Likewise, whenever the Doctor and his companions saw men with guns or a bug-eyed monster headed their way, the Doctor would quickly rattle off the line, "When I say run, run. Right! RUN!!" A chase scene would then ensue.

Speaking of running, this is my last column before our convention. Yes, I am running for chair again, but that is not the point. The point is, are you running? No, not for chair (unless you want to), but for public office.

No? Why not? Oh, you're not good enough. Or you don't have time. Or you just can't speak in front of others. I see. After all, there must be better people available, right?

I wish that were the case. Unfortunately, although we are the third largest party in the state and the country,

we are still quite small. Our resources in people and finances are very limited. For instance, we ran people for most legislative and congressional races in 2000, but only ran in five out of around one hundred county commissioner races.

So, if you are looking for some hero to step forward and run in your district, odds are you need to be that hero. If you want the message of liberty carried to the voters, you will just have to do it yourself.

You're not good enough? I know precisely how you feel. But when greater men are not available, lesser men will have to suffice. You are good enough. You also have months to learn what you need to learn.

Your campaign style can fit your personality. By way of example, we have four statewide candidates right now who are polar opposites, if one can have four poles. As to size and effort, you can run a campaign that just fills out the questionnaires you receive or run one with staff, money, advertising, yard signs, giving speeches, and talking on the radio. It is quite up to you.

No, you don't have to put yourself in the position of debating your lawyer opponent over the merits of HB 1258. All you might do is give people an alternative, give them reasons to support a free society. Yes, even this requires a certain level of preparation, but the party is willing to train candidates, and there are many books and tapes that can prepare you as well. It is something you can learn.

Still don't want to run? Fine. But if not you, who? If not now, when? Why should you expect anybody to do something that you won't do yourself? If you want things to get better, then come to the convention, stand for office, and run. You are your best hope for a hero.

So, are you ready? There is a bug-eyed monster headed our way, gobbling up taxes. It has men with guns at its side.

Right! RUN!!

—John Berntson

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# Libertarians Protest Income Tax

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"Every three and a half seconds the Federal bureaucracy is open, the government spends \$1 million... And who pays for this spending spree? You do—every penny of it..."

On April 15, Libertarians from around Colorado handed out information to last-minute filers that blasted high taxes. Groups across the nation joined similar protests in what has become an annual LP tradition. The party favors repealing the national income tax and abolishing the IRS.

Michael McKinzie said, "John O'Brien, Rand Fanshier, and I took up positions at the Evergreen Post Office for this annual nation-wide protest. For an hour and a half we passed out flyers to everyone in the Drive-Thru lane. Responses varied from 'I don't want it' to 'Alright!' Rand Fanshier is a man to watch, folks. This guy is good! He came away with the most contact info. John seemed to know everyone in town, and he is working on registering his friends. That'll increase our ranks with more energetic people. What's next? Let's do something!"

Fanshier added, "Michael had a bunch of those million dollar bills and we worked the area around the mailboxes, handing lots of flyers to the motorists dropping off their taxes. It was all very positive. I enjoyed it and could do a lot more of that!"

In Colorado Springs, activists included Steve D'Ippolito, Mike and Lidia Seebeck, John Thomas, Sean Glidewell, Steve Dick, Biff Baker, Desiree Hickson, Scott and David Graves, William Blair, Steve Adams, Rob Roberts, and Jeff and Collette Wright. They held up signs and flags and passed out the informative "million dollar" bills.

Volunteers handed out over 2,000 fliers. Mike Seebeck, LPEP Outreach Director, spoke to KRDO Channels 5 and 30. The reporter narrating the scene noted, "The Libertarian Party wants to repeal the income tax and return the federal government to a constitutional republic."

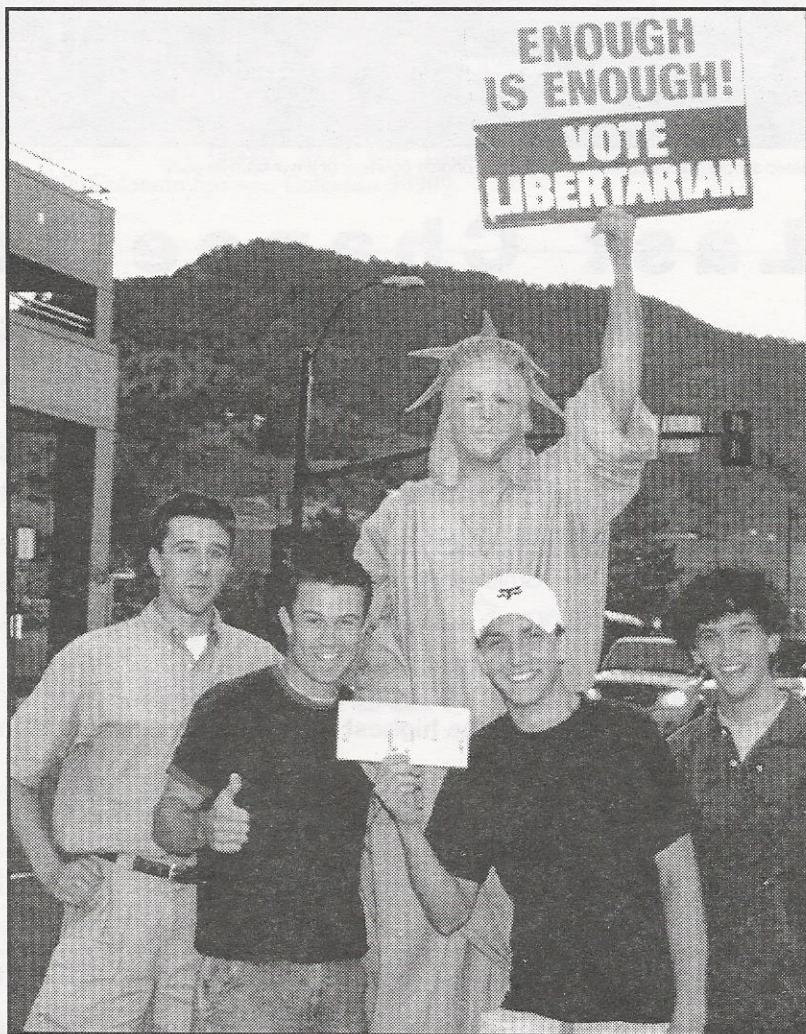
D'Ippolito, a candidate for U.S. Senate, said, "It was encouraging to see the number of people who seem to understand that the income tax is bad and that most of the things the the federal government spends money on are a waste."

Boulder Outreach Director John Larkin organized the group's event at the main post office at Walnut and 15th. Other participants included Boulder Chair Joe Johnson as Lady Liberty, Elizabeth Bennet, Ken and Audrey Bray, and Chuck Wright.

"I think that the amount of people that we reached was amazing," said Wright, who serves as treasurer for the

Boulder affiliate. "We handed out over 1,400 pieces of LP literature between 4:00 and 12:00 midnight. Well worth our efforts."

Bennett said, "It's trying being out here for over 8 hours, but just when you are beginning to feel run down, someone comes up and says something that just gets you started again. For instance, a man on a mo-



ped stopped, looked at 'Lady Liberty,' read her sign and then mine, smiled and said, 'I want to thank you for being here. I'm shocked and amazed! I can't believe that there are actually people who realize that it's my money—here!—in Boulder of all places! Thank-you! That just really gets you recharged and going again.'

Johnson added, "What kept me up on the stilts for 8 hours were comments like the following from one woman who, after reading 'Lady Liberty's' sign ('Income tax is theft! Enough is Enough, Vote Libertarian!'), looked up into her tall green face and said, 'Amazing... I think I'm gonna [vote Libertarian]... if for this alone... Absolutely amazing!'

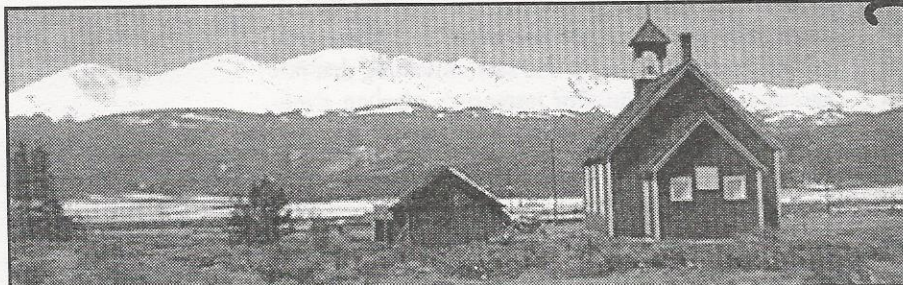
*Joe Johnson as Lady Liberty hands out "Million Dollar Bills" to a group of CU students.*



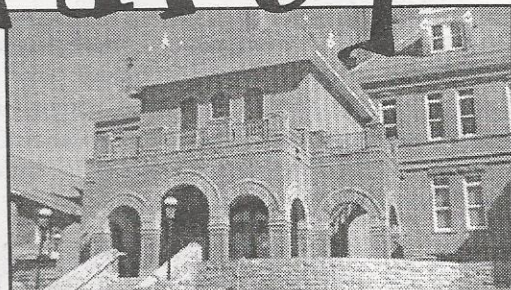
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Colorado State Convention

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Historic school house outside of Leadville—photos courtesy of [www.leadville.com](http://www.leadville.com)



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## Last Chance to Sign Up!

For details, please see [www.lpcolorado.org/lp2002/](http://www.lpcolorado.org/lp2002/)

**Please join us for the 2002 Convention of the Libertarian Party of Colorado!** Libertarian members and those interested in the ideas of liberty are welcome. On Friday evening, we'll gather in the lobby of the historic Delaware Hotel and enjoy the music of Peter Saint-Andre. On Saturday morning at the Mining Museum, we'll vote for our candidates and state board. Voting is open to all party members. Then, starting at 12:30 pm, come hear top speakers from around the state, including authors L. Neil Smith and Boston T. Party, Douglas Bruce, and Joe Becker. Saturday evening features a banquet with Sheriff Bill Masters. On Sunday, we'll turn our attention to political strategy and activist training. Whether you can attend all three days or just Saturday, we hope to see you there!

**At 10,430 feet, Leadville is the highest incorporated city in the United States.** It is also one of Colorado's largest historic districts. With the 2001 elections, several Libertarians joined the Leadville city council. The 2002 Convention will be held in the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum, built in 1900. The address is 120 West 9th Street. For complete information about hotels, beds-and-breakfast, campgrounds, and other lodging facilities, please see [www.leadville.com](http://www.leadville.com) or call the Chamber of Commerce at 719.486.3900.

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Prices include entrance to the convention for all three days, including the banquet. Lodging and other meals are not included. Space is limited, and prices increase by \$25 per person May 1.

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# LPEP Announces Awards Banquet

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The El Paso County affiliate will host the Libertarian Party of Colorado 5th Annual Awards Banquet August 17.

The featured speaker is John Taylor Gatto, author of *Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling* and *The Underground History of American Education*.

Gatto was named Teacher of the Year in New York, but he quit his job, claiming he "was no longer willing to hurt children." He now speaks about education reform all across the nation.

Gatto writes, "Over the years of wrestling with the obstacles that stand between child and education I have

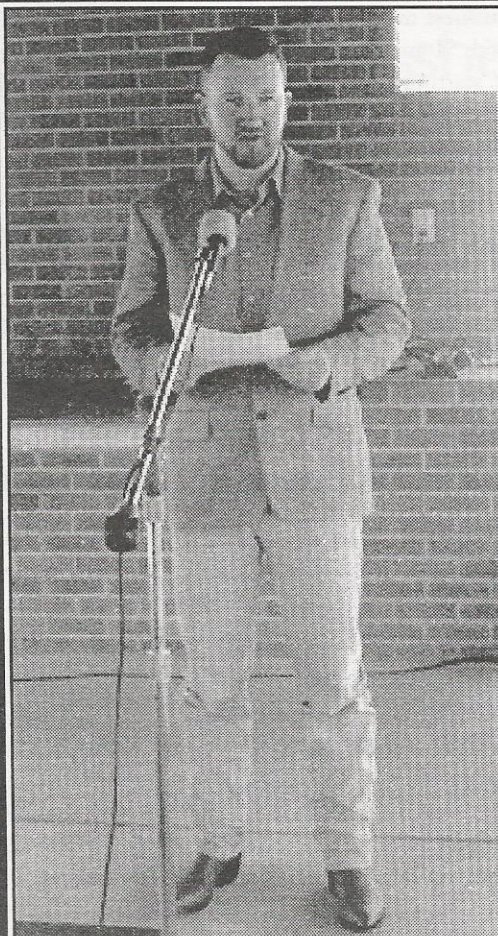
come to believe that government monopoly schools are structurally unreformable."

The banquet will be held at the Radisson Inn, 8110 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs. It is scheduled for 6-10 pm. Tickets cost \$45 per person and include dinner.

Nancy Graves, LPEP Activities Director, is coordinating the event. She may be reached at 719.570.0747 or [ladynancy@pcisys.net](mailto:ladynancy@pcisys.net), and the group's web page is at [www.lpep.org](http://www.lpep.org). Checks may be made out to "Libertarian Party of El Paso County" and mailed to Nancy Graves, 3724 East LaSalle Street #1310, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909.

## Silent Auction...

If you would like to donate items to the silent auction at this year's Colorado LP convention, please bring the items to the convention or arrange to have someone else bring them. For more information, please contact Ari Armstrong at [ari@co-freedom.com](mailto:ari@co-freedom.com) or 303.412.8356.



## John Gurley, LP Candidate for Mesa County Sheriff

Fellow LP Members, I am involved in a winnable race for Mesa County Sheriff. However, I cannot do it without your help. I have put together a reasonable budget of \$2,500 for my campaign. I am humbly asking for any donation possible. Please make a contribution to "Committee to Elect Gurley for Sheriff." Let's have another LP Sheriff in this State!

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# LP News from Around Colorado

## Rapplean Expands Nolan Chart

Robert Rapplean has taken the Nolan Chart a step further with a chart that maps political views in three dimensions. In his article, available at [www.rapplean.net/libertarian/renolan.html](http://www.rapplean.net/libertarian/renolan.html), Rapplean sums up, "The Nolan chart does an excellent job of presenting new ideas to a blind public. This chart is the next step—a step for those who have already been granted vision. It is designed to represent a balanced view of all opinions, and identify where each political philosophy resides in that continuum... This diagram can be a tool for the Libertarian party to better understand their philosophical environment, better understand the views of others, and more effectively present solutions that the public will find attractive."

## Penny Parker Mention Nets Web Hits for Vance

Penny Parker mentioned James Vance in her March 14 "On the Town" column in the Rocky Mountain News. She wrote, "James Vance, the Libertarian Party's candidate for governor, wants to go a few rounds with Gov. Bill Owens and have Democratic governor wannabe Rollie Heath be referee. Vance says since he's roughly half Heath's age, it wouldn't be a fair fight on this particular arena. The political punching could be a fund-raiser with winner take all, Vance said." She discussed other possible celebrity matches in the column.

Vance reported, "The traffic hits to the website went up 32% from the week before the Penny Parker article and has remained at the increased pace ever since." He also saw an increase in e-mail inquiries, and "almost all consistently reference the Penny Parker article as their source of hearing about the campaign."

## Stanley Speaks at Rotary Club

U.S. Senate Candidate Rick Stanley spoke at the Denver Tech Center Rotary Club April 9. He presented a luncheon speech at the Glenmoor Country Club.

## Shnelvar Plans for Rally

Ralph Shnelvar plans to participate in a rally with Ken Gorman June 1 to advocate the legalization of marijuana. The event was originally scheduled for April 20, but Gorman postponed it due to bad weather. Still, around 300 people showed up that day, so Shnelvar and Gorman gave speeches and handed out literature.

Shnelvar reports his team has handed out over 3,000 flyers promoting the event, which is also featured on his

web page at [www.shnelvar.com](http://www.shnelvar.com). In addition, Gorman has already handed out thousands of his own flyers.

Shnelvar said, "Ken Gorman is a cult figure who is well known in the marijuana legalization community. It is absolutely astonishing how many people know who he is. Gorman and all those associated with the marijuana legalization movement felt bitter disappointment when snow was forecast for April 20 in Denver. But the June 1 event now planned will be even bigger and better given the extra time available for planning and leafletting."

Gorman was actually arrested on the 16th Street Mall April 6 for handing out flyers. He was detained by RTD security guards and then arrested by Denver police. Shnelvar contacted RTD on Gorman's behalf to determine why he was arrested. RTD Chief Public Affairs Officer Scott Reed sent Shnelvar a fax dated April 9 that reads, "The Regional Transportation District (RTD) permits persons to distribute information on the public property areas outside transit stations."

## Berntson Proposes Convention Rules

LPCO Chair John Berntson proposed a set of rules for the business meeting at the state convention May 18. He said, "I am going to try to get it all done in four hours, starting promptly at 8 a.m. If we go over, we will recess until sometime on Sunday and take up where we left off."

The rules he will propose, which are subject to approval by voting members, include tight constraints on time for discussion about proposed by-laws changes and candidate nominations. However, "distribution of campaign literature throughout the convention hall is permitted, even encouraged." To read Berntson's proposed rules, see [www.lpcolorado.org/cl/2002/04/rules.html](http://www.lpcolorado.org/cl/2002/04/rules.html).

## Shnelvar Addresses DU Class

Ralph Shnelvar addressed a drug policy class at the University of Denver April 15 titled, "Coase, Peanuts, and Pot." He argued property rights are essential for a peaceful society.

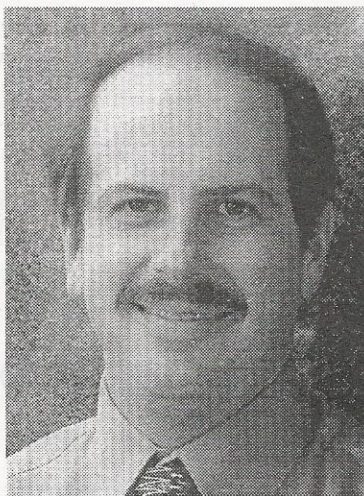
He told the class, "[G]overnment trying to stop people from owning marijuana or alcohol or guns or gold or books (each of these was illegal to own privately at one or another time in history) will create the individual violence and/or the Mafia that it and the general public so justly despise. The problem, of course, is that the government has created the Mafia by making the product illegal in the first place." The speech is linked at [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org).

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# **Steve D'Ippolito**

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## Forfeiture Reform Bill Passes House

House Bill 1404, the asset forfeiture reform bill, passed the house April 16 on a vote of 51 to 11. The Libertarian Party of Colorado issued a press release and an action alert in support of the bill, thereby joining a surprisingly diverse coalition that brought together people from across the political spectrum.

Rep. Shawn Mitchell shepherded the bill through the house. Attempts to pass forfeiture reform in previous years failed largely because of intense lobbying by district attorneys and others in law enforcement.

*Colorado Liberty* went to press before the state senate voted on the bill. To read updates about its progress, please see [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org).

Others who supported the legislation include Christie Donner of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition and David Kopel of the Independence Institute.

In addition, the bill received editorial support from *The Denver Post*, *The Rocky Mountain News*, *The Daily Sentinel*, the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, and *The Durango Herald*. Similar reforms have recently been enacted in New Mexico, Utah, Oregon, and Missouri.

Mitchell said the bill contains three main reforms.

1. The bill would require that an owner be convicted of a crime in most cases before the government can pursue forfeiture of his or her property. The main exceptions are if a person

is a fugitive from justice or if an owner knowingly allows criminal activity to continue on his or her property. Innocent third-party owners would gain new protections under the bill.

2. 1404 requires in every case that the government prove by the higher standard of "clear and convincing evidence" that the property should be forfeited.

3. The bill seeks to remove the conflict of interest when the agency pursuing forfeiture gets to decide how the money is spent. Instead, the proceeds of forfeiture would first pay off lien holders, innocent co-owners, and victims. Then 50% of the money would go to the general fund of the local government where the forfeiture took place, and 50% would go to treat substance abuse.

The 11 "no" votes were cast by Reps. Borodkin, Chavez, Coleman, Hodge, Mace, Ragsdale, Romanoff, Saliman, Veiga, Vigil, and Weddig.

"The bill would require that an owner be convicted of a crime in most cases before the government can pursue forfeiture of his or her property."

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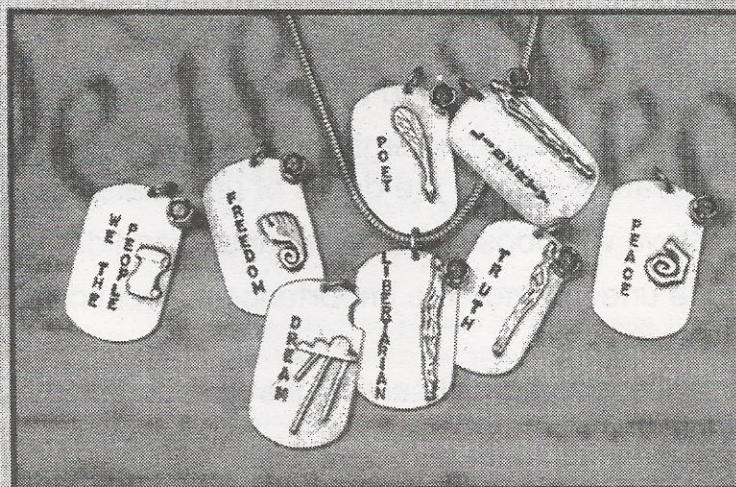
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# Press Watch: Libertarians in the News

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## Stanley Earns Press for Rights Rallies

U.S. Senate candidate Rick Stanley spoke March 23 at a Bill of Rights rally in Austin, Texas. *The Daily Texan* reviewed the event on March 26. A caption for a photograph read, "Rick Stanley speaks on the importance of the right to bear arms with fellow Second Amendment supporters Christine and Bill Veith of Austin, at a U.S. Bill of Rights rally at the state Capitol. More than 200 people attended the Saturday rally where speakers criticized government infringement on personal liberties."

Previously, Dan Barker covered Stanley's campaign in *The Fort Morgan Times*, writing, "Libertarian Rick Stanley carries a copy of the U.S. Constitution with him as he conducts his campaign for the U.S. Senate in what he calls the second American Revolution—conducted this time with ballots, not bullets."

In the article, Stanley criticized the USA PATRIOT Act and defended the right to keep and bear arms.

Previously, Barker wrote an article about gubernatorial candidate Ralph Shnelvar, who said, "We're the political party that wants to leave you alone."

## Bain Covers Drug Testing

Ron Bain wrote an article for a recent issue of *Boulder Weekly* about drug testing.

In his research, Bain found drug tests are unreliable and sometimes show "false positives." He related the story of one person who tested positive for methamphetamine but claims he took only over-the-counter sinus medication. Because of the expenses associated with retesting false positives, Bain suggests, some companies may not conduct further tests.

## Hickson Picks up Press

The April 13 *Colorado Springs Gazette* covered Desiree Hickson's decision to run for Lieutenant Governor. The story began, "Desiree Hickson has a unique promise to voters: If elected lieutenant governor, she will try to eliminate her job."

## Coroner Keeps Campaign Alive

Dr. Scott Replogle is running for Boulder County Coroner. Michael A. de Yoanna covered the story for the April 9 *Colorado Daily*.

Replogle told the paper, "I decided to run because I think the position needs to be privatized and taken out of the political arena. It would be easier to change it from inside the office rather than from the outside."

## Letters Defend RKBA

Bruce Tiemann took *Rocky Mountain News* columnist Mike Littwin to task April 9 for arguing against concealed carry based on high crime rates in cities—which heavily restrict gun ownership. Tiemann also noted, "Littwin prejudicially considers only the benefits, but not the costs, of so-called 'safe' storage. True, if all guns stayed locked up, gun accidents would vanish. But also many, many more criminal attacks would be successfully completed."

A few days earlier, Amy Hoffman criticized a compromise concealed-carry bill in the *Gazette*. She wrote, "There is less crime when law-abiding adults carry concealed weapons... HB 1410 would make Colorado a safer place for everyone, except our children in public schools."

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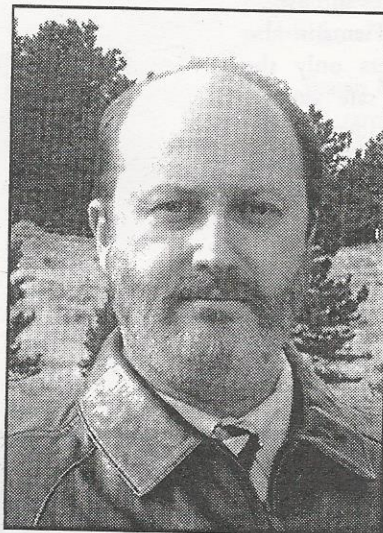
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Shnelvar faces a weak Democrat candidate and a pro War On Drugs and anti-gun-rights Republican. With your help he could build a coalition that can win the governorship.

## **How we are going to do it:**

We are trying to raise \$1,000,000 in pledges (not money) by July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002. If we get the pledges then we will expect to collect the pledges. If not, you owe us nothing. Of course, we also need seed money in order to promote this idea so, if you can, please do both. Please pledge generously and also provide us with the seed money to continue.

## **Some More Advantages:**

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There's a candidate who is telling you that he wants to be your LPCO nominee for Governor. In smaller circles, he tells a different story. "I don't want to fill out the paperwork." "I don't want to expose my pitiable personal finances to the world." "I don't want to give up my Libertarian Lunches so that I can have time to campaign." "I don't want to short-change my family." "I do not wish to do any of these things," he told us, "...And most of all: I don't want to run for governor."

His campaign strategy is simple. He said: "If I run I will be there to simply 'be there'." One must begin to question his commitment to the office and the party.

Does he have any intention of continuing his campaign past the convention? Consider his "Million Dollar Pledge" effort. When reporting his pledges to the Secretary of State on April 17th, he showed progress of less than 1% towards that goal, and half of his time limit expired. What happens if he doesn't make it? Simple - he probably doesn't run.

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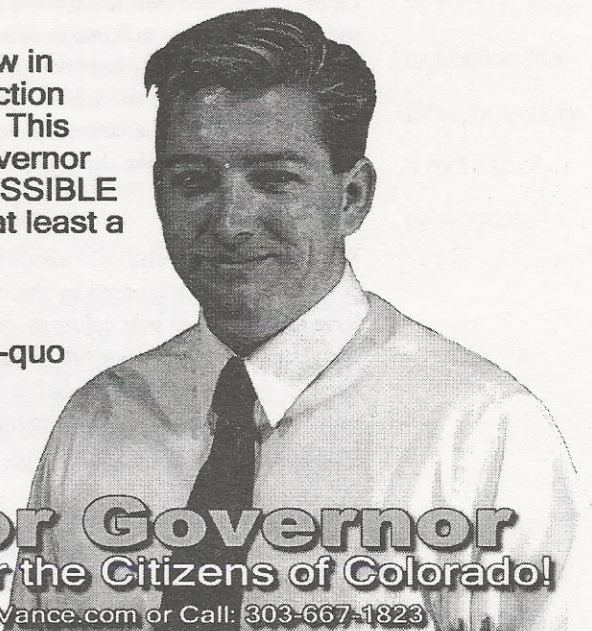
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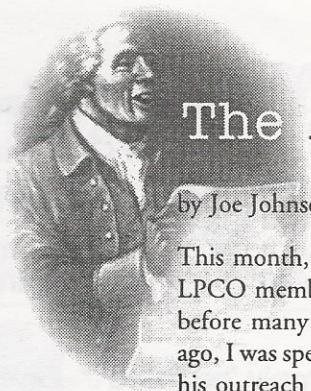


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## The Activist's Corner

by Joe Johnson

This month, I would like to highlight the efforts of a LPCO member who has been "walk'n the walk" long before many of us were even members. About a year ago, I was speaking with this man and he told me about his outreach efforts during a trip to the west coast. It got me to thinking, so I contacted him to find out more details. It seems that he is something of a modern-day Libertarian "Johnny Appleseed."

He has a unique way of spreading the word. I asked him what he does while traveling, and his response made me smile. "Every time I travel domestically, I

pack a few LP fliers from the national party into my suitcase. Just before I check out of the hotel, I hide fliers all over the room hoping future guests will stumble upon them. I hide a few in the yellow pages under the heading 'pizza,' because lots of hotel guests order pizza from their hotel rooms. I hide them in the room service menu, and



in the travel books. I put a couple in the bible, and put them behind the iron hanging in the closet if the room has an iron. Once I stayed in a room with a fax machine and the hotel supplied a stack of paper for the fax. I slipped a few fliers midway into the stack of paper."

Now a lot of people "never leave home without them" (World's Smallest Political Quiz Cards) and have taken to dropping them in conspicuous (and often times ingenious) places, but here we have a dedicated effort to making sure that the Libertarian message is spread almost daily. We Libertarians know that if we are to be a success, we must take the responsibility for making it happen.

With the obvious and rare exceptions, we are by and large intentionally ignored by the mass media. But as I have mentioned in past columns, not only is that okay, it's actually a good thing. At least we know what we need to do, and we do not become dependent on the press for our success. Many members are making it happen, and our party is growing!

I have been informed by the LPCO Information Director that over the past year there has been a 20% increase in Libertarian voter registrations! People do not register as a Libertarian until they are introduced to the fact that we exist. And making sure that people find

us in all kinds of places lets them know that we exist. So, just who is this month's activist?

His name is Chuck Wright, and his Libertarian efforts are far too long to list here. Suffice it to say, however, that if there is an LP outreach booth in Boulder County, you'll find Chuck there. He has had dozens of letters to the editor printed and has run for office several times on the Libertarian ticket. And since Tax Day just passed, I'd like to note that Chuck hasn't missed a Boulder County tax day demonstration since he first moved to Colorado in 1986! Chuck defines activism.

I asked him if he had ever witnessed anyone finding one of his little freedom cards. He told me, "No, I've never actually witnessed anyone discovering my handiwork. I don't know if my efforts have yielded results, but I feel like Johnny Appleseed planting the seeds of Liberty."

While he does not get to see any direct results from his labors, Chuck takes solace in the fact that with every passing election there are more Libertarians on the ballot and higher vote totals than the election before it. That means that the efforts of activists such as Chuck—and you!—are bearing fruit.

We both like the idea that right now, as you read this article, maybe, just maybe, the first Libertarian President is discovering the Libertarian Party for the first time, and thinking to himself, "Wow! I didn't realize there's a political party that cares about Liberty and Freedom as much as I do. I'll have to check them out!"

So, the next time you find yourself in a hotel room (or anywhere else for that matter), I hope you will remember Chuck, and plant a liberty tree of your own. I know I will.

Liberty in my lifetime!

Joe Johnson

*Chuck lives in Louisville and is the Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of Boulder County. He is 44 years old and was born in Boston. He is a project manager at IBM where he has worked for nearly 20 years. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Telecommunications from PACE University. He is engaged to be married to Deb Bishop later this year, and he has been a member of the LP since 1984.*

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*"Maybe, just maybe, the first Libertarian President is discovering the Libertarian Party for the first time."*



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"The rights enumerated in the first ten amendments are restraints on government," Stanley reminded the crowd.

At the second event, LP gubernatorial candidate Ralph Shnelvar said the police records are "frightening to potential ralliers." Shnelvar quoted Justice Louis Brandeis, "The right to be left alone [is] the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized men... To protect that right, every unjustifiable intrusion by the government upon the privacy of the individual, whatever the means employed, must be deemed a violation of the Fourth Amendment."

Stephen Ziegenhagen, director of the TRT, also argued police surveillance chills the right of free speech because some people are afraid of ending up on government lists. He noted that people with otherwise divergent views "share a belief in the right to assemble."

The Denver police department has collected files on over 3,000 citizens. The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a law suit over the matter.



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"I believe I can bring more people into the Libertarian camp," Hickson said. "I want to help Coloradans understand what true liberty is all about. I think I can offer a kinder, gentler side of the Libertarian Party to people."

Hickson also expressed support for Ralph Shnelvar, a Libertarian gubernatorial candidate. "Ralph is a great guy, a very well-spoken and outspoken gentleman. I am pleased to be associated with him. Anything I can do to further his campaign, that's my ultimate goal."

Shnelvar commented, "Desiree is the quintessential Libertarian with the ability to make difficult issues accessible to the general voting public."

Shnelvar will challenge James Vance next month to capture the LP's nomination.

Hickson homeschools her children with her husband Nathan, who serves in the Army. She said, "My children are so important to me that I have accepted the burden of paying for their education as well as the

Len Jackson said she signed the LP's non-initiation of force pledge long ago. "I'm a good citizen," she said, adding that the proper role of citizens is to watch events and ask questions about politics.

Jackson noted that the police often engage in practices that can be considered entrapment and they sometimes break down people's doors and kill them—as in the case of Ismael Mena. Yet when citizens rally to protest such actions, the citizens are the ones labeled "suspicious persons." There is "no excuse" for the police to keep such records, she said.

Alan Glenski of the TRT served as moderator of the event and interjected lines from luminaries of freedom such as Frederick Douglass and H.L. Mencken. The Bill of Rights won't protect itself, Glenski suggested. "It is up to us."

financing of other children's 'education' through my taxes. 11% of Colorado's children are now in private school or being home schooled. When we are elected, both Ralph and I will make it easier for Colorado parents to choose where and how they wish to educate their children so that children can and will get the quality education that they need and deserve."

Should the Shnelvar/Hickson ticket win the nomination, it is believed to be the first Colorado ticket led by a Jew and an African American woman.

Hickson responded, "The Libertarian Party's message of freedom is based, in part, on the knowledge that the tolerance—indeed the joy!—of human differences is what brings happiness and prosperity to our great country. We embrace everyone without prejudice with but with two exceptions: We shun bigotry and we do not tolerate the initiation of force for political or social goals."

Hickson ran for State House District 18 in 2000. She currently serves as Media Director for the Libertarian Party of El Paso County.

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