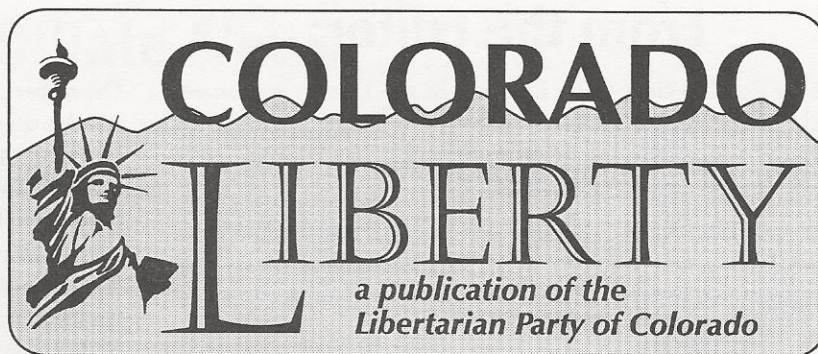


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Five Libertarians Aim for City Council Seats

by Doug Anderson

September has brought a harvest of Libertarians running for city councils around Colorado. Five Libertarians are on the ballot for the non-partisan races in their communities, including one running unopposed.

As reported in the September *Colorado Liberty* ("Leadville Activist Enters Race," page 1), Carol Hill is running for a Leadville City Council seat in Ward I. She has two opponents, but also has strong name recognition from serving on the Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments. She can be reached at (719) 486-3130.

Cy Smaling is campaigning for one of two at-large positions on the Aurora City Council. He faces three opponents, including the two incumbents. He can be reached at (303) 360-5364. (See story below for more about Smaling's campaign.)

Aurora Libertarian Running for City Council

by Larry Hoffenberg

Longtime Libertarian Party member Cyril "Cy" Smaling will be on the November 7th ballot as an At-Large candidate for Aurora City Council.

Smaling will be facing incumbents Edna Mosley and Bob LeGare, along with fellow challenger Charles Graham, for the two open At-Large seats. Voters will cast their ballots for two candidates, and the top two vote-getters will win the council seats.

As a first-time candidate, Smaling is stressing a "common man, common sense" theme in the non-partisan race. "My greatest asset as a candidate is that I pay the same taxes, abide by the same laws, and share the same frustrations with government as does the average citizen of Aurora," said Smaling. "We need strong leadership with a commitment to do what is in the best interest of the people, not the government."

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The Denver LP's treasurer, Stephen Foster, is on the ballot for the Ward II seat on the Thornton City Council. To help, call him at (303) 450-0265.

LPC Public Information Director Dan Cochran is not content to run for only one office at a time! His community, Loveland, is considering "home rule" status on this November's ballot. Therefore, they are also electing members to serve on a home rule charter commission, which will draft a charter if the home rule question passes. Cochran is on the ballot for the charter commission as well as for the Ward III Loveland City Council seat. If you want to help him, or just praise his energy and drive, you can reach him at (303) 667-7557.

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CityVote Campaign Brings Harry Browne to Boulder

by Kevin Wilkerson

Libertarian Party Presidential candidate Harry Browne will be included in this fall's ground-breaking CityVote primary. Twenty cities with a combined population of roughly six million will participate, including Boulder, Colorado. While the motivating spirit behind the event appears to be shameless urban panhandling, it provides third-party hopefuls with an opportunity to win credibility, much as the New Hampshire primary might. There will be three debates, televised on C-SPAN and perhaps other networks, scheduled for October 6th, October 22nd, and November 5th. (The first debate was rescheduled from the 8th so PBS could carry it without it conflicting with *Masterpiece Theatre*.)

The Browne campaign will be making an extended stop in Boulder on October 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Numerous events are being scheduled, including press and radio interviews, book signings, fund-raising dinners, a rally at the Boulder County Courthouse and a stump speech on the CU campus. As this

see Browne in Boulder, page 7

From the Editor:

It's an exciting time to be involved in the Liberty movement and the Libertarian Party. Last month, we told you about the wave of nationwide publicity that the LP has enjoyed lately. Well, the wave hasn't crested yet!

Nationally syndicated columnist Clarence Page echoed the *USA Today* article when he said, "The New Generation is fed up with government, Washington, and the two major parties," and quoted the LP's Bill Winter.

Political pundit Kevin Phillips, in a column entitled "The Rise and Folly of the GOP," criticized the Republicans for letting their "revolution" revert to politics as usual, and went on to note that "the Libertarian Party...will have 1996 congressional candidates in over half of the 435 House districts—the first such broad minor party mobilization since 1920."

It seems like every week I read or hear the "L-word" used several times, usually in a flattering or respectful way. As in "he's the more libertarian of the two" or "I take a libertarian approach to that." No wonder the *Great Falls Tribune* has declared libertarianism "all the rage in contemporary politics."

So now that our ideas are "all the rage," we can sit back, relax, and wait for the country to move decisively in our direction, right? Wrong! If we want our ideas given more than lip service, we must now redouble our efforts! If we don't push and push hard, the "usual suspects" will co-opt the term "libertarian" and make it hollow and meaningless. It's already happening—look at Arlen Specter. We must seize this historic opportunity to grow our party significantly in size and influence, and we must present the American people with *real* Libertarian candidates and *real* Libertarian ideas. Can we count on your help?

Look for details of our new "Each One Reach One" membership drive in the next issue.

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From the Chair:

December 31st, 1995 is a very important date for Libertarians. It's the deadline for determining the number of delegates we can send to the presidential nominating convention in July, 1996. These delegates will decide who will be our presidential candidate. The number of delegates is determined by the number of national party members—one delegate for every 20 members or portion thereof. So, the more national members we have, the more delegates we can send to the national convention next year.

The next three months are therefore crucial to our growth and representation at the national level. Colorado has slipped from 9th to 10th recently in national memberships. At the end of July, we were tied for 10th place with Ohio (a much larger state with more potential for growth) and in danger of losing our representation on the national Platform committee (the top ten states get a seat on the Platform committee; the top five get seats on the Credentials committee).

More importantly, though, is why we're in the political process. In a recent issue of *Forbes Magazine*, Steve Hanke, a professor of Applied Economics at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, pointed out that the lifetime net tax rate for babies born in 1994 is 84.4%, given current public policy. If the Republicans' "extreme" cuts go into effect, that rate will drop to 72.5%. Practically everyone I've mentioned these numbers to is shocked. They make it clear what the problem is. Libertarian policies are the only ones that will reduce those percentages to anything close to being reasonable.

And, in a nutshell, that's why we need your support as a dues-paying member. Your participation will help us spread this message all across Colorado. We are in the process of beginning an aggressive outreach program to unaffiliated voters. Our first target will be selected precincts in Boulder. Voters in these precincts will receive an outreach packet between now and November 7th, the date of the CityVote straw poll, which includes Harry Browne, one of our presidential contenders. The more members we have, the more voters we can reach, the more votes Browne is likely to receive.

Please check your mailing label and postage right now. If your mailing label says "EXPIRED" or "PLEASE JOIN," or there is *not* a first class stamp on it, you are receiving this publication free. Please help us out by either becoming a dues-paying member or renewing your membership at both the state and national level (a combined membership is a better deal). You can, for the first time, use your Visa or Mastercard credit card for memberships. See the membership form on page 4.

David Aitken, State Chair

Oops! We goofed!

Somehow, in the process of making last-minute layout revisions, we ended up with the August table of contents in last month's issue. Our apologies!

Affiliate News

Attention local contacts: Please send your affiliate news and calendar information to Affiliates Director Sandra Johnson (via mail, phone, or e-mail) by the 10th of each month. Thanks!

Denver County

Sixteen dedicated Denver Libertarians met at Muddy's Cafe on Tuesday, September 12. Since the evening's scheduled speaker, attorney Tom Miller, didn't show up, we discussed the state of the Denver Party at length.

- Most people don't like Muddy's. We considered using the Denver Public Library, but concluded that the 9 p.m. closing time poses a problem. We may be able to use the Capitol Hill community center—David Aitken and David Bryant will bring more information, and other alternatives, to the next meeting.
- With bond elections looming, it's time to submit our comments to various clerks for inclusion in the Notices of Elections that will be mailed to voters in October. We plan to submit comments on proposed tax increases for the Denver School District, the RTD, and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District.

Libertarian Candidates, continued from page 1

Long-time Libertarian Doug Carlsten is crossing streets carefully these days. You see, he's unopposed for the Ward III seat on the Brighton City Council.

If you're tired of having the laws in your community made by non-libertarians, take a cue from these brave five. Plan to run for your city council, county commission, or other local governing body in 1996 or 1997. Quit just griping about your government and do something!

These kinds of races are non-partisan and require few signatures to get on the ballot—only 25 in most places. Once you get on the ballot, you have a fair shot at being elected, perhaps even of running unopposed!

At the least, you'll have an opportunity to expose people to libertarian ideas for dealing with local issues. Most importantly, if you are elected, you can help make the laws (or abolish 'em!). So how about you?

Smaling in Race, continued from page 1

TCI cable channel 8 in Aurora will be presenting an interview with Smaling on Wednesday, October 4. Check the electronic bulletin board on Channel 8 for a schedule of repeat broadcasts between now and the election.

Smaling is a retired Air Force master sergeant and production manager for Check Rite. He is a widower with four children and a full-time volunteer at the Wings Over the Rockies Aviation Museum.

To contribute or volunteer your time to help with the Smaling for City Council campaign, please call 360-5364.

- The annual Bill of Rights Rally is scheduled for Sunday, December 10. David Segal will organize a slate of speakers. We need help with the physical organization of the rally and with publicity. Call Mr. Segal at 296-4059 to volunteer.
- We were not swamped with nominations for new officers. Mr. Aitken and Mr. Bryant both indicated their willingness to serve in some capacity. Elections of officers will be held next month: Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m., at Muddy's Cafe. We will also consider bylaws for the Denver affiliate, and we'll choose a new location for November's meeting.

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CDs, Contracts, and the U.S. Constitution

by David Bryant

I was reading the Denver Post this morning when I ran across a quiz about banking that made me think of the low esteem in which the Constitution is held by most people.

The question that got me thinking seemed simple enough. Could a big bank that bought the local bank where you have a CD change the rate of interest paid on your deposit? The answer given in the Post was also simple: "Federal regulations allow the buyer to lower existing CD yields at a failed bank, but not at a healthy bank."

You're probably wondering what this has to do with the Constitution of the United States. Let me explain. Article 1, Section 10 of the Constitution provides that "No State shall ... pass any ... Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts."

Now a bank CD is clearly a contract. In consideration of your deposit, the bank promises to pay you the principal, plus interest at the specified rate, after the passage of a stipulated period of time. For your part, you agree to leave the money with the bank during the stipulated term, and you further agree to pay a penalty if you choose to withdraw the money before maturity..

"This is how we are losing our liberties—just a little bit at a time."

Under the common law, if the bank were to fail in its obligation to pay the interest when due, you would have a cause of action for breach of contract. Equitably, you should be able to pursue this claim, not only against the bank, but against its officers, owners, and directors as well. In fact, the government which ostensibly exists to *protect* your rights has in this instance worked to *abridge* them.

Perhaps we can learn something about the dangerous nature of government by following the thought process which led to this inequitable result. You've noticed that the Post's answer cited *federal regulations*. Since the constitutional prohibition against Laws impairing the Obligation of Contracts applies directly to the *States*, even today's free-thinking judiciary would not uphold a Colorado statute that purported to alter the terms of an existing contract unilaterally.

You're probably wondering how the federal government could adopt such an unjust regulation when the States are prohibited from doing so. Possibly you're wondering why this restriction on governmental power applies only to the State governments.

Why doesn't the Constitution prohibit the enactment of federal laws which impair the Obligation of Contracts?

Well, the Constitution *does* prohibit federal laws which impair the Obligation of Contracts—indirectly. Taken together, Article 1, Section 8 (which enumerates the specific powers of Congress) and the tenth Article of Amendment (which reserves all other powers to the States) make it obvious that Congress does not have the power to make *any* laws about contracts between individuals. Clearly, the framers felt it would be redundant to prohibit the exercise of powers *which were never granted!*

How does today's federal judiciary justify this encroachment upon your rights? First, banking was held to be *Commerce*. Next, all banking activities were held to be *Commerce among the several States* (even if the bank was chartered by a State and its charter prohibits it from doing business outside its domicile!) Finally, imposition of the unjust rule was held to be both *necessary* and *proper* for the effective regulation of Commerce.

This is how we are losing our liberties—just a little bit at a time. Maybe you're not too concerned about the question that made me think at such length. So what if the feds say they can alter the agreement I made with my bank? Does that matter so much? Just consider this. The expansion of federal power under the Commerce clause has been immense. Environmental protection regulations, restrictions on advertising, anti-obscenity regulations, and even the abusive property seizures under RICO are all rooted in Congress' delegated power to regulate Commerce among the several States.

If we, as Libertarians, wish to stem the tide of growing governmental power, we must begin by insisting that the *limitations* on that power expressed in the Constitution are real, and that they *bind* the government. Until that concept is clear in people's minds, all our efforts will be for nothing.

In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.

— Thomas Jefferson

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The Vietnam War and the Drug War

by Robert Higgs

Maybe you have never thought about the similarities between the Vietnam War and the Drug War. You may believe that although the former really was a war, the latter is only called a war. But the recently published memoirs of Robert S. McNamara, defense secretary for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, call to mind many parallels. At the start, few people imagined either war would last so long. Leaders assured citizens that overwhelming force would cause the enemy to capitulate. The authorities did not doubt the righteousness of the cause or their ability to prevail.

Successive escalations ensued. In Vietnam, troop strengths and bomb tonnages increased again and again. Yet North Vietnamese supplies for the fighters in the South continued to flow along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Likewise, repeatedly augmented efforts to prevent the entry of drugs into the United States have had scant effect. According to Commissioner of Customs George J. Weise, "We see no signs that smuggling is decreasing." Hard-liners continued to express confidence that the tide of battle could be turned if we persisted and committed more resources. President Lyndon B. Johnson accepted curbs of his beloved War on Poverty in order to step up the war in Asia.

Similarly, the costs of the Drug War keep rising. President Clinton recently requested a record \$14.6 billion, and state and local governments spend billions more. Yet Senator Dianne Feinstein predicts, "It's going to take a lot more money, inspectors, equipment, and review" to seal the border.

"The Drug War accounts for 60 percent of all federal prisoners and 30 percent of all state prisoners."

In both wars, many prisoners were taken. Police now make more than a million drug arrests annually. The Drug War accounts for 60 percent of all federal prisoners and 30 percent of all state prisoners. But the enemy's ranks are always replenished. The Viet Cong kept recruiting new soldiers and civilian supporters. Likewise the drug dealers. A recently sentenced drug dealer in Seattle remarked: "I was gone a good 30 seconds before someone else took my place."

Drug demand remains high. The New York Times reports "little change among the nearly 3 million heavy users who consume up to 80 percent of the drugs smuggled into the United States and are thought to be responsible for most of the drug-related crime."

Wars cause casualties. In Vietnam, 58,000 Americans died. No one knows how many lives the Drug War has claimed, but the number may be in the tens of thousands. Suppression of drug

supplies by the authorities raises the prices of drugs, enticing people to become suppliers on the black market. Unable to resolve disputes legally and keen to retain their turf, dealers resort to violence. Police officers and the suspects they kill add to the toll. Innocent bystanders get killed, too, and as in Vietnam, many of them are children.

Both wars witnessed psychological as well as violent tactics. In Vietnam the pacification program sought to "win the hearts and minds" of the peasants and persuade them not to support the enemy. Similarly, the wife of a commander-in-chief popularized the motto "Just say no," and the DARE program teaches children to resist drugs and to inform on their own parents..

"In each war, the public reacted to official mendacity by becoming more cynical about their leaders."

Truth is always the first casualty. In Vietnam, military commanders inflated the body counts and reported fictitious light at the end of the tunnel. In the Drug War, the authorities, striving to stigmatize all drug use, have made little or no attempt to distinguish relatively harmless substances such as marijuana from more dangerous ones, such as heroin and crack cocaine. In each war, the public reacted to official mendacity by becoming more cynical about their leaders.

Both wars rent the fabric of American social and political life, because each represented a policy that large segments of the public actively opposed. Antiwar protests grew and became more insistent. In May 1967, McNamara warned President Johnson in a memo: There may be a limit beyond which many Americans and much of the world will not permit the United States to go. The picture of the world's greatest superpower killing or seriously injuring 1,000 noncombatants a week, while trying to pound a tiny backward nation into submission on issue whose merits are hotly disputed, is not a pretty one.

The Drug War is an ugly sight, too, and opposition is growing, especially among judges, who see its futility up close. It still awaits its equivalent of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger, who will declare "peace with honor" and bring the troops home. By abandoning this costly, quixotic crusade, the authorities could spend more time protecting life and property and relieve us of an obnoxious invasion of our natural rights, which include the right to decide how we use—or abuse—our own bodies.

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Danish Appointed to Boulder County Commission

by Kevin Wilkerson

A long time friend of the LP in Colorado, Paul Danish, has been selected by Boulder County Democrats to fill a County Commissioner post left vacant by the unexpected resignation of Homer Page. He will serve throughout the remainder of Page's term, and will be running for re-election to a four-year term in his own right in 1996.

Danish ran unsuccessfully in the 1994 primary for state house District 11, losing to Todd Saliman by a total of four votes. Although a life-long Democrat, Mr. Danish has strong libertarian leanings, and his 1994 campaign was based on drug legalization and support for gun rights and Amendment One.

Danish authors a column in the *Colorado Daily*, and also writes for *Soldier of Fortune*. Altogether, he represents a vast improvement over his predecessor, and becomes the only one of Boulder County's three-member Commission who is not a liberal statist.

Board Adopts Policy Regarding LP Candidates for President

At its September 9 meeting in Glenwood Springs, the LPC Board of Directors adopted the following resolution:

Whereas it benefits the Libertarian Party and the cause of libertarianism to expose as many people as possible to articulate presenters of Libertarian ideas, and

Whereas the coming 1996 election heightens interest in politics and especially presidential politics, thus making appearances by presidential candidates an especially good vehicle for generating interest in and an audience for libertarian ideas,

Therefore be it resolved that:

- 1) The Libertarian Party of Colorado will promote to its membership and to the community at large any appearance in the state by a serious candidate for the Libertarian Party presidential nomination.
- 2) Due to the party's very limited financial resources, the expenditure of funds to promote such a visit will of necessity be limited to the amount donated by individual members for that purpose.
- 3) It is the responsibility of the individuals supporting a particular candidate to advise the board in a timely manner of an upcoming visit, to arrange all logistical details for the visit, to donate or encourage others to donate funds for the promotion of that visit, and to suggest to the board how the LPC might help promote the candidate's visit.
- 4) It is the responsibility of the board, and in particular of the Campaigns Director and the Public Information Director, to choose the best use of the available resources to promote a candidate's visit. Such decisions shall be guided by what is in the best interests of the LPC and the cause of libertarianism, not by personal sentiment for or against any candidate.

Indeed, the only downside is that the areas in which Danish is strongest from a Libertarian perspective, namely guns and the drug war, are typically not those dealt with by the County Commissioners on a regular basis.

Nevertheless, we wish him the best success in his new endeavors, and rejoice that at long last we have a County Commissioner who actually comprehends the Bill of Rights.

Browne in Boulder, continued from page 1

tight schedule continues to solidify, the following events are already confirmed:

- On Monday the 23rd, a **rally** at the Boulder County Courthouse, 14th and Pearl St., at 11:30 am. Other local pro-liberty speakers are being recruited to share the platform with Harry, and one LP member will announce his candidacy for the 2nd Congressional District. This will be followed by a book-signing at the Boulder Book Store.
- On Tuesday the 24th, a **stump speech** at CU at 7 p.m. This will take place in room G030 of the Duane Physics Building, a large lecture hall seating roughly 400. The building is located across Colorado Ave. from Folsom stadium. Q & A and fund-raising to follow.
- On Wednesday the 25th, an **interview** at 11 a.m. with the *Rocky Mountain News* Editorial staff. This will be followed by a book-signing at The Tattered Cover.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend one or more of the public events. We want to show the local press that Libertarian candidates can bring out the public. We're looking forward to these three days, not only to help boost Harry's results in CityVote, but to boost party membership and public exposure for our future local candidates. There are nearly 200 registered Libertarians in the city of Boulder; let's make it 500 or more by the 1996 elections!

We need volunteers to leaflet precincts, assist with mailings, and coordinate events. If you would like to help out, please contact Doug Anderson (Denver 698-2651), Kevin Wilkerson (Boulder 443-1870), or Judd Ptak (Nederland 258-3457). A more detailed itinerary will be publicized when available.

The public good is in nothing more essentially interested, than in the protection of every individual's private rights.

— Sir William Blackstone

In My Opinion

by Chris Bogart

The best of the arguments in favor of the Boulder City Council's proposed ban on smoking are based on the faulty, unspoken premise that there is only one restaurant in Boulder.

We have some places that allow smoking and some that don't. Smokers like the smoky places, non-smokers like the non-smoking places. Everybody gets what they want. The only problems occur when non-smokers insist on going into smoking establishments and complaining about the smoke, or when smokers insist on going into non-smoking establishments and complaining that they are not allowed to smoke.

This is NOT a public health issue, it's an issue of tolerance and choice. If you choose to walk into an establishment that allows smoking, then complain about the smoke, it's your own choice that's caused your discomfort. If you go to a hamburger restaurant that doesn't serve fish, is your right to eat that healthier meat abridged by the restaurant? Is a park abridging your right to shelter by providing an open expanse of lawn?

Some people want places where they can drink and smoke together. It's childish to deny them that and insist that every single establishment in town cater to your particular preferences only. There are plenty of places we non-smokers can go and enjoy ourselves, and the more insistent we are, the more businesses will decide to ban smoking or install more effective ventilation systems. But there will continue to be some places that cater to smokers, and just because the rest of us don't think that's healthy, I don't see why we should begrudge smokers some places they can go. Insisting on the right to have places to be away from smoke is a health issue. Insisting that no one be allowed to smoke anywhere is just intolerance.

People who object to weapons aren't abolishing violence, they're begging for rule by brute force, where the biggest, strongest animals among men were always automatically "right." Guns ended that, and social democracy is a hollow farce without an armed populace to make it work.

— L. Neil Smith,
The Probability Broach

Arms, like laws, discourage and keep the invader and plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world, as well as property.

— Thomas Paine

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random notes

Netsurfers! Vote in the Cyberspace Polls!

At least two presidential straw polls are being conducted on the World Wide Web, and Harry Browne is included in both. In fact, you can link to both from the Browne campaign's Web page (<http://www.rahul.net/browne/>).

The larger of the two polls is Real Time Internet Services' Presidential CyberPoll (<http://www.rtis.com/nat/pol/cyberpoll/>). With nearly 12,000 votes cast, Clinton leads with about a quarter of the votes. Browne ranks well behind the leading Republicans (Dole, Gramm, Keyes, and Buchanan) with just under 3%. However, that's enough to best Alexander, Dornan, Lugar, and Specter.

The Stardot Strawpoll (<http://www.stardot.com/strawpoll/>) has attracted only about one tenth as many votes, and quite a few of them must have linked there direct from the Browne page—Harry's in second place, with 20%! That's just behind Gramm and ahead of Keyes.

Another factor may be at work as well. Stardot warns that it detects and voids multiple votes. In fact, they track "fraudulent votes," and Clinton leads in that category (just as you'd expect). In legitimate votes, he's a distant fourth with about 8%. Real Time doesn't mention preventing multiple voting; Clinton and Dole are doing much better there, while Browne's percentage is much lower. Draw your own conclusion.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

These little tidbits were reported in *Rights in America*, a new Colorado Springs-based newsletter (719-633-2740 for info):

"In 1993 the EPA began a new study which would reveal the hazards of breathing while taking a shower—designed to show how one might be harmed by inhaling water vapor during bathing.

"Because the job of overseeing the new \$20 million federal Indian Health Service Hospital in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was so onerous, the grand opening of the facility had to be postponed for three months since no one had remembered to include a telephone system."

Illinois Activist Moves to Littleton

Welcome to Colorado and the LPC, Bob Hogan! Bob is a long-time Libertarian activist and former candidate for US Congress, running against Henry Hyde.

Bob wants to take an active role in helping campaign for our candidates this year, and he's also considering running for office in 1996!

Miscellaneous Political Stuff

Applications for membership on the LPC's Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Platform Committee are now being accepted and should be submitted to the Board of Directors, in care of the LPC office. Each committee consists of 5 members selected by the board, plus one member from each chartered

affiliate. If no applications are received, the board serves as the committee.

The Tattered Cover bookstore in Denver is holding political discussion night on the first Wednesday of the month. It starts at 8 p.m. in the Cherry Creek store, right across from the Cherry Creek Mall on First Avenue. Here's a good opportunity to mix it up with the opposition (both sides).

Would you like to see this newsletter in YOUR public library? It's easy! Just go down to your public library, show them our newsletter, and ask them if they'd like a free gift subscription (paid for by the LP). Ask them to make space on their current issues shelf, and then send us the mailing address of the library.

Three of our announced presidential candidates (Browne, Schiff, and Tompkins) were mentioned in the September 8 issue of the *Colorado Statesman*, along with activists Tom Peckham and Jimmy Pierce of Aspen. The *Colorado Statesman* is a weekly newspaper devoted to politics.

Seven or eight seats will be up for grabs on the **Regional Transportation District** board in the Denver metro area in 1996. These seats are winnable, and you could exercise enormous control over one of the largest government agencies in the state of Colorado! Call Dennis Polhill at the Independence Institute, 279-6536, for more information.

Kudos to...

Bette Rose Smith, who submitted testimony on regulation of opticians to the Sunrise/Sunset committee and helped persuade the committee *not* to regulate them. Nobody on the committee even introduced a motion for a bill!

Chris Bogart, whose letter about the Boulder smoking ban appeared in the *Colorado Weekly*. A slightly modified version of the letter appears in this issue on page 8.

David Aitken, whose letter urging citizens to vote "No" on this November's many tax and spending issues appeared in the *Denver Post*.

Clark Marley, whose letter about alternatives to the Democrats and Republicans appeared in the *Rocky Mountain News*. He challenged the idea that a vote for anyone other than a "Republican" is wasted, and signed his letter as Chairman of the Jefferson County Libertarian Party. Thanks, Clark, for getting the "L-word" out there!

Max Winkler, who wrote a "Speak Out" column in the *Rocky Mountain News* suggesting, from his perspective as a parole officer, that the War on Drugs is misguided and ineffective.

David Bryant, who participated in a panel discussion at a recent Humanists of Colorado meeting. The topic was "Individual Rights vs. Public Security: How Do We Respond to the Tragedies of Waco and Oklahoma City?" The other panelists were Charles Anjeletti, History Professor at Metro State College, and Tina Rowe, Marshall for the US Dept. of Justice.

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- 5 Jefferson County LP business meeting. Call Clark Marley at (303) 420-8175 for time and location.
- 9 Adams County Libertarians, Coco's at Northglenn Mall, 104th & I-25, 7 p.m. Speaker: Julie Lucas, First Amendment Congress. Earl Allen, (303) 254-4978.
- 9 & 23 Aurora LP, Shoney's, 13700 E. Mississippi, 7 p.m. Doug Newman, (303) 363-4172.
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